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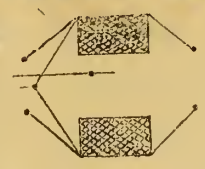

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J. BERTIE, cage bird judge, has high-class cinnamons, real toppers, large and typical, for show and stock; best blood obtainable; inspection invited.—The Cottage, Steedman-avenue, Mapperley, Notts.

### W. DORMER

has for disposal a few good birds, the same strain as my winners at all the leading shows; approval, stamp.—7, Spring-st., Rishton, near Blackburn.

## Crests and Crestbreds.

### BREEDER'S CARD.

**T. J. KING,** Ingogo, Cheltenham. Champion Crests, Cinnamon Crests, Cinnamon Plainheads. Holder Roberts' Crest Cup.

CRESTED cock Canary, 7/6; Crest-bred cock, 7/6; approval, deposit.—Mamprize, Witham.

A FEW prize-bred crested and Crest-bred hens for sale, 1908 birds.—Forbes, 34, Charlotte-st., Ayr.

GRAND matched pairs, 10/-, 15/-; cocks or hens, 7/6.—Broadbent, Decorator, 23, Langsett-rd., Sheffield.

BARGAIN. Fine young Crest-bred cock, 15/6; approval, deposit.—Young, 76, Newbury-rd., Bromley, Kent.

FOR sale, two well bred Crest and Crest-bred hens; stamp reply; deposit.—Todd, Pontview, Midomsley.

HAVE still left good C.B. cock and two Crest hens.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

I HAVE some Crest and Crest-bred for sale, good stock birds, cheap.—McColl, 2, Park-terrace, Wallsend-on-Tyne.

CRESTS and Crest-breds for sale; also reliable Crest-bred feeders, from 3/6.—S. Smith, 6, Nellieview, Bank, Leeds.

LARGE variegated Crest-bred cock, winner, 15/-; Crested hen to match, 20/- pair; approval.—Miles, Aviaries, Chichester.

FEW pairs of Crests, from 10/6 a pair; odd birds from 6/6; good strain.—Whittle, 28, Ecroyd-rd., Ashton, Preston.

MASSIVE crested cock, winner of several 1sts and specials, £3; pair exchange.—Gwyther, Outfitter, Waterloo House, P.D.

CREST and Crest-bred and Plainheads for sale, cocks from 6/-; hens, from 2/-.—Apply, 69, Lalehan-rd., Catford, S.E.

ONE large C.B. Buff cock, two hens ditto, 1908, healthy, sell 18/6 the lot.—Salmon, 11, Ariel-rd., West Hampstead, N.W.

SEVEN grand crest-breds to part with, giving up; also cages. Bargains for quality.—Wm. Campbell, Leishman-square, Alva.

WANTED, Crests and crest-breds, cocks and hens; first-class birds only wanted.—R. Bowie, junr., Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

CREST and Crest-bred, from 7/6 to 12/-; overstocked; mostly cocks.—W. G. Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., Kilburn, London.

ENTIRE stud show crests, on sale; come take them away; stamp reply; real toppers.—55, Southdean-gardens, Southfields.

LARGE stock Crested hens, Crest-bred cocks, Yellows and Buffs; approval.—David Scott, 128, Atkinson-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SIX pairs Crest and Crest-bred, a grand team, from 10/- upwards.—Particulars, Beagley, Breeder, 7, Caulfie'd-rd., East Ham.

BURGESS AND SON, Eastover, Bridgwater, offers Crest and Crest-bred cocks, 7/6 upwards, all bred from our winners; approval.

FIFTEEN large Crest-breds, Barnett's strain; cocks, 7/6, 10/-; hens, 5/-, 6/-; approval.—W. Baker, Coachman, Workhouse, Norwich.

FEW Crest and Crestbred for disposal; prices reasonable; inspection invited; approval.—L. Burrows, 27, Egypt-road, Basford, Notts.

TWENTY-FIVE good Crested and crest-bred, from 6/- to 10/6 each, or sell the lot altogether; cheap.—Roberts, South Creake, Fakenham.

CREST and Crest-breds for sale, from winners, large birds, cocks and hens; approval willingly; stamp.—Apply Grant, 114, Mid-st., Keith.

FEW good Crests and Crest-breds for disposal; prices very reasonable; all 1908 birds; cold-room bred.—Hewat, 16, Essex-rd., Watford, Herts.

CRESTS, Crestbreds for sale, cocks or hens, from 10/- each; from winners; approval; stamp.—Goulden, Edenhall, Langwathby, Cumberland.

A FEW Crests and crest-breds for disposal; price reasonable. Inspection invited on approval.—John Ellis, 9, Alma-st., Haworth, Keighley, Yorkshire.

CRESTS and Crest-breds, best blood, young birds, cheap to clear; few pairs Plainheads also; stamp reply.—Macdonald, 10, Laburnum-avenue, Wallsend.

LOOK here; three big Norwich Crested hens, 3/- each; two Crest-bred cocks, 5/-; approval; cash or deposit.—Johnston, Signalman, Kingstown, Carlisle.

EVINS BROTHERS, surplus Crests and Crestbreds; bred from our winners; cheap to clear; pairs 25/- to 70/- cocks, 10/- to 40/- each.—High-st., Exeter.

GRAND crested cock, 1st, 30/-; large Crest-bred cock, 3rd, 12/6; crested cock, 10/-; good stock pair, 15/-; approval, deposit.—Bushell, Carrow-rd. Bakery, Norwich.

FEW good Crests and crest-breds, yellow and buff; good stock birds; bred from winners; approval, deposit.—H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham.

"BUNDLES OF FEATHERS."—The coloured plate of Crests and Crestbreds par excellence. Only a few left on hand, price 6d.—Send at once to The Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

GREEN Crest-bred 1907 cock, large skull, immense feather, £1 15s.; offers gent's watch or pedigree Sable Pom.—Ben Radley, Gib-lane, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

FORTY Crest and Crest-bred for sale, 1908 bred, Barnett's and Joyce's strain, from 7/6 upwards; also few Yorkshires—Pettit, 146, Moselle-avenue, Wood Green.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crest-breds, few good stock and show birds to dispose of reasonable; on approval.—Alex. Onion, Old Robin Hood Inn, Hockley, Nottingham.

DARK Crest cock, matched with variegated Crest-bred hen, Barnett's direct, sacrifice for 40/-; also Crest-bred cock, Joyce's, 20/-.—Inskip, Broad-st., Newcastle-Staffs.

G. CLYNE, Moray-st., Wick, has a few stock birds for sale; Green Crest-bred cock, 20/-; heavy Crested hen, var., 20/-; Green Crested hen, 12/-; light var. Crested hen, 15/-.

CRESTS and Crest-breds, a few for sale, all related to my well-known strain, from 25/-; also a few good feeders, 7/- pair.—J. Griggs, Mayfield, 80, Hagley-rd., Edgbaston Birmingham.

CLOWES and Son have for disposal winged-marked Crest cock, also yellow Crest-bred cock; sell or exchange Norwich Plainheads, good British or hybrid.—4, Southband-st., Leek, Staff.

HAVING selected my breeding stock have only a few to spare, guaranteed my own breeding, and from the best of blood; see show reports; also a few Norwich.—Gaze, Aldeby Grange, Norfolk.

NOTICE. Large Yellow Crested cock, 1907 winner, 50/-; Buff-Crested cocks, and Crest-breds, from 20/- to 40/-; same strain as my winners.—William Brown, East View, Bargate, Holbrook, Derby.

J. HANDS has dark Crested hen, 20/-; another, 15/-; clear Crest-bred cock, 30/-; variegated, 20/-; almost clear, 15/-; all related to my winners; approval, stamp.—7, Simpson-st., Crookhill, Ryton.

WANTED, to exchange pair black rosecomb Bantams, fit for immediate exhibition, for good lightly marked Crest-bred hen, 1908, must have good head; approval; Canary first.—J. T. Palmer, Gamlingay, Cambs.

LARGE heavily-feathered Crests, Crest-breds; no little rubbish, but some of the best blood in the fancy, strong, healthy, young birds, from 10/-; pairs, 20/- upwards.—Pennington, 87, Harrington-st., Grimsby.

JAMES JOHNSTONE, Royal Bulldugs, Bo'ness, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Crests and Crestbreds, has for disposal, on approval, three Crest hens, one Crest cock, four Crest-bred cocks, one Crest-bred hen.

SURPLUS stock, bred from winners, and can breed winners, Crests, cocks, 12/6, 20/-, 32/6; Crest-bred cocks, 10/6, 20/-, 52/6; see show reports; approval, stamp.—William Watt, 108, Appin-crescent, Dunfermline.

EXHIBITORS—have few noted winning Crests and Crestbreds that can win at the coming Palace show; will sell at half value this week; stock birds from 15/; pairs from 30/-; approval.—C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool.

1908 clear Yellow grizzled crested cock Canary, father a winner, 12/6; Buff Sib.-bred cock, 7/6; cock Goldfinch, father of Mules last year, 5/-; cock Linnet-Canary, reared, 5/-; cock Bullfinches, 2/6; pair Chaffinches, 2/6.—Nicoll, Pelham House, nr. Canterbury.

HAVING decided to greatly reduce my stud of Crests, Crest-breds, I am offering matched pairs from 10/6; single birds, both sexes from 6/-; to effect a quick clearance; approval, deposit.—Gutteridge, Grocer, Haleburton-rd., St. Margarets, Twickenham.

LARGE wing-marked Crested cock, 20/-; variegated ditto, 20/-; ticked buff crest-bred cock, 15/-; grand head; pair of matched Crests, 25/-; buff Coppy cock, 20/-. All perfect Crests. Young birds, not half value. Approval.—Hodkin, 176, London-rd., Sheffield.

JAMES FINDLAY, Glendoich House, Glencarse, Perthshire, through want of time, is selling off all his stock of Crests and Crest-breds, including winners; also breeding and show cages, nest pans, etc.; good chance for beginner; prices reasonable; approval; stamp reply.

TEN young crest-bred cocks, green and variegated, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- each; young wing-marked dark-crested cock, 20/-. Large healthy birds, and same strain as my winners. See reports. Three days' approval.—Walter Radley, Paradise-square, Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield.

WM. REID, Falklands, Fife, winner of over 50 prizes and challenge cup this season, has determined to clear out the whole of his stock; over 40 Crests and crest-breds, 20 common feeders, 40 double breeders, 20 show cages, 2 haskets. Birds can be seen any time, or sent on approval.

JOHN BALL, 63, Victoria-st., Newport, Barnstaple, breeder of high-class Crest and Crest-breds, have a grand collection to part with, 1908, perfect Crests and bred from winners, cold room, kept in full song ready to nest, matched pairs from 30/- upwards; approval, stamp for particulars.

FEW highest-class Crests and Crest-breds for disposal, from champion winning strain, single birds 10/- to 20/-; pairs, 15/- to 35/-; massive, feathery birds of grand quality; no better blood in the Fancy; please state requirements; correspondence a pleasure; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

TO be sold cheap, all my Crests and Crest-breds, Yorkshires, Norwich, Mule and Goldfinches, all related to by prize winners of the Battersea Open, Royal Horticultural, Crystal Palace, and cup winner of the South West London, and all requisites for bird-room, having no time to attend to them; stamp for reply.—Slade, 154, Broomwood-rd., Clapham Common.

SPECIAL, Special!—Heavily feathered high-class Crests and crest-breds, likely to do fanciers some good, all at reasonable prices. Cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards. Hens, 5/6, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6 upwards. Matched breeding pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- upwards. Enquiries invited. Approval winningly. All cold-room bred. Travelling cages free.—H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

WINNING blood, 1907, monster nearly green Crest-bred cock, winner 1st and special, 35/-; monster grand green Crest-bred cock, grand skull, feather to end of beak, 30/-; clear Crest-bred cock, Joyce's strain, 15/-; large green Crest-bred hen, 1907, good breeder, £1; all worth double; bred from best of blood, latest wins two 1sts, special, and 2nd Plymouth Western Fanciers.—G. Davey, 1, Heury-st., Plymouth.

R. B. TOPE, 8, Hoe-st., Plymouth, breeder of champion Crests and Crest-breds, has a few more winners to spare; a large, clear Crest-bred cock, 1st Plymouth last week, nice square entrance, small beak, immense head feather, only 40/-, worth double; large Green Crest-bred, cock, 3rd, 35/-; even marked crested cock, bred from two Crests, perfect crest, '08 bird, 35/-; two Green crested hens, good crests, with cock, 40/- each pair; also a great number Crest-breds, cocks, hens; must be cleared; giving up the fancy; stamp reply; approval to known fanciers.

CRESTS, Crest-breds, best blood, champion bowls Barnstaple, Bristol (three), Plymouth, Sidmouth, etc., among latest wins, four specials, including Crest Club for best Crest, and for best bird in show at Exeter, C.C.C. best at Swindon; a few to spare from 30/-; state price prepared to give; stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

GENUINE birds, on approval, variegated crested cock, long frontal, 30/-, a bargain; variegated Crest-bred cock, 30/-, dirt cheap; grizzle crested hen, 20/-; ditto, even marked crested hen, 35/-; ditto smooth Crest-bred from two Crests, 10/-; large variegated Crest-bred hen, 30/-; ditto Green, 30/-; ditto Buff, 15/-; bred same as 1st and 2nd prize winners at Cheltenham, Bristol, Frome, Cardiff.—Simmonds, Highbank, Field's-rd., Newport, Mon.

T. J. KING, Ingogo, Cheltenham, has won 130 specials, 1sts, etc., since October 3rd, probably more than any other Crest exhibitor in England. Has very fine collection of stock and show Crests for disposal. Personal visit solicited when one of the finest rooms extant can be viewed; full of grand birds, all in the pink of health and condition; latest success, three 1sts Ludlow, special Edinburgh most points in Crest classes; holder of Roberts' champion cup; addressed envelope for list.

### GLASSOCK'S STRAIN DIRECT.

Having selected my breeding stock of Crests, I have three pairs for sale; also Yellow Crested cock; approval.—Curl, Warwick-st., Norwich.

### CHAMPION CRESTS.

ONE variegated Crested cock, £2 10s.; one wing-marked Crested cock, £2 10s.; one variegated Crested cock, £1 10s.; one variegated Crested-bred cock, £2 10s.; one Green Crested-bred hen, £5; all above have won prizes in every show at which they have been exhibited, and the Green Crested-bred hen has never been beaten. At the N.P. Club Show last month they won three 1sts, one 2nd, one 3rd, and two specials, and are being sold as owner has not the time to give them the attention they require.—John Montgomery 150, Peters-hill, Belfast.

## FANCIERS READ THIS.

I don't intend to sell my birds to a dealer again. Buy your birds from a breeder of high-class birds; my stock that I bred from last season was worth £150, and I intend to let fanciers have some good birds reasonable. I have a large stock of Crests, Crestbreds and Norwich Plainheads; pairs matched to breed winners, or single birds; several pairs of my Crests cost me from £10 to £20, but my Norwich are the best money could buy. Yes, I have some grand birds for sale, and all will be sent on approval.—T. Searle, 7, Marketgate, Lancaster.

## Greens.

TWO Jeggy Yellow Green Yorkshire cocks, 10/6, 12/6.—183, Thorold-rd., Ilford.

YORKSHIRE Greens, cold-room bred, cocks, 6/6.—Marshall, 48, Aspen-grove, Liverpool.

W. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester has three Green Norwich cocks, 12/-, 10/-, 7/6; approval.

YORKS. Buff Green hens, 5/-; approval.—Wilson, 80, Westgate, Guisborough, Yorks. (see Mules).

ROBERT HALL, Rudyard, Staffordshire, is giving up Norwich Greens, and has 22 to sell; one lot or separately.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich hens, self, or foul, 2/6; cocks, 5/-.—Broadbent, Decorator, 28, Laugsett-rd., Sheffield.

YORKSHIRES. Good Greens and clears; hens from 2/-; cocks from 4/6.—Lennard, 98, Whitland-rd., Fairfield, Liverpool.

FEW Norwich, Yorkshire, and Border Greens for disposal; prices reasonable; approval.—Walker, 197, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.

SIXTY green Yorkshires, selfs or foul, cocks, 10/-; hens, 7/6 upwards; approval, or deposit.—Hayden, 64, Up. Pitt-st., Liverpool.

TWO pairs high-class Yorkshire Greens (one hen), winner 2nd prize, great bargains, 15/- pair.—Arthur Binston, Tarporley.

FEW good stock birds left, bred from winners; on approval; best blood obtainable.—Metcalfe, Silverdale Avenue, Tuebrook, Liverpool.

ALL Yorkshire Greens to be sold cheap, clears, and Norwich Greens; best blood, singles, pairs.—Bretherton, 52, Roscommon-st., Liverpool.

1908 Yorkshires, three self-green hens, 4/6 each; two ditto unrelated pairs, 9/-. Cold room; approval.—Dean, 39, Mitchelgate, Kirkby, Lonsdale.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire, Norwich and Border Greens, singles; pairs well matched; approval; stamp.—Hadwin, 28, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

TYPICAL Yorkshires, Greens, single or pairs, cocks, from 7/6; hens, 4/6, Helliwell and Clayton strain; also few clears.—Ellis, 49, Thomas-st. South, Halifax.

P. CLAYTON, winner of the G.C.A. championship cup, 1907-8, has some Yorkshires for sale; pairs from 20/-; cocks from 15/-; hens from 5/-; approval; stamp.—15, Lee Mount-road, Halifax.

V. H. DEACON, 62, Ampthill-rd., Liverpool, has high-class Norwich Greens for sale, for show or stock, no single hens for sale, all bred from my winners, at all the leading shows; approval, stamp.

BARGAINS.—Yorkshire self-greens, matched to breed winners, at 10/6, 12/6, 15/- per pair; cocks, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6 each. All worth double. Seven days' approval.—J. Taylor, 36, Aireville-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, I can spare ten or twelve pairs of high-class Yorkshire Greens, this strain has won the championship at the Palace and at Liverpool, pairs from 15/- to 30/-; P.O. or deposit, stamp reply.—C. Pickup, 22, Daisy-st., Gt. Horton, Bradford.

GREEN Yorkshires, cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, upwards; hens, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-, upwards; pairs matched at any price; approval.

**SAMUEL DEAN,**
6, Ash Mount, Great Horton, Bradford.

## Lizards.

1908 GOLD cock Lizard, clear cap, 10/-; also gold hen, broken cap, 5/-; approval.—Bennell, North-st., Lynn.

I CAN spare a few gold cocks and gold hens, prices reasonable; approval.—Whipp, 13, Rushcroft-rd., High Crompton, Shaw, Oldham.

W. P. BARNES, 12, Launder-terrace, Grantham, breeder champion Lizards; my own breeding, from Palace strain; state wants; cocks or hens, majority hens; see leading shows report; approval, stamp reply.

## Lancashires.

FEW good Lancashires, cocks and hens, yellows and buffs, reasonable approval.—Pitton, 41, Laurel-st., Rochdale.

ANYTHING in Lancashires wanted, then write or call at West's, 80, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

FEW good Lancashires for sale, cocks and hens, yellows and buffs; approval, stamped.—Lowe, 4, Grange-st., Oldham.

FEW good Lancashires, cocks and hens, prices reasonable; approval.—Whipp, 13, Rushcroft-rd., High-Crompton, Shaw, near Oldham.

TWO good buff Lancashire Plainhead cocks, 15/- each; yellow coppy cock, 15/-; buff Plainhead hen, 15/-; approval.—Davies, Steel Green, Millom.

1908 LANCASHIRES for sale, cocks and hens, Coppies and Plainheads, yellows and buffs; prices reasonable; stamp reply.—E. T. Turner, 88, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

CLEAR Buff Coppy cock, 1908, good coppy and body, 20/-; grand Buff Plainhead cock, '07, good long-sided bird, plenty of feather, rather short in leg, bargain 28/-.—Collinge, Platting-lane, Rochdale.

"THE ART OF FANCY."—Grand coloured plate of Lancashire Coppy and Gold Clear Cap Lizard Canaries sent post paid, securely packed, on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS Office, 154, Fleet-st., London E.C.

I HAVE decided to reduce my stock; can offer three matched pairs at 30/-, 40/-, 45/-; good birds. Also two buff Coppy cocks, 20/-, 25/- each. Approval, deposit.—J. Oldham, 207, Grimshaw-lane, Middleton Junction, Manchester.

## London Fancies.

LONDON Fancy cock and two hens, 12/6; approval.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale, Middlesbrough.

## Norwich.

**BREEDER'S CARD.**

**ALBERT HIRST,** Breeder and Exhibitor of champion Norwich, few for sale; note new address, 17, Ramsbottom-st., Accrington.

PEARSON, Greenwich Market, wants Norwich; cash or exchange.

SIX healthy hens, 10/-.—Smith, Waverley-terrace, Highworth, Wilts.

NORWICH Canaries, from 6/-.—W., 5, Willesden-lane, Kilburn, N.W.

A FEW Norwich for sale, on approval.—Pirie, 255, Montrose-st., Brechin.

NORWICH cocks, from 6/-; hens from 2/6.—Papworth, 127, High-rd., Chiswick.

NORWICH cock Canaries, in full song, cheap.—Coachman, Kingswesston, Bristol.

THREE Norwich hens for muling, 3/- each.—Parkins, 36, Park-terrace, Chelmsford.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, 8/6 pair; hens, 3/3.—Reeve, 69, Cambridge-st., Norwich.

I HAVE a few pairs of prize-bred Norwich from 10/6 pair.—Coles Chemist, Halstead.

BUFF hen, winner, 10/-; exchange large Yellow ben for muling.—Hay (see Borders).

PAIR Norwich, in breeding cage, cost 19/-; sell, 14/-.—McCallum, Dumbarry, Kingussie.

FOUR Cocks, six hens, Norwich, 38/-.—Palmer, c/o Griggs, 19, Market-place, Cincy, Bucks.

SALE, grand Norwich cocks, 6/6, 7/6 each; yellows or buffs.—Spann, Stivichale, Coventry.

TWO very big buff Norwich 1908 cocks (from prize stock), 7/- each.—Eddy, Bellvue, Penzance.

NORWICH cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-; pairs from 7/6.—T. Gregson, 34, Havelock-st., Preston.

GOOD Norwich cocks and hens, from 7/6 each; pairs from 15/-.—Gill, Poppleton Junction, York.

SIX pairs grand Norwich and two Crested cocks, £2 the lot.—Mandeville, Brookfield, Arnold, Notts.

FINE cocks and hens, cold-room, also some stock birds.—Greweock, 10, Kildoran-rd., Lyham-rd., Brixton.

CLEAR Yellow cock, ditto Buff hen, 5/6 pair; six pairs.—Alfred Keeling, Matlock Cliff, Derbyshire.

TYPICAL Norwich for disposal, cold-room, reasonable; stamp.—Westou, Britannia-st., Leek, Staffs.

W. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, has some grand Norwich, winners, show and stock birds cheap; approval.

NOTICE—grand Norwich cocks, warranted, 3/- each; approval.—M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

BUY from the breeder; high-class Norwich; cocks from 5/6; hens from 3/-.—Turner, Victoria Hall, Norwich.

NORWICH cock Canaries, on full song, 10/6; approval.—H. Walker, 53, Bingfield-st., King's Cross, N.

NO time to exhibit—grand show and stock birds; cheap; approval.—W. Growdridge, Clarendon-road, Hinckley.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich—few pairs and singles, cheap.—McGregor, 38, Basnett-road, Lavender Hill, Battersea.

FORTY good Norwich cocks, from 7/6; hens, 3/-; inspection invited.—Binsted, 96a, Mitcham-lane, Streatham.

PRIZE strain; two clear Yellow hens, large, 10/- each; Buff cock, 15/-; see show reports.—Brain, Glastonbury.

SPLENDID typical buff marked Norwich cock, 1st prize winner, £2; exchange.—Robinson, Green Moss, Windermere.

1907 and 1908 Norwich cocks, 6/-; hens, 2/6. Cock Goldfinch, on song, 3/-.—Harris, 5, Lawrence-rd., Upton Park.

TWO pairs clear Norwich, 13/- the lot, or separate; approval, deposit.—Apply F. Brailsford, Piccadilly, Chesterfield.

FEW Norwich left, grand cocks, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; approval.—Nelson, Mortimer-street, Oldham.

NORWICH cocks, 7/6, 10/-; hens, 3/-, 4/-; cold-room, prize-bred; approval, deposit.—Houlden, 131, George-st., Coventry.

PRIZE-BRED buff Norwich cock, and two hens, 1907. 15/-; cock worth more money.—L. Snell, High-Bickington, Chulmleigh.

TWO fine cock Canaries, 10/6; lovely large bird, 7/-; or lot 16/6; must sell; genuine.—Mabel Palmer, Silverbeach, Herne Bay.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks and hens, from 7/6 each; pairs, 15/- upwards; approval, stamp.—Irons, Ivy, Northampton.

THOMAS CLEMINSON, breeder and exhibitor, four buff Norwich cocks for sale; approval.—88, Hume-terrace, Darlington.

FIRST prize Norwich, only time shown, with cards and show cages, 30/-; or exchange Orpingtons.—Geary, Dentist, Erdington.

WALTON and Noakes, winners 50 firsts, seconds, thirds, this season offer surplus stock from 7/6.—32, Bonsall-street, Leicester.

LEE AND KEARNEY have several cocks and hens for sale, bred from their winners, from 4/- each; also breeding cages.—242, Bermondsey-st., S.E.

W. GREWAR has four buff cocks, 10/- to 15/- each. Bred same as winners. See reports for wins; approval.—Bell-place, Forfar.

23/-; TWO Norwich cocks, variegated hen, seven cages, nest eggs, bags, feeders.—Wallace, 15, Oaklands-grove, Shepherd's Bush.

TWO Norwich cocks, 1907, 6/6 each; two young cocks, 1908, singing, 6/- each, to clear.—Luetchford, 10, Armstrong-st., Plumstead.

BUY from the breeder; fine healthy cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/6; cold-room bred; approval.—Hindle, Photographer, Bastwell, Blackburn.

NORWICH cocks, 10/-; hens, 5/-; also pair, novice could win, 20/-; buff hen, 10/-.—Lack, 89, Glenthorne-rd., Hammersmith.

DEALERS supplied with large or small quantities of healthy Norwich Plainheads and Crests.—Geo. Brown, Waterloo-rd., Norwich.

GIVING up Norwich, yellow fed cock, 12/6; unfed buff cock, vhc, January 1st, good type, 12/6.—Cannon, Stricklandgate, Kendal.

NORWICH.—Will give buff cock or two hens for good stout Cinnamon hen.—Hooper, 16, Weathercock-lane, Low Fell, Gateshead.

NORWICH hens, healthy, 1908 birds, ready to nest, buff 2/6, 2/-; clear yellow, 3/- each.—Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

S. T. JONES has clear buff cock, 10/6; one variegated buff cock, grand bird, 12/6, bargain, bred from my winners.—Quilt-st., Lynton.

FOR Sale, four Norwich cocks, one buff and three yellows; class birds, natural colour.—William Burgess, 57, Townhead, Irvine, Ayrshire.

SIX good Norwich cocks, four buffs, two yellows, from 7/6 each; all in full song; on approval.—F. Lang, Prospect-place, Garnant, Carm.

CHAMPION Norwich cocks, from 10/-; hens, 5/-; inspection invited; approval, deposit.—Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

A. WARD, St. Paul's Norwich.—I have a few pairs Norwich Plainheads, from 10/6 per pair. Also few clear buff Norwich hens from 4/-.

LARGE buff Cinnamon Norwich cock, 10/6; yellow green, 7/6; buff, 6/6; yellow, 6/0. Approval, deposit.—Comben, Outfitter, Portland.

GRAND Norwich Canaries for sale, own breeding; cocks, 5/- and 4/-; hens, 2/6; week's approval.—E. Walker, Bargate, Holbrook, Nr. Derby.

GRAND large Norwich, some winners, from 7/6; exchange good Yellow Green Crest-bred hen; stamp.—Fletcher, Home House, Whitby, Yorks.

PAIR of choice Norwich, correctly matched by an expert to breed winners, price 12/6; approval with pleasure.—Wilmot, Arcade, Bedford.

BUFF cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; Buff hens from 6/-; bred from my winners at the principal shows; approval.—Lees, 15, Oldham-rd., Rochdale.

FOUR good Norwich cocks, full song, 6/- each; approval; two hand-reared cock Goldfinches, 3/6 each.—John Starling, Barney, Guist, Norfolk.

FINE lot of large, typical Norwich, cocks from 7/6; hens, from 5/-; approval, deposit.—F. Tesseyman, St. Matthews Schools, Camp-rd., Leeds.

TYPICAL clear Norwich cock, winner, 15/-; Buff cock, grizzled cap, 12/6; singing cocks, 5/-; cold-room; approval deposit.—Nile, Fowey, Cornwall.

CHAMPION stock birds, Bullfinch type, massive heads, lovely quality, must breed winners; pairs from 12/6.—Miss Gwyn, Somerville, Ramsgate.

HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 5/-, 5/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 7/-, 8/-; grand value; satisfaction guaranteed; approval.—Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

GRAND Norwich, own breeding, cocks, 6/6; hens, 3/6 upwards; yellows, buffs; approval.—Robinson, 6, Barton-st., Egerton-st., Hulme, Manchester.

GIVING up, six Norwich cocks, three hens, cocks 5/6; hens, 3/- each, or 38/- lot; must sell.—Willis, 21, Stanley-terrace, Kirkwhite-st., Nottingham.

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NORWICH Plainheads.—Three yellow hens, two buff variegated hens, all 1908 birds. Stamp reply.—William Paterson, 1, Jack-st., Flemington, Motherwell.

WILLIAMS has pairs properly matched, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; several good yellow and buff cocks, 10/- to 50/-; on approval.—186, High-st., Cheltenham.

HIGHEST class Plainheads, show or stock, cheap; approval; cocks, rare singers, from 4/6; hens from 2/- each.—J. N. Harrison, The Lawn, Belper, Derbyshire.

BEARDALL and Walker can spare a few more Norwich cocks, from 7/6 to 12/6, and hens from 4/6 to 7/6 each; approval.—Sutton-rd., Huthwaite, Notts.

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BUY direct from breeder; Norwich, 1908, cold-room, grand colour; approval; singing cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; hens, 2/-, 3/-.—Bennett, Cross-street, Hampton Hill.

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PRIZE-BRED Norwich, feathered like silk, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-; approval willingly.—Fred Heathcote, 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; satisfaction guaranteed.—F. Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

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I HAVE a few good Norwich yellows, buffs or variegated, cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, splendid quality, from 4/- to 10/-.—Easterling, 340, Battersea Park-rd., London.

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SANDIFORD'S winning strain, 1908 bred; ticked Yellow cock, Buff hen, 12/6; clear Buff cock, with two marked Yellow hens, 15/-; approval.—E. G. Roberts, Roche, Cornwall.

CHAMPION Norwich, guaranteed same as my winners; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; hens from 5/-; pairs, matched for breeding, from 10/6.—Gilbert, 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

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THREE pairs Plainheads, 1907 bred, good strain, matched by prominent breeder, £1 pair; also two Yellow, several sturdy Buff 1908 hens, from same strain.—Jaggard, 30, Lee-rd., Dovercourt.

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NOTICE, few good Norwich Plainheads and Crests, reasonable; state wants; easy terms can be arranged; stamped envelope for particulars.—Rains, Highmill-rd., South Town, Great Yarmouth.

SEVERAL colour-fed Norwich songsters, 5/6 and 6/6; few good stock cocks, 10/-; matched pairs, 12/6, cold-room; deposit; all 1908, from winners.—Cooper, Photographer, High-st., West Bromwich.

TICKED Buff cock, Yellow hen, 25/- pair; pair unflighted, Yellow cock, Buff hen, 15/-; Buff Yellow hens, 5/- each, bred from winners; Mr. Baker's strain; approval.—Moorman, Carlsbrooke, I. of W.

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A FEW good young Norwich cocks; three clear yellows, 8/6 each; variegated, 7/6; two Cinnamon buff cocks, 15/6 each; all colour-fed; approval; C.B. deposit.—Mrs. Griffiths, Oak Cottage, Horsham.

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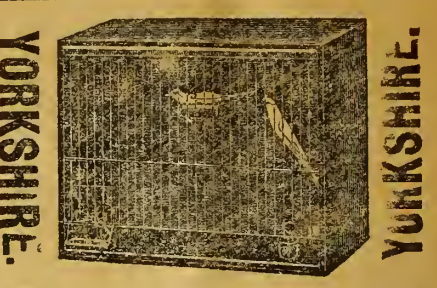


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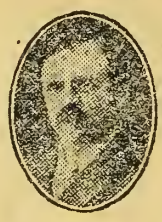

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NORWICH crest-bred cock, vhc Brighton, 20/-; Yorkshire cock, 15/-.—P. Small, 67, Western-rd., Brighton.

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TWO large cock Goldfinch Canary Mules, splendid colour and song, 6/- each; 4 hens, 3/-; Cheveral Throated, 5/-.—Postmaster, Hapton, Thetford.

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CREST-BRED cock, Crested hen, 1st Wigan, 2nd Sale (£1 selling), 15/- pair; Crest bred hen, 7/6; Norwich yellow cock, buff hen, 15/- pair; one yellow cock, 10/-; three buff cocks, 7/6 each; yellow and buff hens, 5/- each; Chaffinch and Bramblefinch, 8/-; breeding, show, flight cages; inspection invited; approval, deposit.—Davies, Hurst-st., Leigh, Lancashire.

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LIGHT muling hens, 4/6, 5/6.—Wilson (see Greens).

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WANTED, Goldfinches and Goldfinch-Mules; pure Goldfinch song; approval, deposit.—Pace, 111, Haggerston-rd., London.

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LARGE yellow variegated Greenfinch Mule, 1st and special Watford, grand bird, 25/-.—Withers Bros., High-st., Watford.

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GUARANTEED cock Goldfinch Mules, large birds, 6/6; young Norwich cocks, 6/-; approval.—David Howe, 101, Castle-st., Glasgow.

GREENFINCH-CANARY cock Mule, first prize only time shown, 7/6, grand condition; approval.—Shearer, View Mount, Thurso.

GUARANTEED cock Goldfinch Mules, 7/6; cock Siskin Canary Mules, 7/6; cock Norwich Canaries, 5/-.—Hooker, West-st., Crawley.

1908 BRED, warranted singing cock Goldfinch Mules, 6/- each, six 30/-; Goldfinch notes; approval.—Cook, 66, Kitchener-rd., Ipswich.

COCK Goldfinch Cock Linnet, both Canary-reared, white-legged Muling cock Greenfinch, sell, exchange Canaries.—Lyes, Thetford, Norfolk.

COCK Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid, 20/-; three hens, same cross, 5/- each; approval; deposit with Editor.—Baker, Westow, York.

LIGHTLY variegated and dark Goldfinch-Canary Mules; full song; 7/- upwards. Approval deposit.—Macnicol, 104, Hanover-st., Glasgow.

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TO dealers, six grand colour cocks, Goldfinch Mules, one hen, in lovely song, 30/-; bargain; approval, deposit.—Richards, Hill-st., Nantyffyllon, Bridgend.

SEVERAL cocks, Goldfinch-Canary Mules, on Finch song, 10/- and 12/6 each; approval, deposit with Editor.—Lambert, 4, Mill-hill, Evesham, Worcestershire.

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EXHIBITION monster Greenfinch cock, selected Bullie hen, feeding, 2/6; grand breeding Goldie, genuine, 8/-; week's approval; deposit.—Fearby, Mill-lane, Bristol.

TWICE house-moulted Goldfinch cock, and Greenfinch hen, laid fertile eggs last season, 8/-; or exchange 1908 large yellow hen Canaries.—31, Southrd., Erith, Kent.

TWO 1907 yellow muling hens, reared 18 Mules last season; 9/- the two; four 1908 hens, large clear, inbred for muling, 4/- each, 15/- the four.—Fursland, Langport, Somerset.

HAND-REARED cock Greenfinch, with large, steady, house-moulted hen Bullfinch, grand pair, 7/6; also another large house-moulted hen Bullfie, 3/6.—H. Pickford, Stanley Villa, Frome.

SPLENDID cock Goldfinch Canary Mule, 7/6; fine muling cock Goldfinch, 4/6; house-moulted cock Chaffinch, 2/-; Canary-reared hen Greenfinch (1907), 2/6; approval, deposit.—Mainprize, Witham.

THREE dark Goldfinch Mules, one dark Linnet Mule, guaranteed cocks, in full song, 7/6 each; guaranteed Canary-reared cock and hen Greenfinch, 3/6 each.—Wells, 12, Herbert Street, Darlington.

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THREE cock Linnet Mules, three cock Goldfinch Mules, in full song, 7/6 each; four hen Mules, one twice house-moulted Linnet, father of Mules; all on approval.—F. Lang, Prospect-place, Garnant, Carm.

FOUR Goldie Mules, two variegated, two dark, 5/6 each; two hen ditto, 1/- each; ten cock Canaries, some good ones in them, 5/- each; lot suit dealer; on approval.—Hinde, 41, Midland-rd., Olney, Bucks.

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HOUSE-MOULTED Goldfinch and light Muling hen, bred Mules, 8/6; steady Linnet and cinnamon-marked hen, 6/6; dark Goldfinch Mule cock, 6/-; hen ditto, 1/-.—Hy. A. Batchelor, St. Helen's Road, Dorchester.

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WHITE-LEGGED hen Goldfinch, 1906 cock Redpoll, 4/6 pair; few good Goldfinches, 4/6 each; large Norwich hen Canaries, bred from winning strain, good type and quality, 5/6 each; approval.—Owen Lloyd, Llanfyllin.

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VARIEGATED Yellow six-pointed and thigh-marked Goldfinch and Canary Mule, winner, 30/-; large dark Goldfinch and Canary, make winner when fed, 12/6; several others, good songsters, 6/6, 7/6; two house-moulted Goldfinches, for Mule breeding, 7/6 each; approval.—Gilbert, 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

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LOVELY blue-fronted Amazon, talker, whistler, and mimic, 30/-, with cage 36/-, bargain.—Lees, 16, Oldham-rd., Rochdale.

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BUDGERIGARS, warranted breeders, or will exchange them all, in extensive outdoor aviaries, not unhealthy shop birds; inspection any time invited; Greens, 6/- pair; hens, 4/-; yellows, 8/6; hens, 5/-; Cockatiels, 12/-, or 6/- each; Lovebirds, 5/-; Cocoanut husks, 6d. each, 5/- dozen; Cockatiels nest, 2/- each.—Sapsford, Hughenden House, Teddington.

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COCKS; Alario Finches, guaranteed in song, 8/-, 10/ each; Shamas ditto, 35/-; Red-cheeked Bulbuls ditto, 10/-; Oryx Weavers, in colour, 7/6; Great Tailed Whydahs ditto, 25/-; one beauty, 30/-; Green Cardinals, 16/-; Popo ditto, 5/-; Red-crested ditto, 4/-; Blue Archbishop Tanager, fine, 25/-; Scarlet ditto, 15/-; Saffron, 2/-; Pintail Whydah, 6/-; Rufous-backed Mannikin, 10/6; Pileated Finch, 7/6; Chingolo ditto, 5/6; Blue Passerine Parrakeet, 3/6; White-head Lovebird, 3/-; Crested Dove, 10/-; Peacock Pheasant, 50/-; Demoiselle Crane, 50/-; all above cocks, and acclimatised; hens, Japanese Hawfinch, the kind to breed Hybrids with Siberian Hawfinches, 20/- each; Redrumps, 12/6; Blue-breasted Waxbills, 10/6; Rock Parrot, 15/-, acclimatised; pairs—Rufous-backed Mannikins and Blue-breasted Waxbills and Alario Finches, 20/- pair; Harlequin Doves, 25/-; Cinnamon Doves, 15/-; Silverbill, extra fine, 3/-; Green Cardinals, 30/-; Japanese Hawfinches, 40/-; Bar-shouldered Doves, Brush ditto, 30/- pair; Half-collared Senegal ditto, 12/6 pair; all outside; Pied Pheasants, 20/- pair; Silver ditto, 20/-; Golden ditto, 20/-; Blue-winged Lovebirds, 6/6, acclimatised; one pair rare Jardines Parrots, £3; Talking Rock, Surinam and Diademed Amazons, Macaws, Hornbill, Monkeys, Falcons, Swans, etc., cheap.—Thorpe, Zoo, Hedon, Hull.

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THREE pair good bred Yorkshires, 35/-; also a few odd cocks 8/- each; would entertain exchange cloth, or Manchester cottons preferred, or household articles.—Burnett, 426, Horton-lane, Bradford.

TWO fine cock Goldfinches, caged several weeks, 2/6 each; two hens, reared from nest, 1/3 each; two hen Bullies, 1/- each; two cock Linnets, 1/- each; exchange named roses, good sorts.—Schoolmaster, Swerford, Oxford.

COCKS, selected from many dozens, Goldfinch, 2/6; three Linnets, 2/; 3 Yellowhammers, 2/-; three Chaffinches, 2/-; three Greenfinches, 1/-; exchange Canaries, or anything useful.—T. Fenn, Station-rd., Isleham, Cambs.

EIGHT splendid cocks, Goldfinch Canary Mules, large, and fierce in song, 6/6 each; one monster, slightly variegated, 10/-; exchange Roller or Norwich cocks.—J. Brothwood, Old Yard, Donnington Wood, nr. Newport, Salop.

COCK Lark, 2/6; Bullfinch, 5/6; Linnet, 2/6; house-moulted Siskin hen Canary, 7/6; light Goldfinch Mule, 15/-; pair St. Helena Waxbills, 5/-; variegated Goldfinch Mule, splendid songster, 5/6.—Winter, 12, Wilton-rd., Boscombe.

PHONOGRAPH, one of the Dulcette Phono Exchange, London, make, in good going order, with one brass horn and one other; also 30 records, songs, bands, and others; sell £2, exchange Canarics or Goldfinches.—Bassett, 8, Queen-st., Gravesend.

COCK Bramble, good size and colour, 5/-; three cock Goldfinch Canary Mules, one cock Linnet Mule, 7/6 each, or 25/- the four; one Yellow Yorkshire cock, 12/6; one Buff Yorkshire cock, 12/6; winners of 3rd prize only time shown; approval or deposit; stamp.—W. Lewis, 15, Brook-lane, Ormskirk.

### Mainly Canaries.
**To be Sold or Exchanged**

PAIR Norwich Canaries, 17/6, or exchange pen of Fowls.—Lomb, Foggathorpe, Selby.

GRAND pair racing Homers; exchange good Norwich hen.—Clarke, High-st., Sydenham.

GIVE Pekin Nightingale cock for good Norwich hen Canary.—Clarke, High-st., Sydenham.

TWO typical Yorkshire hens, 2/6 each; buff Norwich cock, 5/6.—Burge, Whittington Moor.

NORWICH Canaries, 138 CAGE BIRDS to date, several plates; what offers.—Breese, March.

LARGE yellow Norwich cock, double-breeder, and three other cocks; offers. Burge, Whittington Moor.

EXCHANGE good pair Yorkshires for good pair Norwich.—H. Bowmar, 9, Nuncar-gate, Kirkby, Notts.

YORKSHIRE cock Canaries, 6/- each, or exchange for good Border Fancy.—Bayley, Postman, Seacombe.

FOUR spring net traps, new, for Norwich cock. Bird first.—Cornwall, 339, Gladstone-st., Peterborough.

NORWICH cocks, in song, from 5/-; hens, 2/6; own breeding; exchange anything.—Ripwell, Naturalist, Wisbech.

THIRTY Norwich for sale, or exchange, 7/6 pair; one cock, two hens, 9/-.—Harper, 104, Sherbourne-rd., Birmingham.

LARGE Norwich cock Canary, clear Yellow, in full song, 8/6; or exchange.—Lowes 76 Gillingham-rd., Gillingham, Kent.

WHAT offers in Yorkshires or Norwich, fine tone violin and bow, value, 15/-.—Castle, 18, Fleeming-rd., Walthamstow.

HIGH-CLASS Borders; cocks from 5/-; hens, 2/6; 1908 birds; exchange Lizards.—Newbigging, Tailor, Duns, Berwickshire.

WILL exchange 1908 Yorkshire cock (clear), for 1908 Yorkshire hens (clear).—Burrus, 23, Rathbone-st., Canning Town.

EXCHANGE two colour-fed 1908 Norwich cocks for large, typical 1908 clear yellow hen.—W. Housden, Dodinga, Birchington.

TWO pair Norwich, 11/- pair; cold bred, splendid condition; exchange.—S. L. Warner, Hill-st., Raunds, Wellingboro'.

CANARIES, cock, 5/-, 6/- each, in full song; or exchange.—Halsey, 47, Midland Brent-terrace, Claremont-rd., Cricklewood.

ONE pair of Norwich Canaries, sell 10/6; or exchange watch, anything.—L. Arnold, High-st., Raunds, Wellingboro'.

GRAND Yorkshire hen and house-moulted Goldfinch; exchange for good Yorkshire cock.—Brown, 58, Heworth-rd., York.

FOR sale or exchange, Norwich cock Canaries, 1908, cold room, 5/- each; offers anything.—Dashper, World's End, Wisbech.

NORWICH Yellow cock, Buff hen, 15/-; exchange for trained 1908 Roller.—Blake, 156, Beresford-st., Moss Side, Manchester.

WHAT offers in Yorkshires or Norwich hens for gent's silver watch, good condition.—Grayeson, 9, Elephant-yard, Kendal.

EXCHANGE pair 1907 Norwich Canaries, for Siberian cock Goldfinch; Finch first.—Crockett, Eastfield, Ringwood, Hants.

WILL exchange three-guinea hand camera, new, for pair high-class Norwich to value.—Miller, 194, Saltwell-rd., Gateshead.

TWO pair Crests, 20/- pair; exchange Norwich or good Crest-bred hen; approval.—Wood, Sun Inn, Newbathe-terrace-houses.

ON sale, high-class Yorkshires; cocks from 5/6 to 7/-, hens 3/6 to 5/-; or exchange for good iron bench-vice or pipe-vice.—Fox, 10, Egerton-st., Liverpool.

EXCHANGE two good Yorkshire Buff hens for good Buff Yorkshire cock of good length.—Lockwood, Old-rd., Dukinfield.

FOUR high-class Seifert Roller hens, 1908 rung; exchange British, or sell 4/6 each.—Allan, 16, Inglefield-st., Govanhill, Glasgow.

CANARIES, six cocks, splendid songsters, day or gaslight; four hens; useful exchange entertained.—J. Isitt, Market Rasen, Lincolnshire.

WANTED, good brood Pom. bitch, good pedigree; exchange prize Norwich or Crests; approval both ways.—Miles, Aviaries, Chichester.

GOOD buff marked Norwich cock, 10/6; or exchange for good yellow or good long buff Yorkshire cock.—Bartlett, Inveresk, Bournemouth.

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshires or pair of Lizards for large Hawfinch cock; same for cock Goldfinches.—Lord, 351, Oldham-rd., Rochdale.

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshire, cock and hen, prize-bred '08, healthy, for two yellow Norwich hens. '08 bred.—E. Bonney, Wadebridge, Cornwall.

NOTICE—what offers in Canaries, or foreign birds for suit length, good tweed, value 25/-; approval.—M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

HIGH-CLASS Borders, one Buff cock, two Yellow hens, 1908 bred, 14/-; or exchange; approval.—Hinsom, 48, Westbourne-grove, Hessle, Hull.

PAIR Cinnamon hens, 1908, Norwich type, 15/-; or exchange large clear 1908 Norwich hens; or offers.—Holcombe, North-st., Bridgwater, Somerset.

TWO large Buff Norwich cocks; exchange double breeders or small Foreign seed-eaters; offers.—R. Reynolds, Seed Merchant, Raunds, Northants.

SIX grand Crest and Crest-bred cocks, worth from 10/- to 15/- each; will sell lot cheap, or exchange for good Rollers.—J. Cooke, Worldham, Alton.

EXCHANGE three guaranteed muling hen Canaries for good Siberian cock Goldfinch and box cage; Goldie first.—Messer, 4, Rodney-st., Edinburgh.

EXCHANGE two green Norwich Plainhead, 1908 bred birds for Yorkshire cock; approval; Yorkshire first.—Pearce, Cornsheer, Elmbridge, Droitwich.

EXCHANGE three Yorkshire hens and one Scotch Fancy hen for good Belgium hen, or sell 25/-; hen first.—James Smith, 26, Dempster-st., Wick, N.B.

EXCHANGE three pair Yorkshires for Borders, or offers anything useful, house or bird-room; sell, 10/- pair.—Marshall, 75 Trafalgar-rd., Beeston, Notts.

EXCHANGE high-class Norwich Greens for good Norwich clears, or Yorkshire Terrier bitch (small, typical).—A. McMillan, 77, Kilshaw-st., Liverpool.

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshires, house-moulted, Goldfinch show cage, for phonograph and records; approval.—T. Yeomans, Penketh, near Warrington.

A FEW grand young Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, cocks from 5/-; hens, 2/6; or exchange for household goods.—Burge, Taylor's-lane, Wiliesden.

CANARIES, seven cocks, 1908 bred, 5/- each; hens, 1/6 each; cold-room; exchange lot for exhibition Norwich; approval.—Bakewell Bros., Selston, Notts.

GRAND variegated Buff Norwich hen, clear Buff cock; sell, or exchange for young Yellow cock, value of 30/-; approval.—F. Calam, Brunswick-st., Whitby.

EIGHT hen Canaries, clean and healthy, good feeders, 15/-; or exchange good pair Yorkshires.—Watson, 14, Park-st., Woodlands, Chippenham, Wilts.

PAIR Yorkshires, Bailey's strain, 15/-; cock Goldfinch Mule, 6/6; exchange seed, food, anything for bird-room.—Crook, 61, Henshaw-st., Stretford, Manchester.

EVEN-MARKED Crested cock and two Seifert hens, 1908, healthy, for Lancashire Plainhead or large Crest-bred hen, 1908.—Troman, Heath Hayes, Cannock.

TWENTY pairs typical Yorkshires; exchange for three-speed Bicycle to value; offers invited; anything useful.—Ferguson, Draper, Lawkholme, Keighley.

WANTED, good pair of Yorkshires; exchange Hartz Mountain Roller cock, on full song, and large buff Norwich hen.—Bennett, 18, Foxhall-lane, Carlton, Notts.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, good stock birds, standard length, price reasonable; exchange good Norwich, or Borders.—Middleton, 1, Rydall-st., Holbeck, Leeds.

TEN cocks and ten hen Canaries, 7/6 pair; and five variegated Linnet Mules, 6/- each; exchange boots and clothing.—C. Richardson, Hockham Street, King's Lynn.

WILL exchange good Hawfinch, in grand condition, for a large yellow Green Norwich Hen Canary for mating; no rubbish wanted.—Pickford, Stanley Villa, Frome.

EXCHANGE Yellow and Buff unflighted Norwich cocks, colour-fed, for good, short, stout, unflighted Norwich Buff hens.—Moreton, 61, Monk's Park-rd., Northampton.

EXCHANGE Buff Crested cock Canary and large Green Crested hen; exchange for good pair Yorkshires; mutual approval.—Snell, 91, Queen's-rd., New Tredegar.

YORKSHIRE Greens, also cinnamon-marked Yorkshires, from winners, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- pair; approval; exchange garden requisites; offers.—Bertie Berry, Wesley-place, Keighley.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, not rubbish (Bailey's strain), sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, or anything useful; stamp reply.—M. Cooper, Taylor st., Batley, Yorkshire.

WHAT offers for a cock and three Yorkshire hens and a broken Crest cock; or exchange for a good pair of Yorkshires.—Robert Mays, 58, Bolchow-st., Guisborough, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE yellow green cinnamon cock (Norwich), unflighted, Dormers strain, for good buff or yellow cinnamon (Norwich) hen; approval.—E. Mitchell, Cordon Villa, Dercham.

WANTED, healthy 1908 buff Norwich stock hen; exchange Norwich cock, yellows or buffs; some members' winners; sell 12/6 each; approval.—Jeffery, junr., Winner-st., Paignton.

FOR SALE, young singing cock Canaries, 5/- each, or exchange for large young yellow Norwich hens, Bullfinch type, cold-room bred, hens first.—John Gibb, East Shieldhill, Falkirk, Scotland.

EXCHANGE Norwich Canaries; wanting pullets, Border, mincer, etc., also 45 CAGE BIRDS, 16 coloured plates, 11 Bird Worlds, for Buff cockerel or sitting eggs.—Jones, Winton, Spencer's Wood, Reading.

OFFERS in poultry wanted for pair of Yorkshire Canaries hen, got three 1st prizes, cock three 3rd prizes, only time shown; different judge each time; approval.—James Nicholson, Alston, Cumberland.

LARGE 1907 Crested cock, also Lancashire Plainhead cock, both good stock birds; exchange Crested or Norwich cinnamon hens, or sell 12/6 each.—Chemist, 203, Gloucester Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

BORDER Fancy cock and two hens, £2; exchange gilt picture frame; two hens, 10/- each; exchange cycle tyres, etc.; Norwich hen, £1; exchange Border cock, or 10/ pair Scotch Fancy.—11, Newington-rd., Edinburgh.

1908 BUFF Yorkshire Cock, 2nd Southport, make big winner with another moult, 25/-; 1908 yellow cock, 2nd Southport, 1st feather, £1; buff cock, 2nd Rochdale, 15/-; typical yellow Norwich cock, 1907, 20/-; will exchange for winning British; approval.—Bullough, 161, Portland Street, Southport.

TWO house-moulted cock Linnets and two pink-eyed hen Canaries, 5/6 pair; exchange Linnet-Mule, Linnet song; 3 pair Yorkshire, cocks, in full song, 7/6 pair; two Norwich hens 2/6 each; exchange.—Goodwin, Cottages, Seaham.

LARGE Green Crest-bred cock, good bird, 8/-; long, slim yellow Yorksuire cock, 7/-; two singing cocks, 5/- each; exchange any for good Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Bramblefinches; approval both ways.—Bakewell Bros., Selston, Notts.

PAIR fed Yorkshires; stylish yellow cock; can win members' shows; buff hen, won in first feather cock 1907, hen 1908. Exchange good stock Cinnamons (Yorks.) or Greens (Yorks).—Richards, Mount Pleasant, Beaumaris, N. Wales.

GENUINE Bargains.—Pair Cinnamon Canarics, yellow buff, prize strain, Baker's, 25/-; one pink-eyed Sib cock, colour-fed, 10/6; 1908 birds; yellow Sib hen, 1907, 3/6; exchange ladies silver watch, long chain, or gramophone. No rubbish offered or wanted; approval.—Aikens, Ellenborough, Maryport, Cumberland.

PAIR Buff Norwich Crest-bred, 10/6; pair Norwich, Greens, 10/6; pair variegated Norwich, 8/6; Green Norwich Crest-bred cock, 7/6; Cinnamon hen, 2/6; a few feeders for sale cheap; these birds guaranteed best health, good size, and feather, and in outside aviary; offers invited; must sell.—Reed, London-rd., Stroud, Glos.

### Mainly Foreign.
**To be Sold or Exchanged**

EXHIBITION Border Canaries; exchange Parrot, Parrakeets, Foreigners; offers.—Hancocks, Liverpool-terrace, Crewe.

COCKATIELS; wanted pair aviary-bred adult; exchange pair perfect Crested Pope Cardinals.—H. Phair, Alresford, Hants.

PAIR hardy Java Sparrows, breeding cage, both own birds; sale or exchange.—Ivens, 35, Brondesbury-villas, Kilburn, N.W.

HANDSOME small green Parrakeet, acclimatised, with cage; exchange good organette or aquarium.—Blair, Hill-place, Arbroath.

PAIR yellow Budgerigars, winners two firsts, specials; exchange cock Cirl Bunting; sell 10/6.—Lawson, Auchinloch, Lenzie.

HANDSOME Amazon Parrot, and cage, sell 35/-; or exchange toy dog, Pom. preferred.—L. Arnold, High-st., Raunds, Wellingboro'.

SALE Cockatoo, also three hand-reared hen Goldfinches; exchange small British, Foreign, or hen Canaries.—Speed, Ambrose-st., Bangor.

PAIR Cockatiels, 10/-; pair Budgerigars, 5/-; good breeders; or exchange for good laying pullets.—J. Dawes, Leabrooks-rd., Somercotes, Derbyshire.

LARGE lemon-crested Cockatoo, very tame, fit to show; sacrifice 30/-; exchange piece of furniture to value; offers.—Perry, 25, Rathbone-st., Canning Town.

BLACK-FACED Weaver, full colour; exchange for birds; also two Budgerigars; also large Yellow Weaver; also pair Lovebirds; also grand pair Saffron Finches.—"Broadway," Westby-rd., Boscombe.

### Miscellaneous
**Sale or Exchange**

LADY'S oxydised watch in wrist strap, 6/-; exchange.—8, Gosford-st., Liverpool.

48 ASSORTED postcards for cock Linnet; genuine.—Selsby, Laxfield, Suffolk.

EXCHANGE pure black Minorca cockerel, for Norwich cock.—19, Albert-st., Cardiff.

NICELY-MARKED Fox Terrier pup; exchange cage birds.—Dunning, 62, Talbot-st., Chester.

GOOD Martini carbine rifle; exchange Canaries, poultry.—Wight, 49, Lucknow-st., Darlington.

PAIR strong nailed boots, size 7, genuine, 8/-; approval.—W. Atkins, Raunds, Northamptonshire.

EXCHANGE Scotch blankets for Canaries, sell 25/-.—Wright, 15, Baker-st., Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

EXCHANGE portmanteau for pair of good Crest Canaries, worth 25/-; no rubbish.—Potton, Grays, Essex.

EXCHANGE single breech, 12 bore, splendid killer, for No. 3 bore rifle; offers.—Swain, 6, Wenlock-st., Luton.

FOR Sale or exchange, 120 CAGE BIRDS and 8 plates; what offers?—W. West, Gloster-rd., Barnstaple.

FOX Terrier dog, six months old, 10/-; or exchange, fowls preferred.—Bearsley, 13, Fifth-avenue, London, W.

THREE new up-to-date trap cages; exchange Norwich cock.—Cornwall, 339, Gladstone-st., Peterborough.

WHAT offers for 156 copies CAGE BIRDS, perfect condition, all plates.—"Broadway," Westby-rd., Boscombe.

8-COMPARTMENT breeding cage, sell 10/-; or exchange Canaries.—Edgar, 128, Fonthill-rd., Finsbury Park.

SMALL rough-coated pup, three good cock Greenfinches, exchange hen Canaries; offers.—Gibson, Leeds, Kent.

FOR sale, or exchange, Bull Terrier bitch, Norwich hens preferred.—James Mellor, 258, Church-st., Ashton-u-Lyne.

YORKSHIRES, few good cocks for sale, cheap; wanted trout fly rod, small rifle.—G. E. Dakeyna, Cheadle, Staffs.

FOR sale, Airedale dog, four months, 10/-; or exchange for Fox Terrier dog.—Logan, Arthur-st., Newton Stewart.

CLAP nets 10 yds., all complete, 10/-; exchange 30 cock Linnets.—Girbow, Minster-terrace, Minstermoregate, Beverley.

LADY'S small pet black tan bitch 7/6; walking-stick air gun, 5/6; exchange birds.—River, Bartholomew-st., Newbury.

EXCHANGE 25/- oil cooking stove, scarcely used, for breeding cages, Yorks. cock, anything.—Swift, 11 Vine-st., Stafford.

PAIR good E. Owl Pigeons for pair Norwich and double breeder; or sell 30/-; approval.—Horsley, Friar's-terrace, York.

EXCHANGE pair buff Rock Bantams for Canaries or Budgerigars, or sell 7/6.—Maher, 155, Waldegrave-rd., Teddington.

NEWSPAPERS and periodicals, clean; what offers by weight; or exchange.—Yearsley, 118, Revidge-rd., Blackburn.

NEW pair full-sized blankets, 23/-; exchange three songsters; genuine offers, please.—Olgar, East Cross-st., Sunderland.

SIXTY-SIX Nos. CAGE BIRDS, 12 coloured plates, 2/6; exchange hen Canary.—S. Halls, 52, Primrose-hill, Chelmsford, Essex.

BRASS table lamp, fancy globe, 7/6; electric door bell, complete, 6/6; exchange Canaries.—Markham, 38, Stevnburg-st., Hull.

EXCHANGE pair field glasses, in case, for pair typical Yorkshires; offers; sell, 10/6.—Fairful, 49, Holmhead-st., Glasgow.

EXCHANGE for Yorkshire Canaries, model engine, horizontal, two cylinders, well made.—Key, 253a, King-st., Hammersmith.

EXCHANGE fawn Dash-hound, two months, for pair of Norwich; or sell, 12/6.—Hepworth, Brompton, near Northallerton.

SANDOW Developer, Bovril Pictures, sell; or exchango Norwich (yellows), Plainhead hens; what offers? Bazley, Crediton.

EXCHANGE Edison Gem and 20 records for three pairs of Norwich Canaries.—F. Ling, River View, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft.

EXCHANGE 4-inch mitre cutter for pair Yorkshires, or sell 12/-.—William Collier, 59, Worsley-rd., Swinton, Manchester.

EXCHANGE large brazing lamp, suitable for cycle building, for poultry, or sell 15/-; offers.—Heard, Smith, Torrington, Devon.

18 DOZEN boxes celebrated Sheffield razor paste; suit general shop; exchange cage birds.—Lydyard, 60, St. Nicholas-rd., Bristol.

DOZEN new fronts, various sizes, also four Norwich show cages; what offers.—Feltham, "Broadway," Westby-rd., Boscombe.

WHAT offers, Norwich hens, for breeding Goldfinch, 3-piece trout rod; approval each way?—Parker, Plumblands-lane, Whitehaven.

TREADLE fret machine, perfect order, sell 10/-; or exchange British or Foreign.—Doran, 14, Templeevillas, Palmerston-rd., Dublin.

½-PLATE bellows stand camera and lens, 23/-; exchange Canaries or good phonograph.—Coan, 129, Higham Hill-rd., Walthamstow.

FIVE pairs high-class racing pigeons, a bargain, 20/-; approval; or exchange cage birds.—W. Williams, Carriage Works, Skipton.

SIXTY Black and White Budgets Boer War; exchange exhibition cock Goldfinch; must be good bird.—G. Gass, Causeway, Moffat.

SCOTCH terrier bitch pup, by "Scorpion," champion pedigree, 12/-, bargain; what offers; exchange.—Grantham, Fruiterer, Wembley.

Gramophone, 12 records; sell, 35/-; black Pom. bitch, 30/-; offers; exchange Canaries preferred.—Warberton, 42, King-st., Ardwick.

GOOD Japanese spaniel brood bitch for sale; or exchange good Norwich Canaries; birds first.—Richardson, 24, Newly-st., Ripon.

EXCHANGE Edison recorder for a young Yorkshire cock Canary or anything useful; approval.—Heptinstall, 1, Rich-lane, Barnsley.

HAND-REARED Tawny Owl, tame, 5/-; cock Hawfinch, show specimen, 5/-; also Jay, 3/6.—J. Wakeford, 1, Wandon-rd., Fulham.

SMOOTH Fox Terrier bitch, 18 months, gamest living at vermin, 15/-; exchange Roller Canaries.—Cartwright, The Junction, Conway.

EXCHANGE good field glass for cock Goldfinch or Linnet Mules; approval both ways.—Watson, 25, Main-st., Camelon, Falkirk, N.B

GRAND, smooth-coated Retriever bitch, 15 months, fine guard; exchange exhibition British, or sell, 15/-.—53, Lansdown-rd., Forest Gate.

GENT.'s cycle, free wheel, good running order, 35/-; part exchange Siberian Goldie, Sibs, cocks or hens.—Brownlee, Cumledge, Duns, N.B.

PURE-BRED Bull Terrier dog, four months, 15/-; exchange Yorkshires or Bullfinches, cocks.—Alexander, 49, Langthorne-st., Fulham, London.

EXCHANGE eight-day watch, in perfect order, for cock Canaries to value, 25/-; approval.—Watson, 25, Main-st., Camelon, Falkirk, N.B.

THREE double Yorkshire breeders' flight and show cages, sell or exchange anything useful.—Green, 43, St. Margaret's-rd., Kensal Rise.

HARMSWORTH Encyclopædia, 33 sevenpenny parts, condition as new; exchange birds, anything.—Carron, 39, Market-st., Newcastle-on-Tync.

PEDIGREE Fox Terrier female puppies, nine weeks, sire Proctor's Flass, Durham, white bodies, 15/-; exchange.—Mann, Willington, Durham.

WANTED, a drawing aviary, 3 partitions, will exchange a grand pair of Belgian Hares, or cli 12/6; cage first.—H. Lucking, Dunmow, Essex.

EXCHANGE good tweed suit, 36 breast, for pair large clear Norwich Plainheads or Yorkshires; rds first.—McCombe, Tailor, New Prestwick. N.B.

EXCHANGE portable French concert pitch, ee octaves, mahogany case, in good condition, for Canaries.—Cubitt, 21, Prices-st., Blackfriars, S.E.

JOINER-MADE double breeder, or flight cage, loose fronts, partition, 7/-; offers, exchange.—Brooks, 127, Ball's Pond-rd., Dalston, London.

EXCHANGE one pair spangle game Bantams, buff Pekin cock and crossed black rose-comb hen; offers.—Weedale, Dean-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE for Canaries three gentlemen's suits, also dark overcoat, medium size, nearly new.—Hamlin, 2, Beechworth-villas, Hales-rd., Cheltenham.

EXCHANGE guitar-zither, four Chaffinches and two Greenfinches; mandolin harp; exchange banjo or Foreign birds.—C. Rawson, Park-terrace, Loftus.

EXCHANGE single barrel gun, 410, bore, new last year, and 60, cartridges, for Roller Canaries and cage.—Hawkes, Llanaway-gardens, Godalming, Surrey.

FOR sale, good Whippet bitch, on track or at rabbits, take £2; or exchange pair of Norwich or Yorkshires; must be good.—46, Alderson-st., Sunderland.

PAIR of Beautiful white Fantails, pair of Barbary Doves, and breeding cage; sell or exchange; offer invited.—Tom Weedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

SIX Flying Homers, 1908 birds, just right for training, take 7/6; or exchange for Canaries.—J. Griffiths, Hall Marsh Farm Aviaries, Long Sutton, Lincs.

LADY'S silver watch and albert guard, 15/-; would exchange them and 10/- cash for good 1907 Buff Norwich cock.—Allsopp, 168, Wilnecote, Tamworth.

RETRIEVER Spaniel bitch, from pedigree parents, 15 months; really good dog; sell £1; or exchange Canarics; what offers?—Thos. Lloyd, 114, Earl-st., Crewe.

GRAND Partridge Wyandotte cockerel, Wharton's, for buff Orpington pullet or German Schoolmaster; approval.—Rowley, 53, Thompson-st., Bilston.

PHONOGRAPH, cost 50/-, in good working order, two horns ,one brass with brass stand, 70 records; exchange for common Canaries.—Proctor, New-st., Burslem.

O.E.G. Duckwing cock, splendid birds, muling Linnet and Canary, exhibition Linnet Mule, 12/6 each; exchange Yellow Norwich hens.—12, Wigan-rd., Ormskirk.

SMART Fox Terrier bitch, even marked, good guard, used to poultry; exchange for good Black Minorca hen, or anything useful.—J. Beach, Raunds, Northants.

AIREDALE dog, 25/-; Skye terrier dog, 20/-; Aberdeen Terrier dog, 15/-; bull bitch, 25/-; Brindle Bull Terrier dog, 20/-; or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

EXCHANGE Prairie slate incubator (60) and outdoor rearer (100), cost £8 8s., for good birds, no rubbish, or sell £4 4s.—Roberts, Gwyddfor, Penygroes, S.O.

EXCHANGE Lucas plated acetylene cycle lamp, new, not been used, for a Roller cock Canary, singing; approval.—Jas. Randles, 35, Queen-st., Ellesmere Port.

AIR GUN and pellets, cost 23/0, nearly new; exchange Roller cocks, Norwich cocks or hens; approval; birds first.—Butcher, Square, St. George's, Oakengates.

EXCHANGE 5-chamber, heavy (Colt new 4) revolver, for good yellow Yorkshire hen; approval both ways; bird first.—Hutton, 112, Clarendon-rd., Southampton.

JACOBIN cock Strawberry Magpie cock, Black, from winners, rung '08; sell, or exchange for good Crested Yellow ben; approval.—Harper, Kimberley House, Oldmeldrum.

CENTENARY edition The National Burns, 15 vols., with plates, new; exchange 1907 Yellow var. Norwich cock.—Campbell, Dunears Buildings, Church-st., Inverness.

EXCHANGE 36 6d. parts "Cassells' Dante's Vision," illustrated 136 plates, for Common Norwich hens, or a winning British; offers.—Hunt, Thompson-st., Bilston.

BLUE Chequered Homer cock, two Silver Chequered hens, parents cost £10, 4/- each, worth £1 each; must part; exchange Canaries; offers.—Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering.

AUTOMATIC halfpenny slot sweetmeat, three draws, perfect, hang anywhere, cost £2 10s., sell 15/-, or exchange British and Canaries.—J. Groom, 123, Camden-grove, Peckham.

ONE Belgian hare doe, winner, one White Leghorn cockerel; exchange double breeders or small Foreigners, seed-eaters; offers.—E. Hazeldine, Marshalls-rd., Raunds, Northants.

WHAT offers in Canaries or fowls for Edison Gem phonograph; also eighty Black and White Budget, 2d. edition of the Boer War, in good condition.—Bartlett, Tailor, Woodstock, Oxon.

PAIR of clap nets, 15 feet, sell 7/6; and pianoharp, cost 30/- recently, sell 12/6; or exchange Norwich or Crest-bred hens.—Luken, 8, Hastings-st., East Cramlington, Northumberland.

ENLARGEMENTS done from any kind of photographs, in exchange for birds, cages, seed, etc.; best workmanship guaranteed; approval both ways.—B. Hall, 48, Mordern-rd., Newport, Mon.

GOOD heating apparatus, work by gas or oil; exchange for Buff Cinnamon-marked or Green Yorks. hens, or sell 15/-; no rubbish taken or given; hens first.—Baker, Ada-st., Saltaire, Bradford.

EXCHANGE pair winning show Homers, for a winning cock Hawfinch, or two large yellow muling hens, or a short-face almond tumbler hen; or sell. 30/-.—Whiteford, Orchard-st., Hamilton.

BOOTS, leggings, blankets, sheets, overcoats, overything for home, given in exchange for Canaries, and British birds, cages, etc.; stamp reply.—Exchange Co., 30, Woollen-st., Sheffield.

CHALLENGE Gramophone, sound arm, 20 10-inch records, nearly new; offers Canaries; birds first; pretty Colley cross, good house dog, given to good home.—Norton, Station-rd., Winslow, Bucks.

HAVING lost my arm, must sell back-pedalling brake gent.'s bike, 35/-, or exchange cock Mules, Linnet or Goldfinches, to value; no rubbish.—Moore, 98, Brett-rd., Stonebridge Park, Harlesden.

WILL exchange, on seven days' approval both ways, British constabulary revolver, nearly new, for pair of high-class German Rollers, club rung preferred.—Jackson, 1, Hereford-st., Nelson, Lancs.

YORKSHIRE and Roller hens wanted; exchange five-chamber revolver, with accessories, in mahogany case, 21/-; six volumes of the Franco-Prussian War, in red cloth, by Elilias Rich.—5, Davey-rd., Perry Barr.

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SALE or exchange Fox Terrier bitch, 18 months, three dog pups, 10 weeks, cock Chaffinch, hen Greenfinch, both house-moulted, Singer's treadle sewing machine, few breeding cages.—Offen, Cotheath, Maidstone.

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WILL exchange good pair of birds for muling, white-legged cock Goldfinch and good buff hen Canary, for good specimen cock Redstart; approval each way.—Wagg, Queen Adelaide, North-st., Sneinton, Notts.

FOR Sale.—Black Spaniel bitch, six months, 15/-; approval. Also Fox Terrier bitch, two years, good worker, quiet with children; same approval; 10/-; or exchange for good Roller Canary.—Salt, Park-st., Alfreton, Derby.

**Advertisements continued on page 40.**

## CROOK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

General meeting held January 2nd, at the Royal Oak Inn. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. R. Winter; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Atess and Thos. Hemmingway; secretary, Wm. Rutherford; assistant-sec., Mr. J. Lumsden. Thirteen new members joined during the meeting.—WM. RUTHERFORD, Sec.

## HULL C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held at the Oddfellows' Hall on January 4th, when a large number of members attended. Mr. Potter reported that, after all accounts for the year had been paid, we should have a balance in band, but owing to the non-attendance of one of the auditors, he was unable to present a signed balance-sheet, but would do so at the February meeting. Mr. T. Perkins was declared the winner of the cup for most points gained by a member at all shows throughout the year (champion section), Mr. Pepper (late holder) being only 5 points behind, with Mr. Calam very close up as third. The cup in the novice section was won by Mr. Oliff, after a very good tussle with Mr. Potter. It was decided to hold the open show on November 19th and 20th, this being the samo date as last year's. The election of officers, which was by ballot, resulted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. George W. Oliver; vice-chairman, Mr. Tom Perkins; hon. treasurer, Mr. Howe; committee, Messrs. Barwick, Brumby, Harland, Kling, Pepper, Potter, Stamford, and Stones; auditors, Messrs. Chapman and W. Sowden; delegate to C.B.U., Mr. Jesse Calam.—ERNEST R. RIDLEY, hon. secretary, 19, Lambton Street, Hull.

## JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges Terms for insertion on application.

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**J. C. BARNES,** 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

**ALB BENTLEY,** 13 and 15, Blackburn-road, Great Harwood Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; over 20 years' experience as breeder and exhibitor; terms moderate.

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**S. W. BIRCHLEY,** Altrincham, Cheshire, Specialist Judge British birds and Mules; life experience; terms moderate.

**J. W. BRUCE,** Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

**W. G. BULL,** , Victoria Road, Redfield, Bristol. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

**W. A. COWGILL,** 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

**A. G. DAVIS,** Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.

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**GEO. GARDNER,** 11, Haverstock Road London, N W Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds

**C. A. HOUSE,** 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

**R. LAMBIE,** 29 and 31, East Main-street, Whitburn, N.B. Judge of all varieties cage birds; specialist in Borders, Crests, and Crest-breds; 20 years' experience.

**F. MARWOOD,** 1, Barnard Street, Thornaby-on-Tees Mules, British and Foreign; British a speciality. 18 years exhibitor. Terms moderate.

**W. R. MILES,** The Aviaries, Chichester, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

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**J. PATTERSON,** Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

**J. H. PAYNE,** 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

**C. E. SILK,** The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of Canaries and all Cage Birds. Life experience.

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Fourth Annual Open Show. (C.B.U.R.). Out of 25 classes only two entries received. Are we not deserving of better support than this. Fanciers' will you kindly help? This is a genuine appeal. See last week's issue for review of schedule. Will accept first post Monday morning. **J. GRIFFITHS, 3, Glyn Terr., Tredegar, Mon.**

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**HAWESWEN, WORCS.** 7th Annual Open Show. C.B.U. Rules. **Jan. 21 & 22.** A chance for the Novices. 14 open classes. Judge; Harrison, Belper. Prize money last day on appl. to Sec. Office. **Entries short, acc pt ast post Monday.** Schedules from **CHAPMAN, Townsend, Hawesewen.**

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**SHOW OF CAGE BIRDS**

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**CORK** and Provincial Cage Bird Society's Annual Show of Canaries British and Foreign etc., will be held on **Wednesday, 27th and Thursday, 28th January, 1909.** 45 Classes. Judge: H W Battye, Esq. Entries close, **Jan. 20th. M. O'KEEFFE, Fair Ville, College Road; S. O'REILLY, Frida Ville, Highfield Avenue;** Hon Secs.

**KNARESBOROUGH** & Dis. Open Show of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies and Cage Birds on JANUARY 28TH, 1909. Popular Judges, numerous specials. Schedules apply:— **J. W. HALL, Forest Lane, Knaresborough.**

**BRADFORD EAST O.S.**

1st Annual Show Canaries, will be held on **January 30.** Judge, A. Hirst, Esq., Accrington, £50 in Prizes. Open to the United Kingdom. Massive Silver Rose Bowl, for Best Unlighted Bird, Entries Close Tuesday, January 26th. Schedules from H. Hill, Secretary, 31, St. Stephens Road, West Bowling, Bradford.

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3rd Annual Open Show, **FEB. 5th. 1909.** Poultry, Pigeons, Cage Birds, Rabbits, Cats &c. Numerous classes and specials. Three silver cups. Judges. R. Cape, Dr. Stephens, R. Bowker. Entries close, **JAN. 30th.** Schedules &c. **MATHIAS & EVANS, Secs. Strand, Cardigan.**

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Entries close February 20th, 1909

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## TWITTERINGS.

I am a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS, and enjoy it very much, writes Mr. Thos. Swift (Stafford).

I think CAGE BIRDS one of the very best papers for advertisers any person could get hold of.—D. FLOCKHART (Bonnyrigg).

I could not supply my hens as advertised in your paper to all inquirers, the demand being too great.—S. T. JONES (Lynton).

I have removed from Mary's Place, New Scaboro', writes Mr. J. Hill, and my new address is 20, Alma Street, Wombwell.

I have to inform you, writes Mr. G. Fuller, the secretary, that it has been found necessary to cancel the Hampshire House Bird Show.

Derwent Valley Show report in the crested class states, 3rd, Routledge, writes Mr. J. Hands (Ryton). This should read 3rd Hands.

I have just received an order from New Zealand through my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. T. B. Wrigglesworth (York).

Every week CAGE BIRDS is a budget of useful and pleasant reading, and I owe my success in a large way to it.—A. S. BAWN (Bristol).

In the Yellowhammer class at Llanelly Show, I won second prize, writes Mr. John Davies (Cardigan), and not Messrs. Ford and Son.

I look upon "Cage Birds Annual" as a very instructive book and a boon to all fanciers.—D. BLACK, secretary Glasgow and Dis. Derby O.A.

CAGE BIRDS is the bird fancier's liberty paper, and has done more to place the Fancy on a sound foundation than anything else.—J. M. MACDONALD (Wallsend).

Kindly discontinue my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Hunt (Nottingham), as I have received more orders for birds through it than I am able to supply.

We hear from Mr. Morgan Lewis (Haverfordwest), that owing to his removal to the country, he is compelled to dispose of his stock of winning Yorkshire Canaries.

The financial statement of the City of Glasgow O.A. for 1908 shows a balance of £105, which reflects great credit on the capable officials of that go-ahead society.

"Cage Birds Annual' has been a great help to me. I wish CAGE BIRDS also every success, for it is the best birdie paper of the day.—GEO. WALKER secretary of the Brechin C.B.S.

Llanelly Show report in the Yorkshire clear yellow or buff hen class reads: 1, T. Williams. This should read 1, Jones, as I won this in a class of eight.—JOHN JONES (Treherbert).

Kendal Show report credits Mr. Heywood with 1st in class 14, Novice cock, whereas I received first in this class, and the remarks apply to my bird.—H. WILKINSON (Lancaster).

"Cage Birds Annual" is a handy and complete fanciers' directory, and I am sure the Fancy is well served in having such a book and at such a modest sum.—JOHN YOUNG (Rutherglen).

Kindly mention, writes Mr. Bernard Hollins (Hull), that I require all wholesale dealers and manufacturers to send their trade lists, as I intend adding a large wholesale department to my business.

At Rochdale Show, which will be held on October 22nd and 23rd, we hear that Mr. C. A. House will again be one of the judges, making the eighteenth occasion upon which he has officiated there.

Kindly note that I have been appointed secretary of the Leeds Roller Canary Club, writes Mr. Thos. W. Walton. All communications for the society should be addressed to me at 20, Cecil Grove Armley, Leeds.

Kindly note the change of secretaryship of the Blackburn and Dis. Lark F.A., writes Mr. Robt. Airey. I have been appointed to that position, and my address is 62, Franklin Street, Blackburn.

We are holding our annual meeting on January 23rd, at 25, Albion Street, at 8 p.m., writes Mr. G. E. Spencer, hon. secretary Tamworth and Dis. C.B.S. Anyone interested in the Fancy we should be pleased to welcome.

All communications in connection with the Dulwich O.S., writes Mr. Mazzoni, late joint secretary, should be addressed to Mr. S. J. Kent, 156, Underhill Road, East Dulwich, London, S.E., who is now the hon. secretary.

There was a mistake in our catalogue, writes Mr. J. Holroyd, secretary Gt. Horton O.S. It only makes one point difference to the two concerned. Class 22 reads: Hobson Lodge commended: this should have been A. Livesey, No. 4.

We are holding a whist drive and dance in the Andrews' Lesser Hall, Queen Street, on January 22nd, writes Mr. W. Sampson, secretary Cardiff C.B.S. The proceeds are in aid of our show funds, which sustained a loss of £15.

We are hound to extend date of entries closing to first post Monday morning, January 18th, writes Mr. J. Griffiths, secretary of the Tredegar F. and F.S. Show. Up to the time of writing I have only received two entries. Will fanciers please help?

Report of the Scottish National Show credits me with winning the Novice B.F.C.C. Medal, but it was the open medal that I won, writes Mr. Dan O'Connell (Swansea). I wish CAGE BIRDS every success at it enters upon another year's work.

A Cage Bird, Poultry, and Pigeon Society, writes Mr. John Walters, has been formed in Waunarlwydd. All fanciers interested should be present at the next meeting, which will be held at the Masons' Arms on Saturday, January 16th, at 7 p.m. sharp.

## OBITUARY

**MR. JOSEPH HODGSON (Pelton, Co. Durham.)**

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. Lance Hall. hon. secretary of the Pelton and Dis. C.B.S., that I have to announce the death of one of our members, Mr. Joseph Hodgson, of Pelton, County of Durham He only took to his bed through a severe attack of pneumonia on Thursday, January 7th, and he passed away on January 9th, aged 37 years. I am sure all fanciers in the district will join us in sympathy with the widow.

The Leigh and Dis. C.B.S. have a substantial balance in hand for 1909, writes Mr. R. H. Davies, the hon. secretary. All intending new members and friends are invited to a washing exhibition to be held at headquarters, Railway Hotel, on January 20th, at 7.30 p.m.

Entries for Halesowen Show, to be held on January 21st and 22nd, are very short, writes Mr. Chapman, the hon. secretary. The date has, therefore, been extended to last post, Monday, January 18th. Will fanciers please rally round and make the show a success?

I have just had word, writes Mr. Thos. Pope, hon. secretary Western Counties O.S., from the Great Western Railway, that they will run an excursion on Friday night, February 5th, to London for the Crystal Palace Show, from stations in Cornwall and Devon. Particulars will appear shortly.

[illegible] that owing to business exigencies I am reluctantly compelled to resign my post as secretary of the Clapham and Dis. C.B.A., writes Mr. Stephen H. W. Baker. Mr. A. C. Askew, of 152, Manor Street, Clapham, an enthusiastic fancier and breeder of Hybrids, was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy. All communications should in future be sent to him.

The letter written by Messrs. Shearn and Owens to Mr. Maggs, secretary of the Bristol F.A., and published in CAGE BIRDS of December 12th last, has attained considerable celebrity. One or two of the more remarkable of the, shall we say, vigorously worded sentences therein have attracted the attention of "Mr. Punch" who quotes them in his issue of December 26th last, and many journals up and down the country have copied them from the pages of our national humorist.

**READERS**

should make certain they get the art supplement and three coloured plates, viz., "Two Wee Gems," "A Family Party of Goldfinches," and "Foreign Birds for Beginners," with their Birthday Number.

Owing to a tremendous rush of advertisements at the last moment, reports of several society meetings, members' shows, and other items, have had to be held over until our next number, in which we hope to print all of them. We regret the delay in giving them publicity, and ask our readers' kindly forbearance.

I have resigned the position of secretary to the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S., writes Mr. Sam M. Clayton. The position has been taken up by Mr. F. Rayner, 312, Halifax Road, Rochdale, to whom all communications must now be addressed. Will other secretaries please note?

We hear that the following are the winners of the Aitchison specials for most points in Norwich at the recent Scottish International Show by exhibitors not resident in Scotland: Yellow cocks, Mr. Sam Cook 15 points; hens, Messrs. Cleminson and Taylor 12; buff cocks, Mr. Tom Seed 22; and hens, Mr. Alf. Grey, 25.

Mr. A. E. Garton has resigned the secretaryship of the Hyson Green C.B.S. (Nottingham) through pressure of business, writes Mr. Wm. Cottingham, and I have been elected to fill the vacancy. All matters relating to the Society should be addressed to me at 9, Peveril Street, Nottingham.

In our schedule there is an error in the special prize list, writes Mr. E. Broadley, hon. secretary of the Windhill, Shipley and Dis. O.S. It says 2s. 6d. will be given for most points in each class; this should have read: "except class 15." And in the extra specials it reads 15 to 20, 21, and 22; this should have read: "16 to 21 and 22 and 23."

Entries for our show are very short; in fact, up to time of writing I have only received five entries, writes Mr. J. G. Leech, hon. show secretary of the Dudley and Dis. C.B.S. We have therefore been compelled to extend entries to Monday morning's post, January 18th. Will fanciers kindly help? There is good prize money and no less than 43 specials.

I notice you mention, writes Mr. F. A. Watt (Banff), that I was 15 hours on the journey from Banff to the Scottish National Show. I was, however, 20 hours on the way, instead of 6 (the usual time occupied), and included in the 20 was a walk through snow for 6 miles to get a connection on the main line, the branch line being blocked. Best wishes to CAGE BIRDS for 1909.

Respecting the recent Inverness Show, writes Mr. Edward Todd, jun., in certain circles it is believed that I am the author of the letters signed "A. Ross." Will you please be good enough to state that such is not the case, as I have neither the time nor the inclination to write to the press regarding such matters, and cannot see how such a method could possibly rectify them.

The members of the Liverpool O.S. (at headquarters, 64, Shaw Street), also any fanciers who may wish to be present have been promised by Mr. J. S. Clinch, of Liverpool, on Tuesday, January 19th, at 8 p.m., a lecture and discussion on that very interesting subject "Mendelism," writes Mr. Hillmen, joint secretary; this being a new departure, I think, we hope to see a good attendance.

A win at the Jubilee Show will increase the value of an exhibitor's stock by 25 per cent. Exhibitors' attention is invited to the limit and extra stock classes. Hundreds of visitors to the Palace Show come to buy good stock birds at reasonable prices. Hitherto the demand has exceeded the supply. Exhibitors should see that the supply is equal to the demand this year, and enter all their surplus stock in the limit and stock classes.—(ADVT.)

Will you kindly inform your readers, writes Mr. W. R. Murrell, that the cage-bird section of the Spalding Show (January 21st) is being held under C.B.U. rules, with 18 classes, and that, although I have been compelled through pressure of business to give up the secretaryship, I shall personally steward the cage birds? Exhibitors may, therefore, rely upon having their birds well looked after. Entries are short and have been extended to January 18th.

About a month ago I had an advance sample given to me of Fox Bros.' "Egg Food," writes Mr. E. S Lugg (Lewisham), chairman of the Lewisham C.B.S. I have since given this a fair test and find it all that they claim for it. A sixpenny tin contains 50 per cent. of pure egg and 50 per cent. of biscuit, and being so easy to prepare it must certainly revolutionise the fanciers' ways. There is no doubt it will be a boon to the cage-bird Fancy. I hear they (Fox Bros.) are in negotiation with Mr. Ramsden for a stand at the forthcoming Jubilee Palace Show, and should advise fanciers to call and secure a sample tin and so try it for themselves.

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### Wanted.

For the purposes of "Cage Birds Annual" we should be pleased to learn whether the following societies are still in existence or not: Horwich and Dis. C.B.S., Holytown, New Stevenson and Dis. O.S., and Keswick and Dic. C.B.S. Particulars will be welcomed.

We should be glad if Messrs. H. Turtle, secretary Bath and Dis. F.A.; J. Gray, secretary, Cambuslang and Dis. C.B.A.; E. Charles, secretary Elsecar Linnet S.S.; C. J. Robinson, secretary Hanley and Dis. C.B.S.; R. Dearlove, secretary Hull Linnet F.A.; D. Campbell, secretary Kirkintilloch C.B.S.; G. Henderson, secretary Sacriston and Dis. C.B.S.; M. Dobson, secretary Skiningrove Linnet S.S.; and E. Spranklin, sec. Somerset O.S., will kindly forward to us particulars of their respective societies, as we do not appear to have their addresses. Or will any members kindly oblige with the addresses of the respective secretaries?

## "CAGE BIRDS" BLACK CANARY PUZZLE.

### Can you solve the Mystery?

**Half-guinea cash for the reader who is successful.**

A novel picture puzzle appears on our first page this week. In the small squares lie hidden three Canaries, the parts which go to their making having been all jumbled up by our artist. We offer a

**Cash Prize of Half a Guinea**

to the reader who cuts out the squares and pastes them on paper, or cardboard, so arranged as to exactly reproduce the original picture of the three Canaries before it was "jumbled." Each square will be found numbered. The key to the precise arrangement of these squares (as given by the artist) is locked in the Editor's desk. The prize will go to the reader who succeeds in pasting the squares in the same order as appears on this key, the finished whole being a picture, as afore-mentioned, of three Canaries. In the event of none accomplishing this, the prize will go to the effort nearest the said key; or if two or more readers successfully solve the puzzle, to the one who sends in his attempt the most neatly arranged.

One hint we will give competitors. In the puzzle, four squares will be found "missing" at the top left-hand corner, but it must not be thought that they are necessarily to be missing from this particular place in the finished attempt—on the contrary they fit into various parts.

### Introduce this fascinating puzzle to all your friends.

All attempts should be packed flat, and must reach us not later than first post, Thursday, January 28th next, when the competition closes.

**COPIES OF THE PUZZLE printed on cardboard may be had post free for three-halfpence in stamps, or four copies three-pence post free from the Manager, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet street, London, E.C.**

The "Jubilee" Palace Show will be in a way my coming of age as a judge, writes Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield). it being 21 years on February 18th next since I judged my first show, that show being the first one held by the Windhill Ornithological Society. The committee of management consisted of Messrs. John, Matt, and Miles Broadley, T. Atkinson, E. B. Denton, T. Whitely, with J. K. Pratt as secretary. The principal winners were Messrs. Holmes, Hodgson, M. Broadley, W. Watmough, Chartley Whiting, Sutcliffe, and Tawthorp. There was issued the very modest schedule of 6 classes, 4 for Yorkshires, which had an entry of 61, 1 for Cinnamons with 6 entries, and 1 for Norwich with 9 entries.

### "Two Wee Gems."

Mr. Norman's painting, "Two Wee Gems," which appears in this issue, was executed direct from two birds lent for the purpose by that famous breeder and exhibitor of Border Fancy Canaries, Mr. H. Bennet, of Kelso, whose kindness in loaning two such grand birds, and risking the long railway journey to London, we acknowledge with grateful appreciation.

### Early or Late?

An unusual find for this time of the year was made by Mr. Richard Baker, who, when going round his fields at Quarry Bank, Little Drayton, discovered a newly-built Thrush's nest, containing four eggs. The nest was left undisturbed, and the hen bird is still to be seen hovering in the vicinity, but it is hardly likely that the eggs will be successfully hatched.

### Yorkshire Canary Club.

It will doubtless be of interest to the members and Yorkshire fanciers generally to hear who are the leaders in the various competitions promoted by the Y.C.C. In the 20-guinea Yorkshire Challenge Cup the competition has been very keen (at the end of the 9th round with one to go—Crystal Palace—but two points separate the leaders. Of a possible 135 points, Messrs. Bailey and Swanger have scored 129 points, Mr. W. H. Shackleton 127 points. Mr. E. Radley comes next with 57 points, and Mr. J. Wilcock is fourth with 50 points. The competition for members residing outside Yorkshire: 1st, Mr. W. Broughton (last year's winner), 169 points; 2nd, Mr. G. W. Cuthbertson, 75 points; 3rd, Mr. H. Foden, 31 points. Ramsden's Cup and money specials, up to and including Keighley Show (four still to go): here again the fight has been very keen, there being quite a number of members in the running up to date: 1st, Messrs. Ogden Bros., 61 points; 2nd, M. Peel, 58 points; 3rd, W. Wadsworth (last year's winner). 54 points; 4th, Amblers, 44 points; 5th, H. W. Walsh, 42 points. Intermediate and Novice Competition (smoker's cabinet, etc.): 1st, W. Peel, 54 points; 2nd, H. W. Walsh, 42 points. Novices: 1st, Messrs. Shaw Bros., 24 points; 2nd, J. Robertshaw, 23 points; 3rd, Tom Wood, 18 points. CAGE BIRDS Specials Competition for the amateurs of the Y.C.C.: 1st, H. H. Towers, 31 points; 2nd, Shaw Bros., 24 points; 3rd, J. Robertshaw, 23 points; 4th, P. Drake and Son, 21 points.—JOHN GREAVES, hon. secretary and treasurer.

*Photo. Copyright]* *[by A. E. Freeman.*

## THE EVOLUTION OF A CANARY.

THIS remarkable series of photographs—we believe it unique—very successfully shows the development of a Canary from the moment of hatching until it reaches the age of twenty-four days. The Roller is the particular member of the Canary family who "sat" for the skilful photographer. In the first picture we see the nestling with part of the egg-shell still on it, and with the down upon its body moist and clotted. At the age of four hours the down has dried, and appears soft and fluffy. The rapidity of the young bird's growth is strikingly evidenced in the succeeding pictures. When it is a week old the coming feathers can plainly be discerned. At nine days the marking ring, it will be seen, has been slipped over its leg; and later it is clearly discernible. At fifteen days the bird is getting well fledged, the tail showing plainly. Traces of the nestling down remain clearly visible about the head even on the seventeenth and twenty-first days. At the twenty-fourth day the young bird is able to look after itself and attend to its own wants.

# MY OUTDOOR AVIARY AND ITS INMATES.

By ALFRED LADENBURG.

MY aviary consists of a small glass structure intended originally for a greenhouse, and is built on a small suburban plot of ground. It faces south-west, and is 12ft. long by 8ft. wide by 10ft. high, sloping to 8ft. I have divided it into two compartments of roughly 7ft. and 5ft. The larger division has an open-air flight 6ft. long by 8ft. wide by 12ft. high, and the smaller 6ft. long by 6ft. wide by 8ft. in height. I would have preferred the former flight at any rate longer, but the exigencies of space forbade. In the larger space I keep different representatives of the Weaver and Whydah families; the smaller I reserve for hard-billed, so-called ornamental Finches—the Wax-bills and Mannikins—about all of which I shall presently speak at some length. The floor is partly boarded and well sanded, and partly fresh earth in which grow ferns and ivies, the latter plant being specially suitable for growing in an aviary. The walls of the smaller compartment are hung with a variety of sleeping places, nesting boxes, etc. These, by the way, can easily be made out of old cigar boxes, or from the little cages in which one buys these small birds at the dealers; a cocoanut shell also provides a cosy sleeping place.

In one corner of the larger compartment, with not much trouble and with still less expense, I have erected a rockery made from the waste of brick kilns, technically called "burrs." This rock-work bounds one side of the aviary, and encircles a basin into which a fountain plays; the water also flows down from above in a small cascade. Borders of virgin cork run round the sides, and help to give the aviary a finished and neat appearance. The two flights are turfed, and round the edges are planted geraniums and flowering plants, which I find the birds do not harm in the least. In each flight also is planted a small tree with plenty of branches, and inside there is an abundance of boughs and perches of different kinds. The seed I give in open pans, and the water by means of the fountain and shallow vessels. To sum up, I have tried to provide as much variety as possible in a limited space.

A VIEW OF THE EXTERIOR

**An Aviary, built with inexpensive materials, which affords one a glimpse of the splendours of the Tropics.**

Now, I am well aware that a glass-house is far from an ideal habitation for birds, being too subject to changes of temperature, the atmosphere being hot in summer, and cold in winter. The open flights and a sun blind, however, partly obviate the first objection, while as to the second I use a gas stove, of which more anon. On the other hand, an advantage of the glass-house is the better light the occupants of such an aviary enjoy, and the corresponding ease with which they may be observed, both in winter and summer.

### *CONCERNING SOME OF THE INMATES.*

Now with regard to the inmates. I confine myself, as I have already said, to the easily procurable seed-eating Finches. I have at present a little over forty birds in all. In the larger portion of the aviary I keep Bishops, resplendent at the present time (September) in their breeding plumage of bright yellow and black; crimson Madagascar Weavers, Masked and Baya Weavers; Paradise and Pin-tailed Whydahs; a Combassou and a red-shouldered Whydah. In the smaller compartment I have Avadavats, Bronze-Wings, Black-headed Nuns, Orange Cheeks, Spice-Birds, Zebra Finches, Zebra Waxbills, Common African Waxbills and Cutthroats; also a pair each of Pectorella and Long-tailed Grass Finches. Far be it from me, however, to suggest that to keep foreign birds it is necessary to do so on as large a scale as this. But anyone who has room for a cage can at least keep one couple of the smaller foreigners, though, of course, the advantage gained by their being allowed room for flight is incalculable.

Now a word as to the desirability of the different kinds. To a novice who has only room or money for one or two pairs, I would unhesitatingly recommend either the Avadavat, the Bronze-Wing, or the Zebra Finch. They are all hardy birds, and cheap, a pair of the two first-named costing as little as 1s. 6d. The Avadavat is a sprightly little bird, and the male, when in colour, is very beautiful in his crimson dress with white specks; he has, too, a sweet, trill-like song. The Bronze-Wing, though perhaps hardly such a pretty bird as the Avadavat when in colour, has a coat which shines in parts with a bright metallic lustre. He is lively to the verge of impudence, and knows no fear. It is a sight to see him disperse a perchful of birds nearly double his size, though his diminutive stature prevents him from doing any mischief. His love-making antics, too, are most comical. Singing vigorously the while, and bracing up his little body, he hops up and down on the same spot a few times, then suddenly makes a furious dart at the object of his affections, who usually flies precipitately to another twig, pursued by the male, who gravely repeats his performance. It may be here noticed, as an interesting fact, that, in common with other Mannikins, his vigorous singing is almost entirely inaudible to our human ears, but no doubt the vocal effort is duly appreciated by his mate. The Zebra Finch, though a trifle more expensive than the two previously mentioned, is also well within the limits of a modest purse. The male is a very beautiful little fellow, and he has a curious little song, which may be almost likened to a fairy bugle note.

THE FOUNTAIN AND THE ROCKERY.

**A beautiful effect obtained by a trifling expenditure on waste burrs, ferns and other plants.**

I have said nothing of the tiny Zebra Wax-bill with his beautiful reddish, golden breast when in colour; of the Spice-birds with their rich brown markings; of the Ribbon Finch, of the Cut-throat, whose red streak under the chin earns him this ominous appellation, and who possesses a delicious gurgling song; of the Parson or Long-tailed Grass Finches in their delicate harmony of French grey, fawn and black. I may mention that I have also kept Nonpareils, Cordon Bleus, Lavender and Fire Finches, but consider them all rather too delicate for an outdoor aviary, though they would doubtless do well in a warm room. I am afraid, too, the price of the exquisitely lovely Gouldian Finch is beyond the reach of most of us.

### *THE WEAVER AND WHYDAH FAMILIES.*

To come now to the Weavers, etc., I must confess I can hardly write dispassionately of these birds. To anyone with a little more room than the ordinary cage affords I can unhesitatingly recommend them.

The ordinary Weaver is also only a small bird as size goes, about four or five inches in length, but his strength, vivacity and energy make him appear, at least to me, larger. He is hardy to a degree, and regularly changes colour in a most remarkable way, the little brown sparrow-like bird of one season a few weeks later being a gorgeous individual in jet black and buttercup yellow, as in the case of the Bishop, or jet black and crimson, as in the case of the Grenadier and Madagascar Weavers, and so on. His wonderful weaving talents, too, are a never-ending source of interest.

The song of the Weaver is powerful, but harsh and strident; and though certainly not melodious in the ordinary sense, it is quite in keeping with the character of the bird. A near relation of the Weaver is the Paradise Whydah, who, as our autumn approaches (corresponding to spring in South Africa, his native country), besides changing from an inconspicuous light brown flecked with black to a jet black with velvety brown shadings round the throat, dons a tail with two central plumes twelve to fifteen inches long.

The Pin-tailed Whydah, too, though not growing quite such a handsome caudal appendage as his relative the Paradise, changes too, as the nuptial season approaches, into a brilliant black and white. The Combassou or Ultramarine Finch, also a Whydah, grows no tail, but turns into a beautiful dark blue. The Whydahs, unlike the Weavers, possess a melodious warbling song. It must not be forgotten, too, that the breeding season over, these tails and brilliant plumage are alike discarded, only to appear with unfailing regularity again the following year. A bird's moult is wonderful enough at any time, but what shall be said when these ordinary sober-looking individuals are thus transformed?

### *NOT AN EXPENSIVE HOBBY.*

There may be some who, after reading these lines, may be anxious to keep foreign birds, but are afraid of the cost of food, etc., and the trouble involved. I can soon set these doubts at rest by saying that all the birds I have mentioned eat practically nothing but a mixture of canary, inga or niger, and millet seed, a little paddy rice or rice in the ear, and spray millet, of which they are all excessively fond. As regards green food, a good plan is to grow the seed in boxes and give it them to pick over, but they thrive even without it: in fact the only treat my birds (who are in splendid condition) really appreciate is the aphides which infest our rose bushes. Then as regards trouble, beyond the ordinary rules of cleanliness, they require practically no looking after.

With regard to the vexed question of artificial heat in an outdoor aviary, I am strongly in favour of it. Acting under the advice given in the columns of CAGE BIRDS, I bought a Clark's Syphon gas stove, and I have found this answer admirably. It does not vitiate the air, and proof of this is that I hardly lost a bird during the whole of last winter. I try not to let the temperature of the aviary go down much below 50 degrees Fahrenheit, and then the birds can be let out for an hour or two in the flights on even the coldest winter days.

*From a drawing] [by H. Norman.*

## THE HAWFINCH: OUR LARGEST BRITISH SEED-EATER.

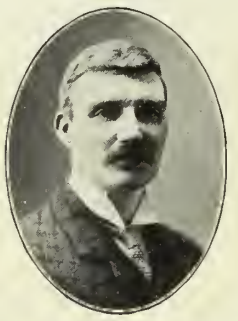
THE Hawfinch has of recent years become very popular amongst bird-keepers, and especially those who go in for exhibiting, as a first-class specimen can always be depended upon to win prizes. The bulky form, the huge beak, and the peculiar wing feathers shaped like a bill-hook, are features that distinguish the Hawfinch, which has no song worthy of the name, and no particular mannerisms. It is very, very shy when in a wild state, frequenting wooded districts, and being seldom seen except by keen observers. In captivity it can be got very tame and confiding, becoming much attached to its owner.

### THREE CLEVER STUDIES OF YOUNG BIRDS

*Photographs by] [Stanley Crook.*

Cuckoo waiting to be fed by its foster-mother, a Meadow Pipit. Song Thrush calling out for its dinner. Magpies view the outlook from branch of tree close beside their nest.

# THE GOLDFINCH AND ITS MANAGEMENT.



By CHARLES PRIOR.

**A Practical Article written to accompany our Coloured Plate, "A Family Party of Goldfinches."**

IT may be stated with perfect safety that, so far as readers of Cage Birds are concerned, interest in the wide-spreading ornithological tree centres itself in that branch which relates to those birds which may be kept in cages. It may further be hazarded with certainty that the lovely coloured plate of Goldfinches presented with to-day's issue will act the part of a breeze, creating a stir ot interest throughout the branch, moving the very twigs and leaves to a rustle and a murmur of delight and approval. As a subject of general interest, the Goldfinch stands without a peer. He is to be met with in the cottage, the villa, and the mansion. His classes at our exhibitions are invariably well filled; their vicinity invariably crowded. He is one of the chief centres of attraction, and he excites the admiration and interest alike of the casual visitor, the enthusiastic novice, the full-fledged expert, and the well-seasoned "old stager." He is represented in their own collections, and he never fails to contribute to their pleasure. All this, too, notwithstanding sundry soft impeachments freely brought against him. He is regarded as unfit to be trusted in the same compartment as his mate when eggs are about; he is often freakish and finnicking in matters of diet; he can shuffle off this mortal coil at will; his very nationality is frequently made ground for disputations. But the one thing that remains unimpeached and unimpeachable is his great and undiminished popularity. His sprightliness, his elegance, his docility, the gay contrasts of his colours, his merry song and his confiding ways make up a combination which proves altogether irresistible.

In Mr. Norman's coloured plate, with characteristic skill this artist-fancier has provided a really delightful picture of a family of Goldfinches—father and his mate, and their two offspring. The task of supplying a few remarks upon them has been allotted to me, and if my pen does the subject a mere modicum of the justice it has received from the artist's brush, then no apology is needed.

## A LADY AND A GENTLEMAN.

The lower figure on the left side is the cock. But, except for the sake of thoroughness, this observation is superfluous. The ample expanse of blaze alone proclaims that fact. Then the black-coloured portions—notably the wing butts, the "moustache," and the back of the head—are black, without any frosting of grey or rust. The beak is, by comparison, a trifle longer and stouter than that of the hen. The head, looked at in profile, is flatter and more elongated. The general attitude is more "pert," the eye bolder, and the colours more vividly contrasted. Of this particular specimen much more than this may be said. He is, in fact, without being impossibly ideal, a tip-top show bird, point by point. He takes the perch at that pleasing angle which is neither stilty nor crouching. His blaze is large and square, of a level crimson colour, which is rich yet bright, and free from blemish of black spots. The black line which divides the upper from the under blaze is dense, and at the same time desirably narrow. The body colour, a rich clear brown, appears to be nicely distributed as to the breast, and extends along the flank almost to the tail; is solid as to the back, and all but reaches to the black crescent at the back of the head. Colours well contrasted (the lighter parts free from an excess of clouding—a serious fault), a pair of well-buttoned wings, and little is left to wish for.

By his side is his spouse, an unusually brightly coloured little lady, fit and worthy mate of her resplendent partner. Note, however, that the blaze, although of a brightness unusual in hens, is of the usual diminutive size. On the top it barely passes the eye; below it distinctly misses it. Observe also the rounder head, the finer beak, the rustier black, the more compact "habit of growth," the slightly dowdier appearance, the milder eye, and the meeker aspect, and the principal sex differences have been passed under review. It should be added, however, that not always are these differences so well defined as in the bonny couple now under notice. Many undoubted cocks would require considerable brightening up to reach the excellence even of this hen, and some are so near the border line as to cause much perplexity even to experienced fanciers. It would be mere juggling with words to attempt to show how these latter may be recognised. Long and keen observation only can breed the faculty of sexing doubtful ones; and old hands are seldom at fault in their decisions. This faculty has a parallel in the facility with which the sex of pigeons, doves, and very young chickens is determined by those who devote their attention to these interesting creatures. It amounts almost to an instinct.

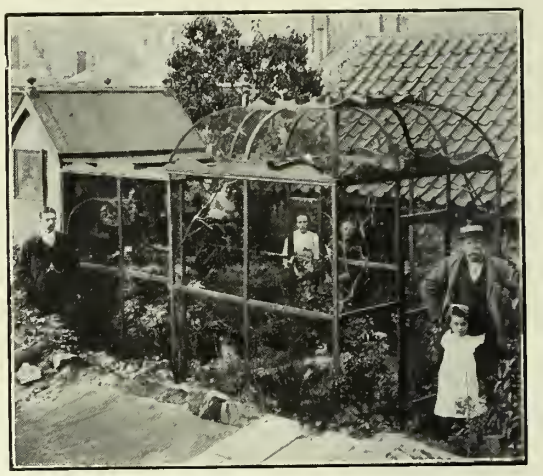
One of our Australian readers, Mr. A. G. Boardman (North Fitzroy), and some of his pets.

This "happy family" is owned by Mr. A. C. Eley (Kentish Town), who states that the cat will not touch any live bird.

## TWO PROMISING BABIES.

Let us now turn to the remaining two figures in the picture. They are young Goldfinches—otherwise Greypates—and it needs no advanced development of the sexing sense, so to speak, to classify them as cock and hen. Little sister, with becoming modesty, is lingering in the background, and has apparently, with befitting industry, set herself the task of extracting seed from the large thistle head to which she is clinging. Even from the distance her female characteristics are easily discernible. There is the rounder head, the shorter, thinner beak, the docile aspect, and the generally greyer appearance. She is the daughter of her mother.

More prominent in the group we see her brother, Goldie Junior. Here, again, although he is yet in nest feather, we have the sure indications of the cock: the longer head, the stouter beak, the blacker shoulder, the richer yellow wing-bars, the greater general brightness, the bolder eye and bearing. Here, also, is the happy medium of pose we observed in his sire. Here is the broad and rising forehead; here the full and unbroken throat line, indispensable to the display of blaze which is soon to appear. Here are the nicely buttoned wings, neatly folded. Here are the very tickings defined with a sharpness far beyond the average; and always, when so defined, the hall mark of quality and colour. Here, in a word, is a gem; an embryo champion, worthy offspring of such a mating. And here is a word of appreciation for the talented artist; for this admirable rendering in colours of what must be a difficult subject will surely rank as one of his very happiest efforts in bird portraiture.



This pretty aviary, which belongs to Mr. Williams, of Kirkcaldy, shows what may be achieved even in an ordinary back-yard. Some descriptive notes will be found on another page.

## WHAT IS THE SOLUTION?

Now to turn in a different direction. Possibly no birdy subject has been more exhaustively treated than the feeding of Goldfinches; and yet the "infallible system" has still to be put on record. There is mystery in it. A dozen Goldfinches may be taken at one snap of the nets. They may all be placed upon exactly the same treatment. Half a dozen will thrive; three will merely exist; three go under. Why is it? Echo answers—why? Why one Goldfinch should be sickly for months on end and then without change of treatment leap into health at a bound is a mystery; why another, who has never ailed at all, should suddenly die without a moment's moping is a mystery; why some few should be able to subsist, and even thrive, for a number of years upon one article of diet only is a mystery—the mystery is so complex that it almost leads one to the conviction that the Goldfinch who has it within him to live cannot be killed, whilst one who "means to die" cannot be saved. Such a conviction, however, must not be entertained. Let us examine a little further.

Wild Goldfinches have access to a very great variety of seeds. Their favourite ones are those of the composite plants—dandelion, groundsel, ragwort, milk-thistle, these are but samples of the host. Then there are the various thistles of autumn; there is knapweed, there is teazel. Tender, delicate seeds, all of these, dainty as the little feeder himself. Easy of digestion, too; of a surety easy of digestion. There is also a great consumption, in season, of minute insect life. Again, easy of digestion: the maximum of nourishment, here, for the minimum of internal effort.

## A MENU BY A NOTED CHEF.

Caged Goldfinches are necessarily denied this comprehensive menu. It is beyond the cunning of man to provide it. Substitutes must therefore be resorted to, these being supplemented as freely as may be from Nature's larder. Here is a sensible and feasible interpretation. Stock mixture ("daily bread"): Equal bulk of teazel and linseed, with a sprinkling of Canary seed added. Separate allowance of hemp seed; one teaspoonful daily to each bird. Here are a few very important don'ts. Don't use seeds that have been visited by mice. Don't use seeds that have the slightest trace of mustiness. Don't use inferior seeds. Don't use dusty seeds. So much for the "daily bread"—now for the titbits. Niger, maw and cracked sunflower seeds; dandelion leaves, dandelion seed-heads; groundsel, knapweed and thistle. Small maggots whenever possible. This is no haphazard bill of fare. It may not be strictly scientific, but it will stand these three tests. Any Goldfinch (unless he has already acquired some perverted taste, from which he should be weaned by degrees) will eat it. If he is constitutionally suited for caged life he will digest it. If

## TWO WEE GEMS.

CLEAR YELLOW BORDER FANCY.

CLEAR BUFF BORDER FANCY.

## A FAMILY PARTY OF GOLDFINCHES.

GREYPATE, HEN.
ADULT, COCK.

GREYPATE, COCK.
ADULT, HEN.

*Photos copyright*] [*by W. S. Berridge, F.Z.S.*

**THE above admirable photographs well illustrate the quaint attitudes assumed by some of our feathered friends at the Zoo when enjoying a sun-bath. The Black Hornbill (seen in the three upper pictures) is a quaint enough looking creature in his ordinary pose, but when "warming his face" on the ground, or opening his wings in sheer delight, one might be excused for thinking him the victim of something bad in the way of fits. The full expansion of the wings seen in the pictures of the Turkey Buzzard (lower right-hand corner), the Rüppell's Vulture (lower centre) and the Pondicherry Vulture (lower left-hand corner) is a common attitude in Vultures sunning. The Pondicherry Vulture depicted has been in the Zoo about twenty years.**

he digests it he will find it of sufficient feeding value. If it can be further supplemented, by all means let it be.

A word or two now respecting those birds which do not thrive. It has been remarked earlier that there are such. It may be, after all, that the vagaries are no vagaries, and the mystery no mystery. Glance again at the tender and succulent nature of the wild bird's diet, and compare it with the "daily bread" of captivity. It stands to reason that the revised bill of fare puts the bird's powers of assimilation to a very severe test. The result is a matter of constitution. Those whose constitutions rise to the occasion are able to assimilate all that they require, even from their stock mixture. They thrive from the very first and are a source of joy indeed. Many are to be helped over the stile by the liberal allowance of "extras"; only needing time to adapt themselves to the changed conditions.

Some few there are, however, whose digestive organs are unequal to the task of extracting sustenance from the ordinary seeds of commerce. They do well enough for an indefinite period if allowed to entirely satisfy their appetites upon the more delicate fare. But this is not always practicable; and it is when they are compelled to turn their attention to more everyday provender that they begin to droop. They eat heartily, ravenously; but their poor little frames remain unnourished, their bodies unsustained. They are constitutionally unfitted for captive fare, they are a source of continual anxiety, and the best remedy is to choose a suitable time and place and set them at liberty. Whether such as these live long to enjoy their freedom, whether even if never deprived of it they would enjoy long life—who shall say? Dame Nature demands that only the fittest shall survive, and it may well be that this inherent delicacy of constitution condemns them to succumb, in times of stress, under her inexorable law.

It is not to be supposed, however, that the percentage of delicate individuals is in the least an alarming one. On the contrary, it is quite small. Nor is it necessary to take affright at every slight indisposition. There may be a hundred and one trifling ailments to which the most robust subjects are liable. It is difficult—nay impossible—to locate the exact trouble, but in all cases temporary sickness seems to bring about a distaste for food, accompanied by "stomach" troubles. The remedy is simplicity itself. Any Goldfinch which, although ordinarily healthy, is observed to be ailing, should have his appetite tempted by an increased allowance of delicacies. The "daily bread" part of his food supply may be temporarily withdrawn. If the weather is cold, and he is kept in unwarmed quarters, he may be taken to a more genial atmosphere. If fine, he may be placed out of doors, in the sun, out of draught, but not without some shelter. In nineteen cases out of twenty an immediate improvement will occur. When it is seen that he is on the high road to recovery, he must be coaxed back again to his everyday conditions.

*(To be continued.)*

Young Gold-crested Wrens about to be fed.

Young Blue Tits just out of the nest.

# THE ELUSIVE BULLFINCH HYBRID:

## MY ATTEMPTS TO BREED IT.

By R. JAMES COOK.

I THINK my motto will have to be "Patience," for unless the would-be Mule and Hybrid breeder has more than the usual amount of patience in his composition he will do well to take up some other hobby—say diabolo, or breeding white mice. More years ago than I care to say I went to see the stock of a fancier living not many miles from my native town (Stourbridge), and there I saw, coveted, and finally bought, a Cock Variegated Canary and Goldfinch Mule. It was not an exhibition specimen, but a very lovely and charming bird, which I may say lived and gave pleasure to myself and family for several years, and was then sold to a friend, and did the same for him for, I think, about five years, when it journeyed to that "Bourne whence no traveller returns."

Is it necessary to say that I was bitten with the idea to breed some like him? But I may as well at once say that I have never bred a Canary-Goldfinch Mule as good as my first purchase. Reliable light Muling hens are very scarce, and if "proved" are no means easy to part from their owners, or to be got cheap; I know I should want a good round sum for a hen which I knew had thrown a good light Mule. Dark Canary Mules are comparatively easy to get; a big Finch and a good big Yellow variegated Norwich hen will do the trick as easily as anything worth having in this world is usually to be got, but now I am going to "cut the cackle and come to the hosses"—that is to say,

### HYBRIDS BETWEEN TWO BRITISH BIRDS.

Somewhere about fifteen years ago I went to a Bird Show at Birmingham (held, I think, at the "Crown Hotel"), where I saw a very fine Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid exhibited by Messrs. Houlton and Chisnall. This bird fired my ambition; was the means of making me take up the breeding of Hybrids. It was a truly grand specimen, of fine size and lovely colour. At that time my bird room was over the kitchen, facing due South. I procured two Bullfinch hens, about Christmas time, and ran a Goldfinch with one, and a Brown Linnet with the other—in separate cages, of course; and, I may say, home made cages, for I was not at that time able to spare much money for investment in swellish fittings. A box from the grocers and a bit of straight tinned wire, combined with not too clumsy fingers will provide a useful breeding cage for sixpence. This has the great advantage of being not too expensive to smash up for firewood when it gets dirty, and a hunting ground for red mite, as all cages will, no matter what they cost. Don't buy a small box; it should be at least two feet six inches long by one foot three inches high by ten inches deep. If a bit larger it will be none the worse, for over-fatness, soft-shelled eggs, and many other evils arise from small cages; and in Hybrid breeding you will encounter enough difficulties without these.

Well, I had my two pairs of Hybrid breeders, and, of course, the rest was simple—or, at least, to my simple mind appeared so. Alas! one's best laid schemes "gang aft agley." Goldfinches and Bullfinches have a knack of speedily making up their minds to depart to their "Happy Hunting Grounds." This is what my Goldfinch did in about the month of March; and the hen Bullfinch not long after him. Never mind, I still had the Linnet and hen Bully, and went on my way, if not rejoicing, at least with a determination to see what they would do. How carefully I tended them! The best of canary and rape seeds were theirs, and, in the early spring, tit-bits of hemp, maw, niger, and teazel. Then when the dandelions began to show I gave them the newly sprouting heart and a bit of the root as well. Later came the blossoms, which you will find they enjoy immensely; then, later still, the seeding heads. Give plenty of these, for I believe they are a most excellent food, and if you will carefully notice the birds out in the fields I am sure you will be convinced, from the eager manner in which they devour them, that they, too, consider them excellent.

Just a word of caution here, if you are a married man, and your room is in the house (as mine was then). You will remember when you were a child blowing the seed from the dandelion heads. We used to call them "One o'clocks," because it only usually took one puff to blow them all out. Well, if you take twenty or thirty heads a day into your bird room, you won't be long getting a pile of "fluff" there, I can assure you. And some day, when you have the door and window open, you may see a cloud of dandelion fluff sailing down the stairs and into the bedrooms. If that should happen, then make your peace with the "Good Lady" as best you can! One may minimise this trouble to a great extent by cutting off the "fluffy" part just above the seed with a pair of scissors. It is best to pick the heads just before they open out.

GREENFINCH-BULLFINCH HYBRID AT THE AGE OF FIFTEEN DAYS.

The flowering heads of groundsel, the seeding heads of the sow or milk thistle, the buds of the hawthorn, crab apple, fruit bushes, etc., or, in fact, anything in the usual green food line will be "received with thanks," and more especially if infested with green fly, or blight (aphides). If you can get any live ants' eggs try the hen Bullfinches with them; but be careful there are no live ants among them, or you will soon be involved in more trouble with the "Missus." I have had Bully hens, too, which were very partial to a small live mealworm.

Don't forget to crush the egg-shells after you have eaten any eggs for your breakfast, and a piece of cuttle fish bone will also be of great service, while sharp grit, of course, you will see the birds have regularly. These things help greatly to ensure properly shelled eggs. Some hen Bullfinches will eat a bit of egg food; try them, it can't do harm. The cock will most likely not look at it twice. But the natural seeds as they ripen will do most good, such as shepherd's purse, plantain, seedy chickweed, and ripe or unripe dock. Last, but by no means least, we have white sunflower seed, which you would do well to slightly crack by rolling a bottle, or the rolling-pin, over it a time or two.

Now let us see how the Linnet and Bully got on. I may say that the Linnet was a house-moulted bird, and therefore fairly steady. At first there were quarrels, but not serious ones. The Linnet did not take much notice of the widely open beak and threatening manner of his lady, and there was no cowardice on his part, which I find is good promise of a better understanding later on. Towards the end of May I was pleased to see the hen asking in her own way to be fed by her husband. A little later she was busy carrying a bit of dry greenstuff about. Then I thought it time to supply a nest-box and some nesting material. I find hen Bullfinches like something fairly strong to build with. I usually cut some coir rope up for them, into lengths of about 3 in., and thoroughly teaze it out.

All went well, and one morning I was delighted to find an egg—not in the rather roughly made nest, but on the floor of the cage. It was uninjured. I carefully removed it, in hopes of more. Nor was I disappointed. She laid six in that batch; only one in the nest. I was fortunate enough to save them all, and also fortunate enough to have ready a hen Canary to put them under. She sat them, but, woe is me! not one was fertile. I should have said that the hen Bully gave no signs of wanting to sit, nor did she ever do so. After she had laid the last egg of her first batch I cleaned out the cage of all nesting material, and nest-box, in the hope that she would have a rest for a few days.

In about a week signs were not wanting that she was ready to go to nest again. I replaced the nest-box and gave nesting material. She built another nest, rather more roughly constructed than the first one. I took the liberty of changing it for one more to my mind, which had been built by a hen Canary and not used. This was done after she had laid the first egg of her second batch on the cage bottom. Again she laid six eggs, but not quite consecutively, and again gave no signs of wanting to sit, although I tempted her with four Canary eggs (unfertile), which I had saved for the purpose. To make things worse, I had no Canary going to nest at that time under which I could put her eggs, except one which had killed (sweated) a family of her own.

*(To be continued.)*

WITH THE FANCIERS OF FAR-AWAY AUSTRALIA.

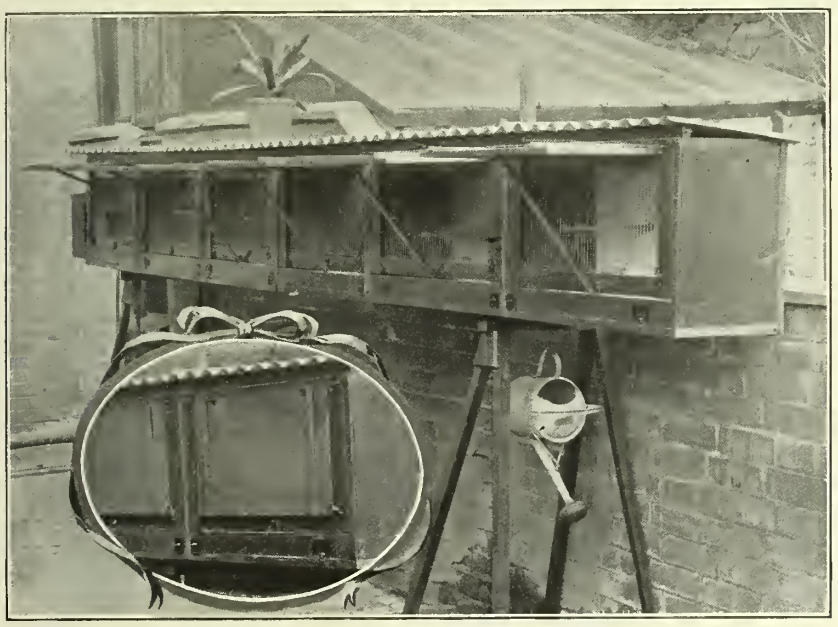
This photograph was taken at the "send-off" given to Mr. W. Elliott on leaving for a distant State. The guest of the evening is holding the silver tea and coffee services, which were presented to him. Seated on his right is Mr. Hagg, President of the Victorian C. S., and on his left Mr. J. Wales, President of the Crest Club and Mr. G. Ward, President of the North Suburban C. S., the Societies concerned in the presentation. Mr. Elliott was the originator of young stock shows in the State of Victoria and also of uniform show cages.

# AN OUTDOOR STOCK CAGE FOR BRITISH BIRDS.

By CHARLES BURROWS.

THE two photos which are published herewith show the cage open, as it is during the day, and closed, as it is through the night. It is both weather and cat-proof, and this is saying a great deal. I think most fanciers who have kept British birds will agree with me that such do much better outdoors than in any kind of bird-room, providing one has a sheltered place and suitable cages for them. Cats we shall always have to contend with, and these being "domestic animals" you need to be careful. The following plan will do away with all risk of hurting the cats, and will effectually keep them away from your birds after they have once "gone through the mill." To make the trap for catching them is not much trouble; you want four boards 30 in. long. Two of these are for the sides, and should be 9 in. wide, and the other two are for the top and bottom, and should be 7 in. wide. Nail these together box shape, and at one end fix iron rods strong enough to keep the cat in at the other end. You want a sliding lid, and to do this you must cut the top board 2 in. shorter than the sides and bottom. Then nail two strips on each side for the lid to work up and down in, and wide enough apart for it to work easy.

You have now to arrange the trigger, which is very simple. Bore a 1-in. hole in the top of the trap about 6 in. from the end with the iron rods in. This hole is to put the hook through to carry the bait, this hook to be made similar to a mouse-trap trigger, only so much stronger and larger. Then fasten a bit of stout wire across the hole to carry the trigger. The lid at the other end will also want a small hole in it about 3 in. from the bottom, so that when the lid is up



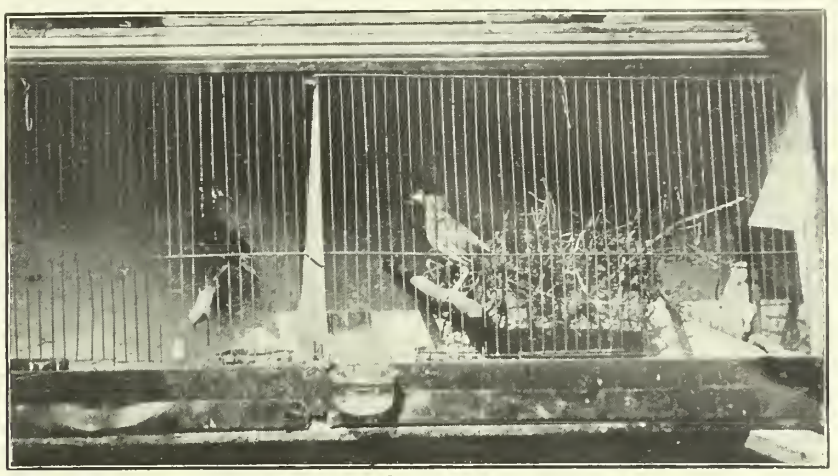
MR. BURROWS' OUTDOOR CAGES.
In large photograph with Shutters open; Inset, with Shutters closed.

this hole will be on a level with the top of the trap. A strong bit of wire will now be wanted, some 8 in. long, with an eye at one end, so that it can be connected with the trigger with string; the point of the wire goes into the hole of the lid to hold it up when set. Two small staples will be wanted to keep this wire in its place along the top of the trap, which must be allowed to work easily. Bait the hook with a fish, and no cat can resist the temptation to go in for it. As she pulls the fish the lid drops down behind her. Dash two or three buckets of water over her through the end of trap, and then let her go. This particular cat will not trouble you again. You may see her on some distant wall, but come near your trap again? Never.

When making this cage the chief things I intended it to cope with were the weather and the cats. Also, I wanted to make it easy to feed and water the inmates, and easy to clean out; to give as little or as much space as the different birds might require, and to be able to catch any bird I wanted without handling it. I don't purpose to go into all the details and measurements of the cage; I hope the pictures will make it plain to anyone who is interested, or who is likely to build on the same lines. I commenced with seven 1-in. grooved and tongued boards, each 14 ft. long and 7 in. wide. I used the full length. Of course, I could have had longer boards, but this length suited my place. I used three boards for the back, which made it 21 in. high, and two boards for the top and bottom, which made it 14 in. deep. At one end is fitted a catch box with two sliding doors and a wire front; the other end is plain. When I had got thus far I made two tressels for it to stand on. Then I had to get enough corrugated iron for the roof, 18 in. deep. This is rather a difficult size to get, so I had some 3-ft. sheets cut into two. A strip of wood, say, 1 in. thick, nailed along the front of cage on top will be found to give the required fall for rain.

I have divided my cage into six sections. Two uprights are wanted at each division, and these must be set wide enough apart for the dividing board to run in. A strip of board 3 in. deep is used between these uprights, fixed to the bottom of cage. Holes are cut through these strips to allow water and food tins to be pushed in from the front; these can be made of any size to suit the owner, mine being 2 by 1½ and 6 in. long. The fronts are in wood frames, each one hangs on two hinges from the top, and is fastened at the bottom with a button. The shutters also hang on two hinges from the top, and when down are fastened with a button. These shutters serve several purposes: they keep out the cold through the night, and the birds are safe from cats, owls, etc.; they can be set open at any angle to keep back rain and cold winds; they also give shade in the summer. The fronts and shutters open independently of each other. Each section is fitted inside with a glass dish for grit, and two perches, all fastened to the back of cage. The dividing boards are made from ½-in. whitewood, which warps very little; they are not painted, but are well oiled with colza oil.

I have had several aviaries and bird-houses, but none has suited my purpose like this one. It is easy to make, and anyone who has an ordinary amount of spare time would not be long making it.



SONG THRUSHES WHICH BRED IN A CAGE.
This pair of Thrushes are photographed in the ordinary breeding cage used; the nest is clearly to be seen. In another column their owner, Mr. W. Downing, fully describes the Interesting occurrence.

# A VISIT TO THE BASS ROCK.

By T. MALLOCH.

WE are swinging in the stern of the "Bonnie Doon" across a long gentle swell towards the towering cliffs of the Bass Rock.

As we pass under the dark rock wall, washed at its base by the green water, the tumult of the winged multitude fills the air, and high overhead a network of birds hangs round the cliffs. Chief among these birds, both in number and in size, is the Gannet, but many screaming Kittiwakes circle round their lofty homes, and Guillemots spin back and forth with arrow-like flights. A closely packed row of the latter birds on one particular ledge seems a permanent feature of the place. Now we are passing the caves, one of which goes right through to the other side of the rock. Passing the other entrance to the cave, where a few "Shags," or Green Cormorants nest, we reach the landing, having circumnavigated the rock. We note the ingenious landing tackle, and having gathered our belongings together (not forgetting the provision basket), we ascend to the lighthouse.

The first sight that delights us is the comical little Puffins watching us from every window and opening in the old ruins of the Fort. They seem quite tame, and are very pretty in their black and white dresses, coral red legs and large, coloured beaks. Our object is to photograph Gannets and so, following our instructions, we descend cautiously "where the smell is strongest," this point being easily found. One staid old bird especially gives every opportunity for a photograph as it sits with beak pointing to the rock and tail outwards, motionless except for a regular movement of the head. Most of the birds have young, as it is the month of July, but several Gannet's eggs are seen lying in the large seaweed nests, and one Guillemot's egg lies on an inaccessible ledge.

A splendid view of the British Fleet is obtained, and a submarine rises and approaches the rock, while others are soon observed in the distance. As these come nearer (they are long shallow objects on the surface, showing a slight disturbance in the neighbourhood of their propellors), hundreds of Gannets leave the

VIEWS OF THE BASS ROCK AND A GANNET SITTING ON HER EGGS.

rock and circle round above them, the only explanation being that the birds mistake them for whales, and therefore suppose that fish will be found in the vicinity. We are told by the lighthouse keeper that when Guillemots or Puffins are seen diving busily, the Gulls gather round, knowing that a shoal of fish is there, and that many of them will be frightened to the surface by the diving birds.

The distinctive cries of the different species are almost drowned in the total volume of sound. We just catch from time to time the syllables "Kittiwak, Kittiwak," uttered distinctly and deliberately far down the cleft, before they are swallowed up in the loud, vigorous "Gurra, Gurra, Gurra," of a great Gannet landing close at hand.

# The Coming "Jubilee" Crystal Palace Show and Some of its Judges.

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VIEW OF A CORNER OF THE 1908 EXHIBITION.

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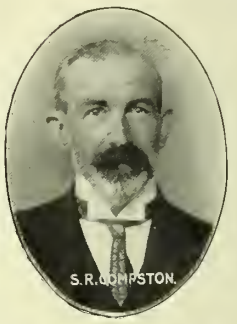
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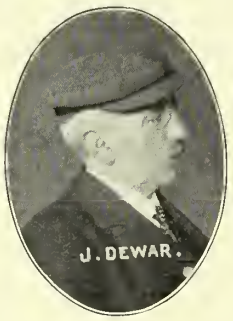
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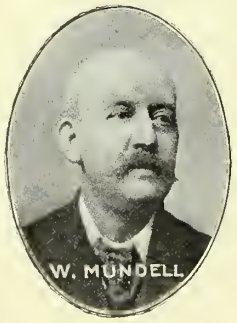
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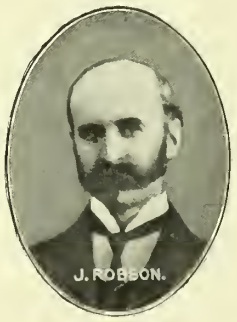
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Nov 19 and 20 **Hull C.B.S.**—(E. K. Ridley, 19 Lambton Street).

## SONG THRUSHES BREEDING IN CAPTIVITY.

By W. DOWNING.

We are happy to say that in their last attempt our pair of Thrushes succeeded in hatching out one young bird. Both birds were hand-reared, and came from the same nest, in fact. The hen began to feed at once on gentles, and bread and milk mixed with crushed hemp. I was away on a journey, and my wife, who is the better fancier of the two, says the hen totally ignored its usual food, but would pick up a gentle while she stood close by the cage to watch. It would carry it to the nest, making a somewhat similar noise to that of the barn-door fowl when she is feeding her chicks. Then it would drop the gentle into the youngster's beak as though it had been in the habit of doing the same all its life.

My wife went first thing the following morning to see how the young one was getting on, when she was astounded to find it dead and partly eaten on the floor of the cage, evidently by a mouse. So our hopes were again dashed, and now we can only wait until next spring, and then have another try, with a mouse-proof cage front.

I think that when you can get Thrushes to mate and breed in an ordinary double Canary breeder, there cannot be any cruelty in keeping birds in a cage if you study their needs. I am sure our birds appear as happy as the day is long, and I think Mr. Law's case and our own are a complete answer to the faddists who cry out so about the cruelty of keeping our feathered pets in cages, and who at the same time, and in all probability, every day wear some part of a bird in their hats. I think it would be better if they studied the habits of our songsters in freedom, and then gave us, who have not the same opportunities, the benefit of their knowledge as to how the birds feed in their freedom, etc. Then we could do better still.

Most of these super-sensitive people either live in the country or in the far-away suburbs where there is bird life in abundance, and consequently plenty of birdie melody each season. We folk, who are penned up in cities cannot get out to hear them there, so we borrow one or two, when we get the opportunity, so that they may sing to us in our homes, and remind us of the days we spent in the country

There is the slaughter of the innocents which begins on the 12th of September each year. How many of these poor birds have to be knocked up out of the coverts before our nobility and gentry can get a shot at them? And, if they have good luck, they may do to death about a thousand birds in a day. They call this sport; I call it slaughter, and altogether different to our keeping a bird to the very best of our ability, enjoying its lithesome singing, reminding us of scenes that are fairer, and air that is purer, than that we get in our big cities.

On page 23 is a photo. of the Thrushes in the breeding cage. Readers will see that the glass drinkers are placed opposite the holes that were made to cover the egg drawers. The birds have been seen frequently by Mr. J. Steele, a member of the committee of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S. They have also been seen from time to time by another committeeman, Mr. J. Hughes, also by Mr Parker and other members of our society and friends.

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## TO READERS ALL.

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### Secretaries of All Societies

devoted to the interests of the cage-bird hobby should send us full particulars of same at once for inclusion in our Alphabetical List of Cage-Bird Clubs. We want the full name of the Society the latest list of its officials, the place and time of meetings and the nights, the entrance fee and the subscription. As this is the **only directory** to those associations catering for cage bird fanciers in existence, no society can afford to be missing from the list. Members themselves should make a point of seeing that their society is included. Secretaries who have changed their addresses should not fail to notify us. We want our list to be thoroughly up-to-date, and thoroughly complete.

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who have officiated at any recognised show can have their name and address inserted in our **list of judges** by sending us particulars on a post card, stating what varieties (if any) they specialise in. There is no charge whatever. Any judge at present on our list who may have changed his address during the past year should notify us at once. This list, remember, is the only complete one of its kind, and is universally consulted by show officials.

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**British Roller C.C.**—Jan. 19, King's Arms Tavern, 128, Bishopsgate Street, 8. Re Palace Show.—Members please attend.—J. W. Norris.
**Bingley and Dist. O.S.**—Jan. 19, Co-op. Rooms, 8. Balance sheet, election of officers, and other important business.—A. Livesey.
**Bradford East O.S.**—Jan. 19, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Lecture, Chat about British Birds, by Mr. H. J. Chittenden; annual show arrangements; election of stewards, etc.—H. Hill.
**Birkenhead C.F.A.**—Jan. 19, Temperance Rooms, 8 Table show of Yorks. and Nor., Clears, and annual meeting and election of officers for 1909. Judge, Mr. Burns.—J. Richardson.
**Belgrave and Dist. F. and F.S.**—Jan. 19, New Inn, Loughboro' Road, 8. Table show of cage birds, A.V. (confined to those in the money at Members' Show). General business. Friends invited.—W. H. Riley.
**Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire C.C.**—Jan. 16, Blue Bell Hotel, Windhill, 5.30 p.m. Committee meeting.—H. H. Towers.
**City of Bradford O.S.**—Jan. 16, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Balance sheet for 1908. Proposed alteration of Yorkshire Union rules, etc.—F. Rhodes.
**Civil Service F.A.**—Jan. 19, "Raglan," Aldersgate Street, E.C., 8.30. Quarterly meeting. "G.U.M.S.," 1908 and 1909, etc.—A. Watson.
**Crewe O.S.**—Jan. 16, Burton Hotel, 8.15. Members' show business, Feb. 13, 1909.—T. L. Hancock.
**Crook Original F. and F.S.**—Jan. 20, Crown Hotel, 7. To arrange table show, election of new members. Fanciers cordially invited.—W. J. Bird.
**Coventry O.S.**—Jan. 20, Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, 8.30. Programme, etc., for 1909.—G. Peters.
**Cardiff and Dist. C.B.S.**—Jan. 21, Maskell's Cafe, Queen Street, 8. General business and pair show.—W. S. Negus.
**Eccleshill C.B.A.**—Jan. 15, Fountain Inn, 8. Entries for members' show, Jan. 16; birds staged at 2. General meeting at night, 7.30. Election of officers for 1909.—T. Elsegood.
**Guisborough and Dist. "Priory" C.B.S.**—Jan. 16, Wear's Cafe, 7. To present balance sheet, and general election; will all members please bring their subscription books.—Atkinson and Wilson.
**Gloucester and Dist. C.B.S.**—Jan. 21, Saracen's Head, 7.30. Pair show; business to follow. — J. Houghton.
**Garston B.B.A.**—Jan. 20, Headquarters, 8. Annual meeting, election of officers, etc.—A. Thompson.
**Great Horton O.S.**—Jan. 23, Butcher's Arms, 8. Election of officers. Presentation of prizes for monthly show, and balance sheets for the past year, and open show.—J. Holroyd.
**Glasgow and Western Counties Club.**—Jan. 30, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30. Election of office bearers; balance sheet, etc.—J. H. Adam.
**Hastings United C.B.S.**—Jan. 21, Royal Oak Hotel, 8.30. Annual meeting; election of officers for ensuing year; also election of judges and halls for annual open show; also for members' show.—A. E. Godden.
**Halifax O.S.**—Jan. 16, Griffin Hotel, 8. Show business.—J. F. Thackray.
**Houghton-le-Spring and Dist. C.B.S.** — Jan. 16, White Swan Hotel, 7.30. Balance sheet and election of officers.—H. Fenwick.
**Hetton-le Hole and Dist. C.B.S.**—Jan. 16, Crown Inn, 7. Annual general meeting and squaring accounts for late show.—A. J. Notley.
**Hamilton (Cadzow) Oak O.S.** — Jan. 16, Royal Hotel, 7.30. Annual business meeting.—A. Cant.
**Highgate, Hampstead and Dist. C.B.S.**—Jan. 22, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W., 8. Election of officers, rules, etc.—G. H. Neal.
**Hull C.B.S.**—Jan. 15, Oddfellows' Hall, Room 12, 8. Adjourned committee meeting, completion of syllabus, 1909.—E. R. Ridley.
**Inverness O.S.**—Jan. 20, Washington Court, 8.15. Financial statement, appoint auditors, and fix general meeting.—A. Urquhart.
**Kirkstall and Dist. C.B.C.**—Jan. 16, Congregational School, birds staged at 2 o'clock. Second Members' Show. Judge, Mr. F. King (Leeds). Those interested invited.—W. E. Whitley.
**Longton and Dist. C.B.S.**—Jan. 19, Castle Inn, 8. Election of officers. Revising rules, new members invited.—E. Tams.
**Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.**—Jan. 20, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Balance sheet, re election of officers for 1909; washing exhibition; all intending members and friends invited.—R. H. Davies.
**Larkhall C.B.A.**—Jan. 16, Miners' Hall, 7. — J. Pollock.
**Lancashire C.A.**—Jan. 16, Great Eastern Hotel, Oldham, 7. Annual general meeting, officers, balance sheet, report, rules, etc.—W. Adams.
**Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.**—Jan. 16, Centre Hotel, 7.30. Members having ticket money and subscription books, secretary would be very pleased to see it present.—D. John.
**London and Counties O.A.** — Jan. 19, Goat and Compasses, Euston Road, N.W., 8.15. Annual general meeting, election of secretary and other officers, etc.—R. J. Pretty.
**Leicester C.B.S.**—Jan. 20, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. General meeting, election of officers, etc.—J. A. Tyler.
**Liverpool O.S.**—Jan. 19, 64, Shaw Street, 8. Nomination of officers, date of open show. Judges, Lecture on Mendelism, by J. S. Clinch, Esq.; all fanciers invited.—C. Hillmen.
**Morpeth and Dist. C.B.S.**—Jan. 22, Vose's Rooms, 7.30.—E. Cowling.
**Middlesbrough and Tees-Side C.B.S.** — Jan. 23, Crown Hotel, 7.30. General meeting, election of officers.—A. Wake.
**Middleton C.S.**—Jan. 18, Old Boar's Head, 8. Annual general meeting. Balance sheet and election of officers.—H. Thomas.
**Morley and Dist. C.B.S.**—Jan. 16, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Yearly meeting; election of officers. — R. H. Turner.
**Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.**—Jan. 18, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Report and balance sheet for 1908; also "sharp practice" debate.—E. Jones.
**Northern Crest Club.**—Jan. 20, Sunderland, 7.30. Balance sheet, election of officers, show patronage, etc.—J. G. Hutchinson.
**North London C.B.A.**—Jan. 20, Public Library, Stoke Newington, 8. Annual general meeting; members please attend and do not fail to return voting papers.—R. P. Harper.

## CLUB NOTICES (continued).

**Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.**—Jan. 20, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 7.30. Show season report.—J. Bertram.
**Pendleton and Salford O.S.**—Jan. 23, Chapel Street Congregational Hall, Salford. Members' show; judges, Messrs. T. F. Grey and Geo. W. F. Lythgoe.—W. Jackson.
**Preston O.S.**—Jan. 18, 119a, Fishergate, 8. Annual meeting and election of new secretary and other officers, etc.—W. H. Heathcote.
**Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.**—Jan. 21, Trinity Schools, 8. Annual general meeting, election of officers, etc.—W. Pawley.
**Pendlebury and Swinton (Proposed Society).**—Blue Ribbon Hall, Pendlebury Road, Pendlebury, on Jan. 21, 8; all fanciers and friends invited.—Alex. Donnelly, 46, Swinton Hall Road, Swinton, near Manchester.
**Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.**—Jan. 21, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Adjourned general meeting.—J. C. Birch.
**South Manchester C.B.S.**—Jan. 25, Headquarters, 8. Lecture by Mr. Norris on Yorkshires; also committee meeting.—J. C. Spilsbury.
**Stockport B.F.A.**—Jan. 19, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Sylkabus for 1909. Intending members please attend.—W. Stafford.
**Spen Valley C.B.S.**—Jan. 18, Commercial Hotel Cleckheaton, 8.—R. Bennett.
**Torquay O.S. (Paignton).**—Jan. 18, Newman's Room 8. Balance sheet and election of officers.—J. N. Jeffrey.
**West of Scotland.**—Jan. 16, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, 83, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 7.30. Annual meeting, financial statement and election of office-bearers for 1909. Post on any suggestions if unable to be present.—G. Smart.
**West Bromwich and Dist. C.B.S.**—Jan. 19, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Fixing date of next annual show, and balance sheet; kindly settle subscriptions, etc.—Duffield and Jennings.
**Wandsworth and Dist. S.**—Jan. 21, Headquarters, 8. Election of new members, etc.—R. Summers.
**Warrington and Dist. C.B.S.**—Jan. 21, Blue Bell, 8. Election of officers, Feb. Show, and C.B.U. rules.—J. Emmett.

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# CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

### Seed Samples.

**H. Green.**—There is so little to choose in the samples you enclosed that I cannot really say which would be best to feed your birds on. But as all are bad, or, anyway, of very poor quality, I would say use neither, but try to get at least a fairly average quality of seed. Both samples of so-called rape appear to be a mixture of rape-like seeds, except that the grains are too dark in colour for summer rape, and instead of having a mild nutty flavour are quite "mustardy." Canary No. 1 is extremely small and thin, and, although sweet, is practically little more than husk. Canary No. 2 is a trifle larger and plumper, but still quite inferior, and is, in addition, of very doubtful flavour. I cannot advise you to use either sample for feeding your birds.

### Affected Eye.

**Yo Sam.**—You do not give sufficient particulars for me to form a very decided opinion on the cause of your birds going blind in one eye. Were the birds all caged together, or with other birds; and are you quite satisfied that the eyes were not injured, firstly, by an accident, or in a quarrel with one another? Then, what symptoms are exhibited before the blindness becomes apparent? Is there any swelling of the area around the eye, or any discharge of any kind from the eye? The replies to these questions would help one to form an opinion on the case. If not the result of any injury, it may possibly be ophthalmia, which may be contracted by one bird from another occupying the same cage, so that your method of isolating all affected birds is a wise precaution. Keep them warm, and perfectly free from any chill or draught, and if there is any swelling around the eye, bathe it for a few minutes once a day with a warm lotion composed of half a teaspoonful of boracic acid and five or six drops of laudanum dissolved in a teacupful of warm water. Prepare it fresh each time as required. Dry gently, and then drop in the eye one drop of zinc lotion, made by dissolving one grain of sulphate of zinc in half an ounce of rosewater. Any chemist will prepare this for you for a very small sum.

### Seed Sample and Aviary.

**Novice, 40.**—The sample of Canary was of very fair quality, but a trifle small. It had also a small proportion of husks or grains which appeared to have been broken or nibbled; therefore you should satisfy yourself that it is not being damaged or soiled by mice. If this is not the case, then the seed is certainly a nice sample. The rape is a very excellent sample, and, in fact, quite the best sample of rape I have examined for a very long time. As regards the shed you are turning into an aviary, you should calculate its accommodation on the basis of one square foot of floor space for each bird the size of a Norwich Canary. You say the floor surface of your place is 47 feet. If you mean 47 square feet, then 50 birds, not more, would be a "full house," without any breeding going on. If you wanted to breed, a stock of ten or twelve birds would be ample, or say, three cocks and nine hens—assuming the birds are to fly loose, as appears to be your intention. If the expense is no consideration it would be a decided advantage to board the floor, and in doing so raise it a few inches from the ground, as this would make it considerably drier and damp proof below. In addition to this, cover it with sharp sand, such as builders use, to a depth of four or six inches, in preference to ashes.

### Non-Singing Yorkshire.

**Andrews.**—If it is a 1908 bird I should rather doubt its being a cock if it had not begun to sing yet since moulting, even though it might have twittered to some extent previous to moulting. Your feeding is none too suitable for one thing. See that its cage is quite free from red mites, and feed and treat it as advised to "Rustique" in this issue for two or three weeks. If this treatment does not bring it on to singing, and it still appears to keep healthy, I should say you may safely write it down a hen.

### Worn Threadbare.

**H. Townsend.**—I suspect the two birds you write about are old ones, and, perhaps, did not moult last autumn. In the latter case they will probably moult in a few weeks' time. You should have said how you feed and treat them. See reply to "The Dumpling" in this issue, and treat both your hens in all respects as advised for the hen in the reply referred to. Also see first of all whether insect pests are the cause of the trouble, and if any are found deal with them as advised in another reply. A bath in which a few crystals or permanganate of potash—just enough to turn the water a slight pink tinge—have been dissolved, may also do good. Candidly I would hardly advise you to keep these birds for breeding, especially if they are old ones.

### Wheeze and Moult.

**G.S.Y.**—You do not say whether the bird moulted at the proper time last autumn. If it did not you must let this moult follow the natural course. Keep the bird fairly warm, but more especially guard it against draughts and violent changes. Feed on a staple of three parts Canary to one part of summer rape; twice a week give a few grains of hemp, and a grain or two of linseed, and every second day give half a teaspoonful of egg food, or crushed sponge cake with a pinch of maw mixed with it each time. Give a little green food when available free from frost; at other times a little sweet juicy fruit. Give a bath two or three times a week in mild weather, but see the bird does not get a chill after it. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, ten of syrup of squills, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together, every second day until the wheezing ceases, and after that you may with advantage give twenty drops of chemical food every second day until the moult is over. As the snow season is at an end you may dispense with the trouble of colour feeding.

### In the Kitchen.

**G. L.**—If all your birds are not similarly affected with the wheezing, you may take it as a pretty safe indication that this Yorkshire cock either hangs in a position where it is exposed to draught sometime or other—perhaps from the opening and shutting of a door, or a window—or otherwise it is kept too near the fire, where the already considerable variation you name exists in a still greater or exaggerated form, due to the birds having the heat of the fire by day to contend with. See that it is kept in a place quite free from draught, and well away from the fire, so that the difference between the day and night temperatures will be reduced to a minimum. Then feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple, give half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake or egg food with two drops of sherry and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it twice a week, and on two other days a few grains only of inga seed. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, five of dandelion juice, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days twenty drops of chemical food. A scrap of green food, if free from frost, may be given two or three times a week.

### Mate for Crest.

**Ruhtra.**—I certainly would not advise you to start double-crest mating with birds of which you know nothing but hearsay about this breeding. If your bird's crest is of good shape and substance, well radiated, and free from breaks and splits, or bald patches underneath, its small size is not of so much moment as it would be if it was also badly shaped. Mate it with a good feathery Crested which possesses a large dome-shaped skull, short beak, a good wide, square-shaped entrance at base of beak, and as much headgear as possible. If the length of head feather makes it appear horny at the back, and the frontal feather shows a tendency to turn over the nostrils so much the better. With such a mate you should be able to produce some good birds, even though your bird's crest is small. Of course, you must get the nearest you can to this description falling the ideal one.

### Method of Heating.

**Roller.**—As to whether your Rollers will take any harm by being kept in a spare bedroom without any artificial heat depends a good deal upon how they have been previously treated, and also the locality of the room. For instance, if the birds have not hitherto been kept in a high temperature, and the suggested room is situated over a kitchen or other room where a fire is kept burning, I should say they would be far better without any heat at all. If, however, they have been used to a high temperature you may have to continue it to some extent. Let the appearance of the birds guide you in the matter. As regards the best simple method of heating I should say a portable hot-water coil heated by a gas jet would be decidedly the best in your case. Place the coil in the middle of the room on a fire brick or two and connect it with the gas bracket by a length of compo piping.

### On the Sick List.

**T. Carragher.**—You ought to have said how you feed the bird and also where you keep it—whether in a warm or cold room; and if you had cut out the reply you are following and enclosed it, it would have been a help, as I have not the issue by me, and cannot remember every reply that appears from week to week. Try what a fortnight of the following treatment will do for it. Keep it in a comfortable, equable temperature, perfectly free from draughts, and see that it is not worried by mites. Feed on plain Canary seed only as a staple, and twice a week give half a teaspoonful of summer rape. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of sherry and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and give a small piece of banana three times a week instead of green food. In the drinking water give five drops of dandelion juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for two days, and afterwards given twenty drops of whisky, five each of glycerine and syrup of squills, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together, two days in every three for the first week, and every alternate day in the second week. During the second week you may also give twenty drops of chemical food on the alternate days. Remember, it is useless giving remedies without first taking steps to remove the cause.

### Pecking Their Feathers.

**Workman.**—Perhaps you have not gone about the search for red mites in the right way. Look carefully all over the surface of the cages, especially near any small joint or crevice. If you find a fine white, powdery substance adhering about the surface anywhere you may be quite sure there exists a colony of mites hard by. Carefully probe any hole or crack with a pin, scraping it out on to white paper, and you will doubtless soon drop on to the troublesome pest. If any are found, place the birds in a temporary abode, give them a bath daily with a few quassia chips soaked in it; then saturate the vacant cages with paraffin; when it is dry repeat the dose, and afterwards thoroughly clean and overhaul them, and allow to become quite dry before returning the birds. Feed on a staple of Canary seed only, and give only the few extras frequently advised in this column in addition. Give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence and six drops of lemon-juice in the water for a day or two, and after that twelve drops of chemical food daily for a week or so.

### Laying Hen and Mating.

**A. Sharp.**—1. You are feeding the hen too liberally, and keeping her in the kitchen may perhaps be also keeping her too warm, so that she is practically in breeding condition all the time. Keep her as far away from the fire as possible, consistent with avoiding draughts from doors or windows, so that the heat will not vary so much day and night. Feed her on a staple of Canary seed only with a pinch of rape, given separately, twice a week; and once a week a few grains only of niger. Give a spray of green food three times a week when you can get it quite free from frost. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence two or three times in the first week. 2. To get the lightest possible birds from the green and cinnamon cocks you would need to mate them with clear hens, with perfectly clear underflue, and with a large proportion of clear blood in their veins. If they have been bred from double-clears for a few generations so much the better. Even then you will probably get at least fifty per cent. of heavily marked birds from the green. A good deal, however, depends upon how the green and cinnamon have been bred.

### What is the Pip?

**Linnet.**—The pip, sir, is very much of a meaningless term which is used to describe various conditions which the owner of the bird affected cannot understand, but in the majority of cases it is believed to consist of a hardened scale on the tip of the tongue, or an inflamed and swollen condition of the oil gland over the tail. The general opinion is pretty equally divided on these two points. In very many cases the oil gland itself is believed to be an abnormal growth, and is pricked and squeezed when there was absolutely nothing the matter with it, and the bird is done more or less serious injury. If the gland was really inflamed and contained pus when your friend pricked it, the procedure would be quite correct and relieves the condition, and a little anointing with cold cream, and a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for a day or two would have made things all right. Probably also anointing the gland with cold cream or carbonised vaseline would have been quite sufficient to save any other interference. Glad to hear you find "Canary Breeding for Beginners" is helpful.

### All About Rollers.

**R. W. Yearsley.**—I'm afraid this column is not sufficiently elastic for me to give full particulars of the general treatment and management of Rollers. If you look through a very few back numbers you will find full details as to feeding given several times, and also several long articles in the other parts of the paper. There is really no necessity to make any difference at all in the feeding of imported and British-bred birds. Briefly the staple diet should be two parts Canary to one part summer rape, with a few grains of hemp twice a week, a small teaspoonful of egg food, or sponge cake, twice a week, and a little green food on each of the other days. As regards keeping the cage free from mites. Do you mean the wood bar cages in which Germans are usually imported? If so, the best way to deal with them is to plunge them bodily overhead in a copper or bucket of boiling water for a few minutes every now and again. An excellent method of dealing with other cages is given in another reply this week. By the bye, the tiny wooden cages mentioned are quite too small to keep a bird in regularly.

### A Long Silence.

**"Rustique."**—Most cocks, when mated, drop off full song when the hens have gone to nest, but as yours has not resumed his singing since last spring your management must be at fault somewhere. Look carefully to draughts and extreme fluctuations of heat. It is very probable that, the birds being kept in a kitchen, you may find the fault here. Do you not keep them near the fire, but where the heat will vary as little as possible day and night, and where it is also perfectly free from draughts? Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple, and give in addition separately a few grains only of hemp once a week, a few grains of niger on one other day; and twice a week, on two other days, give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with a few grains of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it. Give a few grains of Epsom salts in the water for two or three days, and afterwards give twenty drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight; and twice each week give four drops of tincture of steel. Continue this until the bird is coming nicely into song, and then reduce the extras by one-half until the beginning of March, which will be quite early enough to begin to prepare for mating.

### Tattered and Torn.

**The Dumpling.**—Am afraid the birds are being kept either in a draughty place or in one where there are extreme, and perhaps rapid, variations of temperature. See these points are properly attended to, and keep the birds in a fairly warm, but not overheated, temperature, where the warmth is equable night and day. Treat the Yorkshire cock the same as advised to "F. T. Worthington" in this issue. Feed the hen the same with following exceptions: omit the cod liver oil from the sponge cake, and instead of gold of pleasure seed, give a third part of a teaspoonful of maw seed in the sponge cake each time; and instead of the medicine advised, give five drops of aromatic sulphuric acid and as much chlorate of potash in the water twice a week as will cover a sixpence. The hen may possibly moult off as soon as the weather gets mild, but if she does not, you will have to wait until the summer moult before her appearance is materially altered. I would not advise you to attempt to force her into moult now, any more than the above treatment will help in that direction. With the treatment you say you give the cages, red mite cannot possibly have anything to do with the trouble.

### Drooping Wings.

**Amateur Fancier.**—In addition to the staple diet of plain Canary seed, give the birds half a teaspoonful of summer rape twice a week, and on two other days a few grains only of niger seed. Every third day for a fortnight give each bird half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake or egg food with two drops of sherry and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion, well mixed together. If you cannot get green food quite free from frost, give a little sweet juicy fruit two or three times a week. See that the cages are free from insect pests, keep clean, free from draughts, and supply gritty, clean sand regularly. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for two days, and afterwards give twenty drops of whisky, five of dandelion juice, and two each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel each alternate day for a week. Give pure water on the intervening days.

### Cages v. Flights.

**A. W. K.**—No rule is without its exception; not even the general one of considering it best, for obvious reasons, to place the young bird in flight for a few months as soon as they are quite able to look out for themselves, and hold their own in company. The flight gives them far more natural exercise, and enables them to develop and make up a good sound frame and muscle much better than keeping them in single small cages. Taken altogether, it is therefore far the best plan to keep them in as large flights as possible until the moult is about to commence. The exceptions where it is, unfortunately, not advisable to adopt this plan are where the young, or any particular individuals, are spiteful and vicious, and much addicted to feather plucking; in the case of Lizards, where much plucking is rumous to the bird's prospects on the show bench; or such birds as good Crests which appear in danger of having the crest continually plucked. All such as these are best caged singly.

### Bald and Irritable.

**Maud Freeman.**—Your diet is decidedly bad, so that it may probably be the cause of the bird's irritable state, and the bald patch on the head is not unlikely to be a natural defect. Still you should carefully examine the bird to see if it is infested with grey lice, and the cage to see if red mite are the cause of the mischief. For methods of unearthing these pests, and destroying them, see replies to other querists. Feed on plain Canary seed only, and give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape twice a week; on two other days a few grains of hemp, or inga, or crushed oats, one or the other, or first one and then the other, but not altogether; and on two other days give half a teaspoonful of egg food, or a small piece of bread and milk as a substitute. A spray of watercress may be given three times a week if quite free from frost. A mealworm each day for a time would also prove very beneficial. Give all the extras alternately, so a fresh one is given on each day. In the drinking water for the first three days give twenty drops of whisky, five of dandelion juice, as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, and the same quantity of Epsom salts. After that give it every second day for another week, and on the alternate days four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. To try to induce him to bathe remove his drinker for two or three hours, then sprinkle a few drops of water over him, and put in a bath. After trying him a few times he will probably finish the operation voluntarily. Be careful he is not exposed to draughts soon after bathing.

### The Old, Old Story.

**F. T. Worthington.**—Although you say you do not think the bird is in a draught, I have no hesitation whatever in saying this has been almost, if not quite, the sole cause of the bird's trouble. I doubt whether it will ever regain all its singing powers, as its elongated claws show that it is no longer a youngster. A bird kept in an all-wire cage, hung in a window, which is opened at times, is always an object for sympathy, as you would doubtless soon conclude if you exposed your face or hand in the same position in various conditions of weather. It is practically impossible for a bird so placed to be secure from draughts. Now, as a preliminary to treatment, either move the cage into the room where it will be quite free from draughts, or, better still, keep it in a box-pattern cage, hung on the wall. Keep it in a fairly comfortable and equable temperature. Feed on a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape seed as a staple. Twice a week give separately a few grains of hemp, and every second day half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of sherry and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and once a week sprinkle a few grains of gold of pleasure over it. Give green food, grit, bath, and attend to cage cleaning as now. In the drinking water dissolve as much Epsom salts for the first three days as will cover a sixpence. After that give twenty drops of chemical food every second day (on the days when you do not give sponge cake), and on the alternate days four drops of tincture of steel. Continue this until the feathers cease dropping. Then decrease the sponge cake to twice a week, drop out the sherry and oil, and in the water give ten drops of glycerine, and five each of syrup of squills and aromatic sulphuric acid two or three times a week for a time, or until it begins to try its voice. Shorten the long claws with a sharp pair of nail scissors as often described here. Cannot tell whether the Canary would imitate the Goldfinch's notes; it depends upon the individual so much.

# BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

### In an Aviary.

**Peter Culshaw.**—1. Hardbills would thrive in the building you describe, but I don't think you would get any pleasure out of keeping them loose therein, if, that is, you have no outside flight. You would never be able to see them properly. When you looked in through the window, they would fly up into the roof; and when you went inside they would be very nervous and dash wildly about. You should try another plan; plenty of splendid designs of aviaries in CAGE BIRDS' book on the subject. 2. Yes; all these species "feed as Finches," as you put it. As a matter of fact they really are all Finches. 3. I have dealt with the feeding of Softbills many times recently, and of Blue Tits only last week. Couldn't you look these answers up? See reply to an enquirer about Woodlarks last week. Snow Buntings care for very little beyond plain Canary seed. They get to like a mealworm; also a little insectivorous food.

### Storing Privet Berries.

**F.M.Y.**—If you can get a supply of the material grapes are packed in when they reach the fruiterers in boxes, you will find privet berries will keep for a long time stored away in the same. Don't crowd the bunches together, and keep in a dry cold spot. I have also kept them for lengthy periods covered entirely over with sand (ordinary bird sand), burying the bunches in it. If part of the branch is cut, and the stem is immersed in the neck of a bottle containing soft water, this method also keeps the berries fresh for a considerable period.

### 'Gales, Mealworms and Fat.

**Gale.**—Some people will blame mealworms for anything and everything. Nightingales which hardly ever see a mealworm will get undesirably fat just the same as will those that get into the teens per day. And, anyway, I would sooner see a 'Gale too fat than too thin—or any other bird, for that matter. I am convinced, too, that the laying on of superfluous fat is just as much a constitutional matter with birds as it is with human beings. I this year had three 'Gales, and one proceeded to lay on a covering of adipose tissue that would have delighted an Esquimoux. When I reduced his bulk a little with saline medicine, he soon put it on again afterwards. Yet neither of the other two birds got ungainly fat, though all three had precisely the same diet, and were kept under the same conditions. And I have noticed the same thing happen with many other species. Fat doesn't worry the 'Gale I am speaking of, however, for he is warbling away almost at my elbow as I write, and he has sung off and on for the last three months. You might give your bird a dose or two, on alternate days, of mild saline medicine.

### An Aviary Matter.

**J.T.B.**—For details of the building of an aviary, you should consult the book on aviaries and bird-rooms published by CAGE BIRDS. It is too lengthy a matter to be dealt with fully in the query columns. The best aspect is a south-easterly one (or full south), this catching the early morning sun. I have frequently had to tell querists how very uncertain and unsatisfactory it is to attempt to breed Hybrids by throwing a crowd of different birds into an aviary. Every beginner seems to think this just the method to pursue—quite the easiest and best road to success. And perhaps it is inevitable that the above method should strike them in that light. For reasons, however, which are too lengthy for me to deal with again now, this method almost invariably leads only to disappointment. If one or two carefully selected couples are turned into a fair-sized aviary, good often results; but never when a pair (or more) is crowded into every square foot of floor space. Further, very, very few hen British birds can be depended on to hatch their eggs and rear their young in captivity. If you want to go seriously into Hybrid breeding, then in my opinion it is best to house each couple in a big cage by themselves. If you keep the birds more particularly for pleasure, then you would undoubtedly get that from them when housed in an aviary. If you want to colour-feed the young, you will have to cage them up—to do it properly, that is. Make up your mind what method you will adopt, and write me again, when I shall be glad to advise you.

### Bringing Linnets Into Song.

**The Ancient Briton.**—Your question is a bit "ancient," too (as you surmise), but as you are a novice, and a new reader, you have no need to apologise on that account. Are your Linnets really cocks? That is a point of greater importance than the food; as, of course, you will know. They ought to be singing stoutly now. Still, improper feeding, and consequent low condition, may explain the absence of song. The Linnet is best fed on the following lines; at least, this is how I feed my own, with the best of results, both as regards song, muling and exhibition. A good stock seed mixture is: Canary three pints, teazle two pints, summer rape, charlock, and linseed one pint each. In the winter (if the birds are in a cold room) and during the moult, about one pint of hemp should be added to the stock mixture. A feed of maw and niger, and a good wild seed mixture can be given frequently (varied) by way of a change. Let them have a little green-food, especially rape seedlings, in the winter, and ripe seeding shepherd's-purse, chickweed, plantain and groundsel freely in the summer. Many good makers put up a special Linnet (or Finch) mixture in packets, and a feed of this occasionally makes an acceptable variation from the ordinary stock mixture. As regards bringing them on to song and in condition quickly after the moult, the great "secret" is to give them plenty of the best old hemp, and crack it lightly, so that they feed well off it. Also put in the "side-pan," or "tit-bit" drawer, daily, a teaspoonful of the following mixture: Two ounces each of gold of pleasure, niger, sesame, and thistle, one ounce each of mustard (the golden-yellow seed), dandelion, maw, cornflower and lettuce. It is the finest "wild seed mixture," or "tit-bit," or "refresher" (call it what you will) that I know, and there is no waste—except that Goldies, for one bird, do not eat the mustard, though Linnets, etc., delight in it.

### Another Aviary.

**G.T.H.**—You are not likely to have much success in breeding British birds in a six-foot indoor aviary. See reply to "J.T.B." this week. You will find it very interesting trying, of course, but please don't count too many chickens in advance, or, like many another beginner, you will finish up disappointed. Hen British birds are very unreliable breeders in captivity; most fanciers transfer their eggs to Canary foster-mothers. The pairs you enumerate are quite enough for your place, though one more hen Canary might be permitted. It is, as I have frequently explained, very wasteful, and consequently expensive to use a seed mixture in a large aviary containing many species of birds. The best method is to give the principal seeds (say canary, teazle, hemp, summer rape, charlock and sunflower—or, preferably, a mixture of half sunflower, half safflower) in separate hoppers or dishes, and throw a little of the other seeds in occasionally, by way of a change, or as "tit-bits," as fanciers say. If you must have your seed-mixture, then for a varied collection of Finches you will find it difficult to beat this: Canary and teazle three pints each, hemp two pints, summer rape and charlock one pint each, linseed half-a-pint, with about a half-pint of mixed sunflower and safflower seeds, increasing or decreasing the quantity of these latter according to whether the birds eat it all up or not—it depends on the composition of the collection, as some birds like those seeds more than others. The other seeds—niger, maw, wild seeds, wild seed mixture, etc.—you can give now and again, as indicated above. The exact quantity of hemp should vary according to the season (less in summer—unless feeding youngsters is going on—than in winter). A little more linseed is also useful during the moult.

### Brevities.

**Three Birds** (E. Frost).—The birds sent were (1) Blue Tit (2) Marsh Tit (3) Coal Tit. Those you think are "Blue" Tits are no doubt Great Tits. I hope you are not killing them simply because the "garden is crowded with them"; they are very useful birds indeed.

**A Lark's Failing** (Mark Tapley).—You should spray the bird lightly now and again on suitable days, or blow a little clean water over him with your mouth. I advise you to give him some flowers of sulphur (from chemist) in his food for two or three weeks. Stir as much as will cover a shilling into each tablespoonful of food. Your method of feeding seems excellent. Let him have a little good "German paste" now and again (mixed with usual stock food).

**A Song Thrush** (Stella).—You should try the flowers of sulphur treatment recommended "Mark Tapley" this week, continuing with it for a good period. The changeable weather may have affected the bird. Of course, if a bird casts wing or tail feathers twice or thrice in quick succession, they then rarely develop properly, sometimes growing in a stunted fashion, sometimes failing to appear at all. Another natural moult, at the right time, will no doubt put him in a proper condition of plumage, if treatment fails.

**Dark Mule** (W. Pugh).—The hen you mention will do for breeding "large dark Mules," providing she is large herself, of good body substance, and with a bold broad head. Put her up with a big, well-built Goldie, of course. If she is a marked hen, by-the-bye, so much the better.

**A Trio** (Homo).—(1) The hen Greenfinch is just about the likeliest hen British bird to hatch her own eggs and rear her own young. But even they are sadly unreliable. A hen Canary is the safest. (2) Will you explain what it is you mean by "proceed in crossing"? Shall be glad to answer, then. I don't quite grasp your meaning. (3) Yes; "Green Linnet" is another name for the Greenfinch. The latter is the correct name.

**A Bullie and a Linnet** (Brummie).—It is not "sulphate" or iron which I recommend, but citrate of iron, a quite different thing. You cannot do more for your Linnet, beyond feeding him well and waiting for the moult to come to an end. See another answer given this week. Citrate of iron is the best thing for your Bullie—as much as will lie on a threepenny piece in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Discontinue after the desired effect has been obtained. Don't give hemp, but maw seed.

**A Bullfinch** (Rex).—You should feed and manage as I recommended "Piper." The mixture you send is not good, because it contains far too much hemp, to say nothing of niger. Judging from the "waste," the only seeds he has touched are hemp, teazle, and niger.

## FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

### An Outdoor Aviary.

**E. R. E.**—Your suggested aviary will answer admirably, and the only alteration I would suggest is its being made, if possible, one foot wider at the foot and roof, the whole length to be open wire-netting, and under this portion grass, rape, etc., could be grown, and it would be a fund of interest after a shower to see the Budgies taking a bath by rolling and tumbling about in the wet grass as they do in a state of nature. I should also advise letting a 12in. board hang down into the aviary the entire length where the roof terminates; or, if you must keep it as in your sketch, have the top 12 inches of front boarded and the lower 18 inches of wire netting. Well furnish it with branches, stout and fine, and to meet the needs of the respective species you must fix up at least double the number of husks and nest boxes that you have pairs of birds. I cannot, for obvious reasons, give dealers' names; watch our advertisements, and get each pair from a separate source; then your young birds will be unrelated. You could keep in such an aviary two or three pairs of Budgerigars, and one pair each of Cockateels and Rosella Parrakeets—or Budgerigars alone, say, half-a-dozen pairs.

### What Parrakeet is it?

**C. E. Swinnaton.**—You have one of the species of Alexandrine Parrakeets, most probably the Alexandrine. To be quite sure there are no sores in the mouth, etc., as she will not permit you to look, get a box of honey and borax from your chemist, wait your opportunity, and put a little on the bird's tongue once or twice a day; it will, at any rate, do no harm. When these periods of excitement appear to be coming on, a dose of bromide of potassium would be beneficial—3 grains in a little syrup. I should with this bird, for a time, give a little boiled maize daily, and after carefully draining away all water, soak about half-a-teaspoonful of chemical food into it. Note: The boiled maize only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessels must be kept strictly clean. I should also give a piece of plain biscuit just dipped in chilled water and out again. A piece of figured or opaque glass, just sufficiently large to screen the bird, kept in place with two strips of beading, would obviate all risk of scare from the street. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food. It would be as well to report progress in 12 to 14 days. Twice a week put half-a-teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia into the drinking water.

### Roseate Cockatoo with Diarrhœa.

**R. T.**—To prepare the way, I should give half-a-teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in one teaspoonful of water, the first thing in the morning; the bird will then promptly drink the whole straight away. Much as I do dislike milk sop for Parrots, I should in this case risk giving a little daily for a week or ten days, but as soon as the bird's bowels are a little more comfortable promptly wean it from the milk sop. The ordinary diet should be supplied at the same time. I should also give several doses of tincture of opium, either direct to the mouth or by injection. I am not quite clear as to whether a portion of the voidings is worm-like, or that there are parasites. In the latter case I always use the old-fashioned remedy, areca nut powder (as much as will lie on a sixpence), slightly damped with a little syrup, and given in the form of a pellet every other day while the trouble lasts. In case of a stimulant being necessary, give a few sips of weak brandy and water (chilled) occasionally. I should not unduly restrict the drinking supply, only check over-drinking, let it have a good drink of chilled water, made the colour of port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food, three or four times a day. Keep the bird warm and free from draught. I should be interested in hearing how the bird progresses.

### Plants for Outdoor Aviary.

**W. A.**—You do not say what kinds of birds; I may as well say at once that it is useless planting an aviary for such as Budgerigars, Parrakeets, and the like; all you can do for these is to put in stout branches, and sow the ground with grass, oats, rape, maize, etc., at intervals. For Finches, etc., could be grown, and it would be a fund in variety, Elder, Red and Black Currant bushes, any kind of fruit trees, wild Clematis, Nasturtiums, Mignonette, Marigolds, and though in themselves poisonous, I have never known harm to come from the various species of Laurels, and they certainly make splendid cover for ground birds, etc. Under the bushes plant or sow nettles, grass, chickweed, groundsel, dandellon, rape, and the like; make a jungle, at any rate, in patches. Willows are also excellent bushes for the aviary, and a number of cuttings put in round the sides soon grow and branch out, and are quite safe, and also very effective in appearance. A word of warning: Cardinals, Bullfinches, and also Canaries, are most destructive to growing plants and bushes in the spring.

### Yellow-winged Sugar Bird.

**No Name.** This bird should be kept in a room in which the temperature is fairly even. It has possibly caught a chill during the recent severe weather. Let it have an abundant supply of ripe fruit of sorts, also stewed (rather sloppy) fruits (say apple), sweetened almost to a syrup, milk sop, and two or three mealworms daily. Also a little soft food mixture:—Two parts crumbled sponge cake, two parts ants' eggs, one part dried flies, and one part crushed biscuit. Well mix these, and make crumbly moist for use, or any good advertised mixture. Make its drinking water just saline with Epsom salts, or put in half-a-teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia (the latter for preference) for one day, and every other day well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. While the bird is out of condition put a little Mellin's Food with its daily portion of milksop, which should be rather sloppy.

### Grey Parrot Almost Helpless.

**J. T. Darnall.**—It looks very much like a case of partial paralysis or epilepsy; in this case I fear but little can be done for it. However, as it has been improperly dieted in part, try the following treatment. Do not give any tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food. Diet: Seed mixture, maize, ripe fruit, plain or cracknell biscuits, nuts; also keep a piece of clean cuttle-fish in the cage, and gritty sand over cage tray. Give twice a week for a fortnight half-a-teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia over the boiled maize. You must drain away all surplus water from the maize before pouring over the magnesia. Make its drinking water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue this for quite a month. Give it one or two doses of bromide of potassium, 3 grains in a little syrup, at intervals of three days; give it the first thing in the morning after removing the drinking water over-night; the bird will then readily take the liquid from a spoon, being thirsty. Diet carefully as above, as, if a cure be possible, this is quite as important as the drugs. Keep warm and quiet.

### Feeding Scarlet Tanager.

**Novice.**—You are feeding too generously for the conditions of cage life. Tanagers are better without meat or fat; six to nine mealworms per diem are permissible. Let it have as much ripe fruit as it will eat, and a daily supply of some good soft food mixture is about all the species require. Of course, it will require water for drinking and bathing. The soft food mixture I find answers best for Tanagers, as follows:—Two parts each ants' eggs, dried flies, and crumbled sponge cake, and one part each game meal and fine crissel; thoroughly mix, and make the daily portion crumbly moist with boiling water. So long as the bird is kept out of draught, the temperature of any ordinary living room will be ample: at least, I keep them out of doors in my garden aviary all the year round. When covering a cage up at night, a space on top of cage about 6 inches diameter should be left uncovered.

### Budgerigars Ailing.

**H. Silson.**—You must not make any sudden change from one room to another at present, but once fit, Budgerigars are best kept in some unheated room; at the same time, they must not be subjected to draughts. I should say your birds caught a chill in transit, or during the night while the fires were out, when there would be a heavy drop in temperature, especially during the recent cold weather. Give them a small piece of ripe apple to nibble at, and also a piece of cuttlefish, in addition to the regular dietary. Put half-a-teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia into a tablespoonful of water and let them have only this to drink for the one day. Procure from your chemist the following mixture:—Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts; use it at the proportion of half-a-teaspoonful of the mixture to one tablespoonful of water, and let this form their drinking fluid for a week. Afterwards put them on a course of chemical food for a few weeks, by making the drinking water the colour of pale port wine. If your birds should have contracted pneumonia, I fear nothing will ease them.

### Parrot with Swollen Eye.

**Polly.**—Though you make no mention of this, I strongly suspect this bird has been fed on slops and messes, as well as Parrot mixture. Twice a week for a fortnight put half-a-teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water, and on the days that come between make the drinking water the colour of pale port wine with chemical food. Bathe the eye with a warm decoction of camomile flowers, and spray the nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline. I prefer the following mixture:—Two parts each Canary seed and oats, one part each wheat, dari, maize, hemp and sunflower seeds; well mix, and keep a supply continuously in the cage. If I am wrong as to slops and messes, then the bird, in spite of your care, has certainly been in a draught and caught a chill. You must then contrive to let it have air without draught. Any of the following are wholesome, and may be given to vary the diet:—Ripe fruit of sorts, plain biscuits, nuts, and a dry crust of household bread. Note: Boiled maize only keeps fresh one day, and should not be given when the bird is eating heartily of the other dietary; but do not withdraw it too suddenly. Note other replies *re* slops and messes.

### Moulting Period for Bishops.

**P. H. S.**—I find Bishops and Weavers very variable as to the period of moult in this country: for instance, to quote two cases, my Madagascar Weaver and Bishop moulted in November last, while my Half-masked Weaver was in full moult while the recent blizzard was on, and he was out-of-doors, too, and is now almost in full feather again; both these are seasoned birds, which have been in my aviary for some years, and moult regularly at the periods named. For many caged Bishops and Weavers between now and March is about the usual period, and I expect it is this which has caused your bird to shed its feathers. There is, of course, another factor with birds kept in living rooms during very cold weather such as we have recently experienced; the temperatures of such rooms are very variable—very hot in evenings and correspondingly cold in the early mornings; this variableness alone is sufficient to throw many species into moult. But I expect yours is the ordinary moult, hastened perhaps a little by variable temperature.

## POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

**Canary** (Strebor).—Chronic softening of liver, then acute inflammations of that organ involving the lungs.

**Canary** (G. V. Mower).—This bird, and probably the others, came by its death through septic inflammation of liver and lungs. Cages occupied by any of them should be disinfected before being used again.

## GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

**Our thanks** to J. M. Hickman, T. Brown, Miss Woods, A. Price, and others for cuttings, news items, etc.

**Initials, etc.** (E. H. Williams).—We thank you for your kindly remarks, and naturally are sorry you should have occasion for even a single grumble. We will certainly enquire into the matter, and are obliged to you for bringing same to our notice.

**Two Seeds** (F. Yates).—We are not aware that either thistle or shepherd's purse has any particular "trade" name. The term "English" is used to distinguish the small light-coloured thistle seed in demand among fanciers from a dark brown-coloured large seed sold as "thistle"; the former is double the price of the latter, and sometimes more than double.

**Square Net Trap** (M.J.).—If you will send a clear drawing and explanation, we shall be pleased to publish the same.

**Points about Sales, etc.** (Lex, Maulden).—We are much obliged to you for the suggestions you have been good enough to make; we will give them careful consideration in the near future.

**A Suggestion** (T. Swift).—Thanks; we will bear your suggestion in mind for a future issue.

**Budgerigars** (G. E. Busby).—Thanks for your interesting article, which we shall hope to find space for in a week or two's time. Pleased to hear from you at any time. The "wetting" you have given the MS. leaves it rather illegible, by-the-bye.

**Directory of Societies** (J.R.M.).—No; there is no charge whatever for inserting particulars of societies in the "Directory" in CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL. Had there been any charge, we should have stated this.

**Inverness Show** (A. Ross).—As this matter has drifted purely into an exchange of personalities, we really cannot see our way to re-open it. You are entitled to draw your own conclusions from the fact that the other "A. Ross" made no denial of your statements.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE SCOTTISH NATIONAL SHOW.

SIR,—Being a visitor to the above show, I was greatly interested in seeing the splendid arrangements carried out for looking after the comfort of the exhibits. I think also that the board on which the awards were marked immediately after judging, was a splendid idea, and should be copied by other societies holding large shows. I should also like to thank the show officials for their kindness to me, and I hope to have the pleasure of visiting the show another year. It was well worth my journey of 800 miles there and back.

Swansea. DAN O'CONNELL.

### A HINT TO FANCIERS IN DARWEN AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—I perused with keen interest the letter which appeared in CAGE BIRDS under the above heading. I heartily endorse what "A Darwen Fancier" says, and hope that we are about to see an effort made to bring about a more agreeable state of affairs in the "Peaceful Valley." I am rather at a loss to understand why the local Fanciers' Association cannot take the matter in hand, seeing that their rules include a cage bird section. Perhaps it is that they are rather doubtful as to the results that would accrue therefrom. However, I consider the time has arrived when cage bird fanciers in Darwen and District should make an effort to establish a society of their own, so as to be independent, and not dependent on a society which cannot, or will not, provide a cage bird loving section of the Fancy, with their share of pleasure and enjoyment. I for one am willing to do what is in my power to bring such a society into existence, and trust that all friends in Darwen and District will do likewise. If a meeting could be arranged and members enrolled we should be in a good position for the next show season, and as Darwen lies in such a favourable position, we should, no doubt, be favoured by exhibitors from all the adjoining towns. I trust that the efforts made by "Darwen Amateur" and myself will be the means of creating a keen interest amongst all interested persons in Darwen. Finally, I appeal to all fellow fanciers to write me as early as possible, so that a meeting may be arranged. Thanking you for granting me so much of your valuable space, and wishing CAGE BIRDS the success it deserves. JAS. DAVISON.

## LIVERPOOL AMALGAMATED SHOW.

SIR,—I should also like to ask the secretary of Garston Society why he did not carry the above show on? Did he write to all the secretaries in the district or not? If he did not intend to run the show, why did he not pass it on to the next society, and publish it through the press? It has caused a lot of unpleasantness in the district, as everybody looks forward to the New Year's Day show.

PUZZLED ONE.

## ROLLER CANARIES AT THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—Will members of the British Roller Canary Club who have not received a schedule for the Palace "Jubilee" Show, kindly write for one at once to Mr. Ramsden (11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London. S.W.), as the specials given are extra good, and every member should compete for same. Will they also note that the annual general meeting will take place at the Palace Show on Saturday, February 6th; time and place will be posted up in the Roller Section.

J. W. NORRIS, Hon. Sec.

## CHAFFINCH-BRAMBLEFINCH HYBRID "WRONG CLASSED" AT THE WELSH NATIONAL SHOW.

SIR,—I was rather surprised and disappointed not to see a reply in your last issue to Judge Evans' letter of the previous week, and I for one cannot let same pass unnoticed, as I do not agree with all the remarks made by Judge Evans. I have seen the bird which was "Wrong Classed" on more than one occasion, and, in my opinion, it certainly is a Hybrid. If not, whence does it get the Chaffinch whites which are so prominent on butts of wings, also the pink tinge on the breast? The movements of the bird, if watched closely, will be seen to resemble both the Chaffinch and Bramblefinch. Mr. Evans says he has tried for this cross himself and failed; but his trying and not being successful does not prove that it is impossible. He also compares Mr. Coffey's Hybrid to a bird owned by a Mr. P. Jenkins, and shown by him as a hen Bramblefinch. I think I have seen this bird of Mr. Jenkins'. I believe he exhibited it at the last Scottish National Show. But I fail to see where this bird resembles Mr. Coffey's (not in colour, surely), and I would like to see Mr. Coffey's bird and Mr. Jenkins' bird both at the coming Palace show. Let our judges compare them, and I think they will then agree that Mr. Evans has made a mistake in classing them together. In conclusion, I would like to ask Mr. Coffey if he cannot enlighten us concerning his bird, as to where and by whom it was bred, as I am sure it would be interesting to all your readers. No doubt Mr. Coffey could give us proof of the genuineness of same.

REX.

## WILL MULES BREED?

### An Answer in the Affirmative from Far New Zealand.

(By the courtesy of Mr. J. W. Ramsden we are enabled to put before our readers the appended letter from a lady bird-lover in New Zealand. It would seem to supply an answer to the vexed question as to whether Mules will or will not produce fertile eggs. We are sure that bird-lovers in England will join us in thanking Miss Martin for the trouble taken to bring the matter to our notice.—EDITOR.)

Wairarapa, New Zealand.
Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, 1908.

To the Sec. of the Crystal Palace Bird Show.

SIR,—As I believe that up to the present no authentic case is on record of a Mule's egg being fertile, I send you the following account of an undoubted instance which has just occurred in my own aviary. I am sending you a full account, as I believe it is a matter of interest, and that you may be glad of all particulars, especially as I am at such a distance, and I must apologise for taking up your time, if I am mistaken in thinking it is a matter worthy of attention. I have taken up bird-breeding for the last few years as a hobby, and last year I was specially successful in breeding Goldfinch-Canary Mules. At the end of last June (mid-winter here), I separated all my cock Canaries and my Goldfinch from my hen Canaries intended for muling purposes. These latter I left in the aviary alone with Mules, where they have been ever since, with no possibility of any other birds but Mules being near them. For the last few weeks the hen Canaries have been pairing with the cock Mules, and nesting, laying and sitting, on what I imagined would be all clear eggs. One pair, a dark Goldfinch Canary Mule (bred by myself last year), and a clear buff four-year-old hen Canary laid four eggs, and the hen sat as usual. One egg I broke by accident, and, of course, thought it quite unimportant. A week later I noticed that another egg was missing and that nearly all the lining of the nest had been pulled out; so I lifted the basket down, intending to make it more comfortable for the hen, and saw signs of the missing egg being broken. On lifting out the two remaining eggs, I was amazed to see that one of them had a thick hatching appearance about it. I immediately tested it and found that it really was fertile. As the risk in leaving it in the aviary was great, I put it under a sitting hen Canary in a cage, where I am (at the time of writing) hoping it will hatch in three days. The second remaining egg *looks* addled, not clear, but this I am not sure of. I have removed the parents of this fertile Mule egg to a cage by themselves, where they are building again, and I am much hoping that some of their eggs may be fertile this time too. The eggs laid by the other hens in the aviary have so far all been clear. I have six other cock Mules and two hen Mules of the same breed, and shall, of course, carry on the experiments with them. The father of all these Mules was a Goldfinch taken as a nestling. He mated at nine months old with a Canary (the eggs being fertile), and during the season had eight nests of fertile eggs with hen Canaries. Unfortunately, I sent him to the Wellington show (with four of my Mules), where he took 1st prize and was sold for one guinea. Had I not been an amateur (it is the first time I have shown) I should have put a much higher price on him as I did not want to sell him at all, and had no idea anyone would give a guinea for a Goldfinch, which is a common bird out here. He is a most excellent parent bird and mate, never interfering with eggs or nests or young, and looking after them and his mate most carefully. With my four Mules I took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize, and a h.c., but there was only one other bird to compete against in the class. I mention this so that you may know that my Mules are real Mules and not dark Canaries, which some amateurs call "Mules." One of my cock Mules has mated with a hen Mule, and they are building. I will not close this until the day that the Mule chick is due, so I can let you know if it hatches successfully I hope this account is not too long, and I hope it is of interest; if it is not, I must again apologise for taking up so much of your time.

MAUD S. MARTIN.

P.S.—I am sorry to say the Mule egg contains a perfectly formed dead chick, of a light pink coloured skin, and white down; so it would probably have been a light bird, which makes its death all the more disappointing. I have put it into mothylated spirits just as it was, with the top half of the shell chipped off and exposing the head and shoulders, etc., of the chick, the rest of the bird being in the remainder of the shell. I did not like to destroy it altogether, as there is no doubt at all about its being the product of a fertile Mule's egg, and I believo therefore very uncommon, if not unique. The parents have just completed another nest, and if again they have fertile eggs and hatch them, I will let you know. I should be glad, if this matter is of interest, if you would let it be known in the right quarter.—M.S.M.

## PRIZE MONEY AT THE WELSH NATIONAL CAGE BIRD SHOW.

SIR,—I regret having to mention in the press the non-payment of prize money at the above show. But having failed to get a reply from the secretary, Mr. R. J. Truscott, or the treasurer, Mr. W. A. Truscott, in answer to my inquiries, I thought perhaps they might have the courtesy to reply through your columns when they intend to pay over the second prizo in the Greypate Class. In the schedule it stated that all prize money would be paid in ten days after date of show. It has come to my knowledge that other exhibitors in this district havo received their prize money and cards, so I simply want to know why the abovo gentlemen refrain from letting me know the reason why I should be treated in this manner. I hope I shall have a satisfactory answer, and that the Welsh C.B.C. will have a prosperous New Year.

Treherbert. A. MORGAN.


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## BORDER FANCIES AT THE RECENT KILSYTH SHOW.

SIR,—May I ask Border Fancy Canary exhibitors at Kilsyth Show, held December 19th, 1908, to look over their stock and see whether any of the birds do not belong to them. Mr. Scott, Crofts Cottages, Chirnside, Berwickshire, states that he received a buff hen instead of his buff cock, Class 82, No. 1. Although written to, some of the exhibitors havo taken no notice of my request. Any information will be gladly received by either Mr. Scott or myself.

ANDREW D. DUNCAN, Hon. Sec.

## PRIZE MONEY AT KILMARNOCK O.C.B.S. SHOW.

SIR,—I see in your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS of January 2nd, a letter re prize money at Kilmarnock O.C.B.S. Show. I entered four birds here on December 4th and 5th, and got fourth in Class 45 (7 in class), fourth in Class 49 (16 in class), and second in Class 52 (11 in class). So, judge of my surprise when I got 1s. sent me. They advertise that they will pay 12s. for first prize, 8s. for second, 4s. for third, 2s. for fourth. I wrote the secretary, but got no answer, so that I am worse dealt with than Mr. Miller.

JOHN RODDIE.

## THE "JUBILEE" CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—I am asked by Mrs. Askham to mention that the donor's birds will not compete for Special No. 237. By Mr. S. M. Townsend to mention that Special No. 265 is for members of the Foreign Bird Club only. By the Crystal Palace Company to announce that extra steam heating pipes will be fitted for this show, and that the whole of the show ground will bo covered in. In reply to several enquiries, Mr. Russell Humphrys will judge Foreign Birds this year for certain; he has written me to this effect.

J. W. RAMSDEN.
Show Manager.

## A CANADIAN SHOW FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF A VISITOR.

SIR,—Since I first went to Canada I have been back home to Oldham, and the fanciers there asked me about the birds in Canada. I may say that I have had the opportunity of visiting three of the annual shows. The sixth annual show was held on Friday and Saturday, December 11th and 12th, by the Montreal Canary and Cage Bird Association, which is the only one in Montreal, and has a membership of thirty-five. The Conservatory Hall, in which the show was held, is a beautiful room, very bright, and nicely situated in the busiest part of the city. The night was a typical Canadian wintor night, but, thanks to the street car, which landed me from my boarding house to the show room door, once in the show room the elements were soon forgotten, and my eyes were feasting on the birds which I love, and have bred for over a quarter of a century. While I am out here my son-in-law has charge of my birds. To start with, I found there were no catalogues, so I could only mope about and look at tho birds. The show manager told me the entries numbered 250, one hundred more than last year. The birds are shown here in anything which can be called a cage. Thero were more varieties in cages than varieties in birds. The Scotch Fancy show cage was very much in evidence. One Yorkshire exhibitor told me he had made his own cages after his own idea. He told me he thought the cages would have a tendency to make the birds stand up and show their type. These cages were made of wood, all but the front and top, which were made of very crooked wire. Altogether they have the appearance of having been made with hammer and pocket-knife. This same exhibitor told several people (including myself) that in the old country we had no such type as in the birds wo were looking at (which were his own). I should like to have placed before him some of the Yorkshires shown at the Palace (London). The cages above-mentioned, I may say, looked like chimney pots, and stood above all the others, their height being about 18 inches by about eight inches deep and wide. I was told that no birds were allowed to be shown that had been colour fed in any way. The penalty was disqualification. So there were no colour fed birds in the show, only one, which had been imported. This solitary exception was a nearly clear cap Golden Lizard, a nice large bird, with beautiful colour and rowing, and the only show bird of its kind in the place. But this bird, unfortunately, had moulted two or three body feathers, as the white tips were showing. In this class there were eight oxhibits, all over-year birds—except the one mentioned. In Scotch Fancies I counted 65 birds, quito a little show, and some very good birds, too. Of course, these birds have mostly come with their owners from Scotland, and there were some regular swaggering beauties of the half hoop type; only two or three showed the drive of the Belgian. I noticed that the smaller birds were the best in type and feather; the larger birds were very coarse and raggy in feather. I think I never saw a nicer display of Scotch Fancies in one show. Next came the Yorkshires. I am myself a Yorkshire breeder, but really I don't know how to describe these birds, for there was not a show specimen in the place. Some of them were not more than five inches in length, while the longest would not measure six and a-half inches. There was neither type, quality, nor position in any of the birds, and very little colour. But you could find frills, flat heads, thin necks, thick necks, hinged tails, fish tails, and enough loose feather to fill a pillow case, as the saying goes. Forty-five exhibits in Yorkshires. Next came Norwich Plainheads. These were all poor specimens, and all more or less slack in feather, with very poor narrow skulls; nono of the Bullfinch type, but long. Some of the birds were hanging with fat in front like a cropbound barn-door fowl. There were eight Norwich Cinnamons. The first prize bird was very chubby in body, but had the poorest head I ever saw, was fat in front, and hugged the perch as if it was frightened of someone stealing it. The Crests were of no moment, small birds, with head pieces which looked as if they had had pieces bitten out of them (generally called split Crests). I noticed one having the centre close to the beak, whilo one had its head-gear apparently wrong side up. I heard one person remark that this was a "fine Crest." Next came a card which said "Manchesters." Here I was lost, and asked what it meant. I was told these were what we in Eng'and called Lancashires; but I could not see any Lancashire birds. In fact, the birds that should have carried the coppy carried an all-round crest, and the Lancashire Plainheads were better Crest-breds than those in the Crest-bred class. The only bird in the show that resembled a Lancashire was in the Yorkshire class, a large thick Buff, which showed much of the Lancashire Plainhead. There were a couple of Borders, a few Germans, several Goldfinch Mules, and a few Goldfinches. There was also one beautiful Grey Parrot with a red tail. This was the cleanest and tightest feathered bird I have ever noticed. Some of the children said it could talk, but I only heard it whistle a few times. One thing they could do very well with out here, and that is the man who shows Yorkshires at the Palace, and when asked how he got his birds to look so well, said he sent their clothes to the laundry, and when they came back put them on again in the right place. In other words, a lesson in tubbing is required.

J. W. SHARP.

## A LOSS IN TRANSIT.

SIR,—I was very pleased to read in your valuable paper letters from "Maulden" and Mr. A. Lloyd on the above subject. I may say I have now put the case in other hands to fight, and trust the result may be satisfactory, and of some benefit to the Fancy at large, as well as myself, for it is now time something was done in this line—I mean "Railway v. Fanciers." Allow me to thank those gentlemen who have so kindly written me personally on the above matter.

J. A. SIMPSON.

[We hope Mr. Simpson will let readers know the result of the action.—EDITOR.]

## PRIZE MONEY AT DULWICH O.S. SHOW.

SIR,—I am enclosing full report of the D.O.S. annual meeting, and a perusal of the same will let your readers see exactly how the society stands. We owe in the open classes about £8 in prize money, but as £6 10s. has already been promised, we shall soon escape this difficulty. All other accounts have been settled. I think you will agree that we did not do so badly for a first year's effort, taking into consideration that for a two-day show (owing, no doubt, to the inclemency of the weather) the gate was under £4. The rent was £10 10s., and we guaranteed full prize money, in spite of the fact that the open classes did not pay. We regret Mr. Sandy rushes into print for the sake of 5s. The secretaries would have replied to his communication before had they had the meeting's decision. It is most discouraging to organisers of open shows. We are not the only society who will find it difficult to cater for exhibitors if shown up and abused for slight delays. Exhibitors' confidence will not be misplaced, but a little indulgence on their part would be greatly appreciated by the honorary workers, the officials, who are ever diving deep down into their pockets, also giving all their spare time to the advancement of the Fancy (which is termed a hobby), and in return get nothing but the sarcasm of those who delight in gaining notoriety through the Fancy Press. Are *they* advancing the Fancy? No wonder societies are asking themselves the question: Are open shows worth the candle?

G. F. WOOLHOUSE,
Chairman of Committee.

P.S.—As Mr. Sandy appears so conversant with the show rules, why did he not enclose a stamp for reply, and conform to Rule 22?

## PROPOSED CAGE BIRD SOCIETY FOR STAVELEY & DISTRICT.

SIR,—A meeting has been arranged by a few fanciers with the idea of forming a society. It will be held at the Speedwell Inn on January 23rd, at 8 o'clock. Now, Staveley fanciers, roll up and let us have a good start.

C. BRAMHALL, Sec. pro. tem.

31, Railway Cottages,
Staveley Town, near Chesterfield.

## CURING AN AILING LINNET.

SIR,—Having had a cock brown Linnet very bad, I tried different things to fetch him round, but all to no purpose. I thought I would try an experiment, so I got some herbs called loose-strife (purple). I put about a handful to a pint of boiling water, and gave it to the bird, when cold, instead of its drinking water. Glad to say it is all right now, and singing again. I would be pleased if you would publish this, as it might be useful to some fancier who has a Linnet ailing.

J. ROSBOTTOM.

## THE RECENT LLANELLY SHOW.

SIR,—The Llanelly and District C.B. Society's show came off on January 5th, in beautiful weather after the snow, and from an exhibition point of view, was a success, competition being very keen. The total in entries was a disappointment, as I hoped I should get somewhere near last year's total. Am sorry to say that this year there will be a loss to the members. Everything passed off well, and, mind, there is no bird missing this year. But a travelling case for one bird has been sent wrong, belonging to Mr. Portman, and I hope the party that received it will return it to me after he reads this letter. We put this falling off in entries down to the great damage done by the letter, *re* the missing bird last year. I cannot congratulate Mr. Tedstone on his letters, and I should think that if he wished to write letters they ought to have been written months ago. He has now had his revenge on the Llanelly Society. He did not take into account the changes that take place in a great many societies from one year to another; the present has to suffer for the doings of the past, if only myself, as the secretary. A local correspondent wrote you the other day that the Llanelly secretary was a worker, and I may say that I am proud of being a worker, and having worked to earn an honest living, and followed my hobby for the last 40 years, that is to my credit. Mr. Tedstone, as secretary of a society, could do more to benefit the Fancy if he would only take in hand the best ways to get our railway rates reduced, also for passenger traffic, so that fanciers and supporters of the Fancy may travel with their birds at a cheaper rate. I then believe that there would be less missing birds, and exhibitors would see how their birds are treated when at shows outside of their own district. To bring on the question of the missing bird just before the show could have been nothing but spite. I have received a great many letters commending us for the care and way the birds were returned, and those I prize very much. I can heartily congratulate you on your report of our show, and I know that your paper for date of Jan. 9th was clean sold out in the town.

DANIEL JOHN, Hon. Sec.

## AN IRISH CHALLENGE CUP.

SIR,—I notice in last week's CAGE BIRDS, under "Twitterings," that Mr. C. A. Reilly (Dublin) is credited with winning the Yorkshire Canary Challenge Cup and the "Drummond" Challenge Cup at the recent Dublin Pigeon and Cage Bird Show. This is very misleading, as I am still leading for the former coveted trophy with 35 points over this gentleman. I thank you in anticipation for publishing this, and wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

JAS. DEVINS.

Sligo.

## PROPOSED FANCIERS' CLUB FOR FOREST GATE AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—Knowing that there are many fanciers in this heavily populated district, embracing as it does Forest Gate, East Ham, Wanstead, etc., who are as yet uncatered for, I feel that there is plenty of room and enough fanciers to commence a fanciers' club, where we may meet to talk over our most fascinating hobby, and bring us more in accord with that good feeling which is so very much needed nowadays. If through your courtesy in publishing this it should come to the notice of any gentlemen of the same opinion, I should be happy to hear of same with a view to arranging a scheme to that end.

H. J. HAWES.

53, Lansdown Road,
Forest Gate, Essex.

## A CHARMING OUTDOOR AVIARY.

See Photograph on page 20.

SIR,—Holidaying the other week found me face to face with Mr. Williams, of Nether Street, Kirkcaldy, and his aviary. The year 1906 witnessed a fluttering among a few of the birdmen in Kirkcaldy, leaning strongly to the keeping of British birds. This developed from two or three kept in ordinary cages to collections in small house aviaries. At this stage a friend, on being shown Mr. Williams' small house aviary, and knowing him to be a man of aspirations, dropped the hint, that if he cared to tumble out two pounds or so, he would see to the building of an outside aviary, which would knock all their paltry inside concerns into a cocked hat. He had no need to offer twice, and the outside aviary was in process of rapid growth by the beginning of 1907. The work has been done entirely by Mr. Williams, and a few bird lovers about the place, and in their spare time. The entire structure covers a space of 20ft. by 7ft. 6ins., and stands 11ft. from the ground. The inside house measures 8ft. 6ins. by 6ft. 6ins., the floor being raised 1ft. from the ground, having a clear space under, which is very effective in keeping it free from damp, allowing a current to flow underneath, and thus keeping the inside sweet. The roof is M shaped, with overhanging gables, surmounted by turned ball finials, and a moulded ridge between. It is excellently lighted by windows in each end, while sliding ventilators near the roof top keep the inside airy and fresh. Access is had by a door about 6ft. by 2ft. 3in. in one end, which opens into a small vestibule with another door, so as to allow one door to be open only at one time, in case any of the inmates might happen to get out, when one is feeding or otherwise treating them. The framing of this inner compartment is 2in. by 2in. timber covered with tongued and grooved half-inch boards, and fitted up with all necessary perches, etc. The outside court is framed with 1½in. by 1½in. timber, covered with small gauge wire netting, ornamented by scalloped boards at the base and on the top of domed roof. Up till now I have treated entirely with the artificial aspect of the aviary; I will now speak of its natural aspect. Here is a veritable birds' paradise. The miniature rocks composed of breeze and Portland cement rise rugged, bold, and wild, shelving out in irregular masses; small caves here, there, and everywhere, with ravines and gullies, clothed in fern green. Here on the top of a cliff a fountain is tossing its glistening drops over a group of brightly-coloured Finches gamboling and splashing in the pool below. There is also the drip, drip, drip of the water as it tumbles over the cliff into the fish-pond bathing the fern fronds with many coloured gems, as they peer from their rocky recesses. The brilliant Goldfinches swim leisurely in their watery home, a frog sits in its quaint way on a ledge overhanging the cool water. A tortoise now climbs over a rising rock, now wending its way in slow and stately step over the green sward. Honeysuckle grows along the paths and swings itself in and out of the rock crevices. Yonder on that grassy slope, and under the stout holly tree, are feeding a brilliant group, the gorgeous Goldfinch, the burly rose and black Bullfinch, the finely-streaked Siskin, the Mottled Zebra Finch, Canaries (yellow and buff), the white splashed Chaffinch, the russet Bramblefinch—what a mass of changing colour! Yonder again the Weaver birds ply their woof to the branches of the shrubs with Nature's shuttle, the little Spice birds and Zebra Finches popping out betimes from a small hole in their bark-bound nest boxes. What a picture this of joyous Nature?—no struggle for existence to mar the harmony of their life. And why? Just because man has made, by virtue of his experience and reason, their conditions to harmonise with their bird nature.

A. W., Jun.

## PENDLEBURY, SWINTON & DISTRICT C. AND B.B.S.

SIR,—Since my last letter to you respecting the formation of a society in the above-named district, I have had numerous callers asking for information respecting same. We had a kind of a meeting on January 8th, when all present volunteered to become members if a society were formed. So we decided to look for a suitable room. We have now got one at the "Blue Ribbon Hall," Pendlebury Road, Pendlebury, in which to hold our first meeting, which we decided to call on January 21st. Friends and fanciers will be welcome. The meeting is to start at 8 p.m. We hope to have a good number present.

ALEX. DONNELLY.

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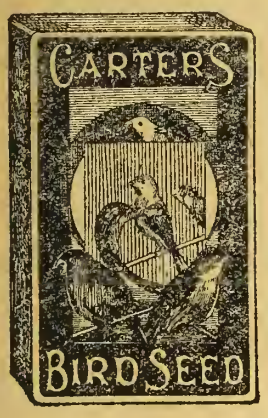


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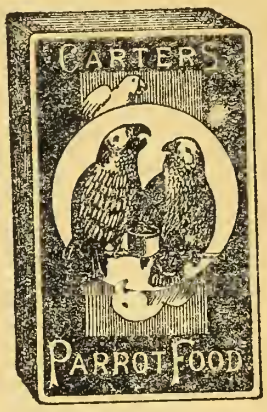


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# CLUB REPORTS.

## UDDINGSTON & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held in the Recreation Rooms, December 25th. It was proposed, seconded, and carried, that we hold our show on February 6th, 1909, in the Royal Hall, Uddingston. Ou rschedule has been printed. We are hoping this will prove a success. Mr. Alex. M'Donald will judge. The usual vote of thanks concuuded the meeting.—W. P. CAMPBELL, hon. secretary.

## LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Meeting held at the "Howard Arms," Glossop, on January 2nd, but owing no doubt to its being so close to New Year's Day, only a moderate number of members put in an appearance. However, a fair amount of business was done, and everything points to the Lancashire and Lizard Canaries being more popular in the immediate future, as several new members aro only awaitiug the beginning of the next season to become members. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. John Garner for bis services as chairman brought the meeting to a close.—JOHN RUKIN, hon. seeretary.

## SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual meeting held on January 2nd, Mr. J. Farrar presiding over a good attendance. Several letters were read, including one from the president intimating that he would give us a cup for competition at our annual shows. The secretary was instructed to thank the president for his kindness. Dr. O'Neal evoked much enthusiasm when he intimated bis intention of getting up a dramatic entertainment for our benefit; the whole expense of this will be borne by the dramatic society of which he is president. The doctor was warmly thanked for his kind offer. Several members paid their levies, and everything is going on well. All fanciers are invited to attend our meeting.—REID AND MADDISON, Hon. Secs.

## CITY OF GLASGOW O.S.

Annual general meeting held on December 26th, in the Reception Room, City Hall. The president, Mr. Andrew Jardine, presided over a good company of members. The balance sheet for 1908 was discussed and duly adopted. The election of office bearers resulted as follows: President, Mr. Andrew Jardine; vice-president, Mr. John McLay; joint secretaries and treasurers, Messrs. Alex Macdonald and John Young; auditors, Messrs. George G. Aitkenhead and Peter Thom, along with a large committee of well known fanciers. Several motions were tabled to come up for discussion at a meeting in May. It was decided to hold our annual smoking concert at the Bank Restaurant, 35, Queen Street, on February 19th, when it is hoped there will be a large turn out of fanciers. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.—A. JARDINE.

## PORTOBELLO C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held December 7th. The balance-sheet was read and passed as correct, showing a cash balance on the right side of over £9, being an increase of £3 on last year's balance. In addition to this we have eight silver cups, viz., one for best young bird in each of the following sections: Scotch Fancy, Border Fancy, Crest or Crestbred, Mule or Hybrid, Norwich, and Yorkshire; also one for best young bird in show, and the latest addition, a handsome silver cup, kindly presented by T. R. Graham Yooll, Esq., for most points. Mr A. Matthew was unanimously re-elected president, and the members are very fortunate in securing his services for another year, as he is an ideal chairman and one who spares no pains to promote the welfare of the society. Mr. W. R. Dunn was re-elected vice-president. Two or three changes were made in the committee, and Mr. J. Hogg and Mr. J. F. Arthur were elected joint secretaries. The president, Mr. Matthew, moved a vote of thanks to retiring office-bearers. Another vote of thanks to the chair brought the meeting to a close.—J. LEACH AND W. LECKIE, Ex-Secs.

## LEEDS C.B.S.

Annual meeting held at Lockhart's Restaurant, Briggate, on January 2nd, Mr. Chambers in the chair. The distribution of prizes to the winners in the recent members' show took place. Mr. Chambers was appointed chairman, Mr. Tose secretary, and Mr. McMillan treasurer, for the ensuing year. The chief discussion was respecting the work of the Cago Bird Union, and Mr. Tose proposed that the Leeds Society secede from the membership of the Union, as, in his opinion, the Union had completely failed to carry out the object for which it was formed; and, furthermore, in his opinion, the only work the Union had efficiently carried out was the receiving of money from societies paying their annual contributions, or for licences of societies wishing to hold shows under their rules. Mr. Chew seconded the proposition, saying there were points about the Union of which he was a staunch supporter, but so long as Rule 17 was in force he could not possibly support the Union, as it meant that a society should contribute. which bound the hands of the members as to where they should show; also he was much against the spirit shown to the Yorkshire Union. A discussion was then carried on by Messrs. Mennard, Cobb, and Ireland, and after a trenchant speech by the chairman, for and against the Union, a vote was taken, when it was resolved to resign membership of the Union, there not being a dissentient vote.—WILLIAM TOSE, Hon. Sec.

## STOCKPORT B.F.A.

The annual dinner, concert, and presentation of special prizes (won at the last show) took place at the Boar's Head Hotel on December 22nd, and proved a success. Counellor E. Clarke, J.P., occupied the chair. A good substantial dinner was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, and was done justice to by upwards of 20 members and friends. Whilst the tables were being cleared, we listened to the several artists who came to entertain us. Our old friend, Mr. Cuthbert, played a selection on the piano, and Mr. Haines obliged with a parody on the song, "If those lips could only speak," which created roars of laughter. Mr. Will Davies (baritone vocalist) followed with "Antonio." Mr. Haines again treated us to a song entitled "I felt quite out of place." Friend Matthews obliged with a song. Mr. W. Davies gave us another song, and Mr. Matthews followed. Other items were also enjoyed by the company. The chairman then made the presentation of cups, medals, tea urns, rose bowl, and egg stand to the successful exhibitors, complimenting them on their success. He also spoke encouragingly to the other members, and hoped they would be successful at the next show. The various winners suitably replied, after which Messrs. Haines and Cuthbert obliged with musical selections. Mr. W. Stafford proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and for contributing so generously with special prizes. The proposal was seconded by Mr. F. W. Nelson in a very able speech, and carried with musical honours. The Chairman replied, telling us he was pleased to be in the company of fanciers such as Stockport possessed. Mr. W. T. Hill proposed a vote of thanks to the host and hostess, which was seconded by Mr. G. H. Massey, and carried unanimously. Mr. Nelson replied on behalf of bis better half and himself. Time being "up," the proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem. The members tendered their best thanks to the artistes for entertaining them.—W. STAFFORD.

## HYDE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

We had a very successful meeting on January 8th, making six new members, bringing the total of new members for the last two meetings up to ten. Mr. Marlor gave a splendid washing exhibition. Many questions were asked, and were ably answered by Mr. Marlor. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to him. It was decided to hold a table show of breeding pairs, any variety, on January 30th, at 7 o'clock. Fanciers are heartily invited.—FRED. BARRACLOUGH, Sec.

# SINGING CONTESTS.

## YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing eontest on January 9th, at the Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer-lane, Hungate, York, when 28 birds faced the judge, whose awards gave every satisfaction; some very good singing was heard. Result:—1, 4, Chaplin; 2, Oldroyd; 3, Limbert; 5, Harrison; 6, Knockout; 7, Lewis. Judge, Mr. J. W. Paver; timekeeper, Mr. J. Imbert, sen.—WM. EMPSON.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at the Crown Inn, North-street, when 18 birds competed. The singing was very good. The following were the principal prize winners:—1, Lambert; 2, Gurdeu; 3, Smith; 4, Nicholls; 5, Wilson. Judge, Mr. W. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH, hon. sec.

## SHEFFIELD.

Usual Linnet singing contest held at the "Don Inn," Dunlop Street, Carbrook, on January 3rd, when 13 birds competed for three prizes. 1, Polferman, 52; 2, Wilson, 50; and 3, Booker, 49. Also on January 10th, when ten birds competed. 1, Booker, 53; 2, Wilson, 43; and 3, Brown, 40.—A. BROWN.

## LEEDS

Usual contest held at the "King's Head," Shannon Street, on January 9th, when 17 birds sang before a crowded house. 1, Naylor; 2, Stead; 3, shared by Sissons and Hardcastle. Judges, Messrs. Melia and Harold. Also on January 10th, when 24 birds sang. Judges, Messrs. J. Melia and C. Cooper. 1, Sissons; 2, 4, Hardcastle; 3, Stead. Also a grand Canary singing contest, January 10th, when three good prizes were sung for. Judges, Messrs. Melia, Jackson, and Summers. 1, 2, Rowe; 3, shared by Lister and Wood; eighteen birds were hung.—WILSON NAYLOR, hon. secretary.

## WIGA .

The Wigan Linnet Club held their first club match on New Year's Day, at the Millstone Hotel, when birds sang for a cup presented by Mr. Hargreaves (Wigan). Some other prizes were sung for, too. Prize-winners for quality were: 1, cup and gold medal Neil; 2, Mellingan. Prize-winners for time: 1, Brimelow; 2, Mellingan; 3, Barnes. There was some very good singing. Judge for quality, Mr. G. Rostron (Blackburn). Timekeepers, Messrs. Ellinson and Stalthan.—A. PARKER, secretary.

## BLACKBURN.

Blackburn Quality L.S.A. held their annual show for best feather at Old Red Lion, Snig Brook. 1st, Monk; 2nd, Slater; 3rd, Cottrall; 4th, Rostron. A discussion arose between Dohson and Rostron on singing, which ended in a match; result, a draw. Neither bird sang, but after the match some splendid singing was heard from one of the birds. Our week-end rehearsal starts on January 16th. Also meeting for eleotion of officers:—Chairman, Mr. J. Dohson; committee, E. Christopherson. M. H. Topping, Jos. Slater.—G. ROSTRON, hon. sec.

# REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

**Halifax** (Y.U., Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., O.N.P.C., and Y.C.B.B.M.C.), Jan. 22 and 23, in the Mechanics' Hall, Crossley St. Judges, Messrs. W. Cruise, W. Vardy, and E. E. Smith. 37 open classes: Yorks. 10, novice 6, Yorks Greens 2, Nor. C and novice 2, Brit. 3, Mule 1, For. 3, Sell. 4. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-; an extra prize of 2s. for vhc birds in all except sell. classes and specials. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Jau. 19, to J. F. THACKRAY, 82, St. Augustine's Terrace, Halifax.

**Brotton.**—Feb. 13. Oddfellows' Hall.—Judge, Mr. W. Cowgill. 9 open classes: Yorks 3, Nor. 2, A.O.V.: 1, Brit. 2, Mule 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, Fee 1/-. Ent. close Feb. 9 to JOHN DALES, 40, Chapel St., Brotton, Yorks.

# ENTRIES CLOSE.

Jan. 16—**Auchterarder**—Jas. Dow, jun.
" 19—**Banbury**—Hazlewood & Nelson, 68, Causeway
" 19—**Chesterfield**—J. J. Doolcy, 39, Alexandra Rod,
" 19—**Halifax**—J. F. Thackray, 82, St. Augustines Terrace.
" 20—**Maesteg**—W. Jenkins, 43, John Street, Nantyfyllon, Bridgend.
" 20—**Cork**—S. O. Reilly, Frida Ville, Highfield Avenue.
" 23—**Crystal Palace** J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London.

# ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Jan. 18—(First post)—**Tredegar**—J. Griffiths, 3, Glyn Terrace.
" 18—**Spalding**—Elcies & Mouney.
" 18—(First Post) **Dudley**—J. G. Leech, 67, King Street.
" 18—(Last Post)—**Halesowen**—Chapman and Rudge, Townsend, Halesowen.

# PRIZE MONEY PAID.

[Will exhibitors who have not received their prize-money please communicate with the respective secretaries at once.]

Paisley O.A., Forfar, Hetton-le-Hole, Gulsborough and Dist. Priory, Yarm.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when liens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

# THE SHOWS.

## GLOUCESTER.

The 29th annual show of the Gloucester F.S. was held on January 13th and 14th, in the Public Baths. Several classes were cancelled, but those which stood contained some nice quality birds. The exhibits were nicely staged down one side of the hall, and were well attended to by a few keen fanciers. Mr. J. H. Payno made the awards, and gavo every satisfaction.

### The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (6): 1, Hulse, grandly shaped body, beautiful colour and quality, nice back, full neck; 2, 3, Brown, thigh ticked, splendid quality feather, level colour nicc back, not quite so cobby in shape; 3, grizzled on head, nice quality feather, lovely head, shapely, of level colour; vhc, Jennings; hc, Watson. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Hill, beautiful shape, nice full, round chest, short flights and tail, good wide back, well up in colour and quality; 2, Brown, left wing and right thigh tick, magnificent quality, good shape; 3, Stephenson, splendid colour, very shapely, good wings and tail; vhc, Freestone; hc, Houghton. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Parlett, left eye and right wing marked, buff, grand quality, nice short, well-packed flights and neat tail, rich undercolour and good shape; 2, Wasley, yell., fine colour and shape, grand head; 3, Houghton, neck and wing mkd. buff, grand shape, short flights and tail, nice carriage; vhc, c, Brown; hc, Houghton. HEN (7): 1, Hill, unflig-buff, gem for shape and feather, beautiful wings and tail, nice round chest and neat head; 2, vhc, Hales, yell. nice colour aud quality, good shape, neat wings and tail; 3, Parlett, grand shaped cl. buff, nice feather, good back and chest, well filled neck; hc, Houghton; c, Wasley. A.O.V. CAN. (9): 1, hc, c, Hammacott and Card, yell. green Bord., a gem for colour and quality, nicely pencilled, good carriage; 2, Wasley, four-pointed buff Nor., fine shape, colour, and markings good wings and tail; 3, vhc, Hocking, yell., green Bord., nice shape and feather good colour. MULE OR HYB. (11): 1, spl, Wasley, well-known four-pointed buff Goldfinch-Can., in good feather; 2, Somorfield, dark jongue Greenfinch-Can., magnificent colour, grand size and feather; 3, Edwards, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, nice face, good shape and feather; vhc, Miss Darell; hc, Wilkinson; c, Collins, grand class for quality. GOLDFINCH OR BULLFINCH (8): 1 Stephenson, well cut blaze, fine colour and polish, nicely tanned chest, good bars and buttons; 2, Taviner, rich-coloured blaze, lovely bars and buttons, good collar; 3, Somerfield, grand body colour, rich tanning on chest, nice buttons and bars; vhc, Taviner; hc, Wilkinson; c, Alford. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, Parlett. Linnet, clinker, grand size and shape, magnificent colour on back and chest, well pencilled, in splendid form; 2, vhc, Russell, Siskin, well laced cap, nicely marked flanks, grand feather and polisb; 3, hc, Lovell, mealy Redpoll, fine feather, size and shape, well marked. A.O.S. HARDBILL (10): 1, bc, Chick, grand Corn Bunting, rare markings, size and feather, grandly polished; 2, Watson, Hawfinch, tight as a drum, nice shape, feather and markings; 3, Wills, yell. Bunting, good colour, grand feather, nicely markod, in good form; vhc, Price; c, Jones, Barry Brcs. FOR. (6): 1, spl, vhc, Milsum, purple capped Lory, in superb condition, gorgeous colour; 2, Wilkinson, grand pair of Blue Mountain Lorries, in fine plumage and feather; 3, Miss Darell, black-headed Gouldian Finch, splendid colour and feather, distinct markings, nice fine feather; hc, Mrs. Smith; c, Watts. SELL. (11): 1, Jennings; 2 Jeffrey; 3, Hulse; vhc, Edwards; hc, Hammacott and Card; c, Jenkins, Houghton.

## PLYMOUTH.

The Western F.A. held their second annual show at Plymouth Market on January 6th. The entry showed a very gratifying increase on last year's, 150 cages being staged. The birds were accommodated in a snug corner, and were amply screened off from all draughts, an innovation which was very popular with the exhibitors present, and one which should obtain for the society an increased entry at their next exhibition. Mr. W. E. Chapple was the cage bird secretary, and was indefatigable in his efforts both for the comfort of the birds and visitors. He was ably seconded by Messrs. Adams, Watson, sen., Snell, and Wills. Mr. Thomas Pope (Plymouth) judged, and his awards were very favourably received.

### The Critique.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (6): 1, 3, Woodley, former nicely-moulted bird, good feather and style; 2, Wills, well-known winner; vhc, Brenton; hc, Mrs. Southcombe. BUFF (5): 1, Camp, good bird, well shown; 2, Hodge and Clark, also good one, loses to winner only in wing carriage and feather; 3, Wills, very stylish; vhc, Woodley; hc, Brenton. TKD., ETC., YELL. (1): 1, Woodley, neat exhibit, in pink of condition, well shown. BUFF (3): 1, Woodley, very stylish, grand feather; 2, 3, Camp, neat birds, also in grand feather. YORKS. HEN (4): 1, spl for best Yorks., Clark and Hodge, beautiful non-flighted yell., W.C.O.S. Cup winner; 2, Wills, another good one; 3, Camp, buff, nice all over; vhc, Hodge and Clark. NOR. CL. YELL. (4): 1, spl for best Nor., Spillman, well-known winner, type and feather of the best; 2, Watson, fails a trifle in size and shape only to winner, grand otherwise; 3, Mrs. Southcombe, also good one; vhc, Sleep. BUFF (2): 1, Spillman, typical bird, easy winner; 2, Asher, lovely feathered specimen. TKD., ETC., YELL. (2): 1, 2, Spillman, winner excelling in quality; 2nd, good substance and shape. BUFF (4): 1, Spillman, well-known saddle-marked non-flighted; 2, Southcombe, close up, well shown; 3, Asher, another good one; vhc, Tottle. NOR. HEN (4): 1, Tottle, eye-marked yell., one of the best out, well-known winner; 2, Spillman, cl. buff, good type, well shown; 3, Hodge and Clark, also nice one; vhc, Miss Allin. CREST, CL. BODY (5): 1, Ryder, good shape crest, frequeut winner in Western shows; 2, Davey, shade smaller, all-round good one; 3, Hobbs, neat and nice; vhc, Rabey. HEAVILY MKD., ETC. (6): 1, spl for best in Crest and C.B. classes, Hobbs, green, lovely droop and feather, grand exhibit; 2, Ryder, large crest, well put down; 3, Tope, another good one; vhc, Haskell; hc, Richards; c, Davey. C.B. CL., ETC. (5): 1, Anring's special, Davey, immense cl., real topper; 2, Edwards, again a cl., good size; 3, Tope, ticked bird, very little behind winners; vhc, Ryder; hc, Parker. HEAVILY MKD., ETC. (9): 1, Davey, green, good skull and lashing; 2, vhc, hc, Haskell, measures well, also a green; 2, Tope, another green, good size; c, Luscombe. NOR., ETC., PAIRS (1): 1, Roberts, nice Scotch Fancies, grandly suited to each other. CREST PAIRS (5): 1, spl for best pair, Ryder, cl. body, crest, and green C.B., really good pair, win well; 2, Hobbs, another very fine pair; 3, Tope, not far behind; vhc, Richards; hc, Parsons. LIGHT CAN. HYB. (3): 1, 3, Hodge and Clark, the leader even mark, of good size; 2, Edwards, nicely marked, well shown. A.O.V. HYB. (2): 1, spl for best Hyb., Edwards, Greenic-Bullie, very large, splendid colour; 2, Ruse, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, grand specimen of the cross. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (16): Best class in show, several well-known winners in the West out of the cards; 1, spl, Clark, a marvel, immense bright blaze, magnificent tannings; 2, Pridham; 3, Mumford, two of the best, exceptional colour, bright blazes; vhc, hc, Miss Giles; c, Polkinghorne. BRIT. BULLFINCH (5): 1, 2, Warren, both nice birds, well shown; 3, Snell; vhc, Browning; hc, Camp. LINNET, ETC. (4): 1, Pridham, grand Linnet, in beautiful condition; 2, 3, Camp, fail in condition only to winner, nice birds; vhc, Woodland. A.O.S. SEED-EATING (3): 1, spl, F. Wills, Yellowhammer, exceptional colour and feather, adds another win to its already long list; 2, Watson, Chaffinch; 3, Camp, nice Yellowhammer, well staged. SMALL INSECTIV.: 1, Allen, Grey Wagtail, nicely shown, good one. SMALL FOR. (3): 1, 2, Cooper, Superb and Scarlet Tanagers, both good, well staged; 3, Smith, pair of Java Sparrows, also nicely shown. LARGE (2): 1, Cooper, Lorikeet; 2, Stephens. SELL. (20/-): 1, Tope; 2, Tottle; 3, Roberts. (10/-): 1, Roberts; 2, 3, Deeble. MEMBERS', NOR. YELL.: 1, spl, Watson. BUFF: 1, Adams; 2, Watson. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Brock. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Brock. NON-FED NOR.: 1, 2, Smith. LIGHT MULE: 1, 3, Wills; 2, Watson. DARK: 1, 2, Wills. GOLDFINCH: 1, Wills; 2, Adams. LINNET: 1, 2, Wills; 3, Tucker. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Watson. A.O.S. SEED-EATER: 1, Smith. FOR.: 1, Tucker.

## HERTFORD.

Held in the Corn Exchange, Jan. 13th and 14th. The entry was the best yet received by the society, and the quality was far superior to that seen at any previous show. The challenge cup for best members' bird, and special for best in show, fell to a very smart yellow Yorkshiro, shown by Mr. Hudspeth, whose success gave much great pleasure to the local faciers. The British were a grand lot, and competition was very keen. The cage birds were staged in a room by themselves, and a nice fire kept them snug and comfortable. The management was splendid, with Mr. Pat Harrower, the worthy president, and Mr. Looker once again holding the secretarial reins, as obliging and energetic as ever. The executive comprised the following earnest fanciers:—Messrs. W. Rose, H. Harry, T. J. Hoare, C. Laurence, W. F. Ramsey, A. L. Dickins, H. W. Robinson, J. T. Farley, A. Scales, W. J. Alexander, C. J. Smith, and E. E. Earl, with Mr. E. J. Hott as treasurer. Mr. C. A. House judged.

YORKS. (10): 1, 2, 3, res., three spls, and challenge cup, Hudspeth, splendid team, shown in grand form; 1, very long, slim, well-tapered yell., grand wings and tail; 2, smart, stylish, close-feathered marked buff, lovely bird, ran a very close race; 3, another smart, stylish, high quality yell.; vhc, Mrs. Bollard; hc, Rayment; c, Hole. NOR. (10): 1, spl, Rippon, very handsome wing-ticked buff, lovely shape and feather nice type; 2, Kilby, well-known yell., looking very well indeed; 3, vhc, Pamphilion, very close silky feathered yell., grand colour; res, vhc, hc, Prichard; c, Inch. BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC. (15): 1, spl, Harris, grand coloured Goldie, beautifully marked throughout, grand feather and style; 2, Taylor, grand breasted Bullie, nice glossy cap, capital back and bars; 3, Punchard, grand faced Goldie, ice cheeks, capital back and bars; res, Inch; vhc, Jay, Watson; vhc, hc, Fulbrook; hc, Mascall. LINNET (10): 1, spl, Harris, noted winner; 2, Welsh, splendid colour, grandly marked, nice shape; 3, Taylor, nice shape and neatly marked; res, Roso; vhc, Watson; hc, Gregory; c, Smeeton. A.O.S. (10): 1, vhc, spl, Fullbrook, very pretty little Golden-crested Wren and a Tree Creeper, in nice fettle; 2, Smeeton, yellow Wagtail, beautiful feather, and very steady; 3, Miss Hopwood, very smart Blackcap, capital colour and feather; res, Welch; hc, Watson, Brace. MULES (5): 1, 3, spl, Mascall, very close feathered, nicc-coloured Canary-Bullfinch; 3, rich-coloured, nicely-feathered yellow variegated; 2, Fullbrook, well-marked, rich-coloured Goldie-Bullie; res, vhc, Brace. FOR. (7): 1, spl, hc, Mrs. Barclay, lovely Superb Tanager, beautifully marked, and very gorgeous in plumage; 2, vhc, Smith, handsome, well-marked Blue-fronted Amazon, grand colour and feather; 3, Raynor, smart Meyers Parrot; res, Curzon. SELL. (20/-) (6): 1, 2, spl, Baker; 3, res, Hawthorn and Beard; vhc, Inch; hc, Spring. ROLLER CANARY (9): 1, 2, 3, res, spl, Dickens and Welch. MEMBERS (5): 1, 2, spl, Looker, beautiful yellow Cinnamon, sound colour, and a typical, good-coloured yell. NOR.: 3, Smith, another neat yell. NOR.: res, Brace; vhc, Dickins and Welch.

## LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

The final show for the medal competition was held on January 9th, at the Railway Hotel. Mr. R. Halliday judged.

CL. YELL. YORKS: 1, Padgett; 2, Swaine; 3, Casey. BUFF: 1, Bottomley; 2, Tetley; 3, Coates. TKD. YELL.: 1, Bottomley; 2, Coates; 3, Casey. BUFF: 1, 3, Coates; 2, Casey. YELL. HEN: 1, Padgett; 2, 3, Casey. BUFF: 1, Padgett; 2, Parker; 3, Casey. NOVICE CLASSES: CL. YELL.: 1, Danby; 2, 3, Hiles. BUFF: 1, Oddy; 2, Morton. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Hiles; 3, Oddy. BUFF: 1, Danby. YELL. HEN: 1, Broadbent. BUFF: 1, Shoesmith; 2, Hiles; 3, Oddy. Winner of first medal, open, Casey; second medal, Coates; third medal, Bottomley. Coates won Sandiford medal for hottest fed bird. Novice Competition: 1st medal, Hiles; 2nd medal, Shoesmith; 3rd medal, Oddy.—A. BOTTOMLEY, sec.


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## YARM AND EAGLESCLIFFE.

The first annual show was held in the Central Hall, Yarm, on January 9th. The fixture was favoured with nice weather, a good entry both in numbers and quality, and a capital attendance. The secretaries, Messrs. Wilkinson and Danby, had everything well in hand, and were ably assisted by a hardworking and capable committee, who were indefatigable in their attention to the needs of the exhibits. Norwich were very fair, and the Yorkshire classes contained many good specimens; but the British bird and Mule sections were undoubtedly the feature of the show, grand teams being staged by Messrs. Chick, W. J. Taylor, Axe, Nicholson and Son, Duncan, Parlett, and Birchley; whilst in the Foreign bird class Messrs. Nicholson and Son, who had the class to themselves, staged a grand team, which was greatly admired. Mr. Battye judged, his awards giving satisfaction.

### The Canary Section.

NOR. CL., ETC. (7): 1, Axe, head and wing mkd., nice level colour, grand quality and condition; 2, 3, Hill and Stewart, 2nd hot colour, good chest, lovely shape, A1 quality, 3rd stout and cobby, good type; 4, Hall, good shape and colour; vhc, Stanger and Herdman; hc, Hanson. BUFF (11): 1, Mitchell, ticked back and head, nice shape, some thought lucky; 2, Stanger and Herdman, ticked neck, rich quality, shapely, good meal, nice condition; 3, Hall, wing and eye marked, red-hot colour, rare size, good chest, head and neck, rare quality and condition; 4, Hill and Stewart, head ticked, big bird, grand quality, too fat, perhaps; vhc, c, Wake and Carr; hc, Henderson Bros. UNFLI. (5): 1, Axe, cl. yell., rich hot colour, nice and shapely, good head, neck and back, rare quality and condition; 2, Parlett, wing and eye marked buff, good quality, nicely mealed, good head and chest; 3, Stanger and Herdman, cl. yell., good quality, not so level in colour, perhaps; 4, Burton, buff, good size; vhc, Henderson Bros. HEN (7): 1, Hill and Stewart, rare good yell., rich colour, grand quality, fine size and shape, passed at Ferryhill as a cock; 2, vhc, Freeman, varieg. buff, grand cobby shape, nice quality, pale colour; 3, Stanger and Herdman, yell., neat, good type, level colour; 4, Parlett, buff, nice size and quality; hc, Hill and Stewart; c, Wake and Carr. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, 2, Cuthbertson, wing ticked, leading splendid shape, well up on leg, good head, wings and back, 2nd cl., lengthy, A1 quality, good position; 3, Stevens, good length, wider across back, good legs and wings; 4, c, Wilcock, rich coloured cl., slim and stylish, grand quality, might have gone up one some thought; vbc, Barnwell; hc, Hanson. BUFF (10): 1, 4, Rhodes, neck ticked leading, rare quality, stylish, grand colour, straight as a rush, in grand trim; 2, 3, Cuthbertson, head ticked, and a cl., good length, stylish, A1 quality, good legs and wings; vbc, stevens; hc, Wilcock; c, Hewson. UNFLI. (12): 1 Woodhead, cl. yell., good length, rough on neck; 2, Hewson, cinn.-marked buff, good type, rare quality, rather heavily marked; 3, 4, c, Rev. B. Wilton, yellows, good size, grand quality and position; vhc, Carter; hc, Cuthbertson. HEN (10): 1, hc, Rhodes, long, stylish yell., slim, rich quality, good position well carried wings, neat tail; 2, Hewson, buff marked breast and rump, big bird, too thick through chest for our fancy, good quality; 3, c, Cuthbertson, wing ticked yell., A1 quality, good shape and position; 4, vhc, Wilcock, buff good size and quality. A.O.V. (9): 1 4, Summerhill, Scotch Fancies head ticked buff, and pied buff, nice style and nervy; 2, hc, Yeates, nice Dk. C., good size, well radiated, neat centre; 3, c, Barnwell, variegated, Yorks., lengthy, good colour and quality; vhc, Rev. B. Wilton. Owing to schedule being worded "clear or ticked" in Yorkshire classes, variegated birds of this variety were eligible in the A.O.V. class. SELL. (15/-) (9): 1, Woodhouse; 2, Taylor; 3, Sokell and Binks; 4, Rev. Wilton; vhc, Hesketh; hc, Yeates; c, Wake and Carr. (10/-) (15): 1, hc, Taylor; 2, Mitchell; 3, Metcalfe; 4, Sokell and Binks; vhc, Yeates; c, Carter. MEMBERS'—NOR. CK. (10): 1, 2, 3, Henderson Bros.; 4, hc, Hanson; vhc, Chadwick; c, Johnson. HEN (5): 1, 2, Hanson; 3, Honeyman; 4, Johnson; vhc, Henderson Bros. YORKS. CK. (7): 1, 2, Hanson; 3, 4, hc, Johnson; vhc, Wallinger; c, Henderson Bros. HEN (6): 1, 2, 4, Johnson; 3, bc, Wallinger, vbc, Henderson Bros.

### The Mules British and Foreign.

MULE (19): 1, 2, 4, Taylor, Greenie Bullie, grand breast colour, good cap, showing both parents, in excellent bloom; 2nd, Goldie Bullie, lovely quality, rich colour, good head, well staged; 4th, Greenie Bullie, very similar to first, not quite so rich colour perhaps; 3, vhc, Maddison, we could not find ex 3 Hanson, good sized Goldfinch, Greenfinch well staged; hc, Wake and Carr, nice young Linnet Bullie; hc, Nicholson, well-known Goldie Bullie; c, Brunskill, hot class, containing nearly every cross. GOLDFINCH (15): 1, Axe, well-known winner, in rare form, rich square-cut blaze, steady as a rock, nice tanning and buttons; 2, 4, Bertram and Storey, another good one, well tanned, good size, not quite the polish of winner; 3, Nicholson and Son, grand blaze, fine silky feather, good wings; vhc, Crompton; hc Nicholson and Son; c, Duncan, jun. BULLFINCH (19): 1, Axe, grand Bullie, well-defined cap of rich glossy black, good breast colour, well marked wings, rare size; 2, Stanger and Herdman, close up, rare size, good colour, grand cap and shape; 3, Forster, grand breast colour, good cap; 4, Johnson, good shaped cap, nice wings and breast; vhc, Woods; hc, Garbutt and Clement; c, Handson and Lancaster. GREENFINCH (13): 1, Axe, rare size, grand bloom, A1 quality; 2, Duncan, Jun., rich colour, good size, well staged; 3, Birchley, grand size, chubby shape; 4, Mrs. Harrison, good colour and quality; vhc, Nicholson and Son; hc, Freeman; c, Todd and Son. CHAFFINCH, ETC (16): 1, Axe, rich-coloured Bramble, grandly marked, colour and quality pulled him well through; 2, Weedy, Chaffinch, good size; 3, Forster, nice Bramble, well marked, good colour; 4, Bertram and Storey, Chaffie, good size and shape; vhc, Brunskill; hc, Duncan, Jun.; c, Carter. LINNET (20): 1, c, Parlett, lovely nutty-brown colour, rare polish, big and shapely, a gem; 2, Nicholson, similar for size, markings, but not quite so rich in colour; 3, Wake and Carr, good colour, well pencilled; 4, Birchley, good, bold bird, well pencilled, nice colour; vhc, Axe; hc, Duncan. SISKIN ETC. (11): 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, good Mealy Redpoll, good colour and size, well staged; 2, Todd and Son, Siskin, lovely colour, well laced; 3, Bertram and Storey, nicely marked Twite—excellent colour and size; 4, Rev. B. Wilton, good Lesser Redpoll; vhc, Rev. B. Wilton; hc, Todd and Son; c, D. Duncan Jun. A.O.S. SEEDEATER (6): 1, Wilcock, noted Hawfinch, in grand form, real good one; 2, Axe, real good Yellow Bunting, well marked head; 3, Weedy, nice Snow Bunting; 4, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Hawfinch, young bird, close up to winner, looks like making a gem, grand bib and colour; vhc, Dawson; hc, Chick, noted Hawfinch "Midland Chief," out of condition to-day. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (7): 1, Savage, Thrush, good size, very steady, fine markings; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, Starling, grandly spangled, steady, in grand trim; 3 Axe, excellent Blackbird, lovely sheen, rare size, rich coloured beak, good eye ceres; 4, vhc, Mrs. Freeman, Thrush leading, good size, distinct markings; hc, Wilkinson and Danby; c, Jackson. SOFTBILL SMALL (11): 1, Duncan, Jun., nicely marked Wryneck, steady as a rock, well staged, nice exhibit; 2, Chick, lovely Redstart, in grand form, rare colour and markings; 3, Briscoe, Nightingale, good size and colour, in grand condition; 4, vhc, hc, Wilkinson and Danby, Bearded Tit, in nice form, well put down; c, Cook. LARGE (8): 1, Chick, Chough, lovely sheen, fine size, grand exhibit, winner of 47 1sts; 2, Duncan, Jun., Fieldfare, gem, polished like satin very steady, rare size, grandly marked; 3, vhc, Wilkinson and Danby, good green Woodpecker; 4, hc, Woodhouse, pair of Great Grey Shrikes, leader excels in condition; bc, c, Carter, Waxwing. FOR. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Nicholson and Son, Superb Tanager, Blue and Buff Macaw, Glossy Starling, and golden-fronted Fruit Sucker, in order, a grand team, put down in this firm's well-known style, greatly admired; No. 5, absent. MEMBERS' GOLDIE (8): 1, Johnson; 2, vhc, Garbutt and Clement; 3, Wilson; 4, Hanson; hc, Smith; c, Wilkinson and Danby. LINNET (5): 1, 4, Garbutt and Clement; 2, Spence; 3, Chadwick; vhc, Hanson. A.O.S. (4): 1, 3, Garbutt and Clement; 2, Hanson, 4, Danby. SOFTBILL (3): 1, 2, 3, Wilkinson and Danby.

## RAMSEY (I.O.M.)

Annual show held on Jan. 7th in the Palace, Ramsey. This room is admirably adapted for a show, being spacious and well lighted and quite free from draughts. The society are to be congratulated on their president, Mr. A. G. Curphey, who takes a lively interest in the society both of a personal and a very practical kind, as the handsome list of specials testify. The Rev. H. T. Devall makes an admirable chairman, thoroughly hard-working and courteous, whilst in Mr. G. H. Allison the society have a secretary to be proud of. It would be invidious to particularise any member of the committee, as they all worked like Trojans, and with such a body of fanciers it was no wonder all went merrily as a marriage bell. The judging was over and the cards up in good time, and then the dinner, presided over by the chairman, was a pure delight, a perfect feast of reason and flow of soul and other things. Mr. S. Hadwin judged, and there was little fault to be found with his awards. The Norwich were not a strong lot, but the Yorkshires were grand, capable of holding their own in any company. Some really good birds were staged in the British and Mule classes.

### The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, 3, Hogg, leader neat, good colour, 3rd good wings; 2, C. Caley, similar bird, falls only in colour; res, Wotherspoon; vhc, Disney Roe; hc, R. Caley. BUFF (8): 1, spl. C. Caley, good head, well billed in neck, short and cobby, good colour; 2, res, R. Caley, good specimen; 3, c, Hogg, also nice one; vhc, hc, Disney Roe. TKD., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, 2, R. Caley, good colour and quality; 3, C. Caley, another one well up in colour. BUFF (3): 1, Cowell, good colour, neat and cobby; 2, Crellin, fine bird well put down; 3, R. Caley, another good bird. YELL. HEN (5): 1, C. Caley, sweet shape and style, good bead and neck, cobby; 2, Hogg, close up, nice substance; 3, R. Caley, nice quality exhibit, put down well; res, Mrs. Harvey; vhc, Cowell. BUFF A.V. (5): 1, Hogg, neat, cobby, good colour; 2, R. Caley, capital bird, full of quality; 3, C. Caley, nice wing carriage; res, Disney Roe; vhc, Mrs. Harvey. YORKS. CL. YELL. (5): 1, 3, Teare, long raking birds, good legs and position; 2, Hogg, stylish exhibit; res, Cannell; vhc, J. Kinraid. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Teare, leader beautifully drawn, feather like wax; 2, Wade, long bird, well drawn; res, Cannell; vhc, J. Kelly; hc, Mrs. Harvey; c, Wade. TICK YELL. (12): Grand class: 1, R. Caley, long, well drawn, good position and style, rare colour, wins; 2, 3, res, Teare, 2nd well drawn, 3rd fails only in front; vhc, Wade; hc, no name; c, Cowin. BUFF (11): 1, c, Teare, neat head, well drawn, good quality, very stylish; 2, R. Caley, good length and position; 3, Cannell, similar bird, nice one all over; res, good bird, bit soft to-day; vhc, W. Wade; hc, A. Wade. YELL. HEN (10): 1, res, vhc, Teare, and special for best Yorks., perfect lady, feather like wax, well drawn, good position, a gem; 2, Cannell, another good one; 3, Cowin, similar bird and stylish; hc, R. Caley; c, W. Wade. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, Teare, a trio of beauties, grand style and quality not much to choose between them; R. Cannell (668), absent. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, 2, Wotherspoon, good Crest and C.B. respectively; 3, Gill, lovely quality Cin.; 669, absent; 670, 671, wrong class. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, Kelly, good blaze and markings, well staged; 2, Gale, loses only in blaze, neatly marked wings and buttons; 3, Kusale, nice colour and condition. MULE: 1, spl, for second best bird in show, Gill, light, nearly 4-pointed Goldie-Canary in splendid condition and colour; 2, res, vhc, hc, c, Gill, 2nd dark Linnet-Can., rare colour and condition; 3, Gale, light Goldie-Can., nice colour. LINNET (mouse-moulted) (9): 1, 2, 3, Kelly, spl best British, all good ones, well marked, rare condition, not much to choose hetwixt them; res Gale; vhc, Gill; hc, Miss Gale; c, Quayle. NOT HOUSE-MOULTED (7): 1, Miss K. Gale, good condition, well marked and steady; 2, 3, vhc, Kelly, nice colour; res, Harvey; hc, E. Gale; c, E. Caley. A.O.S. BRIT. (9): 1, spl for best bird in show, W. Kinnin, Cornish Chough in good feather and condition, very tame; 2, W. H. Harvey, Bullfinch, grand colour and size, well staged; 3, res, Kelly, 3rd Bramblefinch, lovely markings and condition, good size; vhc, Miss H. Kinceside; hc, Miss Doris Munson; c, J. Quayle. FOR (5): 1, Wylde; 2, S. Kenyon; 3, Moysey; Nos. 710, 713, absent.


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## PLUMSTEAD AND WOOLWICH.

The 2nd annual show of the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S. was held in Trinity Schools, Woolwich, on January 7th and 8th. The room in which the show was held is well lighted from the sides and ends, and possesses the advantage of being excellently lighted (splendidly at night), so that visitors at any time had the opportunity of seeing the birds well. The Rev. G. J. Bayley, the president, took a lively and personal interest in the show. The following constitute the committee: Messrs. E. Meades (chairman), A. Best (vice-chairman), J. J. Collins (treasurer), Allison, Borlase, Hawkes, Hall, Miller, Putney, and Underwood. The hon. secretaries are Messrs. Pawley and Newnham, whose courtesy, perseverance, enthusiasm, and attention to every detail were most marked. The entry, on the total, was 50 in excess of last year's; this increase being made up in the members' section, the open classes, particularly the Canaries, showing a reduction upon last year's total. This reduced entry Mr. Pawley attributed to the bitter weather conditions about the time the entries closed. The weather changed, but the mischief had been done, and the services of Mr. Gardner, as a second judge, were not required. We wish the society better luck next year. The quality throughout was excellent, particularly in the Mules and British bird sections. The staging and arrangement thereof were very convenient, the room was prettily decorated with flags, and each evening a splendid musical entertainment was provided by Mr. Hartland, and much appreciated. The prize labels were gummed on the bottom bars of the cages promptly, and catalogues of awards were on sale within three-quarters of an hour of the time of judging being completed. The special model prize cards were sent by post to each exhibitor entitled to same. The show was visited each evening by a large number of fanciers from all parts, and the "gate" was thus a success. Mr. J. Robson judged.

### The Open Classes.

NOR. CL. YELL. (2): 1, spl, Whent, bird of character, lovely level colour, silky feather, typical body, neat head, spic and span; 2, Gibbs, good body, nice colour and quality, shows signs of work. BUFF (4): 1, Ellis, fine-chested bird, good balance, well across, nice undercolour, very bloomy; 2, Stewart, little shorter in body, good undercolour; 3, Gibbs, very fine texture of feather, nice one; vhc, Taylor. TKD., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Hulse, rare tone of colour, silky feather, nice shape and carriage; 2, 3, Gibbs, former varieg. very rich colour, shiny feather, nice shape, well posted; 3rd, ticked back of the bead, good bird for shape and size; vhc, Stewart. BUFF (1): 1, Jordan, saddle-marked bird, good type and quality, beautifully frosted feather, valuable in the stock room. HEN (3): 1, spl, Whent, clear, good shape, wings and tail, rare quality; 2, Gibbs, fine shape and feather, neat bead, bird we liked much; 3, Pitts, varieg., nice shape and feather. UNFLI. YELL. (7): 1, Gibbs, possesses quality and colour, nice shape, good wing carriage, well across, promising; 2, Jordan, good quality feather, nice colour, just "tips" its wings across occasionally; 3, Taylor, chubby, good texture of feather; vhc, Silk; hc, Ellis; c, Sprules. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Meades, gem for quality, boxey feather, nice shape, clean cut, cap and wing marked, looks like one of the Gillingham winners; 2, Jordan, beautiful feather, rich in undercolour; 3, Ingles, chubby, good quality; vbc, Taylor. UNFLI. HEN (7): 1, Meades, yell., good quality, type and colour, short wings and tail, neat bead; 2, Hulse, full of quality, nice body level back, good one; 3, Ellis, typical, soft bloomy feather, level colour; vhc, Ellis; hc, Silk; c, Sprules. NOVICE, YELL. (12): 1, spl, Ingles, very shapely, close in feather, good colour; 2 Dixon, varieg., lovely colour, fine quality; 3, Mrs. Thynne, good bead and body, trifle open in feather, but nice one; vhc, Boyson; bc, Williamson; c, Mrs. Thynne. BUFF (7): 1, Bellinger, close and compact in feather and shape, rich undercolour, good one; 2, Holland, best of quality; 3, Ingles, good shape, neat; vhc, Walmsley; hc, c, Williamson. HEN (5): 1, Mrs. Thynne, good shape, close feather; 2, Hamer, lovely quality; 3, Holland, yell., nice texture of feather; vbc, Daniell; hc, Pawley. NOR OR YORKS., NAT. COL. (1): 1, spl, Nunn, grand quality and shaped Nor., one of the old type—not so large, but as good as some of the bigger ones. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, spl, 3, Gibbs, leader fine position, rare quality and warm in colour, goes up to the call, nice behind leg; 3rd, slim built all through, nice action and whip; 2, Silk, very stylish, drawn finely, and poses nicely, well shown; vbc, Hole. BUFF (5): 1, Warr, beautiful level back, very close and waxy in feather, nervy, nice one; 2, Edwards, we liked much for style, feather, and Yorks. properties; 3, Gibbs, very smart; vhc, Pittis; hc, Johnson. MKD., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, 3, Gibbs, leader lovely in feather, style, and colour; 3rd, heavily varieg., fine taper; 2, Burton, very stylish, stands well, but fans a bit at times; vbc, Edwards. BUFF (3): 1, spl, Broughton, lovely quality, fine pose, well drawn and quick; 2, Johnson, very sweet, smart action, nervy, nice feather; 3, Burton, good quality. HEN (3): 1, Broughton, buff, style and quality; 2, Gibbs, yell., we liked quite as well; 3, Hole, neat. UNFLI. YELL. (6): 1, spl, vhc, Gibbs, full of fire, very silky in feather, neat head; 2, Edwards, smart and breedy, goes up quickly, nice finish; 3, Broughton, nice style and quality; hc, Whent; c, Lockett. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Broughton, both nice, little to choose between them; 3, Gibbs, good quality and position; vbc, Silk. HEN (5): 1, Lockett, nice pose, quality and colour; 2, Broughton, yell., very nice position and feather, should do well; 3, Warr, heavily varieg. yell., rare style, grand feather; vhc, Edwards. NOVICE YELL. (4): 1, spl, Hunt, stands at a nice angle, fine quality feather; 2, Rowson, varieg., fine position and well drawn; 3, Putner, nice length, trifle weak in neck; vhc, Hutson. BUFF (5): 1, Forse, capped bird, stylish, nice tone of feather; 2, Larbey, good quality, stands well; 3, Newnham, plenty of "go" about it, but just a trifle short behind leg; vhc, Daye; hc, Forse. HEN (5): 1, Daye, neat and stylish; 2, Putner, cinn. varieg., lovely feather; 3, Larbey, very nice quality of feather; vbc, Rowson; hc, Hutson. CREST OR C.B. (1): 1, spl, Mrs. Turner, cl. body D.C., a nice one too, good front. 1908 BRED (1): 1, Miss Turner, same variety as in previous class, very promising. NOVICE CREST OR C.B. (6): 1, vhc, Mrs. Smith, leader varieg. Crest-bred, good head, turn back, and body; 2, hc, Hunt, heavily varieg., good crest; 3, Towers, cl. Crest-bred; c, Brett. BORD. BUFF (1): 1, Ellwood, jaunty and nice head. UNFLI (1): 1, spl, Ellwood, fine round head, compact in feather, jaunty carriage. NOVICE. BORD. (12): 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, Weaver, very creditable team to emanate from one breeder's room, winner sweet little yell., gay and jaunty, nice feather; 2nd, also yell.; 3, Mrs. Thynne, buff ticked, very close in feather, natty little bird. LIZ., 1908 (2): 1, spl, 2, Fisher, leader Silver; 2nd, Gold. "White Heather" and "Klondyke Nugget." LIGHT MULE (12): 1, spl, 3, Lamb, leader evenly marked buff Goldie-Can., very nice eyes, good flush; 3rd, the six-pointed yell., in lovely form, rich in colour; 2, hc, Lees, former wing marked, slightly grizzled on head. LINNET-CAN., beautiful bird, fine shape, close feather for that cross; vhc, Taylor; c, Houghton. DARK (10): 1, Taylor, Goldie-Can., fine Jonque colour, rich flush and burnishing, fine size; 2, Mascall, Can.-Bullie, good in colour; 3, Stewart, Greenfinch-Can., good colour, cheap at catalogue price; vhc, Francis; hc, Whent; c, Smith. HYB. (11): 1, spl, 3, Ward, "Excelsior," very rich-coloured Redpoll-Bullfinch, shown to perfection; 3rd, grand Linnet-Bullfinch, "Unique" by name, and mostly so by merit; 2, hc, Lamb, leader very sweet, fine coloured Redpoll-Goldfinch; vhc, Taylor, Gunnell, Houghton; hc, Wickham; c, Pearce; a grand class of birds that took some sorting out. GOLDFINCH (17): 1, spl, Harris, gem, wide deep-toned lustrous face, fine bars and buttons, good shape, rare tanning, cleanly cut; 2, Francis, very cleanly cut again, well proportioned, nice face, lustrous; 3, Jordan, quite close up to 2nd in most points; vhc, Jupe, Botting, Gardner, Carter; hc, Wickham; c, Worth. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Gunnell, large, lustrous cap, nice breast colour, bold, fairly free from "stocking"; 2, Francis, another gem, lovely breast and cap, very lustrous, and steady; 3, vhc, Jupe, former beautiful breast, very clean at thighs, very lustrous cap; hc, Worth; c, Flintoff. LINNET (16): 1, spl, Harris, nutty in colour, well marked, close as wax and lustrous, steady and nice shape; 2, Francis, very shapely, lustrous, well marked; 3, Fellows, another very sound bird all through, a gem; vhc, Wickham, Fisher; hc, Brett, Adamthwaite; c, Fellows. REDPOLL, ETC. (9): 1, Botting, well mkd., rich-coloured and conditioned Twite; 2, Wickham, prettily mkd., nice capped Siskin, good size and bib; 3, Easterling, rich-coloured, good-sized Lesser Redpoll; vhc, Francis, Smith; hc, Francis; c, Easterling. A.O.S. SEED-EATING (12): 1, Carter, finely-marked Brambling, rich in colours, very lustrous; 2, Botting, Chaffinch, beautiful sheen, very fine head and breast, rare white on wing, large and lustrous; 3, Gunnell, well marked, nice-coloured Yellowhammer, very steady; vhc, Godfrey, Wickham; hc, c, Francis. HEN (3): 1, spl, Francis, Hawfinch, good one; 2, Miller; 3, Daniell, both Bullfinches. INSECTIV. (11): 1, spl, Underwood, lovely Waxwing; 2, Shaddock, Woodpecker, in really fine feather; 3, Cook, well-known Shrike; vhc, Griffin, Francis, Brett; hc, Gardner, Miss Hopwood; c, Gardner. FOR. SMALL (12): 1, spl, vhc (2), Gardner, leader very sweet Superb Tanager; 2, Cook, we could not find; 3, Best, Pekin Robin, in nice feather; vhc, hc, c, Best. LARGE (8): 1, spl, Rev. G. H. Raynor, Meyer's Parrot, in nice feather; 2, Cook, Brazilian Green Jay, looking a bit soft; 3, Smith, Bullfinch; vhc, Miss Flora Brammer, Gardner; hc, Gardner; c, Curson. SELL. (30/-) (9): 1, spl, Bellinger; 2, 3, Richardson; vhc, Hollands; hc, Stewart, Mrs. Smith; c, Morris. (15/-) (7): 1, 3, Hollands; 2, Ingles; vhc, Richardson; hc, c, Lampkins. SELL. YORKS. (10): 1, Putner; 2, vhc, Gibbs; 3, Warr; vhc, Whent; hc, Pittis; c, Rowson.

### The Members' Classes.

CHAMPION, NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (2): 1, Meades, grand bird, fine body, head, quality and colour. BUFF (4): 1, vhc, Meades, rare shape and feather, rich undercolour; 2, 3, Richardson, both nice. MKD., ETC. (2): 1, Richardson, variegated buff, nice shape and quality; 2, Spooner. HEN (7): 1, spl, vhc, Richardson, winner buff, rare type, nice feather; 2, Darnell; 3, vhc, Meades; hc, Spooner; c, Darnell. UNFLI. YELL. (4): 1, spl, Richardson, bonny bird for type and quality, level colour; 2, Jordan, good quality; 3, Meades, also of good quality; vhc, Spooner. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Meades, leader thick-set, rare quality; 2, Jordan, very neat and nice. NOVICE, NOR. YELL. (4): 1, Wood, very neat, silky feather, good colour; 2, Allison, nearly green, good shape; 3, Carden; vhc, Hall, jun. BUFF: 1, 3, Ward, leader varieg. buff, grand shape; 2, Newnham, good one, needs to be a little closer in feather perhaps; vhc, Allison. HEN (10): 1, Pawley, possesses type and quality; 2, Hall, jun., very neat and nice; 3, Dibley; vhc, Wood; bc, Brett; c, Mrs. Carden. UNFLI. (4): 1, spl, Miller, very close feather, good shape; 2, Wood; 3, Pawley; vhc, Hall, jun. NAT. COL. (3): 1, spl, Pawley, buff Nor., nice shape, silky feather; 2, Borlase; 3, Smith. YORKS. YELL. (1): 1, Scott, stands well, nice feather. BUFF (3): 1, spl, Scott, nice pose, good quality, nervy; 2, Hawkes; 3, Fowler. HEN (13): 1, 2, Scott, both neat and good quality; 3, Newnham. UNFLI. (3): 1, Hawkes, stylish, nice feather, goes up well; 2, 3, Scott. A.O.V. CAN. (1): 1, spl, Allison, a very nice yellow cinnamon. A.V. (first time of showing) (5): 1, spl, 2, Dibley; 3, Collins; vhc, spl, Brett; hc, Fowler, very interesting class, containing some neat specimens. MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, spl, Simants, Greenie-Can.; 2, Spooner, same cross; 3, Mrs. Smith. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, spl, Jordan, good flush, bars, buttons, and tanning, well shown; 2, Weaver, also very nice in points; 3, Allison, close up; vhc, Meades; hc, Smith. BULLFINCH (5): 1, Jordan, fine cap and colour; 2, Meades, rich colour; 3, Hawkes, very nice Finch; vhc, Hall, jun.; hc, Mrs. Carden. LINNET (3): 1, spl, Jordan, nutty, well marked, lustrous; 2, 3, Allison, well after winner. A.O.S. (5): 1, spl, Daniell, well marked, sound coloured and lustrous Brambling; 2, Simants, bonny Chaffinch; 3, Miller; vbc, Allison; hc, Fowler.

## QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

The deciding show for competition prizes was held in the Baptist School, Queensbury, on New Year's Day, 56 birds being staged. Mr. R. E. Helliwell (Halifax) judged and gave general satisfaction. The winners of the society's prizes are as follows:—Mr. J. H. Fowle, 1st with 133 points; Mr. H. Grundy, 2nd, 76; Mr. G. Kirkbright, 3rd, 70; Mr. H. Smith, 4th, 68; Mr. A. Jowett, 5th, 43. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, vhc, Grundy; 2, c, Kirkbright, 3, Whiteley; 4, Fowle; hc, Jowett. BUFF: 1, Jowett; 2, Fowle; 3, vhc, Whiteley; 4, Kirkbright; hc, Briggs and Jagger; c, Smith. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Thomas; 2, S. Jagger; c, Smith; 4, H. Jagger; vhc, Jowett. BUFF cancelled. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Fowle; 2, Smith; 3, Whiteley; 4, Nichol. BUFF: 1, c, Waterhouse; 2, Nichol; 3, Fowle; 4, hc, Smith; vhc, Briggs and Jagger. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Fowle; 2, Grundy; 3, hc, c, Kirkbright; 4, S. Jagger; vhc, H. Jagger. BUFF: 1, 4, Smith; 2, Kirkbright; 3, Grundy; vhc, Fowle. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Thomas, Scotch Fancy and Crest; 2, 4, Swaine, both Norwich.—Wilton Jagger, Secretary.


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## ROTHESAY.

The Buteshire United Fanciers held their 8th annual show in the Town Hall, on January 6th, and, taken all over, it was most successful. The entries in the cage bird section numbered just about the same as last year, but we think the quality was much better, some tip-top exhibits being staged. Mr. N. Lamont, M.P. for the county, visited the show, and was very interested in some of the exhibits, when being shown round by Mr. Councillor G. G. Hill, who is treasurer for the society. Mr. J. M'Crone makes a splendid secretary, being most courteous and obliging to all. His duties were lightened by the committee, who all worked hard to make the show a success. Mr. Allison (Paisley) judged the Scotch Fancies, while Mr. And. Wilson (Glasgow) took the British birds, and both jointly judged the remainder. Their awards seemed to give general satisfaction.

SCOT. FCY. YELL. OR FOUL CK. (3): 1, 2, Napier, leader grand head, neck and shoulders, splendid style, 2nd good droop, well under; 3, Brown, nice style and size. HEN (2): 1, 2, Napier, 1st good neck, nice droop, 2nd also good bird. BUFF OR FOUL CK. (2): 1, Napier, grand style, plenty of nerve; 2, Brown, also very stylish. (3): 1, 2, Brown, leader wonderful length, good style, grand head and neck, 2nd another good one; 3, Napier. YELL. GREEN OR PIED: 1, 2, Napier, both grand exhibits, well put down. HEN: 1, Leckie, nice style and size, capital bird. BUFF: 1, Hill, good style, splendid neck and shoulders. CREST CK. (3): 1, Stewart, grand sized Crest, neat in centre, even all round; 2, Rankin, good sized Crest, not quite so nice at side; 3, Matthews. HEN (2): 1, 2, Stewart, 1st large bird, nice shape of crest. C.B. CK. (3): 1, 3, Stewart, 1st broad skull, long head feather, nicely browed, 3rd well placed; 2, Hill, a grand bird that must have pressed winner very closely, good head, entrance, and turn back. NOR. CL. CK. (13): 1, Stewart, grand round head, splendid type and feather, a little on the small side; 2, Leckie, larger, nice chest and head, but crosses wings slightly at times; 3, Rankin, champion type, nice carriage; 4, c, Hill; hc, Minnis. HEN (10): 1, vhc, c, Hill, 1st good head, neck, and body, perfect carriage; 2, Alexander, grand yellow, splendid quality throughout; 3, Jeffrey, sweet buff, good, bold chest; hc, Minnie. TKD. CK.: 1, M'Crone, grand size and type, nice carriage, stands well; 2, Hill, good quality of feather, nice round head; 3, Alexander, splendid type, but crosses wings slightly at times; vhc, Stewart; hc, Jeffrey. A.O.V. CK. (2): 1, Stewart, grand little Border, well moulded, good head; 2, Brown, another Border, close up. HEN (2): 1, Stewart, yellow Border, good carriage and feather; 2, Brown, buff Border, very sweet. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, M'Crone, good size, grand blaze, nicely buttoned, well put down; 2, Rankin, also nice, not quite so big, but has a good, square blaze; 3, Napier, nice blaze and tanning. LINNET: 1, Minnis, grand size, good facing, nice, rich colour. SISKIN: 1, spl, Jeffrey, hot-fed, good cap and rare size; 2, MacPherson, good size and colour. TWITE. ETC: 1, 3, Jeffrey, 1, Twite, splendid colour, grand markings; 3, Redpoll, has size and colour; 2, Derby, another Twite, not quite so large as 1st. GREENFINCH: 1, Minnis, fine size, well shown. A.O.S.: 1, Minnis, nice coloured Brambling, well mangled; 2, Jeffrey, nice Yellow-hammer. A.S. BRIT.: 1, Minnis, sweet hen Reed Bunting, in first class condition; 2, Napier, Blue-headed Tit, a taking exhibit; 3, Jeffrey. MULE: 1, Napier, Dark Goldie-Canary, wonderful size and colour; 2, M'Culloch, variegated Goldie, also good size and colour. SELL. (10/6): 1, vhc, M'Glachan; 2, Napier; 3, Derby. REDPOLL (Boys under 16): 1, Minnis, a wild one, champion co'our; nice markings and bib; 2, Dickinson, house-moulted, fine size and colour; 3, Jeffrey, splendid size; vhc, Gardner; hc, Gilbraith; c, Napier.

## KILMARNOCK.

The Kilmarnock O.A. held their 17th annual show and competition (open to the United Kingdom) in the Agricultural Hall, on January 1st and 2nd. We regret to report that for once the venture was not a success, so far as the cage bird section was concerned, which is difficult to explain. The hall is a good one, the judges were popular, and the officials are too well known to admit of any doubt as to their ability to see to the comfort of both exhibite and exhibitors, and also of the visitors. It must have been a very great disappointment to Mr. Blane, the energetic and painstaking secretary, to feel compelled, after all his labours, to cancel every class in the Scotch Fancy and Norwich (Crest and Plainheads) sections. The only Canaries on view were the natty little Borders but here some exceedingly good specimens were shown. Mr. P. McKenzie, of Kelso, had a grand team forward, and captured the challenge cup. Having twice previously won it, it now becomes his own property. Quite a number of the Mule and Hybrid, British and Foreign bird classes were also cancelled, and altogether the number of exhibits was very disappointing. We wish these good fanciers better fortune another year, and an entry which will compensate them for the present disappointment. Mr. Allan Chalmers (Kirkintilloch) adjudicated on the Border classes, and Mr. Andrew Miller (Glasgow) on the remainder, and their awards gave general satisfaction.

### The Critique.

BORD. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL CK. (10): 1, 3, McKenzie, former cl. yell. grand feather, fine shape, good wing carriage, rare position well put down. 3rd nicely rounded body finely drawn, gem for feather (2nd withheld); 4, Mossie, nice quality, neatly rounded, good wing carriage, lovely head, staged in A1 ferm; vhc, hc, Clark; c, Holden. HEN (12): 1, 3, Clark, winner fine position, good wing carriage, lovely feathery, 3rd very neatly drawn, rare pose, in fine bloom; 2, 4, McKenzie, 2nd ticked, capital hen, grand shape, fine head and wing carriage, staged in lovely bloom, 4th rare shape and size, smart; vhc, Williams; hc, Mossie; c, Holden. BUFF CL., ETC., CK. (11): 1, 3, McKenzie, cl., good feathered one, grand head, well-drawn. A1 wing carriage and shape. 3rd very neatly drawn, fine wing carriage and position, feathered like wax; 2, Mossie, cl., grand buff, nice taper and quality, well rounded, neat wing carriage, good head, staged in A1 form; 4, Holden, nicely filled in front, good feather and shape; vhc, Cree; hc, Jones; c, Clark. HEN (11): 1, McKenzie, cl., correct size, lovely head, perfect front and wing carriage, real good one and no mistake; 2, Holden, another cl., neat head and front, well drawn, grand wing carriage; 3, Cree, box feathered one, lovely head and front, nice size and shape, staged in A1 form; 4, c, Clark, well rounded and in tip top feather, very steady; vhc, Pentleman; hc, Willison. VARIEG. YELL. GREEN, ETC. (8): 1, Cree, yell., cinn.-mkd., fine position, lovely head and front, fine bloom, staged in rattling form; 2, Clark, even mark yell., pale in colour, nicely drawn; rare position, good front and taper; 3, withheld; 4, Holden, even mark yell., good stump, well rounded front, nicely finished off, fine quality; vhc, Mossie; hc, McKenzie; c, Willison. BUFF (10): 1, c, Clark, almost even mark, fine quality feather, correct weight, well filled in front, neatly drawn; 2, McKenzie, rare quality feather, lovely head and wing carriage, staged in grand form; 3, hc, Elliott, variegs., nice one, good weight, in splendid condition; 4, Willison, wing and eye marked buff, nice feather and finish, good feather; vhc, Holden. SELL. (10): 1, 3, McKenzie; 2, Jamieson; 4, 5, Murdoch; hc, Gillies; c, Pentleman. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (6): 1, Henderson, West of Scotland winner, now well known, in grand bloom, wins easily here; 2, McQniston, fine, bold bird, good, deep coloured blaze, nice moons and bars, grand tanned body, fine Finch; 4, Brown, another nice little Finch, capital size, good blaze; vhc, Fisher; hc, Guthrie; c, McCallum. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (5): 1, withheld; 2, McQuiston, large sized, lovely deep crimson face, grand tanning and buttons, wins easily; 3, Henderson, another good big one, grand face, lovely tanning, nice moons and bars and body colours, good Finch; 4, McKnight, lovely colours, grand square-cut face, very deep tone of colour, well staged; vhc, hc Guthrie. BULLFINCH BRIT. (10): 1, Henderson, field moulted, fine breast colour, bold head, thick neck, rich colour throughout, very steady; 2, Dunsmuir, large, grand shape, fine cap, wings and tail, lovely coloured back; 3, Gordon, another boldly made bird, full chested, in grand conditon, lovely breast colour for a house-moulted one; 4, Dale, nice size bold head, rare good colour; vhc, Wilson; hc, Brown; c, Guthrie. LINNET (10): 1, McQuiston, fine, big bird, grand head, neck, lovely breast colour and pencilling, steady, very glossy; 2, Doolan, grand colour, fine markings, good condition; 3, Dunsmuir, very thick-set, fine head, good markings and colour; 4, Gordon beautiful type, well marked, nice colour, good feather; vhc, Fullerton; hc, Scoular; c, Fisher. GREENFINCH (7): 1, Henderson, grand size, beautiful colour; 2, withheld; 3, Walker nice colour throughont, well staged, very steady; 4, McQuiston, grand size and colour; vhc, Gordon; hc, Mrs. Geddes; c, Halliday. REDPOLL, WILD (not moulted) (5): 1, withheld; 2, Dick, smart little 'Poll, rich colour, nice gloss and finish; 3, Gordon, grand size, well marked, fine lacings; 4, Martin, some thought should have won, grand size colour and lacing; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Allan. SELL. (10/-) (10): 1, Doolan, dark Goldie Mule; 2, Calder, Bullfinch; 3 Brown, buff dark Goldie Mule; 4, Pentleman, Bramblefinch; vhc, Miller; hc, Wilson; c, Brown.

## HETTON-LE-HOLE (Durham.)

The 14th annual show was held on January 9th, in the Miners' Hall, Hetton, a suitable hall in every respect for a cage-bird show. Although an old-established society, this was the first time they have held an open show, and in launching out on their new venture the committee decided to give 18 classes for open competition. Entries did not come up to expectations, probably owing to their date of closing falling during the holidays, and also to the fact that the show was not held under C.B.U. rules. Three classes were cancelled, the remaining fifteen receiving a little over 100 entries. Members' entries came up well—about 150 in 17 classes. The quality of the exhibits throughout was of a very high order, many notable winners putting in an appearance, and in some instances having to take a back seat, notably Mr. H. Wilson's unfighted buff cock, winner of several firsts in strong classes at recent northern shows. The management left nothing to be desired, and the society is very fortunate in having such an energetic and obliging gentleman as Mr. Arthur Notley as the secretary. He was ably assisted by Mr. R. Allen, who was assistant secretary for the occasion. The exhibits were well looked after by a hard-working committee, composed of Mr. H. Wilson (chairman), Mr. G. Gowland (vice-chairman), and Messrs. Lawson, Common, Vipond, Newstead, Mugridge, Hann, Fenwick, Appleby, Cross, T. Wilson, Winn, and Brown. The whole of the open show exhibits were packed and despatched to the station by 5.30 p.m., and when we left at 7 o'clock the hall was quite cleared. We were very pleased to hear that the "gate" and ticket money constituted a record for the society, being far in excess of those of any previous year. A feature of the show was the display of members' specials down one side of the room, consisting of blankets, shawls, rugs, silk handkerchiefs, pictures, clocks, ornaments, lamps, etc., all splendid specials, and these proved a great attraction to the large number of lady visitors. Mr. E. Brunskill judged.

### Critique.

NOR. YELL. CL., ETC. (5): 1, Midgley, good size and type, grand colour and quality of feather, nice head, neck, and chest; 2, Carr, grand shape and colour, good wings and tail; 3, Wilson, nice type and colour, very neat head and neck; res, Mrs. Fenwick; absent, Rutherford and Bright. BUFF (11): 1, Carr, ticked on side of neck, nice type, good colour and quality, fine fronted bird, wins; 2, Dalgetty, marked both eyes and right wing, grand size and colour; 3, Gowland, another hot-coloured bird, good size, grand quality; res, Gowland; vhc, Dalgetty; hc, Mrs. Fenwick; c, Allen. HEN (9): 1, 2, Wilson, first cl. buff, good size and type, nice head, neck and chest, some preferred 2nd, which was a gem of a yell., grand cobby type, nice size, short flights and tail beautifully carried, nice short feather well cut away behind; 3, Vipond, good size and type, neat head and neck; res, vhc, Lawson; hc, Dixon; c, Kilner. UNFLI. (12): 1, res, Wilson, grand type and size, beautiful colour and quality, good head, short thick neck, nice wings and tail; res, well-known winning buff; 2, Lawson, another grand young buff, good head and chest, nice wings and tail; 3, Dalgetty, good size and colour, nice type and quality; vhc, Vipond; hc, Gowland; c, Carr. CINN. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Mrs. Fenwick, grand Nor. type, nice colour and quality, good size; 2, very similar to 1st, hardly so much substance; 3, Wilson, another good cinn., great size, not the colour of first two; res, Allen; vhc, Garland. BUFF: Cancelled. CREST: Cancelled. C.B. (1): 3, Davison, nice size, good quality feather. YORKS. YELL CL., ETC. (3): 1, Stevens, ticked on front of head, long slim bird, stands well up, nice wings and tail, hot colour, fine quality, easy win; 2, 3, Mrs. Fenwick, 2nd head ticked, good length; 3rd, similar to 2nd. BUFF (3): 1, Stevens, fine long slim bird, very upstanding, beautifully drawn away, nice quality and colour; 2, 3, Mrs. Fenwick, long, nice bird; 3rd, similar to 2nd. A.O.V. PAIRS (7): 1, Mrs. Fenwick, nice pair of cinn. yell. cock and buff hen, rare size and colour, well pencilled; 2, Lawson, clinkiug good pair of Nor., both grand typical birds, well matched; 3, Stevens, Yorks. buff ticked cock and cl. yell. hen, very slim birds, nice colour and quality, stand well, well placed; res, vhc, Davison; hc, Vipond; c, Kilner. SELL. PAIRS, 20s. (7): 1, Dixon, Nor.; 2, vhc, Dalgetty, Nor.; 3, Hesketh. CRESTS: Res, Hann; hc, Stevens; c, Mrs. Fenwick. 10s. SINGLE (10): 1, Wilson, yell. Nor.; 2, hc, Lawson; 3, Hesketh; res, Mrs. Fenwick; vhc, Kilner; c, Appleby; absent, Rutherford and Bright. GIFT: Cancelled. BRIT. LINNET (6): 1, Appleby, nice size, colour, and markings; 2, Mrs. Fenwick, large, densely pencilled, some preferred to winner; 3, Marshall, nice size and colour; res, Dover; vhc, hc, Atkinson, former liked by some as well as any in the class. GREENFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, hc, Foster, Bramble, grand size and colour, nicely spangled; 2, Wilson, Greenie, medium size, grand shape, nice colour, in grand condition and very steady; 3, C. B. Wilson, Chaffinch, good size and colour, nicely marked; res, Mills, very nice Siskin; wrong class, Davison and C. B. J. Wilson. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, 3, Mills, Bullie nice size and shape, good colour throughout, very neat wing bars, put down in fine condition; 3, another good coloured Bullie, nice dense cap, fine wing bars, rather slimmer in build than winner; 2, res, vhc, Dover, Bullie, correct shape, good breast colour, nice cap and wing bars, well placed; res, nice, good coloured Goldie. BRIT. A.O.S., SMALL (7): 1, vhc, Forster, leader grand Wheatear, put down in grand condition, well shown; 2, Hann, Redstart, nice condition, very steady; 3, hc, c, C. B. Wilson, Yellowhammer, nice size and shape, good colour and markings; res, Dover. MEMBERS' NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, spl, H. Wilson; 2, spl, Notley; 3, Mrs. Fenwick. BUFF (6): 1, spl, H. Wilson; 2, spl, Gowland; 3, Newstead. YELL. TICK (6): 1, spl, Cross; 2, spl, Mrs. Fenwick; 3, Lawson. BUFF (5): 1, spl, H. Wilson; 2, spl, Lawson; 3, Notley. HEN, YELL. (6): 1, spl, Lawson; 2, spl, H. Wilson; 3, Allen. BUFF (8): 1, spl, H. Wilson; 2, spl, T. Wilson; 3, Gowland. GREEN, ETC. (4): 1, spl, Lawson; 2, spl, Gowland; 3, Mrs. Fenwick. PAIRS (8): 1, spl, Lawson; 2, spl, Allen; 3, Winn. UNFLI. YELL. (8): 1, spl, Gowland; 2, spl, Appleby; 3, Lawson. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Lawson; 2, spl, H. Wilson; 3, Notley. HEN, UNFLI. YELL. (9): 1, spl, H. Wilson; 2, spl, Notley; 3, Vipond. BUFF (7): 1, spl, H. Wilson; 2, Vipond; 3, Appleby. CINN. YELL. (5): 1, spl, Mrs. Fenwick; 2, spl, H. Wilson; 3, Gowland. BUFF: Cancelled. HEN (4): 1, spl, Mrs. Fenwick; 2, H. Wilson; 3, Gowland. UNFLI. (3): 1, spl, Mrs. Fenwick; 2, spl, Allen; 3, H. Wilson. A.O.V. (4): 1, spl, H. Wilson; 2, Hann; 3, Gowland. LINNET (9): 1, spl, Appleby; 2, spl, Mrs. Fenwick; 3, Vipond. A.O.S. BRIT. (7): 1, spl, Hann; 2, spl, H. Wilson; 3, T Wilson. SELL. (7/6) (5): 1, spl, Lawson; 2, spl, H. Wilson; 3, T. Wilson.

## FOLKESTONE.

Annual show of the Folkestone and Dist. F.S. was held in the Town Hall, on January 12th and 13th. The hall is well lighted, and commodious, and free from draughtiness. A pleasing feature of the exhibition was that the cage birds were staged at a convenient height on the platform, and there was ample opportunity for visitors to see them well. From some reason not apparent the entries did not come up so well as had been expected, one cause to which this was attributed being the closing of entries a week before the show, but to have arranged otherwise would have created considerable difficulty in the compilation and issue of the catalogue. As may be imagined, in a town like Folkestone, the show was held under influential auspices. The committee who one and all worked excellently, consisted of Messrs. Witham-Wignall (chairman), A. E. Coleman (vice-chairman), Ashman, A. H. Gamball, Burgess, Collins, Davison, Diaac, Greenland, Osborne, Saunders, Sharpe, Tester, Weller, Wotton Mercer. That old and experienced fancier, Mr. L. A. Brett, had charge of the finances, and Mr. J. W. Gambrill ably, and at the same time, pleasantly, fulfilled the duties of hon. secretary and solicitor. Special for best cage bird was awarded to a magnificent Song Thrush, the property of Mr. Brett. British birds were a fine collection all through, and there were some charming Foreign specimens. Canaries made up in quality what they lacked in numbers. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards met with general satisfaction.

### The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 2, Taylor, sweet head, short flights and tail, good chest, well across perch, silky feather; 3, Gibbs, well fed, fine bodied bird, close feather, nice one; res, Gibbs, full of quality and colour; vhc, Richardson; No. 772, absent. UNFLI. (7): 1, spl, Richardson, very typical body, stands well across perch, nice flowing feather, good head, wings and tail; 2, Jones, tkd. back of neck, lovely feather, rare colour; res, vhc, spl, Gibbs, former typical, nice head, wings and tail; hc, Jones; c, Taylor. NAT. COL. (5): 2, 3, vhc, Weller, buff leading, closely followed by a yell., former most shapely; hc, c, Brett. YORKS. HEN (5): 2, Gibbs, yell., finely drawn, nice long wing, good behind the leg, nice action; 3, Lockett, buff, grand quality of feather, which fitted it like a Java; res, Reeve, yell., full of action, good feather; hc, Johnson; c, Moss. UNFLI. (5): 2, spl, hc, Gibbs, far and away best Yorkie, quick and nervy, silky feather, stands up like a Guardsman; 3, vhc, Johnson, former, cinn.-mkd., feather like wax; res, Lockett, nervy yell., dances gaily on the perch, good bird. MULE CAN., LIGHT (5): 2, res, Lamb, leader charming 6-pointed yell. Goldie-Can., very rich in face; res, sweet buff, also nice feather; 3, Taylor, 5-pointed buff, good size, rare face and quality; vhc, Lees; hc, Crosbie, Smith. DARK (5): 2, Taylor, topping dark yell. Goldie-Can., shone like satin, lustrous Goldie blaze, finely pencilled body, a good one; 3, Lees, an equally rich coloured Greenie-Can., in the best trim; res, Miss Dorothy Craig, Goldie-Can.; vhc, Crosbie Smith; 800, absent. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, Harris, frequently noted, staged in the best of fettle, wants some beating; 3, Jupe, another well-known bird, unfortunately has lost two toe nails, but a gem for shape and steadiness; res, Parsons, a sweet Finch; vhc, Wickham; hc, May; c, Gunnell. BULLFINCH (7): 1, 3, Jupe, two bonny ones, former best body, latter best cap, both grand colour all over; res, Gunnell, rare shape, a topping Finch; vhc, Marsden; hc, Weller; c, Coe; hc, Norris. INSECTIV. SMALL (7): 1, spl, Brett, very smart, well feathered, steady Stonechat; spl, Brett, equally steady, nice conditioned Hedge Accentor; res, spl, Brett, a well-feathered, nicely-marked Shorclark, well known; vhc, hc, c, Brett. SELL. (20/-) (6): 2, Jones; 3, Richardson; res, Marsden; vhc, Jones; hc, Reeve; c, Marsden. FOR. (5): Capt Stuart made all the entries here, but one, which was an English Canary; 2, beautiful Shama, very tame, in lovely feather, 3rd, an exquisitely close feathered, lustrous Mynah; res, good Grey Parrot; vhc, Mynah. GIFT (5): 1, spl, 3, Brett; 2, Gambrill; hc, Weller. MEMBERS' BRIT.: 1, spl, best cage bird, spl best Brit. cpl best Members' exhibit, Brett, Mavis, beautifully spotted, grand fierce eye, steady as a rock, lovely back colour, feather fitting him like boxwood.

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## KEIGHLEY.

Keighley and District C.B.S. held their annual exhibition under Yorkshire Union rules, and the patronage of the Y.C.C., in the Holycroft Council School on January 9th. Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford) officiated as judge, his awards meeting with general satisfaction. The class for clear yellow Yorkshires was cancelled, owing to insufficient entries, and in two classes only half the prize-money was paid. The rest of the classes were fairly well filled, 270 birds being staged, and were throughout of a very high order of merit. Mr. Wm. Wright makes a first-class secretary, and can always rely upon getting plenty of assistance from his co-workers, Messrs. Berry, Booth B. Holmes, Shackleton, White, and Foster. Messrs. Addy and Trovener acted as judge's stewards.

### The Critique.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: Void. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Shackleton, grand length, wonderful shape and position, extra well drawn out behind, feather like wax, one of the best; 2, Bailey and Swanger, superb quality, nice length, good shape, plenty of leg, lovely wings and tail, rich colour; 3, Wadsworth, grand type, stands like a soldier, excellent quality and colour; 4, Ogden Bros., nice shape, very stylish, level colour, rich quality; vhc, c, Spencer and Son; hc, Robershaw. TICK., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, spl, Bailey and Swanger, grand shape throughout, full of quality and colour, very leggy and stylish; 2, Walsh, red hot colour, nice type, stands well up, good quality; 3, Wood, nice length, well drawn out, grand leugth of flights, stylish, good quality; 4, Shackleton, very long, well shaped, nice wings and tail, lovely quality; vhc, Wilcock; hc, Robertshaw; c, Dyson. BUFF: 1, 3, spl, Bailey and Swanger, leader marvellous quality and colour, stands very erect, nice bit of leg, correct type, 3rd paler in colour, feathered to perfection, nice wedge shape, very stylish; 2, Shackleton, shapely, very straight, plenty of leg, lovely feather; 4, Greaves and Crabtree, excellent type, well up in position, lovely back, wings and tail, superb quality and colour; vhc, Spencer and Son; hc, Cooper; c, Wilcock. YELL. HEN (13): 1, hc, spl, Ogden Bros., grand type, plenty of leg, good quality and colour; 2, Greaves and Crabtree, very typical and stylish, excellent colour, nice quality; 3, Shaw Bros., good shape, well drawn out, nice position very long nights, lovely quality; 4, Shackleton, lengthy, extra good wing carriage, neat pipe tail, nice style and quality; vhc, Bailey and Swanger; c, Chippendale. BUFF (13): 1, Peel, good shape and position, full of quality, grand shoulders and back, rather apt to cross wings a little; 2, 4, spl, Bailey and Swanger, noted ticked bird, grand type and quality, stands well, very neat, 4th good shape, lovely wings and tail, feathered like a Java; 3, c, Wadsworth, grand colour and quality, good wedge-shaped body, neat head and neck; vhc, Ogden Bros; hc, Wilcock. FOUL MKD. (13): 1, spl, Armstrong, buff, grand type, rich quality, stands well up, very nervy; 2, Smith, buff again, good shape, excellent wings and tail, nice quality and carriage; 3, Ogden Bros., yell., lovely type and quality, good long wings, well carried, and nice pipe tail, looking well; 4, Bailey and Swanger, ycll., shapely, good quality, looking a bit soft when we saw it; vhc, Walsh; hc, Towers; c, Dewhirst. UNFLIG. YELL. (17): 1, spl, Bailey and Swanger, grand length, well drawn out behind, straight as a rush, good position, nice wings and tail, rich quality; 2, Shaw Bros., nice shape, very good head, clean cut, grand quality; 3, Ogden Bros., good shape and position, splendid back, lovely feather; 4, Townsend, good length, nice shape and style, pleuty of leg, neat feather, rather timid; vhc, Haigh; hc, Shackleton; c, Walsh. BUFF (15): 1, spl, Greaves and Crabtree, grand shape and style, rich quality, well filled neck; 2, Peel, lovely type, very straight, grand head, neck and back, nervy, rich quality; 3, Shackleton, nice length, good shape, quality and colour, very clean front; 4, Slater, very breedy, good wedge-shaped body, fine quality and colour; vhc, Shaw Bros.; hc, Bailey and Swanger; c, Towers. YELL. CK. (15s.) (7): 1, spl, Gibson; 2, Booth; 3, W. Jeffrey; 4, G. H. Jeffreys; vhc, Walker; hc, Simonett; c, Addy. BUFF (15s.) (18): 1, spl, Jowett; 2, Haigh; 3, Fowle; 4, Kaye; vhc, Dewhirst; hc, Wright; c, Shaw Bros. HEN (12s. 6d.) (13): 1, Greaves and Crabtree; 2, Middleton Bros.; 3, Booth; 4, vhc, Addy; hc, Gibson; c, Greenwood. NOVICE: YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL (26): 1, spl, Wade, grand shape, good length, stands well on legs, full of quality, a gem; 2, Sowden, very typical and stylish, nice quality; 3, Laycock, very breedy, grand shape and style, good quality; 4, Varley, very straight, good shaped bird, grand wings and tail, nice quality; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Lumb; c, White. BUFF (23): 1, spl, Fowle, extra good in shape, well cut away, grand wing carriage good pipe tail, fine legs; 2, Radley, very leggy, shows for all it is worth, grand shape and quality, well put together; 3, Livesey, nice shape, very good head and back, full of quanty and colour; 4, Clegg, typical and stylish, very close tail; vhc, Sowden; hc, Tinkler; c, Gill. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. (11): 1, spl, Laycock, foul marked, very narrow shoulders, perfect shape and position, plenty of leg, grand quality and colour; 2, Thomas, another foul, shapely and stylish, very leggy, nice quality; 3, Tinkler, cinn-marked, neat shape, plenty of style rich quality; 4, Dunn, nice typical Yorkie, stylish grand colour and quality; vhc, Kilner; hc, Kaye; c, Radley. BUFF (11): 1, hc, Clegg, extra type and position, neat shoulders, all there for quality; 2, 4, spl, Kaye, 2nd foul marked, grand shape, very leggy, rich quality, 4th very neat and typical grand quality; 3, Telford, graud narrow shoulders, very straight, good wings and tail, nicely feathered; vhc, White; c, Addy. YELL. HEN (22): 1, spl, Fowle, good length, nice shape and position, fine quality; 2, Hall, very neat type, shows plenty of breed, nice quality; 3, Dunn, good shaped body, well up on leg, nice quality and colour; 4, Procter, lengthy, grand shape, good long flights and tail; vhc, Laycock; hc, Wade; c, Fergusson. BUFF (15): 1, Kilner, grand shape, well cut away behind, fine position and leg, neat wings and tail, shows well; 2, 3, spl, Laycock, 2nd very neat and compact, grand shape and quality, 3rd extra stylish, nice shape, fine feather; this exhibitor takes special for most points in Yorkshire classes; 4, White, nice shape and position, grand back, wings and tail, rich quality; vhc, Lane; hc, Dunn; c, Lumb. NOR. CK. (8): 1, 3, vhc, spl, Hammond, leader buff, grand substance, plenty of colour, rich quality, 3rd yell. very cobby, good substance, nice and cleanly made, good quality; 2, Jefferys, buff, immense size, graud chest, very rich colour; 4, c, Markwell plenty of size and substance, good head, nice quality and colour; hc, Fortnam. HEN (7) 1, 3, 4, spl, Hammond, grand trio, leader buff, marvellous size and shape, brim full of colour and quality, 3, buff, good chest, very cobby, nice quality and colour, 4th yellow, size and cobbiness all there,, neat feather; 2, hc, Markwell massive buff, very neat feather, rich colour, good hen; vhc, Fortnam; c, Clark.

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# A Chat with a Noted Breeder of Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries.

**Mr. J. C. BARNES, of Sheffield, well known as a judge and a highly successful breeder and exhibitor of Norwich Plainheads and Yorkshires, tells of his methods of breeding and management.**

Sheffield is not exactly one of the beauty spots of England. The myriad chimneys of this hive of industry, seen rolling forth dense clouds of "soupy" smoke, arouse the astonished interest of the onlooker, but arouse no desire to linger in their neighbourhood. But Sheffield has its oases—pleasant suburbs, wherein grass and trees and pleasant things flourish, and where the air blows sweet and refreshing to the senses. And in Sheffield, too, many good bird-lovers flourish, and many a champion bird first sees light of day. The Cutlery City, indeed, has a great reputation, so far as the number of its bird-breeders are concerned, the number of young birds they annually produce, and the number they stage at their annual show. So when the writer recently found himself "within the city walls," so to speak, with an hour or two to dispose of as best pleased him, what better, thought he, could he do than look up one of the local fanciers? To think was to act, and at the expenditure of a modest copper, he soon found himself bowling along in an electric car towards the heights of Walkley.

Mr. J. C. Barnes was the good fancier he had set himself to track down. This gentleman is now one of our popular judges—and an all-round one at that, though Norwich Plainheads and Yorkshires are the Canaries he keeps and breeds, and, up to a short time ago, exhibited with a full and consistent measure of success. He has the reputation, too, of being consistently successful in rearing plenty of young birds—here, thought his pursuer, is a chance to get a tip or two for the younger fanciers among the readers of CAGE BIRDS.

The city was quickly left behind, and Walkley reached. Once in Duncombe Street, we soon knew that our "luck was in," too, for Mr. Barnes was at home, and we were speedily shaking him by the hand, and greeting his good wife. And a reight good Yorksher greeting we got. What accompanied it we are not going to say, for it is birds we set out to talk about. Mr. Barnes was pleased to show me his rooms and his stock—as, indeed, he is anyone who calls upon him—and had no objection to disgorging at short notice a little of the accumulated experience of years of breeding and exhibiting. But before proceeding to the bird-rooms, we had a look at the fine collection of cups, medals, and all sorts of silver and plated ware which Mr. Barnes' birds brought him home from the shows; and we envied the owner. But as we had none too much time to spare, we reluctantly toro our eyes away and sought the feathered beauties.

### The Roome and the Stock.

For the accommodation of his stock, which, as we have already observed, comprises the Norwich Plainhead and Yorkshire varieties, Mr. Barnes utilises two rooms. One is very spacious indeed, capitally lighted, and well ventilated. It is the topmost room of his house, and has two windows, one facing south-east, which allows the early morning sun to peep in (a most valuable asset during the breeding season), and the other pointing due south, thus catching "King Sol" for the greater portion of the day. Judging by the fine results Mr. Barnes obtains year after year, we should imagine a room with this aspect almost unbeatable. The other room is situated over a kitchen, and is of nice size, with a splendid light, practically all the front being glass, with an extra window in one end of the room. Herein are the large flights—14 in number—which provide ample space for a matter of 20 birds in each compartment. Mr. Barnes is a great believer in birds (especially youngsters) having plenty of wing exercise, considering this to assist them materially to develop bone and substance, and maintain sound health. The afore-mentioned large room he utilises for breeding and caging-off purposes. Upwards of 70 cages, all of uniform size (21½in. long by 16½in. high, by 11in. deep) are neatly arranged around two sides and one end. The other end is absolutely covered over with prize cards won at various All-England shows. The cages, we might add, are all enamelled blue inside, this being preferred to any other covering.

This last season or two Mr. Barnes has not exhibited much, on account of his judging engagements and work he does for the Fancy Press. A glance round his room tells me, however, that should he decide to return to the exhibiting side in earnest, he will be able to put the right sort down, birds that will hold their own in the keenest of competition. The breeding season of 1908 was one of the most successful Mr. B. has ever experienced, upwards of 220 youngsters being reared, amongst which were more than an average number of exceptional merit. In the Norwich the type all round was excellent, both in the old and young birds, and beautiful texture of feather had not been lost sight of even though substance was greatly in evidence. Colour this stock excels in. Carriage, too, is an item which Mr. Barnes studies. He likes a bird to move well from perch to perch, and detests those of sluggish temperament as much as he does one with bad wings, or a hinge-tail. He contends that the true Norwich should be a "happy-go-lucky" sort of a chap, always on the go, and not an "idler." The Yorkshires struck one very forcibly by reason of their typical character and stylish action. Position, quality, and length were pronounced great essentials in up-to-date specimens. Length of leg, plenty of daylight between, had not been overlooked; birds low on leg or stilty are looked upon as an eye-sore by Mr. B. To have selected any particular bird or birds for special mention in either the "chubby ones" or the "slim ones," would have been rather a difficult matter, so close in merit were they (though to have located a bad one would truly have been even harder); but we think we have said sufficient to make it clear that Mr. Barnes has a stock of birds, and two great stress upon; without the right kind of hens he holds progression is not going to be made. He is a stickler for type and quality. In two large flight cages we noticed a number of smart, well-feathered hens, all in the pink of condition, that looked capable of producing "class" progeny. They had bold, rounded heads, thick necks, deep chests, cobby bodies, and short wings and tails, points Mr. B. holds that the really good hen should excel in. They struck me as a superb lot.

A fair sprinkling of heavily marked birds, with several lovely greens, were to be seen, both cocks and hens. Mr. Barnes is a strong believer in dark blooded birds, either for Norwich or Yorkshire breeding, holding that depth of colour cannot be obtained without them. "Green is the fountain of colour," he says, and holds that he has proved it over and over again. It is significant that on five occasions, he has captured trophies of various descriptions, for the hottest-fed bird in the show, and that all his representatives have been marked (more or less) birds. No wonder he is so convinced upon the matter; and his opinion we feel inclined to endorse from our own experience.

"What age do you prefer your birds?" we asked.

"For breeding purposes," Mr. Barnes replied, "I prefer the cock to be the older bird, say, a two-year-old cock with a one-year-old hen. My experience is, that you get larger and stronger progeny then than you do when using a young cock to an old hen. As to which is best, buff cock and yellow hen, or vice-versa, I do not mind over much, but lean a little to the former, as the young-

**Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), with Master Barnes, and some of the cups and trophies won by his birds.**

rooms, which any fancier might be proud to own. So we will turn to the practical side and record the hints Mr. Barnes was good enough to give us for the benefit of readers.

### Breeding Couples.

On the male side in Norwich pairs, Mr. B. likes to have substance and colour. Size and colour are conveyed better from the cock side than from the hen; of that Mr. Barnes appears convinced. He should have a fair idea from the long experience he has undergone. He is not against a bird of size carrying a little more feather than one cares to see on a show-bird, as long as the bird is bred right and that such feather is of a silky texture. Most very large birds are inclined to be a little "free," as, of course, is well known throughout the Fancy. But a bird of this description must be paired up to a close-feathered hen. The hens Mr. B. lays

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sters I produce from a buff cock I fancy are generally of the best substance."

"What do you consider the hardest points to obtain?"

"Without doubt, good heads. Heads that are wide at entrance, rising nicely from a short beak, with bold eye and prominent cheeks. A bird with a good body and bad head is of very little use, and is one that you cannot improve much. A bird that has a good head, but is a little wanting in body, can often be assisted by judicious feeding. You can add to the body points to a certain extent, but to add to the head points is next to impossible."

"How do you get your quality of feather?"

"This is obtained by judicious pairing of one's stock—by degrees, for it cannot be accomplished in a "twinkling." By selecting, year after year, the best feathered birds, you will eventually fasten this very desirable item. A "ten minutes" fancier is not the man who pulls up many trees. It requires perseverance, and when results seem to go hard against you, that is the time you must put forth the greatest exertion. To overcome difficulties nothing succeeds like perseverance."

### The Yorkshire Pairs.

In the Yorkshire cocks length and position must be in evidence to suit Mr. Barnes, with length of leg and thighs showing well; also good backs, well filled in, and neatly carried wings. Colour in this variety is, of course, not so important as in the Norwich Plainhead, at the same time, it must not be overlooked, as given two birds of equal merit, the one best fed would certainly take precedence. The hens, as in the Norwich, he holds, should excel in type and quality. Mr. B. must have "boxy" feathered damsels, as stylish and good in position as possible. Neat, narrow birds of good length find favour with him. He would much rather have a hen of medium size, that possessed rich quality and a good stand than an extra long hen that failed in position—perhaps of the curved order—and instead of being "shooty" was "hinge-tailed."

### To Ensure Health.

"What do you consider the chief things to ensure healthy birds?"

"Cleanliness of the cages, clean water, gritty sand, and sweet, bold glossy seed. I give Spanish Canary seed as a staple food, with mixed seed twice a week. The latter comprises two parts Canary seed and one part German summer rape for the Yorkshires; a little hemp seed is added for the Norwich. I give a sprinkling of maw seed occasionally. Fresh air, a dry bird-room, absence of draughts, and a good light are also very necessary. If these things are assured, and unsound specimens are not bred with, one's stock will be always in the pink of condition. A little sweet apple can be placed between the wires now and again, say, twice a week, with very beneficial results during the winter months, and in the summer, either a few leaves of dandelion or a little fresh watercress."

Asthma in birds, Mr. Barnes considers, is brought about more often than not by the vitiated atmosphere of a room that is kept too "stuffy," ventilation being neglected. Mr. B. has top ventilation, and for fresh air to enter he either leaves the door ajar or has the window open. When the days are very cold, he prefers leaving the door open, but in summer, or when the weather is at all mild, open goes the window. As we glanced round his stock we could not locate even a single "pumpy" specimen, much less hear a "wheeze"; all appeared as merry and healthy as the proverbial jovial monks.

### The Breeding Season.

Mr. Barnes generally allows the weather to guide him more or less when pairing up. About the middle of March he begins to make the necessary preparations. The birds tell him when they are ready to commence on matrimonial duties—though he does not always let them have their own way. If cold east winds are knocking about, "marriages" are put off until the "honeymoons" are more likely to be enjoyed. His interference may not be accepted in most cases with good grace, nevertheless he advises them, as it were, that it is far better to wait than to fall headfirst into disaster. Seriously, cold winds and chilly weather mean only misfortune. Weather permitting, however, Mr. B. pairs up his birds as they come into condition, assisting them about every other day with a little egg and bread food that has had a few grains of maw seed mixed with it. He always remembers to counteract the failings of each specimen in its mate. Success or non-success certainly depends on the manner in which one's stock is paired. Mr. B. is firmly convinced that the correct matching of the couples is the only road to correct breeding.

"What methods do you adopt for feeding purposes?"

"Egg and bread crumbs, with maw seed added (one teaspoonful to each half-pint of soft food, or thereabouts), is administered twice or three times a day, if possible, to the parent birds, during the bringing up of young. At the same time, I give a fair amount of hemp seed. I find birds almost prefer the hemp to the egg, and feed excellently upon it. For green food I use dandelion or watercress. Both I think well of. I advise readers not to give any green food until the young birds are about three days old. If given earlier it is apt to throw matters wrong. After this time, give it little and often, and you will do so with good results. German summer rape-seed that has been boiled for 15 minutes, then strained and let go cold, I give, as a change, say half a teaspoonful to each pair of birds per day; this they relish.

*(To be continued.)*

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# Two Wee Gems.

By J. PATTERSON.

**A very interesting and practical article written to accompany the coloured plate of Border Fancy Canaries given with this issue.**

I should be happy to see a pair of beauties such as those depicted in CAGE BIRDS. Such a picture will go a long way to make very clear to my younger readers just the sort of birds that are required for the ideal of the Border Fancy Canary. And as it is for that reason that the artist, Mr. Norman, has drawn this pair, I will endeavour to make this article both instructive and interesting by glancing into the bird's history, and seeing how it derived its name. The standard of excellenco adopted by the Border Fancy Canary Club gives one a capital idea of what is wanted; but at the same time I am aware that no pen can convey to the mind what will be seen in the picture at a glance.

The Border Fancy Canary up to the year 1890 was widely known under the title "Common Canary," and at the present day littlo difference can be seen in it except that year by year the members of the variety are getting more uniform in shape. Quality of feather, with nice level colour and condition have always been its most prominent points. The graceful movement so characteristic of it was also then as much sought after as it is now. You will therefore see that although it received the name of "Common Canary," its points of excellence were clearly defined, and were in no wise of a common order.

### Derivation of the Present Name.

We have to thank our friends across the border for the movement which led to the change of name. A few of its admirers in Cumberland and district were the first to suggest "Cumberland Fancy" as the better name, maintaining that it had been bred longest in their midst. This seemed to stir the auld Scotch blood, fanciers across the border maintaining that they had the prior claim.

A very heated controversy was started in the Fancy Press (there was no CAGE BIRDS in those days) by someone (who signed himself "Veritas") calling the attention of Scotch breeders to what he considered a fact, viz., that their English brethren were trying to steal a march on them. That letter lies before me now, and I will quote a few of the remarks made: "Will you kindly allow me to ventilate a matter of great importance to fanciers of this variety," he starts off. "I see from schedules that the birds which have hitherto been known as "Common Canaries" are there designated "Cumberland Fancies." Now, from its symmetrical form, fine quality of feather, and other good properties, I think it is well entitled to a distinctive name, providing that name is appropriate, and one that will commend itself to the great body of fanciers who breed and exhibit it on both sides of the border." The writer here suggests the name "Border Fancy," asking those interested to call a meeting for the purpose of discussing the matter, bringing up a standard of points, etc., and forming a club.

From the remarks I have quoted one can see what a hold this wee charmer had on the minds of the leading fanciers at that time, *i.e.*, eighteen years ago. This controversy caused a deal of feeling to arise on both sides of the Tweed. Finally two clubs were formed, one called the Cumberland Fancy Club and the other the Border Fancy Club. Each struggled against the other for a few seasons, but at last the Cumberland fanciers agreed to the name "Border Fancy," and judging from the rapid advancement the club has made, unity has been strength.

### The B.F.C.C. Standard.

The following is the standard of excellence drawn up by the club. I will quote this, and my younger readers will do well to take careful note as I proceed of each point as depicted in the coloured plate.

The grand essentials of the Border Fancy are type and quality; without these it is worthless. In both the birds depicted we have quality and type to perfection. The yellow cock, having more style, may be considered the finer in this point. The bird should be clean-cut, lightly made, compact, proportionately rounded on both back and front, sprightly, etc., and showing no tendency to heaviness, but having rather a grand, graceful symmetry throughout. We may say that both birds are equal in all points here, except for sprightliness, wherein the yellow cock excels.

Head: Small, round, and neat looking bill, fine; eyes, dark (if not pink-eyed) and bright, showing health; neck, rather fine; that is, nice and free, giving one the impression that it rests on the shoulder with a fine balanced spring, moving graceefully from side to side when the cage is handled. This is a point I think very much of, and I have no hesitation in stating that it is the finishing point to a good Border, and draws a host of admirers year by year. Such action seems to charm the eye of all, and anyone taking up the Fancy should take care that they receive birds as nearly equal in fineness of head and neck as those depicted. Return all "bull-necked" birds as useless if they are had on approval.

The birds run a very equal race here, too. The buff cock looks a shade thicker, but this is only as it should be. Should your birds run too thick in the neck, a good plan is to double-yellow them, and I find that the use of a yellow cock of sound yellow throughout (even down to the web) and a hen of a lemon shade of colour, acts like magic in many cases. The hen being pale in colour is little removed from a good coloured buff, and this does not throw the colour either cloudy or dull, as we get from a high-coloured hen, and when the progeny are paired up to buffs in the usual way the following season, you will find a great improvement. The method also shortens the feather. But it has, at the same time, many drawbacks, and should be resorted to as seldom as possible.

### Points About the Body.

The body: Back well filled and nicely rounded, running in almost a straight line from the gentle rise over the shoulder to the point of tail; chest, similar, giving the impression that if measured from the centre it would be equally balanced down half-way to the legs; it should be neither heavy nor prominent. On the other hand, avoid a thin and pinched-fronted bird, as such will nearly always frill badly. The breeder's art consists in knowing the happy medium and how to breed out the heavy-fronted kind of bird.

The wings: Compact, and carried close to the body. But at the same time, one should see they are neatly laid on giving his bird a finished appearance. The wings should neither spread down nor be carried tight, as is seen at times, as though half hidden in the body feathers.

They must neither fall down nor cross. Many birds fail here, and mainly in the latter respect, and one must be careful to find out the cause before pairing up. Sometimes it may be caused by nervousness, but it is mostly by the wing being longer than the body. At other times the bird may be too narrow at the shoulder and rather pointed at the butts; such birds are now far behind, and should be entirely discarded from the breeding stock, or you may have no end of trouble.

Again looking at our pair here, we find the yellow cock beating the buff hands down, as by casting the eye from his back downwards, we find that his wings do not cover the rump properly, which leaves a slight opening in the inner flights. The yellow is perfection here.

The faults I wish to point out are wings badly carried all down the side, or only meeting at tips, and not covering the back all the way down from a little before where the thigh is seen. Birds having them are not worth a card in strong company.

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LANCASHIRES, 4 classes; judge, S. R. Compston.

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BORDER FANCIES, 8 classes; judge, J. Robson.

SCOTCH FANCIES, 4 classes; judge, T. Brown.

BELGIANS, 4 classes; judge, T. Brown.

FRILLS, 1 class; judge, J. Robson.

LONDON FANCY, 1 class; judge, J. Robson.

ANY OTHER VARIETY CANARY, 1 class; judge, J. Dobson.

OPEN NOVICE SECTION: Norwich, 6 classes; judge, J. H. Roe. Crest and Crest-bred, 2 classes; judge, J. Dobson. Yorks., 7 classes; judge, H. W. Battye. Lancs., 2 classes; judge, S. R. Compston. Cinnamons, 2 classes; judge, J. Dobson. A. O. Variety Canary or Mule, 1 class; judge, J. Dobson.

LIMIT: Nor., 2 classes; judge, J. H. Roe. Crest 1, C.B. 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Pairs 1; judge, H. W. Battye.

ROLLERS, 3 classes; judge, F. A. Lester. These birds must be in the show *before twelve o'clock on Thursday, 4th February.* The birds will be judged the same day in a separate room, and afterwards staged in an annexe to the show tent.

MULES OR HYBRIDS, 11 classes; J. F. Dewar.

BRITISH, 25 classes—Bullfinch ck., do. hen, Goldfinch, Linnet, Chaffinch; judge, G. E. Weston. Lesser Redpoll or Twite, Siskin, Bramblefinch, Greenfinch, Albino, hens (Finch, except Bullie); judge, A. Silver. Hawfinch, Yellowhammer, A.O.S. Bunting, Blackbird, Song Thrush, Starling, Chough, Magpie, Jackdaw, or Jay; judge, J. F. Hills. Nightingale or Blackcap, A.S. Lark or Pipit, A.O.S. resident insectiv. or seed-eater not larger than and including Grey Wagtail, A.O.S. insectiv. or seed-eating migratory bird not larger than and including Wheatear, A.O.S. larger; judge, W. Swaysland. Limit, 20/-; judge, S. Cook.

FOREIGN, 11 classes—Budgerigars 1, Parrakeets 1, Parrots 1; judge, H. T. Camps. Small seed-eaters, all insectiv., and For. Hybrids (7 classes); judge, Russell Humphrys. Gold- and Bullfinch; judge, S. Cook.

CAGES, 3 classes; judge, S. Cook, assisted by F. S. Matthes and J. W. Rennie. First prize, diploma and gold medal; 2nd, diploma and silver medal; 3rd, diploma and bronze medal in each class; entry fee, 2s. each cage. Messrs. Trower and Co. (London) present the following prizes in the cage section:—1st prize, value £1 1s., for most points; 2nd prize, value 10s. 6d., for second most points; 3rd prize, value 5s., for third most points; gained by any exhibitor with any 4 cages. Any exhibitor competing must mark four of his entries "Trower," and the four entries so marked will compete for Messrs. Trower's prizes.

Crystal Palace Employees' class 1; judge, S. Cook. (Prizes, 10s., 7s. 6d., 5s.; fee, 1s.). Extra stock class; fee, 1s. per cage.

ENTRIES absolutely close Saturday, January 23rd. There will be no extension and no whip up cards will be sent out. The whole of the specimens must be in the Exhibition on Thursday, February 4th; any that may arrive afterwards will not be admitted into the Show. All fanciers, whether affiliated members of the Cage Bird Union or not, are equally eligible to exhibit at this Show. The entrance fee is 2s..

THE PRIZE MONEY is as follows: 1st, 15s.; 2nd, 10s.; 3rd, 5s.; 4th, 2s.; 5th, 2s.; or medals of varying quality at winner's option (in gold, silver, and bronze, up to full value of prize won). Cash will be sent unless otherwise requested. No prizes will be withheld in any of the standing classes. No classes will be amalgamated. There is an exceptionally fine list of 277 special prizes. Further, Mr. F. Carl, proprietor of CAGE BIRDS, will give a cash prize of 2s. for the best v.h.c. in every class in the show with 25 or more entries, and the L. and P.O.S. will give a cash prize of 2s. for best h.c. in every class in the Show with 25 or more entries.

ADMISSION.—There is no extra charge for admission to the Show beyond the ordinary charge made for admittance to the Crystal Palace.

SHOW MANAGEMENT.—All entries must be sent to J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London, S.W., who will dispatch tickets, labels, etc., also pay prize money and sale moneys. The Show will be under the sole management of Mr. Ramsden, who will accept orders for stalls and advertisements; also dispatch all birds at close of Show.

FEEDING THE BIRDS.—During the Show seed-eating birds will be fed upon seeds supplied by Messrs. James Carter and Co. ("Good Old Carter"), High Holborn, London. The insectivorous birds will be fed upon yolk of egg and insectivorous food supplied by Messrs. Trower and Co., 442, Caledonian Road, London, N.

JUDGES' LUNCH.—The L. and P.O.S. annual judges' lunch will he held in the Grill Room, Crystal Palace, on Friday (Feb. 5th), chairman, G. Crabb, Esq., covers at 1.30; tickets, 2s. 6d. each. Tickets can be had by exhibitors and friends on application to the Show Manager. Lunch will be over in time for opening of the Show. Ladies specially invited.

A MANAGERIAL NOTE.—The following paragraphs are from the Manager's preface to the schedule:—

In issuing the schedule of the Jubilee National Show, the Committee of the L. & P.O.S. desire to tender their heartiest thanks for the liberal support accorded them at past shows.

For this—the Jubilee Show—a special Jubilee Championship Diploma has been designed, and will be given to the best bird in each of the champion sections. A special Jubilee Award Certificate has been printed, and any winner can have his awards certified on this certificate (price, 1s., post free).

Eighteen specialist judges have been engaged, and the classes allotted to them have been limited in number in order that each judge shall have ample time to give every exhibit his careful attention.

The Crystal Palace Company have kindly promised that the show shall be held under separate cover in the Crystal Palace and kept at a suitable temperature.

The society will provide policemen, attendants, and night watchmen for the protection of the exhibits.

ENTRIES WILL CLOSE JANUARY 23RD

There will be no extension, and no whip-up cards will be issued. Exhibitors are respectfully requested to send their entries as soon as possible after the receipt of this schedule, and not to wait until the day fixed for closing.

J. W. RAMSDEN, Show Manager.

TELEGRAMS OR LETTERS asking for result of judging cannot be answered by the authorities. Under these circumstances CAGE BIRDS will be pleased to supply exhibitors with the result in any class upon compliance with the following rules:—

1. Fully-stamped postcards, letters, or telegraph forms must reach us, at 154, Fleet-street, not later than February 4th.

2. The number of each exhibit and number of class must be stated, and spaces left blank for awards. For instance:—Jones, 15, Aberystwyth-terrace, Swansea.—Class 30, No. 259 ——; Class 31, No. 263 ——.

3. All applicants for results at the Palace must write RESULT on top left-hand corner of the envelope.

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# The Coming "Jubilee" Crystal Palace Show.

## INTERVIEW WITH THE SHOW MANAGER.

### All About the Great Event from the Lips of Mr. J. W. Ramsden.

A "Jubilee" cage-bird show—the fiftieth annual event of its kind! What visions those words may well conjure up in one's mind; of old-time methods, of bygone birdie champions, of faces of fancier friends now stilled in that "long sleep, Death"; of personal triumphs on the show-bench—indeed, of many things, both grave and gay. But it is not with the past that we have now to deal. The forthcoming great event at the Crystal Palace claims attention—a unique happening in the annals of our hobby. The great National Show is at all times an event of the first magnitude—probably it is not too much to allude to it as *the* event of the cage-bird fanciers' season—and this year it takes on an immensely added importance and interest by reason of being the "Jubilee" exhibition held at the Sydenham "Glass-house." It is for this reason that a representative of CAGE BIRDS sought out Mr. J. W. Ramsden, the highly-popular and able show manager, and obtained a few particulars direct from his lips concerning the eagerly anticipated event of February 5th to 9th next. Mr. Ramsden is a busy man just now, as will readily be imagined, but with that courtesy which distinguishes him gladly answered the CAGE BIRDS man's questions, and supplied some interesting details.

"Mr. Ramsden," we opened, "this year's Crystal Palace Show promises to be a notable event. What are *you* doing to celebrate it?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Ramsden; "judging by present indications, this year's show promises to be specially attractive—indeed, I trust it will break all records. It is again held under the auspices of the L. and P.O.S., and this year under the sole management of myself. Great interest is being taken in this show, and it is supported by practically every Specialist Club; also by the Victorian Canary Society of Australia, whose representative, Mr. White, you will remember, paid us a visit two years ago, and made many friends during his brief stay. For this—the "Jubilee" Show—the classification has been extended; 148 classes have been provided, and nearly 300 special prizes are offered for competition. The new classes are: Lancashire Coppy (Novice), Lancashire Plainhead (Novice), Frills, London Fancy, Bullfinch Hen, Yellowhammer, Chough, extra class for large Softbill British, also Tanagers. We are, too, giving extra cash prizes. The L. and P.O.S. give an extra cash prize in every class, while CAGE BIRDS (as you will know) has kindly offered to give a cash special of two shillings for the best v.h.c. in every class in the show that has not less than 25 entries, and the L. and P.O.S. will also give a cash prize of 2s. for the best h.c. in every class in the show containing 25 or more entries."

"That seems generous treatment; for, of course, the entry fee remains the same as in previous years?"

"Yes; the entrance fee remains at 2s. The prize-money comes to a certain 34s. in all full classes, with the probability of it being 38s. And even with this, of course, there will be no departure from our usual practice of giving further prizes (extra 2nds, extra 3rds, etc.) in classes where the support given warrants this being done."

"Are there any other special departures this year?"

"Yes; we have engaged a record number of judges, viz., 18, all specialists, and the classes allotted to them have been limited in number in order that each judge shall have ample time to give every exhibit his careful attention. Further, a special jubilee championship diploma has been designed, and will be given to the best bird in each of the champion sections. A special jubilee award certificate has also been printed, and any winner can have his awards certified on this certificate (price 1s., post free). Medals (gold, silver, bronze) in specially inscribed cases can be had in lieu of prize money, and in every instance they are full value. Samples can be seen at the show.

"In the event of a 'cold snap' occurring at the time appointed for the holding of the show, will the birds be comfortably protected against the weather? The Palace, you know, has been 'hauled over the coals' (pardon what looks like an attempt at a joke!) in the matter of alleged deficiencies during very cold spells."

"Special efforts will be made to protect exhibits from both cold and draughts. The Crystal Palace Company has kindly promised that the show shall be held under separate cover in the Palace, and kept at a suitable temperature. Needless to say, I shall do my own best to attain this end, and the improvements introduced last year will, I think, be found further perfected, and quite adequate. I may also say that for the protection of exhibits in another direction, the society will provide policemen, attendants, and night watchmen, on the same scale as last year."

"And if you get the record entry you hope to be favoured with, how will you, in the limited time at your disposal, handle and stage the wonderful collection of birds this will represent, so that there may be no confusion, no mistake, no delay?"

"By having a system and sticking to it. The L. and P.O.S., as I have said on a previous occasion, is blessed with about the finest lot of committee-men that ever lived. They invariably turn up at the shows in good time, eager for the fray. Some twenty trained and experienced packers are engaged, and one or two allotted to each committee-man. As the birds arrive, the day before the show opens, they are unpacked and checked off by an official, after which they are fed and watered, and placed in their proper order on the show-benches by the packers. As a rule, we get through this part of the work by about 12 o'clock (midnight). Committee-men are then allotted sections, and have to see that every bird is not only in its proper class, but in its proper numerical order. This is usually got through by two or three o'clock, and then a few hours' rest is obtained at a house in the neighbourhood. We get back to the show by 7 o'clock a.m., and usually find a few birds have arrived by the early morning trains. Provided these were sent off in proper time, and the delay is not the fault of the exhibitor, they are at once unpacked and staged. I walk round the show to see everything is in proper order, the feeders are set to work, the show swept up, and all is ready for the judges at 9 o'clock. As the judges' slips are handed in, the prize cards are at once made out, and put up immediately by the committee-men. As the specials are awarded the same thing occurs. About now our worthy president, Mr. Crabb, gets busy gathering all the information possible for the benefit of the reporters of the great London papers, who always report this show. The judging over in good time, the curtain is rung up as the clock strikes three (after the judges' lunch is over), and thanks to the promptitude of those excellent show printers, Messrs. J. J. Keliher and Co., catalogues with the awards in are on sale soon after 6 o'clock."

"About the crowds of fanciers from various parts of the country who are sure to come up to town to see the "Jubilee" run—its course, of course: what arrangements are you making on their behalf?"

"I have been in personal communication with the various managers. Most of the railway companies are running excursions specially for the show, full details of which will be published in CAGE BIRDS in due course."

"I believe the Norwich Plainhead Club and the Southern N.P.C. are to fight out their inter-club contest at the 'Jubilee'?"

"That is so. The long-looked-for contest between the N.P.C. and the S.N.P.C. takes place at this show. Four extra cash prizes are offered in each class, making a total of nine cash prizes per class. It ought to be a stern fight, and result in a magnificent display of this popular Canary."

"Are there any other points you would like put before our readers?"

"I should like to make it quite clear that the show is open to all—whether affiliated members of the C.B.U. or not. I would say, too, that once again Messrs. Carters supply the foods for the seed-eating birds, and Messrs. Trower and Co. for the Softbills. The Softbill British and Foreign will be under the personal care of the two veteran feeders, Messrs. Small and Grutchfield."

"Speaking of Messrs. Small and Grutchfield," continued Mr. Ramsden, "I have been asked by one or two regular exhibitors at the Palace Show to suggest that the 'Jubilee' Show would be a suitable place for some recognition to be made to these two veterans, who have fed and tended the exhibits at the National Shows so well for over forty years. I shall be pleased to receive subscriptions, no matter how small, from exhibitors who would like in this way to recognise Messrs. Small and Grutchfield's long and faithful services."

"Are you making any special arrangements to cope with the tremendous amount of work there is likely to be at the close of the show?"

"That is a point I am always most particular upon, and this year very special efforts will be made to clear the show on the evening of the last day. To ensure this, the show will close at 4 o'clock, and it is hoped that the last bird will be dispatched by the 10.10 p.m. train, which will connect with the night expresses out of London. All birds should be home early the next day."

"Speaking of 'veterans' reminds me that the 'Jubilee' is to be the last official appearance of two of your oldest judges—is that not so?"

"The 'Jubilee' Show is the last show at which the two veteran British bird judges, Messrs. S. Cook and J. F. Hills, will officiate as judges. It is the intention of the L. and P.O.S. to present to each of them the society's gold medal as a mark of esteem, and as a memento of their last Palace Show (in an official capacity). The presentation will be made at the judges' lunch, and I hope a good company will assemble to show their appreciation of Messrs. Cook's and Hills' long and valued services. The judges' lunch will be held in the Grill Room, on the Friday, covers at 1.30. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, can be had by exhibitors and friends on application to the show manager. The lunch will be over in time for the opening of the show. Ladies are specially invited. Our old friend, Mr. Crabb, will take the chair."

"This will surely be a show well supported by the 'trade,' and result in a highly interesting and instructive display of foods, cages, and appliances generally?"

"I am pleased to say that the 'trade' are supporting the show well. The following have booked spaces for stalls:—Messrs. Carter, Hyde, Trower, Newley, CAGE BIRDS, Millsum, Sissons, Hammond, Roehl, and Fox and Sons, and I have several other firms enquiring—for floor space. As you say, the display of goods should be a very fine one."

Thinking he had by now trespassed sufficiently on Mr. Ramsden's time and good nature, CAGE BIRDS representative prepared to take his departure, and thanked Mr. Ramsden for his kindness in favouring readers with so many details.

"Not at all," replied that genial gentleman, "tell them that, as a record entry is expected, to cope with such, entries must close January 23rd, and exhibitors are respectfully requested to send their entries as soon as possible—not to wait until the day fixed for closing. If they will bear this in mind, I shall be more than repaid. All prize-money will be paid as soon as possible after the closing of the show."

Just as we prepared to dive into the rain and slush of London, came these parting words:—"I should like you to add that I have the letting of rooms (including the Board Room) for meetings during the show, and that all applications for their use should be made to me."

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# Results of Our . . . . Xmas Competitions.

### Some very Interesting Answers to a set of Interesting Questions.

The two competitions in connection with our Christmas Number attracted a splendid entry from readers, and keen struggles for the prizes resulted.

### The Coloured Frontispiece.

The quality of the work accomplished by competitors in the coloured frontispiece competition was remarkably good—quite the best we have ever been favoured with—and the task of deciding upon the winner was one of some difficulty. We were pleasantly surprised at the artistic effect attained by the senders of the leading paintings—a distinct advance on anything which reached us the previous year. The judges eventually selected the frontispiece sent in by

MR. W. LAWRENCE,
89, King's Road,
Halstead,
Essex.

as the highest in merit, and to this gentleman a cheque for half-a-guinea will be forwarded in due course. This competitor, readers may remember, very nearly carried off the prize last year. Following very closely upon his heels came Mr. Walter Collins (Norfolk Road, Southampton), Second Prize; and Miss Beatrice Smith (Worcester Park, Surrey), Third Prize. These three efforts we intend to have framed, and to exhibit them upon our stall at the forthcoming Crystal Palace Show. Fourth position was gained by Miss M. E. Palmer (Herne Bay). This lady secured our cash prize last Christmas.

Other very meritorious efforts reached us from Miss Laura Mead (St. Annes-on-Sea), and Messrs. G. W. Lifton (Gloster), J. Edwards (Longton), S. R. Sleep (Plymouth), G. Stott (Braintree), P. Jowett (Great Horton), J. Duncan (North Shields), J. W. Goldsmith (Maidenhead), W. H. Criddeford (Honiton), C. F. Hayman (Parkstone), T. A. Cooper (Nottingham), F. Ridgway (Wolstanton), Bernard Shaw (Haywards Heath), and W. J. Burgess (Clapham), while several juvenile fanciers also sent in promising attempts, notably the Misses Whitton (Broughty Ferry), A. M. Howard (Worthing), and S. Thorpe (Wellington), and Masters Russell Reeve (Norwich), F. Marwood (Thornaby-on-Tees), T. Griffiths (Gateshead), G. Fulbrook (Reading), H. Brotherhood (Newport, Salop), P. W. Streat (Exeter), V. S. Wainwright (Peascake), G. H. Needham (Leicester), and A. Wilkinson (Colne).

### OUR CONUNDRUMS.

We also offered four prizes of half-a-crown each for the best answers to four given questions.

**QUESTION 1.—WHICH IS THE BEST BREED OF CANARY FOR THE BEGINNER—AND WHY?**

The prize is awarded to Mr. A. Sutherland Grant for the following on

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**Question 2.—Should legitimate "preparation for show" include the removal of a few objectionable feathers?**

THE PRIZE WINNER.

Of course not. An honest breeder's aim should be to *breed* birds to type if he can, not to try and deceive everybody but himself into believing that he has reached the goal, when it is nothing more than a "try." Show the birds just as we have coaxed Nature to fulfil our wishes. Good-bye to all confidence that a novice has in buying a bird at a show if such a practice is allowed. I imagine his rooted conviction after, that "things are not always what they seem." Practise it ourselves and encourage others to play the straight game for the credit of the Fancy and the uplifting of all connected with it.—GEORGE HARRIS, 3, Bourne Cottages, Kenley, Surrey.

**Question 3.—Is it desirable that Exhibition British Birds should be Colour-fed?**

THE WINNING REPLY.

Colour-feeding British birds has never been proved to be injurious or even unnatural. Indeed, experience proves otherwise; and the depth and lustre it adds to colour, also the heat it gives during the moulting process (a circumstance which speaks for itself), is indisputable. As we know, however, it only improves certain colours (red for instance, is rather spoiled by colour-feeding). Were colour-feeding to be in future a cause for disqualification, then the difficulty of detecting a colour-fed bird would in some cases, at least, be insurmountable. It is desirable, therefore, that the question be left an open one, and that exhibitors continue to feed their birds according to their knowledge and experience of their requirements.—EDWARD MILNE, Woodlands Cottage, Rattray, Blairgowrie.

**Question 4.—Which is best, an outdoor or an indoor birdroom—and why?**

THE PRIZE ANSWER.

An outdoor bird-room is better than an indoor for the following reasons: (1) An indoor bird-room is almost of necessity upstairs, which entails a lot of running up and down stairs, especially during the breeding season, when fresh food should be given three times a day. (2) The birds are of a hardier nature when bred in an outdoor bird-room, as they do not get such extremes of temperature caused by the warmth during the day from the kitchen underneath, or the chimney that passes through the room from the downstairs room fires which at night (the coldest time) are unlighted. (3) The bird-breeding hobby causes a certain amount of dirt which our good mothers and wives much prefer outside their little palaces.—H. CHRISTIAN, 128, Westcotes Drive, Leicester.

**A host of highly interesting replies came to hand, and next week we shall print a selection of these.**

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Yellow Scotch Fancy Hen, 1st City of Glasgow: Mr. J. Ward, (Shettleston).

Clear Yellow Unflighted Yorkshire Cock, 1st Cardiff: Mrs. Garland (Bristol).

# Foreign Birds for Beginners.

By FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.,
Author of "Pets and How to Keep Them."

**A companion article to Mr. Goodchild's coloured plate which is presented with this issue.**

Although the Foreign Bird Section at shows, owing, no doubt, to the unpractical way in which it is too often managed, cannot compare for efficiency and popularity with the British, the cult of foreign birds as home pets maintains its popularity, and it is probably even increasing. Among foreigners the Finches, being usually small and always easily fed, have the greatest vogue with most people, and in our illustration Mr. Goodchild has aptly delineated a group of attractive little creatures calculated to make a foreign bird fancier of anyone with a spark of enterprise in his or her nature.

### First, the Aviary.

Such a collection as this would make a charming group for an outdoor aviary, which need not be very large, but must be so situated and constructed as to exclude damp and cold winds—the most deadly foes to bird life. As much sun as can be had is desirable, but, of course, the birds must have opportunity of seeking the shade when they desire it. A very good plan is to have glass shutters over the front of the aviary, so that in extra bad weather these can be closed, due provision having been made for ventilation by holes under the eaves along these shutters.

If an outdoor flight, netted over, and planted with grasses and shrubs, can be attached to the aviary, it will look much prettier, and, of course, will be a more enjoyable home for the little inmates; but they will thrive quite well without it. Indeed, with proper attention to feeding and avoidance of draughts, the whole collection would thrive well in one of those big Crystal Palace cages—so often miscalled aviaries—indoors; though in such a place it might be found advisable to shut off one or two of the bigger species depicted, by one of the slides, in case they show signs of a tyrannical disposition.

It would not be half a bad plan for an amateur who liked being comfortable, and only kept a few small pretty birds like these, to construct quite a small, cheap aviary for their use during the summer, and to bring them in and keep them in a large cage indoors during the winter. He would thus have the benefit of their company indoors at a time when going down a damp, chilly garden to attend to an aviary is a very doubtful pleasure, while the birds themselves, though they might, and in most cases would, winter perfectly well outside, would very probably be happier within. For my experience in studying animal life inclines me to believe that in most cases a temperature agreeable to ourselves is comfortable for the lower animals also, whether they come from tropical or temperate regions; it was quite a common sight in India to see some of the native birds gasping with heat in the hot season, and on the other hand everyone knows how our hardy Robin is quite ready to come indoors when circumstances are favourable for his doing so.

### Feeding the Finches.

Feeding is an important matter with these little foreign Finches. Millet and Canary seed will be their staple diet, and of the millets the very small kind and the large white are the best, while this seed is especially appreciated in the spray.

Hayseed will also be enjoyed by the birds, most of which are naturally grass-feeders, and a good supply of flowering grass—the best all-round green food, as well as the most easily obtainable—should be regularly kept up. It is best, if possible, especially for birds kept indoors in a cage, to give it with roots and soil adhering, as then they have a chance of picking up any tit-bits these may contain. Other green food, such as chickweed and shepherd's purse, should be offered, and especially any such weeds which harbour aphides or "green fly," a particularly suitable diet for the little Avadavats and other Waxbills.

These delicate little creatures will be especially benefited by a little soft food if they can be got to eat it, and every attempt should be made to cultivate a taste for it by sprinkling it with seed. The said soft food may be any mixture suitable for small insectivorous birds, or the ordinary egg-food given to breeding Canaries. It will be especially beneficial when the birds are newly imported, moulting, breeding, or outdoors in winter—when, in fact, they need some extra easily-assimilable nourishment. Grit and cuttle-fish bone must not be forgotten; the latter is especially appreciated by the birds when it is shredded into fine shavings.

### Accommodation for Breeding.

A good many of our little collection will probably attempt breeding, and they should be provided with varied accommodation to this end. Good thick bushes fastened up well out of the reach of mice are as good as anything, and in addition artificial sites in the way of the little wooden German Canary cages with the inside fittings removed, or the simple expedient of an ancient straw hat nailed against the wall, with a hole cut out of the crown, may be recommended.

Caged birds must not be expected to breed unless the whole flight can be given up to one pair, and not often then.

Having thus given, I hope, some idea of how to accommodate the subjects of our plate, I will proceed to make a few remarks about them in detail. Some are very common and cheap, some scarcer and dearer, some hardy, others rather delicate. Personally, I never look down on a bird because it is cheap and common, always provided it is pretty; beauty is never likely to be too abundant in this part of the world, and it is a reason for thankfulness that so many of the easiest birds to get and keep are among the prettiest of all. If only the foreign bird people took the trouble to encourage cheap common birds that the British section do, I feel sure our shows would be more attractive.

### The Common Avadavat.

I shall therefore start off right away with the cheapest and commonest of the lot, because he is, perhaps, the best bird of all. The common Avadavat (Estrelda amandava) is one of the very oldest of foreign cage birds, and owes his very name to a corruption of Ahmedabad, the city whence they were sent, and had the reputation of coming. Many people still spell the name Amadavat or Amaduvade, but Avadavat is the accepted spelling, and occurs in the works of the poet Keats—the only instance I know of a foreign Finch being mentioned in classical English poetry.

This fairy-like little fellow is only about as large as our Wren, and his lovely plumage of rich red, dotted with white, comes out admirably in the plate. He only bears this when in full colour; half the time he is in undress, and then resembles the hen, which is a little brown creature, with a red patch at the base of the tail, and a few of the characteristic white dots on the wings. The young birds are entirely brown, with black instead of red and black bills, but I do not remember ever having seen them in so young a stage as this in English dealers' hands.

This little bird is widely spread over eastern countries, ranging through India and Burma into the islands of the Malay Archipelago, for I cannot accept the theory that the Burmese race, which has the abdomen of the cock yellow instead of black, is distinct, the difference not being important enough.

It is a very favourite cage bird with natives in India, being easily caught and kept. To quote my friend Mr. D. Dewar, in his recent book, "Birds of the Plains," "The bird takes to cage life as a Scotsman to whisky. Within five minutes of capture the little creature is contentedly eating its seed, and singing quite gaily. This is no exaggeration. I was recently out with a friend, when we came upon a small boy catching Munias (*Munia* is the native name applied to Waxbills and Mannikins.) We saw captured a fine cock, which my friend purchased for two annas (2d.). Not happening to have a cage in his pocket, he put the tiny creature into a fold in his handkerchief, and placed the remainder of the handkerchief in his pocket. While we were walking home our captive began twittering in answer to his companions who were still free. If this be not philosophical behaviour, I do not know what is."

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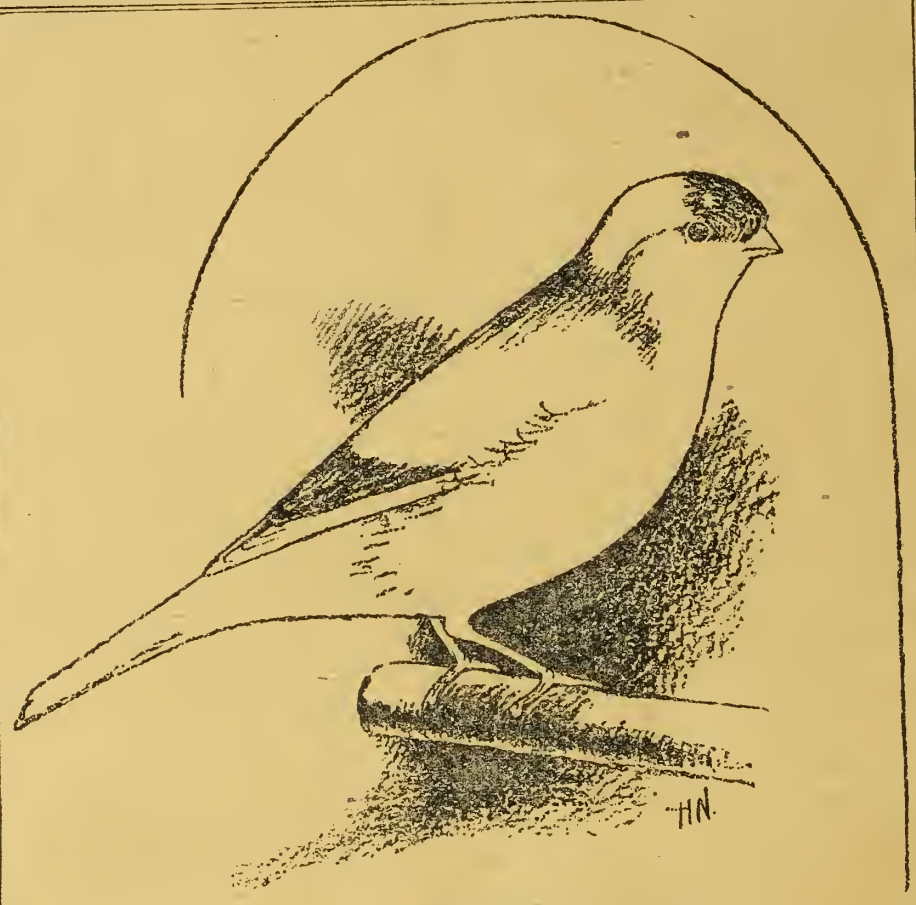

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## A SINGING MATCH IN THE STATES.

### The Yankee Reporter at a Bird Show.

The appended report of a "singing contest," which is said to have taken place at a show held in the famous Madison Square Gardens (New York), affords a fine example of the "humour" indulged in by reporters across the "herring pond." Our American contemporary states:—

It was not without incident that the Poultry and Pet Stock Show closed last night in Madison Square Garden. While the poultry and duck people were booking orders and closing deals, a match of much import was being decided in the Fancy Cage Bird Society's quarters in the cafe as to the singing abilities of two Mule Canaries. John McCartney backed his young ambitious Mule bird to out-sing M. J. Perkinson's old broken-legged bird, while Edward Burns bet that neither would sing. The birds were placed on a table, and with much solemnity the audience seated itself in a circle some ten feet away—that is, the front row.

No one spoke, and the only disturbance was tobacco smoke in the atmosphere. McCartney's bird, instead of getting down to business, persisted in poking an inquiring head through the bars of his cage, "looking for trouble," one of the critics in the audience said.

### Glued to His Perch.

Perkinson's broken-legged veteran was glued to his perch, with the expression of a man who had gritted his teeth and made up his mind neither to yell nor whimper.

Such was the conduct of the rival birds. Thus sat the audience while time sped. An hour went by and some one in a back seat crept silently to the row of birds on exhibition, quietly lifted a cage containing four hens and silently placed them on the table between the rivals. Feminine allurements, however, had no effect, Perkinson's broken-legged warrior was adamant, and McCartney's more impetuous representative, if anything, peeked through the bars of his cage more jerkily and oftener.

After another hour a voice in the front row said: "Bill, take them females away. They're worrying my young birds." The females were whisked away, and the dumb songsters were left to their own inclinations to enliven matters.

### Burns Calls "Time."

Neither bird, however, changed his earlier demeanour, nor was the irksome monotony broken until "Ted" Burns said:—"I win. The three hours is up, and neither bird's so much as wheezed a note."

McCartney in defence said, "My young 'un ain't used to such a audience." Perkinson in excuse said, "Guess a snowstorm's coming and it bothered my old bird's game leg."


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THE Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C. hold a committee meeting to-day (Saturday), in conjunction with Windhill Show, when very important business is to be transacted, viz., the arrangement, etc., of specials for the year's competitions. The acting secretary, Mr. H. H. Towers, hopes for a good muster of members.

SHIPLEY and District O.S. whist drive and social takes place on Tuesday evening next, the 19th inst., in the cafe adjoining Saltaire Station. The committee hope to see plenty of fanciers and friends. They guarantee to provide a pleasant evening, and as the place is very easy of access from all parts, they expect to have a bumper. Don't forget them.

KEIGHLEY Society's Show, held on Saturday last, proved a really nice affair. Entries, with one or two exceptions, came up very well, and some grand birds were to be seen. The Yorkshire Novices were a strong lot, and gave the judge a heap of work. Many of their birds, in his opinion, would easily hold their own in the open classes.

BRADFORD East O.S. held their second annual tea, concert, and prize distribution on January 5th, in the Park Chapel Schools, when at least 200 members and friends, with their wives, sat down to a substantial tea. This was followed by an excellent concert, half-way through which Mrs. E. Suddards, the wife of the esteemed president, handed to the successful winners the magnificent prizes offered for competition. This society has had some excellent members' shows, lectures, etc., and all have been exceptionally well attended, the average for the 26 meetings being just upon thirty—truly a record which speaks well for the enthusiasm infused into the society since its formation. The rose bowl, which they have obtained for competition in the Unflighted classes at their show, was on view, and is a truly splendid prize, and should do much towards making their first open show a thorough success.

LAST season, when the competitions of the various clubs were half-way through, a list of points was published in this column for the guidance of exhibitors, with a view to whipping up those who, with a spurt, had a chance of getting in the running. This season there have been many enquiries for a similar list. The reason of its non-appearance is that several societies thought it would have a tendency to check entries from those out of the running, and therefore it has been deferred till the end of the season.

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### *A Methodical Bather.

We used to have a Canary which would come out of his cage and go into the bath that was waiting for him. Then he would go and sit himself before the stove and dry himself. We also had a cat that was nine years old, but he would never touch the bird.—Sent by Albert Armes (age 10), 1 (back of 62), Ladywood Road, Birmingham.

### **A Fight for a Meal.

A few weeks ago I stood watching two birds in my garden. They were fighting very savagely for the possession of a worm. So intent were they to see which was to have the meal that they did not notice that they stood in danger of being made a meal of. Suddenly a large Cyprus cat jumped over the wall right on the spot where the birds were a moment before. The birds then took to flight. I ran down the garden and the cat sprang back over the wall. I saw the worm struggling on the ground, so neither of them had the meal.—Sent by H. W. Green (aged 9½), 48, Marlborough Road, Norwich.

### *A Happy Find.

One day my friend and I were going round his father's field and we saw a Blackbird with some white feathers in each of its wings. My friend said he would try and catch it. So one day it was feeding in the pigs' trough and he went towards it, and it fled into the building, being very wild. So he shut the door and caught it. After he had had it two or three days he was tired of it, and bought it off him. I have a delight in keeping birds. One day our cat got on the cage, and if I had not been there she would have had the poor Blackbird. She had broken some of the bars in the cage, and it had got out. As it happened, it was cramped in the wings and could not fly very much, and I managed to catch it.—Sent by F. Tudor (age 14), 8, Castle Street, Clun, Salop.

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### No. 274.
### METHOD OF MAKING HEAD HOLES.

**Sent by J. H. Dawson, 3, The Green, Washington Village, Durham.**

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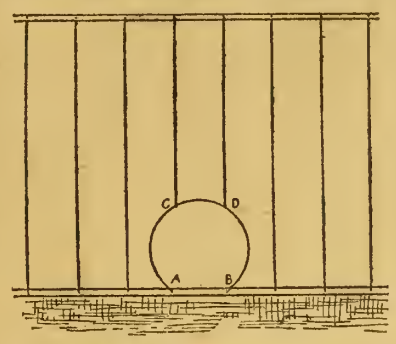


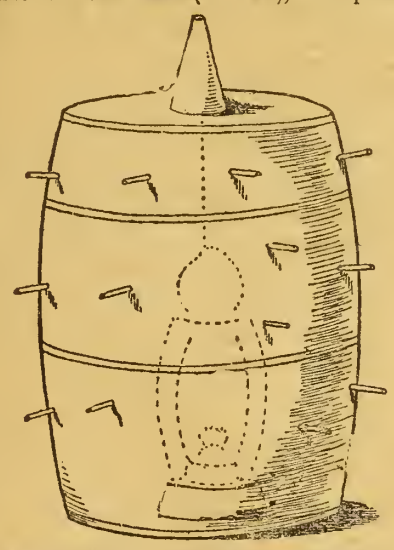

**To Make Head Holes.**

size required. Then put it through the punched bar (see "A" and "B"), and solder it. Then put the wires in position, and solder them (at "C" and "D"). When finished, I find it makes a very useful hole.—J. H. DAWSON.

### No. 275.
### HEATING APPARATUS FOR OUTDOOR AVIARY.

**Sent by J. Vaughan, Ashmoor Place, Kington, Herefordshire.**

I trust the enclosed idea will prove useful to fanciers who have outdoor aviaries. It costs next to nothing, providing you have a hurricane lamp by you and an empty cask. Mine is a soda cask (cost 3d.), with perches



**Heating Apparatus for Outdoor Room.**

nailed all round it (nails driven from the inside to secure perches on the outside). I hang the cask to the top of the aviary with copper wire; also hang the lamp inside the cask with wire. At first my birds were shy of it, but now I find them perched all round looking nice and warm. One quart of oil lasts a week, costing 2½d. This is the second year I have used it, with good results.—J. VAUGHAN.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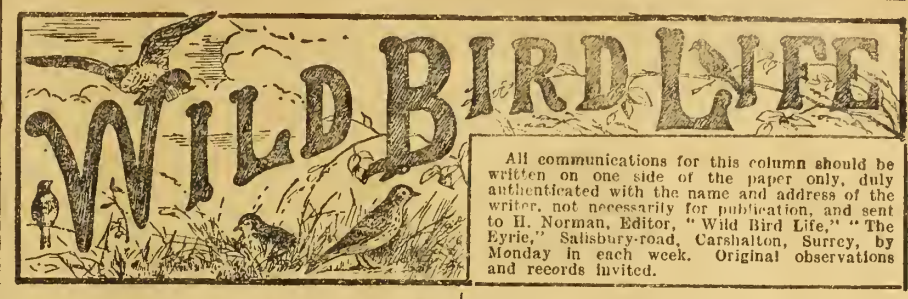


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## SPRING BIRD MUSIC IN JANUARY.

**Nightingales Greet the New Year.**

On New Year's Day, the song of the Nightingale was heard in a garden near the High Street, Carshalton, a Surrey village, thirteen miles from London. The bird was not caged, but roaming free in the garden, subject to all weather changes. How did it get there? It is an interesting little story, and one that readers of CAGE BIRDS should hear, because it teaches us one or two lessons worth remembering. I have for years been an enthusiastic lover of Skylarks, simply for the excellence of their song, and have possessed many accomplished singers, besides various other species. In an enthusiastic moment I conceived the idea of roofing in the whole of my garden with wire netting, making it into one huge aviary 60ft. long, by 30ft. wide. This was no easy matter, for besides the expense there was the difficulty of getting suitable supports and stretching the wire properly. Fir poles were used for the rafters, and stouter ones for the uprights, these latter having tall growing plants of ivy planted at their base, thus giving an old appearance to the place at once. The fruit trees were left growing against the wall, also the standard apple trees and roses, the creepers, the grass lawn, etc., as in an ordinary garden, so that the birds should have as much shelter as possible, and all the natural surroundings of wild life. This work was carried out during the winter, and when the spring arrived the birds were turned in. These included several cock Goldfinches, Linnets, Canaries, and hen Bullfinches; also a pair of Chestnut-eared Finches, as representatives of the foreign section. All these, in a sense, were only the padding of the aviary, the real centre being a pair of charming Nightingales, as it was intended to try and breed some of these delightful songsters, but the pair unfortunately proved to be two cock birds. One of these was exceedingly shy, and nothing but a deftly thrown mealworm would tempt him from his hiding place. The other was more tractable, and after a time would snatch a worm from the hand. In this garden they naturally found a good deal of insect food, and they were actually seen eating ordinary earth worms. The breeding operations during the summer months were not altogether a success, because the wild cock Bullfinches more than once disturbed the hens just at the critical moments, when young Hybrids were well upon the road to being successfully reared. Although this part of the aviary was practically a failure, there were no two questions about the charm of the place. The wire top was quite unnoticed, and one could sit under the growing trees and watch the pretty ways of the birds, who disported themselves with all the abandon of the fields and hedgerows. The Finches were for ever singing; the Nightingales occasionally joined in the music, and a lovely cock Blackcap was constantly recording his charming melody. And so the summer passed, with hours spent in their company and many chats upon future operations. Chill autumn came, with Canaries, Finches, and 'gales still at liberty, and then came a sharp November frost, with the water in the drinking basin frozen solid. Through all this the birds looked perky and bright. Christmas came, bringing the heavy snow, which laid thickly in the village streets and gardens. The severity of the frost was such that many water pipes were frozen, and the ground was hard as granite. Little was done for the protection of the inmates of the garden, for a few evergreen shrubs afforded them as much shelter as they would get in the open. About every hour the soft food was brought in and thawed for their benefit, and strange to say, through this severe time, the Nightingales of all the inmates showed the least inconvenience. They appeared practically unaffected. They would run over the snow for a mealworm or fresh food, with all the agility of Wagtails, but would occasionally hold up one foot as though the frozen mantle was cold to their feet; whereas the Finches looked bundles of feathers, cold and miserable, and as if life under such conditions was hardly worth living. Then came the change in the weather, and with it a sudden thawing of the snow. Going to feed my pets on New Year's Day, I was astonished to hear the singing of the Nightingales. Both birds were at it, commencing with the well-known scolding note. They warbled with all the abandon of the first spring arrivals, and although the snow had not completely disappeared, one could close one's eyes and fancy it was the month of May, and that the song proceeded from the hedgerow or wooded dell, where the primrose and nodding bluebells gave colour to the scene. The singing of the birds after passing through such an ordeal proves how hardy these birds really are. Our fine Blackbirds and Thrushes under such conditions could not do more, even if they did as much. To my mind it proves up to the hilt that the migration of the Warblers is brought about more by scarcity of food than inability to withstand our climate.

## WILD BIRD NOTES.

### Gulls and the Weather.

Hundreds of Seagulls have been seen on the Surrey Hills, which fact is considered to be a sign of bad weather at sea.

### The Starling as a Mimic.

The Starling has been aptly called the English Mocking Bird, but one must be intimately acquainted with the songs of the feathered tribe to be able to dissect the spluttering, gurgling, chattering notes, and whistle of this spangled mimic, to be able to fit them to the music scroll of the more conservative songsters.

### Flocks of Chaffinches.

Large flocks of Chaffinches are to be seen in the fields and on the edges of the Surrey woods. These mostly consist of cock birds. One huge flock was carefully examined, as they settled on the open ground, and to all appearances every bird was a male. They well merit the name of the "Bachelor Finch"; anyway, during the winter months.

### Nests of the Sparrow Hawks.

These birds are undoubtedly nest builders, for although we sometimes find them utilising the drey of the squirrel or a Crow's nest, it is only as a foundation for its own home. It is always built in a tree, generally in a crotch where two branches meet, or join the trunk. It is a large, flat, straggling affair, composed of sticks and twigs, the finest being in the centre. The same nest is used year after year if left undisturbed.

### Birds of the Countryside in Town.

Among the birds seen in the London parks during last summer we noticed the Wheatear, the Fly Catcher, the Willow Wren, the Wagtail, Tits, Swallows, Sand Martins, and Lapwings, besides many commoner birds. This is a proof that birds do not shun the haunts of men, and that grass and trees will always attract them, for it is among these that seeds and insects may be found, and a wild bird's first consideration is naturally his food.

### Omnivorous Gulls.

Gulls are among that peculiar class of birds which we term omnivorous; that is, they will eat almost anything. And it is astonishing what large objects they can swallow. When shore shooting is going on they are not slow to look out for wounded birds, and will manage to dispose of anything a bit smaller than themselves, swallowing feathers and bones, first thoroughly wetting the object if rather large to aid the action. The feathers and bones are thrown up in the shape of pellets, after the fleshy portions have been digested. These pellets may be seen upon the cliffs where the birds are in the habit of roosting.


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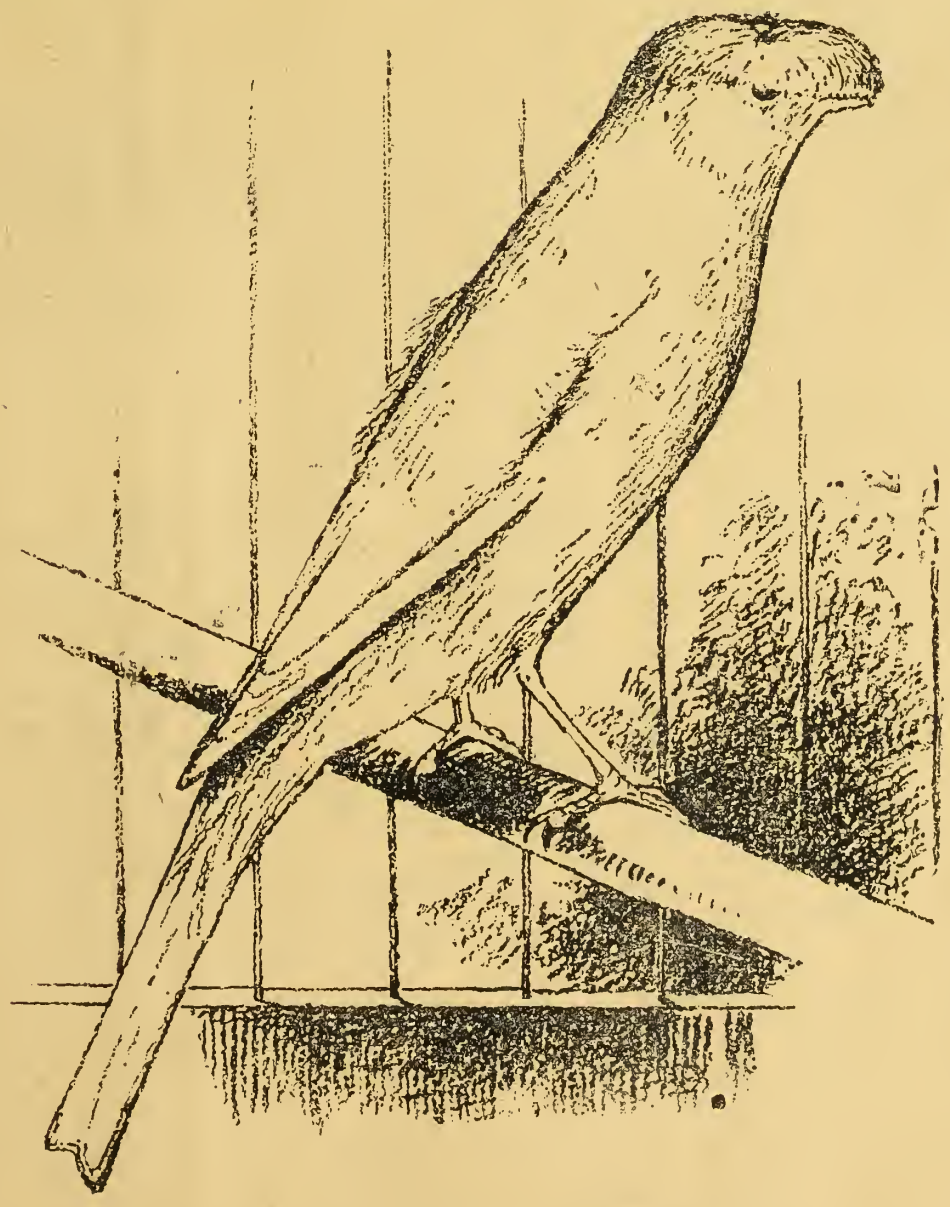

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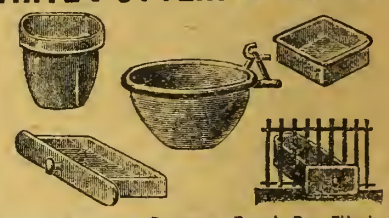

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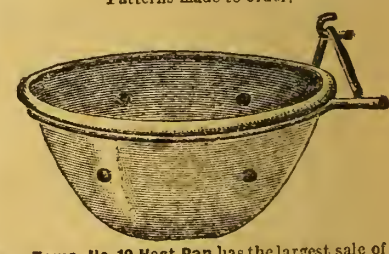

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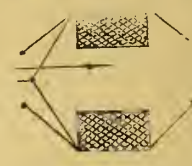

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OWING to Mr. Hodgson's death, as announced in last week's CAGE BIRDS, his entire stock of birds is for sale, both Crest and Norwich Plainheads. The strain is Bewick, of Chester-st., and Lister's, of Gateshead; as an amateur he was very successful in showing, taking 1st Gateshead, Pelton Fell members, taking four 1sts, three 2nds Stanley, four 1sts, two 2nds, one third, he, c, with 10 birds. There are 50 birds all for sale, some very nice, both Crest cocks, Plainhead cocks, Crest hens, Crest-bred hens; also Norwich yellow cock, buff-ticked cock, two yellow hens, two buff hens, to be sold cheap to clear.—Mrs. Hodgson, 2, Alexander-st., Pelton Lane Ends, co. Durham.

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GREEN Yorkshires, cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, upwards; hens, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-, upwards; pairs matched at any price; approval.

**SAMUEL DEAN,**
6, Ash Mount, Great Horton, Bradford.

## Lizards.

1908 CLEAR cap gold Lizard cock, no better blood, 10/6; approval.—J Green, 256, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs.

HIGH-CLASS Lizards for sale, from my well-known strain; cheap; approval, stamp reply; dealers supplied.—Lawton, Summer-st., Glossop.

## Lancashires.

ANYTHING in Lancashires wanted, then write or call at West's, 80, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

A FEW good Lancashire Plainhead cocks for disposal, cheap.—Wm. Shakespeare, 233, Kentish Town-rd., London, N.W.

FEW good Lancashires for sale; cocks and hens, Yellows and Buffs; stamp reply.—W. Smith, 50, London-rd., Oldham.

LARGE buff Plainhead hen, 15/-; buff coppy hen, 12/6; buff coppy cock, 15/-; cold room; approval.—Nadin 18, Royd's-st., Rochdale.

WANTED pair Lancashires; exchange portmanteau, large size, used very little, cost 45/-, or sell 20/-.—Turner, 12, Dunton-st., Woodgate, Leicester.

TWO good buff coppy cocks, 15/- each; buff Plainhead cock, 12/-, 1908 birds; particulars, stamp reply; deposit.—W. Postlewaite, 24, Canal-st., Macclesfield.

1908 LANCASHIRES for sale, cocks and hens, Coppies and Plainheads, yellows and buffs; prices reasonable; stamp reply.—E. T. Turner, 88, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

"THE ART OF FANCY."—Grand coloured plate of Lancashire Coppy and Gold Clear Cap Lizard Canaries sent post paid, securely packed, on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS Office, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

SPECIAL to-day; Buff Coppy hen, 20/-; Buff Coppy cock, 20/-; Yellow Coppy cock, 15/-; Buff Coppy hen, 15/-; above are all well bred and thoroughly healthy.—Woodall, 76, Park-rd., Rochdale.

I HAVE decided to reduce my stock; can offer three matched pairs at 30/-, 40/-, 45/-; good birds. Also two buff Coppy cocks, 20/-, 25/- each. Approval, deposit.—J. Oldham, 207, Grimshaw-lane, Middleton Junction, Manchester.

TWO Large buff coppy cocks, good heads, fit to show, 40/- each; two buff Plainhead cocks, brothers to above, 10/- each; big yellow Plainhead cock, broad head, good lash, 30/-; seen by appointment.—Uttley, 59, Bridge-st., Burnley.

## London Fancies.

LONDON Fancy cock and two hens, 12/6; approval.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale, Middlesbrough.

## Norwich.

**BREEDER'S CARD.**

**ALBERT HIRST,** Breeder and Exhibitor of champion Norwich, few for sale; note new address, 17, Ramsbottom-st., Accrington.

PEARSON, Greenwich Market, wants Norwich; cash or exchange.

NORWICH Canaries, from 6/-.—W., 5, Willesden-lane, Kilburn, N.W.

A FEW Norwich for sale, on approval.—Pirie, 255, Montrose-st., Brechin.

TEN good Norwich hens, £1; Bullfinch hens, 1/-.—Oliffe, Church Green, Witney.

NORWICH cocks, from 6/-; hens from 2/6.—Papworth, 127, High-rd., Chiswick.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, 8/6 pair; hens, 3/3.—Reeve, 69, Cambridge-st., Norwich.

A FEW Norwich cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/6 to 5/-.—32, Church-terrace, Tranmere, Birkenhead.

W. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, has some grand Norwich cocks from 7/6; hens, 5/-; approval.

TYPICAL Buff cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; hens, 6/-; approval.—Lees, 15, Oldham-rd., Rochdale.

A FEW good Norwich, both cocks and hens; approval, deposit.—Marshall, Heckfield, Winchfield.

NORWICH, can spare some grand cocks, from 8/-; hens from 3/-.—Lewis, 79, King-st., Ramsgate.

FOUR Seifert hens, good mothers, bred grand songsters, 10/-; want room.—34, Endwell-rd., Brockley.

OVERSTOCKED; a grand lot of prize-bred Norwich, cheap; approval.—Ford, Lodge, Burton-on-Trent.

NOTICE—grand Norwich cocks, warranted, 3/- each; approval.—M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

NORWICH, a few for sale, cocks from 10/-; hens from 7/6, cheap; approval.—Taylor, 113, High-st., Brechin.

BUY from the breeder; high-class Norwich; cocks from 5/6; hens from 3/-.—Turner, Victoria Hall, Norwich.

NO time to exhibit—grand show and stock birds; cheap; approval.—W. Growdridge, Clarendon-road, Hinckley.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, including winners; pairs, 15/-; also few odd hens.—Gravestock, 102, New City-rd., Plaistow.

THREE pair good Norwich, 7/6 pair, £1 lot; approval, deposit.—Costello, 51, Newington-st., Belgrave, Leicester.

NORWICH Plainheads, bred from prize-winners, pairs from 8/6; hens from 4/- each.—Stark, 110, Oak-st. Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich from 10/- pair; cocks from 7/6; hens from 3/-; approval.—Fraser, 27, Brighton-rd., Reading.

NORWICH Buff cock, he Huddersfield, 1907, 12/6; two Buff hens, prize-bred, 4/- each.—Spriggs, Hairdressers, Stamford.

HIGHEST class Plainheads, show or stock, from 5/- each; approval first.—J. N. Harrison, The Lawn, Belper, Derbyshire.

NORWICH cocks, 7/6, 10/-; hens, 3/-, 4/-; cold-room, prize-bred; approval, deposit.—Houlden, 131, George-st., Coventry.

W. YATES, London-rd., Chesterton, Staffs, has some good related to his winners for disposal, single or pairs; stamp reply.

EIGHT good Norwich hens for sale; exchange cocks, or Muling Goldfinches.—W. Platt, 321 Wilmot-st., Bethnal Green.

NORWICH, a few good hens from good feeding strain, 2/6 each.—Pitt, 14, Elmington-rd., Brunswick-square, Camberwell.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks and hens, from 7/6 each; pairs, 15/- upwards; approval, stamp.—Irons, Ivy, Northampton.

HENS, 2/- each; single breeders, 1/6 each; double breeders, 2/- each.—Oakley, Mortuary, Warwick-place, Whitecross-st, E.C.

W. GREWAR has four buff cocks, 10/- to 15/- each. Bred same as winners. See reports for wins; approval.—Bell-place, Forfar.

BUY from the breeder; fine healthy cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/6; cold-room bred; approval.—Hindle, Photographer, Bastwell, Blackburn.

LARGE Norwich hens, yellow and yellow-ticked, 2/6 each; cash or deposit system.—Ed. Hoyle, Grocer, Chipping, Lancashire.

DEALERS supplied with large or small quantities of healthy Norwich Plainheads and Crests.—Geo. Brown, Waterloo-rd., Norwich.

TWO pairs properly matched, 12/6 pair, fed; small pair, 7/6; two small hens, 2/- each.—F. Carter, 11, West-st., Aylesbury.

CHAMPION typical 1908 Norwich, cheap, cocks, 7/-; hens, 5/-; colour-fed; inspection invited.—J. Ashcroft, Farnworth-st., Widnes.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks and hens, from 7/6 each; pairs 12/6 upwards; approval.—Allsop, 58, Mottram Old-rd., Gee Cross, Hyde.

NORWICH cocks, 5/6 each; hens, good feeders, any quantity, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-; approval.—McCann, 15, North-st., Lurgan, Armagh, Ireland.

CHAMPION Norwich cocks from 10/-; hens, 5/-; inspection invited; approval, deposit.—Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

I HAVE a few grand birds to part with, several winners, and bred from winners; and on approval. T. Searle, 7, Marketgate, Lancaster.

A. WARD, St. Paul's Norwich.—I have a few pairs Norwich Plainheads, from 10/6 per pair. Also few clear buff Norwich hens from 4/-.

SOME really good birds, from winners, 1908; beautiful type and quality; taken cards; moderate prices.—Barrows, Wardington, Banbury.

SEVERAL large nearly green cocks, Cinnamon-bred, 6/- each; clears, 5/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6; approval, deposit.—Foxon, New-buildings, Hinckley.

GRAND large Norwich, some winners, from 7/6; exchange good Yellow Green Crest-bred hen; stamp.—Fletcher, Home House, Whitby, Yorks.

FORTY grand Norwich, every bird bred myself, some winners; cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/-; on approval.—J. Day, Fornham-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

FINE healthy Norwich cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens, 3/6, 4/-; approval, deposit.—Wall, Fankersley Lane, Hoyland Common, near Barnsley, Yorkshire.

FINE lot of large, typical Norwich, cocks from 7/6; hens, from 5/-; approval, deposit.—F. Tesseyman, St. Matthews Schools, Camp-rd., Leeds.

W. CUNDIFF can still spare a few good birds, same strains as my winners, for disposal; approval, stamp.—W. Cundiff, 139, High-st., Macclesfield.

CLEAR Buff Norwich cock, and marked Yellow hen, 15/6; clear Yellow cock and Buff hen, 12/6.—Reed, Ivesley Cottages, Waterhouses, Durham.

HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 5/-, 5/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 7/-, 8/-; grand value; satisfaction guaranteed; approval.—Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

CHAMPION stock birds, Bullfinch type, massive heads, lovely quality, must breed winners; pairs from 12/6.—Miss Gwyn, Somerville, Ramsgate.

NORWICH prize-bred, large, good quality of feather, Yellow and Buff; price moderate.—Levatino, 2, Mayfield-avenue, Chiswick, London.

I HAVE a few Norwich for disposal, same as my winners at Rochdale, Burnley, Bolton, Altrincham; cocks from 12/6.—Beswick, 31, Holly-st., Stockport.

UNFLIGHTED buff hen, 6/-; dozen breeding cages with rack, 15/-; two large flights, 5/- each.—8, Bankfield-avenue, Birch-lane, Longsight, Manchester.

WALTON and Noakes, winners 50 firsts, seconds, and thirds this season, offer surplus stock; cocks from 7/6; pairs from 12/6.—32, Bonsall-st., Leicester.

LEE AND KEARNEY have several cocks and hens for sale, bred from their winners, from 4/- each; also breeding cages.—242, Bermondsey-st., S.E.

C. ROBERTS, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool. Champion Norwich, properly matched pairs, 15/6, 20/6; single birds from 7/6; all dirt cheap to clear quick.

A FEW grand cocks, Green and variegated, parents big winners; overstocked, must clear; all 1908 birds; prices from 10/- upwards.—J. Shoplaud, Llandrindod Wells.

ONE clear buff cock, one yellow-marked cock, 6/- each; one clear yellow hen, 4/6; Vardy's and Iron's strains.—Summers, Portland-st., Daybrook, Notts.

BEARDALL and Walker can spare a few more Norwich cocks, from 7/6 to 12/6, and hens from 4/6 to 7/6 each; approval.—Sutton-rd., Huthwaite, Notts.

CAN part with some good show and stock birds, Yellows and Buffs, cocks and hens, 1908, from 10/- each; stamp, approval.—Ure, Helenvale, Bonnybridge.

M. KAY, 73, Grace-st., Byker, Newcastle-on-Tyne, can spare few 1908 prize-bred Norwich cocks, grand type and quality, cold-room; seen any time; approval.

PAIR Crested Norwich, one Cinnamon, one buff Norwich cocks, and three Norwich hens, 25/- lot, or nearest offer.—Chapman, 11, Deacon-rd., Kingston, Surrey.

BUY direct from breeder; Norwich, 1908, cold-room, grand colour; approval; singing cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; hens, 2/-, 3/-.—Bennett, Cross-street, Hampton Hill.

FIFTY grand Norwich; every bird bred myself, mostly from winners, cocks 7/6 to 40/-; hens, 5/- to 30/-; approval; deposit.—H. J. Banbury, Prestonroad, Yeovil.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, feathered like silk, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-; approval willingly.—Fred Heathcote, 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

1908 NORWICH cocks, clear, yellow, 5/6; clear buff, 5/-; hens, clear yellow, 3/-; clear buff, 2/6; variegated, 2/6; approval.—Smith, 102, Russell-st., Northampton.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; satisfaction guaranteed.—F. Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

EXCHANGE massive Crested cock and Goldfinch Canary Mule (winners) for first-class 1908 buff Norwich hens, or sell 30/-; hens first.—Alex. Whyte, Hatton, Aberdeen.

40 GRAND colour-fed Norwich for sale, matched pairs from 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; approval, cash or deposit with Editor.—R. Stafford, 147, Poplar Bank, Cheadle Heath, Stockport.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, I have a few good pairs of high-class Norwich at 12/6 upwards; approval, deposit.—Smith, 100, Liverpool-rd., Sankey, Warrington.

HAVING selected our breeding stock, can spare a few pairs of Norwich from our winners; price reasonable and on approval.—Adnitt and Driver, South Normanton, Alfreton.

FOUR extra large Buff Norwich hen, 1908, well bred, make grand stock hens, clean and healthy, 6/6 and 7/6 each; approval, deposit.—Ed. Thomas, 2, Penybryn, Llanfyllin.

VARIEGATED Norwich cock, Green hen, three cocks, two hens, from above 1908, splendid condition, excellent feather, £2 10s.; deposit.—Cotton, Broughton-st., Hebden Bridge.

SANDIFORD'S winning strain, 1908 bred; ticked Yellow cock, Buff hen, 12/6; clear Buff cock, with two marked Yellow hens, 15/-; approval.—E. G. Roberts, Roche, Cornwall.

I HAVE several pairs of my winning strain of Norwich Plainheads, grand large birds, with quality and colour to sell; also single birds.—Lewis Castle, 36, High-street, Canterbury.

CHAMPION Norwich, guaranteed same as my winners; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; hens from 5/-; pairs, matched for breeding, from 10/6.—Gilbert, 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

UNFLIGHTED buff cock, 10/-; two buff hens, 10/-; buff hen, 2nd Glasgow, 15/-; two yellow hens, 10/-; typical, short and deep chested; no rubbish.—C. Cubby, 62, London-rd., Carlisle.

"A STUDY IN GREEN AND GOLD."—Mr. H. Norman's latest coloured plate of Cinnamon-marked and Self-green Norwich, post paid, 3d.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS Office, 154, Fleet-st., E.C.

UNFLIGHTED prize-bred cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; cold-room bred; see St. Helens Show report; approval; cash or deposit.—Gibbie, Reservoir-st., Thatto Heath, St. Helens.

THIRTY Norwich for sale, bred 1907 and 1908; cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; colour-fed, sound and healthy; on approval; cash or deposit.—W. Stafford, 24, Stafford-st., Stockport.

WM. JEFFREY, 142, Montrose-st., Brechin, has a few good Norwich for sale, buff cocks, buff hens, yellow hens, winners, and bred from winners, mostly unflighted, cheap to clear; approval.

GIVING up, eight Norwich cocks, full song, eight hens, yellows, buff and variegated, cocks, 5/6; hens, 2/6, or offer for lot; must sell.—Bradley, 1, Gordon-villas Broomfield, Chelmsford, Essex.

NORWICH. Two handsome Yellow cocks, two Buffs, good stock birds, the lot 25/-, or separate; breeding cages, flight, and aviary; seen any time.—Hack, 1, Marlborough-rd., Old Kent-rd.

WINNERS for sale. Must reduce stock. Pairs from 12/6 to 30/-. Cocks 10/-, hens 5/-. See reports Battersea, Halstead, Lowestoft, and Suffolk shows.—Schofield, Saddler, Ipswich.

YELLOW cocks, 25/-, 20/-, 10/-; buff cocks, 30/-, 10/-; buff variegated cock, 15/-; yellow hen, 10/-; buff hens, 40/-, 30/-, 10-/; buff variegated hen, 20/-; approval.—Milne, St Vigeans, Arbroath.

STILL a few chubby ones left, yellows, buffs, cocks and hens, several well matched pairs, good strain, compelled leave fancy, first come first served; approval.—Jaggard, 30, Lee-rd., Dovercourt.

J. C. BARNES' strain from £3 pair; highly-fed Yellow cocks, 6/6, 7/6; also Buffs, cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6; cash or deposit.—Edgar Broadbent, Decorator, 23, Langsett-rd., Sheffield.

MASSIVE cobby Norwich, Sandiford's strain, few real clinkers for disposal; cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 7/6; hens, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-; pairs, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6; bargains; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

GRAND Norwich cocks, on full song, 6/6; few clear Yellow cocks, good quality, 10/6; all pepper-fed; pairs, matched for breeding, from 12/6.—Bexson, Old Cross Keys, Mary Gate, Nottingham.

LARGE buff cock, 1907, 8/6; ditto variegated, 8/6; clear yellow, 10/6; variegated buff hen, 2nd in 15/- selling class, 7/6; clear buff hen, 4/6; yell. hen, 4/6; approval, deposit.—Whent, Shoeburyness.

GIVING up fancy, chance of lifetime, quantity unflighted Norwich, bred from winners; hens, 5/-; cocks, 7/6; mostly yellows; approval, deposit.—Smith, 40, Bearwood Hill-rd., Burton-on-Trent.

NORWICH var. buff hen, 1st prize winner, clear yellow cock, winner 3rd, both unflighted, clear buff hen, 3rd, 14 in class, 15/- each; approval, stamp. Keddie, Beatties Buildings, Walkerburn, Scotland.

EXTRA quality Norwich for disposal, buff cock, 25/-, 1st prize Bramley; three yellows, 12/6, 15/-, 7/-, all 1908; buff and yellows, cocks and hens, from 5/-; approval.—Stead, Noster-st., Beeston, Leeds.

CLEAR yellow cock, winner two 1sts, 30/-; exchange heavy lashed Crest-bred hen, or Crest hen; also a few yellow and buff cocks for sale cheap.—Alexander MacFadyen, Hygienic Institute, Lanark.

FOR a quick clearance, well-matched pairs at 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; several 1908 cocks from 7/6 to 30/-; real useful stock hens, 5/- to 15/-; all fed; seven are winners.—Hadley, Draper, Burton-on-Trent.

E. ROWBOTHAM, Waterloo-st., Macclesfield, has some grand Norwich for sale, same strain as my winners, from 15/- pair upwards; also splendid Goldfinch Canary Mule, 7/6; approval; birds first; write.

FIRST-CLASS Norwich at low prices, unflighted buffs, also a few yellows, wins this season, eight 1sts, six specials, and medal for most points; also a few good Borders.—Fildes, Rookfield-avenue, Sale, Cheshire.

FEW good Norwich, single or pairs, from 12/6 pair; won six prizes and four cards with 11 birds, and special for best bird in show December 5th; deposit.—Demain and Briggs, Rectory-terrace, Clitheroe

STRAIN second to none, cocks from 12/6; hens 10/6 upwards, all related to Plainhead Club medal winner at Glasgow and West of Scotland Show; young, healthy; approval, stamp.—G. Scaife, Fauldhouse, N.B.

MR. ECKERSLEY can still spare a few really high-class, grandly-bred Yellow cocks, year old and unflighted; few Yellows and Buffs, superb quality, on small side, cheap.—51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

HARLAND'S noted Norwich; can spare a few yellow and buff cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each; pairs properly matched to breed winners from 25/- to 60/- pair; no odd hens; stamp.—63, Welbeck-st., Hull.

HAYWOOD, of Nottingham, for good, sound, healthy, cheap Norwich Canaries, cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-, 15/- each; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 6/6, 7/6 upwards; six days' approval.—L. Haywood, 3, Neville-st., Nottingham.

COLD-ROOM bred Norwich cocks, 8/-, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; hens, from 5/-; pure Bishop's and Nutt, direct; also double breeders, 3 ft. by 11 by 15, loose fronts, enamelled inside and outside.—Cox, 116, Dunlace-rd., Clapton.

WM. WRIGLEY has some grand buff hens for sale, from 10/- upwards, related to my winners Manchester, Liverpool, Preston, Sheffield, etc; also few buff cocks, from 12/6; approval, stamp.—Church, St. Godley, Hyde.

THREE grand buff hens for sale, Bullfinch type, 10/6 each; two buff cocks, both winners, 12/6 each, to clear; large, heavily mkd. buff cock, 12/6 clearing out; approval, deposit.—Beaumont, 62, Long-lane, Dalton, Huddersfield.

CLEAR Buff Norwich hens; exchange three for two Yellow Norwich hens, or one Yellow cock; or will exchange one Buff Norwich cock for two Yellow hens.—Phillips, 35, Main-st., Goldthorpe-lane-ends, near Rotherham.

NORWICH Canaries, prize breed, good type, mostly 1908 birds, cocks from 7/6, and hen 5/6; pairs, 12/6 upwards; good Yellows and Buffs, cold-room bred, and on approval.—34, Wenlock-rd., Limonside, Tyne Dock, Durham.

"A BLAZE OF COLOUR."—The last words in coloured Norwich Canary plates. On this plate are depicted six different specimens of this popular variety. Price 4d., from the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

ROBERT HALL, Hallscroft, Rudyard, near Leek, has a few Norwich stock birds for sale, guaranteed to be bred by himself, same way as his winners at Crystal Palace and all the leading shows; prices from 10/- each 20/- pairs.

NORWICH hens, I have two unflighted buffs, one clear, the other slightly ticked, both short wings and tails, also 1907 clear buff, mother of above, bred by Mr. Vardy, 12/6 each.—John Davies, Alma Cottage, Maesgwyn-rd., Wrexham.

GOOD type cocks and hens, from Crystal Palace winners and Madeley's strain, yellow cocks, 17/6, 15/-; buffs, 12/6, 15/-; hens, 10/6, 7/6; cold-room bred; deposit; approval.—Morgan, Haylett House, Kingston, Surrey. See "Cinnamons."

CLEAR Buff cock, perfect health and song, Silk's direct, 9/6; clear deep natural Yellow cock, full song, 8/6; clear Buff hen, large lovely bird, very typical, honestly worth £1, accept 8/6; genuine bargains.—Field, Barclay Hall, Forest Gate.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/6 to 7/-; hens, 2/- to 4/6; also some fine stock birds, from winners, cocks, 8/- to 15/-; hens, 5/- to 10/-; pairs, properly matched, not suited money returned.—Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church-gate, Leicester.

GOOD Norwich songster for sale, three yellow cocks (1908 bred), one buff cock, one yellow, warranted cocks, three buff hens (1908 bred), colour-fed, healthy, 30/- lot, cheap at £2; approval, deposit.—J. Freeman, 33, Wood-st., Stratford-on-Avon.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- upwards; hens, 3/-, 5/-, 7/6 upwards; matched pairs, 7/-, 8/-, 10/6, 12/-, 15/- upwards; cage, 3d.; approval; cash or deposit; dealers supplied; inquiries invited.—S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Norwich.

J. NEEDHAM.—I have a splendid lot of Norwich to part with, bred from my champion winning strain; single birds from 7/6, pairs matched for breeding from 15/-. Three days' approval.—Myrtle House, 3, Lytton-rd., Clarendon Park, Leicester.

COMPULSORY sale, removal, entire stock of bird-room; 30 Norwich and Yorkshires, colour-fed, big Norwich cocks, good stout hens, grand long Yorkshires, bred from and including birds costing £5 pair; 12 breeding cages, several single, accessories; first reasonable offer purchases lot; personal application and inspection preferred.—Mr. Cockhill, 8, Manchester-st., Huddersfield.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, having selected my breeding pairs, I find I have four pairs left over, which I will sell from 30/- to £3 per pair, or would entertain an exchange in Border Fancies to value of any pair; mutual approval.—Robert Martin, Waterside, Kirkintilloch.

UNFLIGHTED Yellow and Buff cocks, 7/6 to 20/- each; several Buff and Yellow hens, correct type, A1 quality and colour, 7/6 to 12/6 each; well matched pairs from 12/6 upwards; all of exhibition stock, and offered cheap to clear.—Frank Lawson, Puginst., Carlisle.

GUARANTEED direct from breeder; grand Norwich Plainheads, healthy specimens, can win, £1 upwards; pairs, bred from winners to produce winners, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; hens, a speciality, from 5/-; no rubbish, honest value; approval.—W. Green, 48, Marlborough-rd., Norwich

SPECIAL, Special!—Large healthy typical Plainheads that I guarantee will give satisfaction. Cocks, yellow or buff, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- upwards; hens, 3/- 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/- upwards; matched breeding pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards. Enquiries invited. Approval willingly. All cold-room bred. Travelling cages free.—H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

MR. MARSH offers his high-class Norwich Canaries, in clear, ticked, or unevenly marked; cocks, 6/6. 7/6, 10/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6 5/-; pairs, matched for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6. 10/6, 15/-; a few good colour-fed, 12/6, 15/6 per pair; will send on seven days' approval; cash, or deposit with Editor; inspection invited any time.—Freemasons Arms, Mercerom-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

WILLIAM TWINE can spare a few more Norwich hens, unflighted, buffs and yellows, from 6/- to 12/6; also unflighted cocks from 10/- to £1; also two natural colour birds, buffs, cocks, 12/6 each; also crested cocks, crested hens, Crest-bred hens. Crest-bred cocks, from 10/- to £1; also one yellow Crest-bred cock, £2 10s., has won many prizes this year; I have about 50 pairs to part with, my own breeding.—8, Albert-st., Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

NORWICH cocks, 1908, splendid plumage, lovely songsters, 10/6, 12/6; two Bramblefinches, two Greenfinches, 2/- each, 6/- four; Palace aviary, as new, 48 by 48 by 20, enamelled pale blue, two sliding wire partitions, £2; sketch sent, stamp; four-compartment breeding or flight cage, new, sliding partitions, loose fronts, sand drawers, enamelled green and oak, 10/6, or offers.—Carron, 32, Market-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

**A. BREITENFELD'S IDEAL NORWICH.**

Can spare four cocks, 10 hens, from my winning strain of over 400 prizes; stamp reply.—69, Allen-rd., Northampton.

**E. J. RIPPON,**

Tobacconist, Chelmsford, can spare Yellow and Buff hens, own breeding; also five Buff cocks, one ticked Yellow cock, winner; see show reports; prices from 7/6; stamp reply.

**J. AND J. HOPKINS**

have some good Buff Norwich cocks and hens for sale; approval; inspection invited.—126, Bury New-rd., Bolton, Lancashire.

## W. N. MIDGLEY.

W. N. Midgley, Chesham House, Winslow, has still a limited number of Norwich for disposal; single birds from 5/-; pairs, 12/6, 15/- upwards; approval.

## ROBERT'S CHAMPION NORWICH.

39, Ossington-st., Bayswater, has some grand stock and show birds, splendid type, quality and colour, 7/6 to £1; inspection cordially invited; approval.

## THORPE.

Champion Norwich winners, 10/6 to 15/6 pair, worth double; clinking buff hens, short and cobby, feathered to perfection, dirt cheap, 5/- each; cocks, 7/6 to 10/6; approval.—66, Fielding-rd., Wadsley Bridge, Sheffield.

## I SOLICIT ONE TRIAL

order, and to prove value of my birds I will send on approval, anywhere; cash or deposit; cold-room kept, and in pink of condition. Champion Norwich or Yorkshires, cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; smart hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6; pairs, correctly matched, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-. Just try pair on approval; best value obtainable; lists free.—R. Hanford, Osmaston-rd., Derby.

## J. HODDER,

winner of champion challenge cup, trophy, and other cups, also hundreds of prizes and specials, can spare grand Norwich; cocks and hens, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/- each; all are good, typical birds, and cannot be beaten at the price; show birds at reasonable prices; approval willingly; stamp reply.—6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London.

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SCOTCH Fancies, 1908; Yellow foul cock, 30/-; Buff Piebald cock, 20/-; Yellow hen, 40/-; approval. —James McGregor, Duntrune-terrace, Invergowrie, Dundee.

FOR Sale, Scotch Fancies, yellow and yellow-pied cocks, buff-pied cock, buff and buff-pied hens, good stock birds, reasonable; seen any time.—Hendry, 33, Lorne-st., Leith.

SCOTCH Fancies for sale; three Buff Pied hens and one Buff cock, first and second crosses, winners, and bred from winners; reasonable.—Grahame, 1, Hermitage-terrace, Leith.

"SOME NORTHERN BEAUTIES."—Exquisite coloured plate of Belgian and Scotch Fancy Canaries post paid on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl CAGE BIRDS Office, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

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SCOTCH Fancies; surplus stock for sale, cocks and hens; some of them related to my cup winner; approval; P.O. or deposit; stamped reply; seen any time.—Robert Fernie, Parkview, Broadloan, Renfrew.

## Yorkshires.

**BREEDER'S CARDS.**

**ALBERT HIRST,** Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Yorkshires for 24 years; few for sale; note new address, 17, Ramsbottom-st., Accrington.

**BAILEY & SWANGER,** Breeders and exhibitors of high-class Yorkshires.—Note our new address, 8, South View-terrace, Sandy-lane, Allerton, Bradford.

**C. PICKUP,** breeder and exhibitor of high-class Yorkshires, including Greens; show and stock on sale.—Note new address, 22, Daisy-st., Gt. Horton, Bradford.

**J. TAYLOR,** breeder, exhibitor, and exporter of high-class Yorkshires; show and stock birds on sale; note new address.—36, Aireville-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford.

**W. H. BLACKLETON,** breeder of champion Yorkshires; stock and show birds; for keenest competition.—South Bank House, Wibsey, Bradford, Yorkshire.

PEARSON, Greenwich Market, wants Yorkshires; cash or exchange.

DEALERS supplied with high-class Yorkshires.—M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, 12/6 pair; cocks, 8/6, 9/6.—Ward, 2, Hinton-rd., Herne Hill, S.E.

TWO or three exhibition cocks, also Buff hens.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

NOTICE—grand Yorkshire cocks, warranted, 3/- each; approval.—M'Keand, Scabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

SEVEN Green Yorkshires, cocks, good birds, 7/-, 8/6 each, or in one lot.—Yates, 46, Horsley-st., Liverpool.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires; good stock pairs, £1 and 15/- pair; approval.—Burtenshaw, 1, Wenban-rd., Worthing.

TWELVE pairs high-class Yorkshires, 12/- a pair, or £5 the lot; deposit.—Campbell, 13, Pickmere-st., Warrington.

C. W. BAKER has for sale typical Yorkshires, matched pairs, odd cocks and hens; inspection invited, pairs from 15/-.—41, Cumberland-st., Pimlico, S.W.

# Yorkshires

More winners supplied this week. Read following testimonial, from 24, Aylesford Street, Pimlico, London, S.W. Jan. 18th, 1909.—Yorkshires arrived quite safe, and I showed them at Plumstead and Woolwich. The cock won 2nd prize, and hen 3rd prize; thanking you for sending me such good birds, and the way you have attended to my order.—W. Larby to J. Taylor. Note, the above was one of my 20s. pairs. Fine typical lengthy yellow Yorkshire cocks at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; buff cocks 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. All on full song and 7 inches long. Properly matched pairs (cock and hen) for producing own winners, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- per pair. In cleare, green, or cinnamon marked, and clear pink-eyed; colour-fed or natural colour; extra good collection of lengthy, yellow and buff hens at 3/6, 4/6, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/6 each. Cannot be equalled elsewhere at double these prices. All guaranteed healthy, and feathered like wax, and as straight as a rush. No frills or drop-tailed birds here. Cold room bred and kept. State your wants, and place your orders with the old reliable firm, with a reputation that is known all over the world for straightforward dealings, prompt despatch, and full value for money. No deception here. New illustrated price list of Yorkshires, Crests and Norwich post free. Travelling cages 3d. extra. All on 7 days' approval at my risk.

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Large cobby buff Norwich cocks at 5/6, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. Yellow cocks, 6/6, 8/-, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. Pairs matched for breeding, best results, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- per pair. Clears, ticked, and variegated, colour-fed or natural colour. Large hens at 4/-, 6/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each. Also massive crested cocks at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each. Crestbred cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. All colours in stock, and all good head feather. Pairs matched at 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair, "Barnett's and Joyce's" strains. Crested hens at 8/-, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each. Crestbred hens 5/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. Specially selected Yorkshire or Norwich songsters, guaranteed day and gaslight songsters, at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each. Large Sib. hens, for dark or light mule breeding, at 3/6, 4/6, 6/-, 7/6 each. Illustrated price list post free. (Late address, 9, Northdale Road.) All birds on 7 days' approval. For easy payment terms, see last week's advt., or send for particulars, post free.

# J. TAYLOR,

**36, Aireville Road,**

**Frizinghall, Bradford.**

GOOD matched pair of Yorkshires, 8/-, 10/- pair; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; approval.—Pickles, 5, Wardman-st., Keighley.

FEW long, good-shaped stock cocks to dispose of very cheap; approval.—Hudspeth, "Rose-Neath," Hertford, Herts.

TEN Yorkshire Green cocks to be sold cheap, or single from 7/6.—McDermott, 9, Maple-grove, Ferngrove, Liverpool.

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PINK-EYED Yellow cock, Buff cinnamon-marked cock, 8/6 each; pair cinnamon Yorkshires, 14/6.—183, Thorold-rd., Ilford.

PAIR of prize-bred Yorkshires, with nice double-breeding cage, 15/-; or exchange.—Miller, Craven-st., Barnoldswick, Yorks.

BARGAINS two 1908 buff hens, 4/- each; 1907 buff cock, 1908 ditto, 6/- each, from winners.—Perry, Chapel House, Winsford.

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PRIZE-BRED Canaries, show or stock; cheap; seen Wednesday or Saturday afternoon.—M. Walker, 56, Queen's-road, Wimbledon.

CHAMPION Yorkshires to sell cheap; must sell fifty; overstocked. Approval.—William Binns, 9, Albert-terrace, Blackpool, N.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires for sale; cocks from 6/-; hens from 3/-; pairs from 10/6; approval, deposit.—Mawson, 19, Walmgate, York.

SEVERAL pairs high-class Yorkshire Canaries for sale; all related to winners, from 10/6 pair.—Newman, Postman, Long Ashton.

YORKSHIRES (1908); big long cocks, 7/6; Buff hens, 5/-; pair, 12/-; bred from my winners; approval.—Barfe, Pateley Bridge.

F. BEARD, Llandrindod, winner 40 prizes, medals this season has unflighted yellow cock, can win, 10/-; Green cock, winner, £1; approval.

YORKSHIRES, grand opportunity, really good birds; cocks from 5/- upwards; hens, 3/- upwards.—Oates, 44, Woodhall Terrace, Bradford.

BUFF Yorkshire cocks, clear, good stock birds, one 10/6; two, 8/6 each; splendid value; approval.—J. Moss, Halsall-lane, Aughton, Ormskirk.

PROPERLY-MATCHED pairs of large well-bred Yorkshires, 10/6, 15/6; also single birds cheap.—C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool.

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COLD-ROOM, long stylish birds, bred from winners; cocks from 8/6; hens from 5/6; approval, deposit.—Hall, 134, Brankesome-rd., Brixton.

COMPULSORY sale, typical Yorkshires, twelve pairs left, will sacrifice to clear; applicances.—Gibson,, 74, Finborough-rd., South Kensington.

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CHAMPION Yorkshires, matched pairs from 10/6; cocks, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6; for winnings see show reports.—Sweetman, 68, Princess May-rd., Stoke Newington.

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YORKSHIRE cocks from 7/6, related to cup-winner this season; see reports, Stoke Newington, Leyton, Walthamstow.—Bennett, 17, Hartley-road, Leytonstone.

A PAIR of prize winning Yorkshires, Jonas Knight strain; four-foot breeding cage, and all fittings, 30/-, or nearest offer.—Wright, 20, Ham Park-rd., Stratford.

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I could fill C.B. with letters of praise. Let me send you a bird on approval. You will then be convinced I send out best value for money.

Travelling Cages, with food for journey, 3d. each. Illustrated Price List of all kinds of Birds Post free.

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## Miss E. L. Storey

**BIRD SPECIALIST,**

**CROWLE, via DONCASTER**

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**FODEN'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES**

are still winning; see reports of Guisborough show; having done exhibiting, I offer the following for sale: two unflighted yellow cocks, winners of 1sts, 20/-, 15/-; buff cock, winner of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 25/-; also a few good pairs cheap; inspection invited.—73, Mansfield-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.

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**WALSH'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.**

still winning; see reports at Glasgow, Newcastle, Clapham, Shipley, Birmingham, Welsh National, Hoyland, Bathgate, and London; no purer strain in the fancy; cocks from 7/-; hens from 6/-; some grand pairs left from 12/-; sure to suit, or money returned in full; approval.—12, Angel-st., Baildon, Yorks.

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**TEN PAIRS CHEAP**

of Champion Yorkshires, grand quality, type, and great length, bred from and related to my winners, in fine condition, dirt cheap, 12/6 pair; few hens, 5/- each; approval.—Furniss, 43a, Hawthorne-rd., Sheffield.

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**C. A. O'REILLY.**

Winning Yorkshires, winner of Drummond challenge cup, 1907-8, for best lu show, beating all comers; also winner £3 3s. cup, 1906-7, runner up for £10 10s. cup season 1907-8; some clinking birds for disposal, better blood unobtainable; stamp particulars.—17, York-rd., Rathmines, Dublin.

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**BROUGHTON'S YORKSHIRES**

are again winners of the Y.C.C. cup for outside members, winning the cup outright, with birds I have bred. Forty birds for disposal, including several winners and many grand stock birds at reasonable prices; inspection invited; stamp reply.—Westholme, Bourne-st., Wilmslow.

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**F. MURGATROYD**

**(Late Murgatroyd and Son),**

Over 20 years breeders of champion Yorkshires; winners bred and sold from this strain year after year; have some extra good ones for disposal; pairs from 15/- to 50/-; satisfaction guaranteed; approval. —35, Lytton-rd., Girlington, Bradford.

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**WM. POWICK.**

Champion Yorkshires, standard length and quality feather, the same strain as the winners at all leading shows; stock and show birds in all classes; second to none; cocks, 7/0, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; ten days' approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

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**SUTCLIFFE & SON.**

Cinnamon-marked Yorkshires is the best strain in the world. Having bred and sold more winners than any other fancier, also winning the competition nine years, we have also a few dark eyes, matched pairs to breed your own winners, from 15/- to 50/- a pair; can be seen any time on receipt of a post-card; approval; stamp for reply.—1, Backkitson-st., Windhill, Shipley, Yorkshire.

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# YORKSHIRES. WINNERS.

**All Mr. Blackhurst's noted Crystal Palace and other Winners for Sale.**

Having bought every bird Mr. Blackhurst possessed, I can offer following, which was the pick of Mr. Bates' noted winners: yellow cock, winner of few 1sts, £2; yellow cock, winner of many 1sts and 2nds, £2; two buff cocks, winners of many prizes, 30/- each; ticked yellow cock, another winner, £2; yellow hen, winner of 1st, 2nd, etc., this season, £3; buff hen, 1st Crystal Palace, 1908, £2; 12 stock cocks, yellows and buffs, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each; 12 beautiful hens, yellows and Buffs, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each; all these were specially selected birds, and cost from £2 each; any I will send on approval. Breeder 25 years.

**SANDIFORD,** CANARY BREEDER, PRESTON, LANCS.

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**G. W. CUTHBERTSON**

has now ready some grand Yorkshires at reasonable prices, several winners to dispose of.—Manor House, Heighington, via Darlington.

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**CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.**

Some of the best in the fancy, possessing length, style, and carriage; splendid breedy pairs, 15/6 to 30/6; yellow cocks, 10/6 to 20/-; buff cocks, 10/6 to 18/0; yellow hens, 8/6 to 17/6; buff hens, 7/6 to 15/-; many leading winners supplied by me; genuine, honest value at working men's prices; approval willingly.—A. E. Silk, Whitstable.

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**YORKSHIRES,**

High-class for stock purposes in clear, ticked, or unevenly marked, cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 upwards; hens, 4/6, 5/-, 6/- upwards; pairs, properly matched from 12/6 upwards; approval.

**SAMUEL DEAN,**

6, Ash Mount, Great Horton, Bradford.

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**CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.**

Important Notice. — If you want long, slim, straight, upstanding Yorkshires, with feather like silk and in the prime of condition, write or call and see the finest and largest stock in London; every cock bird in full song, and on six days' approval. I have them in all colours. Yellow cocks, 5/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6; buff cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; Yellow hens, 4/6, 5/, 5/6, 6/-; buff hens, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-, 5/6.—Note the address, Wm. Shaw, 97, Essex-road, Islington, London, N. Five doors from Essex-street. All cars stop at Cross-street.

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**J. WILCOCK.**

The home for Yorkshires and Norwich Plainheads; this strain is, without doubt, one of the oldest and purest in the Fancy; I have over 300 birds to choose from; every bird teeming with quality; purchaser will be sure to breed winners from my noted strain; pairs from 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-; cocks, Yellows or Buffs, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; hens, Yellows or Buff, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; all birds sent on three days' approval; state your wants; I guarantee to give satisfaction; inspection invited.—14, Chapel-st., Eccleshill, nr. Bradford, Yorkshire.

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**A RARE OPPORTUNITY**

In consequence of my continued ill-health I am reluctantly compelled to dispose of the whole of my Yorkshires. These birds are acknowledged to be the finest strain in the Fancy, as their winnings at the Crystal Palace and other leading shows indicate. In fact, many of the stock birds are producing winners in nearly every nest; state wants.—Morgan Lewis, Haverfordwest.

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**MESSRS. AMBLER'S**

(Late of Bradford), the champion Yorkshire breeders have for disposal a few real clinkers, cocks and hens, plenty of length, perfect type, and full of style and quality; also a few exhibition birds, real toppers, can win in any company; with only eight weeks' exhibiting this season we won 34 1sts, 42 specials, 23 2nds, 15 3rds, and seven 4th prizes at leading shows, the finest strain in the world, bar none, which has stood the test of 30 years; pairs matched to breed the best, from 20/- to 60/-; hens, 7/6 to 30/-; also a few pairs to clear at 15/-; better Yorkshires cannot possibly be bought than what we offer; satisfaction guaranteed; approval.—138, Westminster-rd., Morecambe.

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**A. THOMPSON, FRIZINGHALL.**

Champion Yorkshires, cannot be beaten for quality and size, lovely yellow cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6. 10/6; buff cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/-; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6; pairs, properly matched for breeding, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 25/-; seven days' approval; cash or deposit; also large Crested Norwich cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, £1; hens, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-; Crest-bred cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; Crest-bred hens, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 15/-; lovely Plainhead Norwich cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/0, 10/-; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; satisfaction guaranteed, or money returned.—Arthur Thompson, Bootmaker, 197, Bradford-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford.

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**THE IRISH NON-SUCH.**

Ogden Bros. is the firm that has bred and sold Fleming all his stock birds, that has bred all his noted winners, including yellow ticked cock, special for best Yorkshire in show at Belfast, also yellow hen, special for best in show at Dublin, over all the cocks, acknowledged by Yorkshire judges to be a real stormer. At seven shows having won 17 first, 13 specials, 7 seconds, 7 thirds, 0 fourths; also the Belfast Cup and gold medal, etc.; we hold scores of similar testimonials, winners bred from our strain, but they have not all given us privelege to advertise them, like Mr. Fleming. Ours is the youngest strain in the Fancy, having beat all the old strains in existence; for genuine proof, see the old strains in existence; for genuine proof, see show reports, as we are bang at the top in the three highest competitions. We have a few pairs to dispose of, certain to breed winners, at 15/- to 50/- per pair. Those who want to breed their own winners send to the reliable firm that has proved to breed more winners yearly than any other. Our pairs are not matched haphazard, just cock and hen, but thoroughly studied, and paired to produce the best living; all birds sent on approval at our risk; cash or deposit. If not highly satisfied, your money returned, prompt.—Dudley Hill, Bradford.

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**J. C. BARNES,**

149, Duncombe-st., Walkley, Sheffield. Challenge cup winner 1905, 1906, 1907. Few choice for disposal: lengthy and well on leg, A1 position, feathered like wax; cocks, 20/- upwards; hens, 10/- upwards; matched pairs a speciality. Approval with pleasure; inspection cordially invited; stamp reply.

**All My Winners Guaranteed Own Breeding.**

## Various Canaries.

NORWICH and Yorkshire cocks, pure, 5/- each; good value.—Cook, Sculptor, Stourbridge.

CHOICE Cinnamons, Crests, Norwich, light mulers, from 10/- pair.—North, Chemist, Reading.

FOR sale, four cock Canaries, full song, two hens, 25/- lot; or sell separate.—F. Paul, Burnt Yates.

CANARIES, from outdoor aviary, 12/ -per pair to clear; most 1908 birds.—Cloke, 28, Elm-grove, Peckham.

NORWICH crest-bred cock, vhc Brighton, 20/-; Yorkshire cock, 15/-.—P. Small, 67, Western-rd., Brighton.

TO the trade; for good Yorkshires or Norwich, wholesale, try 148, Bolton Hall-rd., Bolton Woods, Bradford.

TEN pair Yorkshires, colour-fed, six pair Norwich, good, healthy birds.—Sewell, 16, Seldon-st., Colne, Lancashire.

THREE Yorkshire hens, 1908, 3/6 each; Goldfinch Mules, cocks, full song, 7/-; hens, 1/3 each.—Seeney, 286, Padiham-rd., Burnley.

30 GOOD Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries for sale, will take offer for the lot.—G. O'Hagan, 50, Monkton-rd., Back, Jarrow-on-Tyne.

YELLOW coppy cock, 1908, 10/6; Crest-bred hens, large birds, 6/6, 7/6 each; approval, deposit, stamp. —Wm. Sanger, Hele, Cullompton.

VARIOUS stock hen Canaries, from 4/6; take less the lot; eight lovely birds, come and see them.—Sayer, 5a, Selhurst-rd., South Norwood.

TWO good yorkshire cocks, full song, 10/-; three strong, clear 1908 Norwich hens, 7/-; approval, deposit.—Hance, 22, King-st., Tring, Herts.

BORDER cock and three hens, clears, 12/6; exhibition Bramblefinch and show cage, 7/6; good Green Border cock wanted.—Tiffen, Wigan-rd., Ormskirk.

SPLENDID Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, mated, 10/6 pair; single cocks, fine songsters, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-.—Regina Villa, Southbourne, Emsworth.

CANARIES, yellow, cinnamon, lemon, buff, clear, buff cocks, 5/ -each; two Bramblefinches, 1/- each; Twite, 1/-; also hens, 2/6 each—Cassie, 111, High-st., New Pitsligo, Aberdeen, Scotland.

PAIR Yorkshire Greens, 12/6; three Yorkshire cocks, elght hens, £2; two pairs Norwich, 10/6 pair; all in the pink; approval, deposit; best cash offer for lot.—8, Lune-st., Gt. Crosby, Liverpool.

THREE buff Norwich hens, 3/6 each; green ditto, 8/6; buff Yorkshire cock, 6/6; variegated buff Norwich hens, 2/6 each; all healthy '07 and '08 bred.—Cooper, 52, Wembury-st., Harpurhey, Manchester.

GIVING up, have birds and cages for sale, 13 Yorkshires, six Crest and Crest-bred, three show cages, eight breeding cages, nest and feeding boxes, complete £5 the lot; or sell separate; cash or deposit.—Davenhill, Whitebridge, Stone, Staffs

WANTED, 30/- for lot, or sell separate; Yorkshire cock, 6/-; Goldfinch cock, with hen Canary, sure breeders, 8/6; Border cock, 4/-; pair of Rollers, 5/-; Norwich cock, 5/-; two cages, 5/6; cash first.—David Sanders, 13, Pelly-st., Cwmavon, Glam.

YELLOW Green Norwich cock, 8/6; unflighted Buff Yorkshire cock, 4/6; two unflighted Buff Yorkshire hens, 2/6 each; three unflighted Yellow Yorkshire hens, 3/- each; Yellow Green Border cock, 4/-; Buff Green Border hen, 2/6.—G. Balrstow, 22, Livingstone-st., Lee Mount, Halifax.

GIVING up the Fancy, not having time to look after them, must clear out of all my birds, show and stock, consisting of Yorkshires and Plainhead Norwich; about 30 breeding, show cages, three travelling cases; sell in one lot or separate; stamp reply.—Isaac Clerke, 206, New Town, Poynton, near Stockport.

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Norwich and Yorkshire cocks, Greens, variegated, and clears, in full song, cold-room bred, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 4/6.—Hindle, 340, Whalley Range, Blackburn.

## NORWICH & YORKSHIRES.

Several hundred high-class Canaries for sale, at lowest prices, beautiful birds, yellow and buff cocks, in full song, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 each; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6; also several hundred Hartz Mountain Rollers, cocks, in full song, same prices; any bird not giving satisfaction will be exchanged or money returned; send all orders and enquiries to J. Thorn, 311, High-st., and 37, Plumstead-rd., Plumstead.

## YORKSHIRES, NORWICH AND CRESTS.

I challenge to have finest strain in West England, and sold many winners out my bird-rooms as anyone advertising. Here I give names of few towns which I have recently sent birds that have won numerous prizes, including cups and medals: Hull, Birkenhead, Bristol, Coventry, Stalybridge, Stockton, Bolton, Cheshire, Newcastle-on-Tyne, London, Northumberland, Liverpool, Gateshead, Yorkshire, Staff., South Africa, Canada, Australia, India: names and address given on application. Yorkshire cocks, standard length, feather like silk, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 17/6, 20/-; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 20/-; Norwich cocks, Bullfinch type, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 17/6, 26/-; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 20/-; Crest and Crest-breds, feather to end beak, same prices, and Yorkshires; pair Crest, or pair Norwich or Yorkshires, in breeding cage, 12/6, 15/6, 20/-; cock Canary, in grand cage, fit for any lady's parlour, with glass shades, 8/6; wall cages, for cock Canaries, 1/6, 2/-; cock Linnet Mules and cock Goldfinch Mules, 4/6 each; cock Goldfinch, father 12 Mules last season, 8/6; mother of Mules, 3/6; cock Siskin Mule, 6/6; single breeding cages, 3/6; double breeders, 4/6, 5/6; talking Parrots, sold on month's approval, been in England three to six years, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-, to £5 all birds week's approval; weekly payments taken.—Baker, Bird Specialist, Bedminster.

## MULES—HYBRIDS.

PEARSON, Greenwich, wants Mules; cash or exchange.

LIGHT muling hens, 4/6, 5/6.—Wilson (see Greens).

SIBS, best blood going, 7/6, cocks or hens.—E. Sims, Warminster.

BARGAIN; two grand Sib. hens, 1908 birds, only 4/6.—W. Lewin, Oakham.

GOLDFINCH Mule, lovely songster, 3/6.—Miss E. Fox, 63, Benford-st., Leicester.

C. ROBERTS, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool, has some fine large Sib. hens, 5/6, 7/6 each.

SOME very fine muling Goldfinches and Bullfinches for sale, cheap.—Hayward, Church-st., Chard.

SEVERAL clinking muling hens, 3/-, 3/6 each; approval, deposit.—Foxon, New-buildings, Hinckley.

TWO large house-moulted muling cock Goldfinches, three muling hens, cheap.—Bevlss, Snowden, Chard.

SELECTED muling cock Linnets, 1/ -each, or 6/- dozen.—Blackett, 10, Phillip st., Kingsland, London.

# It is next to Impossible

**to obtain anything like the value in any of the following Varieties elsewhere, as I hold the stock that never has been equalled, either in Virility, Variety or Quantity. They are open to inspection, and if my statements can be proved wrong, denounce me to the world at large, as in such case I should deserve to be. Also beware of brainless, cowardly Copyists, whose right title would be "Special Copyists," that attempt to trade on other peoples reputation and often under false names at that.**

## Plainheaded Norwich.

Clear yellow cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- to 40/-; clear yellow, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6; clear buff, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; ticked or variegated, 2/6, 3/6, 4/-; pairs, Norwich Plainheads, matched for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6. A lot of rare special bouncing hens at 5/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; cocks for show, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; evenly marked (2 and 4-pointed), 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- each. All unheard-of bargains.

## Crests & Crestedbreds

Crested cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/- upwards.

Crested hens, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, to 60/- upwards.

Crested-bred cocks, clear yellow, 15/-, 20/-; clear buff, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 20/-, 30/-; ticked or variegated, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-.

Crested-bred Hens, ticked or variegated, 4/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards; clear, 8/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-; green 5/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; pairs matched for crest breeding, one crested and one crested bred, 12/6 15/-, 23/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-; 3/- per pair. The above are simply marvels at the price.

## Yorkshires.

I have some of the best extant Winners at large open Shows, Cocks and hens, proof given, when and where won, who shown by, etc., as I imitate no-one, and despise fairy tales (plainly speaking, untruths). I can show my winners to anyone, or send on approval, as I do not make myself into a mere gas-bag, full of pin-pricks. Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-. **Pairs matched** for breeding, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards.

Now take a few unsolicited opinions that have

### Never been seen before:—

**Wonderfully good value.**

Milber Hae, Highweek, Newton Abbot. Jan. 14, 1909.—Yorkshire cock arrived, quite safe. I am very pleased with him. He is wonderfully good value for the money. Exactly the bird I wanted. —H. G. Harris to W. Rudd.

78, Bristol Street, Hulme. Jan. 15, 1909. Bird arrived safely this morning, and started singing almost immediately. Am very pleased with it. E. R. Steele to W. Rudd.

Leadhills. Jan. 15, 1909.—The birds arrived here all safe. I am very pleased with them. — W. McDonald Cook to W. Rudd.

Eddymoor, Bovey Tracey, Devonshire. Jan. 11, 1909.—Received bird all safe, and I am highly delighted with it.—J. Steer to W. Rudd.

**Wishes Studied.**

3, Bower Street, Bedford. Jan. 15, 1909.—The pair of Canaries arrived quite safe. I must say I am most pleased with them. Also the way you have studied my wishes. This is my first order, but not my last.—H. J. Garrod to W. Rudd.

**Beauty for the Money.**

64, Crossfield Street, Deptford. Jan. 15, 1909.—I received the bird quite safe, and am very pleased with it. A beauty for the money. Hoping to have further dealings with you in the future.—W. Donoghue to W. Rudd.

The Shamrock, Main Street Passage, West, Co. Cork. Jan. 15, 1909.—Just a line to inform you that the bird arrived here safe. Quite pleased with it.—M. Morrissy to W. Rudd.

8, Gorple Road, Worsthorne, near Burnley. Jan. 16, 1909.—We received the yellow Yorkshire cock alright, and we are pleased with it.—R. Swain to W. Rudd.

1, Mills Terrace, Chatham. Jan. 16, 1909.—Bird arrived in good condition. It is a good one for the price.—G. F. Neve to W. Rudd.

2, Rose Cottages, Brook Road, Bromsgrove. Jan. 16, 1909.—I received birds quite safe, and in good condition, and am very pleased with them.—A. Mole to W. Rudd.

**Gem for so small a sum.**

90, Sunnyside Road, Coatbridge. Jan. 15, 1909.—Bird arrived safe, and is a gem for so small a sum. I shall send for more soon.—J. Wilson to W. Rudd.

The Firs, Farndon Road, Newark. Jan. 15, 1909. —The bird arrived safely, and am pleased with it. —M. Costello to W. Rudd.

12, Derby Road, Gloucester. Jan. 12, 1909.—The Roller you sent arived safely this morning. Thank you for prompt attention. It has been singing His soft rolling song, and I will tell you I am very pleased with him.—H. E. Workman to W. Rudd.

2, Barwise Row, Arleedon. Jan. 14, 1009.—I received my two birds alright. I am very pleased with them.—J. Head to W. Rudd.

Park Street, Iron Acton, near Bristol. Jan. 14, 1909.—I received the birds quite safely. I am very pleased indeed with them. The cock bird is been singing ever since he was unpacked. Thanks for prompt attention.—A. Dyer to W. Rudd.

Honeysuckle, Ramsgate. Jan. 14, 1909.—Received bird. Gives every satisfaction.—A. Danton to W. Rudd.

Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge, near Stockport.—Bird arrived safely, giving every satisfaction.—E. Heathcote to W. Rudd.

50, Allison Street, Ayr. Jan. 11, 1909.—The bird arrived safe. I am highly pleased with it.—R. Livingstone to W. Rudd.

Robinhood Street, East Cowes. Jan. 13, 1909.—I have pleasure in informing you that the birds arrived here on the 12th, none the worse for journey. I am very pleased with them; they started singing as soon as I put them in my cage. I think they are two beautiful birds.—H. Locke to W. Rudd.

12, Shaftesbury Street, Ramsgate. Jan. 13, 1909. —Received Canary safely, and am very pleased with it. It has turned out satisfactory. Shall be pleased to recommend you to anyone.— S. C. Hoskins to W. Rudd.

80, Rosdery Street, Birmingham. Jan. 13, 1909. —Birds arrived safe; perfectly satisfied.—W. Lanford to W. Rudd.

23, Bogie Street, Keithly. Jan. 13, 1909.—Bird arrived safe last night; quite pleased with same. —W. Craig to W. Rudd.

62b, Eden Road, Orford Road, Walthamstow, London, E. Jan. 13, 1909.—The birds arrived safely this morning; I am very pleased with them. —M. Wood to W. Rudd.

Molenan, Carrigane, Londonderry. Jan. 11, 1909. —Birds received on Wednesday in good condition, and looking well. Thanking you for same.—H. Rutherford to W. Rudd.

Wath-on-Dearne. Jan. 13, 1909.—Just a line to let you know I got the bird alright, and I am well satisfied with it.—G. Hasdell to W. Rudd

13, Norris Street, Lincoln. Jan. 13, 1909.—Birds arrived safe, 10 o'clock yesterday, and look in first-class condition; I am satisfied with them at present.—T. G. Cheetham to W. Rudd.

River View, Tweedmouth, Berwick. Jan. 13, 1909.—Birds to hand. Thauk you for good quality. —C. B. to W. Rudd.

Dover. Jan. 12, 1909.—Lady Sara ——— is delighted with the H.M. Roller Mr. Rudd has sent, and which arrived in good condition, and begun to sing.

45, Shorrolds Road, Fulham, London. Jan. 14, 1909.—Received bird safe. I am very pleased indeed with it.—F. Townsend to W. Rudd.

4, Airlie Terrace, Dundee. Jan. 13, 1909.—I received the pair of Rollers all safe, and I am very well pleased.—F. Donald to W. Rudd.

Elm Bank Villa, Old Shildon. Jan. 16, 1909.—I have written to Editor of "Cage Birds" telling him to pay you the deposit money for Goldfinch and Muling hen. I thank you very much; I am highly satisfied.—A. E. Smith to W. Rudd.

Annwell Place, Smesby. Jan. 15, 1909.—I received the bird all safe, and sound, and I am very much pleased with it.—J. Layland to W. Rudd.

52, Stormont Road, Clapham Common, London, S.W. Jan. 16, 1909.—Bird arrived safely. Very pleased with it.—H. Hewetson to W. Rudd.

**Far exceeds expectations.**

50, Midland Road, Bristol. Jan. 15, 1909.—Bird arrived in splendid condition. I am very pleased with it; in fact he far exceeds my expectations. He soon made himself at home, and was singing superbly within a half-hour of arrival. I shall have great pleasure in recommending my friends to you.—G. Gough to W. Rudd.

Romford Common, Romford, Essex. Jan. 13, 1909.—Received birds quite safe. Am pleased with same. Thanks for prompt attention.—H. Pickett to W. Rudd.

28, Margaret Street, Sheffield. Jan. 14, 1909.—Birds safely received. Thanks for immediate despatch.—F. S. to W. Rudd.

Old School Yard, Eynesbury, St. Neots. Jan. 15, 1909.—The birds arrived quite safe, and I am quite satisfied with them.—W. Lovett to W. Rudd.

7, Crawshay Road, North Brixton, London, S.W. Jan. 15, 1909.—Received the birds in good condition, and am very pleased with them.—E. C. Towis to W. Rudd.

Dyke Manse, Forres. Jan. 13, 1909.—The birds arrived safely, and I am very pleased with them. A. McEwen to W. Rudd.

Rosebank, Birdbrook, Halstead, Essex. Jan. 14, 1909.—Songster all that can be desired. He has a glorious note, and is constantly singing.—E. A. Rands to W. Rudd.

**Twenty years dealing.**

82, High Street, Pembroke Dock. Jan. 10, 1909. —Birds arrived safe in grand condition. Your packing must be right, as the birds were quite fresh after a 2 hours' journey, and the quality above expectations, for which please accept best thanks. I have had dealings with you at times for 20 years, and find that you always deal the same straightforward way.—T. Lloyd to W. Rudd.

50, Freehold Street, Blyth. Jan. 14. 1909.—Bird arrived all safe. I am very well satisfied with it. F. Picknell to W. Rudd.

2, Cliff Cottage, Lake, near Sandown. Jan. 14, 1909.—The bird arrived quite safely; I was very pleased with it. It was just what I wanted.—Mrs. Searle to W. Rudd

13, Ridding Lane, Wednesbury. Jan. 12, 1909.—I received bird quite safe. Thank you for your attention. I am pleased with it.—S. Pitt to W. Rudd.

## Songsters.

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EXCHANGE Goldfinch Mules for good Standard phonograph; see Wanted.—A. Pritchard, Woodham Mortimer, Essex.

WHAT offers twelve dark Goldfinch Mules, six cocks, full song, six hens, fine birds.—Wraight, Hosier, Tunbridge Wells.

HYBRID, Goldfinch, Bullfinch cock, splendid condition, excellent markings, £2; or nearest offer.—S., 39, Cromwell-rd., Rugby.

FINE cock Goldfinch, bred Mules, 7/6; two others, house-moulted, 4/6 each; clean, healthy, full song.—Coward, Organist, Stroud.

TWO splendid cock Greenfinches, bred Mules last year, 2/- each; or exchange cock Goldie.—Stewart, Granby-buildings, Morpeth.

GRAND young six-pointed Goldfinch Canary Mule, winner, in song, show cage complete, 30/-.—Lewin, 58, Marlborough-rd., Oxford.

LARGE house-moulted Siberian cock Goldfinch muler, can win, 12/6; approval.—C. Roberts, jun., 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool.

TYPICAL young Goldfinch Mule, good colour, excellent singer, in good cage, 6/6; approval, deposit. —H. Towers, Garstang, Lancs.

SIBS., two good Yellow hens, from genuine clear muling strain, 7/6 each; approval, deposit.—Waldock, 18, Lakefield-rd., Wood Green

FOUR cock Canaries, light muling strain, from 15/-; wanted Siberian Goldfinch, proved Mule breeder. —Maddison 67, Tullock-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

GRAND cock Goldfinch Mule, 7/6, warranted full song; three Norwich hens, 5/-; bargain, must clear. —Mr. Ward, 37, Newland-st., New Bilton, Rugby.

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EXTRA large Yellow hens, for Mule breeding, 6/6 each; large orange-yellow hen, also yellow-green marked hen, 5/6 each.—Ed. Thomas, Penybryn, Llanfyllin.

EXCHANGE two Greenfinch cock Mules, one wild notes, for unflighted variegated yellow Norwich hen; no rubbish; mutual approval.—Dalzell, Campbell-st., Oldham.

LARGE, pink-eyed sib-bred hens, sure light Mule breeders, yellows, 7/6; buffs, 5/6; cocks, 7/6 each; ten days' approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

WANTED, cock Mules or Canaries; will give in exchange lovely sable and white pedigree collie dog, can win, sell £3.—Jas. F. Robinson, Heathwaite, Windermere.

GOOD, square blaze cock Goldfinch, 10/-; also good Linnet, 5/-; both warranted breeders; approval, cash or deposit.—Tamkins, Crown-rd., Grays, Essex.

SPLENDID cock and hen Bullfinch; also house-moulted Mealy Redpoll, 4/- the lot; deposit with pleasure.—J. W. Adams, Gt. Bircham, near Sandringham, Norfolk.

THREE pair Sib-bred Canaries, light muling strain, 10/6 pair; twice house-moulted, cock Goldfinch, Muler, 7/6.—Duncan, Windmill-cottage, Broughty Ferry, Forfarshire.

MULES and Hybrids for sale; even-marked cock Mule, 30/-; six-pointed Yellow, 50/-; Goldfinch-Greenfinch, 20/-; above winners.—Rowe, Commercial Aviaries, Hayle, Cornwall.

TWO house-moulted cock Linnets, two cock Siskins, 3/6 each; two cock Canaries, singing, 5/6 each; exchange large 1908 Norwich hens.—Marsh, 104, Fitzroy-st., Cambridge.

BEAUTIFUL cock Goldfinch, with typical Sib.-bred hen, selected for muling, 7/-; Goldfinch, twice cage-moulted, with Sib.-bred hen, 10/-; approval, deposit.—Nile Fowey, Cornwall.

LINNET, breeder, and Bullfinch hen, together since October, hen built, laid and sat three nests last season to Greenfinch, 12/6; good reasons for selling.—Moore, 6, Preston-st., Whitehaven.

EXHIBITION Greenfinch, winner, twice house moulted, yellow Norwich hen, grand pair, 10/6; two splendid Linnets, two buff Norwich hens, 6/6 pair, bargains.—Clarkson Pine-st., Burnley.

LARGE, clear Sibs, Lancashire Plainhead hens, 6/-; yellow cocks, 12/-; fine, silky feather '07, white-legged breeding Goldfinch, grand blaze and feather, can win, 10/6.—Barnard, Back-lane, Barking, Essex.

CAGE-MOULTED cocks; Goldfinch, 6/6; Linnet, 4/-; Bullfinch, 4/-; five Redpolls, 1/6 each; two dark Goldfinch cock Mules, 6/6 each; few clear Buff Norwich hens, 5/-.—Culshaw, Relieving Officer, Darwen.

LARGE light Goldfinch Mule, large dark Yellow Goldfinch Mule, cocks, on full song, winners, 15/- each; incessant singing Goldie Mule cock, Goldfinch notes, 7/6; approval.—Wm. Cook, 66, Kitchener-rd., Ipswich.

HEN Canaries for light Mule breeding, 3/-, 4/-, 5/; hens for dark Mule breeding, 2/-, 3/-, 4/-; cock Goldfinch Mules, full song, 6/-, 7/- each; hens, 1/-; Bullie hens, 2/6; approval willingly.—F. Heatheote, 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

WARRANTED cocks, Goldfinch Mules, 4/6, three 12/-; yellows or clears, selected for show bench, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; father of Mules, 8/6; mother, Sib-bred hen, 3/6, or 10/6 pair; week's approval.—Baker, Maltsters' Arms, Philip-st., Bedminster.

HYBRID Breeders, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, Hybrid, rich colour, good blaze and head £2; parents 10/-; bred four last year; cock Greenfinch, hen Bullfinch, large pair, 2/-; large hen Bullfinches, 1/-, 1/3; cock Mule, 3/6.—Smalley, Kibworth, Leicestershire.

GOLDFINCH Greenfinch Hybrid cock, 7/6; Greenfinch cock Mule, 4/6; parents of same, 4/6; Goldfinch cock Mule, Finch song, 5/6; parents, 6/6; two light muling hens, 2/6 each; exchange cocks, Norwich.—J. Staniforth, 104, London-rd., Sheffield.

NOTICE. Guaranteed cocks, Goldfinch Mules, splendid blaze, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6 each; can be seen any time; will send on seven days' approval; cash, or deposit with Editor.—Marsh, Freemasons Arms, Mercerton-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

BREEDING Goldfinch, house-moulted, two years, gem for colour and song; Goldfinch Mule, Sir Witty's, Linnet Mule, grand song, 10/- each; birdcatchers' pack complete, and mahogany box, 14/-; deposit or exchange.—Ward, 119, Latchmere-grove, Battersea.

COCK Bramblefinches, 2/- each; cocks and hens, Chaffinches, 1/- each; Greenfinches, like paint, 1/- each; cock Bullfinches, beauties, 2/6 each; the above are all moulted in our outside aviaries, and ready for Hybrid breeding.—C. Jackson, Abbey Aviaries, Guisborough.

EXHIBITORS, champion dark yellow Greenfinch Mule, winner 1st and 2nd Newport, 1907-8 (9 in class), 3rd Bournemouth (18 in class), 2nd Reigate (19 in class), 2nd Portsmouth, etc., etc., price £1; also splendid 1908 dark yellow Linnet Mule, colour fed, grand colour, could win if shown, price, 8/6; both are genuine bargains.—Apply, White, Seed Stores, Park-st., East Cowes.

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Over 700 grand Muling hens 2/6, /6, 5/- each; also Mules, Finches, etc: cage 3d. extra; these hens are more than good value. Light and dark Linnet Mules, do. Gold nch and Sis in, roll song, and C. Hybrids; also White-headed Muling Finches List free. Several special pens of Muling hens also for sale. Particulars free. Have one or more on approval.

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## DOVES.

FOUR White Java Doves, good plumage, 5/-; five Barbary Doves, 4/-.—Owner, Rougemont, Ryde.

RING Doves or Barbary Doves, true pairs, ready to breed, 1/6 per pair, two pairs for 2/6; packed free; catalogues post free.—Northern Aviaries, Preston.

## FOREIGN BIRDS.

PRICE list free.—Miss Rosey, Eastbourne.

PEARSON, Greenwich, wants Foreigners, acclimatised; cash or exchange.

COCKATIELS, grand adult, aviary-bred, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-.—Pearson, Greenwich Market.

TWO healthy Green Budgerigars, cocks, aviary-bred, 2/6 each.—Statham, Blaiston, Longhope.

YELLOW Budgerigars, bred 1907, open-air aviaries 10/- a pair; birds bred 1908 8/- pair.—Rev. James Smith, Vicarage, Bassow, Derbyshire.

GOLDEN yellow Budgerigars, finest hardy breeding pairs, 7/6; three pairs, 21/-; approval.—Herbert Jalland, Horncastle.

INDIAN Rock Parrot and cage for sale, 20/-, 25/-, whistling, and commenced talking.—W. Ball, 40, Stafford-st., Dudley.

RELIABLE talking grey Parrots, Amazon Parrots, yellow, also green Budgerigars.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

SPLENDID cock Alexandra Parrakeet, speaks about 40 words, price 35/-, with cage; particulars.—Kemp, 58, Cookson-st., Blackpool.

20 AVIARY-BRED Budgerigars, 48/-, or 2/6 each; also 10 yellow Budgerigars, 35/-, 4/- each.—Feltham, "Broadway," Westby-rd., Boscombe.

BURGERIGARS, outdoor, splendid condition; Yellow, 8/6 pair; cocks, 4/-; hens, 5/-; Green, 5/6 pair; cocks, 2/6; hens, 3/6.—Dolphin, Bentley-lane, Walsall.

ORANGE Bishop, changing colour, hc Bromsgrove, 3rd Stamford, 3rd Coventry, 10/6; long-tailed Whydah, out of colour, 3/6.—Sbaddock, 97, Moor-st., Earlsdon, Coventry.

GRAND superb Tanager, acclimatised, 25/-; pairs, yellow Budgerigars, 2nd Wellingborough, 15/-; Bronze Mannikins, 2nd Nottingham, class of 16, 10/-.—F Howe, Thomas-st., Wellingborough.

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TALKING African grey Parrot, thoroughly acclimatised, wonderfully tame, pet, talks on one's finger, to be sold, with its cage for £3 15s; shown willingly anytime, being genuine.—Apply, Owner, 8, Melville-st., Gainsborough.

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BUDGERIGARS, adult, pairs, 6/6; hens, 4/-; cocks, 2/6; young pairs, 4/6; bred in aviary last year; clearing up aviary; grand chance for beginners; cocoanut husk free to each pair.—Gardner, Marchant-st., Preston, Lancs.

CUT-THROATS hens, 3/-; Scarlet Weavers, 4/-; Avadavats, 2/6; Bengalese, 3/6; Cordons, 4/6; Combassous, 3/6; Grey Javas, 2/6; White, fit win, 10/-; Pekin Nightingales, 3/6; Silverbills, 3/6; Whydahs, full colour, 7/6. All true pairs.—Pearson, Greenwich

EXHIBITORS, well-known winners, cheap for a quick clearance, cock yellow-vented Blue-Bonnet, winner over 50 1sts, specials, many colour, 2nd Nottingham, etc.; pair Tuis have always won; Archbishop and Magpie Tanagers, absolutely dealers' prices.—Hadley, Draper, Burton-on-Trent.

EXHIBITION cage-moulted Scarlet Tanager, splendid specimen, perfect plumage, 25/-; another, 17/6; pair acclimatised Green Singing Finches, in fancy bamboo cage, 10/6; large square Parrot cage, very strong, 12/6; Norwich Canaries, 12/6 pair upwards; or exchange good Foreigners.—Creasey, 48, Albert-grove, Longsight, Manchester.

BUDGERIGARS. I have the largest stock and largest breeder in England, in extensive outdoor aviaries, sure breeders; Greens, 6/- pair; hens, 4/-; Yellows, 8/6; hens, 5/-; Cockatiels, adult, 12/-; young, 10/6; cocoanut husk, 6d. each, 5/- dozen; Virginian Nightingale cocks, 30/-; Crested Cardinal, 7/6; sure winner.—Sapsford, Hughenden House Teddington.

TALKING Grey African Parrot, wonderfully clever, distinct speaker of about 700 words, long sentences, clever, interesting talnic, laughs, cries, sings, and whistles tunes, bugle calls, etc., very tame, lady's pet, grand plumage, healthy, hardy, six years old, comes on finger and talks, will send approval before payments, £7 10s., cage included.—North, Atherton-st., Liverpool.

RARE JAYS.—Two yellow-breasted, believed to be Xanthoura Peruviana, one green-breasted, exact species unknown. Perfect health, strikingly beautiful, certain winners at shows.—G. E. Weston, 45, Clevedon Mansions, London, N.W.

COCKS, Rosella, 15/6; Cockatiel, 4/-; hen, 5/-; Paradise Whydah, full colour, 5/-; Orange Bishop, full colour, 4/6; white Java, 3/6; Lovebird, 2/-; young Cardinal, 4/6; Japanese Nightingale, 2/6; two young Singing Finches, 1/6 each; blossom-headed Parrakeet, 7/-.—Feltham, "Broadway," Westby-rd., Boscombe.

BLACK-CHEEKED LOVEBIRDS.

good pair, £3; Bullfinch, pipes two tunes, £3; grey Parrot, good talker, £6.—Barnes, 37, Lancaster-rd., Kensington.

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Don't wait until your hens are laying, and then think about it. Order before the rush starts. Pearson's "Unbreakable" Cokernut Husk Nests lick creation for size, price, and strength. Pearson's "Cosy" Cokernut Shell Nests are marvels of comfort; everlasting wear. Sample pair, 1/-, carriage paid; 2/-, 4/-, 6/- dozen. Pearson's "Unique" Cockatiel Box Nests are marvels of cheapness and quality, 1/-, superior, 1/6. Special terms to trade.—Pearson, Cokernut Merchant and Nest Specialist, Greenwich Market.

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I have a lot of very pretty Foreign Birds in good, sound, healthy condition. These will please you, and they are very cheap. Per pair: Avadavats 1/9, Bengalese 2/6, Bullfinches, 4/3, Cockatiels, 10/6, Parrakeets 2/9, Javas 2/-, White 6/9, Love Birds 2/9, Nightingales 4/6, Weavers 3/6, Nuns 1/9, Ribbonfinches 2/6, Tigerfinches 2/-, Zebrafinches 4/6, Zebra Doves 4/3 per pair, Spectical Thrush, in full song, 10/6, grey singing Finches 2/6 pair; Silver Birds 2/6 pair, Spice birds 1/9 pair. Full price list, post free; travelling cages for birds 3d. each.—Miss E. L. Storey, Bird Specialist, Crowle, Doncaster.

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Finest Talking Parrots. I only deal in Parrots that will make first-class talkers; no rubbish. I am willing at all time to send my Parrots on four week's trial and three months' talking guarantee. Why? Because all my Parrots are young, strong, and reliable. My lifetime has been spent among Grey Parrots, both at home and abroad. I guarantee every customer every satisfaction. Grey Parrots are my special fancy. I have trained them, know their wants, and can give every purchaser a bird that will please him in every way. I can supply grey talkers not thinkers, that will say almost anything, at reasonable prices. Before you purchase a grey or green Parrot, send for my Booklet entitled "Talking Parrots." All my birds are sent on four weeks' trial, at my risk. Send postcard for catalogue.—Mrs. Forster, Princes Park Aviaries, Violet Street, Liverpool.

## JOHN D. HAMLYN,

221, St. George's-St., London Docks, has just received four blue-winged Sugarbirds, 20 mixed Tanagers, etc.; Superb Tanagers, 15/6; scarlet, 15/6; Archbishop, 25/6; blue-winged Sugarbird, 50/6; only a few pairs black-faced Lovebirds left, in exquisite condition, 70/6 pair; have one pair for 60/6; come and see them, the actual importer: Brazilian black-headed Siskin, 20/6; black-backed Troupial, rare, 30/6; concave Casqued Hornbill, 200/6; Cape Canary, 10/6; Grenadier Bishop, full colour, 25/6; Orange Bishop, 7/6; two very tame Rosa Pastors for 20/6; Wandering Tree Pie, 20/6; red-eared Bulbul, 10/6; tricoloured Parrot, 30/6; splendid yellow-fronted Amazon, talking, 40/6; blue-fronted, tame on finger, 40/6; Madagascar red Bishop, showing colour, 7/6; Golden-fronted Conure, 20/6; cock Virginian Cardinal, 40/6; green Cardinal, 16/6; Pope Cardinal, 7/6; red-breasted Cardinal, 7/6; Cockatiels, 10/6 pair; the 80 Roses sold at advertisement prices; 2,000 birds on view; list on application.


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# CLUB REPORTS.

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## CARLISLE C.B.S.

Open meeting held December 10th, when Mr. G. Dawson gave us an address on several of our British Finches. He was listened to very attentively, and all present seemed to enjoy his lecture very much. After some discussion on the various points taken from his address, a hearty vote of thanks was carried unanimously to Mr. Dawson for his instructive address.—W. H. WRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

## ASHINGTON AND HIRST C.B.S.

Meeting held in Portland Hotel on Jan. 9, when the following election of officers for 1909 took place:—Mr. Thos. Thompson, president; Mr. S. P. Lackey, treasurer; Mr. Jos. Miles, auditor. I was appointed secretary, Mr. Jos. Miles having held this post for five years. He has carried out his duties with great credit both to himself and the members, but not having the necessary time at his disposal he has been obliged to give up.—GEO. R. HENDERSON, Sec.

## DARLINGTON CANARY & B.B.F.A.

Annual meeting held at George Hotel, Jan. 13, when Mr. J. Cuthbertson presided. The balance sheet for 1908 was read and passed, and showed a balance of £9 8s. 7d. after all accounts, etc., had been paid. The following officers were elected for 1909: President, H. Pike Pease, M.P.; vice-president, R. Graham; chairman, H. C. Carter; vice-chairman, C. D. Cooper; hon. secretary, R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace, Darlington; treasurer, J. Wildsmith; auditors, H. Hawkins and G. Tolson; committee, J. O'Connor, T. Oliver, H. Robinson. The annual fair show was fixed for Feb. 13, and the following classes were arranged: Yorkshire, Norwich, A.O.V. Canary, and Mule or Hybrid. Eight new members joined at this meeting. This association is open to all bird fanciers, there being no radius, and fanciers are invited to join at next meeting, Feb. 10; subscription, 5s. per annum.—R. S. BLACK, Secretary.

## KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held on January 12th, in Gothenburgh, when there was a full attendance, Mr. Jas. Stenhouse (president) in the chair. The election of judges for 1909 was proceeded with, and amendment of classes. It was decided to give six classes for Yorkies, which we hope fanciers will take advantage of. The British bird classification was also altered to the good of fanciers. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.—J. FORD, Sec.

## BLAYDON-ON-TYNE & DIS. C.B.S.

Annual meeting held on Jan. 16, when a large number of members turned up. Mr. J. Hands took the chair. The secretary presented the annual accounts, which showed the society was in a sound financial position. The under-mentioned officers were elected for the ensuing season: Hon. president, F. R. Simpson, Esq.; chairman, Mr. J. Hands; vice-chairman and treasurer, Mr. J. Davison; secretary, Geo. Havver, 1, Theresa Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne; and a strong committee of fifteen. It was arranged to hold the annual show in the Co-operative Hall, Blaydon, on Nov. 5 and 6, 1909.—GEO. HAVVER,

## SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual fortnightly meeting, held on Jan. 16, in the Fawcett St. Cafe, Mr. J. Farrar presiding over a good attendance. Several letters having been placed before the meeting, the members proceeded to elect the officers for the ensuing year. Result: President, Mr. C. E. Thompson; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. Hall, C. Grimshaw, G. Bell, J. Cobb, and Dr. O'Neal; chairman, Mr. J. Farrar; vice-chairman, Mr. W. F. Swan; treasurer, Mr. J. Riseborough; assistant secretary, Mr. W. Maddison; trustees, Messrs. W. Ogleby and R. Armstrong; committee, Dr. O'Neal, Messrs. W. F. Swan, A. Elliot, H. Gordon, C. Waters, H. Fenwick, G. Davidson, J. Copeland, and A. Walker; hon. secretary, W. Reid, 2, Plantation Road, Pallion, Sunderland. It was decided that we retain our usual show dates for 1909, and the show will therefore be held on Nov. 19 and 20, the venue again being the Workman's Hall, Monkwearmouth. We then considered the proposed alterations to the C.B.U. rules at the forthcoming Palace show. It was decided to remain affiliated to the Union, this concluding the business of the meeting. All fanciers attending our meetings will be welcomed.—W. REID.

## WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

On January 7th, the usual monthly meeting was held at 6, The Broadway, and a large company of members was present, amongst whom were a considerable number of ladies. The great feature of the evening was a splendid exhibition by Mr. F. J. Randall, of Hartz Mountain Canaries, whose soft, sweet, melodious, deep notes charmed and fascinated everyone present. Mr. W. H. Stoakley was in the chair. No fewer than eight new members were elected, and one gentleman was nominated for membership. The secretary, Mr. H. Smith, read correspondence from Mr. Adamthwaithe, secretary of the Federation of London Cage Bird Societies, explaining what alterations had been made in the rules, and expressing the hope that the society would become affiliated. The society unanimously decided to become affiliated. Other letters were read from Mr. Lythgoe, secretary of the Cage Bird Union, informing the society of the annual meeting shortly to be held, and of the proposed alteration of various rules. The delegate of the society, Mr. J. G. Warley, was instructed how to vote with reference to the proposed alteration to rule 17, but was given a free hand with regard to other proposed alterations. Messrs. F. P. Found and S. Wright were elected auditors, and members were requested to send nominations for the committee and officers before the annual meeting on February 1st. The pair show was fixed for February 15th, or as near that date as can be arranged, and it was decided to have three sections, champions, amateurs, and novices; the committee were instructed to select the judge. Mr. Randall then gave his exhibition, after which there was a judging competition of the birds shown by him, be acting as final judge. Some twenty or more members competed, but the great majority were hopelessly out of it, the only competitors to gain points being Messrs. E. W. Dell and A. Hare 3 each, and Miss Peachey and Mr. H. Brooke 1 each. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Randall for his excellent exhibition. In responding, Mr. Randall, who is a member of the society, said that two of the birds had been winners of the champion cup for Rollers, and that other birds had taken first and second prizes in champion classes.

## CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Annual meeting, Jan. 11. The election of Mr. G. H. Neal took place, also the nomination of the following candidates: Messrs. J. A. Chard, R. S. Ames, C. Brinkworth, H. Hill, and H. R. Lowe. Letters were read from Mr. J. Pooley resigning membership; secretary, Toronto C.B.S., thanking the association for gift of medal; and others. The result of the ballot for officers was as follows:—Council: A. W. Curtis, 58 votes; W. Shepherd, 50; H. Davies, 47; W. Prance, 45; A. W. Hart and F. Wyse, 44; J. Burton, 41; F. Curry, 40; G. Morrison 39; E. C. Offord, 36; W. Page, 33; W. Sanders, 31. Auditors: C. Prior, 56; F. W. Thorpe, 44. Other officers returned unopposed. Judge for pair show (Jan. 30), J. Robson, 43 votes. 107 papers sent out, 71 returned. The annual show balance sheet, duly audited, showing income £43 17s. 10d., expenditure £48 11s. 3d., and a loss of £4 13s. 5d., was confirmed, also the annual balance sheet showing income £131 10s. 8d., expenditure £108 6s. 10d., with a cash balance of £23 3s. 10d. and assets £48 18s. 6d. Both auditors being present, complimented the association upon its sound financial position, having no fictitious assets, as they had again written off 25 per cent., in accordance with their principle. A vote of thanks was accorded the auditors. Arising out of the renewal of the subscription to the C.B.U., a long discussion took place, resolving itself into a proposition that we discontinue our connection with the C.B.U. Upon a vote being taken, the same was carried with one dissentient. Result of the Crest and Crest-bred competition: Champion, J. Buckman, 28 points; Amateur, G. Menhenett, 29; Novice, W. Large, 31 points. Silver medals were presented to the same. Mr. C. Prior was elected unopposed to judge the Finch show, March 13. Upon a vote being taken (with Messrs. Adamthwaite and Offord as scrutineers), Messrs. J. Robson and C. A. House for the Young Bird Show; R. L. Crisp, J. Robson, C. Prior, and H. Norman for the Annual Show, were elected as judges, to be submitted to a final vote by the whole of the members. A vote of thanks to retiring officers was accorded with acclammation. The secretary read a letter from Mr. R. J. Pretty drawing attention to the distressing condition of one of the members, and appealing for assistance on his behalf; after an eloquent address upon the existing conditions of the country and trade by the chairman (Mr. A. C. Burn) a collection realised £1 for the said member. Time not permitting the discussion of the alteration of rules, the meeting was adjourned.—V. WYNN, Hon. Sec.

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I have a secret I would like
The little girls to know;
But I won't tell a single boy—
They rob the poor birds so.
Within our pretty little nest,
Arranged with loving care,
Are five sweet speckled little eggs;—
Don't tell the boys they're there!

Cutting, sent by Cissy Burgess (age 12), 99, St. George's Road, Reading.

### *A Homing Twite.

While I was out catching birds recently with my father, and when fully a mile from home, father's Twite call-bird got away, and to our surprise, when we got home, we found the Twite had got there before us, and had gone into a Siskin trap in the garden. This Twite has only one leg, so there could be no mistake; it was our call-bird that had flown home.—Sent by Findlay McGillivray (age 11), St. David's Place, Grangepans, Bo'ness.

### *A True Chaffinch Story.

A Chaffinch I once had was a very good call-bird, so I used to hang it on the wall in the garden and watch the other birds come on to the cage. One day, when I came home from school, the bird was gone; I had not properly fastened the door, and in trying to reach the other birds it had got out of the cage. We were all very sorry, for we were very fond of it. Three days afterwards as we sat at dinner we heard something chirping "Pink! Pink! Pink!" My sister said the pretty pink had come back. Then we went to the door and found it was so. We reached its empty cage down, sprinkled a little seed in it, and it went in while we stood there.—Sent by J. Brown (age 12), 28, Logan Street, Market Harborough.

# SINGING CONTESTS.

## NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week-end contest, held at the Prince Albert Inn, Jan. 9, when 12 birds sang; 1, Farrar; 2, Chippindale; 3, Hayes. Judges, Messrs. Jackson and Towers. Also on Jan. 19, when 16 birds sang. 1, Sellers; 2, Bryan; 3, Hayes. W. DEAN, Hon. Secy.

## LEEDS.

Usual contest held at the King's Head, Shannon Street, on Jan. 16, when some good singing was heard before a crowded house. 1, Sissons; 2, Crowther; 3, Hardcastle. 17 birds were hung. Judges, Messrs. Melia and Clegg. Also on Jan. 17. Judges, Messrs. Summers, Melia and Cooper, and 24 birds sang. 1, Hardcastle; 2, Crowther; 3, Solman; 4, Sissons.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

## DURHAM.

Linnet singing contest, held at the Burton Hotel, Gilesgate, Durham, on New Year's Day. Just 40 birds competed. Result: 1, 3, Puller and Boyd; 2, 4, McQuirk. Judge, Mr. Geo. Reid (Brandon). On Jan. 2 at Red Lion Inn, Brandon, 16 birds faced the judge (Mr. R. Mills), whose awards gave every satisfaction. Result: 1, 2, 3, 4, Puller and Boyd. Mr. McQuirk's birds arrived too late for this contest. Also on Jan. 9 at the Victoria Inn, Langley Moor, Boyne, where 26 birds competed. After some very hard singing Puller and Boyd and McQuirk decided to divide the prizes. Judge, Mr. Geo. Reed (Brandon).—GEO. REED.

## BLACKBURN.

Blackburn Quality S.A. held their first rehearsal on Jan. 16 at Old Red Lion, Snig Brook. There was a good number of members and friends present. Result: 1, 2, Rostron; 3, Monk. Judge, Mr. W. H. Totting.—G. ROSTRON, Hon Sec.

## WARRINGTON.

The Warrington Linnet Singing Association will in future hold their meetings at the "Unicorn Inn," Winwick Road. All intending members are requested to attend from 8 to 9 o'clock, Jan. 24.—W. PEET, Secretary, 6, Leonard Street, Warrington.—Advt.

## YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at the Crown Inn, North Street, when 18 birds competed. Some very good singing was heard. Result: 1, Gurden; 2, Cole; 3, Massheder; 4, King; 5, Kirby. Judge, Mr. W. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at the Bricklayers Arms, Palmer-lane, Hungate, York, on January 16th, when 28 birds competed, and some excellent singing was heard. Result: 1st, Oldroyd; 2nd, Nicholls; 3rd, Whitehead; 4th, Brough; 5th, Limbert; 6th, Clifford; 7th, Harrison. Mr. J. W. Paver officiated as judge; Mr. J. Limbert, sen., as timekeeper.—WM. EMPSON.


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## TWITTERINGS.

The replies to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS were too numerous to answer, writes Mr. Allsop (Wilmcote).

Our annual show is fixed for November 19th and 20th, writes Mr. V. Wynn, hon. secretary City and Suburban A.C.B.

I have only just come to know of your excellent paper, CAGE BIRDS, which I much appreciate.—REV. G. H. RAYNER (Malden).

Please note my change of address, writes Mr. G. E. Bairstow, from Tennyson Street, to 22, Livingstone Street, Lee Mount, Halifax.

Kindly note, writes Mr. J. T. Burnett (cage maker, etc.), my change of address from 21, Branch Street, to 29, Belgrave Street, Nelson.

"Metropolitan" C.B.A. Pair Show, January 28th, 7 o'clock. Admission by catalogue, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, Clapham Junction.—(ADVT.)

A reader is desirous of knowing the maker of a "Seed or water vessel, bearing the registered number 493,473." Can anyone oblige him with this information?

Kindly note that I have removed to the "Reservoir" Hotel, 35, Whitefield Road, Everton, Liverpool, writes Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, late of Silverdale Avenue, Liverpool.

Report of the Western Fanciers' Show reads in the non-fighted class, "Watson, 1st and special"; it should be Adams, 1st and special, writes Mr. F. J. Adams (Devonport).

Kindly thank the readers who answered my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, respecting screws, writes Mr. G. Ashton (Gateshead), as I could not answer them all, they were so many.

At the Hyson Green (Notts) and the Nottingham P.O.S. Shows, writes Mr. J. Bertie (Mapperley), I again took the two special prizes for most points during the year 1908.

I congratulate you on the great strides the once little CAGE BIRDS has made since the time I first became a subscriber, and trust its progress may long continue.—JOHN CORKE (Lowestoft).

Kindly note change of secretaryship of the Huddersfield O.S., writes Mr. R. Greensmith. The office is now held by myself, my address being, 18, Fenton Road, Lockwood, Huddersfield.

"Cage Birds Annual" I personally find of great service, and don't see how any "birdy" man can do without it.—R. A. BROWN, secretary Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B. Club.

Our next show, writes Mr. W. H. Wright, hon. secretary of the Carlisle C.B.S., will be held on January 1st, 1910 (one day only), when Messrs. McCreadie, Stanger, and Maddison will judge.

Kindly thank all applicants for the concertina which I advertised in last week's number; have had so many applications for same that I am unable to answer them all.—W. LOVELL (Newcastle).

On and after January 22nd, writes Mr. R. B. Fryer (Chorlton-on-Medlock), my address will be 83, Upper Brook Street, Chorlton-on-Medlock, Manchester. Secretaries especially will please note this.

A new society has been formed for Hasland, Grassmoor and District, and holds its first open show, we hear, on January 30th, 1909. The hon. secretary is Mr. C. H. Naylor, 59, Kent Street, Hasland.

The winners of the L. and P.O.S. medals at our late show, writes Mr. J. Winter, secretary Scottish National C.B.S., were: Silver medal, W. N. Midgley (Winslow), and bronze medal, L. J. Arrighi (Edinburgh).

I am pleased to say that Leith Ornithological Society is increasing its membership by leaps and bounds, writes Mr. G. Brown, the secretary. We have just enrolled 12 new members, and hope to get many more yet.

Would the gentleman who sent me a picture postcard re Border Fancies with the Battersea post-mark on, writes Mr. E. Hopgood (Reading), kindly send me his name and address, when I shall be pleased to oblige him.

We have secured the services of Messrs. W. Vardy and R. Rhodes as judges for our show, writes Mr. H. Marshall, secretary of the Hucknall Torkard and Dis. C.B.S. The Show is to be held on October 29th and 30th.

The London and Counties O.A. Pair Show will be held, writes Mr. R. J. Pretty, the hon. secretay pro tem, on Wednesday, January 27th, at the "Goat and Compasses," Euston Road, N.W. Fanciers and friends are invited.

We hear that Mr. W. Hy. Heathcote has resigned the secretaryship of the Preston O.S. and that Mr. R. Taylor, of Lime Kiln Inn, Preston, has been elected to fill the vacancy, together with Mr. J. W. Cleminson as assistant secretary.

Mr. F. Wardleworth, of Altrincham, has, we hear, disposed of his even marked buff cock Canary his clear yellow hen Canary, and his clear buff cock Canary (winners of many battles), at a good figure to Mr. T. L. Hancocks, of Crewe.

My advertisements in CAGE BIRDS have made me quite busy sending birds away, and I do not know whether I shall have enough birds to go round. I look at my wife sometimes, when the postman calls, and wish she was a Canary.—H. MITCHELL (Caversham).

I have been appointed secretary of the Middleton O.S., and all communications respecting same should be addressed to me, writes Mr. J. Oldham, at 207, Grimshaw Lane, Middleton Junction, Manchester. I should be glad to hear of anyone desirous of joining the society.

I was greatly surprised to see that you had published in your issue of January 16th a picture of my winning buff, and thank you for the honour, writes Mr. J. Hodder (St. Luke's). In addition to being 1st and special at Plymouth, the bird was 2nd at Battersea and 1st at Cardiff.

Great National Cage Bird Show, Crystal Palace, 1909.—R. A. Newley begs to announce that he will have a fine exhibition of bird cages and sundries of all kinds on his stall at the above show. Inspection and patronage of fanciers and public visiting is respectfully invited. Address all communications to R. A. Newley, 24, Stockwell Green, London, S.W.—

We note that an effort is being made by Ilfracombe fanciers to organise a show in that picturesque town. A meeting to that end was called for Wednesday last, in the Town Hall, with Councillor Jones in the chair. Mr. W. J. Reynolds (Lanleigh Terrace), would be pleased to give any desired information to local fanciers who may read this paragraph.

Post your entries to-day for the show of all shows—the Palace Jubilee Show. Specially warmed and enclosed. Liberal prize money. Extra prizes in big classes. Prompt payment of prize money. Specialist judges; experienced feeders. Entries positively close January 23rd.—(ADVT.)

## OBITUARY

### Mr. WM. ELLIS (Ipswich).

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. Wm. Barritt, hon. secretary of the Suffolk C.B.S., that I have to announce the death of one of our oldest members, Mr. William Ellis, 25, Alan Road, Ipswich. He passed away on January 13th, after a protracted illness, aged 60 years. He was a true fancier (in every sense of the word), and an ardent admirer of both the Norwich Plainhead, and the Crested Canary, which he bred for upwards of 30 years. The deepest sympathy of all who knew him, will go out to his widow and family.

### Mr. ROBERT SINCLAIR.

The many friends of Mr. Robert Sinclair, writes Mr. A. Ackroyd (Oldham), locally known as "Black Bob," will be sorry to hear of his sudden demise, at about two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, January 12th. Mr. Sinclair had been ailing on and off for about two years from a complication of diseases, chiefly heart trouble. He followed the occupation of engineer. Mr. Sinclair had been in the Fancy for about 20 years, and his chief varieties were the Lancashire and Norwich. He had attained the age of 55 years.

### Mr. F. HOWES (Wolverhampton).

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. J. A. Tonks, vice-chairman of the Wolverhampton C.B.S., that I have to inform you of the death of Mr. F. Howes, our genial and worthy secretary, of Leslie Road, Wolverhampton. He took to his bed on January 8th, with pneumonia, and passed away on the Thursday following, the illness, therefore, lasting only about six days. Mr. Howes had been secretary of the Wolverhampton C.B.S. since its inauguration. He was always thorough and hard working in regard to all which he put his hand to, and a gentleman, too, as the success of our late show proved; and it is gratifying to know that the club is on a good footing. Mr. Howes was a keen and enthusiastic fancier of the Yorkshire Canary, of which he always had a splendid stock, winning numerous prizes up and down the country. I am sure all fanciers will join me in conveying our deepest sympathy and condolence to his wife and children in their great bereavement. Mr. Howes was interred on January 18th at the Heath Town Cemetery, and a beautiful wreath was forwarded by the members of the society.

## The Jubilee Palace Show.

In reply to several inquiries we may say that the show will be open until 10 p.m. each evening, except on the closing day (Tuesday), when the curtain will be rung down, so to speak, at 4 p.m.

Mr. Ramsden informs us that the secretary of the Lancashire Canary Association has written asking him to make it clear that specials 132-137 are to be competed for by their members for most points with 4 nominated birds; also that the said medals have been competed for at 4 previous shows, that the Palace is the last one on the list, and that afterwards the medals are awarded after all points have been counted for the five shows.

INTENDING EXHIBITORS should remember that the last day for making entries is this Saturday (January 23rd), and post early to make certain of being in time, as the management clearly states that there will be no extension of time. There should be a record entry in view of the record prize money and other attractions, and if any readers wish to enter birds, but have not received schedules, they should refer to the review of the schedule given on page 34 last week; or describe their birds to the Manager, who will see them entered in the proper classes. We gave the total number of classes as 146, but this should have been 148, as two "A" number classes for Lancashires (Novices) were overlooked.

TELEGRAMS OR LETTERS asking for result of judging cannot be answered by the show authorities. Under these circumstances CAGE BIRDS will be pleased to supply exhibitors with the result in any class upon compliance with the following rules:—

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# Through a Bird-room Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

(*Continued from page* 605).

### Chapter xxv.—My Virginian Cardinals.

Crabbe Robinson says somewhere: "I now perceive why old men repeat their stories in company. When they originate nothing they can profit their juniors by recollections of the past." I propose to use the old-man privilege and tell you a very old experience, and yet one that at the time was to me, at any rate, very full of interest.

#### In the Market.

Virginian Cardinals are probably familiar to almost all the readers of CAGE BIRDS. At any rate, they were a few years ago, but for the last few seasons they have been rather scarce, owing to the fact that Americans have forbidden the exportation of these native birds so that those that now come over are brought here by private enterprise, and fetch correspondingly long prices.

At the time I am writing about, Virginian Cardinals were one of the commonest of annual importations across the pond, and could be bought readily for 15s. the pair. Now I see single specimens advertised at 30s. and 40s. each. In almost every bird-shop at a certain season you might have seen one or two unhappy cocks of this species, looking extremely sick and sorry for themselves.

In buying Virginian Cardinals let me give a word of warning. Buy them as soon after they arrive as possible, for a very short sojourn in a dirty cage will prove fatal, for there the seeds of consumption will be laid, which will sooner or later end the career of your purchase.

#### Hardy; but Delicate at First.

When once acclimatised, Virginians are hardy enough, and will stand all weathers with perfect impunity, except fog, but I always found newly-come-over specimens exceedingly delicate; indeed, I should be ashamed to say how many I have lost in acclimatising my present pair. But there, it doesn't do to speak of losses. This is a truthful narrative, and so I put down things just as they happened. Friends, as Professor Jowett said, always think it necessary (except Boswell, that great genius) to tell lies about their deceased friends; they leave out all their faults, lest the public should exaggerate them. But we want to know their faults; that is probably the most interesting part of them!

So I am going to tell you the worst about my scarlet friends. They are rather delicate, at any rate, at first. When once acclimatised, it is different.

I see people often complain that they cannot keep their Cardinals in colour. I fancy the reason is wrong feeding! Hemp is usually recommended, and this, if used freely, I take it, will turn any bird black. I know it will Bullfinches. A "black" Bullfinch is simply a bird saturated with hemp seed. My Cardinals never get any hemp. They have Canary, millet, and live food ad libitum; my bird's coat is as glorious in colour as when he sang in the valleys of his native Pennsylvania.

When they first come over, Virginians are usually badly knocked about, and deficient in wings and tail, especially tail. I always pull out all the broken stumps (not all at one time, but little by little), and cage the birds until the new feathers are grown. This takes about six weeks.

#### A Word of Advice.

My birds are out of doors all the year round in a big garden aviary among all sorts and conditions of birds, and though there are nests all around them, the Cardinals maintain the path of virtue; in fact, they are the most inoffensive birds I know. Unless you are fairly well off, you will not put newly imported Virginians out till May is well over. It is a beastly treacherous month, although Chaucer called it "swete" May. I fancy he would call it something else if he lived to-day.

If you disregard my advice, you will have some costly burials, which perhaps you are fond of. Mr. Hare relates that in the Duke of Hamilton's Park is a large domed edifice, something like the tomb of Theodoric at Ravenna. It was erected by the last duke for himself, his son, grandson, and his nine predecessors. "What a grand sight it will be," he said, "when twelve dukes of Hamilton rise together at the Resurrection." Perhaps you may be of a like opinion with regard to Virginian Cardinals. If so, follow his lead and prepare your sepulchre. It will soon be tenanted, I can assure you.

#### A Severe Check.

Last year I came pretty near to success in breeding, but just as the nest was finished, the hen got a tumour on her breast and I had to kill her. Still, I was not discouraged. I remembered that Jowett, speaking to a young fellow who, through bad health and defective eyesight, had failed in getting a first in Mods. said, "A man of your ability must succeed in life, but you must not be disappointed if circumstances make you fail in any particular instance." This, I felt, exactly described my case. I was lucky enough shortly to find another hen, and I felt like the widower who inscribed on his wife's tombstone: "The light of my life has gone out," and excused himself to her successor by adding, "but I have struck another."

#### Ill Luck.

But when I got this (second) hen the season for nesting had gone by. This year the Cardinals began pretty early with nesting operations. The cock came into song about March, and soon after the hen began to carry about sticks and straws, but seemed unable to find a place to her mind, and went and laid three eggs on the bare ground. These were very small for the size of the bird, and exactly like the egg of the common House Sparrow, and not much larger. I was rather sickened by this, and thought I was in for another spell of ill luck. The more so, as having the choice of two nests in the garden to put them in—a Chaffinch's and a Robin's—I selected the Robin's, as I thought it most hidden, and, of course, I chose the wrong one, for the next day some young calves in the field got nosing about and put their silly heads into the nest (it was in a hole in a stump), and smashed the eggs.

That was failure No. 1. About ten days later, the hen laid two more eggs, and again on the bare ground; and as I could not find a nest to put them in, I gave them to one of my children.—Failure No. 2.

#### Success in Sight.

About a fortnight after this I happened to go into the aviary and, quite by chance, found the hen Virginian had built a nest in a bush, neatly lined with dry roots, and had laid two eggs. I looked next day and still only two eggs (much to my joy), as I knew that two youngsters would take me plenty of rearing; and the hen sitting steadily. A curious thing happened now, for, whereas until this the hen had been most "scary," she now would let me go quite close to her without coming off.

The cock now began to sing most magnificently, especially in the evening, but he took no part at all in incubation (although we are told that the cock always sits on the nest when the hen leaves it). If he ever does sit on the edge, it is to get at the eggs more easily to eat them!

Before the sitting commenced he was most attentive in feeding the hen, and all through the time of incubation he fed his wife assiduously. They feed from the crop.

#### The Young Ones' Arrival.

All went well, and on the thirteenth day, on looking into the nest as I passed, I found that both eggs had hatched. The young were queer looking little beggars, covered all over with very dark fluff, like young Bullfinches. I watched the process of feeding with great interest, but, like the sister of Moses, "from a distance." The modus operandi was as follows:—The cock arrived at the nest side at stated intervals and fed the hen from the crop; she then gently raised herself in the nest and fed the young.

For a week, I think, she hardly ever left the nest. All feeding was done by the cock. I gave them peas, strawberries, cherries, maggots, and mealworms, in addition to seed. At the end of a week the young had grown enormously, and were a sort of brownish colour. On the eighth day they opened their eyes on this wicked world; on the tenth they were well feathered, colour a sort of snuff brown; and on July 18th, to my intense astonishment, they left the nest—I can't say they flew; rather, they had hopped out.

I found them quite happy on the floor, in the midst of an admiring throng of Pekin Robins and their own proud and happy parents. They are queer little mortals with small crests, no tails, and enormous legs and feet—"Like your's father," as one of my children said.

The most wonderful part of the whole proceeding, to my mind, is this: that these birds have been reared in an aviary in which I have, besides the parents, two pairs of Pekin Robins and a pair of Shamas. It only shows what can be done. The other thing I have noticed, my Virginians hardly ever erect their crests, whereas in a cage they are always on end. I ought also to say that for five days I was ill in bed, after the hatching, and the birds were looked after by my wife; so that to her is due the credit of this success.

I have been taken to task over what I wrote about Pekin Robins, because I ventured to run counter to "the authorities." Nevertheless, I must do so once again. Mr. Gedney says that the four eggs are laid at intervals during eight days. All I can say is, mine laid every day, like a well-regulated bird. The cock, again, is stated to have settled down upon the eggs in the hen's absence. Mine was not so incautious. The young are hatched quite naked, says Mr. Gedney. Mine were covered over with dark fluff.

The young, says Mr. Gedney, fledge rapidly and leave the nest at the end of five weeks. I can only say, with Dominie Sampson, Prodigious! mine must have been very previous, as they left it at the end of ten days. Judging from internal evidence, I should doubt Mr. Gedney's account of the nesting of Virginian Cardinals.

In making this statement, I shelter myself under the authority of Goethe, who remarks on such grand old tales as those of Horatius and Scœvola, that if the Romans were great enough to invent these stories, we ought to be great enough to believe them.

But I would warn anyone who thinks of trying to rear Virginian Cardinals that it is no light and easy task. It means hours and hours of most constant care and watchfulness. One little bit of forgetfulness will spoil everything, and so remember the old saw:—

Qui vult optatam cursu contingere metam,
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# Mating & Feeding the Cinnamon Canary.

By W. A. BLADON.

**A paper read before the members of the City and Suburban A.C.**

Having promised to send you a paper on the Cinnamon Canary, I must try and fulfil that promise, although it is impossible to help treading on ground that has not already been well beaten. You can scarcely pick up one of the Fancy papers without coming across something of all varieties of Canaries, the Cinnamon amongst them, so I find it very difficult to say something that has not been already said that would be at all interesting or attractive.

The Cinnamon has very rightly been described as a beautiful and attractive variety, which I fully endorse, as given a good specimen, either Buff or Yellow, he is a handsome fellow when in condition and at his best, which I consider to be at his first full moult. But although I think he is at his best at that time, still, a good healthy bird will maintain his show form for five or six years if well taken care of.

### A Good Specimen.

The following is what I should consider a good specimen. He should be perfectly level in colour all over his body, well poised, and looking altogether as if he meant to be admired; the skull should be fairly wide (a not very easy point to accomplish without endangering his otherwise good looks), as his tendency is to run comparatively narrow there rather than otherwise, especially the Yellows, and if you try to avoid this by crossing, the danger is that he becomes browed, which is a disfigurement to a Cinnamon, and very difficult to breed out again, as it will make its appearance many generations afterwards, even on a narrow skull. As he is essentially a bird of colour (without which property, and plenty of it, he is no use on the show bench), the motto to be inscribed on his banner should therefore be "colour, size, and quality." The present standard gives 50 points for colour, and although a good Cinnamon colour, i.e., depth and purity, should be well maintained, I think it would not hurt to lower it by five points and add them to the points for quality and compactness of body feather, because, notwithstanding that a great advance has of late been made in quality, a good deal still remains to be done; and, further, I think that many good birds are prevented from appearing on the show bench on account of their owners not having either the skill, or knowledge to feed up to the required standard.

### Plenty of Hot Pepper.

I do not think the required depth of colour can be got without the use of a very considerable amount of hot pepper. I know a good many fanciers who feed on what is known as cold pepper alone, considering it cruelty to compel birds to eat the hot; but I remember the time when there was no cold, it was all hot, and no ill effects seemed to follow its use, and however much anyone may dislike to use hot pepper, I do not think, as I say above, that the required depth of colour can be got without it, at least, for Cinnamons, whatever it may do for other varieties. I do not think it necessary that a bird should eat a big lot of colour food, providing it is of the right quality; and great care is required in the selection. There are some good samples of peppers on the market, and the best should be obtained. Having obtained it, perhaps it may be necessary to compel the birds to eat it, by removing the seed; and, indeed, I don't think good results will be got without removing it. Of course, care must be taken that the birds do not suffer in consequence; a good plan is to replace the seed hopper in the afternoon or evening, so that they may have a feed before roosting time. The Cinnamon is not more difficult to deal with than any other variety, either in his food or moult, all varieties requiring very great care and attention during this period.

In breeding strictest attention should be paid to the size and quality of the birds; small birds are of no use whatever on the show bench, therefore it is necessary, in order to be at all successful, to obtain birds of some size, especially on the cock's side, and he should answer the description I have indicated above, whether yellow or buff. For some reason or other that I am not acquainted with, the buffs run somewhat larger than the yellows, and as far as my experience goes, I have nearly always had the best results from pairing with a buff cock. The hen should also be of good size and quality of feather, have a nice neat head (but not a narrow one) something like what one sees on a good Norwich. I don't care for hens over big, but just a medium size; there is generally something wrong with a very big hen, she is too lazy to either build or feed, in fact, does not care about maternal duties at all.

I like a hen Cinnamon to be very sprightly and active, even if she runs a little less in size. Hens of this description nearly always turn out to be the best feeders, which makes all the difference between a good and a poor specimen. In my estimation, birds are made in the nest, and although you may have the best of birds, still, if the young do not get well nurtured and fed from the day they are hatched, they never grow up to be fine ones.

### How to Get Large Cinnamons.

In order to get large Cinnamons, it was once necessary to cross with other varieties, notably the Crest-bred and Lancashire; and for those who are ambitious, and have a desire to manufacture their own instead of having them ready-made, I still think this is the way to do it. Should anyone be found with the necessary patience and perseverance, the birds obtained for this purpose must be hens, and the cocks must be Cinnamons, because (to make a statement that has been made over and over again) the Cinnamon can be grafted on to any variety, but no variety can be grafted on the Cinnamon; a great deal of care and judgment is required in selecting the hens; they should not be rough or heavy browed birds, but as short and compact in feather as it is possible to get. But, having said this much, I also feel constrained to say that the size of the Cinnamon is now so well established, that it would be sheer waste of time, i.e., of course, to breed self Cinnamons; if the desire is to breed for marks or ticks, that is another matter. For that purpose they are either crossed with the Norwich or Yorkshire, which, being birds of fine feather, nothing of type or quality is lost, and a Cinnamon tick, or marked bird, is extremely handsome; the beauty of the bird cannot be surpassed by that of any other variety.

### Which is the Correct Type?

With regard to the type of Cinnamon, my verdict is for the Norwich type. I have been asked more than once: What does it matter about type, so long as you get a good big bird? According to my view of the fitness and beauty of things, it matters a good deal; a bird of no type does not commend itself to me, however big and good it may be; there is nothing to compare it with; it is neither a Norwich, Yorkshire, Lancashire, nor anything else. No; in my estimation the Norwich type fits the Cinnamon best; a bird like the best of the Norwich we see to-day, with the same quality of feather, etc. (only perhaps a little larger), is a bird that would want some beating.

### The Effects of Cinnamon Crossing.

Referring to Cinnamon crossing, I am almost tempted to leave this part of the subject alone, but really such wonderful and mysterious results occur that I feel I must say a few words about it. What I have said above about crossing with the Crest-bred or Lancashire, had reference to building up a strain of one's own, but apart from that, the results of various crossings are very interesting, and I venture to think such results cannot be obtained from any other variety.

Some years ago I did a good deal of crossing, for curiosity's sake, resulting in birds of all degrees of variegation, both Greens and Cinnamons, and I once bred a most beautiful bronze, which came through the mating of a buff Cinnamon cock, to a yellow Lancashire hen; a fine big bird it was, but I unfortunately lost it during its first moult, so I had no opportunity of seeing what would have resulted from the pairing of that again (it was a cock bird), and I feel certain, if I could have paired him back to the Cinnamon, I should have obtained some beauties; I have never been fortunate enough to breed another bird like him.

Now, in order to get the best satisfaction out of these various crossings, considerable attention will have to be paid to pedigree, as it is impossible to obtain desired results without knowing the material with which you are working; for instance, if you wanted to breed Cinnamons from a Green cock, it follows you must have bred the Green cock before you could tell what it would produce, and it must have a certain amount of Cinnamon blood, say, 75 per cent., which you can only be certain about by breeding it yourself; it follows, therefore, that the Green has been bred from the Cinnamon, and it must be done by pairing with a Cinnamon cock, as crossing Cinnamon hens with other varieties will never produce any Cinnamons; this may seem curious, but a good many curious things happen in Cinnamon crossing, which I think makes the Cinnamon variety all the more fascinating and attractive.

I hope the foregoing will be interesting to your members, and be the means of enlisting some recruits in the Cinnamon Fancy, as I feel convinced that once one takes up this interesting variety, they would be amply repaid for any trouble or disappointment they might meet with by the very interesting results to be obtained.

### The Discussion.

At the close Messrs. G. Crabb and J. W. Ramsden, by special request, in the absence of Mr. Bladon (both being old Cinnamon breeders), answered questions as follows:—They would not recommend a Cinnamon for fining down Norwich Plainheads, but a Yellow Green. The use of a Green to reduce the body feather of Cinnamons was inadvisable, as it would produce smoky backs and obliterate considerably the pencilling so much admired, but it would be preferable to cross with the Yellow Lancashire and then recross to the Cinnamon. Both gentlemen bore out Mr. Bladon's statement as to the importance of the skull of the Cinnamon. Mr. Ramsden gave an account of a Cinnamon with a small skull which he had once sold to Messrs. Laskey and Crabb; how the progeny came with the same defect; and how he eventually bought it back and afterwards paired it to three different hens with satisfactory results as to skull properties.

Messrs. Crabb and Ramsden dissented from Mr Bladon as to colour feeding with hot pepper, as from long years of experience they had both produced birds fed on sweet pepper equal to the hottest bird exhibited. In their opinion hot pepper was harmful to birds. They were opposed to taking off the seed-boxes. Mr. Ramsden told how a Cinnamon almost pined away because the colour food was discontinued, the bird refusing to eat seed. The reason why Cinnamons were inclined to be delicate was that there was such extensive inbreeding being carried on, almost the whole of the Cinnamons emanating from three bird-rooms.

Mr. Crabb said he had made a special study of them at the last Palace show, and he could scarcely detect any Lancashire crossing. He then explained the possibilities of Mule breeding from the Cinnamon cross, giving the mode of producing the ideal bird for that purpose; and followed this by a survey of the Cinnamon from the days when Jacob Mackley exhibited with marked success at the Palace fifteen years ago a Cinnamon Crest-bred, tracing the changes in the standard of type, down to the present day. Mr. Crabb also made reference to a statement by Mr. North at a meeting at the L. and P. and O.S., that with 64 per cent. of Cinnamon blood it was possible to breed self Cinnamons.

Mr. Ramsden appealed to the members to take up this interesting variety, crowded as it was with many surprises.

The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Bladon for his excellent paper, coupling with it the names of Messrs. G. Crabb and J. W. Ramsden. This was seconded by A. S. Wheller, supported by F. Lathlieff, and carried.—V. WYNN, hon. secretary.

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# SOME BRITISH BIRDS I HAVE KEPT.

By J. W. FISHER.

*(Concluded from page 631.)*

### A Word for "Bobbie."

I very much like the Robins. They are the easiest of all our native birds to tame. Generally speaking, in a few days after they are caught, if you have a plentiful supply of mealworms, you can get them to take them from your fingers.

Some birds, such as the Wheatear, for instance, will sit and sulk and even die, with food all round them and mealworms crawling over them; but not so Mr. Bobbie. If there is anything in the food line lying about in his cage, although he will perhaps look at you with those large eyes of his while you are in the room (I mean when he is first caught), just go out, and if you have a peep-hole where you can observe him, you will find he will have a try at it, and if it is anything like suitable for his lordship he will soon be quite at home.

I think them very nice pets, and one can teach them almost anything. Their song is one that I like to hear, as they sing just the last thing at night after the other birds have given up the job.

But Robins sing during the day as well, and many a one have I exhibited. One of mine was claimed at a Palace show for a guinea. I had one in a local show where it got third prize. An old Canary fancier and I were standing close by, and Mr. Robin was piping it out then. The old gent looked at him and said: "Aye, that's a Robin; I never saw one in a show before." Pulling out his spectacles he began to look in his catalogue to see whose bird it was, when I told him it was mine. "How long have you had that?" he asked. After telling him the number of months, he said: "Then you have got him nicely on to seed." "Robins do not eat seed," I said, and the old man almost collapsed.

### How to Exhibit Soft Bills.

Now I will try and give some idea of what is required to show birds of this kind; but my remarks are, in my opinion, applicable to other kinds of cage birds.

To keep them in health and in good plumage, you require always nice, roomy cages and baths that can be hung on to the outsides of the cages, so that the birds may have a good bathe as often as is convenient (and they must be large enough for the birds to get into without breaking their tail feathers).

But to show a bird to advantage and with some chance of success, you want to study the size as well as the shape of the cage, and, above everything else, you want to get at the right colour, or even shade, to show up your birds to the best advantage. For instance, a Blackbird looks very well in a cage painted white, but how much better he shows up in one painted pale or sky blue, while any of the Thrush family looks well in a cage of a certain green shade. I wonder how many fanciers have spent more time than three whom I can remember. About fifteen or sixteen years ago they and I used to meet first at one house and then at another, and sit into "the wee small hours anant the twal," as Burns put it, discussing this very question. Night after night would we thrash it out, to the annoyance of what are usually called our better halves. In conclusion, my advice to young fanciers is: Do not be afraid of exhibiting your British birds.

## LARKHALL N.B.

Larkhall (N.B.) O.S. held their annual show in the Public Hall on Jan. 16. The president of committee is Mr. W. Hamilton, and the committee consists of Messrs. J. Anderson, W. Hamilton, W. McEwan, J. Graham, J. Morton, J. W. Clelland, A. Kerr, W. Lambie, T. Welsh, A. Strang, J. Newlands, J. Stoke, and A. Golder, a body of men second to none. There were 13 classes in the cage bird section, which was judged by Mr. Allan Chalmers (Kirkintilloch). The entries here numbered the same as last year, some of the most noted winners of the season being staged. The hall is a very suitable one in every way—only a little more room was wanted. Every inch of space was used to the best advantage. Secretaries Messrs. James and Thomas McEwan and Treasurer James Kerr, together with President Hamilton, are gentlemen fanciers in the true sense of the term; they are all proud of their hobby, and are courteous and obliging. The exhibits were nicely staged, and every detail was carefully carried out to make the show the success it proved, for which Mr. Jas. McEwan and his able band of workers deserve every praise. The hall was crowded with visitors, including some of the most noted fanciers of the day.

### The Critique.

GOLDIE OR BULLIE, BRIT. (18): 1, spl, 2, Roddie, 1st Goldfinch, nice size, square cut blaze, lovely colour and tans, good bars and buttons, 2nd Bullfinch, good shape and size, fine cap and colour; 3, McAlpine, Goldfinch, nice size, grand square cut blaze, lovely clear colour, bars and buttons, good tans; 4, Dunsmuir, Bullfinch, good cap, nice breast; vhc, Johnstone; hc, Nisbet; c, Falconer. GOLDIE OR BULLIE, FOR. (13): 1, spl, vhc, Malcolmson, Goldfinch, 1st at Paisley, nice size, good blaze and face, grand wing and tail, looking well; 2, Kerr, Goldfinch, well up in size, grand face, nice colour, very steady; 3, Telfer, another Goldfinch, barely so bright in colour as winners perhaps; 4, hc, c, Johnstone, Goldfinch, nice body colour, bars and buttons. A.O.S. FINCH (12): 1, 4, Shankly, lovely Hawfinch, magnificent size and colour, 4th Bramblefinch, nice size and feather; 2, hc, Johnstone, 2nd Greenfinch, fine size, lovely shape and feather, level colour, in grand condition; 3, Henderson, Chaffinch, fine size and feather, nice front and polish; vhc, Malcomson; c, Kerr. LINNET (10): 1, spl, Johnstone, Grey Linnet, fine size, nice nutty brown, beautifully laced, good wing bars and polish; 2, Loudon, Grey Linnet, nice body colour and markings, nicely pencilled; 3, Parker, Grey Linnet, fine polish, good chest; 4, Cooper, yet another Grey Linnet, nicely marked, in rare condition; vhc, Dolan and Steel; hc, Kerr; c, Dunsmuir. REDPOLL, ETC. (7): 1, spl, vhc, 3, Malcolmson, 1st Twite, fine size, splendid colour and lacing, nicely staged, 3rd Mealy Redpoll, rich colour, well laced, in splendid feather; 2, hc, Roddie, lovely Siskin, beaten in size only, lovely condition, grand bib and cap, nice wings, 1st at Paisley, looking well; 4, Kerr, Twite, nice size, grand polish, smart finish; c, McAlpine. BORD. FCY. CK. (16): 1, Johnstone, cl., a little beauty, grand wing carriage, feathered like wax; 2, Lawrie and Walsh, eye and wing markings, barely so nicely finished as 1st perhaps but a typical Border; 3, McEwan, cl., nicely staged, very jaunty carriage, grand feather, close up; 4, Walker, even marked, nice carriage and markings, very jaunty; vhc, c, Lamble; hc, Graham. HEN (14): 1, spl, McEwan, little gem, staged in the best of condition, good bird all over; 2, 3, Walker, 2nd cl. yell., nice wing carriage, 3rd cl. buff, nice quality feather, grand wing carriage, very neat; 4, Johnston, varieg., nice colour and finish, fine carriage and tail; vhc, Lambie; hc, c, Ritchie. COM. CAN. (12): 1, spl, 2, vhc, Johnstone; 3, McEwan; 4, spl, Pollock; hc, Swan; c, Roddie. A.O.S. BRIT., LARGE (2): 1, Morrison, Grey-backed Shrike; Cooper, wrong classed, Snow Bunting. SMALL (7): 1, spl, Henderson, Blue-throated Warbler, nicely marked, in splendid condition, well staged; 2, Easton, Grey Wagtail, fine action, in lovely plumage; 3, Kerr, Bearded Tit, beautifully marked, fine feather and polish, in capital condition; 4, spl, c, Malcolmson, Yellowhammer, grand size and shape, lovely colour and feather; vhc, Sorbie; hc, Shankly. FOR. SOFTBILL (3): 1, spl, 2, Hamilton, 1st King Parrot, nicely staged, in lovely feather and condition, 2nd Blue-fronted Amazon, in perfect condition, the owner, we heard, has had him about 20 years, for his age he is a beauty; 3, Tait, Green Parakeet, grand colour and condition. SMALL (5): 1, Lawrie and Welsh, Long-tailed Whydah, in full tail, very shy, well put down; 2, McPherson, Scarlet Tanager, in lovely order and colour, good feather; 3, Miller, Saffron Finch, a beauty, in lovely condition; 4, Frame, Pekin Nightingale, in grand feather. MULE OR HYB. (9): 1, spl, 4, Johnstone, Grecnie-Bullie Hyb., nice colour, put down in fine order, Goldfinch-Can. 4th, grand colour and size; 2, hc, Malcolmson, 2nd Siskin Mule, a gem, in grand colour and condition; 3, Kerr, Goldfinch-Bullie Hyb., in lovely feather; vhc, Roddie; c, Dolan and Steel.

## CHESTER AND DISTRICT C.B.S

Annual members' show held on Boxing Day in the Corn Exchange, Eastgate Street. Entries were good. The room was very comfortable, and the staging was all that could be desired. The secretary, Mr. Swindley, had everything in apple-pie order, ably assisted by several of the members. Mr. J. Burns (Birkenhead) officiated as judge. Messrs. Jones and Chester put down a fine team, securing special for best Norwich, also special for best Yorkshire. The novice special was won by Mr. W. R. Morris with a very neat yellow Yorkshire, shown in faultless condition. In the British section Messrs. Angus and Crane staged some grand specimens, their Redwing taking special for best British.

NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1, 2, Jones and Chester; 3, Lloyd; vhc, Bracegirdle; hc, c, Lanceley. BUFF (4): 1, Lloyd; 2, Jones and Chester; 3, Bracegirdle; vhc, Lanceley. TKD., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, Lloyd; 2, Jones and Chester. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Jones and Chester; 3, Bracegirdle; vhc, Lanceley; c, Gardner. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (5): 1, spl, 3, Jones and Chester; 2, Lanceley; vhc, Wright; hc, Gardner. BUFF (8): 1, Gardner; 2, Lloyd; 3, Bracegirdle; vhc, hc, Jones and Chester; c, Lanceley. NOR. NON-FED CK. (2): 1, 2, Woodcock. YORKS. CL. YELL. (5): 1, spl, Jones and Chester; 2, Dutton; 3, Lloyd; vhc, hc, Morris. BUFF (5): 1, Jones and Chester; 2, Gardner; 3, Dutton; vhc, Lloyd; hc, Morris. TKD., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Bracegirdle; 2, Jones and Chester; 3, c, Swindley; vhc, hc, Dutton. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Jones and Chester; 3, Dutton. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (8): 1, Morris; 2, Bracegirdle; 3, Dutton; vhc, Gardner; hc, c, Jones and Chester. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, Swindley; 2, hc, Jones and Chester; 3, Morris; c, Richards. CINN. TKD., ETC., CK. (3): 1, Jones and Chester; 2, Swindley; 3, Dutton. HEN (2): 1, Bracegirdle; 2, Jones and Chester. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. NON-FED (5): 1, Jones and Chester; 2, vhc, hc, Morris; 3, Crossley. BUFF (2): 1, Morris; 2, Crossley. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Richards; 2, Gardner; 3, Morris. BUFF (2): 1, Morris; 2, absent. YORKS. NOVICE (4): 1, spl, 2, Morris; 3, Richards; 4, absent. PAIRS (4): 1, vhc, Lloyd; 2, 3, Jones and Chester. A.O.V. (1): 1, Jones and Chester. SELL (10/6) (4): 1, Dutton; 2, Lloyd. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, hc, Jones and Chester; 2, 3, Lloyd; vhc, Bracegirdle; c, Miss Pritchard. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, Angus and Crane; 2, Lloyd; 3, Jones and Chester; vhc, Morris; hc, Crossley; c, Hankins. BULLFINCH (7): 1, Lanceley; 2, vhc, hc, Angus and Crane; 3, Morris; c, R. J. Morris. LINNET (5): 1, Angus and Crane; 2, Lloyd; 3, Richards; vhc, Morris; hc, Crossley. GREENFINCH (4): 1, Bracegirdle; 2, Wright; 3, Dutton; vhc, D. Jones. REDPOLL (4): 1, 2, vhc, Angus and Crane; 3, D. Jones. BRAMBLEFINCH (2): 1, 2, Angus and Crane. A.O.S. HARDBILL (4): 1, D. Jones; 2, vhc, Angus and Crane; 3, Swindley. SOFTBILL, LARGE (2): 1, spl, 2, Angus and Crane. SMALL (2): 1, 2, Angus and Crane.

## BANBRIDGE.

Annual show held in the Town Hall on Jan. 8 and 9. The hall is exceedingly well adapted for a show of this kind, being large, well lighted, and free from draught. Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford) officiated as judge. Mr. R. J. Hamilton made an ideal secretary, and was well supported by his colleagues, everything being done for the comfort of the exhibits in their charge. The entries did not come quite up to expectations, but the quality of the exhibits throughout was good, Mr. J. Lavery's foul yell. Scotch Fancy winning the cup for best in show. The Crests were moderately good. The Norwich, though not numerous, were a nice lot. The Yorkshire section, too, contained many real "good 'uns," Mr. J. Devins being runner-up here for best in show. The British bird and Mule classes contained some really good topping exhibits, Mr. J. Lavery winning cup for best British with a lovely Goldfinch. Mr. J. Nelson was runner-up with another good Goldie.

### The Awards.

BELGIANS (3): 1, 3, Hamilton; 2, Lavery. SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK., CL., ETC. (2): 1, Hamilton; 2, Lavery. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Hamilton. YELL. PIEBALD CK. (2): 1, spl, Lavery; 2, Graham. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Hamilton. GREEN CK. (1): 1, Hamilton. YELL. HEN, CL., ETC. (1): 1, Hamilton. BUFF (6): 1, hc, Lavery; 2, 3, 4, hc, Hamilton. YELL. PIEBALD (3): 1, 3, Hamilton; 2, Graham. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Lavery; 2, Hamilton. GREEN (1): 1, Lavery. CREST CK. (2): 1, Tate; 2, M'Cagherty. HEN (3): 1, Tate; 2, M'Cagherty; 3, M'Cammon. C.B. CK. (4): 1, Tate; 2, Birse; 3, M'Cagherty; 4, M'Cammon. HEN (2): 1, Tate; 2, M'Cagherty. NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, 3, Thompson; 2, Stewart; 4, Carson; vhc, M'Cagherty. TKD., ETC. (1): 1, M'Cagherty. CL. BUFF (3): 1, Stewart; 2, Carson; 3, Thompson. TKD. (3): 1, Thompson; 2, Carson; 3, Mulligan. VARIEG. YELL. OR BUFF (3): 1, Mulligan; 2, Faith; 3, Stewart. HEN, CL., ETC. YELL. (5): 1, 4, Thomson; 2, Stewart; 3, Carson; vhc, Cameron. CL. BUFF (3): 1, Carson; 2, Mulligan; 3, Hanna. TKD. (2): 1, Mulligan; 2, Thompson. VARIEG. YELL. OR BUFF (4): 1, 3, M'Cagherty; 2, J. Thompson; 4, Stewart. SELL. (15/-) (4): 1, 4, Thompson; 2, Carson; 3, Stewart. (12/6) (7): 1, Thompson; 2, Tate; 3, hc, Stewart; 4, Devins; vhc, c, Harvey. YORKS. CL. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Sheridan and Fry; 2, Devins; 3, Coyne; 4, O'Reilly. HEN (4): 1, M'Quade; 2, 3, Sheridan and Fry; 4, Devins. TKD., ETC., CK. (4): 1, spl 2nd best, Devins; 2, Coyne; 3, Sheridan and Fry; 4, M'Quade. HEN (3): 1, M'Quade; 2, Devins; 3, O'Reilly. CL. BUFF CK. (3): 1, Devins; 2, 3, O'Reilly. HEN (4): 1, Devins; 2, 4, Sheridan and Fry; 3, Coyne. NOVICE.—CL. YELL. OR BUFF CK. (7): 1, Mulligan; 2, Birse; 3, Lavery; 4, Fleming, junr.; vhc, Woods; hc, Carroll; c, Keating. HEN (6): 1, Fleming, junr.; 2, Birse; 3, Lavery; 4, Carroll; vhc, Keating. TKD., ETC., CK. (6): 1, Birse; 2, Keating; 3, Lavery; 4, Fleming, junr.; vhc, Woods; hc, Mulligan. HEN (6): 1, Fleming, junr.; 2, Carroll; 3, Birse; 4, Mulligan; vhc, Woods. NAT. COL. CK. (5): 1, M'Quade; 2, 3, Sheridan and Fry; 4, Devins. HEN (3): 1, Devins; 2, M'Quade; 3, O'Reilly. SELL. (15/-): 1, Devins; 2, Coyne; 3, Lavery; 4, Birse; vhc, O'Reilly; hc, Harvey. A.O.V. (8): 1, Hanna: 2, Harvey; 3, M'Gagherty. GOLDIE MULE, LIGHT (7): 1, Tate; 2, M'Cagherty; 3, Birse; 4, J. M'Birney; vhc, hc, R. M'Birney. DARK (3): 1, Tate; 2, M'Caldin; 3, Birse. LINNET MULE (7): 1, 4, Birse; 2, Tate; 3, Ross; vhc, hc, Harvey; c, J. M'Birney. A.O.V. MULE (3): 1, 2, 3, Lavery. LINNET (4): 1, Ross; 2, Mulligan; 3, Mrs. J. H. O'Neill; 4, Harvey. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Lavery; 4, Mulligan; hc, Tate; c, R. M'Birney. A.O.S. BRIT. SMALL (10): 1, Tate; 2, —; 3, Kennedy; 4, Birse; vhc, hc, Harvey. LOCAL CLASSES.—SCOT. FCY. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Graham. NOR. CK. (12): 1, 4, vhc, M'Cagherty; 2, c, Graham; 3, M'Cammon. HEN (10): 1, 3, c, M'Cagerty; 2, M'Cammon; 4, vhc, Graham. YORKS. CK. (8): 1, M'Cagherty; 2, 3, 4, Woods; vhc, Hamilton; hc, Currans; c, M'Cammon. HEN (3): 1, 2, 3, Woods. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, spl, hc, Nelson, junr.; 2, Card; 8, c, Fry; 4, Harvey; vhc, M'Cagherty. LINNET (6): 1, 3, Harvey; 2, M'Caldin; 4, vhc, Arlow; hc, Burnett. MULE (7): 1, Bell; 2, M'Cagherty; 3, M'Caldin; 4, Dickson; vhc, Hamilton; hc, Hayes; c, Culley. CAN., A.V. (for those who have never won a prize): 1, Hayes; 2, M'Cammon. SELL. (10/6) (5): 1, 3, vhc, Harvey; 2, Graham; 4, M'Cammon.

## FRASERBURGH.

Annual open show of the Fraserburgh C.B.S. was held on Jan. 13 in the Dalrymple Hall, a splendid place for such an exhibition, being high and well lighted from both sides. Entries came up very well, over 200 birds being nicely staged and well looked after by a hard-working body of fanciers. We were sorry to be informed that five pairs of foreign birds, belonging to Mr. J. Whyte (Woodside) arrived dead at the show. Norwich were a grand lot, as also the class of 17 Yorkshires. The foreign birds were a marvellous collection. Mr. A. G. Gavin turned out no less than 20 birds all in perfect health and plumage. Mr. Grant makes a dip-top secretary, and had everything in A1 order. Mr. James Sandison made the awards, which gave every satisfaction.

### Critique.

YELL CK., COL.-FED (13): 1, 2, Steele, 1st cl., good type and quality, 2nd also a cl., best of colour and condition, unfortunately carries a wing a little too high; 3, Clark, grand substance, nice silky texture of feather, good colour, well turned out; 4, Steele, variegs., rare good type, red hot colour; 5, Fraser; 6, Wilson. HEN (8): 1, 3, Steele, winner wing mkd. hen of good Nor. type, lovely quality of feather, rich colour, 3rd another nice one; 2, Duncan, good shaped body, deep chest, stands well over perch, A1 colour and quality; 4, Wilson, not quite so cobby perhaps, but beautifully staged; 5, Marr; 6, Jack. BUFF CK. (12): 1, 2, Steele, two good ones, winner excels in quality; 3, Elrick, short, thick set body, deep and nicely rounded chest, good back, full of quality; 4, Yeats, well shaped body, nice wing carriage; 5, Laidlaw; 6, Jack. HEN (9): 1, 3, Steele, winner marked on both wings, taking hen, rich deep colour, 3rd nice cl., fails only in quality to winner; 2, Hay, eyes and wings, rare good type, teeming in quality, nicely turned out; 4 Jack; 5, Elrick; 6, Webster. NAT. COL. YELL. CK. (5): 1, Craigmile, fine model, nicely round chest, best of wing carriage; 2, Whyte, well up in size; 3, Wilson, nice quality and colour; 4, Hendry; 5, Hay. HEN (3): 1, Wilson, cl. yell., good substance, rare head and neck, teeming in quality; 2, Bain, grand type, plenty of go; 3, Elrick. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Hay, gem, lovely quality, grand head and neck, well rounded chest, feathered like wax, wins; 2, Laidlaw, another nice bird; 3, Craigmile, A1 quality, grand bird; 4, Dyer; 5, Bain; 6, Elrick. HEN (7): 1, Bain, topper for size and quality, proper Bullie type, wings and tail carried to perfection; 2, Craigmile, good type all over; 3, Hay, another good one; 4, Fraser; 5, Hendry; 6, Noble. GREEN (8): 1, Steele, grand colour and condition, fine bird; 2, Craigmile, good colour and quality; 3, Yeats, best of type, well staged; 4, 6, Hendry; 5, Trail. CREST (6): 1, Noble, green, well-formed crest, good size, plenty of substance; 2, Stephen, cl. body D.C., not quite so well turned out; 3, Adam, good size, plenty of feather, will make grand stock bird; 4, Whyte; 5, Stephen; 6, Wilson. C.B. CK. (2): 1, Stephen, good in entrance and rise of skull, plenty of feather, well lashed; 2, Barclay, grand bird. YORKS. (17): Capital class: 1, Gavin, very neat cl., capital back and wings, nice quality, good position; 2, 3, Mead, both of excellent length and position, A1 quality; 4, 5, 6, Shewan. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, Cartney, both Liz., in nice trim; 3, 4, Whyte. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (8): 1, Marr, good shape, rich coloured blaze and wing bars, might have given way to 2, Jackson, well up in size, fine face, richly tanned body, grand moons and bars, in faultless condition; 3, Whyte, very sweet exhibit; 4, Mead, nicely moulted one; 5, Gordon; 6, Gavin. FOR. GOLDIE (8): 1, Hendry, large, clean cut blaze, lovely collar, nice wings and tail; 2, Jackson, well up in size, grand colour, must have pressed winner; 3, 4, Whyte, 3rd excels in colour, smart Finch; 5, Hay, rather wild; 6, Grant. BRIT., SMALL (12): 1, Chalmers, rare coloured Bullie, good cap and wing bars, very steady; 2, Gavin, also a Bullie, equal to 1st in colour and markings; 3, Davidson, Snow Bunting, in perfect feather and condition; 4, 6, Grant; 5, Chalmers. LARGE: 1, 2, Gavin, Hawfinch and Starling, both in good feather. MULE (11): 1, 3, Grant, 1st dark Goldfinch-Can., good size and colour, 3rd varieg., looks a hen, just on the small side; 2, Chalmers, same cross; 4, Gavin; 5, Whyte; 6, Mead. FOR., SINGLE (11): 1, 2, 3, Gavin, 1st Tanager, in tip-top condition and plumage, a little beauty, quite at home, 2nd Yellow Rumps, very rich in colour and plumage perfect, 3rd Glossy Chinese Thrush; 4, 5, 6, Whyte. FOR. PAIRS (15): 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, Gavin, marvellous collection of Budgerigars, Red and White-headed Lovebirds, Silverbills, White Javas, etc., all in perfect condition and nicely staged. This exhibitor had nearly 40 exhibits in the British and foreign bird classes; 3, Craigie, Green Budgerigars, well matched pair. PARROT (10): 1, 4, Gavin, nice Amazon winning; 2, Whyte, same variety; 3, Noble; 5, Grant; 6, Riddle. SELL. (10/-) (12): 1, Hay; 2, Dyer; 3, 5, Elrick; 4, Yeats; 6, Craghie. (7/6) (9): 1, Whyte; 2, Grant; 3, Laidlaw; 4, W. Grant; 5, 6, Noble.

## LEICESTER.

Annual members 'show, held on January 9th. The entries for the open and British bird classes turned up well, especially the former. The competition in some of the classes was very keen. Mr. Christian won Sandiford's medal and CAGE BIRDS special for best in open classes; Mr. Stevens won special for best unflighted bred and exhibited by a member, and 2nd most points in open classes; Mr. A. Tyler special for most points in open classes; Mr. Seal special framed plate for best bird in British bird classes; Mr. Hunt, most points in British bird classes; Mr. Adams, for best bird; Mr. Gilbert was winner of the Ramsden cup. The birds were staged on the special three-tier principle, and there is no better lighted room in the kingdom, there being no dark corner, and every bird could be seen and examined without being reached down. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Christian; 2, Tyler; 3, c, Claypole; vhc, hc, Stevens. BUFF (8): 1, Tyler; 2, Wheatley; 3, Stevens; vhc, Hartshorn; hc, J. Heighton; c, Claypole. UNEVEN, ETC., SELL. (5): 1, Christian; 2, Tyler; 3, Stevens; vhc, J. Heighton. BUFF (5): 1, Christian; 2, Stevens; 3, Tyler; vhc, J. Heighton; hc, Claypole. UNFLIG. SELL. (12): 1, Stevens; 2, c, Christian; 3, Gilbert; vhc, Curtis; hc, Hunt. BUFF (12): 1, Stevens; 2, 3, J. Heighton; vhc, Curtis; hc, Warmington; c, Gilbert. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (12): 1, Heighton; 2, Tyler; 3, vhc, Hartshorn; hc, Curtis; c, Claypole. BUFF; 1, 3, Stevens; 2, Hunt; vhc, Heighton; hc, c, Curtis. VARIEG. (9): 1, hc, Stevens; 2, 3, vhc, Tyler; c, Claypole. NAT. COL. (2): 1, Tyler; 2, Claypole. CINN. (3): 1, Tyler; 2, Wheatley. A.O.V. CAN. (10): 1, c, Collins, Belgiums; 2, Tyler, Border; 3, Hunt, Nor. Green; vhc, hc, Christian. Lizard and even-marked Norwich. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, vhc, Riley, dark and light Goldfinch Canary, winner being claimed at list price; 2, Seal, Light G. and C. Mule; 3, Stevens, Linnet and Canary; hc, Jesson, light Goldfinch-Canary Mule. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (6): 1, Seal; 2, Hunt; 3, Claypole; vhc, Riley; hc, Tyler; c, J. E. Harrison. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (7): 1, vhc, Hunt; 2 3, Tyler; hc, Seal; c, Ride. LINNET (4): 1, Seal; 2, Hunt; 3, Turner; vhc, J. Heighton. SISKIN, ETC. (3): 1, Seal; 2, Tyler; 3, Heighton. GREENIE, ETC. (6): 1, Hunt; 2, J. Heighton; 3, Seal; vhc, Gilbert; hc, c, Tyler. A.O.S., BRIT. (6): 1, Seal; 2, Riley; 3, Ride; vhc, Tyler; hc, Hunt; c, J. E. Harrison. BRIT. HEN (8): 1, 2, Hunt; 3, Seal; vhc, Gilbert; hc, Gilbert; c, Ride. No. 4 wrong class. FOR. (4): 1, Seal; 2, vhc, Hunt; 3, Gray. PAIRS SELL. (21/-) (3): 1, 3, Tyler; 2, Christian. SINGLE, SELL. (12/6) (7): 1, G. H. Harrison; 2, Christian; 3, L. Smith; vhc, Gilbert; hc, Seal; c, Adams. NOR. NOVICE CLASSES—CL., ETC., YELL. (1): 1, Yates. BUFF (2): 1, G. H. Harrison; 2, Wood. VARIEG. YELL. (1): 1, Adams. BUFF: cancelled. UNFLI. YELL. (4): 1, Adams; 2, L Smith; 3 Dyson; vhc, Yates. BUFF (2): 1, Dyson; 2, Yates. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (3): 1, J E. Harrison; 2, 3, Wood. BUFF HEN (5): 1, 3, Adams; 2, Wood; vhc, G. H. Harrison; hc, Yates. VARIEG. HEN (5): 1 J. E. Harrison; 2, Dyson; 3, Smith ;vhc, Yates; No. 3, wrong class. NAT. COL. (4): 1, Dyson; 2. G. H. Harrison; 3, J. E. Harrison; vhc, Yates. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1. 3, vhc, c, E. Freer, Yorks.; 2, Adams, Cinn.; hc, ——, Border Fancy.—J. A. TYLER, Hon. Secretary.

## CHIRNSIDE.

The 28th show was held in the Volunteer Hall on January 1st. The cage birds were staged at the end of the hall, and were ably looked after by Messrs. Young and Denholm, as stewards. Mr. A. Shiell, the worthy secretary, had everything in good order. The number of entries was slightly down on last year, but the quality all over was good. Mr. Blackie won special for best bird in hall with a Hawfinch. Special for best Scotch Fancy was won by Mr. Newbiggin; for best Border, Mr. David Young; for best Mule, Patterson Bros., they also winning special for most points. Mr. James Alexander (Lilliesleaf) made the awards, and taking them all over they were well received.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (6): 1, spl, 2, Newbiggin, good buff pied, nice shoulder, drive, size and action, 2nd yellow, good shoulders, nice bird; 3, Russell, pied, another good one, plenty of size and substance; 4, vhc, Patterson Bros.; hc, Duns. HEN (4): 1, 2, Newbiggin, both clears, former nice shoulder, good back and length of neck, 2nd fine substance, grand one; 3, Patterson Bros., fine yell., good size, shoulder and drive; 4, Shiell, free neck. BORD. YELL. (11): 1, Patterson Bros., wonderful yell., grand colour quality and condition; 2, vhc, Lawrie, nice type, good front; 3, vhc, Russell, fine head, good wing carriage; 4, Brown; vhc, Blaikie; hc, J. Young. BUFF (11): 1, Blaikie, nice head, good wing carriage, fine colour and condition; 2, Brown, good one, fine level colour, grand back and wing; 3, J. Young, fine quality and condition; 4, Johnston, grand head, lovely colour and quality; vhc, Patterson Bros.; hc, Denholm. YELL. MKD. (9): 1, medal for best Border, D. Young, real model, grand head, fine neck, lovely colour and markings; 2, Patterson Bros., nice type and condition, fine markings; 3, spl, Johnston, another good one, a little down in condition to-day; 4, J. Young, nice stamp; vhc, Blaikie; hc, Spence. BUFF (6): 1, D. Young, nice head, good colour, quality and condition, very level in markings; 2, Patterson Bros., three-pointed, good stamp, fine colour and quality; 3, J. Young, another three-pointed, good type; 4, Russell, clnn. marked, good head and wing type; vhc, hc, Brown. EVENLY MKD. (2): 1, carriage; vhc, hc, Brown. EVENLY MKD. (2): 1, Schooler, grand yell. mkd., very fine markings, colour and quality (claimed at £2 10s.); 2, Blaikie, buff mark, good balanced markings. FOUL GREEN OR CINN. (10): 1, Patterson, lovely green, nice head, fine neck, grandly pencilled, in excellent bloom; 2, B.F.C.C. medal, J. Young good yell. foul hen, nice head, good back and wing carriage; 3, Johnston, buff foul, fine colour and condition; 4, Mrs. G. Young, grand green, good head, fine colour; vhc, Blaikie; hc, Denholme; c, Brown. BREEDING PAIR: 1, spl, 2, Patterson Bros., 1st grand pair of marks, even yell. ck. and five-pointed buff hen, well balanced, looked well; 2nd clears, yell. ck. and buff hen, grand heads, fine type, good colour and quality; 3, J. Young, fine clears, very nice type and quality; 4, Johnston, lovely pair; vhc, Russell. A.O.V. (10): 1, spl, Patterson Bros., grand dark yell. Goldie-Can., beautiful colour, well shown; 2, Cowe, another good dark; 3, Blaikie, buff Plainhead, good stamp, nice shaped body; 4, Marshall, buff varieg. Plainhead; vhc, Schooler; hc, Mrs. G. Young; c, Duns. SELL., BORD.: 1, Russell; 2, Schooler; 3, D. Young; 4, Brown; vhc, Ainslie; hc, Russell; c, J. Young. BRIT. (6): 1, spl, and spl. for best bird in hall Blaikie, Hawfinch, good size and colour, well staged; 2, Paterson, Thrush, well shown, in grand form to-day, beautifully laced front; 3, Schooler, Thrush, another good one. FOR. (4): 1, 2, Patterson Bros., both Goldfinches, former best in size, both good colour, and well-cut faces; 3, Turnbull, Budgerigar, fine colour and markings; 4, Duns, Goldfinch.

## CROOK AND DIST. C.B.S.

A table show was held during the general meeting held January 3rd, when Mr. A. Brown judged. NOR.: 1, Rutherford and Bright; 2, Atess. CREST OR C.B.: 1, Rowlands; 2, Atess; 3, Rutherford and Bright. LINNET: 1, Rutherford and Bright; 2, Atess. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, Rutherford and Bright; 3, Rowlands; 4, Hemmingway A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, hc, c, Robson; 2, Atess; 3, 4, Rutherford and Bright; vhc, Rowlands. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Atess; 2, Rutherford and Bright. A.O.V. CAGE BIRD.—1, Winter; 2, Rowlands; 3, Hemmingway. CAN., NOVICE: 1, Hemmingway; 2, Rutherford; 3, Rowlands.—WM. RUTHERFORD, secretary.


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## BATH AND DISTRICT F.A.

Members' show held Jan. 7th in the Corn Market, Walcot Street. The cage birds were staged at the far end of the hall, facing the many windows, and Old Sol being on his best behaviour nothing was left to be desired in the way of plenty of good light. Though in numbers our section was not so great as has been the case on many previous occasions, there were amongst the 53 exhibits many grand birds which have won in the keenest competition at several leading open shows. Mr. E. Allsopp (Swindon) placed the cards.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, spl for best Plainhead, 4, hc, Tristam and Taylor, winner well-known cl. yell., rare colour, type and quality, has been given a deserved rest of late and looking the better for it; 2, Folwell, unflig. cl., again well known, just a few feathers gone from neck, which told against him; 3, vhc, Brown, former thigh ticked, good one; c, Newman. BUFF: 1, spl for 2nd best Plainhead, Brown, well-known "Cherry Blossom," in full bloom, what more need we say? 2, Folwell, grand cl., good head and neck, well filled in back; 3, 4, Tristam and Taylor, another good cl., rare colour and quality. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Cooper, winner wing ticked, nice typical one, good length, straight as a rush, well bracced wings, pair of good legs, 2nd not so neat as winner, but a nice one. NOR. OR YORKS. HEN: 1, Brown, cl. yell., neat and natty, not the largest certainly, but one of those you stick to; 2, Folwell, wing ticked buff, good type and quality, well up for size; 3, Tristam and Taylor, varieg., good type, quality and colour. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Roberts, winner good Crest in every respect, 2nd another nice Crest, 3rd Crest-bred. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, 2, S. E. Jones, not much to separate these two, leader has a slight pull in size; 3, S. Jones, again good one, equal in blaze as regards shape and colour, but unfortunately he has two or three white feathers at base of beak, which told against him; 4, F. Mead; vhc, Fishlock; hc, Chivers. BULLFINCH: 1, Russell, beautiful dense clean cut cap, best breast colour in class, put down in rare order; 2, 3, S. E. Jones, later in the afternoon could well have changed places with the 2nd, but showed a nasty twist in throat earlier in the day; 4, Jones; vhc, Mead. LINNET OR TWITE: 1, Russell, very nice Twite, beautifully laced, very steady, in A1 order; 2, 3, Hussey, two nice Linnets, everything there in colour and markings. SISKIN OR REDPOLL: 1, spl, and cup for best cage-moulted Hardbill, Russell, well-known champion Siskin, everything that goes to make up an ideal Siskin was to be found in this one, in rare condition, shown as he well deserves; 2, Gibbons, neat Redpoll; 3, Russell, another good Redpoll; 4, Chivers. MULE OR HYB.: 1, S. Jones, rare coloured Greenie-Can., good one; 2, 3, Weeks, Greenie-Bullie and varieg. Goldie-Can., both well shown; 4, Mead, Siskin-Can., nice dark Mule. BRIT. A.O.S.: 1, S. Jones, well-known, well shown Hawfinch, called "Bath Bob," has rendered good service to his cheery owner, having won now close on £10, we fancy we have seen him looking a wee bit keener than to-day, however he gave the judge a rare tussle for cup which he won last year; 2, 3, S. E. Jones, clinking Greenfinch, wonderful size and colour, and a grand Starling, best we have ever seen; 4, Gibbons; vhc, Swift; hc, Coates; c, Hussey. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Capt. Perreau, pair of Pileated Parrakeets, a pair of Saffron Finches, and a pair of Pileated Finches, all shown in grand style; 4, Fishlock, Ringneck Parrakeet.

## CHOPPINGTON AND DIST. C.B.S.

The members held their second annual show at the Railway Hotel on January 9th. It was one of the most successful ever held in the district. Noticeable amongst the exhibits were the birds of Mr. Dixon and Mr. French. The Society has a committee of genuine fanciers, and their management of the show was of the very best. There were 170 entries in 22 classes, averaging over eight per class. The secretary is Mr. John Dixon, and his assistant Mr. W. Wollett. The room is an ideal one for a show, with a good light, and the show was well patronised by visitors present. Specials were won by Messrs. F. Dixon, Seeley Bros., W. Baker, and T. Dixon. The exhibits were judged by Mr. A. Brown (Gateshead), and his awards gave every satisfaction. The Society are having a supper and social at headquarters on January 16th, when the members are looking forward to a good time.

CLASS I.: 1, 2, Thos. Dixon; 3, R. French; vhc, W. Baker; hc, R. French; c, Seeley Bros. CLASS II.: 1, hc, Baker; 2, Seeley Bros.; 3, R. Peel; vhc, C. Suowdon; c, T. Dixon. CLASS III.: 1, Seeley Bros.; 2, French; 3, Woollett; vhc, Stevenson; hc, spl, Baker; c Seeley Bros. CLASS IV.: 1, R. Rowell; 2, Peel; 3, Chorlton; vhc, spl, J. Dixon; hc, J. Beveridge; c, French. CLASS V.: 1, 3, Chorlton; 2, French; vhc, Beveridge; hc, Peel; c, J. Smith. CLASS VI.: 1, Rowell; 2, F. Dixon; 3, Chorlton; hc, F. Dixon; hc, J. Smith; c, J. Jobling. CLASS VII.: 1, Rowell; 2, Baker; 3, Seeley Bros.; vhc, hc, Charlton. CLASS VIII.: 1, 3, Chorlton; 2, vhc, Rowell; hc, Seeley Bros. CLASS IX.: 1, vhc, Seeley Bros.; 2, 3, Baker; hc, Chorlton. CLASS X.: 1, 2, French; 3, vhc, hc, spl, Seeley Bros. CLASS XI.: 1, French; 2, Woollett; 3, vhc, hc, Seeley Bros. CLASS XII.: 1, 3, vhc, Seeley Bros.; 2, vhc, Rowell. CLASS XIII.: 1, 2, Rowell. CLASS XV.: 1, 2, Rowell; 3, Chorlton. CLASS XVI.: 1, 2, Baker; 3, Rowell; vhc, Paxton. CLASS XVII.: 1, Woollett; 2, 3, Baker; vhc, Suowdon; hc, Chorlton. CLASS XVIII.: 1, Baker; 2, 3, Atkinson; vhc, hc, Dippie; c, Chorlton. CLASS XIX.: 1, Rowell; 2, Dippie; 3, Peel. CLASS XX.: 1, Scott; 2, Griffiths; 3, Scott; vhc, c, Stevenson; hc, Griffiths. CLASS XXI.: 1, 2, J. Dixon; 3, vhc, Scott; hc, Paxton. CLASS XXII.: 1, 2, Griffitbs.

## BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' show held on Jan. 2nd at the Clarence Hotel. Mr. J. Simmons won special for best Yorkshire, and Mr. J. Taylor that for best Norwich and also special for best bird in show. Mr. Thorpe won special for best British. Mr. T. Bennett (Bradford) judged the birds, giving every satisfaction.

YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Carlisle; 2, 3, Simmons; vhc, Simms; hc, c, Race. BUFF: 1, spl, Simmons; 2, 3, Simms; vhc, hc, Race. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Barnes; 2, Simmons; vhc, c, Race; hc, Green. BUFF: 1, c, Carlisle; 2, Simmons; 3, Jackson; vhc, hc, Race. CL., ETC., UNFLIG. YELL. CK.: 1, Williams; 2, 3, Carlisle; vhc, c, Jackson; hc, Race. BUFF: 1, Carlisle; 2, vhc, Simmons; 3, c, Simms; hc, Rapson. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, J. Taylor. BUFF: 1, 3, Tohrpe; 2, Taylor. YELL. HEN: 1, J. Taylor. BUFF: 1, Thorpe. UNFLIG. YELL. CK.: 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Thorpe; vhc, Smith. BUFF: 1, Taylor. YELL. HEN: Void. BUFF: 1, spl, Taylor; 2, Rapson; 3, vhc, Thorpe. LINNET: 1, 2, Thorpe; 3, vhc, Smith. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Thorpe; 3, Smith. SELL.: 1, Rapson; 2, 3, Carlisle; vhc, Jackson.—ED. CARLISLE.

## PRESCOT.

The 22nd open show was held in the well-known and capitally lighted Assembly Room, Derby Street, on Jan. 15 and 16. Those very old-time fanciers and strong exhibitors, Messrs. J. Lucas, Scarisbrick Taylor, W. Wedgwood, A. Wellings, and G. Atkinson lent their influence and aid both on the official staff and in the exhibiting arena, and were well seconded and supported by Messrs. F. Smith, J. Platt, R. P. and J. B. S. Chesworth, with Mr. N. Lucas as hon. treasurer. Mr. Jno. Platt, the hon. secretary, had the arrangements well in hand, and was courteous to all. A very modest schedule of 23 classes was compiled. Four money prizes per class and a good list of specials were supplied, both in the open and for members. A £5 limit was put on all birds, but there was a very nice show of 150 birds, most of these being of a very good order. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged, and his awards were very well received. These ardent fanciers hope to extend the classification another year, when they trust exhibitors will rally round them.

### The Critique.

YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, 2, 3, Bennett, good trio, leader ticked neck and wings, finely drawn, clean through, upstanding, good carriage, tight condition, 2nd large and long, cl., finely drawn, 3rd well drawn, upstanding; 4, Procter, grand slim bird, nice quality; vhc, Lea; hc, A. Wellings; c, Millingcamp. BUFF (7): 1, Mercer, ticked head, grand quality and position, full of nerve and breed, A1 condition; 2, Procter, very tight cl., grand quality and carriage, neat all through; 3, Leading, ticked head, a trifle soiled; 4, Fisher, good cl.; vhc, Lee; hc, c, Dickinson. NOR. YELL. (7): 1, Crimes, ticked wing, fine substance, rare head, well made body, full of condition; 2, Bloor, tick wing, rare good body; 3, 4, Chesworth, pair of very smart quality clears, grand carriage, tight condition; vhc, J. Baxter; hc, Atkinson; c, Beech. BUFF (7): 1, Turner, very cobby cl., grand head and body, in splendid feather, etc.; 2, 3, Crimes, ticked head and a varieg., both of very fine substance and quality, full of bloom, well mealed; 4, Barnes; vhc, J. Bixter; hc, Procter; c, A. Wellings. YELL. HEN. (7): 1, Watson, thick set, very fine head, sold in feather and condition; 2, Procter, varieg., rare colour, well set body, grand feather, nice condition; 3, Jones and Chester, smart cl., well shaped body, fine quality, neat condition; 4, Crimes, good cl., grand head; vhc, Seed; hc, Meyer; c, Dickinson. BUFF (5): 1, Jones and Chester, best of shape, good head, well staged; 2, Leech, not quite the substance of 1st, tightly feathered; 3, Seed, grand body; 4, Atkinson, good head, in nice condition; vhc, Chesworth, dark cap, grand quality. UNFLIG. YELL. (5): 1, Watson, cl., very nicely proportioned, rare colour, etc.; 2, Turner, cobby varieg., nice colour, best of condition; 3, Atkinson, useful and shapely youngster; 4, Leech, nice type; vhc, R. P. Bixter. BUFF (5): 1, Mitchell, well made cl., all over neat one; 2, R. P. Bixter, good shape; 3, Atkinson, ticked eyes, nice quality, etc., a little more condition would help it a lot; 4, Seed, varieg.; vhc, Dickinson, fine shape. BORD. YELL. (5): 1, Hopper Bros., cl., grand typical bird, wins well, fine carriage and condition; 2, Bloor, cl., good feather; 3, vhc, Cannon, former best condition; 4, Glover, left wing flights a bit wrong, or might have been higher. HEN (5): 1, 2, Hopper Bros., grand pair, former best standard exhibit in all the Border properties, very smart condition; 3, Glover, yell., fine condition; 4, Birch and Sons, slim eye tick yell. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, Whittle, smart varieg. D.C. buff, grand size crest, well radiated and centred, full of feather, good body well feathered; 2, Jones and Chester, very nice varieg. C.B., broad cushion head, good frontal and entrance, well feathered and thick set body; 3, Procter, rare shaped buff cinn., fine colour, good condition; 4, vhc, and Hyde's special, Hesketh, green C.B., does the double trick here, fine length of feather, etc.; hc, Moss; c, Houghton, both Crest-breds. SELL. (£1) (7): 1, J. Bixter; 2, Sweetman; 3, Hornby; 4, Hesketh; vhc, Houghton; hc, Atkinson; c, Broomhead. (12/6) (13): 1, R. P. Bixter; 2, Atkinson; 3, 4, Sweetman; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Turner; c, Procter. (7/6): 1, A. Wellings; 2, Sweetman; 3, Barnes; 4, Turner; vhc, Gibbie; hc, Procter; c, Atkinson. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Crompton, all over it a fine one, grand colours all through, champion size, well cut blaze; 2, Jones, very little difference between the two except in size of blaze; 3, vhc, Mort, former in lovely condition; 4, Johnson Bros., fine bird for colours; hc, Wagstaffe; c, J. Bixter. LINNET (12): Nearly all in the top class: 1, Moss, big and good one, a tubbing would make it grand; 2, hc, Hillon, lovely pair of Cumberland birds in tip-top form; 3, Jones, fine shape and colour, in glossy condition; 4, Clare, well-known winner, looking fine to-day; vhc, Grime, also in rare good order; c, Little, very tight. A.O.S. HARDBILL (7): 1, Johnson Bros., fine grandly marked yell. Bunting in rare condition; 2, Crompton, well conditioned Bullfinch; 3, hc, Walsh another good Yellow Bunting 3rd; 4, Walker, smart nat. colour Greenfinch; vhc, Jones, Yellow Bunting; c, Birch and Sons, big Snow Bunting. SOFTBILLS (7): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Walsh, Great Grey Shrike in tip-top condition leader, a Tree Creeper, Redstart, and Wagtail following, all nicely shown; 2, Walker, fine Nightingale in tight conditiou; 4, Fairclough, very smart Grey Wagtail, grand condition; c, A. Wellings, Starling. A.V. NOVICE MEMBERS (19): Very fine class: 1, W. Wellings, perfect buff Yorks. hen, in grand form, real typical beauty; 2, 4, Barow, fine cobby yell. Nor. and a varieg. buff Nor., both good shape, feather and condition; 3, hc, W. T. Appleton, 3rd smart, typical shaped buff Yorks. in fine condition; vhc, Strettle, yell. Nor.; c, Jackson, and winner of a Rouen Drake given by Mr. Presswood (Prescot) for commended bird in this class.


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## WATERLOO (Liverpool).

The Waterloo Progressive C.B.S. held the members' old bird show in the Oxford Hall, Waterloo, on Jan. 9. There were 130 classes fixed, most of these being for Yorkshires and Yorkshire Greens, 68 for the former and 27 for the latter. The 22 Norwich and Norwich Green classes had to be cancelled. There were 2 Mule and 7 British classes. As this is practically a new society, with about 33 members, it was hardly to be expected that so many classes would receive entries. A large number had to be struck out and others amalgamated or condensed so as to create competition. Just over 150 birds were shown, and these made a very creditable display. In some of the classes competition ran very high, and the special prizes were keenly fought for. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged, and his awards were well received. Mr. J. Hunt is a capable secretary and a valuable servant and official. If a curtailed classification is fixed, there will then still be abundance of classes for all members' birds.

### The Critique.

YORKS. GREEN, BUFF, SELF (4): 1, W. B. Rimmer, long neat type, fine colour, good beak and legs, level throughout; 2, W. Knowles, very similar in colour and type, sound colour through; 3, Jno. Rimmer, large, grand colour; vhc, Calderbank. FOUL YELL. (5): 1, Wells, foul wing and tail, nice size, finely drawn, clean through, good sound colour, tight condition; 2, Calderbank, large and long, good beak and legs, paler in colour on sides; 3, vhc, J. Rimmer, grand colour and type, A1 condition; hc, Worrall. VARIEG. YELL. GREEN HEN (2): 1, Worrall, heavily varieg., grand breast colour, rare good type and feather; 2, Bracken, lightly varieg., nice type. YELL., GREEN HEN UNFLIG. (6): 1, 2, J. Rimmer, regular pair of pretty hens, former large, deep sound colour, latter smart type, clean through to-day, both in fine order; 3, W. Rimmer, fine substance and length; vhc, Algie; c, Bracken. BUFF (4): 1, Algie, self, grand type and colour; 2, Calderbank, slim type, good sound tone of colour, tight condition; 3, W. Rimmer, pale in colour, nice feather; No. 3, Latham, absent. YELL., GREEN CK. UNFLIG. (11): Fine lot: 1, Knowels, grand self, A1 all over it for colour and type; 2, Algie, foul, fine type, sound colour; 3, W. Rimmer, fine colour, A1 type, tight condition; vhc, Algie; c, J. Rimmer. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Knowles, self leading in very smart condition, prominent sound colour, etc.; 3, Algie, foul, good type, nice soft colour, sound through; vhc, Latham; hc, J. Rimmer. CL. YELL. YORKS. (3): 1, Larkin, best all round feather, nice type and conditon; 2, Bell, good type, beaten in tight condition of feather a little; 3, Schrimshaw, pretty type, head feather in pipe a little, which pulled it back from front. TKD. YELL. (8): 1, Worrall, varieg., A1 condition, best of feather all over; 2, 3, Larkin, tkd. cheek, finely drawn, best of quality, carriage and condition; vhc, Chorley; hc, Plunkett; c, Wilkinson. BUFF (6): 1, Larkin, grand type and condition; 2, Worrall, large bird, tick nape, fine feather and carriage; 3, Hunt, fine type, tight conditiou, clean through; vhc, Plunkett; hc, Bell; c, Schrimshaw. CL. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Larkin, best carriage and condition; 2, Plunkett, good type, equal to 1st. BUFF (3): 1, Schrimshaw, best of type and feather, A1 conditiou; 2, Chorley, nice feather and carriage; 3, Worrall. TKD. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Larkin, eye and wing marked, fine feather and condition, rich colour, etc.; 2, Calderbank, tick wing; 3, Scrimshaw, eye ticked; vhc, Bell. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (7): 1, McLean, nice all round bird, good position, etc.; 2, Hunt, long and slim, smart carriage, feather and position; 3, Algie, big long bird; vhc, Calderbank; hc, Wells; c, Larkin. BUFF (4): 1, Algie, good type, rare quality and condition; 2, Calderbank, same stamp, nice one; 3, Wells, all quality; vhc, Worrall. YELL. HEN (4): 1, McLean, very smart yell., all over it; 2, Larkin, fine style and condition; 3, Bracken, grand length, bit nervous to show as well as otherwise would do; vhc, Howard. BUFF (3): 1, Bracken, good big one, tight feather, rare position; 2, Chorley, fine quality; 3, McLean, short, good colour and condition. NON-FED YELL. YORKS. (2): 1, Bracken; 2, W. Rimmer, former best in breast and all round form, both good stand and carriage. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Bracken, nice pair all over. CINN., TKD. YELL. CK. (3): 1, 2, Bell; 3, Howard; all three good birds. BUFF (7): 1, Plunkett, rare stamp; 2, Bell, also good type; 3, c, Kincla, 3rd well shown; vhc, Plunkett; hc, Calderbank. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Larkin; 2, Algie; 3, Bell; vhc, Wells; all nice birds well shown, all good stamps of cinn. marks. BUFF (3): 1, McLean; 2, Bracken; 3, Wells; again good ones. NOVICE GREEN HEN (5): 1, Calderbank; 2, Schrimshaw; 3, vhc, Kincla; hc, Wells. FOUL YELL. GREEN UNFLIG. (2): 1, Kincla; No. 2, Calderbank, absent. DARK MULE (3): 1, 2, Horne, fine buff Linnet, and a cobby yell. Greenfinch-Can., both in fine feather and condition; 3, Larkin, also good buff Linnet-Can. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, 3, c, Horne, strong trio of good Finches, all in good condition and well shown; 2, Wilkinson, grand colour, just beaten in chest; vhc, Bond; hc, Chorley. LINNET (4): 1, Bond, grand colour, shape, head and markings, very glossy condition, takes special for best Brit. in show; 2, 3, Horne, both fine size, markings and condition; vhc, Wilkinson. GREENFINCH (4): 1, vhc, Horne, really fine pair, well shown; 2, Schrimshaw, grand size, feather and condition; 3, Bond, hot colour, just beaten in finish a little to-day. BULLIE, ETC. (2): 1, 2, Horne, Bramble and Bullie respectively, former steadiest, both well shown. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, vhc, Bond, nice Twite and a very decent Redpoll; 2, 3, Horne, well marked nat. col. Siskin and a smart Redpoll. A.O.S. HARDBILL (2): 1, Horne, fine Yellow Bunting; 2, Wilkinson, good rich colour Hawfinch, off in wings to-day only. SOFTBILL (2): 1, Wilkinson, fine big Blackbird; 2, Horne, lovely Robin. PAIRS YORKS. (4): 1, McLean; 2, Algie; 3, Schrimshaw; vhc, Larkin. SELL. (30/-) (4): 1, McLean; 2, vhc, Knowles; 3, Hunt. (15/-) (5): 1, 3, W. Rimmer; 2, Hunt; vhc, McLean; hc, Knowles. Most of the members won special prizes.

## MARSKE-BY-THE-SEA.

Marske and Dis. F.C. held their 2nd annual open show on Jan. 16 in the Institute. The "gate" was very good, the entries also coming up well. The amount of entry fees was above what was wanted to pay prize money, and the committee intend extending the classification next year. Mr. T. Kirby, the energetic secretary, had everything well in hand, and was ably assisted by a hard-working and capable committee, who gave every attention to the needs of the exhibits, which were staged in a separate room. The room was a very suitable one, having plenty of light. The exhibits were of a high-class order, both the Canaries and the British. Mr. S. Ware won the special for best bird in show, and Mr. J. Meaburn took that for best member's bird. Mr. A. Wake (Middlesbrough) judged, his awards giving satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (14): 1, Ware, rare quality, good head, wings and back, very stylish; 2, Cuthbertson, slim and stylish, grand quality; 3, Rand, nice quality, good position; res, Stevens; vhc, c, Miss Howe; hc, Rev. B. Wilton. BUFF (9): 1, c, Meaburn, very stylish, splendid shape, well up on legs; 2, Cuthbertson, stylish, A1 quality, good legs and wings; 3, Rev. B. Wilton, again a good one; res, Stevens; vhc, Ware; hc, Miss Howe. TKD., ETC. (16): 1, vhc, Ware, head ticked, good length, stylish, A1 quality, good legs and wings, wins well; 2, 3, Cuthbertson, good length, not so well staged perhaps, 3rd stylish, well up on legs; res, Meaburn; hc, Rev. B. Wilton; c, Miss Howe. NOR. (12): 1, 2, Hill and Stewart, hot in colour, grand type, good head and chest, 2nd fine deep chest, grand colour; 3, Rev. B. Wilton, cap. marked buff, stout and cobby, not so good behind as leaders perhaps; res, hc, Pickering and Wright; vhc, Ware; c, Hanson and Lancaster, good nat. col. Nor. A.O.V. (10): 1, vhc, Summerhill, Scotch Fancy, grand shoulders, droop well under, plenty of nerve; 2, hc, c, Rev. B. Wilton, nice Crest; 3, Pickering and Wright, cinn., nice size, good colour; res, Gibson. BRIT., SMALL (17): 1, Briscoe, Nightingale, grand size, steady as a rock, well staged; 2, Johnson, Bullfinch, splendid type, good cap, lovely condition; 3, Hanson and Lancaster, Goldfinch, fine size, well tanned, grand head; res, vhc, Foster; hc, Lowe; c, Rev. B. Wilton. There were two grand Hawfinches in this class which were not eligible. LINNET (Brown or Grey) (14): 1, Stamps, good size, lovely markings, staged in splendid condition; 2, Watson, good type, nice markings and size; 3, res, Milburn and Hughes, good colour, well pencilled; vhc, Stamps; hc, Hanson and Lancaster; c, Smith. SELL. (10/-) (15): 1, Rev. B. Wilton; 2, Pickering and Wright; 3, Barker; res, Hanson and Lancaster; vhc, Rand; hc, Stevens; c, no name. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, Grainger Bros., Goldie-Bullie, lovely quality, good size, well staged; 2, Hanson, Greenie-Goldie, splendid feather, shown in the best of form; 3, Gibson, yell. Goldfinch-Can., good colour; res, Preston; vhc, Robinson; hc, Evens; c, Snowdon. GIFT (8): 1, Rev. B. Wilton; 2, Milburn and Hughes; 3, Clegg; res, Snowdon; vhc, Pinchin; hc, Rev. B. Wiltou; c, Challis.


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## SHOW DATES FIXED.

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* Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

*Feb. 5, 6, 7, 8.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show** (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Av., Brixton) H.T.C. S.B.C. J.F.D., J.D., T.H., J.F.H., R.A.T., W.M., J.R., J.H.R., W.S., G.E.W., A.S., and W.V.

*Feb. 25—**Gorseinon (Glam).**—Gordon Clarke, High St., Gorseinon.

Oct. 13 and 14—**Caterham.**—(Jas Kilby, Caterham Valley.) J.R.

Oct. 15 and 16 **Bolton** J. Stringer, 27, James St.

Oct. 16.—**Darlington C. & C.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42 Brook Terrace.

Oct. 19 and 20—**Western Counties (Plymouth)**—(Thos. Pope, 68 Embankment Road.)

*Oct. 20 and 21—**Grimsby & Dis. O.S.**—(W. H. Moore, 39, Lord street).

Oct. 20 and 21 **Battersea, open.**—(Easterling and Allin, 340, Battersea Park Road.)

Oct. 22 and 23—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Philpott, 28, Jubilee St., Oswaldtwistle).

Oct. 22 and 23—**Newcastle-on-Tyne**—(Curry and Hutchinson, 60, Grosvenor Gardens.)

Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford, Normand Place, Kelty, N.B.

Oct. 23—**City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 6, St. Catherine's Road.

*Oct. 29 and 30—**Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.**—H. Marshall 41, Carman St, W.V & H.R.

Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S** J. Logan, 23, High Street.

Nov. 3.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Av.

Nov. 5 and 6—**Claydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa street.)

Nov. 10 and 11—**Cambridge**—T. S. Moore, 120, Newmarket Road.

Nov. 13 and 14—**Nottingham**—G. E. Wilkinson 9, Wellington Square, Parkside.

Nov. 17—**Reading**—(G. A. Charles, 4, Talfourd Avenue, Earley, Reading)

Nov. 19 and 20 **Hull C.B.S.**—(E. K. Ridley, 19 Lambton Street).

Nov. 19 and 20—**Sunderland**—(W. Reid, 2, Plantation Road, Pallion.)

Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.)

Dec. 1 and 2—**City of Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.)

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Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,)

## ENTRIES CLOSE.

**Jan. 23—Crystal Palace** J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London.

" **26—Bradford East**—W. Hill, 31, St. Stephen's Road, West Bowling, Bradford.

" **30—Caerphilly**—Mathias & Evans, Strand, Cardigan.

## ENTRIES EXTENDED.

**Jan. 25**—(First pos.) **Maesteg**—W. Jenkins, 43, John Street, Nantyffyllon.

## PRIZE MONEY PAID.

[Will exhibitors who have not received their prize-money please communicate with the respective secretaries at once.]

Prescot. Northallerton, Millom, Scottish National.

## REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

**Tivy-Side.**—Feb. 3rd, Market Buildings, Cardigan.—Judge, Mr. R. Bowker. 15 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, Pairs 1, Brit. 7, For. 1. Prizes, for Can. and Mules, 8/-, 4/-, 2/- (fee 1/-); for Brit., 5/-, 2/6, 1/3 (fee, 6d.). Entries close Jan. 30th, to G. H. Mathias, Strand, Cardigan.

**Bradford East** (Y.U., Y.C.C., and C.M.Y.C.C.).—Jan. 30th, Park Chapel Schools.—Judge, Mr. A. Hirst. 24 open classes: Yorks. 19 (6 Novice), 1, Nor. 2, Sell. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 6/-, 4/-/ 2/-. Fee, 1/6; members', 1/3. Entries close Jan. 26th, to H. Hill, 31, St. Stephen's-road, West Bowling, Bradford.

**Thirsk.**—Feb. 19th, Public Rooms.—Judge, Mr. T. J. Ambrose. 6 open classes: Yorks. 4, Nor. 1, Brit. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Feb. 12th, to J. Bell, Ingramgate, Thirsk.

**City and Suburban A.C.B.**—Jan. 30th, Church Institute, Paddington-street, Marylebone, W.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 24 members' pair classes. Many special prizes. Entries close Jan. 25th, to V. Wynn, 22, Park-lane, W.

In the advertisement of the Cardigan Show, which appeared in our columns last week, the date of that show was inadvertently given by our printers as February 5th instead of Wednesday, February 3rd. Will fanciers please note this correction? The society is hoping for a bumping entry, and the management is in capable hands.

I have never been so surprised as I was on Saturday. I had four replies to my advertisement on the Saturday, and that was before I had seen the advertisement myself. I had one reply each from Southampton and Surrey and 2 from London, so I think that is quite sufficient to show what Cage Birds is for advertising in.—A. Bennett (Carlton).

I note there is no account of the specials won in the Lizard classes in Mr. Winter's (the secretary's) report of the Scottish National Show, writes Mr. J. Rukin. I won special for best Lizard, and special for most points in the Lizard and selling classes. Messrs. Dandie and Ross won the remaining specials. Many thanks for the grand report of the show, which was truly an excellent one.

Thanks to the splendid advertising medium of your valuable journal we had a grand show on Boxing Day, write Messrs. Bescoby and Hague, secretaries of Doncaster O. and F.S. Such quality with quantity we think Doncaster has never before been favoured with. And we are pleased to say we paid full prize money in all the classes and within 14 days from the date of show. This, we think, should give exhibitors confidence in us to patronise our next venture.

Kindly note my change of address, writes Mr. F. Derby, from Teignmouth Road, Bournbrook, to 319, Upper Dawlish Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

Allow me to thank you very much for the grand report which you gave us of our first show, writes Mr. David Kay, hon. secretary of the Musselburgh O.S.

The annual (1908) show of the Thirsk Fanciers' Society has left a balance in the bank of £12 0s. 3d., we gather from the financial statement received from the hon. secretary, (Mr. J. Bell.

Mr. W. Jones has guaranteed a £1 1s. cup for best bird in the gift class, and the society will offer two medals for second and third birds at our open show, to be held February 13th.—C. T. Parkes, assist secretary, City of Wakefield O.S.

I have removed from Stanley Villa, 212, Fishponds Road, to 388, Fishponds Road, Bristol, writes Mr. A. S. Bawn, and have taken into partnership Miss Maud Adams. We shall exhibit in the future under the name of Bawn and Adams. Will secretaries please note?

Kindly thank all who sent for my collie pup which I advertised in Cage Birds last week, writes Mr. J. Cooke (Alton). He was sold same day as issue, but applications keep pouring in from all parts. It shows what a grand paper Cage Birds is to advertise in. I wish it every success.

Llanelly show report credits Mr. Sampson with 2nd in the Yellow Border hen class; it should have read first and second, O'Connell. I also won the silver cup for best team of six Canaries in show, having taken three firsts, two seconds, and two thirds in the Border section.—Dan. O'Connell (Swansea).

The financial statement of the Tong and Dis. C.B.S. for last season shows a balance in hand of £4 12s. 9½d., which must be accounted very good, seeing that the society has only been in existence some nine months or more. The secretary (Mr. J. Smith), and the officials are to be congratulated on the result.

My Siskin, the "Pride of Bath," and my Twite did not compete at the Scottish National Show, writes Mr. F. J. Russell (Bath). I did not send them on account of the severe weather we had. Since that my Siskin has won the cup for the best British Hardbill (house moulted) at the Bath and Dis. F. Show held January 7th.

The Clapham and Dis. C.B.A. continues to make excellent progress, judging by the balance-sheet for 1908, which reaches us from the hon. secretary, Mr. S. H. W. Baker. Though the excellent first open show which they held resulted in a loss of £7 14s. 1d., there still remains a balance on the year's working of £5 12s. 2d.

The Battersea Open C.B.A. at their meeting held on January 6th, we hear, elected Messrs. F. Easterling and F. C. Allen joint secretaries, Mr. Easterling not having sufficient time to carry out the whole of the duties as formerly, owing to pressure of business. It was decided to hold the members' pair and Finch Show on February 3rd.

The two silver cups offered for competition by the Metropolitan C.B.A., viz., novice and champion, writes Mr. R. Dear, the hon. secretary, have been won by the following members: Champion, Mr. G. Harwood; runners up, Messrs. J. Simpson and F. S. Matthes. Novice and Amateurs: Mr. H. Ralph; runners up, Messrs. Sawer and Son, and W. McGregor.

The winners of specials for most points secured at our recent show, writes Mr. W. Pawley, hon. secretary of the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S., were as follows: Novice Border Fancy, H. Weaver; British bird classes, W. Francis; K.C.C.B.A., F. G. Gibbs; members, E. Meades; 2nd, A. Scott; 3rd, L. Y. Richardson; 4th, W. Allison.

As there are so many "Williams" in our society, writes Mr. E. H. Williams (Llanelly), I shall be glad if you will mention that it was "E. H." (myself) who won 1st in the clear yellow Yorkshire class, 4th non-fed cock, 4th, non-fed hen, 2nd local Yorks, 1st members' Yorks, also special prize for best Yorks, and two specials for best local members' bird, at the recent Llanelly Show.

We have received the annual balance sheet (duly audited) of the City and Suburban A.C.B. from the hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. V. Wynn. It evidences a highly satisfactory year's working, on which the society can congratulate itself, for notwithstanding the loss on the annual show, the cash balance of £23 3s. 10d. remains, an increase over that of the previous season. The total assets (including cups, shield, medals, furniture, etc.), amount to no less than £71 17s. 4d.

Will you kindly let fanciers around New Stevenston, Holytown, Bells Hill, Airdrie, and Motherwell districts know that we have got two silver cups for competition, one for fanciers and one for Norwich and Crests, writes Mr. J. Lamb, secretary New Stevenston and Dis. O.S., and that they will be shown shortly in the windows of some of our prominent merchants. All fanciers are invited to attend our next meeting, which will be held in Robb's Hall, on the second Tuesday in March, at 8 o'clock.

Allow me to congratulate you on the beautiful coloured plate and calendar, which were presented with the Christmas Number. The latter was a treat. I have taken Cage Birds from its commencement, little thinking it would attain its present proud position as the leading paper of the Fancy. I have not had the opportunity of advertising lately, as my last advertisement of my surplus stock brought me in contact with so many more fanciers that they almost cleared me out, in fact, compelled me to advertise myself to recruit my stock.—E. W. Sellick (Ashbourne).

Kindly state, writes Mr. W. Pawley, hon. secretary Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S., that all fanciers are invited to be present at the concert to be held on January 28th, when the president will present the prizes and specials to members.

We were much astonished recently to receive a communication from Mr. J. H. Jones, of Merthyr Tydvil, to the effect that certain Scotch Fancies he was reported to have exhibited at the recent Llanelly Show had never been sent by him to that exhibition. Upon investigating the matter we find that our reporter, Mr. Gamage, of Swansea, in order to secure the publication of Llanelly report in the same issue, requested another fancier to assist him by commenting on the Norwich, Borders, and the Scotch. We should like it, therefore, to be understood that it was not our regular reporter who was responsible for the blunder.

Under the heading of "Wild Bird Life" we published last week a highly interesting account of two Nightingales greeting the New Year with song, though flying about in an outdoor aviary and braving the severe weather. It should have been made clear that this fine aviary is the property of Mr. J. Norman, a well-known resident of Carshalton, the Surrey village which also shelters our Mr. H. Norman, Cage Birds artist-in-chief. The only relationship between the two gentlemen, however, is that which the "brotherhood of birds," so to speak, confers. We regret this was not made clear in the published account. Mr. J. Norman's aviary is a beautiful, spacious place, erected from his own plans, and is known to many Metropolitan, etc., bird-lovers.

Some splendid samples of earthenware goods designed for the use of bird-keepers, reach us from Mr. Edwin Parr (Cobridge), also a copy of his illustrated price list. A great feature of all these goods is that they are glazed with a leadless glaze, absolutely free from any poisonous matter whatever. The sanitary nest pan has a very bold, strong edge, ensuring the bird having a firm grip, while the size is most convenient. The sales of this pan amounted to 23,506. The felt lining which fits inside this (or can be stretched to suit larger one when required), reached the surprising number of 47,664 sold. Samples were also enclosed of Mr. Parr's cut partition drawer, inverted slot duplex drawer, half-circle pan that grips the wires and will remain in any position, oval bath, and medium feeder. Nearly all the patterns are made with machine presses and dies, thus insuring uniformity in sizes. Fanciers should certainly make a point of seeing these goods.

### Our Frontispiece.

The ticked buff Coppy cock illustrated on our front page this week is one of the most successful of its kind of recent years. It has won four firsts and one second at five successive shows. It has secured two firsts at both Manchester and Rochdale. It is a bird of good type and great substance, finished off with an excellent coppy.

### Our "Black Canary" Puzzle.

Intending competitors should not overlook the fact that entries for our "Black Canary" Puzzle (vide the front page of last week's issue) closes on Thursday next, January 28th. Copies of the Puzzle, printed on cardboard, may be had post free for three-halfpence in stamps, or four copies three-pence post free, from the Manager, Cage Birds, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

### Prodigious!

Just as we go to press we learn that a remarkable invention has just been patented and will shortly be put upon the market. It is called "Williams' Sexophone," and it is claimed for it that it will infallibly tell the sex of any "animal, bird, or reptile," and reveal not only whether an egg is fertile, but also the sex of the young. My word, it fairly takes one's breath away. If only it be true, then it looks as though Mr. Rockefeller cannot hope to remain the richest man in the world much longer!

### Our Birthday Number.

We have been the delighted recipients of a perfect shoal of congratulatory letters from readers concerning our Birthday Number of last week, and return sincere thanks to the senders for their generous appreciation. Owing to pressure of other matter we are unable to deal further with them in this issue, but will endeavour to do so in our next. There was a great run on the number, and the whole edition was sold right out within a few hours of publication. Will those who have written us stating they were unable to obtain copies kindly accept this explanation. We may possibly have a few copies for disposal a little later on, but can make no promise.

### Echoes from Larkhall.

That the show touched high-water mark in the history of the society; that the entries being 1,035, it is the best one day show in Scotland; that the dinner in the "Royal" was also a big success; that hon. president Robert Lambie, Esq., J.P., C.C., makes an ideal chairman; that secretary James McEwan is a splendid organiser and most obliging; that the officials, judges, and the Press were duly "toasted"; that the hall was packed with visitors till the close of the show; that the Larkhall Society offer splendid inducements; that the show is worthy of the confidence of the Fancy, and deserving of support by breeders; that the officials and members seem to vie with each other in looking after the comfort of the visitors and exhibits alike; that all seemed highly satisfied with the results of the show for 1909. —"Scotch Fancy."

## CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them

**Bradford West C.B.A.**—Jan. 23, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Re any alterations in the Union rules.—J. W. Telford.

**Bolton and Dist. O.S.**—Jan. 27, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. P. Proctor. Fanciers and friends invited.—H. Parkinson.

**Barnsley and Dist. C.B.S.**—Jan. 30. Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Balance sheet and other business.—E. Carlisle.

**Derby C.B.C.**—Jan. 30, Victoria St. Congregational Schoolroom, 7. Arrangements for Pair Show. Balance sheet.—W. Stevens.

**City and Suburban A.C.B.**—Jan. 25, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, W., 8.15. Adjourned annual general meeting.—V. Wynn.

**City of Wakefield O.S.**—Jan. 23, Crown and Anchor, 7.—C. T. Parkes.

**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.**—Jan. 28, Montpelier, Choumert Road, Peckham, 8. Adjourned annual general meeting.—W. Hodson.

**Dewsbury and Dis. C.B.S.**—Jan. 23, Royal Hotel, 2.30. Members' Show; judge, Mr. J. Wilman (Shipley).—N. Rayner.

**Ealing, Hanwell, and Dist F.S.**—Jan. 28, Mission Hall, Church Road, Hanwell, 7.30. Annual general meeting.—W. Bird.

**Eccleshill C.B.A.**—Jan. 22, Fountain Inn, 8. Alteration of rules and arrangements for supper.—T. Elsegood.

**East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.**—Jan. 23, Barley Mow Hotel. Members' Show, entries close 3 o'clock same day. Judge, Mr. L. Dykes (Bolton Woods).—L. Booth.

**Green Canary Association.**—Jan. 28, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool, 8. Night show of pairs and judging competition. Full particulars on syllabus cards. Good list of specials. Arrangements for annual dinner and other important business.—S. Hadwin.

**Grimsby and Dist. O.S.**—Feb. 1, Slatter's Rooms, 7.30. Table show for matched Nor. breeding pairs and classes for Brit. birds. Judge, Mr. A. Townsend; fanciers and friends invited.—H. Harding.

**Great Horton Good Intent O.S.**—Jan. 16, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 7. Annual meeting, balance sheet, election of officers and arrangements for members' shows.—H. Schofield. (Possibly Jan. 23 is meant.—Editor.)

**Great Horton O.S.**—Jan. 23, Butchers' Arms, 8. Balance sheet, election of officers; presentation of prizes.—J. Holroyd.

**Gateshead and Dist. C.B.S.**—Jan. 27, Lockhart's, 7.30. Arrangements for annual general meeting and balance sheet.—T. Taylor.

**Hebden Bridge and Dist. C.B.F.A.**—Jan. 26, Lellos Market Street, 7.30. General meeting and supper.—W. Simpson.

**Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.**—Jan. 28, Nuttclough Tavern. Election of officers, etc.—W. Parratt.

**Heywood and Dist. C.B.S.**—Jan. 26, 7.30. Annual meeting, balance sheet, election of officers, etc.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

**Ilford F. and F.S.**—Jan. 26, 4, Cranbrook Road, 8. Passing of accounts, election of new members, etc.—A. Webb.

**Leicester C.B.S.**—Jan. 27, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Table show, Nor. Yell. Hen, Open; ditto Novice; Nor. Heavily Var., or Green; Open ditto Novice.—Judge, G. Lander; all interested in cage birds invited.—J. A. Tyler.

**Larkhall C.B.A.**—Jan. 30, Miner's Hall, 7. Classification and judge for pair show.—J. Pollock.

**Lewisham and Dist. C.B.S.** — Feb. 2, Roebuck Hotel, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson, on the Canary and its General Management. Fanciers heartily welcome.—G. H. Phillips.

**Metropolitan C.B.A.**—Jan. 28, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, Clapham Junction, 8. Lecture on "Pairing."—R. Dear.

**Morriston and Dist. C.B.S.**—Jan. 23, Woodfield Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Business of importance.—D. Jeremy.

**Northern Yorkshire C.C.**—Jan. 27, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 8. Presentation of cup, medals, and novice specials, election of officers, consideration of rules; all friends welcome.—T. C. Crawthall.

**North Manchester C.B.S.**—Jan. 26, 8. Payment of special prizes and other important business.—J. Davey.

**National B.B. and M.C.**—Jan. 28, "Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8. Balance sheet.—Plumbridge and Carr.

**Oldham and Dist. C.B.S.** — Jan. 26, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Names for annual party, held on Jan. 30.—F. Steeple.

**Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.**—Jan. 28, Holy Trinity Schools, 8. Concert and prize distribution; fanciers welcomed.—W. Pawley.

**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** — Jan. 25, Chapel Street Congregational Hall, 8. Election of officers.—W. Jackson.

**Poplar and Dist. C.B.S.**—Jan. 28, 147, East India Dock Road, Poplar, E. Matched pair show postponed.—H. W. Cook.

**Rochdale O.C.**—Jan. 25, Club Room, 8. Town hall meeting.—J. Butterworth.

**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.**—Jan. 26, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 7.15. Whist Drive; fanciers and friends invited. Committee meeting on Jan. 27 at headquarters, 8.—F. Rayner.

**Seaham Harbour and Dist. C.B.B.A.**—Jan. 23, Station Hotel, 7.—H. Dobson.

**Sale Open O.S.**—Jan. 25, Technical School, 7.45 Pair show, for Canary, Mule, or Hybrid, breeding. Mr. J. Massey will judge; also very important business; entries same night.—J. Irlam.

**Sunderland C.B.A.**—Jan. 30, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. New members welcomed.—W. Reid.

**Sowerby Bridge and Dist. C.B.S.**—Jan. 27, Bull's Head Hotel, 7.30. Pie Supper and Social; will those who intend coming please notify sec.? Members and friends welcomed.—A. E. Morton.

**Tunbridge Wells and Dist. F.A.**—Jan. 26, Societies' Hall, 8.30. Annual general meeting; election of officers and committee, and other business.—H. G. Whibley.

**Vale of Leven and Dumbartonshire O.S.**—Jan. 27, Alexandria, 7.30. Election of office-bearers for 1909. R. Conely.

**Wakefield Roller C.C.** — Jan. 25. Headquarters, 7.45. Election of officers, etc.—J. Netherwood.

**Y.C.C. of Scotland** (Annual General Meeting.—Jan. 26, Co-operative Hall, Glasgow, 7.45. Balance sheet, election of office-bearers, presentation of prizes.—F. Bowman.

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# CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

### Plants and Shrubs for Aviary.

**W.A.**—I rather doubt the possibility of growing any such flowering plants as sweet peas in an aviary with Canaries. If the birds would give them a chance the old-fashioned lupins, wallflowers, larkspurs, and aquelegias, with climbing and dwarf nasturtiums, and a few plants of Canary creeper and an ampelopsis would make up quite an attractive aviary. Box, privet, and elder are among the best shrubs, as the birds do not eat these so badly as they do most other things. The trouble in small aviaries is not only to prevent the birds eating the vegetation, but also to preserve it in a sightly condition and fairly free from the droppings of the birds.

### Cause of Death.

**Puzzled** (Clapham).—It is quite impossible to say definitely what caused the death of your bird. Only a *post mortem* would have revealed this with certainty. Unless the bird was a very old one, or a natural weakling, I do not think your suggestion of an internal chill very feasible. On the other hand, some of the symptoms point to an apoplectic seizure. I do not think you could have done much to save it beyond keeping it quite quiet, fairly warm, giving it a couple of drops of equal doses of olive oil and brandy in the beak every hour or two until the bowels were acted on by it, and adding a pinch of Epsom salts to its water for a day. A bit of bread sopped in milk would have been the best food. It is quite likely that by pouring a few drops of neat whisky down its throat when in such a condition you unconsciously hastened its passage "over the border."

### Ceased Singing.

**Saint Anne.**—It appears as though your bird really can sing, but—well, he doesn't want to. As he started singing after you first had him, and pulled him through the result of a probably rough journey, it looks as though the cause now lies in some fault of your own management. But, still, as he appears quite healthy it is not very easy to suggest something to make him sing. Perhaps his cage is hung in an unfavourable position, where his attention is too much distracted and turned from his song; or you should ascertain whether it is infested with red-mites. First remedy either or both of these faults, and then try what the following treatment will do for it. Feed on a staple diet of two parts Canary to one part summer rape, twice a week give a small teaspoonful of egg-food or crushed sponge cake with a few grains of gold of pleasure sprinkled over it, once a week a few grains of hemp, and on one other day a few grains of inga. Two or three times a week give a little green-food, free from frost, or sweet juicy fruit, and three times a week for a fortnight ten drops of glycerine and five of aromatic sulphuric acid in the drinking water. For a few days keep a light cover over the cage, removing it for a couple of hours in the morning and evening. This may be dispensed with as soon as the bird appears to settle down to singing.

### The Best to Start With.

**C. Farrell.**—For one that is quite a novice the breed you mention should be exactly reversed to show the best variety to start with, viz., Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests. Taking them in this order the Norwich is a very hardy, easily manageable, and not very difficult variety to breed of a good type capable of winning prizes at small shows. The price of reasonable show birds, assuming you mean moderately good ones, may be anything from 30s. or 40s. upwards. The better class of birds capable of winning in first-class competition may range from £5 to £10 or upwards. Fairly decent birds, capable of breeding good stock, can always be bought for £2 or £3 a pair. Yorkshires are also hardy, easy to breed and manage, but require more skill in mating to breed good ones, and also good training to prepare them for show. The price would be about the same as for Norwich, or a few shillings higher for the cheaper class. Crests are not at all a suitable breed for a novice to "learn on." They require more skilful management to breed of a good type, and yet more skill to prepare for show and exhibit successfully, and taken altogether they are not so hardy as the other two varieties. Finally, they are too expensive to trifle with—that is, of course, speaking of fairly good birds. Crests can be bought almost as cheaply as Norwich, but you must not expect to take the exhibition world by storm with them or their descendants. Decent show birds will cost from £5 to £10. Really good specimens capable of holding their own in good competition would run up nearer £25, or even more than that.

### The Pink Eye.

**"One in Doubt."**—(1) A pink-eyed Canary is invariably one that is either a Cinnamon or has an appreciable proportion of Cinnamon blood in its veins. The pink eye is a characteristic of the Cinnamon variety. In some birds the red tinge is not very palpable, except by looking at the eye sideways in a good light. Such birds when viewed "full face," so to speak, appear to have dark eyes. Young birds in the nest show the most pronounced red tinge, and the pink eye is easily seen in them even in birds which eventually appear to become dark eyed unless viewed in the right direction. (2) To breed these pink-eyed birds for Mule breeding your quickest way would probably be to mate a pink-eyed Norwich cock, which, of course, would mean that it is more or less closely related to the Cinnamon, with your sib hens, and either a pink-eyed or a Cinnamon-marked hen with one of your sib cocks; and retain all the clear young which show the pink-eye distinctly for mating back into your sibs, gradually weeding out any green-marked or Cinnamon birds to keep the sibs as clear as you can. Of course, you may have to infuse fresh pink-eyed blood from time to time.

### Roller with Cold.

**S. A. Brough.**—The bird has, without doubt, been exposed to a draught or chill in some way. Feed it as frequently advised in this column; see that the necessary precautions are taken to prevent exposure in the future, and keep it in a comfortable, but not over-heated, temperature, which is fairly equable day and night. Having duly attended to these points, add twenty drops of whiskey, six each of glycerine, and syrup of squills, and two of oil of eucalyptus (well shaken together) to the drinking water two days in every three for a fortnight, or you may cease giving it earlier, if its use is not required that length of time. On each of the days when you omit giving the mixture in the water, give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod-liver oil emulsion well mixed in it.

### A Weary Willie.

**M. Cleary.**—Your bird is probably in an overfed condition, assuming, that is, that it is not an old one, as you say nothing on that point. Your feeding is also very faulty. Feed on a staple of plain Canary only, with about half a teaspoonful of summer rape, given separately twice a week. On two other days each week give half a teaspoonful—not more—of egg food or crushed sponge cake, whichever you are using. A meal worm four or five times a week would also be very beneficial. Give nothing else in the way of food for a couple of months, except perhaps a scrap of green food when no frost is about. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for three consecutive days, afterwards every second day for a week, and on the alternate days twenty drops of Chemical Food. At the end of this time give four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid in the water for a few days to complete the treatment.

### Lost Use of Legs.

**W. Easton, jun.**—The trouble seems to have lasted some time, so am afraid I cannot hold out much hope of your curing the bird. It would have been a help had you said whether the bird was in a thin or plump condition of body.—Try following treatment for a month, and report result, referring to this reply. Keep it in a moderate-sized cage, in a comfortable temperature; see that draughts and chills are absolutely avoided, and that there is no trouble from red mites. Feed on a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, and give a half-teaspoonful of hemp twice a week separately, once a week a few grains of linseed, and every second day a half-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of cod-liver oil emulsion mixed in it. A small spray of groundsel or chickweed may be given three times a week when available, and quite free from frost. In the drinking water give every second day for a week as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and on alternate days four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. After the first week give, instead of the above, twenty drops of Chemical Food every second day, and two of tincture of steel (in the water) on alternate days.

### To Breed for Colour.

**Novice.**—The right birds to put together to breed birds with deep yellow plumage are undoubtedly those which, in addition to complying with the fundamental rule of mating yellow to buff, and clear with marked, also have a fairly strong tincture of green blood running in their veins. Your birds, which are very whitish in colour, have probably been bred too long from clears, and perhaps from double buffs, and inbred. They may possibly be very useful birds for Mule breeding. However, to start afresh, and breed your colour, you should get a variegated yellow cock, a ticked buff hen, and a clear buff hen with plenty of under-colour—one bred from double-yellows or from variegated parents would be best. From these you will breed a large proportion of ticked or variegated birds, and the clears will be in the minority, but the natural colour will show a great improvement. Next year you may introduce either a green hen or a rich coloured variegated yellow to mate with one of the young clear buff cocks, and then mate the clear hens from that mating, assuming, of course, other typical points are suitable, back to the original variegated cock. The real secret, if it can be so-called, of breeding rich coloured birds is to have plenty of green blood always running in the strain. This means breeding a large proportion of marked birds, but it is best to grip the idea from the first that this has to be endured, as it is practically impossible to breed from clears year after year without losing a good deal of natural colour. There is very little to choose in the hardihood and ease of management of Yorkshire and Norwich. The balance may be the least trifle in favour of the latter, but the difference is not very appreciable.

### Ideal v. Sibs.

**"Devon."**—As you clearly want to breed some good typical Yorkshires for exhibition, it is rather a clashing of interests, or perhaps it would be best to say a waste of good material, to throw in the chances of breeding light Mules as a kind of side issue. For the latter purpose you want clear birds in which the green blood is in a sense obliterated, whereas in breeding good exhibition Yorkshires you want a fair amount of green blood in the bird to keep up the natural depth of colour. You do not say whether you want to produce cinnamon or green marked birds, so I assume you are not particular which, and would advise you to mate the hen with a cinnamon-marked buff cock. By this mating you will breed a majority of cinnamon-marks, and ticks, with a few stray green-marks, if your birds have any near kinship with green blood. As regards the cock, it is not unlikely your management was more or less the cause of its condition. Perhaps had you written the vendor a courteous note he might have met you in the matter.

### Inspected Seed.

**J. L., Novice.**—Judging from what you say about the husks sticking in the hopper, as though damp, I am inclined to think your seed is at the root of the bird's trouble. Chew a little and see if it tastes quite sweet, or musty. Also examine it closely with a pocket lens if you have one, to see whether what may appear like light coloured dust to the naked eye is in reality a multitude of minute insects. You may even see movement with the naked eye if you carefully watch a particular heap of "dust," or you may detect their presence by rubbing some of the seed through the thumb and finger, when the seed may feel clammy, and the fingers will smell quite nauseous. If you find the seed thus infested the remedy is obvious. Give only good sound sweet seed, in perfectly clean hoppers. For a month feed on a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of sherry and one of cod-liver oil emulsion, mixed in it every second day. A scrap of green food may be given on the alternate days when quite free from frost. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for three consecutive days, and after that give twenty drops of whiskey, five each of syrup of squills and dandelion juice, and two of oil of eucalyptus well shaken together every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days, give twelve drops of Chemical Food in the water See they are quite free from draughts. Give baths only when the weather is quite mild.

### Father and—What?

**Sykes.**—Continue same method of feeding for the old cock as advised before, but add one drop of cod-liver oil emulsion to the sherry-moistened sponge cake, and mix well together. In the drinking water give twenty drops of Chemical Food every second day for a fortnight, and on alternate days two drops each tincture of steel and tincture of gentian, with five drops dandelion juice, well shaken together. If the bird is not well at the end of the fortnight, still continue the general feeding and management, but omit the drugs for a week, giving pure water only during that week; then begin with the medicines as above, and give as usual for another fortnight. As regards the young bird, I rather suspect it is a hen. Give a little sponge cake, same as advised for the cock, every second day for a week, and if it does not come into fuller song I think you may safely regard it as a hen. It will be quite old enough to breed with this year, but do not mate up before the end of March.

### Plucking the Mote.

**W. Coates.**—I hope you are not too premature in your strictures on the vendor. I feel sure the person would meet any business-like representation in a fair manner. You do not even say how long you have had the bird, and it is just possible your treatment may not be quite faultless. Certainly, I do not consider a diet of German rape with only a little Canary to be an ideal one. Feed on a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Give separately a few grains of hemp twice a week, and a small teaspoonful of egg food, or crushed sponge cake as a substitute, and mix two drops of sherry and one drop of cod-liver oil emulsion in it each time for a fortnight to see if it comes on song any better. Give three times a week a scrap of green-food, quite free from frost, or a bit of banana as a substitute, the same number of times. See it is free from draught, and if it appear at all hoarse add twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and five of syrup of squills to the water for a day or two.

### Prolonged Moulting.

**J.C.**—You are not feeding the birds correctly. They are also probably being exposed to draughts or great variations of temperature, which must also be remedied. Keep them in a comfortable place, not necessarily over-heated, but of equable temperature. Feed on a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape mixed together, and give separately twice a week a few grains only of hemp, and on two other days a few grains of linseed. Every second day give a half-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of sherry and one drop cod-liver oil well mixed. Give these extras alternately, so a different one is given each day. Cease giving cayenne, milk sop, and all other messes, and give nothing but the above in the way of food, except it be a scrap of green-food, when no frost is about, or a bit of banana. In the drinking water give twenty drops Chemical Food every second day, on the days when you are giving sponge cake, and on the alternate days four drops tincture of steel. Stop all drugs as soon as moulting has ceased.

### Business-like.

**E. G. P.**—(1) In a general way, I certainly think you may achieve your object quite well by breeding with the birds flying loose as you suggest, and in that way it is decidedly less trouble to attend to them properly, but whether it is more easily understood I doubt, as the same foods must be prepared and supplied. Still, there is nothing but what your wife could fully understand and be able to do just as well as you if you let her watch you mix and prepare the food and feed the birds a few times. (2) You seem to have got this nicely fitted up. A cover of netting over the fire-place should not be omitted if there is an open chimney. A cover of loose thread netting might also be useful over the door in the wire partition to prevent any bird from escaping when the door was opened to admit anyone. The nest boxes might also be placed on shelves, which would help to prevent casualties to eggs or young accidentally dragged out of the nest, and a few evergreen bushes fastened up around the walls would be useful as perches or nesting site. Provide plenty of nesting sites; about twice as many as there are hens to occupy them. (3) As you want good singers for the class of demand you wish to meet, ordinary Rollers would suit best, or a cross with Roller cocks and Norwich hens; this would give you a bigger and better-looking bird, but not such sweet singers. The aviary will accommodate four cocks and ten or twelve hens. Put in all clear or very lightly ticked hens, and marked or variegated cocks.

### Crests, Bald Behind.

**Novice.**—If the birds are quite free from red mites and agree perfectly well, there is only one other explanation, and that, unfortunately, is also the most probable. A bald patch in this position is a very common fault with Crests, and is a natural defect, for which there is no cure. Your only chance is to try to breed it out of your birds by mating them with birds having very long, dense, leafy headgears, and if horny at back so much the better; also, if possible, they should be bred from birds which have not shown their defect for a few generations. But your remark that the places now looked rather red or "raw" is very suggestive of the feathers having been plucked out by some of their companions. If you cannot watch them sufficiently close to ascertain whether this is the real cause, you should cage the two birds separately for a few weeks to give the feathers a chance to grow. If they have been plucked out, the new feathers should appear in about three weeks.

### Greenhouse Aviary.

**New Reader.**—(1) As you seem to prefer letting the birds fly loose, and only require to breed songsters, there is no reason why you should not dispense with cages. The place as it stands will accommodate from eighty to ninety birds at its full capacity. By wiring off the portion at one end for flight, as you suggest, the larger space will hold sixty birds comfortably, and the smaller space twenty-five. If you divide it in this way I should rather advise you to reserve the small space for the adults, turning in five or six cocks and fifteen hens. Then remove each brood to a nursery when they could begin to crack seed, hang it on the wire a day or two, and then release the young in the larger space. In this way you would get neither space so much overcrowded towards the end of the season. Your suggestions for removing most of the glass and painting the roof are very good. But do not remove enough glass from the front to make the inside appear dismal, and provide as much ventilation as possible. Sunblinds will be very useful in summer, and "lights" that will open. These alone, if efficient, should prevent the interior getting overheated. (2) Hartz Rollers and St. Andreasberg are merely trade terms. There is practically no difference. You should get fairly good birds for breeding ordinary songsters at about 7s. 6d. to 10s. each for cocks, and 2s. 6d. each for hens. A more accomplished songster, at about 20s, would be useful to teach the young. (3) Certainly, it is very advisable to "paint" the glass in the roof. Dabbing the glass all over on both sides with a lump of moist putty would answer admirably, or you could paint in with "summer cloud," known to horticulturists with glass places. (4) The putty method is the best and simplest I know. It can be easily washed off with a little warm soda water and Monkey Brand.

### Brevities.

**Rape and Canary** (S. Booth).—No. 1 sample of Canary is a very nice, good-sized, clean, and bright seed, of very good quality. No. 2, summer rape, is also a very good sample of rape. Its flavour seems to suggest it is rather new, in which case it will improve by a few months' proper storage. You seem to be "in luck" with two such samples.

**A Mopy Crest** (Troubled).—In addition to the diet of plain Canary, give the hen half-a-teaspoonful of rape twice a week, and every second day for a fortnight half-a-teaspoonful of egg food, or crushed sponge cake, with two drops sherry and one cod-liver oil emulsion mixed. A few grains of hemp may be given once a week, and on another day a few grains only of Inga. Give all alternately. In the water give a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards two drops each tincture of steel and tincture of gentian, and five dandelion juice, well shaken together, every second day for a week. See she is not exposed to draughts. A piece of banana three or four times a week will be better than any green-food.

**Early or Late Ones?** (W. West).—It is certainly uncommon, but by no means very rare, for Canaries to be hatched in December; neither is it at all advisable to allow or encourage the birds to breed at this time. You have probably been feeding them too highly, and, maybe, keeping them in a warm kitchen, which would quite account for the circumstances.

**Teaching the Young Idea** (S.P.).—If the Rollers are really March-hatched birds they would have been in full song months ago. Of course, they would start singing without any proper tuition from other birds. The only difference lack of tuition makes is that one's birds sing a common, uncultured song. Even late-hatched young birds, which are well through the moult, should be coming in full song now. Candidly, I rather fear your birds are just common German hens.

# BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

### A Snow Bunting.

**West Coast.**—Glad to hear you are so enamoured with the looks of your Snow Bunting. They are certainly fine birds when in spotless winter garb (or so much of the latter, that is, as is white). As to whether they are "interesting" birds, well, that depends on yourself—personally, I find all birds interesting. Still, I must candidly admit that there are other birds which could claim to have more interesting traits and mannerisms than Buntings; and I have kept every species of the latter, except the purely foreign species. As regards food, they are all alike, and the only "stock mixture" you will need is plain canary seed. Few will eat any quantity of other seeds, though now and again small oats, wild seed mixture, rape, cracked hemp, coarse oatmeal, maw, and one or two other seeds will be picked over, and a few eaten, but not sufficient to warrant their inclusion in a "stock mixture." To make up a little variety in the diet, it is best to give a feed of soaked ants' eggs frequently, and live insect food (mealworms, flies, scoured gentles, small beetles and grubs generally) according to season. Fresh (live) ants' eggs are relished exceedingly. "Shop" ants' eggs (get the best quality only) are well liked if soaked in a little new milk, drained on a cloth, and then given the birds. Many Finches, too, appreciate them when prepared in this way. It is well to mix a sprinkling of a good insectivorous food among the ants' eggs, gradually increasing the quantity, as in this way Buntings (other species, too) can be got to eat it readily; and it is very good for them. Green-food these birds are not keen on, but you can always offer them a sprig of whatever you may happen to have in the place. Corn Buntings will usually eat a little "seeding green-food" (grasses, shepherd's purse, etc.), as will also Reed Buntings, etc.

### Show Cage for Small Softbill.

**Amateur.**—I feel sure that I have dealt with this matter before this season, but probably under heading of a cage for some particular species. But there is not a different type of cage for each species (a lively time big exhibitors would have if there were). Most of the smaller insectivorous birds, in fact (birds like the Nightingale, Redstart, Robin, etc.), look at their best in the same style of cage. It is difficult to describe on paper, and only a fancier well up in the art of cage-making could turn it out for himself. You will be quite safe in writing to any good cage-maker advertising in our columns. The only kind I object to are those with food and water vessels (made of tin generally), which push in close to the floor of the cage, for then both food and water get smothered in whatever is used as the floor covering, especially if this latter be sawdust. It is then almost impossible for the bird to find any food. I like the pattern where food and water vessels swing in through openings cut into the bottom rail, and are on a level with the two bottom perches. They can still be made of tin (unbreakable). If glass vessels are used they need to fit quite tightly. A third perch should be screwed to the back of the cage, about half-way up, and be in length about half the width (front to back) of the cage. This the bird can "retire" on, and, being short, it serves to keep him off the wires. When in position, the three perches form the familiar "triangle" pattern, viewed from front of cage.

### A Promising Greenfinch.

**Stonehouse.**—You seem to have a highly promising bird if he is, as you put it, "as large as a small Hawfinch, and deep green and yellow in colour." What a whopper (the bird, I mean, of course). You needn't worry a cent about colour-feeding such a specimen as this. Given a rattling good big bird, with a wide, bold head, and a very wide, well-rounded chest, it can be shown with every prospect of winning a prize or two, whether it be a buff or a jonque. It is essential that an exhibition Greenfinch should be very steady. A good moult (commenced early and quickly got over) and a free use of the bath are all that are necessary to ensure a Greenfinch having a tight-fitting, sleek jacket. For food, the most important item is a daily feed of good, sound (full kernelled) sunflower (or half sunflower, half safflower) seed. This can be offered in a separate dish, or placed among the stock mixture. The latter should be made up as follows: Canary and teazle, two pints each, hemp, summer rape, charlock and linseed half a pint each. Wild seed mixture, and some good maker's special packet Finch mixture, can be occasionally offered for a change, while sunflower heads (gathered from the garden) full of seed, thistle and hard-heads, seeding chickweed, groundsel and shepherd's purse, should be freely given as in season. On such a menu, nicely varied, your Greenfinch should flourish, and come out a credit to you. Don't forget the bath.

### Crossbills and Grosbeaks.

**F. M. Dale.**—Neither Crossbills nor Grosbeaks can really be described as rare, though the latter (I presume you are referring to Pine Grosbeaks) do not come into the English market in large numbers, or frequently—there seems, however, to have been a fair supply recently. Both are birds of the winter season. Crosshills are sometimes exceedingly common. They are not difficult to keep once used to cage life and food (the trouble, of course, with all birds). They are apt to "go light" in the early stages of captivity. I have been very successful by giving at first a mixture of crushed shelled nuts (mixed, as obtainable now at many fruiterers, etc.), insectivorous food and mealworms—not too much of the two latter ingredients, and rubbing them well among the crushed nuts. A little whole seed (hemp, sunflower, etc.), can be put amongst it, in increasing quantity. Crosshills make fairly good show birds. Both your birds may be given for seed, sunflower, hemp, and canary seed; and for animal food three or four mealworms daily, with any other insects you can get. A few berries, haw, privet, black, and so on, also the core and pips of apples, smashed walnuts, etc., and ripe fruit are relished. Offer any of the other seed in general use now and again; also small maize, wheat, and the like. Sometimes they will eat a little, and variety is good. After being caged for a length of time, they will eat a little of many kinds of greenfood. The Crossbill will find a great fund of amusement, and a supply of food also, in a few fir and pine cones, if you can get them with the seed in. He will also find you some employment in providing him with new perches, for he will use his spare moments in "chewing" these up. Don't give the fir, etc., cones in a "green" state. Gather them ripe, when about to open; if necessary lay them in a warm place (such as a cool oven) until they open.

### Another Goldfinch Enthusiast.

**Amateur, B.W.**—I think that in quite recent answers I dealt with all the points you raise. Evidently you overlooked them; note reply to "W.R." January 9th. Your fresh-caught Goldfinches should be put for a time in a very quiet spot, and you must not go disturbing them every few minutes. Let them have niger, maw and cracked hemp (cracked afresh every day), as much as they will eat; also, in addition, canary, teazle, linseed, cracked sunflower and coarse oatmeal. An important point is to be sure and see the captives get at the water—both water and seed are better inside the cage, as fresh-caught birds can hardly be expected to understand putting their heads through holes to feed and drink. Seed and water should be "under their noses." If you cage them off singly, then a cage of the type known as a "back cage," but larger than the usual regulation pattern in size, is very good for the first few weeks. In addition to the above, a plentiful supply of thistle-heads, knap-weed, sow-thistle, seeding groundsel, etc., is simply invaluable with such birds. Of course, you are too late to gather these things now, but thistle (and dandelion) seed can be bought. When you have a bird look a little "thick," try it at once with a dose of sulphate of soda—as much as will lie on a shilling dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Repeat, but at half strength, after a day's interval on plain water.

### Fresh-caught Linnets.

**Jack P.**—I seem to have answered this question quite recently. There are many ways of feeding Linnets, I know, but I am sure you will have nothing but your present ill-luck unless you give the fresh-caught ones soaked seed of some kind. My method of feeding newly-caught Linnets is as follows:—For their stock food I mix one pint each of best canary, and sound, ripe teazle, with half a pint each of genuine summer rape, linseed, and charlock seeds. Some real good, new teazle is now on the market. Charlock you might get as English rape seed (which, however, is really a larger, quite black, seed), though several kinds of seeds, which are indistinguishable from each other, are sold under the latter name. It is sometimes dark bluish-red, almost black, in colour; sometimes exactly like summer rape; and it tastes very hot when chewed—hence its name of "mustard" seed. In addition to the stock mixture, in a separate dish I give an unlimited supply of maw seed and niger, also lightly-cracked hemp seed. These I gradually discontinue, arranging to drop them altogether after the birds have been in my possession twelve to fourteen days. As green food (or "soft seed" food), I provide summer rape and sunflower seed soaked in cold water until just commencing to germinate (dabbing it dry in a towel before giving it to the birds), and seeding shepherd's-purse, plantain, and chickweed and flowering groundsel tops, when obtainable. If I think my birds were caught during a wet spell, I soak the stock mixture for them at first. I very seldom lose a bird on the above treatment.

### Red Mite.

**Miss Bull.**—Birds kept in heated rooms are often troubled with red-mite. Unfortunately, their owners only too often do not know whether their pets are troubled or not. An infested bird should be thoroughly well sprayed on three or four successive days with water which has had the chill just taken off, and which has been made to taste fairly strongly of quassia infusion (obtainable from any chemist). Keep him warm and out of draughts (covered up) whilst he gets dry and in a clean cage, of course. The best treatment for cages is a stoving for ten or fifteen minutes in a just moderately hot oven. Afterwards, if of wood, give them a good coat (inside) of sanitary washable distemper (obtainable in suitable shades from most oil and colourmen). Failing the stoving, paint the cage thoroughly all over inside and outside with a solution of camphor in turpentine, adding one ounce of the former to one pint of the spirit, and well shaking it up. Not a solitary mite will survive the ordeal. Work the solution well into all cracks and joints. It may be necessary to re-varnish the outsides of the cages after these operations. In about an hour after using the fluid the cages will be dry enough to treat with the distemper as mentioned above. See that no mites are left in cracks and crevices near where the cage may have hung or stood. There are other effectual methods of dealing with red mites, but the above does not involve the handling of the bird, often a dangerous item with the unskilled. Perches, etc., must be also dealt with, of course.

### A Trio.

**In Hopes.**—1. The Chaffinch-Canary cross is exceedingly rare (didn't you notice the correspondence concerning it a month or two ago?). In fact, it is extremely doubtful whether it has ever been accomplished—to the point, that is, of rearing young. I know fanciers—and fanciers who command my respect—who state they have had fertile eggs from this mating. So you can live "in hopes." The behaviour of your couple is distinctly promising. Correctly speaking, any young would be "hybrids"; but, looked at in the fanciers' way, they would be "mules," the latter peculiar name being widely understood to imply hybrids which have Canary blood in them. 2. Adult British Finches do not copy one another's song to any appreciable extent. Birds caught when very young will do so; so will hand-reared ones, of course. "Call" notes, however, are often picked up. 3. Yes; you should certainly cut off any superfluous growth of the lower mandible; top and bottom should be the same length.

### Breeding in an Aviary.

**F.U.**—The number mentioned is too high. Besides, half a dozen cock Finches will be quite enough for the 10 hen Canaries. A cock Bullfinch would be a very doubtful breeder; also a Chaffinch. You must on no account put two of the latter in the place. However, you might leave the following in: two Linnets, two Goldfinches, one Greenfinch, Bullfinch, and Chaffinch. If any turned out very spiteful (vicious) you would need to remove such offenders. I have often spoken concerning the uncertainty of success in aviaries containing a lot of birds, and mixed species (see reply to "J.T.B" last week), but with average luck you ought to raise a few youngsters in your place. Dot the nest-boxes about in every likely spot, and mind you have a much larger number than there are hens in the place. They don't want to be put "in the darkest place"—put some in the "shady nooks," but put some in the well-lighted spots also.—It is astonishing how hens will differ as to the best place for house-keeping purposes. Many will arrange their nests right close to the outside wirework; and some hen Canaries are freakish enough to build on the ground. I remember one of my pairs of Lesser Redpolls built in a white earthenware nest-pan, and used nothing but a glaring white nesting material (charpie). This struck me as an astonishing departure from the conventional

## FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

### Lost Use of Legs and Wings.

**M. Shanks.**—I can at present give you but little help, as your letter gives me no idea as to its cause. I can only advise, as a palliative, a few sips of chilled and weak brandy and water occasionally as a stimulant, and for one day put half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in one tablespoonful of water, and give nothing else to drink for one day till this has been consumed, following this by making the drinking water the colour of port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food. I strongly suspect improper dietary over a long period is very largely responsible. However this may be, if you will send me at once full particulars of your system of treating and dieting the bird, I shall be in a position to help you, and will reply at once. Keep it warm, and while it is never wise to make abrupt changes of diet, slops, table scraps, and the like should not be given.

### Grey Parrot Weak and Ill.

**M.A.**—It is the diet that is all wrong with your bird, and if it has been dieted on milk sop, etc., before coming into your possession, I am not surprised at its condition. The drops of brandy and the chemical food are very satisfactory. But this bird will improve very little till you get it on a proper diet; if it can be accomplished without starving the bird, stop the milk sop at once, and as it has been accustomed to soft food, give it some boiled maize daily; boil it till it is soft, drain all water away, and soak into the maize half a teaspoonful of the chemical food. Note: the maize only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel must be kept strictly clean, and the seed mixture advised in this column regularly, with ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, and a little unseasoned boiled potato. You will, of course, regularly supply cuttlefish, grit, and water. At the risk of its being hungry stop the milk sop for a day, at any rate, and if you find it eating the boiled maize and other things, do not give the milk sop again; at the same time, you must perforce give milk sop to prevent starvation, but only on this ground, for if you do not get it on to a wholesome diet, you will lose the bird. Only give the Dinneford's Magnesia sufficiently often to keep its bowels freely moving, not watery loose. For a month or more put sufficient chemical food in the drinking water to make it the colour of pale port wine. Cleanse its nostrils daily with diluted glycothymoline. If you diet the bird as advised, and get it away from the milk sop, the bird should gradually recover, but if you continue its present dietary, its death is merely a matter of time and suffering. As it has been let get into such a bad condition, you had better report progress with full particulars a fortnight hence.

### Budgerigars or Finches.

**Tipperary.**—I think you will find the Budgerigars, Cockatiels, and Rosellas the most suitable for you to commence with; they will require, when breeding, scarcely any extra attention; at least, none should be necessary. Supply Canary, white and spray millet seeds, oats, green-food, ripe fruit, grit, cuttlefish, and water. Keep the aviary strictly clean, hang up at least double the number of husks and nest logs that you have pairs of birds; supply ample perching accommodations (natural branches of varying thickness are the best). The birds should be but little trouble, and a source of much pleasure and interest to you. Values: Green Budgerigars, 5s. 6d. to 6s. 6d.; Cockatiels, 8s. 6d. to 10s. 6d.; Rosellas, 30s. to 35/- per pair.

### Another Feather Picker.

**F.C.S.**—I can give you but little help till you inform me how you have been treating and dieting the bird. In the meantime, give the bird several doses of Diuneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful to two tablespoonfuls of water; leave two clear days between each dose. On other days, that is, when not giving the magnesia, put sufficient Parrish's Chemical Food in the drinking water to make it the colour of pale port wine. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. It is very difficult, in fact almost impossible, to cure the habit of feather picking once it has been indulged in for any lengthy period, but supply the information asked for, and I will try and help you further. Spray the bird every other day with Quassia solution, keeping it strictly out of draught till dry.

### A Hardbill with Some Song.

**E. M. F.**—I should recommend either a Green Singing Finch, Grey-necked Serin, or an Alario Finch. If you watch our advertisement columns you should be able to soon pick one or other of the above up. At least, I think the two latter are being offered at the present time. All are as hardy as a Canary, once they have got over the hardships of the voyage to this country; but there is always some risk attending the purchase of a newly-imported bird. Treat much as you would a Canary, with the exception that you must supply some white millet seed, and also millet in the ear. A little ripe apple or any other fruit they will take makes a good substitue for green-food during the winter months. Of course, if you intend keeping it, as I gather, in an all-wire cage, you must not hang the cage where a draught can blow through it, and also you must keep it below the level of the gas-jets.

### Rump Almost Bare of Feathers

**H. L.**—I hope you have not got hold of a specimen suffering from so-called "French moult"; if so, it is probably constitutional and incurable. However, we must hope such is not the case. For the remainder of the winter, make the drinking water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage; if it will eat it, give it a small piece of sponge cake daily, but prepare it so: lightly damp it, and dust it with flour of sulphur. Get a box of spermaceti ointment from your chemist, and rub a very little into the bare parts, but not sufficient to make it really greasy. Diet: Canary, millet, oats, with a little hemp, say a teaspoonful daily; a little of such ripe fruit as it will take. I should give it a cage large enough for it to crawl about a little. Do not keep it too near the fire, but in some warm light corner, out of draught, where it will be snug and yet get some fresh air. Is it strong on its legs, or do these seem too weak for it to walk fairly erect? Treat as above, and report progress in about two or three weeks' time.

### Treatment for an Amazon.

**W. H. C.**—I expect you have been dieting this bird altogether wrong, hence its condition. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. Diet: A little boiled maize—boil till soft, drain away all water, and then allow 20 drops of Parrish's Chemical Food to soak into it—daily, or every other day. Note, it only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel must be kept strictly clean. Also keep a supply of the following seed mixture continually in the cage:—Two parts each Canary seed, oats, wheat, dari, and one part each hemp, maize, and sunflower seed, the whole to be well mixed. Also give, so as to vary the diet, ripe fruit, nuts, a little boiled potato (unseasoned), and plain biscuits. The above should supply an ample range of diet, and suffice to keep the bird fit and well. For one day make its drinking water quite saline with Epsom salts; afterwards well colour the drinking water for some weeks with the Chemical Food. Examine the bird closely, and if there are any parasites, spray it every other day with quassia solution, keeping the bird carefully out of draught till dry. You would, I think, find the late Dr. W. T. Greene's Popular Parrakeets, 1s. plus postage, from "C.B." office, very helpful.

### Pekin Robins, etc.

**Cerebus.**—I think you would find the following mixture more wholesome:—One part each good ants' cocoons, dried flies, crushed puppy biscuit, and crumbled sponge cake; it will keep indefinitely in a tin or jar in some dry cupboard or other store place. Take a portion and make crumbly moist for use. Each bird should get two or three mealworms or other insects daily; also a liberal supply of such ripe fruit as they fancy. A small portion of white millet seed will do them no harm. Let their quarters be as roomy as possible, and they should do well. I have known several who have so kept Moustache and Alexandrine Parrakeets, but of course with birds of such strong individuality as Parrots, when introducing larger species with smaller, they must be kept under close observation till the demeanour of the individual pair or pairs be ascertained. Alexandrines bred in an amateur's aviary in this country during 1908; and if your birds are adult, as soon as they have had time to settle down, they should do the same, but often they do not do so during the first year of their occupancy of new quarters.

### What Parrot?

**C. H. C.**—I fear from your description I cannot definitely name your Parrakeet straight away. You possibly have some very uncommon species, though your description, except in one or two features, reads very like a Neophema, very possibly the Orange-bellied Parrakeet. Could you make me a rough diagram, roughly marking out the various areas of colour, by either lettering the patches or writing the name of colour in same; also indicating proportionate length of tale? If you will kindly supply me these particulars, I shall then hope to be in a position to name your bird. Even well-known species are not easy to name from a written description, and the difficulty is very much intensified when it refers to some little-known or very rare species, which is probably the case with your bird.

### Cockateels Not Breeding.

**Grimston.**—Of recent years I have heard of many birds acting just as yours have done; at least, I have just such a pair, very fine and robust, and yet which only play at housekeeping. They are of exceptionally fine appearance and tame, so, though unproductive, they are retained. I strongly suspect the present stock of Cockateels in this country is aviary bred, and when purchasing one frequently gets brother and sister, which is quite sufficient to account for such behaviour. It would be worth while trying to make an exchange with some other aviculturist with one of your birds. I have had many such instances brought to my notice where they had the aviary to themselves, and I don't think your other Parrakeets have contributed in any way to their unproductiveness. I am presuming you have at least double the number of nesting husks and boxes that you have pairs of birds. A little close observation will soon reveal whether they are interfering with each other's nesting arrangements.

### Crossing Gouldian Finches.

**Lovebird.**—Hybrid breeding is always a more or less elusive pursuit, though the numbers of British Hybrids now being raised is fairly numerous, but the attempts at such are far more numerous still. I have been successful in raising several Foreign Hybrids, but in each instance it has been in my largest aviary, and the result of the chance pairing of odd birds. If you are able to get a Cherry Finch, this would be one likely to pair up with your Gouldian, as would also either Aurora Finches or Long-tail, White-eared, and Masked Grassfinches. I have recently seen a rather handsome Cherry Finch and Masked Grassfinch Hybrid. So the thing is not by any means improbable or impossible. At the same time success may not crown your efforts during the first season. Most of the Mannikins interbreed fairly readily among themselves, and also with Bengalese and Silverbills, but if you put up a lot of mixed birds to take your luck with, there must not be true pairs of the same species.

### Sexing White-eared Conures.

**R. L. F. S. Bentley.**—This is a very pretty, but also a very quarrelsome species, and they are not safe with any species smaller or weaker than themselves, and also have the reputation of maiming fledglings of other Parrakeets, etc., confined with them. If you have a small aviary, about 6ft. square, you can devote to them, they will probably breed. I really cannot give you any certain sexual distinctions; such as I know are merely comparative, but my experience with this species has been confined to a single pair, and I really cannot say whether such distinctions are constant. I believe the hen to be slightly smaller, and her plumage of not quite so rich a hue. If I had to pick a pair out of a lot I should so choose, unless I saw two of them fondling and caressing each other; in such a case you would be quite safe in accepting them as a pair. The beak of the hen is also, I believe, more slender than that of the male. To sum up, failing being able to choose two which are caressing one another, carefully examine such as are together, choosing two which appear to be about the same age, one a little larger than the other; also a little brighter and with a stout beak, and the other the opposite of this. I cannot vouch for the difference in size of the beak of male and female, but believe that such is the case.

### Brevities.

**Sea Sand for Cages** (Thank You).—You need be under no misgiving as to using all sea sand or merely a portion of it. Providing it is clean, it is better than the ordinary kind. At least, I may say all the sand used in my aviaries comes to me straight from the beach by the kindness of a friend. As to how you use it, it depends what the respective kinds cost you; if the ordinary is the cheaper, then use that in quantity and sprinkle the sea sand on top.

## POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

**Goldfinch** (C. Harrison).—Chronic softening of liver and recent inflammation, possibly caused by frosted groundsell.

**Canary** (A. G. P.).—Disease of liver, and ending with rupture of blood-vessel of that organ. This state is probably hereditary.

## GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

**The Blank Squares** (C.P.A.).—Exactly where the four squares missing from the left-hand corner should be placed in the finished picture is part of the puzzle, and a part readers must try to solve for themselves. Will attend to other item with pleasure.

**Using Deposit System** (W. Dunlop, sen.).—We are always advising readers ourselves to use the deposit system, and we really do not see what good would be done by the publication of your letter. If you will conform to rule 8 we will write the advertiser for you, with pleasure.

**Closing of Palace Show** (Rev. G. H. Raynor).—The show is closed at 10 p.m. each day, except on the last day (Tuesday), when 4 p.m. is the closing hour.

**Letter** (J.B.).—It had to be held over owing to pressure on space.

**Colour Feeding** (H. A. Brown).—Both "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.) and "House's Canary Manual" (1s. 2d.) deal fully with the colour-feeding of birds. They are published from this office, and the above prices include postage.

**Proceedings** (R.D.McM.).—We are surprised at the contents of your letter, for, so far as we know, the individual mentioned is a person of standing.

**Satisfactory Purchases** (J. Tipton).—We are delighted to know the advertiser in question has given you such satisfaction. We would suggest that you send him a testimonial, so that he may use it in our advertisement columns, when it would no doubt help him to get further business.

**Two Points** (W. B. Jephson).—(1) We believe the sole right to take photographs in the Crystal Palace is vested in Messrs Russell, the well-known photographers. (2) Sunflower seed taken from plants in the garden is very good for such birds as will eat it—Greenfinches are passionately fond of it.

# CORRESPONDENCE.

## MAKING A FOUNTAIN FOR AN AVIARY.

SIR,—Could any of your many readers inform me how I could make a simple fountain, with a spray at the top? I intend to make alterations in my outdoor aviary, and would be very grateful for the information.

QUELLE.

## BORDER FANCIES AT THE LATE KILSYTH SHOW.

SIR,—I was called in by Mr. Scott to see the bird he has received from the above show, and I think he has made a mistake over its sex. It is not a hen (as stated by Mr. Duncan), but a buff cock, and by all appearances a two-year bird. The cage is of a very peculiar pattern; the wires are all twisted round the standards, whereas in Mr. Scott's cages they are laced with small wire. There is no mistake; he has received both the wrong bird and cage; and as there was no number on the cage when received, he has no clue to its rightful owner. I trust that from the above particulars the party who received Mr. Scott's bird in mistake will know that this has been a case of "exchanging" birds by error of the packer, and see it put right at once.

J. PATTERSON.

## PROPOSED SOCIETY FOR FOREST GATE AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—I notice a letter in last week's CAGE BIRDS *re* the formation of a fanciers' society at Forest Gate. It has occurred to me that there are already too many societies in the East London district, and all within easy distance of Forest Gate. There are Stratford, Ilford, and Walthamstow Fanciers' Associations, and Leyton Cage Bird Society, which was founded because it was felt that a society for cage birds only was much needed in the East London district. It was hoped that the cage bird men would respond to the call and make a good society. Leyton had hardly got established, however, when another society was formed at Poplar, merely a stone's throw away. Is it possible for so many societies to flourish? I am sure any of the above societies would be pleased to welcome any fanciers from Forest Gate, and in my humblo opinion the Fancy would be served better by supporting the existing societies than by forming a new one right in their midst.

ALBERT B. FORSE.

## THE ALLEGED STAINED LINNET AT BRISTOL F.A. SHOW.

SIR,—At the late show of the Bristol Fanciers' Association Mr. C. A. House, with (I am given to understand by one who was present) the aid of a local enthusiast, had a suspicion that a Linnet shown by me at this event was stained. I admit it is perhaps a little late to discuss the matter, but the "ever energetic" C.B.U. (like the railway companies) takes a long time to come to a decision, which I did not get until Dec. 31st, 1908. The letter disclosed the fact that I had been found guilty and convicted to three months suspension dating from the first day of September next till the 30th Nov. I strongly appeal to the thousands of your readers to give me a hearing, and help me to quash this most unfair decision. The facts are these: On Nov. 5th I called upon and purchased from a certain fancier a Linnet (the offender) and Yellow Bunting for a good figure; but I couldn't take them with me as they were away at a show. This fancier advised me to let them have a feed on the following morning, and he would send them on later in the day. To cut a long matter short, they arrived here about 5.30 p.m,. and were duly packed, with other birds, and despatched to Leicester show by the 6.36 train. The Linnet got second and the Bunting he, not a very extraordinary result. Through the efforts of that ever-worthy and energetic secretary, Mr. Draper, they arrived back from Leicester at 11 p.m., but were not unpacked till next morning (Sunday). On this day I had two friends with me the whole day, and well-known fanciers. Monday and Tuesday I was in Manchester on business, as usual; this I can prove. On the evening of the second day my birds were despatched for Bristol Show I duly received a prepaid telegram on the Thursday (instead of the Wednesday) giving result, and stating that the Linnet was disqualified. About three weeks after I had a letter from Mr. Maggs confirming it, and about this time I had my bird returned (which had been detained without any notification from anyone) through Mr. Ind. I again heard nothing for some time till I received a letter from Mr. Pope (the chairman, I presume, of the District Committee, C.B.U.), asking for all particulars, and he said he would place them before the committee, and do his utmost for me. I heard nothing from that day till the 31st Dec., when I heard, as stated, from Mr. Lythgoe. I gave Mr. Pope a fully detailed account of the purchase of the bird (exactly as I have placed it before some of the most prominent fanciers in the North of England, including Mr. Bladon and Mr. Lythgoe himself), and each one can but admit it is a very hard case for me. All the years I have been an exhibitor of birds I have never had the breath of suspicion cast upon me, and I have received endless letters from kind friends and sympathisers all wishing me the best of luck in getting myself free from this unjust verdict and suspension. The Bristol Society hold my prize money, and yet I am asked for another ten shillings deposit by the C.B.U. to protest against this unwarrantable decision, after sending to Mr. Pope and his committee a long detailed account of the transaction, giving times of receipt of the birds, etc., also despatch. I will ask your readers one question, that I think will get this answer, "No." I can show railway companies' bills giving time of receipt of the birds by me and also the time despatched to Leicester and witnesses as well. Now, gentlemen, the Linnet took second at Leicester, and had a long list of premier honours to its record before I bought it. Is it at all likely that any sane man would stain it for Bristol show, even had he such an inclination? I say, with hundreds of others, apart from my own case, No!

S. W. BIRCHLEY.

[Certain sentences have had to be deleted from the above letter, as they contain allegations intended to shift responsibility for the alleged staining on to other shoulders, and such allegations must be made and investigated in the proper quarter.—EDITOR.]

## PRIZE MONEY AT ST. ALBANS SHOW.

SIR,—Seeing a letter in your paper of the 26th Dec., complaining of exhibits being returned from St. Albans' Show, I am sorry to say I am worse off than the writer. I made six entries, winning two firsts, one second, two thirds, and vhc., and I have not received one penny prize money. I have written the secretary four times and received a reply once, saying he was sorry, but my prize money would be paid in a day or so; that was two weeks ago. I have written twice since, and received no reply, hence my reason for writing this, as they clearly state in their letter in your issue of the 26th Dec., that the show was a "record" one, and that they hoped to have nothing to mar its success. I cannot see the reason for not paying me my prize-money. I hope they will give the reason in your next issue. A. BROWN.

## PRIZE MONEY AT DULWICH O.S. SHOW.

SIR,—I am glad to see that my letter in your issue of the 9th inst. has drawn at least some information, and if the officials of the society were unable to meet their obligations, and required some indulgence from exhibitors, I cannot imagine why they could not have availed themselves of your columns (which I am sure would have been open to them) for the purpose, and asked for it, stating the reasons. I don't think from my experience that exhibitors are at all a bad lot, and I am sure if courteously approached they are usually ready to render what assistance they can to a society in distress; but the responsible persons in this particular society seem to treat applications for debts with contempt, and then, like the proverbial mule, "kick when they are prodded," and whine that they have been badly treated. Mr. Woolhouse does not deny my statement that an official had said all open prize money was paid (and I know that some exhibitors have actually been paid). How he can reconcile the statement that "Exhibitors' confidence will not be misplaced," with the above, and his statement that "We (committee) owe in the open classes about £8 in prize money," I fail to see. It really does strike one that it is not fair to pay some exhibitors and creditors to the exclusion of others of the same class, and Mr. Woolhouse should know that the only "preferential creditor" would be for the rent of the hall. But I suppose where the financial affairs are in such chaos as they appear to be with this society one can expect little else. The amount of prize money in my wife's instance has nothing to do with the question of principle; and if it is so "trivial" might I suggest that the best plan would be to pay it? Surely the hon secs. could have replied to my card without calling a special meeting for the purpose. I am also not aware that when you ask a debtor to pay his account that you should send a stamp for a reply; but perhaps it is the custom over Dulwich way. In reply to Mr. Woolhouse's attempt at sarcasm, I do not seek notoriety through the Fancy Press, but when I do write it is usually with an object, and in gaining that I trust I shall not attain the unenviable pinnacle of notoriety which Mr. Woolhouse attained in his correspondence with Mrs. Reeve at the close of the Dulwich and Peckham show of 1907, anent the treatment of exhibits, etc. Rather than do this I would certainly give up writing in the Fancy Press.

S. A. SANDY.

## CHAFFINCH-BRAMBLEFINCH HYBRID "WRONG CLASSED" AT THE WELSH NATIONAL SHOW.

SIR,—In reply to "Rex," I should like to say that I had no idea of writing to the Fancy Press about this bird, as I am quite convinced myself that it is a Hybrid. I purchased it from Mr. J. Cooper (Brixton), who informs me that Miss Reeves bred this particular bird, also that the N.B.B. and M.C. presented Miss Reeves with a gold medal for having proved to their satisfaction that she had produced this cross. I should like to ask Mr. Evans if he went to Mr. Robson before wrong classing the bird; also if he took a bird out of the Goldfinch Mule class to Mr. Robson? If Mr. Evans took the bird in the Goldfinch Mule class up to Mr. Robson, why did he not take my bird up also? I intend to show this Chaffinch-Bramblefinch at the Palace, and have no objection to the bird being examined either by Cage Bird Union or the British Bird and Mule Club's representatives.

A. COFFEY.

## NEW SOCIETY FOR BARTON-ON-HUMBER.

SIR,—A society has been formed in this town, named the Barton and District Cage Bird Society. The first meeting was held on January 9th, at which about 11 interested persons were present. These all became members, and others have been secured, at time of writing the total membership being 18. The officials elected at the meeting were as follows:—Committee: A. Oldridge (chairman), G. Beach (vice-chairman), H. Chamberlain, W. Sempers, H. Foster, F. Newbown, E. C. Dunn; treasurer, W. Sempers; secretary, G. E. Gastall. Rules of membership have been drawn up, and are supplied to members, together with membership card, for the nominal sum of 1d. Subscription, 6d. per month. Meetings every fourth Thursday. Next meeting February 4th. At time of writing the society has not been able to secure a permanent meeting place. Members will be duly advised of each meeting, with particulars of time and place. The society has decided to adopt CAGE BIRDS as the club paper, and when a definite meeting-place has been arranged all meetings will be advised in CAGE BIRDS The membership of the club is limited to fanciers residing within a six-mile radius of Barton (in Lincolnshire only). This limit may probably be extended at some future time, but it was thought better to restrict the area for the present

G. E. GASTALL, Sec.

58, Butts-road, Barton-on-Humber.

## THE YORKSHIRE BOWL AT BRISTOL (1907) SHOW.

SIR,—In replying to Mr. G. T. H. Maggs' letter which appeared in CAGE BIRDS Jan. 9th, I intend using the letter "I" instead of the word "we" for two reasons. First, as Mr. Maggs seems to be able to abstract such a quantity of colouring from that particular "I," I wish to furnish him with a good stock. Mr. Maggs commences his letter by saying that Shearn and Owens' letter consisted of half truths and misquotations. Perhaps he means that the one half is truth and the other half is false; if the latter be the correct interpretation, I notice he omits to point out the untrue half. I have gone over the whole of the correspondence and copies, and I find the only misquotation is that particular "I," the letter referred to containing the whole truth and nothing but the truth, barring that particular "I," and I challenge Mr. Maggs to prove any portion of it false except the letter "I." Anyhow, this business is causing me some inconvenience. For instance, when I went to the newsagent for my copy of CAGE BIRDS on Jan. 10th, I failed to get it. I then went to another, and there met the same fate. I trudged on to another, and, to my surprise, he had sold out. He asked me if there was anything special in that week, as they had been "mopped up" so quickly. I replied: "Yes; we expected an article from the pen of some noted writer at Bristol about some bowl." "What bowl is that?" he inquired. I replied, "I don't exactly know, for I have not seen it; but they call it the "Bristol Bowl." Well, I still trudged on to another, and found he, too, had sold out. As I could not buy a copy, I tried the borrowing game, and finally came across a fellow fancier who had been fortunate enough to get a copy, and of course with all haste turned to the correspondence columns, and to my great surprise, after all my trouble, all I discovered was that confounded "I." Now to reply to Mr. Maggs' question, which he puts in this way. "It is difficult to understand why they open the matter in this way, unless it be in search of opportunities to throw mud." Mr. Maggs opened this matter himself. I refer him to the letter he wrote to CAGE BIRDS Oct. 31st, 1908, in which he said that for 17 years they had paid full prize money. Knowing this to be untrue, I waited until after their show, Nov. 14 and 12, then I wrote CAGE BIRDS, Nov. 28th, confuting that statement, saying we had not been paid our prize money. In response to his appeal to us for entries, I sent him a cheque for eight shillings in payment of entry fees and catalogue. Of more scandalous treatment I cannot conceive than that meted out to us as fellow fanciers whose honourable object was to assist them. Now Mr. Maggs challenges us to lay our grievance before the Cage Bird Union. Our principal grievance is defamation of character, and that has to do with the Bristol F.A. and not with the Cage Bird Union, and as to the prize money, I can get that as soon as I choose to make the effort, and when I do I may be able to discover the writer of that letter to CAGE BIRDS, Dec. 28th, 1907, also that the matter was discussed on the 5th of the same month at Bristol. I say to Mr. Maggs as one prominent statesman said to another not long since, that "it takes a wise man to play the fool well." Then again, I notice Mr. Maggs freely admits that he cannot compete with us. I am sure it must be patent to all that it is a difficult matter for one to compete with another whose arguments are backed with facts.

SHEARN AND OWENS.

[Pressure on our space is very severe, and we have had to delete considerable portions of the above letter which do not concern the point at issue. We are doubtful, indeed, whether any purpose can be served by further discussion in the columns of our paper. —EDITOR.]

## PRIZE MONEY AT KILMARNOCK O.C.B.S. SHOW.

SIR,—I have waited in the hope that some abler writer than myself would reply to Mr. Miller's letter of the 2nd inst. on the above question, but as none seems disposed to challenge his statements, I venture to show your readers the fallacy of his arguments. By some mysterious method of calculating, Mr. Miller produces figures which are not only misleading, but actually false. The prize-money at Kilmarnock is: 1st, 12s; 2nd, 8s.; 3rd, 4s.; 4th, 2s.; entry fee 2s. When not more than seven in class, half prize-money is paid, as is the almost invariable custom at shows in Scotland (not the exception, as Mr. Miller would have readers believe). He argues that in a class of seven this society pays 7s. in prize-money and pockets 8s. of profit. I cannot conceive how this "genius of finance" managed to arrive at these figures. Half prize-money is 13s. per class, and after deducting 4s. for prize cards, 9s. is paid in cash to exhibitors. The prize cards cost the society 2s. Income, seven entries at 2s., 14s.; expenditure 11s. Where is the 8s. of profit? Then, what about classes with four entries, or those with eight? Do they pay? No, they don't. An exhibition, even at Kilmarnock, is not such a profitable concern as Mr. Miller seems to think. In 1907, the first year of this society's existence, full prize-money was guaranteed in every class. What was the result? Short entries and a consequent big deficit, which was only partially reduced by the generosity of a few enthusiasts. To enable your readers to judge what type of fancier Mr. Miller is, I will give you a sample of his conduct at Kilmarnock Show in 1907. He exhibited a few birds, and being in a hurry to get home, he was preparing to leave the hall with his exhibits about an hour and a-half before the time fixed for closing, when one of the committee politely requested to be allowed to check his numbers. Mr. Miller apparently took this as an insult, and subjected the offending official to a torrent of abuse. He also vowed he would never exhibit at Kilmarnock again, and threatened to denounce their action through the Fancy papers. After his wrath subsided he evidently changed his mind, as he neither wrote to the press, nor did he cease exhibiting at Kilmarnock.

G. F. ADAMSON.

*(A letter from the Secretary has had to be held over.—EDITOR.)*

## PRIZE MONEY AT THE WELSH NATIONAL SHOW.

SIR,—Allow me a little space in your valuable paper to blow my trumpet at the Welsh National Cage Bird Show for non-payment of money for a bird claimed there. I think it is now time the committee settled with all exhibitors at their show. How do they expect to obtain support in the future by treating exhibitors as they have done?

J. P. DAVIES.

[Messrs J. Summerhill and G. Neal also write us on this subject.—EDITOR.]

SIR,—In reply to Mr. A. Morgan, of Treherbert, in your last issue, on non-payment of his prize money at our last show, we regret to say that we have suffered a heavy loss on this show (very largely duo to a bad gate), and we ask those to whom prize money is due for their kind consideration for a few weeks when the remaining few will be paid.

R. J. TRUSCOTT.

Nests of birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

## RARE FEATHERED GOLDFINCHES.

SIR,—*Re* Goldfinch with a black head, etc., I should like to say that a friend of mine here at Pembroke has got one of the description recently given by Mr. William P. Bell. It is now about two years old, and house moulted. This bird was hatched under a Canary, along with three others of natural colour. The eggs were found in the same nest in a tree a few miles out in the country.

WM. E. SLEE.

## THE PRIZE MONEY AT MALVERN SHOW.

SIR,—I am not surprised to see short entries at shows in England and Wales when exhibitors are treated so badly. At the last Malvern Show my Scotch Fancy took first in a class of eight entries, prize-money "guaranteed," but have not yet received one penny. I wrote the secretary several times, but got no reply. I have been exhibiting Canaries the last forty years (19 years in Scotland), but never got so badly treated in bonny Scotland.

J. SUMMERHILL.

## SHOW BIRDS & MISSING CLAWS.

SIR,—I was very sorry there were no more replies to my letter signed "Claws," *re* show birds with missing claws I should like very much to get Mr. C. A. House's opinion on the subject, because if we are going to continue to show birds with missing claws, then in comes that dreaded thing called "faking." For instance, a typical specimen with a twisted or crooked claw can be removed to qualify the cripple to compete. This is my last letter on the subject, and I ask the attention of show secretaries to add a rule to their list as follows: "Birds minus claws, or with disfigured feet in any shape or form, not allowed to compete."

ALEX. BRYDEN.

## EARLY BREEDING.

SIR,—On Sunday morning, Jan. 17th, three of our members, Messrs. J. Copeland, H. Taylor, C. Waters, and myself paid a visit to that well-known fancier and mule breeder, Mr. James Miller, the jovial landlord of the Foresters' Arms, High-street, Sunderland, to have a look at his stock. Mr. Miller informed us that on New Year's morning he hatched a nest of four Yorkshires, but unfortunately the sudden change in the weather proved too much for them, and they died at the age of four days, although they were well fed by their parents. Mr. Miller has at the present time several pairs up for breeding, among which we noticed a yellow Norwich hen sitting on four fertile eggs to a Linnet. I thought this might be of some interest to your many readers, it being so early in the season.

W. REID.

## THE TYPE OF PRESENT DAY WINNING NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me a little space in CAGE BIRDS to again raise the Norwich Plainhead question. I have this show season been to quite a number of cage bird shows, as I usually do during the seasons, and I must say, though I am sorry to have to do so, that I, with scores of other fanciers, am thoroughly disgusted to see what are termed "Norwich Plainheads" winning at the majority of shows. Now, I am not a chronic croaker, so, as a rule, I keep my mouth shut when I see these things, as I find it does no good to make a disturbance at any of the shows by finding fault with the judging. I think the best way is for me to say what I have to say through the fanciers' paper, CAGE BIRDS, so that all fanciers can read and think for themselves. It is a "beater" to me why some of the judges who pretend to know what a Norwich Plainhead should be, put birds in the prize-list that are no more of the Norwich type than I am a nigger. In some cases it is outrageous to see the class of birds that find their way into the prize-list—birds showing more of the Crest-bred characteristics than of the Norwich Plainhead, having flat heads, long, snaky heads, and beetle browed; in fact, any shape but the right one. Look at the size and colour. Of course, we must have size and colour, if all other points are neglected. Oh, yes! we must have the big ones in front at any cost, no matter if they have as much behind them as a duck. Body: this is sometimes long, and of one shape from top to stern, and lacking that round, deep chest, and the essential neck and head properties. Wings and tail: well, I don't think some of the judges notice them at all. I have seen some of these so-called winners carry a pair of wings that cross at the tips considerably, and stand out over the tail half an inch or more. The tails are quite as bad, in some cases being half an inch to three-quarters too long. The feather is oftentimes far too long, and looks more like the wide leafy feather of the Crest-bred. As for the position on the perch, I have noticed some of them carry quite as much at the back of perch as at the front—splendid objects these to be called Norwich! "Oh, but look at the size of the birds." Yes, I am sorry to say that it is size and colour which are winning in most cases, and not type. Why does this kind of bird win, when there are in the same class, maybe, fairly good-sized birds with round, short, well-proportioned bodies, and splendid wing and tail carriage, having head and neck in proportion, and being clean cut away behind, besides having grand quality of feather, which all goes to make up a good Norwich Plainhead? No, birds such as these good ones have to take back seats. And why? Because there are bigger birds in the class, with lots of substance and colour, and nothing else whatever to recommend them. Anybody can breed birds of size, but to breed a good typical Norwich is quite a different thing. And when they are bred and staged some of the judges can't see them—oh, no! not when they are in same class. The question, therefore, is: Who is to blame for all this? I for one am not afraid to say that it is the judges' fault, and theirs alone. Have we not got a standard, and a splendid cut of a Norwich Plainhead drawn up by the Norwich Plainhead Club? But how often do we see a bird approaching this cut winning? I might say, not once in fifty times. No, the Norwich Plainheads are right down the class if you want to see them. So I maintain that so long as the judges give prizes to those nondescripts we shall see Norwich classes filled with trash. At most shows I have been to this season I have heard this complaint over and over again, and not necessarily from "disappointed exhibitors," but from non-exhibitors and fanciers alike. I am well aware that it is hard to please everybody, and it cannot be done; but for Heaven's sake, Mr. Judge, forget size and colour, to a certain extent, of course, and give a little thought to type, as, in my humble opinion, type should come before anything else, as it is the most difficult to obtain. I am as fond of a big one as any fancier living (and have such in my room as stock birds), but I must have something besides size and colour, as these alone are not much to recommend a bird. How is it that some judges describe the Norwich Plainhead "just about perfect," and yet when this same judge goes to officiate at a show he in many cases places the cards to the opposite effect? And at the same time there are birds in the class just about the thing that he describes as good ones, but these are away down in the class. Those big, red hot ones, however, have caught his eye, and he can't pass them. I think the Norwich fanciers had better go in for size and colour, irrespective of type, and cross the word Norwich off the schedule, and then see who can breed and stage the biggest mongrel. In conclusion, allow me to wish all fanciers and readers of CAGE BIRDS a happy and prosperous new year.

J. BERTIE.

## VALE OF CONWAY & DIS. F.A.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to announce that the above society now embraces the whole of the five most northern counties of Wales, and with the object of extending the influence of the Association as far as possible, we hope to appoint local representatives in every important centre. Will any fanciers willing to help the Association in their respective districts write to me, when full particulars will be sent?

A. T. JOHNSON.

Ro. Wen, Taly Cafn, North Wales.

## THE THRUSHES WHICH BRED N A CAGE.

SIR,—I am on the sick list, but I have had a visitor to-night who has already put the plates in frames from your Birthday Number and hung them up; quick work, which shows his opinion of them. We thank you for giving a notice of our Thrushes, and may say that we have a young hand-reared hen Blackbird that we have got into even better condition than the Thrush. She is as steady as a rock, and looks with an approving eye on the cock Thrush as he sings his song to the two hens; so we are going to try for Thrush-Blackbird Hybrids this time, as well as "Thrush and Thrush." My British birds have been out in the back yard night and day, all through the severe weather, and they are all (the cocks) "singing their heads off."

W. DOWNING.

## PROPOSED CAGE BIRD SOCIETY FOR THE CITY OF LONDON.

SIR,—I am endeavouring to bring about the formation of a Cage Bird Society for the City of London, as I think the most important city in the world should be represented by such a society. I should be pleased, therefore, if all those members of the Fancy sufficiently interested will arrange to meet me at the under-mentioned address on Wednesday, 27th January, in order that the subject may be fully discussed, and the society brought into being as early in the New Year as possible. As I know there are numerous cage-bird fanciers residing within the City limits, I would ask them especially to do their very best to attend this meeting.

H. W. COOK.

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## CRESTED CANARY CLUB MATTERS

SIR,—In reply to a communication received by Mr. Ramsden from Mr. C. Roberts respecting the competition for the Roberts Cup, I am requested by Mr. Ramsden to announce through the Fancy Press that the cup will be competed for at the Crystal Palace Show, as previously, and that a notification of it was sent at the same time as all the other particulars concerning the Crested Canary Club's support. As, however, through your courtesy the support has already appeared, and is printed in the club's rule book, the regretted omission from the schedule of the Crystal Palace Show will not, I hope, affect the competition.

JOHN TYSON.

SIR,—I find on getting my schedule of the coming Palace Show that the Roberts Cup has been overlooked, and does not appear in the same. I wish you would make it known that this cup is in competition at the coming Palace show.

C. ROBERTS.

## A NEW SOCIETY FOR RUNCORN AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—A well-attended meeting of bird fanciers and those interested in cage birds took place on Jan. 15 in the Temperance Hotel, High-street, Runcorn, for the purpose of considering the advisability of introducing a cage bird society into Runcorn. It was ultimately agreed that the objects of such a society are highly desirable, and straightway certain preliminary business toward its formation was commenced. It was unanimously decided that all fanciers be eligible for membership who reside within a radius of fourteen miles This new and up-to-date society gives a cordial invitation to all interested in the advancement of the interesting hobby. It was resolved that the yearly subscription be 4s. Judging by the attendance at the meeting and the enthusiasm displayed by the assembly, this society promises to be one of the finest in the district. The following officers were elected:—Chairman, Mr. W. H. Cawley; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Guy; treasurer, Mr. E. Peck; secretary, Mr. T. P. Baxter, 103, Greenway-road; and a large committee of exceptional experience in the management of work of this description. At the close of the meeting Mr. Cawley entertained the company to an excellent supper.

T. P. BAXTER, Secretary.

## A NEW SOCIETY FOR ARDWICK AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—Kindly allow me, through the columns of your valuable paper, to notify cage bird fanciers that this society will hold its first meeting on Feb. 1st at 8.30 p.m., at the "Blacksmith's Arms," Viaduct-street. Particulars as to membership may be had from me, communications to be addressed to "Blacksmith's Arms," Viaduct-street, Ardwick, Manchester.

JOSEPH MITCHELL.

## ALNWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S

SIR,—Will you kindly state that all communications in connection with the Alnwick and District Cage Bird Society should now be addressed to Mr. W. A. Broadley, 16, King-street, Alnwick, who has been appointed the new secretary. I am now in nowise connected with the above society, as I reside at Berwick-on-Tweed, my occupation being there at present. I have handed down my stock of Canaries and British birds to my younger brother, F. Rennison.

R. F. RENNISON, late joint hon. sec.

## THE YORKSHIRE C.C. OF IRELAND CHALLENGE CUP.

SIR,—In your issue of last week I observe a letter signed by Jas. Devins (Sligo) re the above, and as he has now admitted he is competing in open champion classes in Ireland, I would like to ask him a few questions, through the medium of CAGE BIRDS, as I believe his replies would be interesting and instructive to young Fanciers. (1) Mr. Devins, did you exhibit in the novice classes at our recent Clapham open show? If so, why as a novice, seeing that there were champion classes provided? (2) Do you consider it honourable for any champion exhibitor to enter and compete against a novice (young in the Fancy) where there are open classes? (3) Is it your candid opinion that such a practice, if allowed, will help to further the interests of the Fancy and promote a greater interest among novice exhibitors? (4) Would it not be only fair that a man guilty of such a practice should be reported to the committee with a view of having his entries at all future shows carefully examined before being accepted? Or should not such a man be disqualified completely? Would such drastic punishment injure or better the Fancy generally?

WM. HENRY

## WILL MULES BREED?

SIR,—I was much interested and delighted to read Miss Martin's letter in CAGE BIRDS, as I have been a convert for some years past to the opinion that it is possible to get fertile eggs from Mules, although personally I have not been able to do so. However, I supplied a personal friend of mine with a number of British birds for her aviary, some three or four years ago. Another friend gave her a dark hen Goldfinch Canary Mule, which was put into the aviary with the Britishers. This young lady soon became very fussy with a cock Linnet, which fussiness he, of course, reciprocated with much warmth, and woe to any other bird that dared attempt to take any liberties with his lady-love. My friend, the owner, called my attention to the fact, and asked me if I thought they would breed if put together in a breeding cage. I said that it was quite probable they might pair, and go through all the ceremonies of breeding, but that the eggs would be unfertile. Of course, I was prejudiced on the question, as I had seen it stated so frequently that it was an absolute impossibility to get fertile eggs from Mules, that in my ignorance I accepted it as an undisputed fact. However, the impossible came to pass in this instance; the hen Mule went to nest, laid four eggs, and sat her usual time, when word was brought me that one of the eggs had actually hatched out. I can assure you I was very soon on the spot. The nest was taken out, and there I saw what I never expected to see—a young bird bred from a cock Linnet and a hen Goldfinch Canary Mule. Although it was only a day old, I offered at once to buy it, but my friend would not accept my offer. This bird lived until it was nearly three weeks old, and then died from neglect by the mother. The wings of the bird were kept and preserved, and I believe my friend has them to this day. Now here comes the strange part of my story; this was the first and only bird my friend had ever bred up to that time. She put them together again the following year, but the Linnet died, and his widow absolutely refused to have anything to do with another bird. I have mentioned these facts to a number of Fanciers, including Mr. Robson, but none of them will accept the statements as facts. All imagine that some trick was played; in fact, Mr. Robson quite pooh-poohed and ridiculed the idea, and would have none of it. And now comes Miss Martin's interesting letter. I wonder what the knowing ones will say in reference to it! We shall see.

J. C. WILMOT.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

# CLUB REPORTS.

## FALKIRK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held in Oddfellows' Hall on January 7th, Mr. Robert Dickson (president) presiding. Mr. Robert Hamilton, 28, Union-road, Camelon, was appointed secretary. It was agreed to take motions on alteration of rules to be decided at next meeting.—ROBERT HAMILTON, Sec.

## PUDSEY, STANNINGLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Annual meeting held on January 6th. The secretary read the financial statement, which showed a balance in hand of £1. Mr. E. Marsh (Pudsey) was elected president; Mr. J. Butler secretary. The society is looking forward with hope to having a successful year, and an increased membership. Three new members were made.—J. BUTLER, sec.

## CROOK ORIGINAL F. AND F.S.

General meeting held at the Crown Hotel clubroom on January 6th. Mr. W. J. Bird presided over a good company. The secretary, Mr. A. Bowes, presented the balance-sheet for the past year, which showed a good balance in hand, and was accepted as very satisfactory. The election of officers for the present year resulted as follows:—President, Mr. H. P. Douglas; treasurer, Mr. F. E. Rudkin; auditors, Messrs. A. Bowes and W. Brown; chairman of committee, Mr. F. Brown; vice-chairman, Mr. W. Mason; assistant secretary, Mr. J. Siddle. Mr. W. J. Bird was elected secretary in place of Mr. A. Bowes, who resigned the position. Also a number of vice-presidents and a strong committee were elected. It was also decided to hold a table show at the back-end of February.—W. J. BIRD, hon. sec

## SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at the Wentworth Cafe on January 7th, under the presidency of Mr. A. Bradshaw, a good muster of members being present. The chief business was introduced by the secretary, this being an alteration in the method of holding members' shows. The meeting decided that several shows be held during the year in various parts of the city, and that special prizes be given for competition. Points gained at the shows held during the year will count for prizes. The object of the society is to bring the cage birds hobby more before the public, and create an interest and enthusiasm in its doings. Several new members from outlying districts, through the radius extension to 20 miles, were enrolled. A show will be held next meeting night, February 4th, at 8 p.m., for matched pairs for breeding, Messrs. Garnett and Tow having promised to judge.—LINDSAY AND BINGHAM, Secs.

## NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

Annual meeting, held in Lockhart's Cafe, Grainger Street, on January 7th. Mr. Currah presided over a very large attendance. All the officers of the society were re-elected, with the exception of one or two of the committee, who, having resigned their membership, were not eligible. Messrs. Thomas Chapman, John Currah, jun., Geo. Allinson, and Geo. Ellis were elected in the place of those resigned. The passing of the balance-sheet was deferred until the next meeting. Mr Macpartlin, who we are pleased to say is convalescent again, was unanimously elected Cage Bird Union delegate. It has been decided that our next annual show be held on October 22nd and 23rd, when we hope to go one better than last year. We were instructed to communicate with some popular judges for judging terms. Our chairman gave a very interesting account of the success of some of our members at the Scottish National, one of whom was fortunate in winning the much-coveted Dewar Shield. Several new members were proposed, including Mrs. Irwin-Dees, the esteemed Mayoress of Wallsend-on-Tyne. Members are reminded that the social is fixed for January 28th, when we hope to see a good muster. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought a very pleasant evening to an end.—CURRY AND HUTCHINSON, secretaries.

## DULWICH O.S.

Annual general meeting at headquarters, "The Herne," East Dulwich, on January 7th, Mr. G. F. Woolhouse presiding. The hon. secretaries (Messrs. Rogers and Mazzoni) presented a financial statement, and gave a short review of the past year's working. Starting some ten months ago with a membership of just over 20, the society now numbered over 100; 66 only, however, had paid their subscriptions, the remainder only their entrance fees. It was hoped these defaulters would soon clear the books and help the society in the present crisis, for they regretted, owing chiefly to the bad gate at their late annual show, there was a loss of over £20 on the year's working. They had guaranteed full prize-money, although in some classes only five or six entries, and out of 88 classes provided only two were cancelled. They had paid out the whole of the prize-money in the open classes with a few exceptions, and to these they craved indulgence for a few weeks, till several accounts owing the society had been paid and a scheme had been carried out to raise the deficit. The majority of the members had consented to wait. The committee expressed their intentions of fulfilling all their obligations. Rent of the hall, printer's account, and tradesmen had been paid. The advisability of continuing the society was then discussed, and it was unanimously resolved to go ahead. Mr. C. T. Maxwell kindly offered 10s. 6d. to the show fund, and this was augmented by donations from Messrs. Woolhouse, Goodwin, Rogers, Mazzoni. Sprules, Foster and Kent, to the amount of £6 10s., and as the subscriptions for 1909 are now due (several already have paid), it should not be long before the society is in a better financial position. A vote of thanks to the retiring officers was passed. The chairman mentioned that numerous congratulatory letters had been received on their late show, and the promise of future support. The election of officers for 1909 resulted as follows:—President, A. Bonar Law, Esq., M.P.; vice-presidents, Messrs. F. H. Bussey, D. Mabey, W. Morris, Councillors Geo. Scott, and W. Alwin, J. Peacock, C. Pierson, W. T Butt, F. Gain, G. Warley, C. T. Maxwell, W. H Vale; committee, Messrs. G. L. Woolhouse (chairman), P. G. Sprules (vice-chairman), A. E. Rogers, C. L. S. Mazzoni, W R. Wall, J. Wilmot, R. Pocock, R. Bruty. A Rees, W Powles, W. Edmonds, W. Taylor; hon. treasurer, W. Goodwin, Esq.; trustees, Messrs. G. Garlick and J. Fletcher; auditors, Messrs. W. J. Lovesy, C. Aldridge; hon. general secretary, Mr. S. J. Kent, 156, Underhill-road, East Dulwich, S.E.; hon. show secretaries and managers, Messrs. G. F. Woolhouse and A. E. Rogers. At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. C. T. Maxwell was presented with the special prizes he had won at the late show. Pairs show was fixed for Feb. 18th. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.—G. F. WOOLHOUSE.

## CITY OF WAKEFIELD O.S.

Meeting held at Crown and Anchor Hotel, January 9th, to elect officers for 1909. The following were elected:—Chairman, Mr. J. Isherwood; treasurer, Mr. H. Brown; hon. sec., Mr. P. Parker; assist.-sec., C. T. Parkes; committee, all members.—C. T. PARKES, assist.-sec.

## BRISTOL C.B.S.

Meeting held January 6th, when it was decided to throw our membership open to the United Kingdom. There are three valuable silver cups for members, and the subscription is 4s. yearly, with an entrance fee of 1s. The officers elected are:—President, Major Gibbs, M.P.; chairman, Mr. Thos. Keegan; vice-chairman, Mr. C. E. Brown; treasurer, Mr. J. Tristem; hon. secretary, Mr. W. H. Manley; assistant secretary, Mr. H. Barry; committee, Messrs. Burgess, Buckland, Clark, Glossop, Morgan, Martin, Quarman, Telling, Tilly, and Taylor; auditors, Messrs. C. K. Eaton and J. Trubody. Members' show will be held at headquarters on February 13th, and the schedule for same will be drawn up on February 3rd. The date submitted for our annual show is November 24th and 25th. Will secretaries please note?—W. H. MANLEY, hon. secretary.

## CHESTER AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual meeting held January 5th, at the Nag's Head Cocoa House. Mr. Wright presided over a good attendance. After the payment of prize-money and the presentation of specials won at the members' show, held December 26th, the hon. secretary stated that owing to ill-health the president, Mr. F. S. Moore, was obliged to vacate the chair. Much regret for this, and many hopes for his restoration to health, were expressed. Mr. Moore has held the chairmanship since the formation of the society, and has been a liberal supporter of the Fancy. The election of officers and committee for the ensuing year resulted in Mr. S. Whitlow being unanimously elected president; Messrs. Crane, J. Jones, Wright, and Lloyd, vice-presidents; H. Stovin, hon. treasurer; and J. Swindley, hon. secretary; with a good working committee of old and young fanciers. It was resolved to extend the radius of membership (owing to repeated applications from various quarters) to the counties of Cheshire, Shropshire, Hereford, Monmouth, and the six counties of North Wales, viz., Flint, Denbigh, Carnarvon, Anglesey, Merioneth and Montgomery.—J. SWINDLEY, hon. secretary.

## ABERDEEN O.S.

Annual general meeting held in the Trades Hall Buildings on January 9th, the president (Mr. John Hector) in the chair. The prize-money was paid, and the balance-sheet was read, showing a small balance on the right side. Mr. John Strachan and Mr. Hector made a few remarks on the report, which was adopted, on the motion of Mr. William Allan, seconded by Mr. William Lawrie. The members were enrolled, and the former office-bearers were re-appointed, viz.:—President, Mr. John Hector; vice-president, Mr. William Allan; treasurer, Mr. James Silver; secretary, Mr. John Bryson, 8, Broomhill-road; committee, Messrs. A. Thomson, W. Ewen, A. Anderson, L. Will, W. Lawrie, J Strachan, J. Ellis, J. Loyn, J. Sandison, A. Thomson (Woodside), J. Balfour, G. Mackie, P. Stewart, J. Main, F. Garden. Messrs. J. G. Milne and J. Strachan were re-appointed auditors. Mr. John Strachan gave notice of motion to fix closing time for membership in young section. Professor J. Arthur Thomson (Aberdeen University) has kindly consented to deliver a lecture on "Heredity in Birds" before this society early next month. Fanciers and others should keep this in view.—J. BRYSON, sec.

## CAMBRIDGE C.B.S.

Annual business meeting held at "The Forester," Burleigh-street, on January 6th, when Mr Brooks presided. The most important business was the hon. secretary's (Mr. Moore's) report, which proved highly satisfactory. All the shows, confined and open, held during the past year had been well patronised, and the balance at the credit of the club had increased from £13 to £16 18s., and, compared with 9s. four years ago, when the present secretary took office, which reflects the greatest credit on Mr. Moore, and for which he was heartily thanked by the members. The competitions for the various medals offered by the society resulted as follows:—Most points in Canary section: 1 Brooks, 2 W. Linsey; most points in British section: 1 W. Linsey, 2 Lambert and King (tied); novice Canary: 1 King, 2 Hard; introducing most members (presented by Messrs. Doggett and Moore): 1 W. Linsey, 2 Cartwright. It was agreed that the annual dinner take place on February 4th, when the medals will be presented. In regard to the annual open show, the meeting resolved to continue making it a two-days' exhibition, and it will take place in the Corn Exchange on November 10th and 11th. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the outgoing officers for their successful piloting of the affairs of the society, and the following were appointed for the ensuing year:—President, Capt. Heal; chairman, Mr. Brooks; vice-chairman, Mr. Doggett; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. Moore; assistant-secretary, Mr. Gifford; auditors, Messrs. Edwards and Rogers; committee, Messrs. Bye, King, Gawthrop, Stiles, Lambert, Roff, Dean, W. Linsey, and G Linsey.

## BELFAST O.S.

The annual meeting of the Belfast O.S. (Belgian and Scotch Fancy) was held on Jan. 9, when the office-bearers for 1909 were elected: President, Mr. Robert Trimble; vice-president, Mr. A. Russell; secretary, Mr. W. Gilbert, 23, Paxton Street, Belfast; treasurer, Mr. J. Ronaldson; committee, Messrs. W. Trimble, W. J. Moreland, Robert Tedford, John Neill, and J. Craig It was unanimously decided that the club meet henceforth on the first Saturday of the month, and that the next meeting be in April. Mr. M. McCain (Portadown) was unanimously elected to membership. Some of the members who also breed Norwich Canaries complained that no classes are given for these. After considering this matter fully from all standpoints, it was passed unanimously that five classes be given for Norwich Plainheads, viz., clear or ticked yellow cocks, ditto buff cocks, ditto yellow hens, ditto buff hens, variegated cock or hen; the prize money is to be equal in all classes. It was also decided that membership be only open to fanciers that are breeders of Scotch Fancy or Belgian Canaries. The hope was expressed that everyone would do their very best to get as many new members as possible. The annual fee is 10s., payable in May; this entitles members to show two birds in each class (about 20 classes are given), and gives them free admission to show at all times, etc. The balance left after paying expenses is divided over all the classes, the first four birds in each class getting equal prize money. The members of the "old club" feel confident that this year's show, which is their 41st annual one, will surpass any held during recent years.—WM. GILBERT, Secretary.

## LANCASHIRE CANARY ASSOC.

The scrutiny of the voting papers for the election of officers for the year 1909 declares the following appointments:—President, J. Nadin; vice-presidents (6), J. Swalwell, J. Garner, F. J. Green, R. Barrass. The following tie for the last three positions: J. Butterworth, H. Laycock, W. Hardy, F. Fish, Dr Conaghy, T. H. Collinge. Committee (10), W. Mills, W. Lee, B. Lord, J. Butterworth, J. Oldham, C. Whitehead, E. Lowe; the following tie for the remaining seats: J. Eskersley, F. Fish, J. Brooks (Littleborough), H. F. Howarth, E. T. Turner, and H. Smith. Secretary, W. Adams, unanimous. Treasurer: W. Hardy. Auditors, J. Eckersley and R. Gaskell. Judges, open (6), C. A. House, J. Garner, R. Barrass, J. Congdon, J. Robson, and W. Hardy. Members' (6), W. Hardy, J. Nadin, R. Barrass, J. Garner, J. Swalwell, E. Lowe.—A. ACKROYD, scrutineer.

## LOWESTOFT AND DIST. C.B.S

Annual general meeting held at headquarters, the Fox and Hounds, London-road, Lowestoft, on January 4th. The chairman (Mr. A. Cooper), vice-chairman (Mr. S. Bagshaw), and the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. W. Lang, junr.) were again unanimously elected to fill the chief offices, and most of the old committee were again elected, including the following gentlemen: Messrs. Blackburn, Catchpole, Clarke, Fitt, George, Hart, Hatch, Kirk, Lay, Munford, Rickards, Smith, and Wigg. The balance-sheet for 1908 showed a balance of 1s. 5d. on the right side, after paying all expenses for our annual show, and we hope to do better still this year. It was decided to have a table show at our next monthly meeting for pairs of Norwich Plainheads, Cinnamons, and Crests; three classes for champions and three classes for novices. Mr. Kirk kindly consented to give three medals, one in each section for most points throughout the year at our monthly table shows. Mr. Kirk was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, and in reply said he thought it would do the club good and would also get the members together. Will members who were not at the meeting kindly note that birds must be at the club-room by 6.30 to compete in the pair classes?—W. LANG, Junr., hon. sec.

## DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held January 7th. In the unavoidable absence of the chairman until late in the evening, Mr. E. S. Lugg was elected to the chair. The meeting considered several alterations of rules, the most important being that the annual subscription be 4s., payable half-yearly. A long discussion took place, and an amendment that the annual subscription be 3s. was carried. The following proposition was also carried: "That the election of officers and committee shall be by voting papers, and not as now at the general meeting." It was also decided to add to rules the following: "The membership of this society is open to the United Kingdom." Officers for 1909:—Patron, A. Bonar Law, M.P. It was unanimously agreed to ask Dr. J. E. Sidgwick to become president. Vice-presidents: Messrs. T. Boydon, R. Brownlie, A. E. Crowhurst, G. Dansie, R. Glendenning, D. Mabey, T. Robson, J. H. Harbord. Auditors, Mr. J. S. Matthes and Mr. F. Cole. Solicitor, H. B. Tweed, Esq. The office of treasurer, it was decided, should be held jointly with that of hon. secretary. Committee: Messrs. H. E. Tringham, E. S. Lugg, A. Cunningham, L. J. Richardson, F. Johnson, W. Hodson, J. W. Norris, A. R. Jay, H. S. Stephens. Mr. W. Hodson was elected secretary, but owing to business arrangements was obliged to decline. It was found at this point that it would be impossible to conclude the business that night, and it was decided to adjourn until another evening, date to be announced in Fancy Press. Business for the adjourned meeting will be the election of secretary and assistant secretary. Consideration for alteration of rules, viz., that the committee consist of 12 members instead of 9 as at present; consideration of balance-sheet and financial position of society. It is hoped every member will endeavour to attend.—W. HODSON (hon. secretary, pro tem.).

## BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Second annual tea and concert in connection with the distribution of prizes was held on January 5th, at Park Chapel Schools, when about 160 persons sat down to a substantial tea. The musical part of the programme was ably sustained by the following artistes:—Mrs. Wilson Laycock (soprano), Miss Lily Goldsboro (contralto), Mr. Morris Speight (tenor), Mr. John Hill (baritone), Mr. Norman T. Akeroyd (humorous elocutionist), Mr. Rowland Hill (piccolo soloist), Mr. Ernest Wilkinson (humorist), and Miss Alice M. Cruise, accompanist. During the interval Mrs. E. Suddards, of West Bowling, kindly presented the prizes to the members who had been successful in winning the gold medals, etc., during the past year at the five members' shows. The following were the winners in the champion section:—J. Farrar, G. White, W. Stables, H. Hill, F. Gelder, G. R. Rushworth, L. Briggs, W. Bleazard, and W. Blakey; in the novice section, Messrs. J. Northrop, J. Crowther, W. Laycock, O. Priestley, E. Dinsdale, W. Greenwood, H. Peacock, S. Warner, and A. Busfield; in the extra novice section, Messrs. S. Hudson and W. Nettleton. The secretary then gave his report on the year's progress, and thanked the officials most cordially for the splendid support they had given him. From a membership of 53 at the time of the last annual tea, the society had now a total of 67 members—not a bad performance for a society in its second year. The total number of birds shown at the five shows for the specials was 530, being an average of 106 per show. And the last show stands as a record for the society, when 172 birds were staged. The attendance at the meetings throughout the year averaged about 30 per meeting, and 144 persons had taken part in three rambles that had been participated in during the summer months. The society is fortunate in possessing as president Mr. E. Suddards, who has given of his best for the welfare of the society, and much of the success which has been so far accomplished is due to the services he has rendered; and so long as he retains his position at the head of affairs, so long will the society flourish and be of great benefit to its members. The financial statement was very gratifying, and we start the year with a nice little balance in hand. This has been a year of heavy expenditure, but we have come through with a balance on the right side, and are therefore hopeful with regard to the future. Mr. Suddards proposed a vote of thanks to the trustees for their kindness in lending the schools, and thanked them most heartily for their ready help on past occasions. Mr. G. White seconded, and it was carried. Mr. Wade, one of the trustees, responded in a few well-chosen remarks. The programme was then continued with the utmost enthusiasm. This concert will rank as one of the best things accomplished by the society so far, the talent being far above the average. Mr. E. Haley, one of the trustees, officiated as chairman in a very efficient manner.—H. HILL, secretary.

# ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

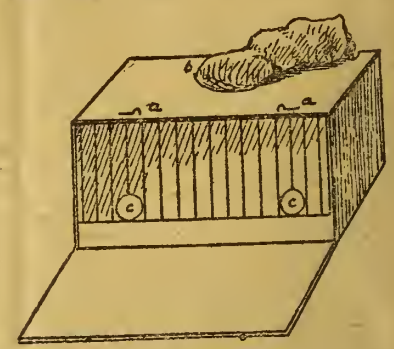
*Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence*

## No. 276.

### A HANDY CARRYING BOX.

**Sent by S. Whitehead, 158, Kew Road, Birkdale, nr. Southport.**

I enclose a sketch of a handy carrying box. I use this kind of box myself, and find it very useful either for putting fresh caught birds in (for carrying them home) or for use when you go to buy a bird or birds. The size of the box is 14 inches long, 9 inches wide, and 6 inches high.




**A Carrying Box.**

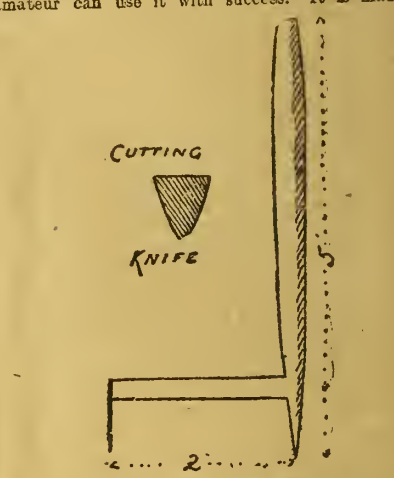
A.A. are catches to fasten lid, C.C. are holes for drinking, if necessary; B. is a stocking leg; there is a round hole cut in the top of the box, and the stocking is tacked round with a thin strip of leather to prevent it from breaking out.—STANLEY WHITEHEAD.

## No. 277.

### A CUTTER FOR CAGE DOORS.

**Sent by R. Edmunds, 2, Arthur Street, King's Lynn.**

Enclosed is sketch of a cutter which I use for cutting out cage doors, and find of great service. It is made to fit any carpenter's brace, and any amateur can use it with success. It is made of




**For Cutting Cage Doors.**

3-8 inch steel, tapered to a point; the distance between the latter and the cutting edge being 2 inches. A flat section of the cutting blade is shown in the drawing; it is sharpened both edges. When placed in the brace aud used on a piece of wood in the ordinary manner adopted with such implements, a round door, 4 inches across, will, of course, be cut out. For doors of show-cages it is especially useful.—R. EDMUNDS.

## NORTHERN NORWICH P.C.

The winners of club's specials for most points over all shows under the club's patronage were as follows: 1, Grey, 314; 2, Cameron, 119; 3, Brown, 70: Stanger and Herdman, 23; Floyd, 19; Miller, 17; Rowell, 15; Rennison, 5; Hodgson, 4. In the Silver Bowl contest Grey again wins with 85 points; Cameron running up with 55, Stanger and Herdman and Brown being next with 18 each. As this is the second season in succession that Mr. Grey has won the bowl it now becomes his own property. He also takes the special to winner of bowl. Miller and Rennison take the 1st and 2nd novice specials. Grey also wins Sandiford's Cup for most points in the colour-fed bird classes. Specials will be forwarded to the successful members within a fortnight unless any member objects to the above list. Objections must be sent to me at 30, Main Road, Tweedmouth, Berwick-on-Tweed, within 10 days.—ANTHONY HAY, Sec.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## DUDLEY.

The second annual show of the Dudley and Dist. C.B.S. was held on Jan. 20 and 21, in the Temperance Hall. The entry was a fairly large one, and some real good birds were staged. Yorkshires and Norwich came up strongly, and competition in almost every class was keen. The secretaries, Messrs. Leech, Mullett, and Bell, supported by a strong and capable committee, among whom we noticed Messrs. Hingley, Weeks, Capewell, Fallows, Raybould and others, had everything well in hand; cards, too, were up immediately the classes were judged. We hope to hear the show was a financial success; the schedule certainly deserves it. Mr. Robson judged all classes except Rollers, which were taken by Mr. Whittaker. The management was worthy of high praise.

### The Open Canary Classes.

CREST (4): 1, Smith, buff variegated. D.C., grand droop, fine well placed centre, nice leafy feather, wins well; 2, King, buff variegated., D.C., lovely feather, good droop; 3, Hawthorn, buff variegated., D.C.; vhc, Mrs. Cotton, Grizzle Crest. C.B. (5): 1, Smith, Green, grand substance, nice veiny feather, fine turnover; 2, King, buff mkd, grand skull, good dense feather, heavy lash; 3, Edwards, Green, nice feather, excellent lash; vhc, Hawthorn and Beard; hc, Turner. CINN. (3): 1, Yates, yell., good substance and quality, nice sound colour, well put down; 2, Silver, buff, grand shape and lacing, fine bird; 3, King, nice exhibit, falls in quality and shape only to leaders. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (11): 1, Crimes, wing marked, grand shape and colour, lovely quality; 2, Hulse, Cl., very shapely, hot in colour, presses hard; 3, Williams, cl. yell., big bird, grand substance and quality; vhc, Mortara; hc, Symonds and Son; c, Watson. BUFF (5): 1, Crimes, head ticked, grand shape, good back and front, nice short flights; 2, Broadhurst, cl., A1 shape, good back and wings; 3, Mortara, nice feather and quality. VARIEG. (4): 1, Silver, yell., mkd. on saddle, grand head and neck, gets well over perch, well staged; 2, Williams, mkd. buff, head and wings, lovely quality, very cobby, close run; 3, Broadhurst, variegated. yell., grand head and neck, nice substance, close up; vhc, Collier. NOR. HEN (9): 1, Dipple, cl. yell., excellent quality, good head and neck, well put down; 2, Crimes, head ticked buff, thick-set, good chest; 3, Broadhurst, cl. yell., grand feather and shape, fine bird; vhc, Hulse; hc, Turner; c, Guest. UNFLI. (5): 1, 2, Schneider, buff, mkd. on chest, good colour, grand head and neck; 2nd, silver buff, mkd. head and tail, lovely quality feather; 3, Yates, buff, wing mkd., Sutton winner, grand feather; vhc, Weaver; hc, Edwards. HEN UNFLI. (7): 1, Crimes, cl. yell., nice head, back and wings, well staged; 2, Dipple, cl. yell., some preferred, excellent shape and quality, nice short wings and tail; 3, Weaver, cl. buff, lovely quality; vhc, Schneider; hc, Mortara; c, Hulse. YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. (3): 1, Dykes, cl. yell., rich colour, nicely drawn; 2, Millincamp, cl. yell., nice position, good quality and style, close up; 3, Pugh, cl. yell., well up on leg, very stylish, crosses wings at times. BUFF (5): 1, Dykes, lovely feather, hot colour, nice head and neck, good stand; 2, Pugh, nice head and neck, good stand, just a trifle behind; 3, Jennings, beautiful quality, nicely packed wings and tail; vhc, Leeding; hc, Harley. UNEVENLY MKD. ETC. Cancelled. YORKS. HEN (5): 1, Millincamp, cl. yell., beautifully drawn, nice style, well up on leg, wins easily; 2, Raybould, cl. yell., very slim, well drawn, stands nicely; 3, Whitaker, cl. buff, beautiful quality, lovely back, wings and tail, well placed; vhc, hc, Dykes. UNFLI. (7): 1, hc, Williams, cl. yell., good length and stand, very coarse in feather; 2, vhc, Dykes, cl. buff, feather like wax, good style and position, some preferred; 3, Weeks, eye and wing ticked yell, very slim; c, Ellson. No. 2, wrong class, Pugh. HEN UNFLI. (8): 1, 2, Dykes, 1, cl. yell, lovely shape and quality, tapers beautifully; 2, eye mkd. yell., grand colour and quality, well up on leg; 3, Whitaker, cl. yell., nice shape and quality, well up on leg; vhc, Raybould; hc, Weeks; c, Paddock. A.O.V. (8): 1, Symonds, even marked buff Nor., grand head and neck, good feather and substance; 2, Burrows, buff Bord., lovely quality and shape; 3, Summerhill, foul yell. Scot. Fcy., good position and drive; vhc, Edwards; hc, Fisher; c, Willoughby. SELL. (20/-) (20): 1, Watchorn; 2, Symonds; 3, Jennings; vhc, Dipple; hc, Summerhill; c, Hingley.

### Open Mules, British and Foreign.

CAN. MULE, CL. ETC. (4): 1, Edwards, four-pointed buff Goldie Can., lovely feather, beautifully shown; 2, Lees, tkd. buff Linnet Can., nice feather, very wild; 3, Edwards, variegated. Linnet-Can., lovely shape and feather; vhc, Hingley. SELL. (5/-) (13): 1, vhc, Weeks; 2, Dipple; 3, Edwards; hc, Watchorn; c, Weaver. (10/6) (13): 1, hc, Freeman; 2, Dipple; 3, Paddock; vhc, Edwards; c, Symonds. CAN MULE DARK (7): 1, Somerfield, Greenfinch, rich colour, lovely feather, grand shape; 2, Coffey, magnificent Goldfinch, rare size, lustrous feather, grand quality; 3, Cooper, same cross, close up, nice size and shape; vhc, Edwards; hc, Lees; c, Pinner. HYB. (9): 1, 2, Ward, 1st Redpoll Bullfinch, very steady, grand feather, nice rich breast colour; 2nd, Linnet-Bullfinch, splendid size, grand shape, beautifully shown; 3, hc, Edwards, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, magnificent colour, very steady, well placed, and a Goldfinch-Bullfinch; vhc, Coffey, fine Chaffinch-Bramblefinch; c, Chillingworth, Can.-Bullfinch. BRIT. SOFTBILL, SMALL: 1, Williams, Nightingale, in faultless feather, well staged; 2, 3, Hingley, 2nd Wryneck, in nice feather, condition; vhc, Williams; hc, c, Jones. LARGE: 1, Williams, Chough, well-known, staged to perfection; 2, Underwood, Waxwing, in perfect feather, well shown; 3 (we missed); vhc, Shaddock. GOLDFINCH (15): 1, Jupe, immense square blaze, good body colour, buttons and bars; 2, Hurst, another good one, scarcely so large in blaze perhaps, very sound body colour; 3, Harris, very similar, scarcely so rich in tan; vhc, Somerfield; hc, Hurst; c, Jones. BULLFINCH (12): 1, c, Jones, lovely Finch, beautiful cbubby shape, excellent feather, grand cap and breast; 2, Harrison, another very fine one; 3, Coffey, very steady, well shown; vhc, Hurst; hc, Edwards. LINNET (11): 1, 2, Bancroft, lovely shape, good sound colour, rich lacing; 2nd, good lacing, scarcely so rich in colour perhaps; 3, Hurst, fine size, rich colour; vhc, Jones; hc, Coffey; c, Tonks. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, Bancroft, Twite, lovely colour and lacing, good size, very steady; 2, 3, Tonks, Redpoll, good size, in fine condition; 3rd, Redpoll, excellent size, similar to 2nd; vhc, Osborn; hc, c, Howe. GREENFINCH (15): 1, Hurst, beautiful colour, lovely feather, very steady; 2, vhc, Howe, another good one, close up; 3, Bancroft, good size and condition, nice quality; hc, Coffey; c, Millincamp. BRAMBLEFINCH ETC. (11): 1, 3, Hurst, 1st Bramble, very steady, beautiful markings, well shown; 3rd, Bramble, rich colour, good feather spangling; 2, Howe, Chaffinch, good size, lovely breast and wings; vhc, Osborne; hc, Price; c, Hunt. BRIT. A.O.S. (6): 1, Watson, Hawfinch, grand head, good bib, in fine feather, very steady; 2, Howe, Bunting, lovely feather, good bird; 3, Cotton, Hawfinch, fine exhibit, very steady; vhc, Jupe; hc, Hingley. FOR., PARROT: 1, Millsum, Purple Lory, excellent condition and feather, perfect; 2, Stockton, Eclectus Parrot, shown to perfection; 3, vhc, Hadley, 3rd Parrakeet, in splendid feather; hc, Pearcy. SEED-EATING (FINCH-LIKE) (8): 1, Howe, Green Cardinal, in lovely feather; 2, Fallows, Pope Cardinal, shown well; 3, Hadley, Diamond Finches; vhc, Edwards; hc, Stocker; c, Williams. A.O.S. (8): 1, Millsum, Blackbeaded Sugar Bird, grandly staged; 2, Williams, pair of Wood Swallows, perfection of feathering; 3, Stocker, Crimson-crowned Tanager, beautifully put down; vhc, Hadley; hc, Williams; c, Pearce. GIFT: 1, Weaver, 2, Hingley.

### The Members' Classes.

NOR. CK. (8): 1, 2, Jones, 1st cl. buff, nice quality, good head and neck; 2nd, ticked yell.; 3, Hingley, cl. buff, good size; vhc, Russon; hc, Raybould; c, Russon. HEN (4): 1, Hingley, cl. yell., beautiful quality, nice shape, wins easily; 2, Raybould, cl. yell.; 3, 4, Russon, 3rd cl. buff, nice shape, rough in feather; 4th, cl. buff, good size. YORKS. CK. (11): 1 Weeks, saddle mkd. yell., grand style and quality, well up on leg; 2, Raybould, cl. yell., grand position, very breedy, close up, crosses wings slightly; 3, Fallows, cl. buff, very smart, well up on leg, nicely drawn; 4, hc, Jennings; vhc, Weeks; c, Watchorn. HEN (7): 1, 2, Weeks, 1st bead ticked yell., nicely drawn, well up on leg, good wings and tail; 2nd, cl. buff, lovely quality; 3, vhc, Jennings, cl. yell., finely drawn; 4, Raybould, head marked, finely drawn, very breedy well up on leg; hc, c, Fallows. A.O.V. CAN. (12): 1, Groves, Green C.B., good skull and lash; 2, Fallows, cinn., good colour and lacing; 3, Groves, buff D.C., fine top-piece; 4, Watchorn, grand buff D.C.; vhc, Russon; hc, Groves; c, Watchorn. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, 2, Hingley. BRIT.: 1, 4, Hingley; 2, Russon; 3, Jones; vhc, hc, Capewell; c, Jones, all very fine exhibits. FOR.: 1, Hingley; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Leech; 4, Jewes; c, Fallows.

## DISS.

The Diss and Dist. C.B.F.S. held their fifth annual open show in the Corn Hall on January 12th. The hall is A1, and makes a capital place in which to hold a show of cage birds, having grand light. The secretaries, Messrs. H. J. Gooderham and W. Burrows, together with their committee (all good and true fanciers), deserve praise from every exhibitor for the splendid way in which all the arrangements were carried out. Birds were watered directly after judging, and the general routine work was got through as if by machinery. Entries were much the same as last year's, but quality was far in advance of anything seen at Diss before. The open Norwich classes were especially good, and contained some well-known winners. The Mule or Hybrid class was a grand one, containing a Canary-Bullfie and several very lightly-marked Goldie Mules and a nice Goldie-Bullfie. The Goldfinch class, too, was a treat to see. The local classes were an improvement on last year's, some very typical birds putting in an appearance. The show was opened by Col. E. R. Kerrison, C.M.G., who wished the society success; a vote of thanks was afterwards passed to him. Mr. J. Robson judged. Diss fanciers are worthy of a great deal more support than was accorded them this year, and we hope a much better entry will be made another year. Mr. Gooderham is a hard worker, and most happy when he can help someone out of a difficulty.

### The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (8): 1, spl, vhc, Howard and Son, cl., nice size, splendid quality and colour, good head and neck, nicely cut away; 2, Wilmot, another good cl., much the same as winner; 3, Brooks beautiful stamp, well across perch, well shown; vhc, hc, Rippin; c, Miles. BUFF (14): 1, spl, 2, Brooks, leader spanking wing mkd. buff, perfect Nor. stamp, lovely colour and quality, hard to find fault with; 2nd, cl., fine quality feather, head and neck like a Bullfinch; 3, Howard and Son, grand bird all over; vhc, Rippon, splendid chubby youngster; hc, c, Cullington. NOR. HEN (7): 1, Howard and Son, unfli. yell., real beauty, lovely style and finish, plenty of size; 2, Brooks, good buff, grand shape, short and thick, full of quality, shown in A1 style; 3, Smith and Son, lovely yell., nice stamp; vhc, Wilmot; hc, Howlings; c, Cullington. EVEN MKD. NOR. (4): 1, Brooks, yell., good stamp, full of colour, and shapely; 2, Cullington, another yell., good Nor. stamp, nicely marked; 3, vhc, Smith and Son, splendid buff hen, lovely quality, in rare condition A.O.V. CAN. (15): 1, 2, hc, Shearman, leader lovely variegated buff Crested hen, big body, neat crest, good centre, nice length of feather; 2nd, good green C.B. ck., plenty of head feather, well browed; 3, Brooks, green Crest, real good one, crest nicely placed; vhc, Howard and Son, clinking yell. cinn., lovely sound cinn. colour, red hot; c, Smith and Son. SELL. CAN. OR MULE (20/-) (10): 1, hc, Hart, good shapely yell. Nor.; 2, Palmer, very useful grizzle crest; 3, vhc, Howard and Son; c, Cullington. MULE OR HYB. (11): 1, Riley, grand Can. Bullie, lovely colour, in beautiful condition, nice size; 2, c, Brooks, both valuable lightly mkd. Goldfinch Can. Mules, shown in perfect order; 3, Howard and Son, another good Goldie Can.; vhc, Smith and Son; hc, Cox, both Goldie Canary; No. 6, Riley, no card, fine specimen of Goldie Bullie, loses in condition only. NOR. YELL. NAT. COL. (6): 1, Smith and Son, beautiful cl., lovely stamp colour and quality, neat wings and tail; 2, vhc, Miles mkd., nice type; 3, Wilmot, good size and colour; hc, Brooks, very typical; c, Hart. BUFF (6): 1, hc, c, Burrows, winner very small bird, lovely quality; 2, Howard and Son, bouncing cl., some preferred for first place; 3, Brooks, mkd., beautiful stamp, nice wing. AMATEUR CLASSES.—YELL. NOR. CK. (6): 1, Bales, head mkd., nice stout body, good full head and neck; 2, Smith and Son, runs winner very close; 3, Rice, variegated., good stamp; vhc, Nichols, good big bird; hc, Rackham, neat cl.; c, Booty. BUFF (6): 1, Nichols, wing ticked buff, rare stamp, looking ill when we saw him, wants taking care of; 2, Bales, eye mkd., lovely feather, good body, nice wing and tail; 3, Smith and Son, cl., weak in head; vhc, Rackham, nice stamp, good quality; hc, Bartram, jun.; c, Bales. NOR. HEN (7): 1, Rice, fine cobby cl. yell., short and thick-set; 2, 3, vhc, Bales, 2nd, nice useful sized buff; 3rd, some considered the best in class, real slashing yell., beautiful bold hen, grand size, quality, and type; hc, Smith and Son; c, Rackham. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Crompton, perfect gem, needs no comment, simply beautiful; 2, Belcher, another topper, very close on winner; 3, Keymer Bros., noted winner, beaten to-day, nice Finch, good face, grand bars and buttons; vhc, Cocks; hc, Lowne; c, Wilmot. BULLFINCH (4): 1, Crompton, All colour, nice size, fine dark cap, easy winner; 2, Belcher, good crest colour and nice cap; 3, Wilmot, also a good one; vhc, Gooderham. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Lowne, leader Yellowhammer in perfect order; 2nd, Cirl Bunting, very close on winner; 3, Cocks, Bramblefinch, nice markings, a little out of condition; vhc, Cooker, good hen Hawfinch, shown in faultless condition. SOFTBILL (6): 1, 2, Lowne, winner lovely Black Redstart, nice and steady; 2nd, Bearded Tit, nicely shown, little slack in feather; 3, vhc, Miles, 3rd real topping young Blackbird, rare size, will improve with care; hc, c, King. FOR. (6): two absent; 1, Miles, most magnificent Glossy Starling, in perfect condition, quite an easy win; 2, Cooper, Superb Tanager, good bird, a bit out of order; 3, Spurgeon, very nice Grey Java; vhc, Deanes. LOCAL CLASSES.—YELL. NOR. CK. (13): 1, vhc Burrows, very nice cl., good type and feather; 2, hc, Gooderham, big bird, very close on winner; 3, Dixon, grand bird; c, Mrs. Fickling, nice shapely bird. BUFF (10): 1, Dixon, lovely stamp and quality, clean throughout; 2, 3, c, Burrows, all nice birds; vhc, Dixon; hc, Mrs. Price. NOR. HEN: 1, 3, c, Gooderham, winner very shapely yell.; 3rd, very beautifully mkd. buff, stands well across perch; 2, vhc, Burrows, 2nd nice sized yell., thin at neck, good shoulders and chest, very useful; hc, Read; No. 3, no card, Mrs. Fickling, very nice shaped yell. hen. NOR. (bred by member) (16): 1, 2, vhc, Burrows, 1st yell., good feather and stamp; 2nd, buff, very hard to choose between, equally nice type; 3, hc, c, Gooderham, 3rd fine bold Nor., loses wing carriage. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, spl, Gooderham; 2, Martin; 3, Offord; vhc, Rice. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Offord; 2, Driver; 3, Rice. BRIT. HARDBILL (2): Both Siskins; 1st withheld; 2, Rice; 3, Offord.

## LINGFIELD.

Only six classes were provided for Cage-birds at this show which was held in the Victoria Memorial Hall on January 20th. As only in the event of eight entries in a class was full prize money to be paid, the entry doubtless suffered, as fanciers are not enamoured with the sliding scale. A few very nice exhibits put in an appearance, and all the exhibits were ably looked after by the committee, who had the arrangements well in hand. Mr. J. Stone, the secretary, is a most able and courteous officer, and under his direction everything passed off well. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. YELL. (3): 1, 2, 3, spl, Kilby, very nice team of typical high quality birds of good colour, and shown very fit, winner, grand cl.; 2, 3, ticked. BUFF (3): 1, 2, 3, Kilby, another grand trio, rare shape and substance, capital colour and quality of feather, two clears and a vargtd. CREST, ETC. (1): Cancelled. NOR. A.V.: This class was practically a repetition of the first two, and was somewhat confusing to exhibitors. It was cancelled. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, 3, res., Green, very useful team, 1st, good, stylish, well made Lancs. Plainhead; 2nd, nice quality buff Yorks., grand shape and style; 3, well spangled Silver Liz., good shape and feather; vhc, hc, Newman. BRIT. (7): 1, Gill, very rich coloured Goldie, clean cut blaze, capital back and bars; 2, vhc, Gunnel, good breasted Bullie, capital cap, nice bars and feather; 3, res, Bacon, another smart rich coloured Goldie, not so close in feather; hc, Foster.

## WATH AND DIST. C.B.S.

Annual show held on New Year's Day at the Cross Keys Hotel. Mr. W. Brotherton, who was elected to judge, owing to ill health could not come. Mr. H. H. Bramham officiated. The awards were well received.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 3, Walker; 2, Humphries. BUFF: 1, 2, Walker; 3, Humpbries. TKD., ETC.: 1, Humphries; 2, Charlesworth; 3, Walker. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Humphries. BUFF: 1, spl, Walker. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Watson; 2, Humphries. NOR. HEN: 1, 2, Walker. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Walker; 2, Tose; 3, Humphries. LINNET: 1, 2, Humphries; 3, Walker. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Walker; 2, Watson; 3, Humpbries. SOFTBILL: 1, Humphries. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Walker; 2, Watson; 3, Humphries.

## WIBSEY AND DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

The first members' show for 1909 was held on January 2nd, at the headquarters, the Horse and Groom Inn. Mr. L. Dykes (Bolton Woods) judged, and gave every satisfaction. Over 70 birds were staged in nine classes, and the principal points were scored by W. Jowett 23, G. Hudson 21, and S. Shaw 17.

CL. YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, Jowett; 2, Bastow; 3, Chapman and Bateman; 4, c, Bairstow and Chapman; vhc, Swailes; hc, Shaw. BUFF: 1, Swailes; 2, Jowett; 3, Sutcliffe; 4, Hardaker; vhc, Bastow; bc, Mann; c, Hylton. TICKED YELL.: 1, Thornton; 2, Shaw; 3, Mann; 4, Chapman and Bateman; vhc, Swailes; hc, Bastow; c, Taylor Bros. BUFF: 1, Taylor Bros.; 2, Hardaker; 3, Jowett; 4, Swailes; vhc, hc, Mann. UNEVEN: 1, Hudson; 2, 3, Sutcliffe; 4, Wilman. FOUL: 1, Lawson; 2, Wilman. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Hardaker; 2, Taylor Bros.; 4, Chapman and Bateman; vbc, Mann; hc, c, Bastow. BUFF HEN: 1, Jowett; 2, Sbaw; 3, Lawson; 4, Hudson; vhc, hc, Swailes; hc, Shaw. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, 2, Hudson; 3, Wilman; 4, Moorhouse; vhc, Thornton; hc, R. Hinchliffe; c, Sutcliffe YORKS. STOCK: 1, Shaw; 2, Bairstow and Chapman; 3, Thornton.—E. W. JOHNSON, hon. sec.

## BO'NESS AND DIST. F.A.

Club show held in Coffee House Hall, on December 26th, when 100 birds competed, some very good specimens being staged. Judges: Canaries, Mr. James Johnston (Bo'ness), and British birds and Mules, Mr. John McGregor (Bo'ness).

CREST CK. (5): 1, 4, Johnston; 2, 3, Whyttoch; vhc, Masson. HEN (4): 1, Bell and Dewar; 2, 4, Masson; 3, Whyttoch. C.B. CK. (5): 1, 3, Johnston; 2, Masson; 4, Whyttoch; vhc, Bell and Dewar. HEN (4): 1, 2, Johnstone; 3, Whyttoch; 4, Masson. NOR. CK. (3): 1, 3, Meikle; 2, McGregor and Boyd. HEN (3): 1, 2, McGillivray Bros.; 3, McGregor and Boyd. NON-FED (6): 1, 3, 4, McGillivray Bros.; 2, Meikle; vhc, McGregor and Boyd; hc, Hamilton. YORKS. (5): 1, 4, Perrier; 2, vhc, McGregor and Boyd; 3, Meikle. COM. CAN. (8): 1, Meikle; 2, 3, McGregor and Boyd; 4, McGillivray Bros.; vhc, Bell and Dewar; hc, J. Spowart. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, 4, McGillivray Bros.; 2, Perrier; 3, Bell and Dewar. LINNET (6): 1, McGregor and Boyd; 2, P. Scotland; 3, Hamilton; 4, Meikle; vhc, Spowart; hc, Wright. GREENFINCH (7): 1, vhc, McGregor and Boyd; 2, Wright; 3, Whyttoch; 4, Hamilton; hc, Spowart; c, Perrier. SISKIN (4): 1, McGillivray Bros.; 2, Spowart; 3, Meikle; 4, McGregor and Boyd. REDPOLL, ETC. (7): 1, 2, McGillivray Bros.; 3, 4, McGregor and Boyd; vhc, Hamilton; hc, Spowart. LESSER REDPOLL (4): 1, McGregor and Boyd; 2, McGillivray Bros; 3, Hamilton; 4, Scotland. A.O.S. BRIT. (2): 1, Hamilton; 2, Johnston. BULLFINCH HEN (5): 1, McGillivray Bros.; 2, Bell and Dewar. A.O.S. HEN BRIT. (6): 1, 2, 4, Millivray Bros.; 3, vhc, Spowart; hc, McGregor and Boyd. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 4, McGillivray Bros.; 2, hc, McGregor and Boyd; 3, vhc, Bell and Dewar. DARK MULE (5): 1, Wright; 2, 4, Scotland; 3, Meikle; vhc, Meikle.—F. MCGILLIVRAY. Hon. Sec.

## WINDHILL.

The Windhill, Shipley and Dist. C.B.S. held their 22nd annual show on January 16th, in the Carnegie Library, Windhill. Mr. J. Townend officiated as judge, and his awards were well received throughout. Mr. Broadley, the sec., had matters well in hand, and was ably backed up by a strong committee of well-known fanciers, among whom we noticed Messrs. M. Broadley, R. Sutcliffe and Son, Airey, Cook, Garnet, Drake, Skirrow, Smith, Denton, Walton, and Batteresby. The show was held under Yorkshire Union rules, and the patronages of the Y.C.C. and the C.M.Y.C.C.

### The Champion Classes.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (6): 1, 3, spl, Bailey and Swanger, lengthy, well-drawn, good shape, fine quality and colour, 3rd nice shape, very leggy, nice quality; 2, Shaw Bros., very breedy, neat type, stands well up, good wing carriage, nicely feathered; 4, Walsh, red-hot colour, grand length, and shape, fine quality; vhc, Wilkinson; hc, Wadsworth. BUFF (7): 1, Shackleton, noted winner, oft described, in fine form; 2, Bailey and Swanger, grand shape, extra colour and quality, plenty of style; 3, hc, Wadsworth, very neat type, leggy, shows well, good quality; 4, Ogden Bros., grand shape, stands well; vhc, Robertshaw; c, Leighton. TKD., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, spl, Wood, neat, narrow shoulders, grand shape, quality and colour, good position; 2, Bailey and Swanger, capital shape, fine position, rich in quality and colour; 3, Shackleton, grand type and style, full of quality, very lengthy; 4, Robertshaw, very neat type, stylish, grand quality and colour; vhc, Drake and Son; hc, Towers; c, Walsh. BUFF (6): 1, 2, spl, Shackleton, neck ticked bird leading, grand length, shape and position, 2nd grand colour and quality, very typical, two gems; 3, Bailey and Swanger, lovely type, full of style, gem for quality; 4, Robertshaw, uneven-marked, grand shape, nice quality and stylish; vhc, Greaves and Crabtree; hc, Sutcliffe and Son. UNFLI. YELL. (11): 1, vhc, spl, Bailey and Swanger, grand length, correct type, well drawn out behind, lovely quality, colour and style; 2, Shaw Bros., grandly cut, stands cleverly, nice quality; 3, Alderson, typical and very leggy fine quality; 4, Ogden Bros., good length, nice shape, lovely back, fine quality; hc, Bray; c, Wilkinson. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Charlesworth, all there for type and quality, plenty of style; 2, Greaves and Crabtree, grand shape, well up on leg, splendid back and wings, rich quality; 3, Bray, very neat and typical, grand colour and quality; 4, Ogden Bros., good size, typical, rich quality and colour; vhc, Dewhirst; hc, Chippendale; c, Shackleton. YELL. HEN (16): 1, 4, spl, Ogden Bros., leader good length, leggy, nice quality, Keighley winner, 4th good shape, full of quality, neat lady; 2, Shackleton, grand type, fine shoulders, plenty of nerve, very nice feather; 3, Bailey and Swanger, leggy, plenty of style, typical, nice quality; vhc, Lodge; hc, Chippindale; c, Horsfield. BUFF (10): 1, spl, Peel, grand shape, very stylish, nice quality, neat head, looking well; 2, Bailey and Swanger, noted neck ticked, keeping up well; 3, Wadsworth, neat type, nervy, good quality; 4, Shackleton, lengthy and stylish, grand quality; vhc c, Walsh; hc, Ogden Bros. CINN. MKD. YELL. (18): 1, spl, Drake and Son, grand length, good shape, rich colour, nice quality; 2, Cooper, very slim and neat, well up on leg, good bird; 3, Ogden Bros., capital length, grand type, rich quality and colour; 4, Towers, straight as a rush, grand shape, lovely quality; vhc, c, Frankland; hc, we missed. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Ogden Bros., grand type, straight as a dart, full of quality; 2, Wadsworth, neat type, nice colour and quality, rather wild; 3, Cooper, grand shape, very cleanly made, lovely quality, nice colour; 4, Wilcock, grand shape and quality; vhc, Dearden; hc, Alderson; c, Suteliffe and Son. CINN. MKD. YELL. HEN (13): 1, 4, spl, Jowett, nice cut, well-drawn, leggy, nice quality, looked a bit soft at times, 4th very typical, well up in position, nice quality; 2, Mason, grand shape, very stylish, narrow, lovely quality; 3, Drake and Son, well up, grand type and quality; vhc, hc, Wilcock; c, Gelder. BUFF (11): 1, vhc, spl, Ogden Bros., grand quality, brimful of colour, good shape and style; 2, c, res., Sutcliffe and Son, fine shape and style, lovely quality; 3, Fawcett, very good shape, well up, nice quality; 4, Drake and Son, typical, grand back, nice quality, stands cleverly; hc, Shackleton. SELL. CK. (15/-)(20): 1, spl, Pratt; 2, Goodwin; 3, Booth; 4, Broadley and Son; vhc, Horsfield; hc, Haigh; c, Tinkler. HEN (12/6) (17): 1, Walton; 2, Alderson; 3, 4, spl, Jennings; vhc, Mason; hc, Wood; c, Sleaford. BRIT. (7): 1, 2, 3, spl, Mason, Wagtail, Hawfinch, Wheatear, in order named, grand trio, shown in good order; 4, Wilson, Blackcap Warbler, good colour, nice cap, well staged; vhc, Archer; hc, Mackwell; No. 2 wrong class, Goldie-Bullie Hybrid.

### The Novice Classes.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (16): 1, 3, spl, Lumb, leader grand shape, good quality, plenty of leg; 3rd, neat type, nice back, good feather; 2, Lane, very stylish, nice shape, full of quality; 4, White, lengthy, well drawn, good shape, grand wings and tail; vhc, hc, Sowden; c, Gill. BUFF: 1, spl, White, good long bird, nice shape, stylish, full of quality; 2, Lane, grand type, stands well, full of quality; 3, Fowle, extra shape, grand quality, nice position; 4, Sowden, fine size, nice shape and quality, not so steady; vhc, Clegg; hc, Tinkler; c, Wilson. TKD. ETC. YELL.: 1, Layeock, grand cut, good stand, rich quality; 2, hc, spl, Varley, grand shape, full of quality, well up on leg, close up; 3, Radley, neat, very nervy, grand quality; 4, vhc, Kaye, good shape, well up on leg; c, Hall. BUFF: 1, spl, Gill, lovely type, good back, wings and tail, lovely quality; 2, Clegg, unevenly marked, stylish, and good quality; 3, Lumb, neat, typical, grand style, nice quality; 4, Radley, fine size, nice shape, lovely back, head and neck; vhc, Laycock; hc, Simonett; c, Sowden. YELL. HEN (13): 1, spl, White, shapely, good quality and style, nice cut away; 2, Clegg, grand length, good shape, full of quality; 3, Kilner, excellent shape, stylish, neat wing carriage, good quality; 4, Fowle, fine size and shape, nice quality; vhc, Hall; hc, Lane; c, Dunn. BUFF (14): 1, Kilner, good shape, very leggy, grand quality, shows well; 2, c, Laycock, neat, well made, compact, nice type and quality; 3, Lane, very shapely, stands well, full of quality; 4, White, another good one, grand type, neat wings and tail; vhc, Pratt, hc Gill. NOR. CK. (5): 1, 2, spl, Hammond, noted winner, oft described; 3, 4, Markswell, both good size, substance and quality; vhc, Fortnam. HEN: 1, 2, 3, 4, spl, Hammond, grand quartette, two yellows and two buffs, all gems of the first water, good enough for open classes; vhc, Markswell; hc, Fortnam.

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## GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION (LIVERPOOL).

The annual old show of this association was held in the Caledonian Schools, Oldham-street, Renshaw-street, Liverpool, on January 16th. The entry totalled up something like 450 birds, and is a record one for a club show. There were 16 Yorkshire Green classes, and 16 for Norwich Greens. There were also eight other Yorkshire classes and six Norwich, besides many others. There were four champion Yorks. Green classes, and four champion Norwich Green classes, in which points scored count for cups, medals, cash, and other specials throughout the season, and are governed by the season's competition rules. Very numerous were the other specials given, and these created keen competition. An extraordinary list of donors of special prizes was issued on the schedule, and all the leading Green Canary Club men's names appear in the list. Other generous donors came forward, notably the president, who gave a prize of 20s. for the best Green Canary in show, bred by the exhibitor. This was hotly contested for, and Mr. Clayton's yell. Green cock, 2nd in its class, and Mr. R. Davies's yell. Green Norwich, 2nd in its class, were the two nominated birds left in. Mr. Greaves "stuck" for the Yorkshire, and Mr. Houlton very strongly favoured the Norwich. A referee was called in, and he leaned to the Yorkshire which got the award. Both are grand birds, and found many admirers and supporters. The champion Yorkshire classes were not quite so heavy as the champion Norwich, there being 58 in the four Yorks. classes, and 80 in the four Nor classes. The type, colour and quality of most of them were excellent, and competition ruled very keen indeed. Taken on the whole, the show was a capital one. Fanciers were present from long distances, and right well were they repaid for their journey. Mr. Greaves judged the Yorkshires, A.O.V., and Selling classes, and Mr. Chas. Houlton the Norwich, Borders, Gift, Hybrids, and British bird classes. In some cases earlier champions of the season took a back seat, some being off condition, and here and there perhaps one missed, or (through the very cold day) with their backs up a bit. The show was well managed, and the work was got through in good time. All day long the room was full, and all the time presented a very animated appearance. The show can only be pronounced a great success. The officials were a capital lot. The chairman is Mr. F. Handley, the vice-chairman Mr. W. Hales, and the treasurer Mr. J. H. Isaac. The committee consists of such practical fanciers as Messrs. W. Thompson, V. H. Deacon, R. Bratherton (the assistant-secretary), A. E. Doughty, T. Ryno, T. Rowlands, and R. Davies. Mr. S. Hadwin is the secretary, and he is to be heartily congratulated on the success by which his efforts were rewarded. He was, and always is, courteous and obliging, and is in every way suited to his position as secretary.

### The Green Canary Classes.

YORKS. GREEN YELL. CK. (15): 1, Gore, bright shade of colour, good type, tight condition; 2, c, Clayton, fine type and size, nice grass-green colour, the winner of the president's special prize; 3, Rowlands, fine deep level colour, good type, tight in condition; vhc, hc, Atherton. BUFF (15): 1, (unfortunately our reporter missed the name here), slim type bird, nice one; 2, Hughes, lovely colour, grand type and condition; 3, Atherton, also nice tone of colour, good type and quality; vhc, Vernon; hc, Rowlands; c, Nimmo. YELL. HEN (15): 1 (again name was missed), very slim fine bird, deep colour; 2, Clayton, good all-round exhibit; 3, Wright, also very fine, nice all over; vhc, c, Nimmo; hc, Atherton. BUFF (13): 1, Fielden, grand type, nice colour, prim, and tight in condition; 2, could not find in class; 3, Nimmo, rare good colour, nice type, in fine feather; vhc, Atherton; hc, Clayton; c, Rowlands; grand lot. NOR. GREEN YELL. CK. (23): 1, 3, Deacon, clinking typical pair, grand deep colour, very level, well feathered all over; 2, R. Davies, splendid foul yell., runner-up for president's prize, found many admirers; vhc, Cawley, also very fine colour and type; hc, Isaac, still another gem; c, Jenkins, all these were very fine birds indeed. BUFF (22): Truly great class of buffs; 1, c, Deacon, 1st wonder for shape, colour, markings, and quality, a real treat; 2, Bratherton, splendid colour, quality and shape, runs close up; 3, Lawson, self like 1st, grand type and colour, clean in feather and condition; vhc, Harrison, foul wing and tail, nice size, colour and markings; hc, Walker, capital self, full of Nor. properties, level colour. This was a wonderful collection of high-class birds, and many cardless ones were showing excellent qualities; the keenest class this in show. FOUL YELL. HEN (14): 1, hc, Deacon, pair of very chubby selfs very level colour, fine condition of feather all over; 2, 3, c, Lawson, grand trio, foul, self, and foul respectively, all showing beautiful level colour and shape, in tight, level condition; vhc, Harrison, very fine coloured, foul, lovely quality feather and shape, runs very close up. BUFF (21): Another splendid class of buffs; 1, vhc, Lawson, very smart conditioned, fine size, shape, colour, quality and finish; vhc, very good conditioned self; 2, Barker and Abbott, topping good hen, foul throat and tail, rare feather, shape and colour evenly distributed, in grand condition; 3, Harrison, foul tail, grand colour and shape, size all there, in very good condition; hc, W. Jenkins; c, Deacon, the foul birds in this class were a treat, and topped the honours very easily. YORKS. GREEN SELF YELL. (14): 1, Handley, very fine, slim type, good colour, tight condition; 2, Drinkwater, excellent type, nice condition; 3, Simpson, somewhat similar; vhc, Tempest; hc, Hayden; c, Quirk. BUFF (11): 1, Rowlands, fine stamp for type, level colour, well conditioned; 2, 3, Robinson, both deep in tone of colour, level in feather and condition; vhc, Pilling; hc, Drinkwater; c, Kelly. FOUL YELL. (8): 1, Hughes, grand colour, good type, very nice all through; 2, Hodgkins, full of colour, nice type, good condition; 3, vhc, Wardale, lovely pair which some thought might have gone higher; hc, Quirk; c, Atherton. BUFF (6): 1, Fox, good bird, nice type and condition; 2, Rowlands, deep sound colour, fine body and condition; 3, Benson, also sound depth of colour, nice type; vhc, Hadwin, good bird; hc, c, Handley. HEAVY FOUL YELL. (9): 1, Hughes, grand colour and type, well posted in fine order; 2, Clayton, breedy, rare fine colour and condition; 3, Phythian, nice colour, a little bit soft in condition; vhc, Wardale, good all-round form and finish; hc, Rowlands, also fine colour and shape; c, Benson. BUFF (5): 1, Gore, very neat type, sound tone of colour, good form; 2, vhc, Pilling, very light under, nice shape. 1908 YELL. (12): 1, Davie, grand colour, good shape, in fine feather and condition; 2, we could not find in class when taking notes; 3, Wardale, nice length, fine colour all over, well up on legs, good beak; vhc, Atherton; hc, Rowlands; c, Carswell; grand all-round lot of young these. BUFF (13): 1, Simpson; 2, hc, Hughes; 3, Hadwin; vhc, Rowlands; these were a very even lot, and just a toss up which should lead; c, Pilling. SELF YELL. HEN (14): 1, Pilling; 2, Handley; 3, Wright; vhc, Benson; hc, Hayden; c, Hodgkins; some of these were very snakey and slim, with a tendency to light colour in parts; others were deep and level and sound, with good type and condition. BUFF (14): 1, Hayden, stylish bird, nice soft colour, good condition; 2, Atherton, somewhat similar bird; 3, Rowlands, almost equal in every respect; vhc, hc, Robinson; c, Drinkwater. FOUL YELL. HEN (8): 1, Pilling, very slim, good colour, very breedy; 2, Davie, fine type and condition; 3, Handley, good in all points; vhc, Robinson; hc, Carswell; c, Hadwin. BUFF (6): 1, Hunt, beautiful soft colour, feather and finish; 2, Hodgkins, long, dark colour, in good condition; 3, Fielden, another nice bird; vhc, Phythian; hc, Hadwin. NOR. GREEN SELF YELL.: 1, Bratherton, no competition. BUFF (3): 1, Drinkwater, best all over, All type, sound colour and condition; 2, Davies, splendid deep level colour, beaten in condition; 3, Bratherton, good bird, well put down. FOUL YELL.: 1, Hadwin, a very nice exhibit; no competition here. FOUL BUFF (4): 1, Harding, best colour, fine feather and shape; 2, Barker and Abbott, very cobby, good head; 3, W. Jenkins, foul tail, nice type and colour, good size and feather; vhc, Hadwin, another nice bird. HEAVY FOUL YELL. (3): 1, Drinkwater, grand colour, very pretty type and feather; 2, Wardale, very deep in colour, lovely shape, beaten in feather to-day; 3, Handley, nice colour and type, in fine condition. BUFF (3): 1, W. Jenkins, walk over, grand all-round bird for colour, type, and finish all over; 2, Drinkwater, excellent colour and type; 3, Hadwin, fine shape, well staged. 1908 YELL. (5): 1, Davies, grand self, rare shape, sound level colour, in fine condition; 2, Handley, lovely exhibit, nicely staged; 3, Hadwin, also a nice one; vhc, Nelson. BUFF (4): 1, Cawley, capital shape, sound, foul throat, level colour, fine feather and condition; 2, Hawkes, self, small perhaps, but good all over; 3, Hadwin, fine self, well placed; vhc, Murray, foul, nice colour. SELF YELL. HEN (2): 1, Handley; 2, Bratherton, former best quality, etc., both good in colour. BUFF: No entry. FOUL YELL. (2): 1, Hawkes; 2, Barker and Abbott, both good colour, 1st best quality and finish. BUFF (3): 1, Barker and Abbott, foul throat, A1 size, shape, colour and condition; 2, W. Jenkins, fine bird, equal in all to 1st, except weight of body substance; 3, Hadwin, good useful Buff hen.

### The Remaining Classes.

YORKS. CL. ETC. YELL. (7): 1, Hunt, very smart, like a wax model, beautifully staged; 2, Cawley, splendid type, quality, position, and stand, well up on legs; 3, Eccleston; vhc, Hadwin; hc, c, Harding, nice lot of exhibits all through. BUFF (7): 1, Harding, all there for type and quality; 2, Hadwin, well up, fine colour, well put down; 3, Cawley, in grand condition; vhc, c, Fox; hc, Hunt. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Fox, gem, finished grandly; 2, Hunt, very smart both for type and quality; 3, Davie, another really nice exhibit; vhc, Harding; hc, Cawley; c, Hadwin. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Harding, good pair well up in most Yorks. properties; 2, vhc, Cawley, in fine trim; hc, Coffey; c, Fox. CINN. TICK. CK. (3): 1, Harding; 2, Coffey; 3, Hadwin; all good birds, nicely staged. HEN (4): 1, Cawley, very fine exhibit, shows well; 2, 3, Hadwin, rare shape, grand type; vhc, Harding. Two classes for Nat. Col. Yorks. we did not get awards of, as cages were not labelled when we were taking notes. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (5): 1, vhc, Barker and Abbott, grand cl. leading, good exhibit, a credit to owners; 2, Harding, very fine quality and condition, well put down; 3, Coffey; hc, Worrall. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Barker and Abbott, cl. and a dark saddle bird, both real gems, A1 in finish; 3, vhc, Harding, smaller perhaps, but fine quality; hc, Worrall. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 3, Barker and Abbott, cl., and a cinn. variegated, both cobby and fine in colour, feather and quality; 2, hc, Worrall; vhc, Murray. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Barker and Abbott, really fine pair, 1st very cobby, grand bloom, quality and condition; 2nd, also very nice; 3, Horne, lovely shape and quality; vhc, c, Worrall; hc, Hawkes. NON-FED YELL.: No entries. BUFF (2): 1, Barker and Abbott; 2, Coffey, former slightly has it in condition to-day; all very good birds. BORD. CL. ETC. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Bayley, tick head and a cl., both in grand condition; 3, Hadwin, fine shape, nice quality; vhc, Drinkwater; hc, Murray. BUFF (3): 1, Hadwin, best shape, carriage gay and jaunty, in fine condition; 2, Drinkwater, a good bird, in excellent feather and condition; 3, Gore, slim and long, fine carriage and quality. YELL. HEN (3): 1, 2, Bayley, very pretty pair in the pink of condition; 3, Hadwin, shade smaller perhaps, but very nice carriage. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, Bayley grand, trio this, all in remarkably fine condition; vhc, hc, Hadwin; c, Drinkwater. VARIEG.: 1, 3, Bayley, 1st his crack variegyell., looking a champion all over it to-day; 2, Hadwin, very neat buff indeed; vhc, Drinkwater; hc, Middleton. GREEN AND YELL. (8): 1, Hadwin, grand colour, feather and carriage, in glossy feather; 2, vhc, hc, Middleton, nice team, cinn. and two greens, in rare good condition; 3, Bayley, very tight in condition, nice type; c, Drinkwater. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, Hadwin, trio of good ones, in rare feather and condition; vhc, Middleton; hc, c, Gore. A.O.V. CAN. YELL. (2): 1, Andrews; 2, Hadwin; both very fine birds. BUFF (2): 1, Walker; 2, Andrews. PAIR SELL. (6): 1, Hadwin; 2, Andrews; 3, Davie; vhc, Barker and Abbott; hc, Harding; c, Cooper. 15/- SINGLE (6): 1, c, Barker and Abbott; 2, hc, Andrews; 3, Harding; vhc, Hadwin. (12/6) (4): 1, Hadwin; 2, Harding; 3, Nelson; vhc, Coffey. HYB. (6): 1, 2, c, Coffey, famous Chaffinch-Bramble leading, not looking quite so smart to-day as he did when Miss Reeves (and afterwards Mr. Cooper) was showing him; but, then, he has done a lot of work since then; 2nd, his fine dark Linnet-Can., 3, hc, Horne, good Goldie-Greenie, in very nice feather; vhc, Barker and Abbott, small dark yell Goldie Can., blazing hot with colour, in fine condition. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Eccleston, very fine Finch, much the best, in all-round condition to-day; 2, Davies, another excellent Finch; 3, Horne, grand blaze and body colour; vhc, hc, Hales; c, Coffey. LINNET (3): 1, Horne, very fine all-round Linnet, was claimed; 2, Coffey, nice substance and markings, good colour and head, glossy feather; 3, Hales, very good Linnet when steady. BULLFINCH (2): 1, Coffey, gem all over; 2, Horne, grand bird, well put down. GREENFINCH (3): 1, Horne, remarkably fine nat. col. bird, in grand feather and condition, was soon claimed; 2, 3, Coffey, grand colour and condition. BRAMBLE, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Coffey, Bramble and Chaffinch, both in excellent condition; 3, Horne, Bramble, dense markings. TWITE, ETC. (2): 1, Coffey, nice Twite; 2, Horne, Lesser Redpoll: both very nice exhibits, well staged. HARD AND SOFTBILLS: No competition. GIFT (4): 1, Walker; 2, Hadwin; 3, Bratherton; vhc, Handley. Hyde's Winner, Lawson; Toronto Medal, J. Core.

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## PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

First annual contest held on Jan. 15 and 16, at the Coal Exchange, Market Place, Manchester. It was the first of its kind ever held in that city, and it was a great success in every way. In the first place there was a record entry of 150, which is, we believe, the largest number of this variety ever entered at one show. The hall was an ideal one for Rollers, and young and old fanciers alike turned up from Worksop, Staffordshire, Liverpool, Wakefield, Leeds, and the surrounding towns, and satisfaction ruled supreme, all over the show. As usual, the bulk of the work fell to but a few hands, but Mr. W. Whittaker, the secretary, with the never tiring help of Mr. Percival and his two sons, everything was done in good time. Some very good birds were staged, some undoubtedly the best bred in England, including the winners at the recent Horticultural Hall show; some recent gold medal winners in Germany were also present; but no doubt their travelling affected their song. However, they did not come up to some of their Lancashire rivals. Messrs. J. Lyons, A. Foulds and J. Burton judged, all three agreeing as to the value, etc., of each bird's song. This is a system which has its drawbacks, involving talking, etc., about one bird while another one is singing all through. Still, in every case, with the exception of one, we did not hear of any fault being found after their long and tiring work in arriving at their decisions, the exception being the winner in the champion class. The judges did their best, but how this bird got through without being penalised it is hard to say. Of course, opinions differ, but your reporter judged the bird several times over along with other prominent fanciers, and made him out to sing certain faulty tours at that time.

YOUNG BIRDS (bred 1908): B.R.C.C. Rung, 30, 1, spl, Waring, well-known winner, hollow roll 6, hollow bell 4, bass 3, flute notes 3, delivery 6, total 22; 2, Randall, hollow roll 4, hollow bell 4, bass 2, glucke 4, flutes 2, delivery 5, total 21; 3, Broadhead, hollow roll 5, schockel 4, flutes 3, bell tour 2, bell roll 1, delivery 5, total 20; 4, spl, vhc, spl, Whittaker, 20 points, and 19; hc spl Randall; c, spl, Masser and Rinings; spl, Percival. CHAMPION CLASS OPEN (15): 1, spl, Hopkins, bird above referred to; hollow roll 4, hollow bell 3, bass roll 3, schockel 4, flute notes 3, delivery 5, total 22 points; 2, B.P. Whittaker, well-known winner, until now has had an unbeaten career, hollow roll 5, hollow bell 3, bass 2, flutes 3, bell tour 2, delivery 5, total 20; 3, Hesling, hollow roll 3, hollow bell 3, bass 3, schockel 2, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, delivery 4, total 19; 4, vhc, Kremner, hollow roll 4, hollow bell 3, schockel 3, flutes 3, delivery 5, total 18: 1, Randall; c, Parr. RUNG BIRDS OPEN (18): 1, spl, 2, spl, Whittaker, 20 points first, 19 2nd; 3, spl, 4, spl, Foulds, 18 points each; vhc, c, Foulds; hc, Wareing; c, Randall. OPEN NOVICE (48): 1, Banks, hollow roll 4, hollow bell 3, schockel 3, flute 2, bell roll 2, delivery 4, total 19; 2, vhc, Kremner, hollow roll 3, hollow bell 3, bass 3, schocked 3, flutes 2, delivery 4, total 18; c, tie 2, White, Wakefield; 3, Hopkin, hollow roll 4, hollow bell 3, bass 2, flutes 2, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, delivery 3, total 17; 4, Barnett; hc, Burton; c, Kendall. SELL. (23): 1, 2, 3, 4, Kremner; vhc, Burton; hc, Percival; c, Gostling. MEMPERS' (16): 1, H. Percival, hollow roll; 4, hollow bell 3, gluck 3, bell roll 2, flutes 2, delivery 4, total 18; 2, Percival, similar in song; 3, G. Wirth, hollow roll 4, hollow bell 3, schockel 3, bell tour 2, delivery 4, total 16; 4, E. Lord; vhc, Austin; hc, Mrs. M. A. Swift; c, Kendall.

## SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD.

Annual show of the Sutton-in-Ashfield District Society, held January 16th, at the "Railway Inn," proved a splendid success. Mr. J. Smith, the secretary, deserved the credit of all concerned for the able way in which he conducted all the arrangements. He had the efficient assistance of Messrs. Parnell (chairman), Osborne (vice-chairman), Clayton (treasurer), and M. Norwood, G. Norwood, J. Norwood, Beardall, Bingley, Riley, Poole, and Marshall (committee-men). The quality was excellent throughout, and the attendance good. Mr. W. Vardy judged, and his awards were satisfactorily received.

### The Critique.

NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, spl, Beardall and Walker, good type, nice size, fine colour; 2, Brown, a trifle smaller, but nice feather. CL. BUFF: 1, vhc, Butler, leader rare type, quality, and colour, worn well; 2, 3, Beardall and Walker, both grand type, quality, and colour, scarcely the substance of winner. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, spl, Adnitt and Driver, good size, quality, and colour; 2, Naylor, trifle smaller; 3, Parmer. BUFF: 1, spl, Beardall and Walker, variegated, nice type and quality, well put down; 2, Adnitt and Driver, fine type and quality, fails a little in size only; 3, Moakes, also very nice Norwich, close up. HVLY. MKD., ETC.: 1, spl, Adnitt and Driver, heavily marked yell, nice type and the best quality; 2, Butler cobby buff, vgtd.; 3, vhc, Beardall and Walker, both well staged. UNFLI.: 1, spl, Adnitt and Driver, cobby yellow, best of quality; 2, vhc, Beardall and Walker, the leader vgtd. buff, good type and grand quality; 3, Butler, clear yellow, close up. HEN: 1, spl. vhc, Marshall and Vaughan, varieg. yell., good size, very chubby, should do well in the breeding room; 2, 3, hc, Beardall and Walker, 2nd buff, ticked on neck, very nice type and quality; 3rd, clear yellow, close up, c, Adnitt and Driver. PAIRS: 1, spl, Beardall and Walker, marked yellow cock, ticked buff hen, both good; 2, Marshall and Vaughan, large ticked yellow cock, fine stock bird, and buff hen, rare size and quality, trifle too long in body; 3, Moakes, very nice pair, close up; vhc, Butler; hc, Adnitt and Driver; c, Smith. NAT. COL.: 1, 2, spl, Beardall and Walker, 1st, clear buff, nice cobby bird of good quality; 2nd, yell. green; 3, Marshall and Vaughan, large buff variegated, good head and neck, trifle too long in body; vhc, Turner; hc, Long. BUFF D.C.: 1, 2, 3, spl, Norwood Bros., three of the very best, 1st green, with wonderful crest of the best quality; 2, 3, variegated dark crests, both fit to win in the best company. LIGHT CREST: 1, spl, Norwood Bros., crest of good size and quality; 2, Seagraves and Miller. HENS: 1, spl, Osborne, large crest of the best quality; 2, Naylor, also nice in most parts. C.B. YELL. CK.: 1, spl, Norwood Bros., green, good head, with any amount of head feather; 2, Osborne, variegated, large, with good head, scarcely so long in head feather, but still a grand one; 3, Taylor, nice, but hardly so good in head. BUFF: 1, 2, spl, Norwood Bros., 1st, one of the very best, a large green, with noble head and any amount of feather of the best quality; 2nd, variegated, another grand bird; 3, Parmer, also good. HEN: 1, 2, spl, Norwood Bros., 1st, best in head feather; 3, Seagraves and Miller, extra good hen, large, with fine head, close up. CREST UNFLI.: 1, spl, Norwood Bros., a topping bird, with an extra good crest; 2, 3, Seagraves and Miller, two promising youngsters. C.B. 1, 2, spl, Norwood Bros., 1st a monster, green, with wonderful head feather; 2nd, another rattling bird. CREST PAIRS: 1, spl, Norwood Bros., very fine pair; 2, Seagraves and Miller, close up. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Adnitt and Driver, rattling evenly marked yellow Norwich; 2, 3, Athery, 2nd, smart yellow Yorkshire, nice quality, well up on leg; 3rd, buff Yorkshire, very nice. SELL. CREST: (20/-): 1, spl, Turner. C.B. (15/-): 1, spl, Turner. SELL. NOR. (15/-): 1, spl, Moakes; 2, 3, Adnitt and Driver. BRIT. SOFTBILLS: 1, sp., Kays, grand Starling; 2, Mayfield, a good Skylark. NOVICE MEMBERS' NOR. YELL.: 1, spl, Smith and Bingley, good type and quality. BUFF: 1, spl, Smith and Bingley, variegated of the best quality; 2, Parnell. UNFLI. YELL.: 1, spl, Smith and Bingley. HEN: 1, 3 spl, Smith and Bingley, ticked buff, well up in size and quality; 2, Wardle, another very nice hen. PAIRS: 1, spl, Wardle, a really good pair; 2, 3, Smith and Bingley, both close up. CREST: 1, spl, and medal, Shaw and Booth, green crest of the very best quality, won easily; 2, Clayton, another dark crest of rare merit. C.B.: 1, spl, Poole, nice head, with plenty of good quality feather; 2, Shaw and Booth, clear buff, good bird, very close up. CREST HEN: 1, spl, Shaw and Booth, light crest of the best quality; 2, Clayton, very nice dark crest; 3, Long, grand hen. C.B.: 1, spl, Shaw and Booth, fine head and turn back. CREST PAIRS: 1, spl, Poole, green-crested hen, very nice crest, cock large, with dark head, and any amount of feather of good quality; 2, Clayton, another rattling pair; 3, Shaw and Booth, well after leaders. LIGHT: 1, 2, Beardall and Walker; 3, Turner; extra specials for most points; 1, Beardall and Walker; 2, Norwood Bros.; 3, Smith and Bingley.

## SUTTON COLDFIELD.

The second annual open show of the Sutton Coldfield F.S. was held in the Crystal Palace, Sutton, on January 18th. The main structure of the building being composed of glass, the light during the daytime was altogether admirable. Entries came up fairly well, there being about an average of twelve per class. Some very typical Norwich and Yorkshires were on exhibition, those of Messrs. Broadhurst, Yates, Lees and Dipple in the Norwich section calling for special mention, while the Yorkshires of Messrs. Paddock, Pugh, Dykes and Williams did their exhibitors much credit. The secretary, Mr. W. Paley, held the reins to a nicety, and had the arrangements admirably carried out. Mr. W. C. Wells judged.

NOR.: 1, res, Broadhurst, cl. buff, nice short thick oxhibit, good front, well over perch; grand type; 2, Lees, yell. mkd. on back, lovely quality feather, nice head, neck and back, close up; 3, vhc, Hatton, cl. buff hen, grand quality and type, nice short flights and tail, well placed; 4, Dipple, cl. buff, extra size, good head and neck, very short tail; vhc, hc, Williams; hc, Bellamy; c, Tyler. NOR. UNFLI.: 1, spl, Yates, wing-mkd. buff, charming quality, grand head, neck and back, nice short wings and tail, takes spl for best Nor; 2, Dipple, cl. yell. hen, lovely type and feather, well over perch, nice substance, close up; 3, Silver, mkd. head and tail, extra short flights and tail, nice quality feather; 4, vhc, Broadhurst, yell., eye and wing mkd., lovely shape, grand front, nicely cut away, good head and neck; res, Hall; vhc, c, Williams; hc, Bellamy. YORKS.: 1, spl, Paddock, well-known cl. buff, good head and neck, wings and tail, lovely feather, takes spl for best Yorks.; 2, c, Dykes, cl. yell., good length and stand, well up on leg; 3, vhc, Pugh, cl. buff, grand type and quality, good position, nicely braced wings; 4, res, Champion, cl. yell., fine length, well up on leg, good quality; hc, Williams. YORKS. UNFLI.: 1, Pugh, cl. yell., grand stand and shape, well up on leg, lovely wings and tail; 2, c, Williams, cl. buff, lovely feather, grand head and neck, good wings and tail, very close up; 3, Paddock, cl. yell., hot colour, well up on leg, very breedy, inclined to cross wings at times; 4, vhc, Dykes, cinn. mkd. yell., good position, well up on leg; res, Hawkesford; hc, Steventon. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, spl, res, Smith, buff variegated, D.C., of nice leafy feather, well placed, grandly filled centre; 2, Chillingsworth, Can. Bullfinch, good size, fine rich colour; 3, Lees, yell. Goldie Can., lovely colour, mkd. both wings, shown well; 4, Yates, yell. cinn., good shape and size, sound colour; vhc, hc, c, Edwards; vhc, hc, Williams; vhc, Tyler. BRIT.: 1, Williams, Chough, well-known winner, in grand form, very steady; 2, Osborne, Goldfinch, fine square blaze, good body colour, nice buttons and bars; 3, vhc, Clempson, Bullfinch, lovely shape, good cap and bib; 4, res, Bloodworth, Wagtail, in beautiful feather, very steady; vhc, c, Ridner; hc, Edwards. SELL. (20/-): 1, Dipple; 2, Steventon; 3, Edwards; 4, Williams; res, Yates; vhc, Silvers; hc, Champion, Smith; c, Bellamy. (10/-): 1, Paddock; 2, Dipple; 3, Edwards; 4, Steventon; res, Peters; vhc, Champion; hc, Silvers.

## THURSO.

Twentieth annual show of the Thurso O.S. was held in the Drill Hall, on December 23rd, when there was a grand display of exhibits, many of which were sent long distances. The weather was all that could be desired, the show day being bright and sunny. The indefatigable secretary, Mr. J. D. Millikin, had everything arranged in excellent order. The judges performed their duties in a manner that reflected credit on themselves, and left little room for criticism. There was a considerable increase in the entries of cage birds, and in the more important classes of Canaries; it may be mentioned that Scotch Fancies were really a good show, some grand birds being found amongst them. This was very cheering, for, unfortunately, this class has had very little competition for the past few years. Norwich breeders, however, were set more upon their mettle; competition was very keen, and the awards were well divided. Border Fancies were also strong, and competition for the money tickets very keen, some of the Edinburgh winners lifting premier honours. Yorkshires were also a very good class. Mr. Anderson (Forres) judged.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Clyne. HEN (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, spl, Clyne. NOR. CK. (7): 1, spl, Clyne; 2, Richardson; 3, Bruce; vhc, Shearer. HEN (9): 1, Shearer; 2, Bruce; 3, McDonald; vhc, Clyne. VARIEG. CK. (9): 1, 2, spl, Shearer; 3, Clyne. vhc, Clyne. HEN (8): 1, McDonald; 2, Bruce; vhc, Clyne, Bruce. CREST CKS.: 1, Clyne; 2, Bruce; 3, vhc, Shearer. HENS: 1, cup, spl, Bruce; 2, Clyne; 3, vhc, Shearer. C.B. CK.: 1, 2, spl, Shearer; 3, vhc, Clyne. HEN: 1, spl, Clyne; 2, 3, Shearer. COLOUR-FED CLASS: 1, 2, 3, vhc, spl, Clyne. BORD. FCY. CL.: 1, Connochie; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Shearer. TKD. ETC.: 1, 2, spl, Connochie; 3, vhc hc, Shearer. YORKS.: 1, spl, Mansell; 2, Bailie; 3, Richardson. MULES: 1, spl, 3, Shearer; 2, Morrison. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Shearer. LINNET: 1, spl Shearer; 2, Baikie. CAN. PAIRS: 1, 2, hc, spl, Shearer; 3, Richardson. BRIT. A 2.: 1, Shearer, Lark; 2, 3, McKenzie. FOR.: 1, spl, 1, Shearer, Lark; 2, 3, McKenzie. FOR.: 1, spl, 1, Shearer, Lark; 2, 3, McKenzie. FOR.: 1, spl, 3, Murray; 2, Keith and Murray. SELL.: 1, spl, 3, vhc, Shearer; 2, McDonald. GIFT: 1, spl, Shearer.

## BATHGATE.

Annual show held on Jan. 16, when it proved a record success, both as regards the number of entries and of visitors. This show is acquiring the reputation of being the British bird Palace show of Scotland, and after this year's splendid collection the executive felt proud of their efforts. Many well-known exhibits were staged. Norwich, Crests, and Crest-breds were a sweet collection, although the numbers might perhaps have been larger; the quality, however, was high, competition throughout the classes being very keen, and in many cases just a reversal of former judgments. The Plainheads were a large collection, some grand ones being staged in marvellous bloom. These varieties were carefully handled by Mr. Sloan (Glasgow), and his awards were well received. Borders were a good feature, a really grand and magnificent lot being forward. The honours were well distributed, and the judge, Mr. G. Hislop, was happy in his selection of the winners. He also judged the Yorkshires, which proved a good addition to an already attractive programme. British birds followed, and such a collection has seldom been gathered together in any town. Bathgate are the pioneers of the Greenfinch, and to-day they allotted no less than four classes to their favourites, and it was pleasing to see such a crowd of them. One would have thought from past experience fanciers would not send, as so many champions were already there. But, no; the classes comprised good ones from all over the country, and competition was exceedingly keen. The hen class was a stinger, many hot ones being staged. All the other classes were keenly contested, and the judges, Messrs. J. Brown and S. Ward, had a very difficult task indeed. Colour seemed to predominate in many of the exhibits, and Mr. Brown found it necessary to put several of the birds to the test. A certain well-known champion Greenfinch was among these, but after a careful test the judge was unable to remove anything and awarded it 1st in its class. A well-known winning Chaffinch was also among them, and after another careful test was found "all right" (as one of the partners jokingly remarked: "We still have the receipt in the dye-works"), and it stood 2nd in its class to a grand Bramble, which we heard has only been caged eight weeks and is a marvel for size and colour. The judge, however, discovered alleged colouring matter on a Bullfinch, a well-known winner, and found it necessary to debar it from competition. Alleged colouring matter was also found on a Linnet, and this bird met a similar penalty. The judge fearlessly tested any bird he had doubts of, and satisfied himself as to their colour. Taken all over, the British birds were an object lesson, all species being on view—Buntings galore; Softbills, some of the best living; while hens of the various species were prominent. Mules were the finest ever seen in Bathgate, some gems being staged, while the foreign Goldfinches were a good show, though the Bullfinches were down a shade. Mr. J. Brown (Edinburgh) took the even numbers, and Mr. Sam Ward (Glasgow) the odd numbers here. The show was held as usual in the Corn Exchange, which since last year has undergone a transformation, being now all newly decorated and fitted with hot-water pipes throughout, which kept the hall very comfortable. It needed it to-day, as we had one of the heaviest snowfalls of this season in the morning. Mr. Bald was at the helm, and no comments from us could heighten the esteem in which he is held by the Bathgate committee. Quiet and unassuming he is, but always "there" and obliging. He was ably assisted by Mr. M. Bald, and the pair were happy. The committee are all fanciers, true as steel, and work harmoniously together.

The special winners were as follows:—Bald Cup, for most points in show, Messrs. Livingstone and Sharp; runners-up, Messrs. Craig and Bald (equal); most points, Nor., Mr. J. Reid: Borders, Mr. Craig; Yorks., Mr. Walsh; Mules, Messrs. Jackson and Bond: Brit., Messrs. Livingstone and Sharp; runner-up, Mr. R. Bald.

### The Canary Section.

CREST NOR. CK.: 1, Paul, Green wins, finely-rounded headpiece, grand side and centre, well down in front, in grand bloom; 2, Martin, good centre, fine length of feather, well down in front; 3, Stewart, nice shape, good length of feather; 4, Anderson, good back crest, dense feather; vhc, Kirkwood; hc, McLean. HEN (6): 1, McLay, grandly laid on, fine level crest, nicely carried to front, good at sides, well centred; 2, Stewart, grand top-piece, rare length, good frontal; 3, Paul, nice head gear; 4, Buchanan, on similar lines to 3rd; vhc, Kirkwood; hc, Elder. C.B. CK. (5): 1, Stewart, nice one, fine wide skull, well lashed, good headed one, shown to perfection; 2, 3, McLay, 2nd grandly lashed, well drawn forward; 3rd, cushion headed, taking exhibit, fine substance; 4, Paul, grand entrance, wide-skulled bird, must have pressed hard; vhc, Kirkwood. HEN (9): 1, Elder, nice skulled bird, good, top skull, well lashed, in fine trim; 2, 4, McLay, 2nd close up, fine width of skull, neatly browed, good all-round exhibit, well placed; 4th, again all there for feather; 3, Buchanan, nice quality, good all round, neatly lashed; vhc, Sharp; hc, Allan; c, McLean. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Reid, well up in colour, good shape, fine carriage; 2, Holmes, good one, tight as a drum, grand shape, sweet head and front, some preferred; 3, Erskine, close up on 2nd, good quality feather and shape; 4, Reid, nice shape and style; vhc, Devoy; hc, Wilson; c, McLay. HEN (9): 1, Bishop, wins, lovely shape and blue, rare head, front and wing carriage, plenty of style, real good one, well placed; 2, Reid, grandly-fronted, lovely head and style; 3, Muir, grand shape, good head and taper, nice wing carriage; 4, McLay, head tick, good size; vhc, Lawson; hc, Paterson; c, Gray. BUFF CK. (15): 1, Buglass, wins, hot one, grand shape and quality of feather, neat head, good front, A1 wing carriage and taper; 2, Reed, also good one; 3, Holmes, hot fed, grand quality feather, neat head and taper; 4, Winter, gem for quality, tight as wax and well staged; vhc, McNeill; hc, Scobbie; c, Parlett. HEN (8): 1, Holmes, good all-round stamp, fine head, full in front, nicely drawn, lovely feather, grandly put down; 2, Calderwood, head tick, neatly got up, nice front and head; 3, Bishop, good all-round shape, nice front and style; 4, hc, McLay, nice quality and colour; vhc, Buglass; c, Reid. UNFLI. CK. (14): 1, Calderwood, variegated, yell., best type, grand head and front, splendidly rounded, shown to perfection, lovely colour and finish; 2, Henderson, hot colour, yell. cl., good shape, fine full front, A1 shape; 3, Bishop, another cl. yell., good size and style; 4, Parlett, real good variegated, buff, fine size, grand quality feather, lovely front; vhc, Buist; hc, Burnett; c, McLay. HEN (12): 1, Buglass, cl. yell., good one, in rare bloom, not a feather out of place, grand head and front, A1 shape and style; 2, Holmes, all there for shape and substance, good well filled up hen, full of style; 3, Paterson, variegated., good shape and quality of feather; 4, Watt, grand shape, lovely fronted bird; vhc, McMinn Bros.; hc, Paterson; c, Lawson. A.O.V. NOR. (16): 1, Paterson, nice yell. variegated., fine size and quality of feather, neat head and front, in good order; 2, 3, A. Paterson, good stamp of a yell., nice head and front, well forward in condition; 3rd, also a yell., in good order; 4, Bishop, real tip-top buff, staged to perfection, fine size, grand head and back; vhc, Dewy; hc, Henderson; c, Muir. NOR. NON-FED CK. (12): 1, Buist, slashing cl., nice quality throughout, good head and front, A1 shape, plenty of substance, staged to perfection; 2, Winter, variegated. yell., of right stamp, good bold front, well drawn, fine wings and taper, well placed; 3, Reid, variegated. buff, nice size and quality of feather; 4, McGillivray Bros., cl. buff, good feather and finish. HEN (4): 1, Donaghy, good all-round yell., well up in size, full of quality, in fine order, well put down; 2, Bishop, nice buff green, grand pencilling, all there for size and shape; 3, Muir, buff, nice feather and quality; 4, Reid, good shape and size. CINN. (6): 1, Buist, gem for size, hot fed buff, well pencilled, full of bloom, grandly laced on flanks, nicely rounded, good head and finish, well staged; 2, vhc, Phillips, nat. col. buff, well up in lacing, nice size and quality of feather; 3, vhc, Robb, Jonque, nice colour and lacing; 4, Cruickshanks, buff, nice size, neatly staged. SELL. CK. (15/6), HEN (12/6) (27): 1, Fenwick; 2, Reid; 3, Donaghy; 4, Boag; 5, Lawson; 6, Taylor; 7, Holmes. BORD. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Patterson, extra good form, lovely feather, grand head and back, A1 wing carriage, neat front and taper, looking at its best, well staged; 2, Craig, similar in mould, well drawn, good front and carriage; 3, Gilchrist, in rare bloom, very upright in position; good wings and taper; 4, Munnock, neat shape, in fine order, all there, well put down; vhc, Wilson Bros.; hc, Dunsmore; c, Bennet. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Craig, good all-round exhibit, fine head and neck, good front, nicely rounded, well drawn, neat wings; 2, Hogg, good feathered one, nice wing carriage; 3, Easter, neat head and stylish, grand feather, neatly put down; 4, Gilchrist, sweet exhibit, rare position and style, A1 feather and bloom; vhc, hc, Bennet; c, Boag. BUFF CK. (15): 1, Gilchrist, head mark, very stylish, free position, lovely front and taper, grandly drawn, full of bloom, well staged; 2, Craig, close up, lovely position, grand back and wing carriage, well put down; 3, Dunsmore, good shapely exhibit, nice front, and stylish; 4, Leach and Leckie, taking one, lovely head and neck, good shape, sweet one, well placed; vhc, Patterson; hc, Poole; c, Peel. HEN (19): 1, Craig, hot one, real good 'un all over, correct size, lovely quality feather, grand wings and back, well cleaned out; 2, Gilchrist, noted wing mark, fresh as ever, feather like a piece of wax, two real gems, hard to separate; 3, Boag, neat all round, nice size and shape; 4, Patterson, good shape, grand feather; vhc, Wilston; hc, Wilson Bros.; c, Dunsmore; a grand class this. EVEN MARK (10): 1, Crichton, nice shape and quality of feather, some thought should have given way to next, good one however; 2, Patterson, grand eye mark buff, good shape, beautifully balanced markings all over, staged in highest order; 3, 4, Peel, yell., nice quality feather and type; 4, buff, also good shape and quality, nice size, both staged in grand feather; vhc, Dickson; hc, Dunsmore; c, Gilchrist. GREEN OR CINN. (22): 1, Patterson, nice Jonque green, fine depth of body colour, nicely spangled, grandly moulded, in A1 order; 2, Dickson, very dark marked pencilled green, nice type and shape; 3, Dunsmore, Jonque green, fine shape and colour; 4, McGhie, yell. cinn., good colour and pencilling, nice shape; vhc, Forrest, real tip top buff green, grand, cl., distinct pencilling; hc, Arnot; c, Gentleman. A.O.V. BORD. (15): 1, Glass, good all-round variegated. yell., grand front and head, rare shape, teeming with quality, lovely back and wing carriage, rare feather, well staged; 2, Craig, nice variegated. buff, good shape, lovely head and front, well placed; 3, Shearer, buff, good in wings, grand quality throughout; 4, Munnock, also a buff, nice style, good head and active, well-drawn, again in rare bloom; vhc, Bennet; hc, Shields; c, Wilson Bros. SELL. CK. (7/6) (11): 1, Boag & Gilchrist; 3 Leach and Leckie; 4, Hogg; vhc, Craig; hc, Cormack; c, Dunsmore. HEN (7/6) (19): 1, Craig; 2, Bennet; 3, Shields; 4, Dunsmore; vhc, Patterson; hc, Boag; c, Gilchrist. YORKS. CK. (14): 1, 2, Walsh; leader good hot fed yell., grand length, finely drawn, lovely position, A1 quality feather; 2, raking buff, good taper, grand carriage, neat front and waist; 3, 4, Paterson, neat yell., stylish, well drawn; 4, buff, grand feather; vhc, McRobbie; hc, Martin; c, McDougall. HEN (14): 1, 2, Walsh, again to the fore with a pair of hot ones, grand yell. leading, rare length, plenty of style and colour, extra good in carriage, well put down; 2, topping buff, close up; 3, McRobbie, very slim got up yell., stylish, grandly drawn, A1 wing carriage; 4, Fortune, nice slim buff, good quality feather, grand shape and style; vhc, Paterson; hc, Robertson; c, McDougall.

### The Remaining Sections.

CL. ETC. MULE (10): 1, Arrighi, eye ticked Goldie Can., nice size and quality of feather, good flush face, staged in lovely bloom; 2, hc, Jackson and Bond, a triumph of the breeder's art in the shape of a grand cl. Goldie Mule, wonderful size and quality of feather, unfortunately wants a claw; 3, 4, Jamieson, 3 nice variegated. Goldie Can., shown in extra fine bloom; hc, Mills; c, Hossack. HYB. (10): 1, Jackson and Bond, good Can. Bullie, grand size and colour, shown in perfect condition, well staged; 2, Arrighi, noted Goldie Bullie, looking as fit as ever, good size and colour, in lovely bloom; 3, Jamieson, Redpoll-Siskin, nice colour and quality, fine size, well put down; 4, Graham, variegated. Can. Bullie; vhc, Tayler; hc, Sneddon; c, Dale. DARK GOLDIE AND LINNET CAN. (8): 1, Livingstone and Sharp, nice Jonque Linnet, fine size, grand colour, A1 bloom and quality; 2, Bald, grand buff Goldie, dense expansive face, tip top size and quality feather, grandly put down; 3, Stewart and Milne, Jonque Linnet, grand size, well up in colour, real good one; 4, Ratcliffe, Jonque Goldie, A1 bloom and finish; vhc, Coffey; hc, Hossack; c, Duncan. DARK MULE A.O.V. (16): 1, Jackson and Bond, clinking dark buff Greenie, monster for size, hot fed, lovely pencilling, grandly shaped staged in rare bloom; 2, Leigh, well-known Jonque Greenie, grand size, deep colour throughout; 3, Erskine, good Redpoll, nice size and quality feather; 4, McDougall, large buff Twite, nat. col; vhc, Parlett; hc, Jamieson. HEN MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, McGillivray Bros., nice Goldie Bullie, in perfect feather, A1 size, nicely marked; 2, Tayler, good large Goldie Greenie, plenty of colour, good blaze and bars; 3, Jackson and Bond, large Can. Bullie, plenty of colour; 4, Neilson, nice hen Greenfinch Can., well marked, also well up in size; vhc, Bishop; hc, Jackson and Bond. SELL. (7/6): (17): 1, Livingstone and Sharp; 2, Murray; 3, Arrighi; 4, Paul; vhc, Brown; hc, Kerr; c, Bruce. BULLFINCH CK. (15): 1, Coffey, Scottish National winner, looking as fit as ever, nice cap, shape and size, good colour and wing bars, in superb condition, staged to perfection; 2, Thomson, denser colour on breast; 3, Kerr, neat shape, well up in size, good cap and bars; 4, Henderson, grand bird; vhc, Bishop; hc, Brown; c, Livingstone and Sharp. Disqualified, McQuiston, for alleged artificial colouring. HEN (17): 1, A. E. McDougal, good size and colour, grand shape, fine broad skull, nice wing bars, in grand condition; 2, c, Livingstone and Sharp, nice deep breast colour, well forward in wing bars; 3, Bald, nice size, good one; 4, Fisher, fine shape, nice colour and cap; vhc, Leach and Leckie; hc, Dale. SISKIN (13): 1, Gentleman, nice size and colour, neat bib, good cap, well laced on flanks, in A1 order; 2, Bishop, hot fed, good bib, in fine order; 3, Brown, rare size, grand lacing; 4, Arrighi, in grand bloom, neat cap and colour, well put down; vhc, Roy; hc, McDougal, good one, a shade soft when we were taking notes. GOLDFINCH (26): 1, Anderson, cl. win, grand size, rare deep flush face, nice nap, good cut cheeks, lovely buttons and bars, fine tannings; 2, Jamieson, pretty tannings, well cut on face, well forward in buttons and bars; 3, Henderson, grand feather and shape, expansive and well-cut blaze; 4, Leach and Leckie, dense blazed bird; vhc, McMinn Bros.; hc, Sanderson; c, McDougal. LINNET MOULTED (15): 1, Parlett, large one, nice shade of colour, good flights, well pencilled, rare shape, and quality of feather; 2, Arrighi, grand bloom, well laced on sides; 3, Morris, grand breast markings, real good one in front, falls in substance only, fine shape; 4, Coffey, nice tone of colour, neatly staged; vhc, Colbrow; hc, Corrin; c, Hossack. Disqualified, Leighton, for alleged colouring. WILD (24): 1, Jamieson, a good one, grand colour, nice shape, rare front and flights, steady, should make up a real grand one; 2, Hyslop, well forward in colour, nice front, good bars; 3, Watson, good shape, nicely marked, steady, in good order; 4, no name, lovely shape, grand flights, in grand order; vhc, Fox; hc, Tait. GREENFINCH FED (13): 1, Bald, marvel for both size and colour, real topper all over, dense colour throughout, grandly staged, about the best Jonque living; 2, Livingstone and Sharp, very large, feathered to perfection; 3, Peel, very stoutly made, plenty of size, grand head and back; 4, Baxter, rare bloom and order, well up in colour; vhc, Marshall; res, Coffey; c, Allan. NON-FED (11): 1, 2, Howe, leader an easy winner, grand size and colour, rare shape, lovely bars, splendid back and wing carriage, teeming with quality, 2 nice shape and quality of feather, in A1 order, well put down; 3, Gentleman, nice tone of colour, grand flights; 4, Bald, plenty of size and colour, lovely shape; vhc, Livingston; hc, Hossach; c, Gentleman. HEN (16): 1, 2, Calder, leader grand size, nice colour, nicely defined, good in wing flights; 2, in grand order, well up in colour; 3, Livingstone and Sharp, very steady, in grand bloom, good colour, nice size, well staged; 4, Gordon, nice size, grand trim, a trifle unsteady; vhc, Strachan; hc, c, Bald. MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE (16): 1, Erskine, nice coloured Twite, well up in size, grandly pencilled, good ground colour, neat flights in rare bloom; 2, Craig, good Mealy 'Poll, fine size well up in lacing, good bib, and front, in lovely order; 3, Law, Twite, nice size and flights; 4, McGillivray, Mealy Redpoll, grand bib, good size and shape; vhc, Livingstone and Sharp; hc, Malcolm; c, Wilson Bros. LESSER REDPOLL (Moulted) (7): 1, Allan, nice colour, size and lacing, good shape, grand feather; 2, Russell, lovely 'Poll, nice colour; 3, Webster, dense bib, in grand colour; 4, Neilson, fine size, good colour; vhc, Strachan; hc, Coffey; c, Barnes. BUNTING (16): 1, Arrighi, Scottish National winning Yellowhammer, in A1 order, grand size, colour and markings; 2, c, Erskine, good Black-headed Bunting, fine shape, good colours; 3, Milne Bros., nice Meadow Bunting, well up in size, fine colour and order; 4, Smith, Reed Bunting, nice one, rare bib, steady, in grand bloom; vhc, Howe; hc, Young; c, Erskine. CHAFFINCH OR BRAMBLE (16): 1, 2, Livingstone and Sharp, pair of gems, Bramble leading, steady as a rock, rare size and shape, well spangled, will greatly improve, 2nd noted Chaffinch, needs little comment, gem for size and colour; 3, Henderson, Bramble, lovely coloured one, beautifully spangled; 4, Howe, nice Chaffinch, grand colours, in rare bloom; vhc, Coffey; hc, Young; c, Craig. SMALL SOFTBILLS (12): 1, Howe, Blue-headed Wagtail, in first rate trim, fine colour, well staged; 2, Erskine, real good Redstart, well up in size, and teeming, steady, well staged; 3, Ford, Bearded Tit, large one, grand monstache, cl. markings, beautifully staged; 4, Paton, bouncing Skylark, good exhibit; vhc, Russell; hc, Lawson; c, Milne Bros. LARGE BRIT. (7): 1, Milne Bros., superb Magpie for colour, size, shape and quality, can scarcely be surpassed, grandly staged; 2, Polloch, head and neck; 3, Talt, Nutcracker, very steady, coming into rare bloom; 4, Howe, Hoopoe, interesting exhibit, nice size and markings, rare bloom; vhc, Barnes; hc, Henderson; c, Millar. A.O.S. HEN, BRIT. (19): 1, Bruce, well-known Song Thrush "Border Queen," gem for markings, grand size, and shape, staged to perfection; 2, Reid, tip-top Chaffinch, beauty for colour and markings, grand eye, steady as a rock, well staged; 3, Taylor, nice Bramble for size; 4, Gentleman, nice Siskin, good size and shape, grand colour, splendidly marked in lovely bloom; vhc Coffey; hc, Howe; c, Russell, about the best and most interesting class in show. WILD GREENFINCH (30): 1, Mitchell, nice shape and quality, good colour throughout, grand flights, very tight in finish and steady; 2, Duncan, nice Jonque, well up in colour, good size; 3, hc, Nielson, another Jonque, good colour, in fine order; 4, Martin, again yell., teeming with colour, all in marvellous feather; c Bald real gem great size lovely feather; vhc, Gentleman. WILD REDPOLL (24): 1, McGillivray Bros., nice Mealy, well up in size, splendid markings, good colour, neat bib, steady, well staged, sweet exhibit; 2, Calder, lovely Lesser, plenty of colour, nicely laced, well up in size, good bib; 3, c, Bald, another sweet Lesser, good body colour; 4, Ford, good one, fine bib and shape, well laced, in rattling bloom; vhc, Graham; hc, Allen. SELL. BRIT. (5/-) (17): 1, Parlett; 2, hc, Livingstone and Sharp; 3, Bishop; 4, no name; vhc, Bald; c, Erskine. GREENFINCH SELL. (7/6) (16): 1, Livingstone and Sharpe; 2, Baid; 3, Leach and Leckie; 4, Joanstone; vhc, Law; hc, Colville and Son; c, Aitken. FOR. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, Arnot, wins, grand all over nice size, good nap and cheeks, blaze, dense in colour, neat buttons, grand bars; 2, Parker, another hot one, grand size and colour; 3, c, Buchanan nice flush face well up in colour; 4, Hossach, taking one, lovely shape, good chest, well cut cheeks; vhc, McMinn Bros; hc, Drake; c, Buchanan. BULLFINCH, FOR. (3): 1, McDonald, well-known winner, in extra bloom, great size, dense in colour throughout, easy win; 2, Arrighi, bouncing hen, fine cap and breast; 3, Henderson, taking exhibit, sweet shape, nice colour, good back and bars, in rare order.

## SHIELDS AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The first of our table shows was held at Gregg's Cafe on Jan. 13. There were five classes. Entries did not come up quite as well as we expected, although some good birds were staged; many of our members did not exhibit probably owing to the climatic conditions prevailing at the time. Mr. John Gilhespy (Gateshead) judged the Yorkshires, Linnets, and A.O.S. British birds, and Mr. W. L. Smith the remainder. A lively argument ensued in regard to some of the awards.

NOR.: 1, vhc, Gilhespy and Gordon; 2, hc, Thompson; 3, Barrass; c, Bullock. YORKS.: 1, vhc, Hutler; 2, 3, Thompson. LINNET: 1, Mackay; 2, hc, Dixon; 3, Barrass; vhc, c, Carrick. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, c, Thompson; 3, hc, Mackay; vhc, Bullock. A.O.S. BRIT. SEEDEATER: 1, 3, W. L. Smith; 2, Telford.—JAS. BARRASS, Asst. Sec.

## GRIMSBY AND DIST. O.S.

Annual half-day members' show was held at the Hall of Science, January 2nd, when the entries did not quite come up to expectations, but the quality was excellent. Mr. H. Harding, the hon. secretary, efficiently performed his duties. Mr. W. Clews judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Robinson; 2, 3, Moore, scn. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Stubbs; 4, Moore, scn. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Moore, scn.; 3, 4, Robinson. HENS: 1, 2, Moore, scn.; 3, 4, Robinson. NOR. YELL., NOVICE: 1, 3, Harding; 2, Metcalf; 4, Robinson, jun. BUFF: 1, Harding; 2, Cotterill. UNFLIG.: 1, Metcalf; 2, 3, Angliss; 4, Harding. HENS: 1, Cotterill; 2, Robinson, jun.; 3, 4, c, Harding; vhc, Angliss; hc, Metcalf. LINNET, ETC.: 1, A. Sutcliffe; 2, Bowden; 3, G. Dowie. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, Dowie; 2, Oliver; 3, Sutcliffe. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, 2, A. Sutcliffe; 3, Towle. FOR. 1, A. Sutcliffe. Specials were won by Messrs. Robinson, Metcalf, and A. Sutcliffe.

## CITY OF WAKEFIELD O.S.

Members' show held at headquarters on December 26th, being the last show for cup and medals. Mr. P. Parker, hon. sec., had everything in order. Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford) placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction. Messrs. C. and C. T. Parkes gained most points for cup and medal; Mr. J. Atkinson won medal for second most points; Mr. J. Isherwood won medal for third most points, and medal for most points in British birds.

YELL. YORKS. CK. (9): 1, 2, vhc, c, Parkes; 3, Parker; 4, Taylor; hc, Midgley. BUFF (4): 1, Parkes; 2, Rothwell; 3, Talbot. YELL. HEN (8): 1, 2, Parkes; 3, Parker; 4, Rollings; vhc, hc, Rothwell; c, Taylor. BUFF (5): 1, Talbot; 2, 3, Parkes; 4, vhc, Parker. NOR. CK. (5): 1, 3, Talbot; 2, Parkes; 4, Atkinson; vhc, Walker. HEN (8): 1, 3, Parkes; 2, Taylor; 4, hc, Talbot; vhc, Walker; c, Bedford. LINNET (8): 1, hc, c, Atkinson; 2, Isherwood; 3, 4, Walker; vhc, Netherwood. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Talbot; 2, Isherwood; 3, Parker; 4, Walker. BULLFINCH (4): 1, Cowper; 2, Netherwood; 3, Parkes; 4, Rothwell. A.O.V. BRIT. (9): 1, hc, c, Isherwood; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Netherwood. MULE (2): 1, Netherwood; 2, Taylor. SELL. (15s. 6d.): 1, 2, Parkes.—C. T. PARKES, assistant-secretary.

## MORLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Last show of the season held on Jan. 2nd, when about 60 birds were staged. There was a good attendance of the public. I am glad to report that all our shows have been successful, and I believe that we could make an open show pay its way; the interest shown in the members' exhibitions has been great. We have 31 members on the roll, and a few more will join at next meeting. The chief interest of this event was in the British bird class, where about a dozen birds were staged. Mr. J. E. Pyrah won the 1st prize, value 20s., and Mr. W. Spence won the 2nd for most points gained throughout the season. Mr. T. Bentley judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, 3, Spence, grand cl., in perfect condition; 2, Fawcett; vhc, Crossley. BUFF: 1, 2, Spence; 3, vhc, Sykes; hc, Crossley. CL., ETC., HEN: 1, 2, 3, Spence. CINN. MARK CK.: 1, 3, Fawcett; 2, Spence. HEN: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Pyrah; hc, Spence. UNFLIG. CL., ETC., CK.: 1, Fawcett; 2, 3, hc, Pyrah; vhc, Spence. HEN: 1, Fawcett; 2, Spence; 3, vhc, Pyrah. STOCK CLASS: 1, Fawcett; 2, 3, Pyrah; vhc, Spence. FOUL MARK: 1, 2, Pyrah. NON-FED: 1, 2, Fisher; 3, Crossley. BRIT. OR MULE: 1, Toulman; 2, Hollingworth; 3, Pyrah; vhc, Anty; hc, Holliday; c, Toulman.—ROBT. TURNER, Sec.


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# Results of Our Xmas Competitions.

## Some very Interesting Answers to some Interesting Questions.

(*Concluded from page 64.*)

**QUESTION 1.—WHICH IS THE BEST BREED OF CANARY FOR THE BEGINNER —AND WHY?**

We append a selection from the replies received. It is interesting to note that the majority of the writers plump for the Border as the beginner's best bird, though the Norwich is but half-a-dozen votes behind it.

THREE POINTS.

The Norwich—because it's hardy, prolific, and finds better classification at local shows.—G. LAWRENCE (Halstead).

THE SWEET-VOICED HARTZ.

Undoubtedly the best variety of Canary for the beginner is the Hartz, for these reasons. They are the cheapest breed to gain experience with, are very prolific, don't need large cages, and will always find a ready market as singing birds.—J. BROXUP ((Burnley).

THE GOOD POINTS.

The Norwich Plainhead, because it is easy to understand the good points.—J. PEDDER (Luton).

DIRT PROOF.

Green Norwich, because it is the heartiest, and the most natural in shape, colour, size, and general appearance of the original, and will consequently inherit the most natural propensities. Does not show the dirt, and can be kept nice with the minimum of trouble.—W. MOORELEY (Liverpool).

PRETTY AND POPULAR.

Of all the varieties of Canaries I consider the pretty and now popular little Border to be the best variety for a beginner to commence with. Why? Because really good, high-class stock can be obtained, capable of producing winners of the best order, at a very moderate price and within the reach of all. He should procure two pairs from a reliable breeder, having them on approval, and if he had a fancier in his neighbourhood who would give him a little advice, so much the better. The probable outlay would be about 50s. Specimens of this variety are very active, smart, stylish, and exceedingly taking in appearance, and therefore are sure to take the judge's eye even in the A.O.V. class at shows, where special classes are not provided. Nothing creates so much enthusiasm as a little success in this respect to a beginner. They are hardy and prolific breeders, and last, but by no means the least, the beginner would not be bothered with that troublesome and expensive experience, viz., colour-feeding.—JAMES TOTTLE (Frome).

THE LITTLE GEMS.

Undoubtedly these little "gems," known as Border Fancies, are far and away the best variety for the beginner. Because, from their general smartness they are a most attractive variety of Canary. Full of action and vivacity, they fascinate one with their jaunty ways. They are hardy birds, prolific layers, and excellent breeders, a most important item for a novice. The various colours of Borders are many and varied, and whether the novice means to produce show specimens or simply to breed them as a hobby, Borders in all their various colours, are the surest, easiest, and best breed of Canary for the novice.—W. M. THOMSON (Moffat).

THE LANCASHIRE SUPPORTED.

I should think that the Lancashire will rank amongst the best, providing that the breeder gets his birds from a good strain and uses his judgment a little in breeding by pairing suitable birds. The Lancashire is one of the best birds to see, especially Plainhead hens, as they are much used for muling purposes. They are, I think, one of the best birds to keep, and one of the hardiest.—WM. ADAMS. Rochdale.

JOHN BULL.

The Norwich Canary: reasonable in price, certain and prolific breeder, vigorous in constitution and song—the typical English bird.—F. W. LANE (Belfast).

THE "COMMON" GERMAN.

Commence with one or two pairs of Common Germans. These cost little, are prolific breeders, and seldom fail to rear their progeny. Encouragement thus gained, the necessary foundation is laid to stimulate the would-be fancier to further action. Being good songsters, there is usually a ready sale for the offspring, the result of which should enable the novice to start another season with any variety he may fancy.—S. AYSCOUGH (West Hartlepool).

THE SCOTCH FANCY.

The Scotch Fancy rears more than any other variety I have tried. Hardy, if not used to heat; good songster; above average of most varieties as feeders. Rarely, if ever, plucks young; commands a good price; is a first-class bird no judge can pass in exhibition. Commands admiration from beginner or experienced.—WM. HUNTER (Wishaw).

**QUESTION 2.— SHOULD LEGITIMATE "PREPARATION FOR SHOW" INCLUDE THE REMOVAL OF A FEW OBJECTIONABLE FEATHERS?**

"AN EYE FOR AN EYE."

I think the best punishment for any person removing a few objectionable feathers is to remove a few of his objectionable fingers. If we can win let us win by fairness, not by faking.—J. BROXUP (Burnley).

A DECIDED NO.

Legitimate preparation should not include the removal of even one objectionable feather from the mere fact of its being not a means of enhancing that which already exists, but materially altering with fraudulent intentions the true character and qualities of a bird. Dishonesty can never be legitimate, and is not recognised by either moral or social laws.—EDWARD MILNE (Blairgowrie).

IS IT TRUE?

Yes, it should, for the very weighty reason that "when you're in Rome, you must do as the Romans do."—R. ROBERTSON (Newtown, St. Boswells).

QUALIFIED.

I think legitimate preparations for show should not include the removal of any objectionable feathers, especially if the owner is trying to sell them, because it is deceiving both judge and buyer.—F. WHITING (Mitcham).

BY THE C.B.U.

No; it is fraudulent practice, and should be dealt with by C.B.U.—K. KINGSWILL (Norwich).

HOW MANY?

Decidedly not; a few might mean anything from three or four up to as many hundreds. A few would be what the operator thought the bird required.—WM. HUNTER (Wishaw).

SOME EXCEPTIONS.

Yes; excepting flight and tail feathers.—G. LAWRENCE (Halstead).

MOST CERTAINLY.

Most certainly, especially if it be a few broken in its tail, which, of course, require five weeks to grow again.—WM. COWARD (Barrow-in-Furness).

BUT DON'T DECEIVE THE JUDGE.

Yes, certainly, if by so doing a bird is brought nearer perfection, and it is done honestly and not immediately preceding a show to deceive the judge, because it is necessary to show a bird at its best to be successful.—H. C. HOLMES (Liphook).

THE BEGINNER MUST LEARN.

Yes; in my opinion the removal of a few objectionable feathers is quite legitimate. The only drawback, to my mind, is that the new beginner is left behind the old hand on the show bench, all other points being equal.—A. RICHARDSON (York).

AVOID TEMPTATION.

Certainly not. The removal of feathers is faking, just as much as the painting of feathers, and faking is tantamount to fraud, and therefore should not be allowed. In my opinion a bird should be staged with all its feathers intact, so that if it should be claimed, the person who claimed it could show it again without the risk of its being disqualified, on the one hand, and without having the temptation thrust upon him to fake the birds himself, on the other.—WM. REID (Sunderland).

**QUESTION 3.—IS IT DESIRABLE THAT EXHIBITION BRITISH BIRDS SHOULD BE COLOUR-FED?**

DULLS THE COLOUR.

No. It has a tendency to dull the colour instead of brightening it, which is so essential for exhibition British birds. There is no beating the natural (outside) feed given in season.—W. WILLIAMS (Ruabon).

ENSURES A QUICKER, BETTER MOULT.

It is quite desirable and necessary that British birds should have a little colour-food, but only tasteless pepper should be used, as hot pepper alters the plumage, instead of improving it like tasteless does. I also think colour-food ensures a quicker and better moult, and is also better for fanciers who live in the towns and can't get the natural foods.—W. COOPER (Matlock).

AN AID.

Excepting a bird be of extra good natural colour it is necessary to colour-feed to compete successfully; but it should not be overdone. A bird so treated might get "in the tickets," whereas it would be passed as failing in colour if shown naturally.—H. C. HOLMES (Liphook).

DRASTIC.

No. Any exhibitor colour-feeding British birds, if an alien should be fumigated and deported, if a Britisher, cautioned.—JOHN NIGHTINGALE (Folkestone).

NEITHER TIME NOR MONEY.

Plenty of working men have not the time, nor can they afford to go in for colour-feeding.—DAVID BROWN (Ayr).

IS IT TRUE?

At present expert colour-feeders sweep the deck.—A. T. CHARLWOOD (Evesham).

A BIG DISTINCTION.

Yes; but not by scientific food, but by their natural food.—WM. ASTBURY (St. Helen's).

A DECIDED YES.

Yes, provided the schedule does not prohibit. We want the handsomest and best on the show bench to be in the prizes. A well-fed specimen is a standing witness to the extra care and regard bestowed upon it during the moult by its ambitious owner, and if the judge considers its beauty superior to others in consequence, it ought to receive additional points according to the extent of the improvement. This view acknowledges both the skill of the exhibitor and the outstanding merit of the exhibit.—GEORGE HARRIS (Kenley).

A WOBBLE.

No; I think not, as nothing beats a good natural moult without colour-food—unless it improves the colour of the Thrush a little.—W. BROOKSBANK (Goole).

ON THE WHOLE.

On the whole colour-food may be regarded as an undesirable item in the larder of the British bird fancier. (1) Because few of our resident birds are improved by its use, and of those which may be improved by such treatment, the Linnet, Greenfinch, and, perhaps, Redpoll, form the best examples, their naturally sombre plumage being heightened and intensified by such colouring agents. (2) In birds of the Goldfinch or Bullfinch class the exquisite blending of colour and markings is utterly destroyed by such colouring matter.—A. SUTHERLAND GRANT (Kirkcudbright).

HARD HITS.

A British bird is best without being colour-fed. Its natural colour is very hard to improve on. It goes very much against a bird's taste to partake, and by this I know it proves injurious to its health. Many judges ignore fed birds when they find a better bird unfed, which goes to show that feeding is not over popular.—R. GARDNER (Ormskirk).

GO TO NATURE.

It is undesirable to feed with manufactured colour-food, though it is beneficial and admissable to feed with natural flowers and herbs, to obtain the full wild colour of plumage.—W. MOOREBY (Liverpool).

**QUESTION 4.—WHICH IS BEST, AN OUTDOOR OR AN INDOOR BIRDROOM—AND WHY?**

BAR THIEVES.

An outdoor aviary is best providing it is cosy and dry, and no thieves come around.—F. WHITING (Mitcham).

SETTLED.

I prefer an outdoor structure because my wife does.—J. S. COOPER (Matlock).

A WELSH OPINION.

An indoor bird-room, because you have your birds at your command; they are linked to your house, therefore linked to yourself. Should anything occur in your bird-room you are then more likely to notice it.—J. ROGERS (Afonwen).

ALL THE VIRTUES.

I myself prefer an outdoor bird-room, as I am quite certain it is better, more natural, and healthier for the bird. I have never met with birds suffering from asthma, sneezing, etc., nor those stuck in the moult, in outside aviaries. They can be protected better from vermin (mice, etc.), while redmite and the grey louse are unknown outside. The aviary can be cleaned and generally managed much better outside than in, and moulting will be more thoroughly and quickly accomplished.—A. WILKINSON (Colne).

A PLUMPER FOR INDOORS.

Indoors is far more comfortable from every point of view. An evener temperature can be maintained, smoke and dirt can be easier defied, and a supply of fresh air readily admitted free from draughts.—R. ROBERTSON (Newtown, St. Boswell's).

LEAVE IT TO YOUR PARTNER.

It all depends whether your wife is as fond of the birds as you are yourself. If she is, pick the best room in the house. If not, the best bird-room is outside. Still, inside is undoubtedly the best, for you get a most even temperature, and as a rule it is handier.—A. RICHARDSON (York).

DEPENDS ON THE BIRDS.

It depends what class of bird one fancies. If Crests, in my opinion an indoor room, with window south, is best, if possible for one to have it. Then the birds gets plenty of sun. But for all other Canaries I prefer the outdoor aviaries.—G. M. DAVEY (Plymouth).

MUCH SOUGHT AFTER.

Outdoor bird-rooms are the best; more natural for the birds, and generally more convenient for their owners. Birds that are bred outdoors are hardier and stronger than those bred indoors. There is always a good demand for coldroom bred stock.—A. T. CHARLWOOD (Evesham).

FREEZING.

An outdoor bird-room for birds of warm climates is barbarous treatment. Even English birds with the limited exercise must be numbed in hard frost, and advertisers who "boom" their birds as "out all last winter" should be "hardened" by similar means.—JOHN NIGHTINGALE (Folkestone).


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# WILD BIRD LIFE.

## Birds on the Uplands.

Occasionally during the winter months we get a day almost Spring-like in its atmospheric conditions. The ground is fairly dry, the west wind is mild yet bracing, and the winter sunshine is strong enough to brighten the landscape and give a good light for observations. On such days as these one should get out, if possible, and spend an hour or two upon the uplands and open downs. There has been recently quite a large migration of Skylarks into Surrey districts. These birds mostly frequent the open fields near the higher ground, where they evidently find food plentiful on the uncovered land, for only the tender blades of the Winter-sown corn is showing. We may presume that seeds and insects form the chief food of these splendid songsters. In some places they crowd quite thickly. Their great numbers are more apparent when properly disturbed; they fly up in all directions settling again anywhere, not in solid flocks, as do some of the smaller species of birds. Sparrows are, of course, as numerous as ever, some of the gatherings consisting of several hundreds. They are suspicious and fidgetty, taking wing upon the very slightest sign of danger. It is at this season of the year that one can get some faint idea of the numbers of these birds which exist; they are undoubtedly the most common birds we have, as the Greenfinch is the commonest of the song birds. A small flock of these were sitting upon the footpath and grassy bank, perfectly sheltered from the wind, sunning themselves with evident enjoyment. Occasionally one or other would take wing, either to shift its position, or through being disturbed by a neighbour. At such times they formed a most pleasing picture, the sunlight upon the group, brightening their natural colouring, the light glinting through the outstretched wings with charming effect, looking so delicate and gossamer-like, that they appeared hardly substantial enough to carry the somewhat bulky body. Common as the Greenbird is, he is a beautiful fellow. He lacks the rich colours of the more showy Finches, yet his plumage has delicate contrasts, most charming when seen under certain conditions. No matter how numerous these birds are, they are never in very big flocks; a score or so is the usual gathering. Further on, where the ploughs are at work, a cock pied Wagtail is calling, while he runs nimbly over the rough ground. He looks clean and sprightly, and is evidently an old bird by his size and density of markings. A solitary hen Stonechat is foraging with him, with the usual suspicious habit of the Chats. She appears somewhat restless under observation. As the day draws to a close the sky is alive with feathered creatures, seeking the woods for shelter and repose, and a sleepy Robin bobs "good night" to us from the thicket near the farmhouse.

## Escaped Cage Birds.

Many wild caught (?) rare birds are undoubtedly escaped pets. This must have been so in the case of a Ringed Parrakeet recently caught in Essex.

## A Huge Flock.

A correspondent in a contemporary estimated a flock of Starlings to cover 150 yards by 50 wide. Allowing one bird for each square foot of ground, this works out at 67,500 birds.

## The Acrobatic Redpoll.

Now is the time when one can watch the flocks of Lesser Redpolls. They are the happiest, merriest, little creatures imaginable, always on the move, working away in the trees in all sorts of positions, and keeping up a continual twitter. No doubt their numbers are considerably increased by migrants from the Continent, for although a few pairs breed here in the more northern parts of the country, they do not increase in numbers sufficiently to account for the flocks seen at this time of the year.

## Birds' Sight at Twilight.

There was an interesting letter in "The Scotsman" recently from a bird-lover about the sight of birds in the twilight. He gave several instances of the wild ones allowing him to approach quite closely; even the shy and wary birds. At sunset one can walk into the shrubbery and watch the Blackbirds and Thrushes within a few feet of them, without their appearing to be aware of anyone being near; this is providing, of course, the intruder remains perfectly quiet. Possibly they get tired and sleepy, and it this deadening of the senses which appears to make them oblivious to danger.

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**FOREIGN BIRDS**—continued.

**BEAUTIFUL FOREIGN BIRDS.**

Over 1,000 birds from clean, well-kept aviaries, from 2/0 pair; six pairs, 12/-; price list post free.—Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

## PARROT PROBLEM

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Rose Cockatoos, also called Australian Grey Parrots, etc., 6/6 each, Cockatiels, 7/6 pair, Rosellas 25/- pair, yellow Budgerigars for show or breeding —all fine adult birds, 7/6 pair, green do. 5/-; do not be gulled into paying more than 5/- pair; white-hellied Mannikins 2/- pair, white-headed Lovebirds 2/- pair, Grey Cardinals, crested ,4/6 each; Spectacle-eyed Thrushes 15/- each, Cape Canaries 5/- each, Black Cassique 50/-, Pekin Nightingales 1/- each, 4/- dozen; Black-headed Nuns 1/6 pair, 6/- dozen; Grey Java Sparrows 1/6 pair, 5/- dozen; White Java Sparrows 6/6 pair, Bishops 1/6 pair, 7/6 dozen; Red-billed Weavers 1/6 pair, 7/6 dozen; Bengalese 2/0 pair, Avadavats in colour 1/6 pair, Whydahs 2/- pair, 9/- dozen; Red Macaw 50/-, Silky Cowbirds 2/6 each, Fire Finches 2/- pair, Combassous 2/- pair, 9/- dozen, Hartz cock Canaries 4/6 each, 28/- a stick, 6/- each, 35/- a stick, 7/6 each, 45/6 a stick, 10/0 each, 52/6 a stick. Dealers should send for weekly wholesale lists of birds, fish and cages.

**C. A. LUER,**
**121, LEMAN STREET, LONDON, E.**
**and**
**32, EAST STREET, WALWORTH ROAD, S.E.**

## D. DE VON,

134, Bethnal Green-rd., London. Telephone 5489, London Wall. Telegraphic address: Ossiaux, London. Egg flake, 4/- lb.; dried flies, 1/6 lb., 7 lbs. for 9/-, 14/- per stone, special quotations per cwt.; ants' eggs, 1/0 lb., 12/- stone; cuttlefish, 8d. lb., 7 lb. 3/6; mealworms, 1/6 1,000, 5/- lb., 3 lbs. for 10/6; pair of tame Seagulls, 5/-; also pair of large tame Heron Gulls, 7/6; Mexican Green Jay, 30/-; rose Cockatoos 7/6 each, 66/- dozen; adult breeding yellow Budgerigars, 10/- pair; ordinary ditto, 8/6 pair; adult breeding green Budgerigars, 6/6 pair; 5 pair 30/-; young, 5/- pair, 24/- dozen; Firefinches, 3/6 pair, 12/- dozen; Cutthroats, Weavers, Bishops, Silverbills, Tricolours, all 2/6 pair, 10/- dozen; Pekin Robins, 1/- each, 7/- dozen; Java Sparrows, 1/- each, 8/- dozen; cock Canaries, full song, 5/- each, 48/- dozen; hens, 1/6 each, 15/- dozen; Goldfish, 4/- 100, 28/- 1,000. Golden Orfe, 4d. each, 3/- dozen; fish globes 10/6 gross, aquariums, rocks, snails, etc.; pretty black-face monkey, 25/-; large suitable cage, 7/6; monster Vulture, Leopard cats, bush bear, etc.; American Prairie hens 35/- pair; Franklin Partridge, 25/- pair; bushey tail squirels, 15/- pair; Green Cardinal, 15/-; Bulbulb 7/6; cock Saffronfinches, full colour, 3/6; Steelfinch, 2/-; Scarlet and Black Bishops, half-colour, 2/6; tame rats wanted. Address as above.

## BERNARD HOLLINS,

**9, GEORGE ST., HULL.**
**UNDER ROYAL PATRONAGE.**

Siberian Hen Bullfinches Large consignment, just arrived, 4/6, 5/6, 7/- each; cocks, 4/6, 5/6, 6/-, 7/6 each; 100 in stock; Leadbeater big winner, £6; lemon-crested Cockatoos, £1 each; Blue Mountain Lorries, £2 pair; green Amazon Parrot, good talker, £5; hare eye Cockatoo, big winner, £2 10s.; Barnard Parrakeet, big winner, £5; 100 small foreign Finches, Ruficaudas, 15/- pair; long-tailed Parson Finches, 15/- pair; Chestnut Finches, 12/6 pair; Masked Grass Finches, 15/- pair; Zebra Finches, 5/6; Silverbills, 4/- pair; Ribbon Finches, 4/- pair; German Piping Bullfinches, piping two tunes, £4 each; yellow Budgerigars, 2nd Wellingborough, 15/-; Emerald Doves, 10/- pair; Indian Zebra Doves, 5/- pair; Avadavats, Spice Birds, Java Sparrows, Nuns, orange-cheek Waxbills, crimson-eared Waxbills, tricolour Nuns, black-headed Nuns, 2/6 pair; Russian cock Goldfinches, 5/-, 6/-, and 7/6 each; cock Saffron Finch, 5/-; red-crested Cardinals, 7/6 each; Siberian cock Bullfinches, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each (large as Thrushes); Pintail Nonpariels, 7/6 and 10/- pair; St. Andreasberg Roller Canaries, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, £1 each; 200 Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries to choose from, prices 7/6 to £5; enquiries invited; rare foreign birds always arriving; send your enquiries; terms cash with all orders, or deposit with CAGE BIRDS; travellers charged for as follows: 1 bird 3d., 2 4d., 3 and upwards 6d.; all stock dispatched as far as possible same date as order; full money returned if not as stated. Please enclose stamp for replies; all kinds of fancy Pigeons, Pheasants, Water Fowl, Quail, Ducks, Swans, Pigeons for shooting, ferrets, etc., etc The largest stores in the North of England; all stock kept in large clean aviaries. I shall be pleased to procure any stock obtainable for my customers. Competent staff in all departments. Cages, aviaries, Parrot cages, Pigeon pens, trap cages, nets, show baskets for all kind of live stock, seeds, foods, medicines for birds, Parrots, dogs, cats, Pigeons, and all kinds of live stock. Fully qualified veterinary surgeon on the staff; all kinds of cases taken into hospital. Everything clean, healthy and happy. Note the only address:—Bernard Hollins, Importer and Exporter of all kinds of birds, beasts, animals and fishes, The Bird and Live Stock Stores, 9, George-st., Hull, and late of Harrogate.

## WANTED.

MAGPIES, wanted true pair young; quote price. —Pearson, Greenwich Market.

WANTED cash offers for good Norwich, 1908.—S. Wagg, Station-rd., Snettisham.

COMMON Canaries, in exchange for Rosey Cockatoo.—55, Victoria-rd., Fenton, Staffs.

WANTED, two cold, outdoor aviary-bred adult hen Zebras; approval.—Shone, Upton, Chester.

WANTED, Yorkshire cock, winner; on approval; state price.—Bramley, Townsend-st., Cheltenham.

WANTED a good Waxwing; would give gramaphone and 12 records.—Cotton, Renley, Ellesmere.

WANTED, hen Mules, hen Goldfinches, Canaries. —Anderson's, 80, Trafalgar-st., Walworth, London.

WANTED, young hen Canaries; exchange selected cock Goldfinch.—Ellis, Boot Manufacturer, Welshpool.

WANTED, any quantity of hen Canaries, etc.; state prices.—Raine, Bird Stores, Meadow-lane, Leeds.

GOOD Standard phonograph; exchange Canaries, Goldfinch Mules, or British.—Pritchard. See "Mules."

OFFERS, Yorkshire cocks, British Hardbills, small Foreign Seedeaters.—Davies, Tailor, Fraukwell, Shrewshury.

WANTED 1908 Buff Norwich cock; exchange Yorkshire hen, cock Linnet.—Ward, 42, Hungerford-avenue, Crewe.

WANTED, good cock Goldfinch Mule; exchange good Irish terrier, four months.—Simpson, 404, Bethnal Green-rd., London.

LOOK! Wanted good Langshan pullet, black, give grand Border cock, pullet March hatched, prize-bred. —54, Laverigg, Millom.

WANTED, pair Yorkshires; exchange Siskins, three cocks, one hen; also Goldfinch; offers.—Fothergill, 85, Fir-st., Nelson, Lancs.

SIX pairs Norwich or Yorkshires, for good Amazon Parrot and cage, sell 55/-.—Robson, 36, Northumberland-st., Sunderland.

WANTED, Canaries, Goldfinches; exchange punch bar fronts, breeding cages.—Parkinson, Cage Work, Sheepcote-st, Birmingham.

WANTED Crests, Norwich, Yorkshire Canaries, Linnets, and Goldfinches; any surplus stock.—Baker, Bedminster Bridge, Bristol.

CANARIES, any variety wanted, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, etc., for cash.—P. Jackson, Clockface, St. Helens, Lancashire.

WANTED, good standard length Yorkshire, or Roller, for thoroughbred Retriever bitch, 12 weeks old.—12, Oak-avenue, Urmston.

WANTED cash or Canaries for large handsome striking mantle clock, thorough going order, 20/-.—R. Carr, South-rd., Wimbledon.

WANTED pure-bred Yorkshire and Norwich hen Canaries; state quantity and lowest cash price.—H. Jinks, 2, Bramall-lane, Sheffield.

WANTED for cash African Greys or Amazon Parrots, talkers, acclimatised; approval, deposit.—Jones, Cranbourne-st., Brighton

HAWFINCH cock, large bird, to moult; also Linnets; state price and particulars for cash.—John Dobinson, Wolsingham, Durham.

WANTED any quantity of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, etc., from catchers; tip-top price given.—Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED, good trained Roller; exchange four hens, one Norwich, three Yorkshire cross.—Doubler, Dakar, Lucion-rd., Tooting Common.

WANTED, cash offers for six 1908 prize-bred Norwich cocks, part exchange exhibition Siskin or Linnet.—Rathbone, Dimsdale, Wolstanton.

WANTED, your surplus stock you don't want; will buy or exchange for stock you do.—The one and only, Pearson, Greenwich Market.

WANTED, large, strong, healthy bitches, heavy in whelp; also clean, quiet, healthy ferrets; state price.—Howland, South Ockendon, Essex.

WANTED, from catchers, picked Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, etc.; no rubbish; good prices given. —S. Parkinson, 43, Abbott-st., Doncaster.

WANTED cock Goldfinches, also cock Brown Linnets, for prompt cash; top prices given.—G. Lane, Corn Dealer, 55, Bailiff-st., Northampton.

GRAMOPHONE or phonograph; exchange winning Norwich (card sent), or 12 double-barrelled breechloader.—A. S. Whitworth, Elmsleigh, Truro.

WANTED good trout fly rod; will give housemoulted cock Goldfinch, Greypate hen ditto, and hen Siskin.—John Kavanagh, Ferns, Wexford.

TEN Norwich Plainheads, mostly 1908, prize-bred, surplus, lot 45/-, or separate; approval, deposit.—J. Liddicoat, Trescore, St. Columb, Cornwall.

TWO hens and cock Budgerigars, or hen Bullies, or good Britishers; exchange good Norwich cock.—Handscombe, 40, Palmerston-rd., Walthamstow.

WANTED, house-moulted cock Goldfinch; exchange Jenny Wren, with show cage, or sell 8/6.—Mackwell, Hairdresser, Bradford-rd., Keighley

NORWICH cock, 1908; exchange seven flights, fronts, 30 by 18 each, nearly new, can be used as one flight.—James, 156, Milton Court-rd., New Cross.

WANTED, Norwich cock; exchange unframed Bovril pictures, "Feeding Swans," "Lady Bountiful," 8/6 each.—Drewett, King's-rd., Kingston, Surrey.

NOTICE, will give 5/6 per pair for good Yorkshires or Norwich; wanted Bullfinches, British, good price given.—Robinson, 77, Union-st., Middlesbrough.

WANTED, Bullfinches, Goldfinches, and cock Canaries, for cash, or exchange cutlery and silver-plated goods.—Landlord, Rifle Volunteer, Houghton Regis, Beds.

WANTED, Canaries, in exchange for Mandoline, cost £3; also double barrelled muzzle-loader, value 12/-.—J. Brown, 10, Cemetery-rd., Linthorpe, Middlesbro'.

ALL kinds of good cage birds wanted, cheap for cash; good British Goldfinches wanted from catchers, also Siberians.—R. Bowie, jun., Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

WANTED exhibition Goldfinches, to moult, for one pair of exhibition Flying Homers, can win in good company, sell £1.—E. Weedall, Littler-lane, Winsford.

WANTED, pair exhibition Redheaded Gouldians and pair of Nonpareils; guaranteed acclimatised; good money for good birds.—Cameron, 67, Gardiner-st., Partick.

WANTED lange Yellow 1908 Norwich hen; exchange large house-moulted Bullfinch hen and 2/6; approval; Canary first.—Underwood, 10, Commercial-rd., Devizes.

WANTED very large, good type and feather, Yellow Norwich cock; cash, or exchange valuable Yorkshire Canaries.—Crathorne, Prince-st., Bridlington, Yorkshire.

WANTED, pair of Norwich or Yorkshires; exchange variegated Goldfinch Mule cock, full song, white bitch ferret, for two cock Goldfinches.—Smith, 19, Chelsham-rd., Croydon.

WANTED to purchase, grey African Parrot, with red tail, good talker and whistler, tame; moderate price; kind home.—Letters, Parrot, c/o Cummins, Stationer, Newsagent, Muswell Hill.

ROLLERS, in exchange for Edison Gem phonograph, 48 records in case, also billiard table, 51 inches by 30, marking board, cues, etc.; seen any time.—Rogers, 365, Caledonian-rd., N.

WANTED, a clear yellow Norwich cock, also a yellow and buff hen; exchange three high-class Rollers, one cock and two hens, all rung, or sell 26/-; what offers.—Pinner, Ridding-lane, Weduesbury.

WANTED, Norwich hen, clear buff, must be large, typical bird, give Pile tablecloth, new, value 27/6; pair Palmer's covers and inner tubes, 28 by 1½; approval.—Boyson, 542, Grosvenor-buildings, Poplar.

MAYNARD'S Aviaries, Bethnal Green, buys your surplus live stock, or exchange Pigeons, Fowls, British birds, Parrots, Canaries.—Postal address:—Maynard, Bethnal Green; same address 34 years.

WANTED Yorkshire Canaries and Show Cages, in exchange for Dutch Rabbits, exhibition boxes, patent leather boots, 7's, brown leather hand-bag, fretwork bird cage; mutual approval.—Richmond, Albert-st., Harrogate.

WANTED, any quantity of surplus stocks of Canaries, any varieties, must be clean and healthy; also any varieties of Mules and Hybrids, for cash; or exchange.—Wm. Shaw, 97, Essex-rd., Islington, London, N.

MULING notice; urgently required, large Siberian hen Greenfinch or Bullie, former preferred, and house-moulted; cash or exchange exhibition Yellow-hammer; no British please.—B. Simpson, 3, Broughton-terrace, Harehills-lane, Leeds.

WANTED Crests, Crest-breds; exchange or sell two cock Linnet Canary Mules, 10/-, 12/6; cock Goldfinch Canary Mule, 10/-; four Linnets, 1/- each; Corn Bunting, 3/-; hen Bullfinch, 2/-; deposit; Crests first.—Foster, Drencleaugh, Dawlish, Devon.

WANTED 20,000 readers to send postcard for my clearance sale list of cycles and accessories; outer covers, 2/11; guaranteed inner tubes, 2/6; mudguards, 10½d. pair; carriers, 5½d.; bells, 4½d.; spanners, 3d.; front brakes, 11½d.; roller chains, 2/6; oil lamps, 1/3; gas lamps, 1/11; and hundreds of other bargains; sent carriage paid on 2/6 orders; over 1,000 testimonials received from satisfied customers. —Smart, Cycle Factory, 25, Parade, Birmingham.

## 5,000 CANARIES WANTED.

5,000 pairs wanted for export, Norwich, colour-fed, natural colour. Crests, Yorkshires, Mules.—J. Howard, 77, Pitt-st., Norwich.

## NATURAL HISTORY.

MAMMALS, birds, fishes preserved; good work, low prices.—Knights, Taxidermist, 87, Churchill-rd., Gt. Yarmouth.

BIRD and animal preserving done cheaply by practical hands. Latest improvements.—F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

ALL kinds of birds, animals and fish preserved and mounted by the latest methods; moderate charges; all work guaranteed.—G. J. Popplewell, B.F.N.C., Naturalist and Taxidermist, 143, Palace-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

## SALE OR EXCHANGE.

### Mainly British
**To be Sold or Exchanged.**

WILL give eight cock British birds for Norwich hen.—H. Pinnell, Warminster.

EXCHANGE two cock Linnets, for good hen Canary; offers.—Willson, 140, Skidmore-st., Stepney, London.

EXCHANGE 224 British birds' eggs and case, "blown," for Norwich hens.—T. Charlwood, Windsor-rd., Evesham.

EXCHANGE four splendid cock Chaffinches, well on seed, for pair of Bullfinches.—F. Read, Hamptworth, Salisbury.

EXHIBITION cock Reed Bunting, 5/-; also Greenfinch, 2/6; exchange Canaries, hens.—Wyles, Montague-rd., Ramsgate.

EXCHANGE pair Bramble-Chaffinch, twice housemoulted, for pair Norwich, or four hens.—Barton, 6h, 4c, Craby-st., St. Helens.

SPLENDID cock Song Thrush, with good large cage; exchange dozen cock Linnets, or offer.—Miller, Craven-st., Barnoldswick.

SEVEN good cock Bullfinches; exchange good Roller cock Canaries, sell 10/6; approval both ways.—John Powell, Delph, Broseley.

HAND-REARED, cage-moulted hen Bullfinch, 4/-; exchange for cock Linnet or Goldfinch, cage-moulted. —Bowhay, Horrabridge, Devon.

EXCHANGE two grand house-moulted Goldfinches for big 1908 Yellow Yorkshire hen, standard length. —Siddons, Moira, Ashby, Zouch.

HOUSE-MOULTED Linnet Mule, 5/-; three picked Linnets, 5/-; exchange two Goldfinches, or Mealy Redpoll.—Low, Waulkmills, Arbroath.

COCKS. Two house-moulted Linnets, Yellow Bunting, two hen Bullfinches; exchange Budgerigars, or offers.—Barrett, Southern-rd., Thame.

EXCHANGE Bramblefinch, first in class of 12, for 1908 big Yellow Norwich hen, or sell 10/6; approval, deposit.—H. Liddall, 5, Woodford-lane, Over Winsford.

COCK birds; Buff Norwich, 6/6; Greenfinch, breeder, large bird, 3/6; large, young, steady Starling, 3/6.—Coachman, Vicarage, Finedon, Wellingborough.

WILL exchange Goldfinch Mules for large Bullfinch hens, or good Lancashire Plainhead hens; approval; write particulars.—W. Barkes, Crawleyside, Stanhope.

SELECTED cocks; Bramblefinches, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Linnets, 1/-, 1/6; or exchange Foreign birds.—Hoyle, 52, Mansfield-avenue, Musselburgh, Scotland.

EXCHANGE house-moulted cock Linnet, Bovril picture, for good Buff Yorkshire hen, standard length; approval.—H. Russell, 4, Malveru-buildings, Fairfield Park, Bath.

WHAT offers for a grand white Blackbird, a very little black in centre of each wing and tail, more than three parts snow-white, cock?—G. Wilson, Beachland, Hythe, Kent.

LINNET, 2/6; Lark, 1/-; Greenfinch, 1/6; Bramblefinch, 1/6; Chaffinch hen, 6d.; four call Linnets, 1/6 each; exchange common Canaries.—Strachan, 263, Merkland-rd., Aberdeen.

THREE cocks, one hen Bramblefinches, three cock Greenfinches, four cock Brown Linnets; will exchange for two hens and one cock Norwich Canary.—Barker, Cowton Station, Northallerton.

PIED cock Blackbird, cock Thrush, cock Starling, cock Bullie, pair Chaffinches, pair Greenfinches, pair Redpolls, pair Cole Tits, 7/-; exchange pullets.—Chopping, Taxidermist, Stansted, Essex.

EXCHANGE two Brown Linnet Mules, cocks, fit for show, for one St. Andreasberg Roller, free from chop, or sell 10/- each; also one Norwich Green cock for one Siberian cock Goldfinch, or sell 12/-; also two Greenfinches, cocks, Canary-reared, for two common Canary hens, or sell 2/- each; all 1908 birds approval both ways.—J. Westerby, Newton, near Wakefield, Yorkshire.

COCK Greenfinch, hen Bullfinch, 2/6; cock Greenfinches, 6d., 9d., 1/- each; cock Bullfinches, 2/-; cock Goldfinch, twice house-moulted, 4/6; exchange Canaries or anything.—Clements, Jeyenes-row, Tewkesbury.

ROLLER cock, singing day and night, with many changes, sell, 12/6; also pair of opera glasses (nickle-plated), with case and sling, nearly new, 9/-; or exchange Goldfincher, or anything.—Bassett, 8, Queen-st., Gravesend.

### Mainly Canaries.
**To be Sold or Exchanged**

PAIR good typical Norwich, cold-room, 10/6; exchange.—Turner, 4, Southgate, Sleaford.

GOOD breeding cages; exchange hen Canaries.—Wyatt, 52, Adam-st., Southwark, London.

G. LANHAM, Tobacconist, Walcot, Bath, offers his Homers; exchange Parrot, Canaries, anything.

EXCHANGE good hen Canary for two hen Mules, or two hen Bullfinches.—Wilton, 14, South-st., Perth.

SEIFERT Rollers, full song, 7/6; hens, 2/6; or exchange offers.—Holloway, 34, Stourbridge-rd., Lye.

THREE big hens, 6/-; cock Goldie Mule, 7/-; best offer will separate.—Ogborn, 53, Colwyn-st., Oldham.

EXCHANGE four pairs of Canaries together or separate; what offers.—Lewis, 79, King-st., Ramsgate.

PAIR good Roller Canaries; exchange double breeding cages, Goldfinches.—Holah, Foggathorpe, Selby.

SEIFERT Rollers for sale; cocks, 8/6; hens, 3/6; or exchange anything useful.—Rix, 75, Stanley-rd., Ilford.

TWO Norwich show cages and case, 7/-; exchange birds any variety.—Pearce, 9, Pontcanna-terrace, Cardiff.

YORKSHIRE Green hen, good quality, 3/6; exchange Bull Terrier collar.—Mills, 34, Sutton-rd., Liscard.

EXCHANGE one cock and two hens (Norwich) for poultry; sell 15/-.—F.T., 14, Middle-st., Summerrd., Peckham.

TWO buff (Crested) hens and cage, sell 6/6; or exchange two yellow Yorkshire hens.—Howarth, Sharpe st., Dewsbury.

PAIR of Norwich Plainheads for sale; wanted smooth fox terrier pup bitch. Thos. Shaw, 97, Meynell-st., Derby.

NORWICH buffs, 1908 cocks, 6/6, 10/-; 1907 hen, 3/6; useful exchange.—White, 37, St. Paul's-rd., Shipley, Yorks.

GREEN Crested Norwich cock, two good muling hens, 12/-, or useful exchange.—King, Castle-cottage, Thruxton, Hants.

EXCHANGE good Crested hen for large Crest-bred hen; approval; sell 12/-.—J. Smale, Partridge Ham House, Tavistock.

WHAT offers in British birds for two high-class Seifert Rollers, hens, or sell 8/-.—Pinner, Ridding-lane, Wednesbury.

EXCHANGE two 1908 Yorkshire Roller hens for singing cock Canary; cock first.—Bedell, 952, Newland-st., West Lincoln.

FIVE Norwich hens, 12/-; or exchange two good songsters; cocks first.—F. Parker, 69, Millbank-st., Northam, Southampton.

EXCHANGE pair of prize-bred Yorkshires for Seifert Roller, or offers, sell 15/-.—Lee, "Lonsdale," Clarendon-rd., Hinckley.

TWO pair Crests, 20/- pair; exchange Norwich or good Crest-bred hen; approval.—Wood, Sun Inn, Newbottle, Fence Houses.

TWO pairs Norwich, 10/6 pair; three Andreasberg Rollers, 7/- each; exchange Black Toy Pom.—Pearce, 442, High-st., East Ham.

EXCHANGE grand prize-bred, Crest-bred hen, for a large yellow Norwich hen; approval, deposit —Hart, 20, High-st., Portlaud.

BORDERS, four hens, 3/6 each, one cock, 5/-; bred from winners; offers exchange, Norwich.—Walker, Tower-rd., Tweedmouth.

NORWICH Canaries, related to my winners at leading shows; pairs from 15/-; exchange Rook rifle. —Luff, 18, Mantiva-st., Battersea.

GREEN Crested cock, dark crest, 12/6; two Green C.B. hens, 7/6 and 10/6; light C.B. hen, 10/6.—Culshaw, Relieving Officer, Darwen.

MASSIVE 1907 Crested cock, grand condition, 12/6; exchange Borders, or good Hawfinch; approval.—Johnson, 111, Heysham-rd., Southport.

PEKIN Nightingale cock; exchange good Norwich hen pair Madagascar Lovebirds; exchange good Norwich cock.—Clarke, High-st., Sydenham.

TWO pairs Norwich Plainheads, good cobby birds, for four good Greypate cocks, or sell £1.—Holmes, Mansfield-avenue, Quorn, Loughborough.

EXCHANGE Yellow Lancashire Plainhead cock for Yellow Belgian cock, or Scotch Fancy cock; on approval.—J. Shaw, 97, Shore-st., Gourock.

MODERN black-red bantams, 1908 (Proud's strain), 15/- pair; approval; exchange Canaries.—Watson, Rose-cottage, Wrightington, near Wigan.

BUFF Norwich cock, 3rd prize, 15/-; four hens, 3/- each; two crossbreed, 2/- each; exchange Tumblers.—Brown, Thornton-rd., Potter's Bar.

NOTICE—what offers in Canaries, or foreign birds for suit length, good tweed, value 25/-; approval.—M'Kean, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

EXCHANGE yellow 1908 cock Siskin Mule, colour-fed, for yellow Cinnamon cock Canary, or Sib hen Canaries.—Ottery, 18, Alfred-st., Swindon.

YORKSHIRE toy bitch pup, 5 months, weight 25 ounces, can win, £5 or offers in good Norwich; birds first.—Rennoldson, Draper, Hirst, Morpeth.

PAIR prize-bred Norwich and breeding cage, sale 20/-; exchange anything useful, musical preferred. —England, Hallett's-gardens, Huish, Yeovil.

THREE Yellow Yorkshire cocks, 1908, 12/6 each; exchange two Buff hens to value; Buffs first.—Thomas Freeman, Station-rd., Earls Barton.

20 PAIRS high-class Yorkshires, 8/6 per pair; double breeders, complete 2/6 each; exchange anything useful.—Minikin, 4, Landor-st., Keighley.

YELLOW Yorkshire cock, good strain, for large Yellow Norwich cock; approval both ways, sell 10/6. —Turner, 45, Milton Court-rd., New Cross, S.E.

SIX pairs of clubby Norwich Plainheads, 12/6 pair, colour-fed; exchange Budgerigars or houshold goods.—"Bickerton," Basford Park, Stoke-on-Trent.

16 NORWICH, healthy, good type cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/-; useful exchange, or offers for lot or sell separate; nine cocks.—S., 59, Cromwell-rd., Rugby.

GRAND variegated Buff Norwich hen, clear Buff cock; sell, or exchange for young Yellow cock, value of 30/-; approval.—F. Calam, Brunswick-st., Whitby.

CINNAMON Yellow cock, Buff hen, good shape and size, breeders, 20/-; exchange Crested hen; approval, deposit.—112, Radford-boulevard, Nottingham.

EXCHANGE three cock Rollers, large aspidistra plant, 33 leaves, for African Grey Parrot, or sell separate, 10/- each.—Rudd, 8, Church-st., Marple, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE Crest-bred cock Canary, vhe show Rugby, for a good Schoolmaster, or anything useful, no rubbish.—Humby, 24, Jersey-rd., Buckland, Portsmouth.

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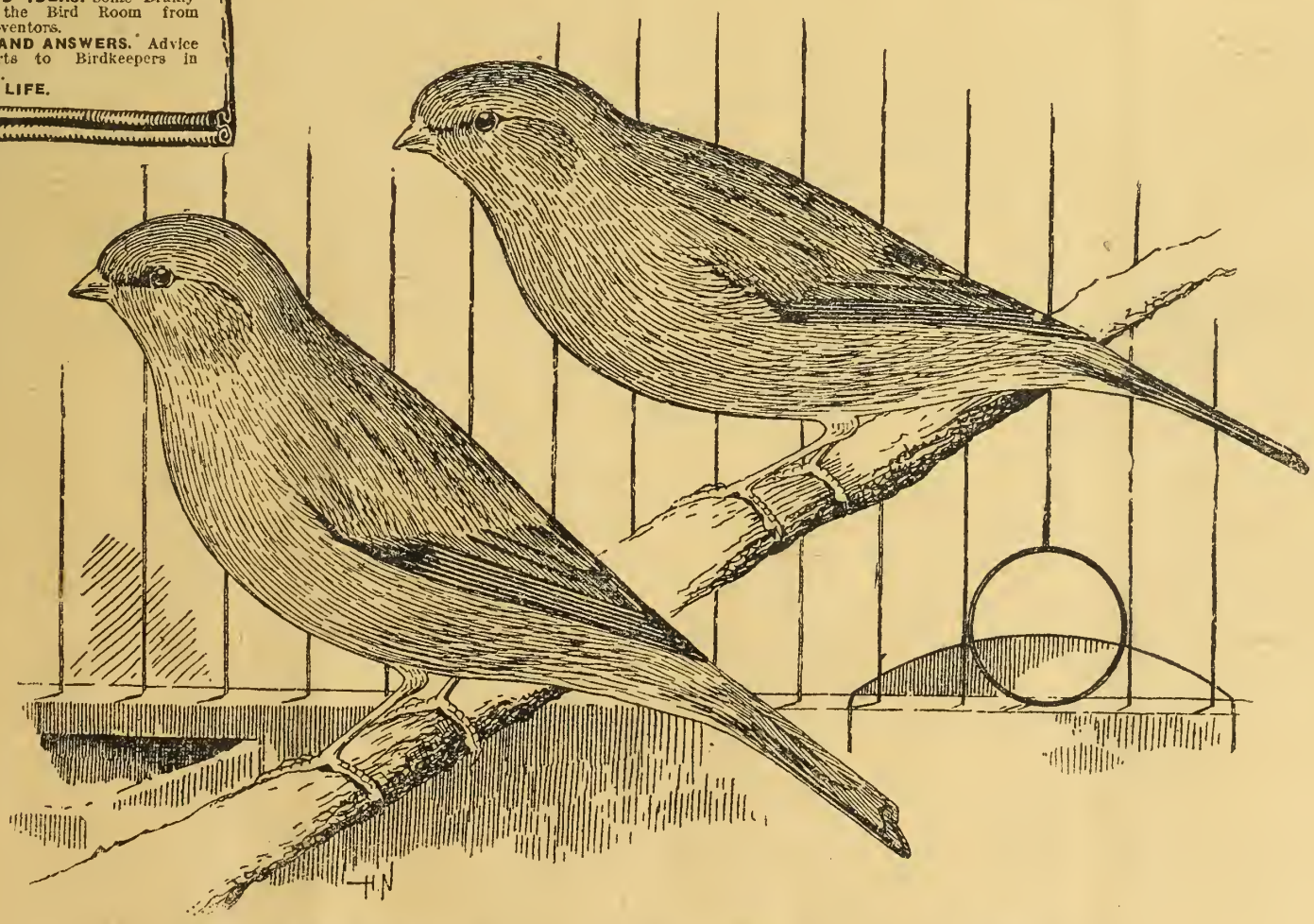

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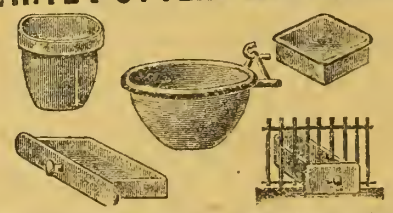

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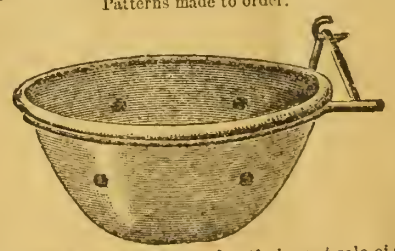

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LINNETS. I have a few dozen good strong cocks, 6/-; hens, 1/-; large healthy cock Larks, 3/- dozen.—Papworth, Bird Dealer, Chatteris.

BARGAINS. 1907 Pied Blackbird, excellent condition, 4/-; Chaffinch, for Hybrid breeding, 2/6; both cocks.—Danby, Granby-st., Ilkeston.

DEVONSHIRE Woodlarks, warranted cocks, in song, 3/6 each; hens, 7/- dozen, Bullfinches, 2/- pair; Siskins, 2/3 pair.—Maries, 4, Park-st., Crediton.

I HAVE a good stock of large cock Larks, 3/- dozen; cock Linnets, 5/6 dozen; Bramblefinches, 3/- dozen; Greenfinches, 1/- dozen; hen Linnets, 1/- dozen.—G. Rowe, Birdcatcher, Chatteris.

NOTICE. Linnets, Larks, full song, 1/- each; cock Goldfinch, cock Bullfinch, hen Canary, 4/- pair; cock Linnet, hen Canary, 3/- pair; British bird wanted, Canaries.—Brain, 288, Lichfield-rd., Aston, Birmingham.

LARKS and Linnets, quality that cannot be beaten by boasting advertisements; large healthy cock Larks, 3/- dozen; cock Linnets, 6/6; cock Greenfinches, 1/- dozen.—H. Dawson, West-st., Chatteris, Practical Bird Catcher.

LINNETS, red-breasted cocks, 7/-; Larks, 4/6; hen Linnets, 1/-; Greenfinches, 1/-; mixed birds, 1/- dozen; Balckbirds, 1/-; Thrushes, 1/3 each; Yellowhammers, 1/-; Twites, 1/- pairs.—Roughton and Son, Bird Stores, Chatteris.

WARRANTED large upstanding cock Larks, 3/- dozen; cock Linnets, 5/- dozen; Bramblefinches, 3/- dozen; Yellowhammer, 1/- pair; Greenfinches, 1/-; hen Linnets, 1/-; all good strong birds; the same old firm.—E. Rowe, West-st., Chatteris.

COCK brown Linnets, red-breasted, three 1/6, six 2/3, dozen 4/-; on seed, old cage-moulted, 2/6; grand cock Goldfinches, 2/6, three 6/-; cock Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Bramblefinches, Redpolls, Larks, 9d. each; cock Twites, 1/-; hen Siskin, 1/-.—Johnson, 127, Nelson-rd, Yarmouth.

BRAMBLEFINCH and show cage, very rich markings, make winner, 3/6; Chaffinch, in show cage, grand wing bars, 3/6; Greenfinch, in show cage, 2/6; stout singing Linnets, make Mule breeder, and cage, 2/6; one hen Canary, bred Mules last season, 3/-.—Thomas, 23, Shrubland-grove, Dalston.

BLACKBIRDS, Songthrushes, Mistlethrushes, Starlings, Fieldfares, in song, 1/- each; hand-reared, 2/-; Oxeyetits, Bluetits, Robins, Reed Buntings, Yellow Buntings, Bramblefinches, Greenfinches, Tree-sparrows, Twites, 1/- pair; 12 mixed aviary birds, 1/-; exchange.—George Fenn, near Pit, Isleham, Cambs.

LINNETS, Linnets, Linnets. Larks, Larks, Larks. Warranted cock Linnets, 5/- dozen, or £1 2s. 6d. for five dozen; cock Larks, 4/- dozen, or four dozen for 14/-; cock Greenfinches, 1/6 dozen; cock Bramblefinches, 3/6 dozen; hen Linnets and hen Bramblefinches, 1/6 dozen.—John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brighton.

I HAVE one hundred fine cock Larks and red-breasted Linnets, warranted full song or cash returned, to send out at 1/- each, or three for 2/6, six for 4/6; Redpolls, Brambles, and Chaffinches, at 1/- pair; or exchange for anything useful; call and pick your own out; all full song.—W. Darby, 29, New-st., West Bromwich.

## Pheasants

BEAUTIFUL Amhersts Reeves, 30/- pair; Mongollans, hens, pure, 15/-; adult goldens, 24/- pair; silver cocks, 6/-; versicolour cock, 8 hens, £3 12s.—Benson, Dalbeattie.

# CANARIES.

## Belgians.

FIRST-CLASS Belgian Canaries, 1908, for show and breeding.—P. Vanderauwera, Hoefijerstraat, 50, Ledeberg-Grent, Belgium.

BELGIANS, 1908 bred yellow cocks, yellow hens; also buff hens; reasonable; approval.—W. Baker, 23, Reform-st., Barnstaple.

ABOUT twenty young Belgian birds on sale, and about nine half-bred ones, at a very low price.—Apply to John Walmsley, Ormskirk.

GEORGE BAKER, winner silver challenge cup (1908) Belgians, Barnstaple, can supply grand birds, good size and quality; approval.—24, Reform-st., Barnstaple.

HIGH-CLASS Belgians, 1908, massive high-shouldered birds, from my winners; moderate price.—Address Jos. Coenen, 11, Oudaen, Antwerp, Belgium. Stamp 2½d

JOHN D. HORRILL, Barnstaple, has twenty grand birds for sale, including winners St. Helens, Edinburgh, Nottingham, Plymouth, Paignton, Barnstaple; reasonable prices; approval.

## Border Fancy.

BORDERS, cocks from 5/6; hens from 3/-.—N. Levason Moswell House, Whitehaven.

GRAND 1907 Border Buff cock, tamest, best singer living, 6/-; approval.—Tebay, Back-lane, Sedbergh.

BORDERS, cocks, 6/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6; buff cock, two eyes, wings marks, 7/6.—Douglas, 187, Montrose-st., Brechin.

PRIZE-BRED Borders; cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/6; pairs from 8/-; approval.—Hopgood, 28, Audley-st., Reading.

BORDER cocks, 6/6; hens, 3/- upwards; good young birds, bred from winners.—Whittaker, 17, Waterville-rd., North Shields.

BORDER cocks, 6/6; hens, 3/-, upwards; good young birds, bred from winners; approval.—Poole, 37, Froston's-road, Workington.

TYPICAL Borders, best known strains; Buff and Yellow cocks, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 3/6 each; approval.—F. Downs, Everton, Bawtry, Yorks.

HIGH-CLASS Borders, from the best strains, clears, marks, and Greens, from 5/-; matched pairs from 10/-.—John Pringle, West Port, Selkirk.

BORDERS exhibited 15 shows won 103 tickets, 30 specials, medals, and cup; state wants; all colours; reasonable; stamp.—Craig, High-st., Brechin.

A FEW real good clears and fouls; cocks from 7/6; hens, 5/-; same as winners leading shows; approval.—Robinson, Burnfoot, Ecclesfechan.

CAN spare four pairs high-class Borders, from 10/- pair; one splendid pair Greens, 15/-; few odd birds.—Leach, 1, Westbank-place, Portbello, N.B.

A FEW champion winners, 1907 and 1908 bred, cocks from 6/0 to 10/-; hens, 4/- to 7/6; all colours, including even marks; approval.—Shearer, View Mount, Thurso.

GRAND Borders for sale, stock or show, all our own breed; cocks from 7/6; hens from 3/6; approval; see show reports.—Hopper Bros., Millbeck, Keswick, Cumberland.

BORDERS exhibited at 15 shows, won 103 tickets, 30 specials, medals, and cup; latest Bathgate and Auchterarder reports; state wants; reasonable; stamp.—Craig, High-st., Brechin.

HIGH-CLASS Borders for sale; yellow cock, 1st at Biggar last season, 8/-, and other three at 7/- each; six buff cocks at 6/0 each; cheap to clear; approval.—John Brown, Tweedbank, Walkerburn, Scotland.

BORDERS, same strain as my winners at Dulwich, Scottish National, Carlisle, Annan, Dumfries, Kirkcudbright, Castle Douglas, Paisley, City of Glasgow, West of Scotland, etc.; cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-.—Calderwood, 46, Irish-st., Dumfries.

BORDER Fancies; few prize and prize-bred for sale cheap; Yellow cock, 7/6; two Yellow hens, 5/- each; three Buff hens, marked, 2/6 each, or 18/- lot; also winning cock Bullfinch, 10/-.—Welsh, Police Station, Auchencairn, Castle Douglas.

STOCKED.—Cheap, to clear, thirty pairs, including winners. See reports Bolton, Manchester, Dulwich, etc. Clears, green and cinnamon marks, self or foul greens and cinnamons, cocks and hens; approval.—Hancocks', Border Fancy Aviaries, Liverpool-terrace, Crewe.

I HAVE for disposal a few high-class winning Borders, clears and marks, yellow and buffs, winner of 19 1sts, 13 2nds, 9 3rds, 6 4ths; 23 specials this season; see latest show reports Bolton, Manchester Liverpool, Preston, Sale, Altrincham, St. Helens, Pendleton, Widness, Liverpool G.C.A.; stamp reply.—W. Bayley, Fire Station, Altrincham, Cheshire.

## Cinnamons.

HIGH-CLASS Cinnamons, yellows and buffs, cheap, stamp reply.—Johnson, 40, Cobden-st., Leicester.

SEVERAL unflighted cocks, from 7/6; hens, 6/-; Dormer's and Yate's direct.—Henderson, Sunnylands, Gourdon.

CINNAMON-crested hen, bred last season, 10/6; approval.—Ralfs, Highmill-rd., Southtown, Great Yarmouth.

THREE large Yellow cocks, unfed, 12/6 each, 1907 birds; ditto hens, 1908, 10/6.—Ewing, 318, Cumbernauld-rd., Glasgow.

CHAMPIONS, Cinnamons, related to my winners; prices reasonable; stamp reply. W. Yates, London-rd., Chesterton, Staffs.

GRAND pair of Yorkshire cinnamons, buff and yellow, 15/-; approval.—Brierley, 101, Thicketford-rd., Bolton, Lancashire.

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HIGH-CLASS cinnamon cocks, yellow and buff, from 8/6; approval, deposit, stamp.—Silver, Peel-st., Winson Green, Birmingham.

I HAVE a few really good Cinnamons to part with; winners and bred from winners; and on approval.—T. Searle, 7 Marketgate, Lancaster.

LARGE Yellow Cinnamon hen, 10/-; also large Buff hen, 10/-; cold-room; approval; stamp for reply.—R. Rowell, 70, West-row, Bebside, Northumberland.

1908 CINNAMON, Norwich type, good strain, and perfectly healthy; two Buff hens, 4/6 each; two Yellow hens, 6/- each; Yellow cock, 10/-; approval.—Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

J. BERTIE, cage bird judge, has high-class cinnamons, real toppers, large and typical, for show and stock; best blood obtainable; inspection invited.—The Cottage, Steedman-avenue, Mapperley, Notts

SEVERAL good Norwich type from Crystal Palace winners, cold room bred; deposit approval; yellow cocks, 17/6, 15/-; buffs, 15/-; 12/6; hens, 7/6, 10/6.—Morgan, Haylett House, Kingston-on-Thames. (See "Norwich.")

## Crests and Crestbreds.

**BREEDER'S CARD.**

**T. J. KING,** Ingogo, Cheltenham. Champion Crests, Cinnamon Crests, Cinnamon Plainbeads. Holder Roberts' Crest Cup.

EXCHANGE two Irish Terrier pups for large Crested cock.—Townsend, Port Talbot.

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F. BROTHERTON, Bradshawgate, Bolton, has for sale ten stock birds, Crests and crestbred.

TWO Crested cocks, five hens, 42/-; extra cheap, in one lot; stamp reply.—Harvey, 435, Old Kent-rd.

LARGE Green Crest-bred cock; also even-marked Crest hen, £1 pair.—Lovibond, 62, West-hill, Sydenham.

TWO dark Crested hen Canaries, variegated bodies, 1908, Mackley's strain, 6/6 each.—R., 28, Rylstone-rd., Eastbourne.

WM. REID, Falkland, has a few Crests and Crestbreds, same as his cup winners; seven bow fronted show cages, 8/-.

FOR sale, two Crest cocks, 30/- each; good bred birds; approval; stamp reply.—Richardson, 9, Freville-st., Shildon.

CREST and Crest-breds from 7/6 to 12/-; mostly cocks; overstocked.—W. G. Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., Kilburn, London.

SEVEN grand crest-breds to part with, giving up; also cages. Bargains for quality.—Wm. Campbell, Leishman-square, Alva.

CRESTED and Crest-bred cocks, 15/- to 20/- each; cold-room bred; approval, deposit.—Maddocks, Cowley Manor, Cheltenham.

HIGHEST class dark Crested and Crested-breds, very cheap; on approval.—J. N. Harrison, The Lawn, Belper, Derbyshire.

ENTIRE stud show crests, on sale; come take them away; stamp reply; real toppers.—55, Southdean-gardens, Southfields.

TWO grand well-bred Crest-bred cocks to part with, 12/6, 15/6; willingly approval.—Thomas Horsley, Bargate, near Derby.

LARGE stock Crested hens, Crest-bred cocks, Yellows and Buffs; approval.—David Scott, 128, Atkinson-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SIX pairs Crest and Crest-bred, a grand team, from 10/- upwards.—Particulars, Beagley, Breeder, 7, Caulfield-rd., East Ham.

FOR sale, two large variegated 1908 Crest-bred cocks, 10/6 each; sent on approval.—J. Day, Fornham-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

EXCHANGE good Scottish Terrier bitch for good young Crest-bred hen, value £2 10s.—Apply Martin, Dog Well, Wynd, Linlithgow.

THREE pairs Crests and four Crest-breds for sale; good stock birds; cheap.—C. Penney, 8, Springfield-terrace, Bowes Park, N.

CREST and crest-bred, Barnett's and Joyce's strain, few Yorkshires cheap to clear.—Pettit, 146, Mosside Avenue, Wood Green.

CLEAR grizzle Crest cock, variegated hen, hen [illegible], own breeding, 21/-.—Cross, 20, Empress-avenue, Cranbrook Park, Ilford.

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HEAVILY-FEATHERED Crest-bred hens, 5/6, 8/-; Crested cocks, 10/-; approval.—Thomas Heslop, 65, Cavendish-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

CREST and Crest-bred hens, large birds, from 6/6 to 15/6 each; approval, deposit, stamp.—Wm. Sanger, Hele, Cullompton, Devon.

CRESTED and Crest-bred, from 6/-, 10/6 each; matched pairs from 10/6, 15/6, pairs; approval.—Roberts, South Arcade, Fakenham.

FOR disposal, one pair of Crests and one Crest-bred cock, cold-room, £1 2s. 6d. the three.—Mr. Acrod, 124, Rupert-st., Nottingham.

OVERSTOCKED, few heavily-feathered, high-class Crest-bred cocks an dhens to spare, from 10/-; approval.—Grand, "National," Welshpool.

FEW Crest and Crestbred for disposal; prices reasonable; inspection invited; approval.—L. Burrows, 27, Egypt-road, Basford, Notts.

CLEAR body double Crests, two pairs, 22/6, 30/-; large buff-marked Crest-bred cock, dark crested hen, 20/- (Barnett's).—183, Thorold-rd., Ilford.

CREST and Crest-bred hens, both third prize Sittinghourne; two Norwich hens, breeding cage, 20/- lot; stamp.—Millen, Key-st., Sittingbourne.

CRESTS, Crestbreds for sale, cocks or hens, from 10/- each; from winners; approval; stamp.—Goulden, Edenhall, Langwathby, Cumberland.

GRAND lot of Crest-bred cocks and hens, all related to my winners, 10/- to 35/- each; approval.—G. F. Adamson, 23, West Netherton-st., Kilmarnock.

J. DONNE, 120, St. James-st., Brighton, has a few good Crest-breds at 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, to clear; no Crests; or would exchange for Norwich; must be good.

WANTED two large young Crested hens; must be good birds for stock; state price; on approval.—Brown, 1, Loughborough-rd., Sinclairtown, Kirkcaldy, Scotland.

CREST and Crest-bred Canaries for sale; cocks, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; hens, 3/6, 5/-; pairs, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6; birds seen any time.—Leng, 164, Broadfield-rd., Catford, S.E.

BARNETT'S direct, Crests and Crest-breds; few good healthy stock pairs; also single birds; cheap; approval.—Busbell and Dewing, 56, Wodehouse-st., Norwich.

FEW good Crests and crest-breds, yellow and buff; good stock birds; bred from winners; approval, deposit.—H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham.

CREST and Crest-breds for sale, prize bred, principally hens; large healthy birds, plenty of feather, 7/6, 10/- each; approval.—J. Tait, 1, Monktor rd., Jarrow-on-Tyne.

1908 GREY Crest cock, perfect, 15/6; well-bred Green Crest, 1908, 10/6; massive C.B. cocks, 15/6, 20/6; few Crest-bred hens, 10/6, 15/6.—Colledge, Kilburn, Derby.

FOR sale, one Crested cock, one Crest-bred cock, one Crested hen, one Crest-bred hen, 10/- each; on approval, deposit.—J. Ellis, 9, Alma-st., Hawarth, Keighley, Yorks.

SALE, two large Crested cocks, two Crest-bred cocks, two Crested hens, two Crest-bred hens; young birds, prize strain.—Oliver Enford, Glen-eagle-rd., Plymouth.

WELL-BRED heavy-feathered Crests and Crest-bred hens; also Crests and Crest-bred cocks, from 10/- to 25/-.—Gibbons, 11, Roseford-terrace, Shepherd's Bush, London.

"KING EDWARD Strain," cocks, few healthy for sale, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-; mostly Crests, bred from grand stock; approval with cash.—Thos. Taylor, 68, Edward-st., Gateshead.

TWO grand, heavy buff variegated Crest-bred hens, 1908, bred from best strain in fancy, 15/- each; dirt cheap; approval.—E. Radley, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

W. RADMORE, 17, Chaddlewood-avenue, Plymouth, has a few heavily-feathered high-class Crests and Crest-breds to dispose of, grand stock birds, 15/-, 20/- each, and upwards.

JOHN CORKE, 300, London-rd., Lowestoft, amateur Crest breeder, exhibitor; Norwich one first, Lowestoft, two firsts, cup best in show; 40 for sale; approval; cash or deposit.

HAVING selected my breeding stock have only a few to spare, guaranteed my own breeding, and from the best of blood; see show reports; also a few Norwich.—Gaze, Aldeby Grange, Norfolk.

CRESTS and Crest-breds. I have a few to part with; all are related to my well-known strain; Crests from £4; Crest-breds from 25/-.—J. Griggs, Mayfield, Hagley-rd. Edgbaston, Birmingham.

GRAND Buff Crested cock, Barnett's strain, very large Green Crest, and three breeding cages, bargain, £1; also hand-reared cock Goldfinch, 7/6; 25/- lot.—Crowe, Milview, Fakenham.

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CRESTED, matched for breeding, 15/- to 30/- pair; Crested-bred cocks, 10/6 to 20/-; Crested-bred hens, from 7/-; massive feathery birds, same as my winners.—Howard, Anchor-court, St. George's, Norwich.

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LARGE, heavily-feathered Crests, Crest-breds some of the best blood in the fancy, strong, healthy young birds, from 10/-; pairs 20/-, upwards; part exchange entertained.—Pennington, 87, Harrington-st., Grimsby.

VARIEGATED Crested cock, matched with variegated Crest-bred hen, big birds (Roberts); bargain; 45/-; also variegated Crested cock and hen, 1908 (Joce's), 25/- the two.—Dend, Down End, Hindhead, Surrey.

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C. ROBERTS, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool, winner of the best bird in the show Crystal Palace, the Scottish National Show 1908, can supply nice pairs of Crests at 30/-, 40/-, and 60/-; single birds from 15/6; approval.

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A. BROWN'S surplus Crests, Massive buff cock, dark Crest, winner, 30/-; three buffs, two yellow Crest-breds, 10/-, 15/-, £1 each; three pairs Norwich, 12/- pair; approval; deposit.—Brown, 7, Norman Avenue, West Wood Green.

GRAND Buff wing-marked dark Crested cock, good back and frontal crest, 40/-; also a few good stock Crest and Crest-bred cocks from 10/-; Barnett's strain; cash or deposit.—Twine, 3, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

Cheap to clear; Crests and Crest-breds from 10/6 to 52/6; bred from winners, and can breed winners; sold birds last year that bred winners at Scottish National; approval, stamp.—William Watt, 108, Appin-crescent, Dunfermline.

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HAVING decided to greatly reduce my stud of Crests, Crest-breds, I am offering matched pairs from 10/6; single birds, both sexes from 6/-; to effect a quick clearance; approval, deposit.—Gutteridge, Grocer, Haleburton-rd., St. Margarets, Twickenham.

CHAMPION Crest and Crest-breds, some marvellous birds, perfect Crests, bred from my noted winning strain of many years, in full song, ready to nest, nice dark Crest cocks and hens, grand matched pairs from 30/- upwards; approval, deposit; stamp.—John Bale, 63, Victoria-st., Barnstaple.

FEW highest-class Crests and Crest-breds for disposal, from champion winning strain, single birds 10/- to 20/-; pairs, 15/- to 35/-; massive, feathery birds of grand quality; no better blood in the Fancy; please state requirements; correspondence a pleasure; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

LARGE, feathery, variegated dark Crest cock, 10/6; feathery even-marked ditto, 10/6; feathery, clear Crest hen, 6/-; variegated ditto, 6/-; ditto, grand Crest, 8/6; large, feathery variegated Crest-bred hen, 6/6; ditto, 8/6; massive feathery variegated Crest-bred cock, 8/6; Green ditto, 10/6; all large, healthy birds, Barnett's strain; approval.—Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

CRESTS and Crest-breds, best blood; champion bowls Barnstaple, Bristol (three), Plymouth, Sidmouth, etc.; all with birds bred by myself; among latest wins, four specials, including Crest club for best Crest, and best bird in show at Exeter, C.C.C. best at Swindon; a few to spare from 30/-; state price prepared to give; stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

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TWO leggy Yellow Green Yorkshire cocks, 10/6, 12/6.—183, Thorold-rd., Ilford.

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YORKSHIRE cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/6 each; Norwich and Crests same price; cash or deposit.—Baker, 50, Poplar-st., Smethwick.

ROBERT YOUNG has some good Green Borders for disposal, cocks; approval.—177, Warton-terrace, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

FEW Norwich Yorkshires and Border Greens, for disposal, prices reasonable; approval.—Walker, 197, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.

WANTED, pair Green Yorkshires or offers in exchange for printing press, type, and accessories.—S. Pennicott, Horndean, Hants.

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V. H. DEACON, 62, Ampthill-rd., Liverpool, has high-class Norwich Greens for sale, for show or stock, no single hens for sale, all bred from my winners, at all the leading shows; approval, stamp.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, I can spare ten or twelve pairs of high-class Yorkshire Greens, this strain has won the championship at the Palace and at Liverpool, pairs from 15/- to 30/-; P.O. or deposit, stamp reply.—C. Pickup, 22, Daisy-st., Gt. Horton, Bradford.

YORKSHIRE Greens. I have bred 60 Greens last season and have some grand pairs for breeding show stuff; also winners for sale; these are guaranteed my own breeding and full of the right colour; grand size; state wants; approval, stamp reply.—Fred Handley, 23, Coventry-rd., Waivertree, Liverpool.

GREEN Yorkshires, cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, upwards; hens, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-, upwards; pairs matched at any price; approval.

**SAMUEL DEAN,**
6, Asb Mount, Great Horton, Bradford.

## Lizards.

HIGH-CLASS Lizards for sale, from my well-known strain; cheap; approval, stamp reply; dealers supplied.—Lawton, Summer-st., Glossop.

GIVING up Lizards; good chance for beginner; majority 1908 birds; 5 silver cocks, 1 gold cock, 50/- the 6; hens, 2 gold, 3 silver, 16/- the 5 birds; 4 show cages, almost new, and joiner made travelling box, cost 6/6, 12/- complete; will accept £3 10/- for birds, show cage, and case; can be seen by appointment.—Beard, 464, Manchester-rd., Hollinwood.

## Lancashires.

ANYTHING in Lancashires wanted, then write or call at West's, 80, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

GOOD buff coppy cock, 1908, 15/6, bred from double coppy hen; approval.—Colledge, Kilburn, Derby.

FEW good Lancashires for sale; cocks and hens, Yellows and Buffs; stamp reply.—W. Smith, 50, London-rd., Oldham.

LARGE yellow coppy cock, 20/-; ditto hen, 15/-; two buff Plainhead cocks, 15/-, 20/-; two buff coppy cocks, 12/6 each, 1908 bred.—Minty, Stony-st., Frome.

1908 LANCASHIRES for sale, cocks and hens, Coppies and Plainheads, yellows and buffs; prices reasonable; stamp reply.—E. T. Turner, 88, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

"THE ART OF FANCY."—Grand coloured plate of Lancashire Coppy and Gold Clear Cap Lizard Canaries sent post paid, securely packed, on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS Office, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

LANCASHIRES, yellows, or buffs, pairs, 30/- to 40/-; buff coppy cocks, one 4th Nottingham, 40/-; ditto 25/-; yellow coppy cocks 20/-, 25/-; yellow Plainhead cocks 15/-, 20/-, 40/-; approval.—Whipp, 13, Rushcroft-rd., High Crompton, Shaw, near Oldham.

OWING to ill-health am disposing of my stock, which includes winners at Rochdale, Manchester, Nottingham, Bristol, Middleton, Macclesfield, etc.; Buff ticked coppy cock, Yellow Plainhead hen, 55/-; clear Buff coppy cock, 20/-; clear Yellow coppy cock, 30/-; Yellow ticked coppy cock, 25/-; clear Yellow Plainhead cock, 30/-; Yellow ticked Plainhead, 25/-; Buff coppy hen, 10/-; also £5 single box cages, loose fronts (18 by 9), two racks, and six show cages, and cases, £4 for lot; birds and cages can be seen any time by appointment.—R. Nelson, 25, Arbourhey-st., Hurdsfield, Macclesfield.

## Norwich.

**BREEDER'S CARD.**

**ALBERT HIRST,** Breeder and Exhibitor of champion Norwich, few for sale; note new address, 17, Ramsbottom-st., Accrington.

PEARSON, Greenwich Market, wants Norwich; cash or exchange.

NORWICH Canaries, from 6/-.—W., 5, Willesden-lane, Kilburn, N.W.

A FEW Buff Norwich for sale.—R. Mallinson, 72, Kambala-rd., Battersea.

NORWICH cocks, from 6/-; hens from 2/6.—Papworth, 127, High-rd., Chiswick.

1908 NORWICH cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/-; cold-room bred.—Taylor, Sawmills, Ambergate.

A FEW Norwich cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/6 to 5/-.—32, Church-terrace, Tranmere, Birkenhead.

GRAND pair Norwich Canaries, bargain, 7/6; approval.—J. Blackshaw, Butts, Coventry.

NORWICH buff cock, winner; sell or exchange yellow hen.—Curry, Ramsey, Huntingdonshire.

TWO 1908 Norwich hens, Buff and Foul Green, 3/6 each.—Holmes, 22, Cook-st., Barrow-in-Furness.

TYPICAL buff cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 6/-; approval.—Lees, 15, Oldham-rd., Rochdale.

A FEW good Norwich, both cocks and hens; approval, deposit.—Marshall, Heckfield, Winchfield.

NORWICH, few fine young hens, same strain as our winners.—Tams and Son, Church-st., Longton.

TYPICAL Plainhead cocks, unflighted, cheap, to clear; approval.—Hutchison, 326, Crown-st., Glasgow.

HEALTHY Norwich hens, cheap; also pair Green Budgerigars.—Hayman, "Tancrede," Parkstone, Dorset.

NOTICE—grand Norwich cocks, warranted, 3/- each; approval.—M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

BUY from the breeder; high-class Norwich; cocks from 5/6; hens from 3/-.—Turner, Victoria Hall, Norwich.

WANTED for cash, 10 pair Plainheads and Crests (Plainheads fed).—Wilson, Specialist, 247, Argyle-st., Glasgow.

NO time to exhibit—grand show and stock birds; cheap; approval.—W. Growdridge, Clarendon-road, Hinckley.

BREEDING hens; Buffs, 2/-; Yellows, 3/-; Buff cocks, 5/-; bargains.—Hughes, 94, Sydenham-rd., Smethwick.

UNFLIGHTED prize bred Norwich cock, also two buffs, ditto.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale, Middlesbrough.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich unflighted buff cocks from 10/-; good stock birds.—Taylor, Caithness Cottage, Stonehaven.

CHAMPION Norwich; two large clear Yellow hens, 10/- each; Buff cock, 15/-; see show reports.—Brain, Glastonbury.

TWO pairs stock Norwich Yellow-Buffs, 1907-1908, cold-room bred, 10/0 pair.—Allen, Upperthrift-st., Northampton.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, including winners; pairs, 15/-; also few odd hens.—Gravestock, 102, New City-rd., Plaistow.

NORWICH Plainheads, bred from prize-winners, pairs from 8/6; hens from 4/- each.—Stark, 110, Oak-st. Norwich.

FIVE massive Buff Norwich cocks, 10/- each; rare stock birds; approval.—Harrison, 21, Imperial-avenue, Leicester.

NORWICH, five young hens, three Buffs, two Yellow, 2/- each; lot 9/-.—Harry Allen, 36, Poplar-st., Wellingborough.

FOR SALE, 9 healthy Norwich hens; guaranteed cold-room bred; best offer.—Round, Postman, 21, Dean-rd., Erdington.

GIVING up, high-class Norwich pairs from 12/6 upwards; cold room; stamp.—Knight, 47, Glynne-st., Canton, Cardiff.

GOOD Norwich-bred songsters, clear rich yellow, cold-room; cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/6.—L. Baker, 67, St. Aubyns, Hove, Sussex.

W. YATES, London-rd., Chesterton, Staffs, has some good related to his winners for disposal, single or pairs; stamp reply.

NORWICH, 12 unflighted, some good stock birds; cocks, 5/6; hens, 2/6; pairs, 7/6.—W. Goddard, Brudenell Villa, Leiston.

GOOD Norwich cocks and hens; Linnet Mules cheap; cash; also three stock cocks.—T. Johnson, 106, Thice-rd., Kettering.

GOOD stout yellow Norwich cock for sale, 1908, from 10/-; approval; cash or deposit.—Tompkins, Orown-rd., Grays, Essex.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks and hens, from 7/6 each; pairs, 15/- upwards; approval, stamp.—Irons, Ivy, Northampton.

CLEAR Buff cock, winner several prizes, 15/-; Green hen, 5/-; or 17/6 the pair; approval.—F. Beard, Llandrindod Wells.

GIVING up; high-class Norwich pairs from 12/6; cocks, 10/-; hens, 5/-.—Wm. Bentley, Coal Merchant, Bispham, Blackpool.

GRAND buff Norwich cock, 7/-; cock Greenie and ben Canary, 4/-; cock Goldfinch, 2/6.—Jack Williams, Church-st., Narbeth.

EVEN-MARKED Buff cock, grand head and neck, 1st and special class of 18, 30/-; approval.—Elliott, 69, Queen-st., Burton-on-Trent.

DEALERS supplied with large or small quantities of healthy Norwich Plainheads and Crests.—Geo. Brown, Waterloo-rd., Norwich.

HANDSOME Norwich Plainhead cocks, 1908, cold room; very healthy; colour-fed, 7/6 each.—Mrs. Griffiths, Oak Cottage, Horsham.

GIVING UP; four cocks, 5/6 each; three hens, 3/- each; 30/- lot; must sell.—Willis, 21, Stanley-terrace, Kirkwhite-st., Nottingham.

J. DONNE, 120, St. James-st., Brighton, has one cinnamon Yellow cock, brother to my 2nd prize Lewes show, 15/-; one Buff hen, 8/-.

I HAVE a few grand birds to part with, several winners, and bred from winners; and on approval. T. Searle, 7, Marketgate, Lancaster.

A. WARD, St. Paul's Norwich.—I have a few pairs Norwich Plainheads, from 10/6 per pair. Also few clear buff Norwich hens from 4/-.

TYPICAL large Buff cock, grizzled cap, clear Yellow hen, matched pair, 12/6; cold-room; approval, deposit.—Nile, Fowey, Cornwall.

SOME really good birds, from winners, 1908; beautiful type and quality; taken cards; moderate prices.—Barrows, Wardington, Banbury.

ONE hundred high-class Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries; cages; cocks from 5/6; hens from 2/6.—18, Coach-terrace, Longsight, Manchester.

CLEAR yellow cock, 5/-; matched hen, 7/- pair; strong buff cocks, 4/6; matched hen, 7/- pair.—Alfred Keeling, Matlock Cliff, Derbyshire.

GRAND large Norwich, some winners, from 7/6; exchange good Yellow Green Crest-bred hen; stamp.—Fletcher, Home House, Whithy, Yorks.

SEVERAL yellow variegated cocks, 7/6 to 15/-; buff hens, 10/- each; Trengove, Heaton and Barnes' direct.—Henderson, Sunnylands, Gourdon.

FIFTY Norwich hens, clean, healthy 1907, 1908 birds, ready to nest, buff 2/-, 2/6; yellow 3/-.—Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

HENS, 2/- each; breeding cages, complete with nest pan, egg pan, and bottles, 1/9 each.—Oakley, Mortuary, Warwick-pl., Whitecross-st., E.C.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, including winners, colour-fed; approval; cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/-; few small hens, 2/-.—Willetts, Baldwin-st., Smethwick.

GRAND quality cocks, all colours, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6; pairs, well matched, 7/6.—Edgar Broadbent, 23, Langsett-rd., Sheffield, Yorks.

FINE lot of large, typical Norwich, cocks from 7/6; hens, from 5/-; approval, deposit.—F. Tesscyman, St. Matthews Schools, Camp-rd., Leeds.

HIGH-CLASS yellow and buff hens, few buff cocks and two yellows, stock birds, from 7/6; pairs from 15/-.—Rappon, Tobacconist, Chelmsford.

GRAND Norwich, own breeding, cocks, 6/6; hens, 3/6 upwards; yellows, buffs; approval.—Robinson, 6, Barton-st., Egerton-st., Hulme, Manchester.

HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 5/-, 5/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 7/-, 8/-; grand value; satisfaction guaranteed; approval.—Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

A FEW variegated Norwich cocks for sale, in full song, and hens ready for pairing; can be seen by appointment.—R. Green, 8, Christopher-st., E.C.

NORWICH Canaries, in prime condition, at moderate prices; seen evenings, and all Saturday.—Richards, 10, Dewhurst-rd., Shepherd's Bush Road.

WALTON and Noakes, winners 50 firsts, seconds, and thirds this season, offer surplus stock; cocks from 7/6; pairs from 12/6.—32, Bonsall-st., Leicester.

HIGHEST class Plainheads, show or stock, cheap, grand handsome singers, 5/6 each; approval before payment.—J. N. Harrison, The Lawn, Belper, Derbyshire.

C. ROBERTS, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool. Champion Norwich, properly matched pairs, 15/6, 20/6; single birds from 7/6; all dirt cheap to clear quick.

E. ROWBOTHAM, Waterloo-st., Macclesfield, can spare a few more pairs from 15/- upward; some typical Buff cocks from 10/-; approval; birds first; write.

GRAND large typical young Buff Norwich hen, winner 2nd, 20/-; lovely 1908 short very thick ticked Buff cock, 20/-; great bargain.—Tottle, Portway, Frome.

FOR Sale, buff and splashed Norwich, 1908, Walton and Noakes strain, cold room, Sandiford's fed, cocks 7/-; hens 4/6.—Pell, Riseholme, Wellingborough.

OUTDOOR bird-room bred Norwich, two yellow hens, one yellow cock, one buff cock, 15/6 lot; cash or deposit.—Dawson, 58, Somerset-rd., Coventry.

TYPICAL Norwich, every bird bred myself from my Palace winners; cocks, 7/6 to 30/-; hens, 5/- to 25/-; approval, deposit.—Bevan, 1, Lord-st., Blackpool.

W. ROBERTS, 55, Haywood-st., Shelton, Staffordshire, has some grand typical Norwich cocks for stock, 10/- each; also some grand hens from 4/-; approval.

THREE nice Buff Norwich hens, 4/- each; Buff cock, 8/6; Yellow cock, 0/6; own breeding; Bullfinch hens, 1/- each; approval.—Ratcliff, Green-hill, Grantham.

FIFTY grand Norwich; every bird bred myself, mostly from winners, cocks 7/6 to 40/-; hens, 5/- to 30/-; approval; deposit.—H. J. Banbury, Preston-road, Yeovil.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, feathered like silk, cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; hens 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, approval willingly.—Fred Heathcote, 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; satisfaction guaranteed.—F. Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

SPLENDID cocks and hens, separately or in pairs, bred same as winners; cocks from 8/-; hens from 5/-.—Berry and Mitchell, 36, Albemarle-rd., Willesborough, Kent.

HAVING selected our breeding stock, can spare a few pairs of Norwich from our winners; price reasonable and on approval.—Adnitt and Driver, South Normanton, Alfreton.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Plainheads. Having bred the above many years, can offer really good birds reasonable; approval.—Radfs, Highmill-rd., Southtown, Great Yarmouth.

TEN pair of Norwich Plainheads, at 8/- a pair; single cocks, 5/-; all cold-room bred; good songsters; approval; best offers for lot.—W. Jordan, Barton-st., Tewkesbury.

LARGE typical Norwich, cold-room bred, perfectly healthy, Yellows or Buffs; cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6 each; hens at 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; approval.—Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

I HAVE several pairs of my winning strain of Norwich Plainheads, grand large birds, with quality and colour to sell; also single birds.—Lewis Castle, 36, High-street, Canterbury.

FOUR large Norwich cocks, 6/-, 7/6; yellow Goldfinch-Canary Mule (fed), 7/6; yellow cinnamon cock, 7/-; all singing.—W. Thompson, 31, Newby-ter., Port Clarence, Middlesbrough.

CHAMPION Norwich, guaranteed same as my winners; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; hens from 5/-; pairs, matched for breeding, from 10/6.—Gilbert, 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

GRAND large, stout, typical yellow Norwich cock, colour-fed, good exhibition or stock bird, splendid songster, sell 10/6; bargain.—F. Simonds, 85, High-st. North, Dunstable.

BEFORE ordering birds, send 1d. stamp for my new illustrated price list of high-class Canaries and British birds; on seven days approval at my risk.—E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

"A STUDY IN GREEN AND GOLD."—Mr. H. Norman's latest coloured plate of Cinnamon-marked and Self-green Norwich, post paid, 3d.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS Office, 154, Fleet-st., E.C.

UNFLIGHTED prize-bred cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; cold-room bred; see St. Helens Show report; approval; cash or deposit.—Gibbie, Reservoir-st., Thatto Heath, St. Helens.

THREE pair Norwich Plainheads, 8/6 pair; four cock Goldfinch Mules, 6/- each; all in full song; no reasonable offer refused for lot.—G. Williams, Bates Turn, Trench, nr. Wellington, Salop.

TICKED Buff cock, 2nd Macclesfield, Yellow hen, 18/-; variegated Yellow cock, 2nd Macclesfield, Buff hen, 18/-; all 1908 bred; or cocks separate; approval.—Lee, 106, Bond-st., Macclesfield.

UNFLIGHTED clear Buff cock, 1st Kirkstall (members), 12/6; another, 3rd, 9/6; see report; few nice Buff hens, 4/- each; approval; particulars willingly.—Hornby, 17, Noster-st., Beeston, Leeds.

WINNERS for sale. Must reduce stock. Pairs from 12/6 to 30/-. Cocks 10/-, hens 5/-. See reports Battersea, Halstead, Lowestoft, and Suffolk shows.—Schofield, Saddler, Ipswich.

CAN sell three unmated cocks, all winners; see last week's CAGE BIRDS; clear buff cock, 15/-; head and wings marked ditto, 18/6; yellow Cinnamon, 7/6; approval.—Shearer, View Mount, Thurso.

GRAND large, stout, typical Buff variegated Norwich cock, unflighted, colour-fed, good exhibition or stock bird, splendid songster, accept 10/6; bargain.—J. Simonds, 202, High-st. N., Dunstable.

MASSIVE cobby Norwich, Sandiford's strain, few real clinkers for disposal; cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 7/6; hens, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-; pairs, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6; bargains; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

WM. BOWYER, Gladstone-st., Leek, Staffs, the man that breeds his own winners from the oldest and most reliable strain in the Fancy; pairs properly matched, from 15/- to 50/-; approval.

H. WICKER. Good 1007 Norwich, ticked Buff cock, winner 1st, 10/6; clear 1908 Buff cock, vbc, 8/6; four good Buff hens, 3/- each; approval, deposit.—H. Wicker, Head-st., Halstead, Essex.

TWO clear Yellows, three Yellow variegated cocks, four Buff cocks, one clear Yellow, one Yellow variegated hen, Buff variegated hen, some small ones; approval.—Steven, 215, Montrose-st., Brechin.

LARGE clear Buff Norwich cock, won 1st, 12/-; Orange Yellow cock, 10/-; chubby Buff hens, good type, 4/6 each; hardy birds; cold-room; approval, deposit.—Wilson, Stanley-place, Sudbury, Suffolk.

THIRTY-FIVE pairs of Norwich for sale, bred from J. C. Barnes' noted strain; cocks from 6/- to 10/-; hens from 4/-, pairs from 9/-; approval; cash or deposit.—J. Adkins, 91, East-st., Coventry.

BEAUTIFUL toned, very old home-made violin, in good playing order; exchange for exhibition Norwich or Cinnamons or Greens; must be good birds; approval, offers.—J. Nicolson, Drumerose-rd., Bathgate.

CLINKING 1907 clear buff cock with yellow marked ben, 12/6; buff marked cock, 1908, with 1907 yellow marked hen, 12/6; close feathered yellow marked hen, 3/6.—G. A. Easton, Grove-st., Boston.

NOTICE. Grand Norwich 1908 Plainheads, Yellow cocks, 6/- each; Buff, 5/-; Yellow variegated, 6/-; Yellow hens, 3/-; Buff hens, 2/6; on approval; cash or deposit.—R. Collins, Marsh-rd., Burnham-on-Crouch.

STRAIN second to none, cocks from 12/6; hens 10/6 upwards, all related to Plainhead Club medal winner at Glasgow and West of Scotland Show; young, healthy; approval, stamp.—G. Scaife, Fauldhouse, N.B.

HIGH CLASS Norwich Plainheads, cocks, full song, 7/6, 1.6 upwards; matched pairs, 12/6, 15/- upwards; yellow or buff hens, 3/6, 5/6 upwards; approval.—Geo. Wright, Canary Breeder, 51, Silver-st., Norwich.

MR. ECKERSLEY can still spare a few really high-class, grandly-bred Yellow cocks, year old and unflighted; few Yellows and Buffs, superb quality, on small side, cheap.—51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

M. COOK can spare several genuine Norwich, winning strain, greens, clears, and marks; cocks from 12/6; hens from 6/6; not mongrels; approval; cash or deposit.—Bedford Cottage, Norwich-rd., Bournemouth West.

SPECIAL, Special!—Large healthy typical Plainheads that I guarantee will give satisfaction. Cocks, yellow or buff, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- upwards; hens, 3/- 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/- upwards; matched breeding pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards. Enquiries invited. Approval willingly. All cold-room bred. Travelling cages free.—H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

CHAMPION stock birds, Bullfinch type, massive heads, lovely quality; must breed winners; pairs from 12/6; single cocks from 7/6; good hens from 5/-; all own breeding.—Miss Gwyn, Somerville, Ramsgate.

HAYWOOD, of Nottingham, for good, sound, healthy, cheap Norwich Canaries, cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-, 15/- each; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 6/6, 7/6 upwards; six days' approval.—L. Haywood, 3, Neville-st., Nottingham.

WM. WRIGLEY has some grand buff hens for sale, from 10/- upwards, related to my winners Manchester, Liverpool, Preston, Sheffield, etc; also few buff cocks, from 12/6; approval, stamp.—Church, St. Godley, Hyde.

YOUNG Canaries, 3 yellow hens, 1 cinnamon, 3/- each; 1 buff, 1 variegated, 4 variegated cinnamons, 2/6 each; 3 green cocks, 1 buff, 1 yellow variegated, 7/6 each.—Baldock, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst, Kent.

YELLOW and buff hens, all related to my cup winner at Partick and Scottish Plainhead Club, winners at Broxburn and my winners at Edinburgh; stamp reply on approval.—Miller, 3, Stephen-ter., Anniesland, Glasgow.

GENUINE sale of surplus stock of Plainheads, including three Yellow hens, the right sort, 12/6 each; four Buff cocks, 10/- each; and two Yellow cocks, variegated, 12/6.—Brown, 7, Maud-st., St. Philipp's-rd., Norwich.

TYPICAL Norwich, comprising strains of two of the best known London fanciers; no time to exhibit; few for disposal; pairs from 15/- to £3; fine opportunity for novices.—Simpson, 54, Whittington-rd., Bowes Park, N.

MY birds won 5 1sts, 3 2nds, 3 3rds, at our Bradford show; can spare buff cock, good colour snd quality; correct type, 8/6; with suitable yellow hen, 14/-; yellow cock, trifle small; otherwise good, 7/6.—Wilmot, Arcade, Bedford.

"A BLAZE OF COLOUR."—The last words in coloured Norwich Canary plates. On this plate are depicted six different specimens of this popular variety. Price 4d., from the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

ROBERT HALL, Hallscroft, Rudyard, near Leek, has a few Norwich stock birds for sale, guaranteed to be bred by himself, same way as his winners at Crystal Palace and all the leading shows; prices from 10/- each. 20/- pairs.

PAIR Norwich, 10/6; cock Linnet Mule, 7/6; Scotch cock Linnet, 2/-; two house-moulted Redpolls, 4/-; Yellowhammer, cock, 3/-; house-moulted Chaffinch, 5/-; exchange large pair Crests.—Particulars, Dempster, 12, Galloway-st., Paisley.

GOOD type cocks and hens, from Crystal Palace winners and Mackley's strain, yellow cocks, 17/6, 15/-; buffs, 12/6, 15/-; hens, 10/6, 7/6; cold-room bred; deposit; approval.—Morgan, Haylett House, Kingston, Surrey. See "Cinnamons."

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/6 to 7/-; hens, 2/- to 4/6; also some fine stock birds, from winners, cocks, 8/- to 15/-; hens, 5/- to 10/-; pairs, properly matched, not suited money returned.—Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church-gate, Leicester.

GRAND ticked Buff cock, winner 1st prize, with Yellow hen to match, 25/- pair; ticked Yellow cock, Buff hen, 25/- pair; Yellow cinnamon cock, Buff hen, 20/- pair; also a few odd hens cheap; reducing stock.—W. Lang, 60, Alexandra-rd., Lowestoft.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks, 5/6, 7/6, 10/-, upwards; hens, 3/-, 5/-, 7/6, upwards; matched pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/-, 15/-, upwards; cage, 3d.; approval; cash or deposit; dealers supplied; inquiries invited.—S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Norwich.

J. NEEDHAM.—I have a splendid lot of Norwich to part with, bred from my champion winning strain; single birds from 7/6, pairs matched for breeding from 15/-. Three days' approval.—Myrtle House, 3, Lytton-rd., Clarendon Park, Leicester.

FIRST-CLASS pair Norwich, extra large ticked Buff cock, with good Yellow hen, 30/-; ticked Yellow cock, 20/-; Buff cock, 10/6; good heads, short wings, tail; these have bred winners; approval willingly.—Lloyd, 4, Pott-st., Pendlebury, Manchester.

IMMEDIATE disposal, owing to removal am forced to dispose with about 20 Norwich in one lot or separate, bred from and related to my winners, Manchester, Liverpool; see report Dudley, with four birds three 1sts, one 2nd; cheap to clear; approval, deposit.—Crimes, 409, West-st., Crewe.

W. P. TURTON (late secretary Bury Society) is compelled to dispose of the greater portion of his Norwich Plainheads; a chance for amateurs to secure good blood; prices, 15/-, 20/-, and 30/- per pair; or exchange poultry.—Address Bispham, Blackpool.

UNFLIGHTED Yellow and Buff cocks, 7/6 to 20/- each; several Buff and Yellow hens, correct type, A1 quality and colour, 7/6 to 12/6 each; well matched pairs from 12/6 upwards; all of exhibition stock, and offered cheap to clear.—Frank Lawson, Pugin-st., Carlisle.

HAVING paired our birds, have some to part with; Yellow cock, Buff hen, 15/-; Yellow cock, tick Buff hen, 12/6; two Yellow hens, 7/6 each; two ditto, 5/- each; good breeding Goldfinch, 7/6, two seasons; approval, deposit.—Heare Brothers, 136, Gresham-st., Leicester.

GUARANTEED direct from breeder; grand Norwich Plainheads, healthy specimens, can win, £1 upwards; pairs, bred from winners to produce winners, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; hens, a speciality, from 5/-; no rubbish, honest value; approval.—W. Green, 48, Marlborough-rd., Norwich

A. WILSON, 17, Twynham-terrace, South Ealing, has a few good Norwich, all my own breeding, in cold room; matched pairs, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-; cocks from 7/6; hens, 3/-; also few Green and Yellow Budgerigars, bred in outdoor aviary; Greens, 5/6; Yellows, 7/6 a pair; can be seen any time.

WALLBANK, 20 years breeder of champion Norwich, has a grand lot of stock birds for sale; Yellow cocks, 8/6 to 25/6; Buff cocks, 7/6 to 20/-; Yellow hens, 6/6 to 20/-; Buff hens, 5/6 to 20/-; please state the price you want to pay, and have them on approval first.—35, Withers-st., Blackburn.

GRAND clear Buff Plainheaded Norwich cock, hot colour, good size, 2nd only time in keen competition, 30/-; another, a perfect model for type, good show bird, 25/-; giant variegated Yellow cock, 30/-; Buff hen, 5/-; another, 7/6; grand Yellow hen, 10/6; larger, 15/-; approval, deposit, or cash.—Leonard Charles, 18, Merton-rd., Norwich.

MR. MARSH offers his high-class Norwich Canaries, in clear, ticked, or unevenly marked; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6 5/-; pairs, matched for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 15/-; a few good colour-fed, 12/6, 15/6 per pair; will send on seven days' approval; cash, or deposit with Editor; inspection invited any time.—Freemasons Arms, Merceron-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

## WM. POWICK.

Champion large typical Norwich, the same strain as the winners at all leading shows; stock and show birds in all classes, second to none; cocks, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; ten days' approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

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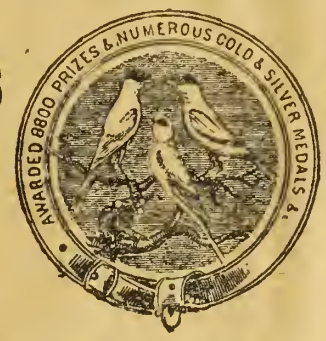


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**Norwich Cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each.**

**Hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each.**

**Matched Breeding Pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-.**

**Crested & Crestbred Cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each.**

**Hens, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 each.**

**Yorkshires and Norwich Songsters, in full song by day and gaslight, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 each.**

Note these dates; they are all 1909, the originals of which, along with thousands of other unsolicited testimonials, are open for your inspection.

**First and Third.**—4, Dunsdale Cottages, Selkirk. Jan. 22, 1909.—Please forward me birds as per enclosed order. I may let you know that I won 1st and 3rd in large class with the two birds you sent last.—G. Scott to Miss Storey.

Nantille House, Pwllheli. Jan. 23, 1909. — Received Canary safe this morning; I am very well pleased with same, and thank you very much for your honest dealings. I can recommend your birds to all fanciers.—R. Jones to Miss Storey.

143, Freeman Street, Grimsby. Jan. 22, 1909. — Kindly accept my thanks for bird received. I am fully satisfied and will send you more orders.—V. Huggins to Miss Storey.

13, Noel Street, Gainsborough. Jan. 23, 1909.—Received bird safely; am very pleased with it. It gives every satisfaction. I shall be pleased to recommend you to anyone.—R. Mellership to Miss Storey.

Send me your name and address on a post-card for copies of unsolicited testimonials and illustrated price list of all kinds of birds. New illustrated list of birds, cages, etc., 1d. for postage.

All Canaries carriage paid to your door on 7 days' approval at my risk. Neat travelling cages 3d. each extra.

## Miss E. L. Storey
**BIRD SPECIALIST,**
**CROWLE, via DONCASTER.**

# Yorkshires

Winning in Wales this week. Read these testimonials from: 8, Arthur Street, Llanelly, S. Wales. Jan. 24th, 1909.—Pleased to say the buff Yorkshire cock you sent me has just won 1st and spl, at Llanelly Show in keen competition. Kindly state price for following. . .—T. Bennett to J. Taylor. Another, from 53, Upper Kennington Lane, London, S.E. Jan. 24th, 1909.—Bird arrived quite safe; I am more than satisfied, and it is a splendid songster, and I could not get better value elsewhere for double the money.—A. B. Young to J. Taylor. Fine typical lengthy yellow Yorkshire cocks at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; buff cocks 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. All on full song and 7 inches long. Properly matched pairs (cock and hen) for producing own winners, at 8/6, 10/8, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- per pair. In clears, green, or cinnamon marked, and clear pink eyed; colour-fed or natural colour; extra good collection of lengthy, yellow and buff hens at 3/6, 4/8, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/6 each. Cannot be equalled elsewhere at double these prices. All guaranteed healthy, and feathered like wax, and as straight as a rush. No frills or drop-tailed birds here. Cold room bred and kept. State your wants, and place your orders with the old reliable firm, with a reputation that is known all over the world for straightforward dealings, prompt despatch, and full value for money. No deception here. New illustrated price list of Yorkshires, Crests and Norwich post free. Travelling cages 3d. extra. All on 7 days' approval at my risk.

## Crests, Norwich, etc.

Large cobby buff Norwich cocks at 5/6, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. Yellow cocks, 6/6, 8/-, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. Pairs matched for breeding, best results, at 8/6, 10/8, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- per pair. Clears, ticked, and variegated, colour-fed or natural colour. Large hens at 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/8, 10/6 each. Also massive crested cocks at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each. Crestbred cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. All colours in stock, and all good head feather. Pairs matched at 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair, "Barnett's and Joyce's" strains. Crested hens at 8/-, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each. Crestbred hens 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. Specially selected Yorkshire or Norwich songsters, guaranteed day and gaslight songsters, at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each. Large Sib. hens, for dark or light mule breeding, at 3/6, 4/6, 6/-, 7/6 each. Illustrated price list post free. (Late address, 9, Northdale Road.) All birds on 7 days' approval.

For my original easy payment terms; see last few weeks advts., or send for terms and particulars post free.

## J. TAYLOR,
**36, Aireville Road,**
## Frizinghall, Bradford.

**G. W. CUTHBERTSON**

has now ready some grand Yorkshires at reasonable prices, several winners to dispose of.—Manor House, Heighington, via Darlington.

**YORKSHIRES,**

High-class for stock purposes in clear, ticked, or unevenly marked, cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 upwards; hens, 4/6, 5/-, 6/- upwards; pairs, properly matched from 12/6 upwards; approval.

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**A RARE OPPORTUNITY.**

Owing to ill-health, I offer the whole of my Yorkshires for sale; they are acknowledged by Yorkshire judges to be the finest birds ever staged, as their winnings at Crystal Palace and other leading shows indicate They have been most carefully bred for 10 years, with the result that many of the stock birds are producing winners in every nest; these birds also possess length, colour, and quality of feather, seldom obtained in any other strain of birds; state wants.—Morgan Lewis, Haverfordwest.

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The home for Yorkshires and Norwich Plainheads; this strain is, without doubt, one of the oldest and purest in the Fancy; I have over 300 birds to choose from; every bird teeming with quality; purchaser will be sure to breed winners from my noted strain; pairs from 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-; cocks, Yellows or Buffs, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; hens, Yellows or Buff, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; all birds sent on three days' approval; state your wants; I guarantee to give satisfaction; inspection invited.—14, Chapel-st., Eccleshill, nr. Bradford, Yorkshire.

**A. THOMPSON, FRIZINGHALL.**

Champion Yorkshires, cannot be beaten for quality and size, lovely yellow cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; buff cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/0, 10/-; hens, 3/0, 4/6, 5/6; pairs, properly matched for breeding, 8/0, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; seven days' approval; cash or deposit; also large Crested Norwich cocks, 10/-, 12/0, 15/-, £1; hens, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-; Crest-bred cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; Crest-bred hens, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 15/-; lovely Plainhead Norwich cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; pairs, 8/6, 10/6 15/-, 20/-; satisfaction guaranteed, or money returned.—Arthur Thompson, Bootmaker, 197, Bradford-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford.

# YORKSHIRES.

## 3 Firsts, 3 Seconds, 1 Third.

The proof of the pudding is in the eating. Read these testimonials and judge for yourself which is the right place to send for high-class Yorks., and honest dealings. Treherbert. Jan. 16, 1909.—Sir,—I enclose you a list of the prizes I have won with the pair of birds I had from you, 2 seconds, Swansea, 1st, 2nd, Welsh National, 1st, 2nd, Llanelly, 2nd, Moiriston, 3rd Cardiff. Please state price of ——.—J. J. to L. Dykes. Another from 16, Croft Terrace, Ampfield Plain. Jan. 14, 1909.—Just a line to inform you I won 1st and spl. at Stanley with the Yorkshire cock purchased from you. Thanking you very much for your honest dealings, and will recommend you to all I know.—S. Forster to L. Dykes. Another, from 80, Derby Road, Draycott. Jan. 17, 1909.—I received the Yorkshires quite safe, and I can tell you I am very pleased indeed with them. I have had several fanciers to see them, and they say they are well worth the money I paid for them. If you deal with every order like mine there is no need for 7 days on approval. I must also thank you for your honest and straightforward dealing, and shall certainly place all future orders in your hands.—F. Towle to L. Dykes. Another, from Meeting Street, Dromore. Jan. 15, 1909.—Received bird quite safe. I am highly pleased with it, and it is admired by all who have seen it. I am obliged to you for the straightforward way in which you have dealt with me. I shall be pleased to give you another order later on.—J. Ellison to L. Dykes. I could fill a page with similar testimonials received recently, and it is an undisputed fact that I have bred and sold more winners than any other advertiser during the present season. See testimonials published in past issues. I have a very choice collection in Clears, Ticked, Green marked, Cinnamon marked, and Clear pink-eyed; all healthy and tight-feathered, and in the pink of condition. No sickly or wheezy rubbish here. All cold room bred and kept. Long stylish yellow cocks at 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; buff cocks at 5/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. All on full song and 7 inches long. Typical racy yellow hens at 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6; buff hens at 3/6, 4/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6. My matched pairs at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair are not to be equalled elsewhere and are all carefully and accurately matched to breed winners; travelling cages 3d. extra.

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REMEMBER.—I send all birds on 7 days' approval at my risk. Either cash or deposit with Editor. Place your orders with the old reliable breeder and exhibitor who has won over 200 cash prizes, cups, gold and silver medals and numerous other specials at leading shows during the present season. See show reports. Full value for money is my speciality, and prompt despatch; no waiting; and no disappointments. Everything as represented, not empty bounce to mislead customers. Inspection invited at any hour.

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**(Late Murgatroyd and Son),**

Over 20 years breeders of champion Yorkshires; winners bred and sold from this strain year after year; have some extra good ones for disposal; pairs from 15/- to 50/-; satisfaction guaranteed; approval.—35, Lytton-rd., Girlington, Bradford.

## HUDSON'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.

In reply to many customers inquiring about birds being ready, all my birds are hard and fit for breeding, and in good condition, and I can recommend to them who want to breed own winners, as they are all bred from or related to winners at all leading shows: Shipley, Windhill, Bingley, Baildon, Bradford, and others too numerous to mention, including Palace. And remember, I want no man's money who does not purchase satisfactory. My stock includes clears, ticked, Greens, marked, and few cinnamon-marked. Long, raking Yellow cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; long, raking Buff cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; few songsters, 6/- each; long Yellow hens, 6/-, 8/-, 10/- each; long Buff hens, 6/-, 8/-, 10/- each; my special matched pairs cannot be beaten by them who have all the bounce; pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, £1, £1 5s.; all on four days' approval; cash or deposit; stamp reply.—Hudson, Confectioner, Thackley, Bradford.

## THE IRISH NON-SUCH.

Ogden Bros. is the firm that has bred and sold Fleming all his stock birds, that has bred all his noted winners, including yellow ticked cock, special for best Yorkshire in show at Belfast, also yellow hen, special for best in show at Dublin, over all the cocks, acknowledged by Yorkshire judges to be a real stormer. At eight shows having won 20 first, 14 specials, 7 seconds, 7 thirds, 9 fourths, special for best hen in show at Dundalk, also winner of the Y.C.C. of Ireland Cup for most points 30 points leading, also the Belfast Cup and gold medal, etc.; we hold scores of similar testimonials, winners bred from our strain, but they have not all given us the privelege to advertise them, like Mr. Fleming. Ours is the youngest strain in the Fancy, having beat all the old strains in existence; for genuine proof, see show reports, as we are bang at the top in the three highest competitions. We have a few pairs to dispose of, certain to breed winners, at 15/- to 80/- per pair. Those who want to breed their own winners send to the reliable firm that has proved to breed more winners yearly than any other. Our pairs are not matched haphazard, just cock and hen, but thoroughly studied, and paired to produce the best living; all birds sent on approval at our risk; cash or deposit. If not highly satisfied, your money returned, prompt.—Dudley Hill, Bradford.

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## YORKSHIRES. WINNERS.

**All Mr. Blackhurst's noted Crystal Palace and other Winners for Sale.**

Having bought every bird Mr. Blackhurst possessed, I can offer following, which was the pick of Mr. Bates' noted winners: yellow cock, winner of few 1sts, £2; yellow cock, winner of many 1sts and 2nds, £2; two buff cocks, winners of many prizes, 30/- each; ticked yellow cock, another winner, £2; yellow hen, winner of 1st, 2nd, etc., this season, £3; buff hen, 1st Crystal Palace, 1908, £2; 12 stock cocks, yellows and buffs, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each; 12 beautiful hens, yellows and Buffs, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each; all these were specially selected birds, and cost from £2 each; any 1 will send on approval. Breeder 25 years.

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## Various Canaries.

GRAND healthy young hens from 1/0.—R. Bowie, Junr., Bothwell-pl., Dunfermline.

CHOICE Cinnamons, Crests, Norwich, light mulers, from 10/- pair.—North, Chemist, Reading.

HEN Canaries for sale, cheap to clear, prices from 2/6.—W. Bishop, Beeston Regis, Sheringham.

ONE cock, two hens, Belgian and Yorkshire first cross Canaries; cock, 15/-; hens, 12/6; approval.—Symons, Brookfield, Bideford.

NORWICH and Yorkshires; cocks, 6/6; hens, 3/- upwards; approval, deposit.—F. Bailey, 3, Folkestone-avenue, Folkestone-st., Hull.

HUGE clearance of Canaries; cocks, 3/6; hens, 1/6; pairs, 5/-; all varieties; breeding cages, 2/6.—Exchange Co., 30, Woollen-st., Sheffield.

VARIOUS stock hen Canaries, from 4/6; take less the lot; eight lovely birds, come and see them.—Sayer, 5a, Selhurst-rd., South Norwood.

THREE Yorkshire hens, 9/- the three; two Roller hens, 6/- the two; my own breeding.—Hawkes, 4, Victoria-villas, New Town, Chesham, Bucks.

FOR SALE, 4 yellow-bred cock Canaries, 1908, singing, 5/- each; cross parents are clear buff Norwich cock and yellow Yorkshire hen; approval.—W. Dunn, 14, Exwick Hill, Exeter.

SEVEN Yorkshire cocks, also 10 hens, all coloured and full song; cocks, 6/6; hens, 2/6; pair Norwich, 8/6; wanted a pup Pom., Yorkshire or Fox Terrier.—Holmes, 18, Village-grove, Everton, Liverpool.

THREE buff Norwich hens, 3/6 each; green ditto, 3/6; buff Yorkshire cock, 6/6; variegated buff Norwich cock C.F. 5/-; buff hens 2/6 each; all healthy '07 and '08 bred.—Cooper, 52, Wembury-st., Harpurhey, Manchester.

HEALTHY 1907, 1908, cold-room Canaries for breeding; from prize winners; Norwich and Yorkshire cocks, in full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6; clear or variegated.—Eyles, 43, Compton-avenue, Brighton.

SCOTCH Fancy buff hen 5/-; two or three cheap Norwich and Yorks. hens 3/- each; cock Chaffinch, winner, 5/-, lovely cock Bullfinch 2/6; H.M. Greenfinch cock, 2nd Middlesbrough Members', 5/-.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Balsdale, Middlesbrough.

HANDSOME lot Canaries; Yorkshire cocks from 7/- each; Yorkshire hens, 30/- dozen and 35/- dozen; Norwich cocks from 6/- each; Norwich hens, 30/- dozen and 35/- dozen; six grand Norwich Cinnamon hens, 4/- and 5/- each; Cinnamon cocks 6/6 and 7/6 each; Goldfinch Mules, 6/- each; cock Canaries and Mules, in full song.—John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brighton.

## D. DE VON.

Pair mated Canaries, especially selected for breeding, with breeding cage complete, 10/-.—De Von, 114, Bethnal Green-rd., London.

**FOR SALE.**

Norwich and Yorkshire cocks, Greens, variegated, and clears, in full song, cold-room bred, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 4/6.—Hindle, 340, Whalley Range, Blackburn.

## J. THORN, WOOLWICH,

has grand lot of Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries for song and breeding; cocks from 4/6; hens from 2/6.—J. Thorn, 37, Plumstead-rd., Woolwich, and 311, High-st., Plumstead

## YORKSHIRES, NORWICH AND CRESTS.

I challenge to have finest strain in West England, and sold many winners out my bird-rooms as anyone advertising. Here I give names of few towns which I have recently sent birds that have won numerous prizes, including cups and medals: Hull, Birkenhead, Bristol, Coventry, Stalybridge, Stockton, Bolton, Cheshire, Newcastle-on-Tyne, London, Northumberland, Liverpool, Gateshead, Yorkshire, Staff., South Africa, Canada, Australia, India; names and address given on application. Yorkshire cocks, standard length, feather like silk, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 17/6, 20/-; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 20/-; Norwich cocks, Bullfinch type, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 17/6, 20/-; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 20/-; Crest and Crest-breds, feather to end beak, same prices, and Yorkshires; pair Crest, or pair Norwich or Yorkshires, in breeding cage, 12/6, 15/6, 20/-; cock Canary, in grand cage, fit for any lady's parlour, with glass shades, 8/6; wall cages, for cock Canaries, 1/6, 2/-; cock Linnet Mules and cock Goldfinch Mules, 4/6 each; cock Goldfinch, father 12 Mules last season, 8/6; mother of Mules, 3/6; cock Siskin Mule, 6/6; single breeding cages, 3/6; double breeders, 4/6, 5/6; talking Parrots, sold on month's approval, been in England three to six years, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-, to £5 all birds week's approval; weekly payments taken.—Baker, Bird Specialist, Bedminster.

## MULES—HYBRIDS.

PEARSON, Greenwich, wants Mules; cash or exchange.

SIX-POINTED Buff Mule, 30/-.—Barnes, Plaxtol, Sevenoaks.

SIBS, best blood going, 7/0 each; cocks and hens.—E. Sims, Warminster.

YOUNG cock Bullfinch and hen Canary, paired, 7/6.—F. Schulen, 116, Old Palace-rd., Norwich.

A 1908 SIB-BRED hen Canary, 7/6; deposit.—Parsons, Pendarves House, Camborne, Cornwall.

SEVERAL clinking muling hens, 3/-, 3/0 each; approval, deposit.—Foxon, New-buildings, Hinckley.

SELECTED muling cock Linnets, 1/ each, or 6/- dozen.—Blackett, 10, Phillip-st., Kingsland, London.

GENUINE brown muling Linnet, full song, 6/-; deposit with editor; approval.—Fisher, New-st., Luton.

THREE large cock Goldfinches, 4/6 each; two 4/- each; September caught; approval.—Chase, Bakenham, Norfolk.

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**Plainheaded Norwich.** Clear yellow cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- to 40/-; clear yellow, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6; clear buff, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/5, 15/-, 20/-; ticked or variegated, 2/6, 3/6, 4/-; pairs, Norwich Plainheads, matched for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6. A lot of rare special bouncing hens at 5/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; cocks for show, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; evenly marked (2 and 4-pointed), 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- each. All unheard-of bargains.

Crested cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/- upwards.

**Crests and Crestedbreds.** Crested hens, 5/8, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, to 60/- upwards. Crested-bred cocks, clear yellow, 15/-, 20/-; clear buff 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 20/-, 30/-; ticked or variegated, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-.

Crested-bred Hens, ticked or variegated, 4/8, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards; clear, 8/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-; green 5/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; pairs matched for crest breeding, one crested and one crested bred, 12/6, 15/-, 23/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-; 100/- per pair. The above are simply marvels at the price.

**Yorkshires.** I have some of the best extant winners at large open shows, cocks and hens, proof given, when and where won, who shown by, etc., as I imitate no-one, and despise fairy tales (plainly speaking, untruths). I can show my winners to anyone, or send on approval, as I do not make myself into a mere gas-bag, full of pin-pricks. Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-. **Pairs matched** for breeding, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards.

Hundreds caged off and all specially selected, not haphazard birds, quality sent to each, according to price sent, and in all cases the best I can do, and what I cannot do in this line, no other man (or fictitious trader) can in the world. **Norwich, Yorkshires, Hartz Mountain Rollers, Cinnamons, Mules** (Goldfinch, Linnet, or Siskin). Note prices:—7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-.

**Songsters.** Of course, if you want the usual lowest priced birds always called the best, but which common-sense must tell you are not, I have them as low as 4/6 and 5/-.

**For Testimonials see last week's "C.B." page 50.**

**Cinnamons.** cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 up; hens, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, up.

**Border Fancies.** Cocks, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 up; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-.

**Lizards.** Cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6.

**Scotch Fancies.** Cocks and hens, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; pairs, 22/6, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/- up.

**Lancashires.** 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each, up; some good yellows amongst them.

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**W. RUDD,** THE Practical Bird Specialist, NORWICH, ENGLAND.

GRAND Greenfinch cock Mule, winner 1st only time shown, 7/6; bargain; approval.—Shearer, View Mount, Thurso.

SIX Goldfinch-Canary Mules, cocks, 5/- each, 26/- the lot; approval, deposit.—Owens and Magee, Main-st., Larne.

GRAND cock Goldfinch, with hen Canary, for mule breeding; bargain, 5/0 pair.—J. Blackshaw, Butts, Coventry.

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Over 70 grand Muling hens 2/6, 3/6, 5/- each; also Mules, Finches, etc: cages 3d. extra; these hens are more than good value. Light and dark Linnet Mules, do. Goldfinch and Siskin, full song, and few Hybrids; also White-legged Muling Finches List free. Several special pink eyed Muling hens also for sale. Particulars free. Have one or more on approval also one of the best Exhibition dark Linnet Mules living, do. good variegated.

**W. RUDD,** THE BIRD SPECIALIST, NORWICH.

BARGAINS. Cock Greenfinch, has bred Mules, 2/6; handsome pair Bullfinches, 3/6.—Julien, 88, Oliver, Northampton.

MULERS, 4 grand hen Bullfinches, caged months, 1/6 each; exhibition cock, 3/-; approval.—Tebay, Back Lane, Sedbergh.

SEVERAL handsome Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets to clear, cheap, some house-moulted.—Hayward, Church-st., Chard.

COCKS, two large Goldfinch-Canary, Finch song, 6/6 each; 4 Greenfinch-Canary, 5/- each.—Allen, Upper-mill-st., Northampton.

DARK cock Goldfinch Mule, fit for any show; warrant as advertised; cheap bird, 7/6.—Garland, Boardman's Buildings, Longton.

GREENFINCH Mule, winner, 10/-; Greenfinch, big winner, 30/-; British Goldfinches wanted.—Goodfellow, Murieston-ter., Edinburgh.

COCK Greenfinch, Yellow Cinnamon hen, 12/6; cock Goldfinch, yellow variegated cinnamon hen, 10/-; approval.—Esplin, Bonnybridge.

TWO exhibition cock Mules, one light, one dark, Goldfinch notes, 6/6 each; 3 hens, 2 half clear; offers.—Brown, 22, Alma-rd., Weymouth.

TWO large dark cock Goldfinch Mules in full song, 7/- each; also cock Bramblefinch, colour-fed, 5/-.—Owens, 95, Goddard Avenue, Swindon.

J. DONNE, 120, St. James-st., Brighton, has two dark Goldfinch Mules, three years, two years, 8/- each; Finch note, suit catcher, full song.

NORWICH, three yellow hens, 1907 birds; all bred variegated Mules, 4/ each; three ben Mules, 4/-.—Thorpe, Tobacconist, Wellington, Salop.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch and ticked yellow Norwich hen, 10/6; pair Silverbills from outdoor aviary, 3/-.—Norman Couper, Berwic, N.B.

WHAT offers for dark Goldfinch Mule, dark Linnet Mule, cocks, guaranteed, and Canary reared cock Greenfinch.—Wells, 12, Herbert-st., Darlington.

COCK Siskin, hen Canary, bred Mules last season, 6/6; yellow Norwich cock, buff hen, 1908, with breeding cage, 7/6.—Holland, St. Phillip-st., Cheltenham.

FORTY Sib hen Canaries for light muling, 3/- each, and 20 Crest hens, buffs, 3/- each.—Merrington, Mule Breeder, 40, Besson-st., New Cross, London.

LARGE, pink-eyed sib-bred hens, sure light Mule breeders, yellows, 7/6; buffs, 5/6; cocks, 7/6 each; ten days' approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

LOVELY white-legged Cheveral cock Goldfinch, full song, 10/-; Cheveral hen, 2/-; large steady ben Bullfinch, 2/-, approval.—Baxter, New Buckenham, Attleboro'.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch, muler, with hen Canary, and breeding cage, 10/-; house moulted Linnet cock, with hen Canary, 7/-.—Young, Seed Shop, Newfoundland-rd., Bristol.

HOUSE-MOULTED Redpoll, 2/6; ben Bullfinch, 2/6; moulted Linnet and hen Canary, will breed, 6/-; Goldfinch and hen Canary, 6/-; bargain.—Enoch Tam, Church-st., Longton.

SPLENDID white-legged cock Goldfinch, 5/6; also large cock brown Linnet, 2/6; proved Mulers and cock Goldfinch Mule, 5/0, lot 12/6; bargain; approval.—Lennie, Liverpool-rd., Cadishead.

EXHIBITION. I have a fine collection of Mules and Hybrids, including many winners; must be sold at very reasonable prices; list on application; approval.—Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

SELL a grand house-moulted cock Linnet, and also a house-moulted cock Bullfinch, and two monster Norwich hens, 12/6, or nearest offer; one Norwich hen alone worth the money.—Johnson, Jeweller, Bacup.

VERY large sized house moulted Goldfinch and large yellow Norwich hen Canary, grand mulers, being over stocked, will take 8/-; worth double.—James M'Millie, 13, Market-st., Maxwelltown, Dumfries, Scotland.

VERY large yellow Norwich hens, for breeding large Mules, 7/6 each; also deep self yellow and yellow marked green hens, 6/- each; two cock Canaries, songsters, 5/6 each.—Ed. Thomas, 2, Penybryn, Llanfyllin.

WARRANTED cocks, Goldfinch Mules, 4/6, three 12/-; yellows or clears, selected for show bench, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; father of Mules, 8/6; mother, Sib-bred hen, 3/6, or 10/6 pair; week's approval.—Baker, Maltsters' Arms, Philip-st., Bedminster.

HYBRID breeders. Cock Goldfinch, hen Bullfinch, twice house-moulted, 7/6; cock Linnet, hen Bullfinch, 4/-; cock Canary, hen Bullfinch, 7/-; cock Linnet, hen Goldfinch, 3/6; cock Linnet, hen Canary, 4/6.—Dawson, Blybargate, Beccles.

NOTICE. Guaranteed cocks, Goldfinch Mules, splendid blaze, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6 each; can be seen any time; will send on seven days' approval; cash, or deposit with Editor.—Marsh, Freemasons Arms, Mereeron-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

EXHIBITORS, that winning Linnet Mule, winner at all the Scottish shows, £2 5s.; grand Lesser 'Poll, 7/-; Bramble great winner, 12/-; Siskin-Greenie Hybrid cock, 1908, 12/-; Linnet, great winner, £1; exchange either for large Siberian Goldie cock or Bullie hen.—Doolan, Whitleth, Ayr.

HIGH-CLASS Sibs., few grand hens, also cocks, for light muling, 40 years inbred, warranted, 10/- each; breeder Mr. Jones's champion light Mule Kitchener, winner 57 firsts and special prizes; bred 1905, clear Mule, eight lightly marked; bred 1906, ten light Mules, including even marked; bred 1907, ten light Mules, including ticked Yellow; bred 1908, even-marked Yellow ticked Buff, nine lightly marked; Goldfinch, father eight light Mules, 7; 42 years breeder high-class birds; approval.—Samuel Sperry, 133, Curzon-st., Leicester.

## MULING & SIB-BRED HENS.

Some real gems, pure bred Norwich or Yorkshire type, from 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; any on approval; scores testimonials. "Mr. Dillingham, Luton.—Sir,—The muling hen you sold me, and the Goldfinch that Mr. Thring had from you, bred me the dark Goldfinch Mule that won me the cup for best Mule bred by a member." "Mr. J. Caldin, Banbridge.—Sir,—I bred best Goldfinch Mule in Ireland from a hen I purchased from you." This year's wins, 1st and spl Sligo, Dublin, Belfast, etc. I have plenty more like these, so order at once; breeder 25 years.—Sandiford, Canary Breeder and Judge, Preston, Lancs.

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# CLUB NOTICES.

(Continued from page 85.)

**Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 2, Centre Hotel, 7.30. Affairs of the late show.—D. John.

**Leyton and Dist. C.B.A.**—Annual general meeting postponed until next month, date to be arranged later, owing to secretary being away in country on business.—F. Williamson.

**Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 3, Railway Hotel, Leigh, 7.30. To discuss advisability of purchasing a cup for competition at members' shows. All names of members, their wives or friends, to be in by this date, who are coming to our annual tea at headquarters on Feb. 20.—R. H. Davis.

**Longton and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 2, Castle Inn, 8. Federation, table show; fanciers invited.—E. Tams.

**Musselburgh O.S.**—Jan. 30, McDonald's Rooms, 7. Alteration of rules; election of new members.—D. Kay.

**Macclesfield and Dist. C.B.S.**—Jan. 30, Daybrook School, 7. Balance sheet for 1908 and election of officers for 1909.—F. Broadhurst.

**Morecambe C.B.S.**—Feb. 2, Battery Hotel, election of officers; fixing date of annual show, and other business.—J. H. Ireland.

**Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.**—Feb. 1, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Mr. Fryer will lecture on "Mules and their Breeding," and a discussion on same will take place.—E. Jones.

**Morley and Dist. C.B.S.**—Jan. 30, Sycamore Hotel, 8. Discussion on "What is a Novice?"—R. H. Turner.

**Nelson and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 1, Bull Hotel, 8. Balance sheet and auditor's report; etc.—J. England.

**Newcastle C.B.S.**—Feb. 4, Lockhart's, Grainger Street, 7.30. Important business.—Curry and Hutchinson.

**Nottingham and Notts. O.S.**—Feb. 3, Mechanics' Hall, 8. Annual dinner, etc.—G. E. Wilkinson.

**Ormskirk and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 1, headquarters, 8. Arrangements for pair show.—T. H. Tiffen.

**Partick and Dist. C.B.C.**—Feb. 5, Trades Halls, 8. Show breeding pairs, Crest or C.B., Nor. Plainhead, Bord. Fancies, Yorks., A.O.V. Clin., and Hyb. Pairs. Judge, Mr. J. Young. J. Henderson.

**Provincial Roller C.C.**—Jan. 30, Swan Hotel, Manchester, 6. General meeting, etc.—A. Percival.

**Queensbury C.B.S.** — Feb. 2, Baptist School, 8. Balance sheet, election of officers and other matters.—W. Jagger.

**Rochdale O.C.**—Feb. 1, Club House, 8. electing judge for Brit. Bird Show, and balance sheet.—J. Butterworth.

**Runcorn C.B.S.**—First committee meeting of this new society will be held in "Lea's Temperance Hotel," Feb. 5, commencing 8. Making of rules, etc.—Secretary, T. P. Baxter, 103, Greenway Road.

**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.**—Feb. 3, headquarters, staged not later than 8. Pair show of Nor. and Yorks. Members to try their hands at judging.—F. Rayner.

**Reading and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 3, Palmer Hall, West Street, 8. Washing display; discuss show schedule.—G. A. Charles.

**Sale Open O.S.**—Feb. 1, Technical School, 8. Show business, arrange for tea and dance, change of meeting nights, and other very important business. Members note, no postcard can be sent for this meeting.—J. Irlam.

**St. Helens O.S.**—Feb. 1, George Ian, 8.15. General meeting and balance sheet for year, also revision and making of new rules; naming dates for next show.—A. Goodall.

**Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 4, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Table show of hatched pairs for breeding.—Lindsay and Bingham.

**Shields C.B.S.** — Feb. 3, Gregg's Cafe, Laygate Lane, 7. Table show of Crest, C.B., Borders, Liz., and Brit. Softbills; fanciers invited. Important business afterwards.—Duke and Barrass.

**Spen Valley C.B.S.**—Feb. 1, Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton, 8. Members' show.—R. Bennett.

**Shipley O.S.**—Feb. 2, Prince of Wales Hotel, 7.30. Balance sheet, etc.—D. Marsden.

**Stockton-on-Tees and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 4, Leeds Hotel, 8. Election of judges for open show.—J. W. Lowes.

**Wigan and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 6, Adelphi Inn, 8. Presenting balance sheet, etc.—W. Ridge.

**West London F.A.**—Feb. 4, Bush Hotel. Annual general meeting. Report and balance sheet. Election of officers and revision of rules.—J. Dewhurst.

**West Bromwich and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 2, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Nor. pair show, and judging competition.—Duffield and Jennings.

**Warrington and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 4, Blue Bell, 8. Washing exhibition, by Mr. J. Hampson. Washing competition; fanciers are specially invited.—J. Emmett.

**Wandsworth and Dist. F.A.**—Feb. 4, headquarters, 8. Final arrangement of concert and distribution of prizes, on Feb. 18.—W. Summers.

**Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.**—Jan. 30, Bradford East Show, 4. Order for medals, date of annual social and prize distribution, etc.—S. Dean.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE & DIS. O.S.

Annual general meeting held January 5th, in the P.S.A. Rooms. The chairman, Mr. William Foxall, presided over a good company. The balance-sheet for 1908 was discussed and passed as satisfactory, showing a balance in hand of £8 9s. 10½d. The election of officers also took place at this meeting, the results of which will be found in "Cage Birds Annual" for 1909. It was also decided to hold a table show of pairs of Canaries for breeding purposes on February 2nd. Three grand special prizes will be offered for first, second, and third best pairs by Messrs. P. W. Crowther, E. Marlor, and J. R. Colville. So we hope to see a very good entry. All fanciers and friends are invited to the show. Admission will be free.—H. FODEN, hon. sec.

## SWANSEA AND DISTRICT C.B.A..

Monthly meeting held at the Oxford Coffee Tavern on Jan. 21. Mr. J. H. Ford presided over a very large attendance. The following is the list of officers elected for the ensuing year: Hon. president, J. Williams, Esq., M.P.; chairman, W. T. Kirby; vice-chairman, H. Jenkins; auditors, G. Balsh and Wm. Card; committee, P. Jenkins, J. W. Ford, J. Richards, W. J. Jenkins, Wm. Hammacott, A. E. and W. R. Taylor, W. Hyett, J. Gay, D. O'Connell, W. Hyett, and J. Watkins; show managers, J. Hocking and F. Heal; assistant secretary, J. H. Ford; hon. secretary and treasurer, Alf. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd-road, Landore, near Swansea. The date of our open show was then brought before the meeting, and it was decided to retain our usual date, viz., Nov. 10 and 11. Our past year was one of the best financially we have had, and we have a good balance to start with. Any new member desirous of joining will be welcomed at any of our meetings. The usual vote of thanks brought the meeting to a close.—ALF. HITCHINGS, Sec.

# The Jubilee Crystal Palace Show.

## ALL RECORDS PULVERISED.

**A Wonderful Entry of Birds has been accorded the management for the fiftieth great National Cage Bird Show at the Crystal Palace, held Feb. 5, 6, 8 & 9 next.**

By the time our next issue is in the hands of our readers, the "Jubileo" Palace Show will be well under way, and that its career may prove both a pleasant and a prosperous one will we venture to think, be the wish of all bird-keepers. That this event is the fiftieth of its kind is known to all, we take it, and it is gratifying to learn that the Fancy and bird-lovers generally have rallied round the "Jubileo" exhibition in no uncertain manner, and shown their great regard for the time-honoured fixture at the Crystal Palace by breaking all records in the matter of entries. We learn with pleasure that the astonishing total of upwards of 2,800 entries has been received by the show manager, and that this includes practically all the best-known birds in the country. What glorious struggles for supremacy we may expect to see! And what a glorious feast for the eyes of visitors! Judging from letters received during the past two weeks, a record number of excursion parties is being arranged by fanciers in the various provincial centres, and interest in the event seems to have reached an unprecedentedly high pitch. That there will be a huge and record-breaking crowd of visitors from far and near seems to be assured.

It may be well to make it clear that the great "Jubilee" carnival is held on Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday next, Feb. 5, 6, 8, and 9. The show will open at three o'clock on the Friday, and will close on the Tuesday, at 4 p.m. On the Friday, Saturday, and Monday the time of closing is from 9.30 to 10 p.m. On the Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, the exhibition is opened at 10 a.m. There is nothing to pay for admission beyond the ordinary charge made for admittance to the Crystal Palace.

The show will be under the sole management of Mr. J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine-avenue, Brixton, London, S.W., who will accept orders for stalls and advertisements, and dispatch all birds at close of show, also dispatch tickets, labels, etc., and pay prize and sale money. Letters for Mr. Ramsden should be addressed direct to the Crystal Palace on the days of the show. Exhibitors should remember that the whole of the specimens must be in the Exhibition on Thursday, February 4th; any that may arrive afterwards will not be admitted into the Show.

The judges' lunch will be held in the Grill Room, Crystal Palace, on the Friday (Feb. 5th), chairman, G. Crabb, Esq.; covers at 1.30; tickets, 2s. 6d. each. Tickets can be had by exhibitors and friends on application to the Show Manager. Lunch will be over in time for the opening of the Show. Ladies cordially invited. This event will be specially interesting this year by reason of the presentations which are to be made to those veteran fanciers and judges, Messrs. "Joe" Hills and "Sam" Cook.

CAGE BIRDS will have its usual stall at the Palace, and we shall be pleased to welcome visitors, to greet old friends, and to make new friends. Our "Visitors' Book" will be in its usual place on the stall, and we trust everyone present will make a point of leaving their signatures there-in.

### Results of Judging.

Telegrams or letters asking for results of judging to be given cannot be answered by the authorities. Under these circumstances CAGE BIRDS will be pleased to supply exhibitors with the result in any class upon compliance with the following rules:—

1. Fully-stamped (prepaid) postcards, letters, or telegraph forms must reach us, at 154, Fleet Street, not later than February 4th.

2. The number of each exhibit and number of class must be stated, and spaces left blank for awards. For instance:—Jones, 15, Aberystwyth-terrace, Swansea.—Class 30, 250———; Class 31, 263, ———.

3. All applicants for results at the Palace must write RESULT on top left-hand corner of the envelope.

We will do our best to despatch as soon as judging permits. Any sent to the Palace direct will be treated last. Exhibitors must make their communications as brief, simple, and easy to understand, as possible. Owing to the enormous number of telegrams, letters, etc., we have to deal with, we cannot find time to wade through long letters, and any such will have to be put on one side and dealt with last of all.

### A World's Record.

Just before going to press our representative was granted an interview by Mr. J. W. Ramsden, the indefatigable show manager, who at once informed us of the fact that the entry constituted "a world's record." The total number of exhibits entered is no less than 2,820, which represents an increase on the previous year's total of considerably over 400. Moreover, the number of exhibitors is this year 800, which also constitutes a record, and among the names appear many new ones.

We give below a tabulated list of entries for the nine years from 1901 to 1909 inclusive, from which it will be seen that the average number of entries over those years has been 2,282:—

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| 1901 ... 2,633 | 1904 ... 2,018 | 1907 ... 2,163 |
| 1902 ... 2,114 | 1905 ... 2,061 | 1908 ... 2,397 |
| 1903 ... 2,093 | 1906 ... 2 237 | 1909 ... 2,820 |

The entries in the Crest, Crestbred, Belgian, and Scotch Fancy classes, we were informed, were somewhat poor, but those in the remainder of the classes were simply grand; it was, in fact, a champion entry all over with these few exceptions. The Norwich total close upon 300, and the Yorkshires 350. The Crests and Crestbreds number nearly 100. The Greens (both Norwich and Yorkshires), number 125, and the Lancashires and Lizards 44 and 40 respectively. There are 153 entries in the Border Fancy section, for which eight classes were provided. Perhaps the most remarkable feature of this year's entries is the grand muster of Dutch Frills, no fewer than nineteen of these birds having been entered. The class for London Fanciers has drawn an entry of five. In the Canary limit classes that for pairs (matched for Plainhead breeding) draws no less than 70 entries, this being the biggest class in the show. We give below a list of the entries in the Canary classes received up to the time of the interview:—

CANARIES.

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| Nor. Plainheads | 292 | Scotch Fancies ... | 25 |
| Yorkshires ... ... | 349 | Rollers ... ... ... | 107 |
| Crests ... ... ... | 97 | Belgians ... ... | 29 |
| Border Fancies ... | 153 | Lizards ... ... | 40 |
| Cinnamons ... | 66 | Greens ... ... ... | 125 |
| Lancashires ... | 44 | Frills ... ... ... | 19 |
| London Fancies ... | 5 | A.O.V. ... ... ... | 18 |
| Limit ... ... ... | 265 | | |

The above figures include both the champion and the novice entries.

MULES AND HYBRIDS.

The eleven classes provided in the schedule for Mules and Hybrids have drawn an entry of 174, giving an average of nearly 16 per class.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIRDS.

The British and Foreign, said Mr. Ramsden, are a really grand lot. The five classes for Bullfinches, Goldfinches, Linnets, and Chaffinches, we were told, had received 178 entries; the four classes for Redpolls, Twites, Siskins, Bramblefinches, and Greenfinches, 94; the eight classes for Hawfinches, Buntings, Thrushes, Magpies, etc., 104; the two classes for rare-feathered Britishers and A.S. hens (except Bullfinches), 34; and the five classes for Nightingales, Larks, A.O.S., etc., 71. There are 26 entries in the Limit class, which bring the total of exhibits in the British bird section up to 507, truly a magnificent collection.

In the foreign bird section the entries are as follows:—In the three classes for Budgerigars, A.O.S. Parrakeets and Parrots, 38; in the seven classes for Avadavats, Waxbills, Grosbeaks, Tanagers, Foreign Hybrids, etc, 77; and in the class for Goldfinches and Bullfinches, 14, making a grand total in the foreign bird section of 129. The Crystal Palace employees' class has an entry of 12, that for extra stock no less than 274, and that for cages 89.

There are three striking features about this year's entry which, we think, cannot be said of that of any previous year. The first is that no classes have had to be cancelled, the second, that no class has had to be amalgamated with another, and the third that no entries have been returned (at least, none up to the time writing). Mr. J. Hodder has the largest number of exhibits at this year's show, having entered 42 birds. Mr. C. T. Maxwell comes next in order with 38 entries, Mr. Francis next with 30, and Mr. Palmer next with 29. Birds have been entered from all parts of the United Kingdom, including Cork and Fort William.

Twenty-two of the classes have received over 25 entries. The v.h.c. birds in these classes thus become entitled to the extra prize of 2s. given by CAGE BIRDS, and the h.c. birds to that of 2s. presented by the London and Provincial Ornithological Society.

Just before our representative left, he was asked by Mr. Ramsden to thank the exhibitors for their splendid response to his appeal for a record entry.

### To Exhibitors, Judges and Visitors.

Mr. J. W. Ramsden writes: Exhibitors are respectfully requested to dispatch their birds by the night trains on Wednesday, February 3rd, or by early trains on Thursday, February 4th, arriving at the London termini not later than 2 o'clock, so that they reach the Palace in good time. By so doing they will greatly assist the management, and their birds will then have time to recover from the fatigue of their journey before being judged. On account of the show having to open at 3 o'clock on the 5th, all birds arriving after Thursday 4th, will have to be marked "Too late for competition." The show attendants will be at the Palace to receive birds on Thursday morning, February 4th, at 10 o'clock.

Judges are particularly requested to be at the Palace as early as possible on the Friday morning, as owing to contracts with the Palace Company and the show printers, judging must be finished by 1 o'clock prompt. Will visitors intending to be present at the judges' lunch please send a post-card to me, so that proper provision can be made for them?

Rule 20, relating to the claiming of birds, must be strictly enforced. I must treat all alike. No birds can be claimed by me on other people's behalf until the first sales at the office window are over. This replies to some 20 to 30 applicants for limit class winners.

### Club Meetings at the Palace.

Clubs desirous of holding meetings during the Palace Show should make early application to Mr. J. W. Ramsden, the show manager, who has the letting of the board-room, and other convenient rooms, for this purpose.

### Routes for Visitors.

For convenience of visitors, we append the best routes to the Palace from the various railway termini:—

PADDINGTON (G.W.R.)—Take the underground from Praed Street to Victoria or Aldersgate Street; then the Chatham Railway to the Crystal Palace High Level Station. Or take the Bakerloo tube (see from Marylebone).

MARYLEBONE (G.C.R.)—"Bakerloo" tube to Elephant and Castle; then transfer to Chatham Railway to High Level Station. Or go to Baker Street Station and take the train to Victoria.

EUSTON (L.N.W.R.), ST. PANCRAS (M.R.), and KING'S CROSS (G.N.R.)—Underground to Aldersgate Street; or 'bus to Ludgate Hill or Holborn Viaduct, and then Chatham Railway to Palace. Or take the City and South London (tube) Railway to London Bridge.

LIVERPOOL STREET (G.E.R.)—Rail direct, via New Cross; or 'bus to London Bridge, Holborn Viaduct, or Ludgate Hill, and then by L.B. and S.C. or Chatham Railway.

WATERLOO (L. and S.W.R.)—Take half-penny car to Elephant and Castle (or the "Bakerloo" tube), then transfer to Chatham Railway.

Victoria, Ludgate Hill, St. Paul's, Snow Hill, Holborn Viaduct, Moorgate Street, and London Bridge.—Rail direct to the Palace from these stations.

Direct trains to the Palace also run from Willesden and Clapham Junctions.

### Railway Excursions to the Show.

Excursions will be run into London from most parts of the country on the date of the show by all the chief railway companies. On page 89 Mr Ramsden sends a list of the arrangements of which he has been notified. But this list must not be taken as a complete one; readers in the provinces should enquire at their local railway stations for particulars of the excursions that will be running up to London on the days during which the show is in progress.


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Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given each week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.

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### ** A Daring Pet.

We have a Linnet that comes out of its cage and will eat out of your hand. When it is perched on your finger in front of a looking glass it will look at itself and start flapping its wings at another bird, as he thinks. It will even go to the back of the looking-glass to see where it is, and start pecking at the wood on the back. When it is perched on your shoulder at meal times it is so daring that when it thinks you are not looking, it will steal tasty bits off your plate and fly back to its cage and eat them.—Sent by Gordon L. Hill (age 13), 78, Wilford Crescent East, Meadows, Nottingham.

### *A Businesslike Parrot.

My father tells me that a friend had a Parrot, which he kept outside a lemonade shop, and every hot Sunday morning he would put it on the corner of a stall, and it used to attract the lookers-on by shouting out: "Now then, you miserable devils, what is the use of standing round the stall with your hands in your pockets?" "Bottle of beer, 1d.; kept in ice." "Here's a cooler for you." "Something to do you good." "You won't get drunk on this." "If you ain't got any money we'll trust you." "Drink it quick and clear away." He also said some other nice things.—Sent by Fred Solomons (age 11), 6, Anthony Street, Commercial Road, London, E.

### *A Nest in a Pocket.

A farmer left his coat in an old loft. A pair of Starlings saw the coat on a nail and they built their nest in one of the pockets. In this curious place they laid their eggs and hatched their young ones. One day came the farmer for the coat. The mother bird fluttered away in fright; but the farmer was a kind-hearted old man, and he left the coat until the young ones had fled.—Sent by Thomas Mason (age 12), 6, Victoria Street, Withington, Manchester.

## JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

**W. O BARLOW,** The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate

**J. C. BARNES,** 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

**ALB BENTLEY,** 13 and 15, Blackburn-road, Great Harwood. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; over 20 years' experience as breeder and exhibitor; terms moderate.

**J. BERTIE,** The Cottage, Steedman Avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; all classes; 30 years' practical experience.

**S. W. BIRCHLEY,** Altrincham, Cheshire, Specialist Judge British birds and Mules; life experience; terms moderate.

**J. W. BRUCE,** Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

**W. G. BULL,** , Victoria Road, Redfield, Bristol. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

**W. A. COWGILL,** 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

**A. G. DAVIS,** Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.

**J. DIXON,** 58, King Street, Wigton, Cumberland. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist in Mules and Hybrids.

**J. DOBSON,** 14, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds of Cage Birds.

**GEO. GARDNER,** 11, Haverstock Road London, N W Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds

**C. A. HOUSE,** 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

**R. LAMBIE,** 29 and 31, East Main-street, Whitburn, N.B. Judge of all varieties cage birds; specialist in Borders, Crests, and Crest-breds; 20 years' experience.

**E. A. LOVELL,** 19, Islington-rd., Southville, Bristol. Judge of cage birds; all varieties.

**F. MARWOOD,** 1, Barnard Street, Thornaby-on-Tees Mules, British and Foreign; British a speciality. 18 years exhibitor. Terms moderate.

**W. R. MILES,** The Aviaries, Chichester, Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

**W. MUNDELL,** 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

**H. NORMAN,** The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. Hybrids and British Birds.

**J. NORTH,** 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds.

**J. PATTERSON,** Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

**J. H. PAYNE,** 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

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## TWITTERINGS.

Our annual show is fixed for November 20th, writes Mr. Alexander Smith, secretary Galashiels O.S.

Kindly state that my address will in future be 7, Norman Avenue West, Wood Green, writes Mr. A. Brown.

I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS from the commencement, and like the paper very much. —J. BAGNELLE (Ponders End).

Kindly announce that I have removed from Church Lane, Harwood, to 320, Ainsworth Lane, Bolton, writes Mr. J. Brooks.

I had so many replies to my last week's advertisement in CAGE BIRDS that I could not reply to all.—T. JOHNSON (Southport).

I am pleased to state, writes Mr. C. Danby (Ilkeston), that I have found your paper, CAGE BIRDS, very useful. I wish it every success.

Kindly announce my change of address, writes Mr. T. Crimes, breeder and exhibitor of Norwich Canaries. It is now 409, West Street, Crewe.

My first advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. R. B. Tope (Plymouth), brought me in over £38, and I could not answer all the inquiries I received.

Our next open show will be held on November 6th and 8th, writes Mr. C. Draper, secretary of the Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.

Your paper, CAGE BIRDS, appears to be the only one of its kind applied for in Bath, which speaks well for it.—H. TURTLE, hon. secretary Bath and Dis. F.A.

Secretaries will please note, write Messrs. Metcalfe and Hillmen, secretaries of the Liverpool O.S., that November 5th and 6th is the date of our next open show.

CAGE BIRDS is the back-bone of the Fancy, the best advertising medium and most instructive journal out. Lang may yer lum reek.—R. YOUNG (Newcastle-on-Tyne)

The time of the closing of our show, to be held on February 13th, writes Mr. John Dales, secretary of the Brotton F.S., is 6 o'clock, and not 7 o'clock, as stated in our schedule.

I have been getting your paper, CAGE BIRDS, now for the last twelve months, writes Mr. W. McNally (Kills), and I find it contains most valuable information relating to birds.

Don't forget to visit the City and Suburban's Pair Show to-day (Saturday), at the Church Institute, 60, Paddington-street, St. Marylebone. A visit will well repay you.—ADVT.

Metropolitan fanciers should remember that the South West London Cage Bird Society are holding their annual pair show this Saturday, January 30th, at the Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction.

The Bathgate Show report credits Mr. A. E. McDougall with winning 1st in class 35, Bullfinch hens, writes Mr. P. Arnott (Alloa), whereas I had the honour of winning 1st and special in that class.

The Pair Show of the West London F.A., writes Mr. J. Dewhurst, the hon. secretary, will be held at the Bush Hotel, on February 11th, at 7 o'clock. Mr. Atteridge has kindly promised to judge.

Our show dates for 1909, writes Mr. R. P. Harper, hon. secretary North London C.B.A. are fixed as follows:—Pair show, 17 February; Young Stock Show July 3rd, and annual show December 3rd and 4th.

The Eastfield Side C.B.F.S. have succeeded in getting their next annual show fixed for November 6th, 1909, under C.B.U. rules, writes Mr. J. Carlin, the hon. secretary. Will other secretaries please note this date?

Allow me through CAGE BIRDS to thank Messrs. Hyde and Co. for their beautiful special, won at the Eastfield Side C.B.F.S. Show, writes Mr. J. Carlin, the hon. secretary, by Mr. R. Nuttall (Sutton-in-Ashfield).

We are having a show of Canaries, Mules, and British birds, writes Mr. Jas. Emmett, secretary of the Warrington and Dis. C.B.S., on February 30th, and it is open to all fanciers residing within a radius of five miles.

The balance-sheet of the Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A. shows that the association ended the 1908 season with a balance in hand of £8 9s. 8d. Considering the fact that the last annual exhibition resulted in a loss, this must be regarded with satisfaction by the secretary, Mr. J. C. Birch, and the other officials of this enterprising association, the future of which looks brighter than ever before.

Will members of the South Metropolitan F.A. please note, writes Mr. A. Watson, show secretary, that I shall be present at their next meeting, February 3rd, to give a full account of the late Grand United Metropolitan Show.

The report of the Green Canary Association Show, held recently at Liverpool, writes Mr. P. Clayton (Halifax), credits me with having won 2nd prize only in the Green hen class in the champion section, whereas I won both 1st and 2nd prizes in that class.

The Battersea Open Cage Bird Association are holding a members' pair and Finch show at the "Duchess of Devonshire," Lavender Road, Battersea, on February 3rd, when it is hoped there will be many visitors. The birds will be staged by two o'clock.

I beg to thank you on behalf of the Guisborough and Dis. Priory C.B.S., writes Mr. G. Atkinson, the hon. secretary, for all you have so kindly and willingly done for us in the past, including a valuable and excellent report of our show of July 1st last.

Owing to my retirement from the Fancy, writes Mr. C. A. Fisher (London, E.C.), I have resigned my membership of Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., and also the Green Canary Association. I wish your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, greater success even than hitherto.

The replies to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. B. Bullough (Southport), were too numerous to answer. I have advertised in it several times lately, and have sold a great many birds. I think it is the best advertising medium for birds of any description.

Will secretaries of societies affiliated to the London Federation of Cage Bird Societies, writes Mr. P. Adamthwaite, the secretary pro tem, please note that Monday, February 1st, is the last day for receiving nominations for officers in accordance with the notice of January 21st last.


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## OBITUARY

### MR. J. GOVE (Arbroath).

It is with sincere regret, writes Mr. J. S. Napier (secretary of the Arbroath Scotch Fancy Club), that I have to announce the death, at the early age of 33 years, of Mr. J. Gove, one of our members. Mr. Gove was an enthusiastic fancier and a true lover of birds. In private life he was highly respected by reason of his quiet and unassuming manner and kindly nature. He died at Montrose (the town of his nativity) on January 12th, he having removed there the previous day. He leaves a widow and one son to mourn his loss, and to them the sympathy of all fanciers will, I feel sure, be extended.

We have secured the services of Messrs. J. Robson and H. W. Battye as judges for our next show, on November 5th and 6th, writes Mr. G. Havver, secretary Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dis. C.B.S. The members have reduced their membership fee from 6s. to 4s. per year. Any fancier wishing to join will be heartily welcomed.

The members of the Jarrow, Hebburn and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. Robt. Blore, the hon. secretary, held their first social on January 20th, when, considering the bad state of trade, we did fairly well. Very nearly all the members were present and enjoyed themselves up to the mark.

We are sorry to have to inform you of the death of our buff Cinnamon cock Canary, 1st and special at South Shields, 2nd at Wallsend, 4th at Jarrow, and 1st and special at Gateshead in pair class, the only times he was shown in 1908, write Messrs. Seely Bros (Choppington Colliery).

The Northern Crest Club balance-sheet for 1908 shows a cash balance of just over £2, which, in addition to the assets consisting of two cups, valued at £5 5s. each, leaves the club in a satisfactory position. During the season the sum of over £11 has been expended in medals and prize money for the members.

The note of the Storm Cock, writes Miss Vera Wainwright (Peaslako), has been heard by two gentlemen, and on two different occasions in Surrey, not far from Guildford. Flocks of Long-tailed Tits, too, have been observed, one composed of about 50, and one of about 20 birds. The Heron has also been seen in the neighbourhood.

Great National Cage Bird Show, Crystal Palace, 1909.—R. A. Newley begs to announce that he will have a fine exhibition of bird cages and sundries of all kinds on his stall at the above show. Inspection and patronage of fanciers and public visiting is respectfully invited. Address all communications to R. A. Newley, 24, Stockwell Green, London, S.W.—(ANVT.)

I hope to be able to visit the forthcoming "Jubilee" Crystal Show, writes Mr. D. Kinlayside (Edinburgh), and let your office-boy know that the Scotch are famous for more things than shortbread and painting cards. I shall hope to bring some of my models of staging, etc. (such as is used at the Scottish National Show), and find a small space for them on CAGE BIRDS stall.

We shipped another very large consignment of Canaries to New York on January 22nd, write Messrs. Mackley Bros., the well-known Norwich bird specialists, by the White Star Liner, "Arabic," numbering just 3,000, including Norwich Crests, Norwich Plainheads, Cinnamons, Yorkshires, Lizards, and a large quantity of Goldfinch and Canary Mules.

Fanciers will note that I have changed my address from Kirkburn Place to 25, Willow Street, Girlington, Bradford, writes Mr. A. Pullan.

Owing to a change in my business, writes Mr. C. A. Fisher (London, E.C.), I am compelled to dispose of the whole of my stock of birds, very much to my regret. I notice a correspondent asks the name of the maker of a certain seed or water pot, reg. No. 493,473. I may say that I have one with such a number, which I got from Mr. E. Pass, cage maker, Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

I have been appointed secretary of the Southport and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. Benj. Bullough, 161, Portland Street, Southport. All communications respecting the society should therefore be addressed to me. I should be glad to hear of anyone desirous of joining this society. A pair table show will be held at Thorp Restaurant on February 18th, when Mr. W. Millburn will judge.

The Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B. Club comes with flying colours out of the trouble connected with the last show. That this society has a host of friends and well-wishers is proved by the fact that no less than £45 was subscribed to wipe out the deficit. Thus on the year's working (vide balance-sheet, duly audited, to hand this week), a sum of £4 19s. remains in hand, which must be very gratifying to the secretary, Mr. R. A. Brown, and his fellow workers and members.

The balance-sheet of the Morpeth and Dis. C.B.S. for the year ending October 31st, 1908, shows a cash balance in hand of £5 11s. 3d., which, considering the society started from "rock-bottom" twelve months before, is a capital result. The hon. secretary, Mr. E. Cowling, the hon. treasurer, Mr. A. G. Marshall, and the other officials are to be complimented on the success attained.


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The York C.B.S. has just issued a very attractive programme for the 1909 season, comprising lectures, rambles, drives, washing exhibitions, a concert, members', etc., shows. The subscription to this go-ahead society is very moderate (6d. per month), and fanciers interested can obtain full particulars from the hon. secretary, Mr. A. Waud, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road, York.

Our thirteenth annual open show is to be held on December 1st and 2nd next, writes Mr. W. S. Negus, secretary of the Cardiff and Dis. C.B.S., when it is hoped fanciers will give us their loyal support as in past years. We have secured the services of Messrs. Payne (Gloucester) and Robson (London) to act as judges thereat, and it is also probable that the classification will be considerably extended.

The balance-sheet of the Highgate, Hampstead, and Dis. C.B.S. for the year ending December 31st, 1908, shows a cash balance of £1 17s. 5½d., which, together with assets amounting to over £15 (which includes a £5 5s. silver cup), and considering the society had only been in existence some ten months at the close of the year, reflects the greatest credit on Mr. G. H. Neal, the hon. secretary, Mr. Reynolds, his predecessor, and the other officials.

I was pleased to note the Buff Coppy cock illustrated upon the frontispiece of your last issue, writes Mr. James Tottle (Frome). I may add that the bird is now my property. Great credit is due to Mr. Norman for the excellent, life-like drawing he has made of the bird. I made the purchase some weeks ago, which completes my stock of about four pairs of this variety, and I am hopeful of being able to produce a few good ones during the coming season.

### National British Bird and M.C.

The annual general meeting of the N.B.B. and M.C. will be held on Saturday, February 6th, in the Board Room, Crystal Palace, at 6 o'clock. Any member having a proposition to put before the meeting, we shall be glad to receive same before the 5th.—PLUMBRIDGE ANN CARR, hon. secretaries, 2, Broad Street Station, London, E.C.

### A Two-headed Blackbird.

At Linwood, near Paisley, it is said that a Blackbird, which is the possessor of two almost distinctly formed heads, has been seen. It has two bills, and has been seen to pick and make use of both, but whether it can pass food through both cannot yet be definitely stated. During the recent stormy weather the bird came to feed with others at a spot on the river bank where a good deal of waste bread is thrown out by the employees in a public work, who examined the strange creature leisurely through a window at a distance of 8ft. Whether this account is true, we cannot, of course, say.

### For Faithful Service.

As already mentioned in your columns, writes Mr. J. W. Ramsden, the manager of the Crystal Palace Show, I have been asked by one or two regular exhibitors at the Palace to suggest that the Jubilee Show would be a suitable place for some recognition to be made to the two "veterans" who have fed and tended the exhibits at the National Shows so well for over forty years. I shall be pleased to receive subscriptions, no matter how small, from exhibitors who would like in this way to recognise Messrs. Small and Gritchfield's long and faithful services. They may be paid to me on the Friday or Saturday at the Palace Show, or forwarded at once through the post.

# The Novices Notebook.

**This page will consist of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes will be contributed from time to time by various leading experts.**

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### The Softbill's Mainstay.

In meating-off softbilled species, it goes without saying that one cannot always devote unlimited time to hunting after their natural food to provide sufficient of this to keep the birds going. On the contrary, in the case of a working-man fancier, it frequently happens that a very short space of time each day is all that can be devoted to such outdoor pursuits in the cause of the hobby.

For all such as these the ubiquitous mealworm is the only really reliable mainstay for meating-off the birds. True, it is a very expensive one, so long as a bird's food is practically limited to mealworms; but, after all, the outlay is very often a cheap speculation, as in all save quite exceptional cases there will be very little difficulty in getting the birds on to a cheaper form of food in due course, by doling out this luxurious feed with a free hand during the sulky early stages succeeding their capture. Indeed, there is no more universally tempting a bait for all the softbills than mealworms. And it does not matter whether the mealworms be large or small, alive or dead, chopped up or whole—any way and any time the dish is acceptable.

Writing of chopped worms is not, perhaps, literally correct. What is meant is that you should just crush the heads in order to kill them, and prevent their crawling away; and if it is thought desirable cut them into two or three pieces, mixing a fair proportion of these in the soft food offered, so that the bird will the more quickly learn to eat the latter by first picking amongst it to find the bits of worms.

Whole worms should also be offered in addition to these broken ones, but it is necessary to kill these, too, in order to prevent their escaping, and as a lively worm or two is the most tempting bait of all in the first few hours, the old-fashioned watch-glass trick is still useful enough to be resorted to at a pinch. This consists of placing a live worm or two either on the floor of the cage and covering them over with a watch glass, or putting the worms in the bottom of the food vessel and covering them in the same way, then putting around the sides of the glass a little of the usual soft food, so that the bird when tempted to "go for" the live worm it sees under the glass will sooner or later find the pieces scattered among the food and turn its attention to them, and finally take to the food. In any case, do not begrudge a fresh-caught softbill a free supply of mealworms. It may be, and probably will be, a case of sparing the worm and losing the bird.

### A Timely Supplication.

"Lead us not into temptation," may with all due reverence be the daily appeal of the novice from this time onwards until at least the middle of March next, which is "so near and yet so far." "So near," because either in prospect or retrospect the time is separated from the present by such an apparently trifling interval; and yet in that short time such vast changes are possible that the effect under certain conditions will last for months after that interval has passed, and may even have a very material effect all through the year, so that in a very real sense the middle of March is still a long, long way off.

The necessity for a timely hint to guard against temptation is shown by years of experience to be none the less urgent because it has been reiterated year after year with commendable punctuality, yet all too seldom, or may be, too weakly, to prevent many a beginner having his hopes blighted by falling into the snare every year. Perhaps, in spite of every caution, many another will make a similar error. We cannot help that. But we can at any rate prevent any shadow of the fault resting upon our august heads, by repeating the warning now.

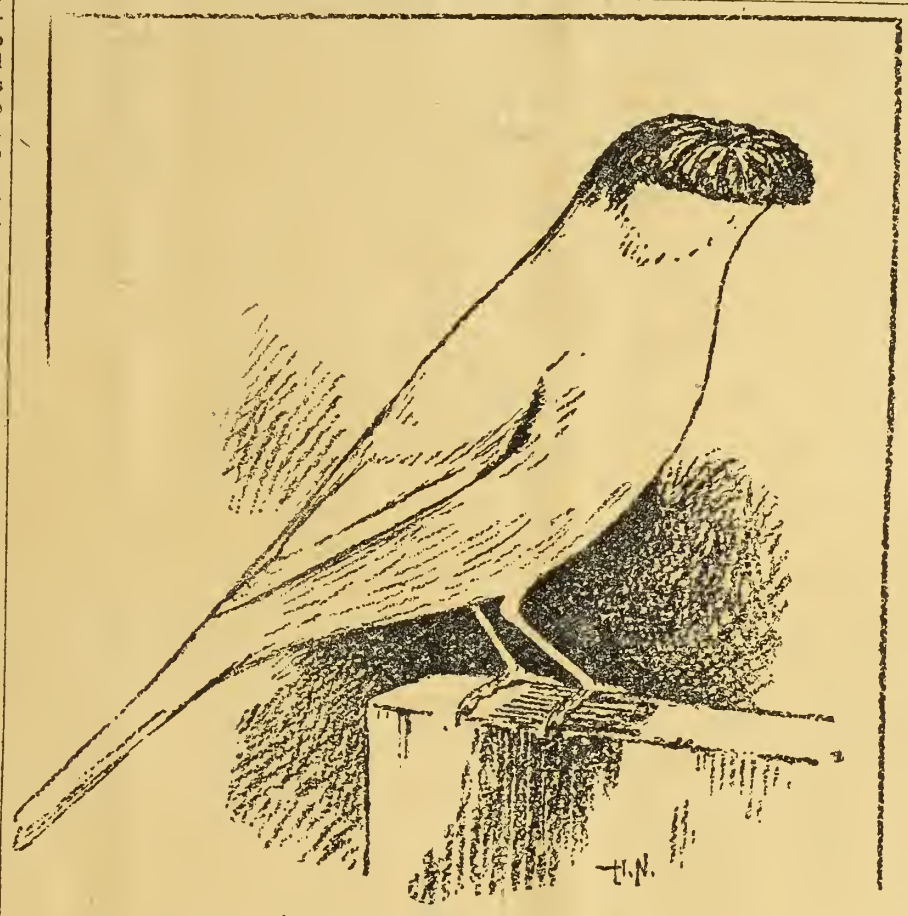
The temptation to push forward the mating of birds is terribly strong, when, soon after the turn of the year, the birds begin to brighten up and put on vigour almost every day, and the cocks are incessantly singing from dawn to dusk. They will almost invariably be affected in this way in any condition of weather, but when the weather is the least bit mild or Spring-like, even for a day or two, the birds are such thorough-going creatures of the hour that the hens will soon appear feverishly anxious to set about nesting, and the cocks almost bursting their throats with song, and likewise appearing "mad to begin." Then, truly, the temptation is strong, and human nature is weak—never more weak than when unchastened by a few blighted hopes and disappointments.

### Never Search After Excuses.

Thus it is that the raw novice, even if he has read such warnings as that given above, will be only too ready to believe that these apply only to some ordinary its existence is so small that the experienced breeder, who, mind you, *knows* how to succeed, and *does succeed*, would not find it with a microscope, although it may loom very large in the mind of the novice who wants it to be so. It is purely a case with the novice of the wish being father to the thought, and he of all others should take to heart the appeal with which we began, that he be not led into temptation.

### To Curb Misjudged Desires.

If there is any likelihood that one's birds are in too fresh condition under average conditions of weather, the diet should be kept on the plain side, and the usual supply of extras or stimulating foods of any description should be cut down by one-half, especially in the case of the hens, and should an interval of exceptionally mild weather come upon us these extras should be cut off entirely for the time being, and the diet limited to plain Canary seed only, with just a scrap of bread and milk once a week, and a pinch of summer rape once in three or four days. Even these simple extras may with advantage be withheld for a time if the birds are really very fresh, and in all



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type of case, and that the case of his own particular birds is so far out of the ordinary run as to be quite beyond the pale of ordinary methods of treatment. In his young experience the circumstances are altogether exceptional, and require extraordinary treatment.

The next step is an easy one to a mind already biassed in a given direction, and consists of discovering some seemingly valid excuses for putting the birds together—a quest in which the imagination can do much to deceive the owner. Anyway, when one begins to suppose that he may succeed or that the circumstances governing his stock warrant him in beginning breeding operations a few months in advance of the usual time, the probability is that the birds go together, and the result is almost as invariably, if not literally, a "wailing and a gnashing of teeth," a rude awakening, and, may be, an inborn resolve not to wilfully tempt fate or ride to a fall in the future.

No; do not waste a thought in trying to discover an exceptional point about your stock which warrants their mating for some months to come. The chance of cases give a few grains of Epsom salts in the water about every third day, whilst the mild weather lasts.

This will be far better than encouraging the birds to a more forward condition. The cocks should, in the natural course of events, be singing well and lustily now, so you must not take their ordinary vocal efforts to indicate any uncommon precocity.

### Points About Outdoor Aviaries.

Ever since we took a case in point and described in detail how to convert an indoor spare room into an aviary for breeding purposes, about a year ago, we have had repeated requests from time to time for information concerning outdoor aviaries, and how to evolve and arrange them out of a room—as often as anything else the room in question is a mere shed—already in existence. The request may appear simple enough to each individual enquirer, who knows the particular building and the locality inside out, so to speak, so that he is blissfully ignorant of the insuperable difficulties of taking any particular case out of doors and dealing with it from a general point of view, in order to make it of interest to the general reader, as could be easily done in the case of an indoor room.

Outside the case is totally different, and the general conditions to which an outside building is subject, vary so greatly that it is practically impossible to take a particular case in one spot and make it generally applicable elsewhere. Locality, site, position, attitude, and aspect, which all have a very great influence upon the occupants, are points which vary to an unlimited extent, and it must be extremely rare for any one existing building which one wishes to convert into an aviary to be the exact counterpart of another.

But we may at least venture on a few useful hints as to the most serviceable arrangements of cardinal points which seem to be suggested by the querists themselves.

*(To be continued.)*

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## UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

GREAT Horton Good Intent O.S. held their annual tea and concert on January 16th, in the Co-operative Cafe, Great Horton, when over forty members and friends did full justice to the good things provided and spent a very enjoyable evening. During an interval in the entertainment, the prizes which had been won at the members' shows last season were presented to the successful competitors, and many hopes were expressed for a still better season to come. This society is now in a very good position, both financially and numerically. May further prosperity attend the efforts of the members.

WINDHILL Society held their annual gathering on the 23rd inst., many members and friends putting in an appearance to enjoy the hospitality. A good "knife and fork" tea was provided, the evening being spent "midst smoke and song." The prizes for the members' shows were presented to the winners.

THE whist drive and dance promoted by the Shipley and Dist. O.S. took place on Tuesday evening, January 19th, in the Cafe rooms adjoining Saltaire Station. About 18 tables were filled for the whist drive, the first of 22 games being started just turned 7.30, and the final at about 10.15. Supper was then served, the remaining two hours being taken up by "tripping on the light fantastic toe" in the ballroom.

HALIFAX open show held on Saturday last was a splendid affair, the entries in all sections (except foreign) coming up exceedingly well, 542 birds being staged in 34 classes, an average of about 16 per class. The society this year made a good move by holding their show in the large hall of the Mechanics' Institute, a very central place, a large airy room, and one that is very free from draught. They have to pay somewhat heavy for this room, but the extra good gate received will very likely balance matters from the financial point of view.

BRADFORD East hold their first open show to-day (Saturday), and are confident of having a rattling good show. It is to be hoped that they will have, for plenty of hard work has been put in, and this should meet with a just reward. This show is the last but one of the season under the control of the Yorkshire Union. Next week is left open on account of the Palace Show; then, on the 13th February, Wakefield close the competitions and shows for the season. It is to be hoped that Wakefield will receive a bumping entry, to help them on their way rejoicing.

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By FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.,
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**A companion article to Mr. Goodchild's Coloured plate which was presented with the Birthday Number of "Cage Birds."**

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It will be noticed that Mr. Dewar speaks of the song of the Avadavat, and indeed this little bird is not only the brightest in colour, but the most musical of all the Waxbills, its song much resembling that of our Willow Wren—a dainty little strain just suited to the fragile little being that utters it. The Avadavat is the hardiest of the Waxbills, and can be safely trusted to winter outside; it will also breed in captivity, but cannot be recommended as a certainty in that respect. The nest is a domed structure of grass or fibre, and the eggs, as with all Waxbills, are white.

### The Green Avadavat.

Next below the common Avadavat will be seen his green relative, the Green Avadavat (*Stictospiza formosa*), which in India is rather absurdly known as *Hurry Lal*, "the Green Red"! The fact is, that the common name of the Common Avadavat is "Lal Munia," the Red Finch or Waxbill; then it has got called "Lal," the red, for short, and so its relative gets its very Irish-sounding title.

The sexes differ much less in this species than in the Common Avadavat, the hen being merely pale primrose instead of bright Canary-yellow underneath. Although also Indian, it is a far less common bird than the Red Avadavat, even in India proper, and it is not found out of that country at all. Thus it is a far less common and more expensive bird, but it is almost as nice a little creature when you have got it; I do not say quite, because I think red is a prettier colour than green!

### The Gold-breasted Waxbill.

Just above the Common Avadavat will be seen the gold-breasted Waxbill (*Sporaegithus subflavus*), the most minute bird which is regularly imported. In this midget species the hen also differs in being much less richly coloured below than the cock, in particular showing no orange on the breast. The bars on the flanks are, no doubt, the excuse for calling this bird the Zebra Waxbill, but this name is not very appropriate at the best of times, and is also very apt to lead to confusion with the Zebra Finch, next to be noticed, and, as the picture shows, a very different bird.

Like all the Waxbills except the two Avadavats, this is an African bird; it is, for a Waxbill, a hardy little creature, and has bred even in an outdoor aviary.

### The Zebra Finch.

The Zebra Finch (*Taeniopygia castanotis*), a particularly jolly little bird, is seen in the illustration perkily perched at the top of a twig, with all his very pretty and variegated colouring well shown off. The hen is not so handsomely plumaged as her mate, wanting all the special bright patches—the orange on the cheeks, the Zebra-barred bib, and the white-dotted chestnut of the sides, but is so like him in other respects as to be easily recognisable. The young resemble her, but have black instead of red bills.

The amateur is more likely to be able to study the young of these than those of any of the other species shown here, for the Zebra Finch is far the most ready breeder of the lot, and in his ardour for reproduction of the species strongly reminds one of the British Sparrow. Like that bird, he builds a big, untidy nest.

### Will Winter Outside.

The Zebra Finch will winter outside well, and it is the best of all the very small birds for the beginner, being hardy in constitution and so very ready a breeder. It is an Australian bird, and very freely imported; otherwise, it would no doubt have been fully domesticated by this time. The cock's song is a very comical performance, a sort of little three-line-and-a-half verse constantly repeated; the ordinary note is a squeak continually uttered, as it were mechanically jerked out of the birds as they hop about.

### The Double-banded Finch.

The Double-banded Finch (*Stictoptera bichenovii*), often known as Bicheno's Finch, is also an Australian species, and one which always engages the affections of bird keepers on account of its chaste colouring and dainty and refined appearance.

Unfortunately, the sexes are practically alike, but the hen is said to be slightly duller. It is rather scarce compared with the birds I have been dealing with, and decidedly expensive, costing three times as much as these; moreover, it is somewhat delicate, although exhibiting an inclination to breed, like so many Australian birds.

It has been successfully wintered out-of-doors, and it has produced a Hybrid with the Zebra Finch.

### The Long-tailed Grass Finch.

The Long-tailed Grassfinch (*Pœphila acuticauda*), although devoid of any brilliant colours in its plumage, also has so refined and elegant an appearance, with its long, tapering, black tail feathers, that it is an ornament to any collection.

The sexes are alike, and on the whole the bird is very much like the Parson Finch (*Pœphila cincta*), a bird which seems to have been less freely imported of late than it used to be. The Parson Finch, however, has an ordinary short tail and a black bill. This is an Australian species, and, like most birds from that country, does well in captivity.

### The Diamond Sparrow.

The Diamond Sparrow (*Stagonopleura guttata*), a beautiful Australian bird, is now not nearly so familiar in the bird trade as formerly, its appearance with the dealers being quite occasional, which is a pity, as it is one of the most striking foreign Finches, as the illustration well shows.

It is bigger than most of the species I am dealing with, being as large as a Siskin, at least, and stoutly built for its size.

The only noticeable sex difference is that the hen has a pink line where the upper bill joins the forehead, instead of this being uniformly red as in the cock.

The Diamond Sparrow is not nearly related to the typical Sparrows, but it has a good share of their impudence, as it has been found in the wild state building in the under part of the eyrie of a bird of prey—not one of the Sparrow Hawk type, however. The cock indulges in a very comical dance when courting his mate.

### The Orange Bishop.

The Orange Bishop (*Pyromelana franciscana*) is one of those birds that arrest everybody's attention on sight, as may easily be noticed by visitors to the Zoo, where specimens of the species are always on view in the Weaver birds' compartment of the Western Aviary. The orange-red parts of the plumage, however, vary in intensity; in some specimens they are, indeed, only orange; but some are vermilion, running into blood-red on the back. The bird, in accordance with his rich attire, is about the most bumptious of all small species—for he is only about as big as the Diamond Sparrow abovementioned. It is most amusing to see him hopping about, swelling out his plumage till he is almost round, in paying court to his modest-plumaged little mate, who is absolutely unlike him, and bears the streaky-brown plumage so familiar in many of our own birds, such as the Skylark.

It is all very well for her husband to show himself off, but his fine feathers will not last, so perhaps he does well to make the most of them; the fact being that the red and black attire is only his wedding-dress, as during the winter months he has the same sober plumage as the hen birds. This is, of course, rather a drawback to him as a pet; but his extreme beauty in the summer months makes full amends. Moreover, he is a hardy bird, and cheap; but not a likely breeder.

### The Green Singing Finch.

The next, and last, species to be noticed is the Green Singing Finch (*Serinus icterus*). Fanciers will immediatey recognise in this quietly-coloured little bird a nearer approach to the more typical Finches. The Green Singing Finch is, indeed, one of the Serin group, and closely related to the Canary. In fact, it is too closely related to that bird to like its company, and hence the two species are not good associates in an aviary, unless an attempt is being made to breed Mules between them.

The sex difference in this bird merely consists in the female being noticeably duller; the male also, as one might expect from its relatives, is a good singer, and makes a very nice little cage songster.

It builds a nest of the typical Finch style, an open cup, and will breed quite readily in confinement, while, as it is hardy outdoors, it has sufficient all-round recommendations to make up for plumage, which is not very striking for a foreign cage bird. In size it is about as big as our Siskin.

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# Birds' Eggs, and Some Problems of Colouration.

By J. B. BROWN.

**A paper recently read before the members and friends of the Hawick Ornithological Society.**

There are two problems in bird life which have as yet baffled all enquiry. They are first their migratory habits, and secondly, the colouring of their eggs. Of the first, this wonderful instinct of migration, much has been written; volumes have been devoted to the subject; but in none of them can we find any explanation why certain birds, like the Swift for an example, annually make their appearance among us on a certain day and as punctually leave on a certain date each year when summer is on the wane.

Of the second problem—the subject matter of this paper, the colouring of their eggs, very little has been written. I have waded through every book in our Public Library on bird lore, and I have been able to find but little allusion to it. I have found pictures there representing the eggs beautifully coloured and faithfully reproduced, but I could find nothing in those books telling one why they are thus coloured. This problem is really

### Dual in its Character.

in this way—that two questions have to be asked. First, why are they coloured? Then, how is it done? Both questions are as yet unanswered, and I do not presume to answer them; I can only ask you to form yonr own opinion on the matter. I hope that what I am about to tell you may prove of interest to your society, and perhaps lead some member to pursue the investigation of the subject, and in the end solve the problems.

First, then, a word or two about the egg itself may not be out of place, for the egg of a bird presents an example of a familiar, and readily accessible, kind, for the study of the development of species. It consists of an outward porous shell, through which air can pass in and out; of a membrane lining the shell; of the white arranged in layers; of the two twisted ends called Chalazae, one at either end of the egg, and which serve to protect the yolk from shock or injury; of the yolk itself also enclosed in a thin skin, and of what is termed the "cicatricula," lying on the upper surface of the yolk, perhaps more generally known as the "blastoderm:" this latter is the actual seat of the changes of development. All the other parts, white, yolk, etc., are merely accessory structures. As soon as incubation begins, on the second day, this blastoderm begins to form a little pulsating point or heart. From that to the 20th or 21st day the chicken rapidly grows, pushing its beak through the shell until it emerges into the world, the shell which has protected it so long being discarded as now quite useless.

But to the subject under discussion: why are birds' eggs coloured? We must go back, very very far back indeed, back to the days when the world was young, if we would find any explanation at all. And that is

### But Theoretical.

First of all, then, we will take the conclusions current among those naturalists who have studied the question as to the significance of white eggs. Speculation on this matter began and seems to have ended, with Alfred Russell Wallace's theory propounded some years ago, and the general concensus of opinion is that at one time all birds nested in holes in the rocks, and all birds laid white eggs. It is not difficult to believe this, for coloured eggs would become practically invisible in these dark places, and consequently would be in hourly jeopardy of being overrun by the bird when entering the nest, and broken; or would, when the space was large enough, be in danger of rolling away from the sitting bird, and so fail to obtain incubation. Through being white, such faint rays of light as gained admittance to the nest would be reflected by the white shell, and consequently no eggs would escape the necessary attention of the sitting bird. The white eggs of Wood-pigeons have always been a stumbling block to this, and much special pleading, has been resorted to by many for explaining away the difficulties they present. It has been urged that here the whiteness is protective, since from the loose and careless way the nest is built, light is always visible through it when looked at from below, and thus the white shell cannot be distinguished from patches of light. But such enemies as would be on the look-out for these eggs would attack them from above, when such confusion between shadow and substance would not occur.

Surely the matter can be explained in another way. That is to say, that the whiteness of the egg of the Wood-pigeon is a survivial of the time, when, like the Rock-dove and the Stock Dove, they nested in dark places. All who keep pigeons know that their nesting places must be dark, for the bird has never changed its early habits. The lack of colour in the egg of the Wood-pigeon to-day, under the now existing circumstances, can be attributed to the fact that the eggs are sufficiently well concealed by the overhanging foliage; or that enemics are not sufficiently numerous to render any colour necessary, or numerous enough to bring about the destruction of the species. That this contention with regard to

### Eggs Laid In Holes.

is correct, seems highly probable, since it would appear that birds which have taken to nesting in holes, after having developed coloured eggs laid in the open, have again taken to lay white eggs. More accurately speaking, they have taken to covering the coloured surface of their eggs with a layer of chalky white. The eggs of the Puffin are an example of this. Beneath the white layer, the original coloured surface, with a little close examination, can be discerned.

But then again, we must take into consideration the fact that a bird cannot at will change the colour of its egg; it must bring it about very gradually. We must also consider that it may suddenly vary its nesting-place, so that the white colouring on the Puffin's egg may have come about because it has made its home where lime and chalk are abundant. Admitted. But against this, we will take the case of the Snow-bunting, a peculiar example of environment not regulating the colour of the egg. The Snow-bunting's egg is remarkable for its richness of colouration, and, in Scotland, is placed in a hole in the rock, a habit rendered necessary by the nature of the surroundings. But in Siberia, where its home is, it makes its nest under tussocks of grass, which harmonise with the colour of eggs and nest and all. We are referring to this question of harmony of colours presently, and here also we meet with great difficulties. That the

### Eggs of all Primeval Birds.

were without doubt white, with a tendency to develop a red pigment, is seen in the eggs of that peculiar bird of New Zealand, the "Apteryx": the bird termed Archaic: the most original type of bird life extant.

*(To be continued.)*

Nests of birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects harmless to everything else.

# CLUB REPORTS.

## RUTHERGLEN AND DISTRICT O.A.

General meeting held on Jan. 18, Mr. Manson presiding. The secretary presented the financial statement for the show and also of the year's transactions, which showed a slight balance on the right side. Considering the extra expenses for staging, this was considered highly satisfactory. The election of office-bearers for the year was then proceeded with. Result: Hon. president, Provost Johnstone; president, W. Moffat; vice-presidents, J. J. Manson and T. A. Boyd; committee, Messrs. Lappin, Hutchison, McAulay, Livingstone, and Joel; secretary and treasurer, F. Wilson, 9, Jedburgh Avenue. The secretary exhibited an egg of the Blue-breasted Waxbill. He regretted that the pair of these interesting birds had not yet settled down to breed, but stated that he was still hopeful of success. All the members present were quite enthusiastic regarding the coming season.—F. WILSON, Sec.

## MORPETH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held on January 22nd, when a good muster of members turned up, and the enthusiasm displayed speaks well for the success of the coming year. The date of our next show was fixed for October 16th, when we hope to present to exhibitors a good classification for open section, and trust, by studying the needs of both exhibitors and exhibits, fanciers will rally around us as they did last year. In the members' section there will be seven classes confined to the novice, and about the same number for the ordinary member. The novice member will have the privilege of transferring his exhibits into the ordinary members' or open classes. It was also decided that we be affiliated to the Cage Bird Union. We are having a supper and social evening on February 19th (at Vose's Room), when we shall be delighted to welcome fanciers, providing they notify the secretary not later than February 12th. Our books are open for the enrolment of new members, and we shall be pleased to hear from anyone desirous of joining us.—E. COWLING, sec.

## PRESTON O.S.

Annual meeting held in the rooms on January 18th, Mr. J. W. Cleminson, vice-chairman, in the chair. There was a very fair attendance. The secretary was instructed to write to Messrs. Brown and Smith, of Lancaster, for the return of the prize money gained by them at our November show, they having been suspended for two years for malpractices at that show. The following gentlemen, all of Preston, were elected to membership:—Messrs. D. Metcalf, D. Mooh, J. Thompson, Wm. Thompson, A. Burrows, and T. H. Dent. The election of officers then took place. The chairman and secretary having resigned, the following were declared elected:—Chairman, Mr. T. H. Dent; vice-chairman, Mr. A. Burrows; treasurer, Mr. J. P. Leeming; secretary, Mr. R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn, Preston; assistant secretary, Mr. J. W. Cleminson; delegate to the C.B.U., Mr. J. W. Cleminson; committee: Messrs. J Curwen, H. Marsh, Rd. Anderton, J. Swarbrick, F. Issott, T. Leeming, W. Parkinson, and W. Lewis. The February show was fixed for February 13th, but it has since been discovered that the exhibition of the Preston Scientific Society (in whose rooms the meetings are held), is open from the 6th to the 20th, so that another date will have to be arranged, probably 27th February. Mr. A. Wellings was recommended as judge. It was resolved that the following resolution be forwarded to the C.B.U.:—"That in the opinion of this society, Rule 17 should be altered so as to make it unlawful for non-union exhibitors to compete at union shows, and would go even further and say it shall be illegal for a union member to judge at a non-union show." The secretary was instructed to forward a vote of thanks to Chas. Blackhurst, Esq., M.R.C.V.S., the retiring chairman, for his valuable services to the society.—W. HY. HEATHCOTE, late Sec.

## POPLAR AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

### A Cage-making Demonstration.

Meeting held December 31st. The chair was taken by our vice-president, Mr. J. T. Hammond, in the unavoidable absence of our chairman. We were favoured with a cage-making demonstration by Mr. C. A. Mead (Walthamstow), who, being a practical man, was able to illustrate the ways and means of making a cage in the best possible manner. He said: Although I am asked to give you a demonstration on cage-making, I would rather it should have been against it, for my advice is, that if you have not the convenience it is best not to take the job on, but go to the local grocer and there select a box of about the size you require, and ask him to save you as many as you require. After getting the box (or boxes, as the case may be), give it a good dressing with strong No. 2 glass-paper, inside and out, after which give it two or three coats of paint; you will then have a cage far better than you could have made yourself. For the fronts, measure up the size you require, and send to one of the firms advertising in the Fancy Press, and you will find this is not only the cheapest but the cleanest way, and after having finished with the cage you can break it up with the knowledge that after all it has cost you very little. It is my opinion that there are three kinds of fanciers interested in cage birds, namely, those who have no convenience, those who make them for the sake of saying so, and those who can afford to pay and have everything "just so." For those who will make their own cages, I will endeavour to show them the best way to go about it. I find one of the things that most puzzle the novice is to make a joint, and I will show you how this is done. Select a piece of inch deal about three feet long by five inches wide, lay it on the table or bench, and insert two screws about two inches from the top end. This makes what is termed in the trade a shooting board. Now take the two pieces of wood intended for your back, and which you want to join up, and, putting them together, make a pencil mark across the joint, then lay the plane upon its side, holding the one piece of wood you intend to join with the left hand, and the plane in the right; the joint is very soon made by placing one piece of the board with the mark up, and the other with the mark down. You will now see how useful the shooting board is for squaring up all parts of the cage and getting them true. After getting the top and bottom to a size, also the ends and back jointed, you proceed to make the top rail and front piece, and the loose piece at the bottom, and by selecting a piece of wood about four inches wide, and cutting it off to the length required, it is very soon made into three pieces by the use of the cutting gauge. (Members were very interested in this handy little tool.) This gauge is capable of doing very many jobs, and is also a substitute for many tools. It can be used for cutting down, cutting square and round holes in the ends of show cages, and many other jobs. I will now proceed to put the cage together. Should you find your boards inclined to bend or buckle, you can remedy this by guiding the board as you nail up, or, better still, if you reverse the buckle to the light it will cause it to go back into its original flatness. I may mention, gentlemen, that light will cause wood to buckle as the wood is drawn to it, and by the same rule that it draws one side, if the board is reversed it will draw it back; or if you should have two pieces buckled, lay one on the other, one buckle up and the other buckle down, and they will revert to their original shape in a few hours. Now, having finished the cage, I will ask your attention for a little longer while I show you how to make what I consider a very important item in the bird-room, namely, a rack to put your cages on. This proved a very useful and novel rack to hold cages in sets of four high, the making of which was carried out in a very masterful way by Mr. Mead. This ended the demonstration, which was followed with marked attention by the 27 members present. Many questions were asked and satisfactorily answered, and the general opinion was that it was by far the best to buy cages ready made unless sufficient tools were at command. A very hearty vote of thanks was proposed by the Chairman, and responded to most heartily; thus ended a most instructive and pleasant evening. The attendance was good, especially considering how very wet and miserable the evening was.—H. W. COOK, Hon. Sec.

## NEW BILTON F. & F.S.

Annual general meeting held at the Royal Oak Inn, the president, Mr. H. W. Pridmore, presiding. The balance sheet was passed as correct, showing a balance of £1 10s. 10d. The following officers were elected: H. W. Pridmore, president; vice-presidents, Rev. Dr. C. Seabroke, Rev. H. E. Stevens, Mr. A. T. Watson. Mr. J. Smith was re-elected hon. treasurer; Mr. J. Greatrex was re-elected hon. secretary, and Mr. E. J. Laburnham assistant secretary; committee, Messrs. W. Everton, P. Tysall, H. Sparkes, F. Watson, A. W. Spreadhury, E. Tysall, J. F. Porter, G. Beasley; auditors, Messrs. Sparkes and Everton. A vote of thanks was passed to donors of prizes and judges.—J. GREATREX, Secretary.

## CITY OF BIRMINGHAM.

Usual monthly meeting held on January 6th, at Crown Hotel, Mr. Broadhurst in the chair. Officers for 1909 were elected as follows:—President, J. Griggs, Esq.; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. W. Butler, J. Bexson G. E. Russell, and J. Webb; chairman Mr. A. Broadhurst; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Bucken; treasurer, Mr. J. Harvey; auditors, Messrs. Paddock and Wells; committee, Messrs. Collier, Dipple, Eckersley, Harris, Ingram, Silvers, Richardson, and Uzzell; hon. secretary, Mr. J. H. de Maillet. Propositions for reducing the subscription from 6s. per year to 4s., and also 3s., were left over for decision at the annual meeting to be held on February 3rd. The date for next annual open show was fixed for December 1st and 2nd next.—J. H. DE MAILLET, Hon. Sec.

## CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

There was a large attendance at the annual general meeting, held at headquarters, on January 13th. The treasurer read the balance-sheet, which showed a balance of about £2 on the year's working. This was considered very satisfactory, and the report was unanimously adopted. Mr. T. J. King proposed the re-election of the officers, and congratulated them on the year's work and the balance-sheet; this was duly seconded, and unanimously carried. The officers elected were:—President, W. Theohald, Esq.; chairman, Mr. G. Grant; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Hands; hon. auctioneer, Mr. J. H. Boulter; hon. auditors, Messrs. T. J. King and J. H. Boulter; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. E. H. E. Hope; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland-avenue, Cheltenham. The secretary remarked that the year had been a successful one in every respect, the table shows proving very interesting, and the attendance at the meetings larger than in previous years. The next open show is fixed for November 3rd, 1909.

## GREAT HORTON GOOD INTENT ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The annual tea and concert and distribution of prizes took place on Jan. 16 at the Great Horton Co-operative Cafe, and although the weather was bad there was a splendid turn-up of fanciers and friends, and when a good tea had been partaken of, Mr. R. Halliday was voted to the chair, a position he is well adapted for. An excellent programme was opened by Mrs. James Snowden with a splendid pianoforte selection. She then accompanied for the rest of the evening. Mr. H. F. Chubb, Mr. H. Ackroyd, Miss Annie Fieldhouse, Mr. Ed. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nuttall, Mrs. A. W. Hartley, and Miss Clarice Nuttall obliged with some capital songs and duets. During the interval Mr. R. Halliday presented the special prizes that were competed for during 1908 to the following gentlemen: Messrs. A. Holden, A. Firth, H. Schofield, T. L. Whiteley, H. F. Chubb, S. Briggs, G. Newell, H. Birbeck; and for starred birds at each show Messrs. A. Firth, H. F. Chubb, A. W. Hartley, A. Holden, and T. L. Whiteley won extra specials. The music and mirth were then resumed, and both the comic side and sentimental were well catered for. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the chairman and artistes, and although the programme had to be shortened, all present seemed to enjoy themselves and left talking about next year's concert.—H. SCHOFIELD, Hon. Sec.


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## GARSTON BIRD BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

Annual meeting held January 20th, when it was resolved to again ask A. H. Tate, Esq., to be president. The following were elected: Mr. Wilkinson (chairman), Mr. Jones (vice-chairman), Mr. Green (treasurer); auditors, Messrs. Banks and Mercer. I was elected secretary for the ensuing year. The committee are: Messrs. Crawley, Christopher, Ireland, Bryant, Barton, Leather, and Gray. Two new members were proposed. A members' pair show is to be held on February 17th. All communications for the society should be addressed to me at 1, Seddon Road, Garston, Liverpool.—F. D. ALEXANDER, sec.

## SOUTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

A smoking concert was held on Jan. 11 at headquarters, the chairman being Mr. A. G. Davis. The members and their friends turned up in good numbers, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Songs were rendered during the evening by the following gentlemen. Messrs. Wilson, Walsh, "Little Pete" Taylor, Cooper, and the chairman, and a recitation by Master J. Garbutt. The chairman presented the prize money and specials to the successful exhibitors at our last show. Votes of thanks were passed to the chairman, secretary, artistes, and our worthy host and hostess, and the evening's entertainment came to a close at 11 o'clock after a very enjoyable time.—J. C. SPILSBURY, Sec.

## WEST OF SCOTLAND B.A.

The West of Scotland N. and B.F.C.M.B. and F.B.A. held their annual general meeting on January 16th, in Nelson's Temperance Hotel, 83, Ingram-street, Glasgow, President F. A. Boyd in the chair. The financial statement was submitted, and was considered highly satisfactory, as there was a substantial balance on the right side. It was agreed that in future the British bird exhibitors nominate the birds that are to compete for cup; also that we re-arrange the Canary classes to conform with the specialist clubs' regulations at the March meeting. Also it was agreed that the members pay half their annual subscriptions on being enrolled, all members to be clear on the books by October, or they will not be entitled to compete for the cups. The office-bearers were elected as follows:—President, C. Hunter; vice-presidents, W. Hutcheson and J. Lawrie; secretary, G. Smart, Ivy Bank, Carmyle, Glasgow; committee: J. McNicol, J. Montgomery, J. Strawhridge, G. A. Henderson, J. Lappin, J. McFarlane, H. R. Hutcheson, A. Duncan, A. Lennie, J. Moir, and R. Rennie; auditors, J. Young and T. Thomson. A show of matched pairs will be held on the first Saturday in February. New members may now be enrolled.—GEO. SMART, Sec.

## ATTERCLIFFE & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual meeting held on Jan. 14 at the Horse and Jockey Hotel. The president, Mr. Havenhand, took the chair. The balance sheet was read and passed as correct, the auditors, Messrs. Havenhand and E. Johnson, mentioning that we had a balance in hand of £3 15s. 6d. We had a discussion on our rules and completely revised them. It was decided to have a stock show on Feb. 11, and Mr. Justice (treasurer) promised to give 2s. 6d. for each class. The election of officers was then proceeded with. Mr. L. Havenhaud was unanimously re-elected president; the members are very fortunate in securing his services for another year, as he is an ideal president and one who does not spare himself to promote the welfare of our society. Mr. G. H. Greenfield also was re-elected vice-president, and Mr. H. Justice as treasurer. A large committee was appointed. The following comprise the committee: Messrs. E. Johnson, F. Johnson, Webhon, Bright, Hollinsworth, Wadsworth, Watson, and Richards. It was decided to again have the club room at the "Horse and Jockey" Hotel for our meeting room for another year, Mr. Justice again offering it us free of charge. A vote of thanks to our chairman for his past and present services ended a very pleasant meeting.—W. RICHINSON, Sec.

## LANCASHIRE CANARY ASSOC.

Annual meeting held at Oldham, when a good muster attended. Mr. J. Hampshire was elected chairman. We voted the officers for 1909, which resulted as follows:—President, Mr. J. Nadin; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Swadwell, Garner, Green, Barrass, Fish, and Dr. McConaghy; committee, Messrs. W. Mills, Lee, Lord, Butterworth, Oldham, Whitehead, Lowe, Eckersley, Brooks, H. Smith; treasurer, Mr. Wm. Hardy; auditors, Messrs. Eckersley and Gaskill secretary, Mr. Wm. Adams, 17, Baron-st., Rochdale. It was also decided that our yearly subscriptions start from March 1st in future, and that we give the six medals again, under the same rules, viz., three champion and three novices, and six extra silver medals for best birds at shows; which medals will be allotted later in the season. We also decided to have a dinner at Rochdale on February 20th, after which the presentation of medals will take place, providing that we get a guarantee of 20; members will be notified in a few days, asking for their decision. We admitted two new members to our ranks, namely, Messrs. Tottle (Frome), and G. Fitton (Oldham), and have heard of another or two for our next meeting. The balance-sheet, showing a nice balance in hand, was passed. A vote of thank to all retiring officers, together with one to our chairman for presiding, brought a pleasant evening to a close.—WM. ADAMS, hon. sec.

## HAMILTON CADZOU OAKS O.S.

At a meeting, held Jan. 16, it was decided that a supper be held on Feb. 27 next. All fanciers are invited. A working committee has been appointed, and on the details of the supper being settled, the prices of admission and the place where it will be held will be notified through the Fancy Press. Our society is calling a public meeting of fanciers and friends resident in Hamilton and district for the purpose of receiving suggestions on the following points:—1. Whether it would be in the interests of the society to change the meeting place from the present premises to unlicensed premises. 2. How to increase the usefulness of the society. Time of meeting, 7 p.m. on Feb. 6, at the Lesser Halls, Victoria Halls, Quarry Street. The public meeting will last from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., after which the enrolment of new members will take place. All fanciers, whether intending members or not, are welcome to attend. The admission is free. The annual business meeting, which was adjourned on Jan. 16, will be held after the close of the public meeting, and if time permits, the election of office-bearers for 1909 and programme of monthly meetings will also come before the meeting. Our accounts have not yet been passed, but we have a substantial balance on hand. Our late show was a financial success, although the entries showed a large decrease on 1907. All prize money was paid out the week after the show, and with the exception of a few specials, everything has been cleared up. Not a single complaint was received, and all birds were correctly returned to exhibitors.—A. CANT, Secretary.

## LEICESTER C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held on Jan. 20, Mr. W. Stevens presiding. The balance sheet for 1908 was presented by the secretary, which showed the society to be in a very flourishing condition, there being an increase of over £3 in the treasurer's hands as compared with the corresponding meeting last year. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Sir John Rolleston; chairman, Mr. W. Stevens; vice-chairmen, Messrs. E. B. Hunt and H. Christian; secretary and treasurer, J. A. Tyler, 220, Narborough-rd., Leicester; hon. solicitor, J. T. Hincks, Esq.; hon. auctioneer, Mr. J. H. Tricks; trustees, Messrs. J. Adams and W. Oakey; committee, Messrs. J. Wood, J. Heighton, T. Claypole, F. Harrison, J. W. Hartshorn, T. H. Ride, G. Wheatley, and S. Collins; auditors, Messrs. E. Freer and G. H. Harrison.—J. A. TYLER, Sec.

## DULWICH O.S.

The first meeting of the new committee was held on Jan. 14th at headquarters. Our finance was gone into, and several paid their promised donations, making the prospect much brighter. Mr. Pawley, hon. sec. of the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S. was made a member. A very attractive programme was arranged for the year, and the hope was expressed that members would support the fixtures by their attendance. The idea of having two pair shows originated from Mr. Sprules, so that novices who had made mistakes in pairing at the first show could have the opportunity of benefiting by the second. Judges for the members' shows are Messrs. Robson, Gardner and Vale. Lectures will be given by Messrs. Robson, Gardner and Woolhouse, and a cage-making demonstration by Mr. A. Recs, and the washing exhibition by Messrs. Woolhouse and Wall, the former handling the Norwich and the latter the Yorkshires. Date of annual show will be made known later. Meeting nights are fourth Thursday of each month. Fanciers desirous of joining should communicate with the secretary, S. J. KENT, 156, Underhill-rd., E. Dulwich, S.E.

## BRADFORD EAST O.S.

The 3rd annual meeting was held on Jan. 12, Mr. H. Peacock, vice-president, in the chair. Mr. J. Farrar gave the treasurer's report, which showed the society was in a sound financial condition, having increased the balance with which it started last year, and this, taking into consideration the heavy expenses incurred in providing staging, etc., for the annual show, was considered highly satisfactory. The report was adopted unanimously. Mr. H. Hill gave the secretary's report and a review of the past year's work, thanking all the officials for their loyal support, and the members for the efforts they had made in response to the appeal for specials for the annual show. The year has been a prosperous one in all respects, and this ought to be an encouragement for us to face the future and do even better than in the past. The enthusiasm which the members have shown in everything they have taken in hand is capable of accomplishing great things. Mr. A. Wilkinson gave the auditor's report, and the following officers were then elected for the ensuing year:—Mr. E. Suddards, president, with a unanimous and enthusiastic vote; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. Cruise, G. R. Rushworth, J. Stobart, G. White; treasurer, Mr. J. Farrar; secretary, H. Hill; assistant secretary, Mr. F. Gelder; auditors, Messrs. W. Laycock and A. Wilkinson. It was decided to hold six members' shows this year for the specials. The following gentlemen were then elected as delegates to represent the society on the Council of the Yorkshire Union: Messrs. W. Cruise, H. Hill, and H. Peacock. With this business the meeting terminated. Fanciers are invited to join the society.—H. HILL, Sec.

## WESTERN COUNTIES O.S.

The 49th annual meeeting was held at the Borough Arms, Plymouth, on January 18th. The balance-sheets showed the society to be in a very flourishing condition, there being a balance in hand of £41 10s. 10d. In presenting his report, the hon. sec, Mr. Thomas Pope, pointed out that although 1908 had not been quite so successful financially, yet the W.C.O.S. had great cause for congratulation at the position the society found itself in on the eve of its jubilee. In the subsequent discussion which took place, the members expressed their determination one and all to make the coming year a success, and the annual (jubilee) show a red-letter event. The chairman (Mr. Chas. Dart), in proposing a vote of thanks to the secretaries for their year's work, said that the arrangements both for the club and open shows were carried out without friction, and in the most businesslike and economical manner, and on the proposition of Mr. J. Rowe, seconded by Mr. F. G. Snell, the sums of £2 and £1 were voted to the hon. sec. and hon. assist. sec. respectively as a slight token of their appreciation by the members. Votes of thanks to the chairman, vice-chairman, and auditors were passed, the officers suitably replying. The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year:—President, The Mayor of Plymouth (E. Spender, Esq., J.P.); chairman, Mr. Chas. Dart; vice-chairman, Mr. W. G. French; committee, Messrs. Ryder, Garland, Hoar, Jewell, J. Rowe, Tottle, Snell, Clark, Pridham, Deeble, Lott, White, and Tucker; hon. auditors, Messrs. Spillman and Reed; hon. assistant secretary, Mr. W. A. Dyer; hon. sec. and treasurer, Mr. Thos. Pope, 98, Embankment-road, Plymouth. The annual show will be held in the Corn Exchange on October 19th and 20th.


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## ROLLERS AT DUDLEY.

The management of this show struck us as being quite out of the usual, and worthy of the highest praise. Exhibitors may always feel sure that, no matter how late their exhibits arrive at Dudley, they will not have to stop at the station all night, for up to 12.15 even the railway officials were quite busy. The Dudley manager of the C.W. Rly. Co. was at the show room twice after 12 o'clock seeing that everything was right. This being Dudley's first attempt with Rollers, they turned up well. For report on other sections see page 63 last week.

YOUNG BIRDS (wearing 1908 rings) (16): 1, 2, Warcing, 1st well-known bird, with a performance that is never likely to be beaten; this bird has, during the season, won 4 silver cups; 2nd, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 5, Schockel 3, bell roll 2, excellence 4, total 18 points; 3, Foulds, holl. roll 3, bass 3, Schockel 2, bell roll 2, excellence 4, 14 points; 4, Harper, 13 points; vhc, Gregory, a long range of tours but too short; hc, Hosling; c, Wilsdon. OPEN: 1, vhc, Jacquemin, 1st holl. roll 8, holl. bell 4, Schockel 2, bell roll 2, flutes 2, delivery 5, 23 points; 2, Roberts, holl. roll 6, bass 3, Schockel 4, bell roll 2, Gluck 3, flutes 2, excellence 2, sharp bell tour 2 off, Aufzug 2 off, total 17 points; 3, Harper, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 2, Schockel 4, flutes 2, wizzing tour 1, water tour 2, delivery 3, mazel tour 2 off, 16 points; hc, Willows, a bird that made no effort to do what he appeared capable of doing; c, Banks, did not sing, but seemed tired out. 22 LIMIT: 1, 4, Gostling, 1st a very nice, soft bird, which sang very consistently, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 5, Schockel 3, bell roll 2, delivery 3, slight Aufzug 1 off, 16 points; 2, Harper, holl. roll 3, bell 2, holl. bell 3, Schockel 4, flutes 3, 15 points; 3, Stokes, holl. roll 4, bass 3, holl. bell 4, Schockel 4, flutes 3, Aufzug hard 3 off, 15 points; vhc, Smith; hc, Frost; c, Lyons. MEMBERS' CLASS (12): 1, 2, hc, c, Leech, 1st a nice bird and cheap at catalogue price, holl. roll 6, Schockel 4, bass roll 3, bell roll 2, delivery 3, 17 points; 2nd, 13 points; 3, Frost, bass 2, holl. bell 4, Schockel 4, bell tour 2, extra 1, 13 points; vhc, Frost.

## CHESTERFIELD.

The Chesterfield F.A. held their annual function on Jan. 23rd, under C.B. Union rules. The Assembly Rooms in the Market Hall, provided the necessary accommodation for the staging of the exhibits, and is of a spacious character, has nice light, and is well ventilated, besides being most centrally situated. The entry came up well, and although a few classes had to be cancelled on account of insufficient support, there were many notable birds present. Yorkshires opened the catalogue, and were voted a choice lot. Norwich contained some "right 'uns," and great praise is due to the exhibitors here. The Mules and Hybrids were really good, Messrs. Colton and Dawn leading with their well-known Redpoll-Bullie, closely followed by Mr. J. Somerfield's superb Yellow-Greenie Can. The British birds captivated greatly. The Bullie staged by Mr. J. Milne was a topper, while Mr. H. W. Axe had on view his noted Greenie. Mr. R. D. Parlett stood on top with a "knock-out" of a Linnet (the Scottish National hero), and Mr. P. H. Wilcock held a whip hand with a magnificent Hawfinch. The Foreign birds gave much tone to the show, and some lovely exhibits were shown. Special prizes for best birds were captured by Messrs. Mitchell and Blackburn, W. Vardy, J. Milne, and H. W. Axe. The committee consists of a band of most energetic and willing workers. The hon. secretaries are Messrs. J. J. Dooley and W. Hartley, both of whom are capital officials, always doing the right thing, and at the right time; they were also courteous to the highest degree. Chesterfield are lucky in having a couple of such enthusiastic fanciers in their midst. Messrs. R. Worne and L. Goucher acted as stewards, and proved themselves experts at the business. Staging was of a very neat order, and every bird could be seen at a glance. Judging was over in good time, and the show was opened promptly. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged, and gave satisfaction.

### The Critique.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (12): 1, Dykes, rare position and length, beautifully clothed, in the pink; 2, Spencer, neat and narrow, full of style, lengthy, and leggy, not far away; 3, Parkes, capital feather, nice colour, rare length, A1 back and wing carriage; res., Radley, rare length, well up in position, good back and wings; vhc, Wood; he, Athey; c, Bennett. BUFF (15): 1, Simpson, straight as a rush, feathered like a Java, good length, well up on leg, splendid back, wings and tail; 2, Wood, smooth as a bottle, lengthy, delightful stand, very close on heels of winner; 3, Blackburn and Mitchell, correct stand, superb feather, good length; res, Dykes, stylish, good quality, erect, nice colour; vhc, Harris; hc, Parkes; c, Hardaker and Sample. No. 3, Granger, wrong class, Yell. UNFLI. (22): A grand class; 1, spl, Blackburn and Mitchell, yell., mkd. wings, eyes and tail, lovely colour and feather, beautiful position, rare length, perfect back, flights and tail, well known; 2, Dykes, cl. buff, feathered like glass, A1 colour and frosting, stands well, nice length, well up on leg; 3, Goucher, buff cap mkd., very lengthy, good position and feather, capital one for the breeding cage; res, Cowley, cl. yell., wonderful length, rare colour and position, bit open in feather; vhc, Harris; hc, Spencer; c, Lindsay. NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, 2, Bevan, former ablaze with colour, clinking shape and size, lovely carriage, clean cut; 2, grand substance and type, fine wings and tail; 3, vhc, Vardy, well up in size, good quality; res, Fox, warm colour, rich quality, neatness itself; hc, Wilson; c, Granger. BUFF (10): 1, Havenhand, mkd. wing and eye, fine substance and colour, capitally frosted, very shapely, grand carriage; 2, Fox, marked head, lovely feather and colour, short and thick-set, one of the smartest; 3, Turner, mkd. wings and head, rare substance, good shape and mealing; res, Bevan, variegated, rare size, fine shape; vhc, Smedley; he, Vardy; c, Axe. HEN (9): 1, Parlett, bouncing cl. buff, A1 shape, good in quality and colour, nice jaunty carriage; 2, Fox, cl. buff, smooth as wax, true type, lovely colour and meal; 3, Vardy, cl. buff, good size, rare quality, grand body shape, clean cut away; res, Hemming, cl. buff, very cobby, nice colour, quality and meal, neat carriage; vhc, Havenhand; he, Smedley; c, Harris. UNFLIG. (17): A good lot; 1, spl, 3, Vardy, winner very shapely cl. buff, well up in size, tight as a Java, lovely carriage, should make up well, another year; 3, buff, marked wing and neck, cobby, rich quality, lovely feather, moves nicely, very promising; 2, Turner, yell., mkd. wing and head, fine shape and size, good colour and feather, clean under, one we liked, close up; res, Parlett, buff, mkd. wing and eye, good colour and quality, nice shape and size; vhc, Harris; he, Fox; c, Bagnall. MULE (11): 1, 3, Colton and Dawn, brace of well-known exhibits, grand Redpoll-Bullie leading; 3, good coloured Greenie-Bullie, both staged in fine style; 2, Somerfield, noted yell. Greenie-Can., winner on many occasions this season, in the pink; res, Vardy, buff 4-pointed Goldie-Can., an old warrior, looking very little worse; vhc, Granger; he, Pitt; c, Hart. SELL. (20/-) (17): 1, Hemming; 2, Hardaker and Sample; 3, Dent; res, Wilson; vhc, Granger; hc, Lindsay; c, Naylor. (12/6) (20): 1, Lockwood; 2, Hemming; 3, Fox; res, c, Greaves; vhc, Flint; hc, Hadley. GOLDIE OR BULLIE (18): A rare lot; 1, spl, Milne, Bullie, stormer, wonderful size, cap, large dense and richly polished, A1 breast colour, staged in height of condition; 2, Somerfield, Goldie, nice shape, capital colour, rich, well cut blaze of good size, A1 bars and buttons, close up; 3, Walsh, Bullie, nice size and shape, rich breast colour, neat cap, rare trim; res, vhc, Green, smart Goldie, well shown; he, Compton; c, Ufton. GREENIE ETC. (12): 1, spl, Axe, magnificent Greenie, fine shape, size and colour, well known, staged delightfully; 2, Wilcock, capital Twite, lovely colour, good size and shape, pencilling, clear and distinct, very taking specimen; 3, Colton and Dawn, grand Greenie, real beauty, in fine fettle; res, Pitt, neat Redpoll, good shape, size and colour, worth its place; vhc, Robinson; he, Hart; c, Lockwood. LINNET (11): 1, res, Parlett, couple of bonny specimens, winner one of the finest we have seen for many a day, superb colour and condition, Scottish National hero; res, nice colour and shape, neat in markings; 2, Chick, good shape, delightfully pencilled, clear and distinct; 3, he, Moss, nice colour and shape, good size and pencilling, worth its place; vhc, Owen; c, Watson. A.O.S. HARDBILL (10): 1, Wilcock, Hawfinch, fine shape and substance, A1 colour, capital bib, staged grandly; 2, Johnson, Yellowhammer, rare colour, fine size and shape, beautiful head character; 3, Axe, Yellowhammer, rare colour, very shapely; res, Chick, Hawfinch, good size and shape, neat bib; vhc, Gentle; hc, Parlett; c, Richards. FOR. (7): 1, 2, Stocker, two grand exhibits, superb Tanager leading; 3, vhc, hc, Naylor; res, c, Hadley.

## LEICESTER C.B.S.

A very successful table show was held on January 13th, at headquarters. Mr. E. Noakes judged. The general opinion was that he placed the cards very satisfactorily. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded him at the close.

NOR. YELL. (except unfli.) (8): 1, 3, Christian; 2, Waighton; vhc, hc, c, Claypole. A.V. CAN. PAIRS (matched for breeding, Nor. excepted) (10): 1, 2, Tyler; 3, Christian; vhc, Collins; hc, Freer; c, Adams.—J. A. TYLER, Sec.

## ECCLESHILL C.B.A.

Final members' show of the season was held on Jan. 16, at Fountain Inn. The silver cup for most points with 3 starred birds at each of the five shows held during the season was won by T. Elsegood with a total of 68 points, S. Wilcock being second with 67 points. The two copper tea urns for most points in champion and novice section was won by S. Wilcock, Messrs. Elsegood, Mortimer and W. Sparks being runners-up. Mr. W. Richmond (Rodley) judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

YELL. YORKS.: 1, Elsegood; 2, Chippendale; 3, Sparks; 4, Wilcock. BUFF: 1, Elsegood; 2, Ayrton; 3, Chippendale. UNFLI.: 1, 3, 4, Elsegood; 2, Chippendale. YELL. HEN: 1, Wilcock; 2, 3, Sparks. BUFF: 1, Wilcock. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Wilcock. BUFF: 1, B. Ayrton; 2, Wilcock.—T. ELSEGOOD, Secretary.

## TORONTO (Canada) C.B.S.

From the Toronto "Globe" we learn that the sixteenth annual exhibition of the Toronto C. and C.B.S. was held in the banquet hall of the King Edward Hotel on Jan. 1. It was the biggest show of the kind ever held in Toronto, and the quality of the entries was excellent. There were over 400 birds in the room, nearly 100 more than in the exhibition last year. Many prominent bird fanciers visited the show during the day.

Mr. J. Mackenzie won everything in sight among the Scotch Fancies; W. Wylie and W. Brockbank were the lucky ones in the Norwich class, the latter winning the "Canadian Fancier" Cup. In the Crest class Wylie won everything except the Mackenzie Silver Cup, which was won by Mr. J. M. Downer. Mr. Wylie was the winner again in Crest-breds, Mr. Moffat getting second place. Mr. W. N. Naylor won the Lizard class, and Mr. Harvey the Yorkshires, winning the Manchester medal, the second prize and the George Hazen Silver Cup. Mr. J. Bain won the medal for best cinnamon, Yorkshire type, and he was equally successful among the marked Yorkshires. J. M. Downer had the winner of the Norwich type cinnamon, and Mr. J. Goggins the lucky bird in the Green class, for colour. Mr. W. H. Urry came out best among the Mules and Wild Birds. R. H. Gill won the colour-fed class.

Mr. H. S. Tibbs had the best among the Rollers, and he won with a bird he had bred in Canada. Mr. J. Mepham got the Diamond Half medal for second best, and the Simmers prize for third. The Trimble Cup was won again by Mr. Tibbs, and this being his second win, he only has to repeat next year and the cup will be his. The Toronto Canary and Cage Bird Society's cash prizes for members scoring most points went to Mr. R. Harvey, first; J. M. Downer, second, and W. Wylie, third.


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## AUCHTERARDER, N.B.

Annual show was held on January 23rd, in the Templar Hall. Considering the place of exhibition was so far off the regular run of traffic, and difficult of access, the attendance was remarkable; indeed, so congested was the small hall that it was an uncomfortable experience trying to view the birds, while the staging was too low to permit the lowest tier being seen without necessary stooping. However, Mr. Dow and his committee did everything possible to meet the difficulties that faced them, and succeeded splendidly. Mr. J. F. Dewar judged all varieties, and his awards met with general favour. The Norwich and Border Fancy classes were poorly filled, and the quality was scarcely as good as at former exhibitions. British birds had a capital entry, which included a number of winners belonging to the leading Scotch exhibitors. The selling classes contained a number of real bargains, some of which were claimed for Edinburgh and Dundee exhibitors.

NOR., YELL. CK. (7): 1, spl, Malloch; 2, Fenwick; 3, Henderson; res, Mc.Donald; vhc, hc, Kerr. HEN (3): 1, Henderson; 2, Johnstone; 3, Kerr. BUFF CK. (2): 1, spl, Kerr; 2, Fenwick. HEN (4): 1, Kerr; 2, Henderson; 3, Fenwick; res, Malloch. A.O.V. PLAINHEAD (3): 1, spl, Kerr; 2, Henderson. CRESTS (5): 1, spl, Moreland; 2, Cochrane; 3, Fenwick; vhc, Cameron; res, Duncan. C.B. (6): 1, 2, Cochrane; 3, Moreland; res, vhc, Taylor; hc, Niven. BORD. FCY., YELL CK. (2): 1, Craig, Brechin; 2, Campbell. HEN: 1, Craig, Brechin; 2, Allan; 3, McIntosh; res, Craig, Denny. BUFF CK. (2): 1, McIntosh; 2, Craig, Brechin. HEN (2): 1, Craig, Brechin; 2, Mitchell. A.O.V. (7): 1, spl, Craig, Brechin; 2, Shields; 3, Fenwick; res, Campbell; vhc, Cox; hc, Mitchell; c, McIntosh. SELL., 10s. (10): 1, Fenwick; 2, Taylor; 3, Cameron; res, Moreland; vbc, Kerr; he, Stewart; c, McIntosh. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, spl, McLaren and Roy, fine square blaze, well tanned and buttoned, in fine condition; 2, Taylor, equally as good, but for slight unevenness in blaze; 3, Law, another good Finch, finely-cut wings; res, Miller and Eadie. BULLFINCH (4): 1, Brown, good shape and size, wonderful depth of colour in front, wing markings good, lovely cap; 2, c, Cullen, 2nd not quite so rich in colour as winner, otherwise a gem; 3, Brown, another gem, with perhaps the best wing markings of the three; res, Robertson Bros., really good; vhc, Hovelsroud; hc, Taylor. GREENIE (5): 1, Arnott, well up in size, nice colour, good in head, wins; 2, Brown, slightly different in type, in fine condition; 3, Miller and Eadie, a good one, well shown; res, Cooper; vhc, Taylor. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, spl, Gentleman, Siskin, good bib, fine head, nicely laced; 2, Cooper, Redpoll, smart little bird, good in colour and markings; 3, Arrighi, a really good Siskin in every respect; res, Law; vhc, McDonald; hc, McLaren and Roy; c, Hally and Smeaton. LINNET (10): 1, spl, Brown, big one, great depth of colour, beautifully pencilled; 2, Johnstone, great breadth of chest, fine in laeing and wings; 3, Parker, slightly smaller to winners, but otherwise as good; res, vhc, McPherson; hc, Winton; c, Hally and Smeaton. BRIT HEN (smaller than Lark): 1, Arnott, Bullie, wonderful size and condition; 2, Mitchell, ditto, just a shade darker than winner; 3, Parker, Chaffinch, grand big bird; res, Gentleman; vhc, Livingston and Sharp; hc, Hally and Smeaton; c, McLaren and Roy. FOR. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Arnott, a very fine coloured and cut Finch; 2, Parker, same position as at Bathgate; 3, Arrighi, another big one, well-cut blaze, fine in buttons and bars; res, Livingston and Sharp; vhc, McCorum; hc, McLaren and Roy; c, Hally and Smeaton. LIGHT MULE OR HYBRID (8): 1, spl, 3, Arrighi, first well-known Goldie-Bullie, 3rd light Coldie-Can.; 2, res, Johnstone, another smart Goldie-Bullie; vhc, McChie; he, Hovelsroud; c, Irvine. DARK (4): 1, spl, Arrighi, big Goldie-Canary, with expansive blaze, in grand bloom, wins; 2, McLaren and Roy, also Goldie-Can., a good one; 3, Angus, slightly smaller, but good; res, Duncan, Linnet-Canary, extra large, a good one, had unfortunately lost tail feathers. A.O.S. SMALL BRIT. (10): 1, McDiarmid, well-known Wagtail, shown in perfect condition; 2, hc, Miller and Eadie, Bramblefinch, well spangled, a hot-fed one; 3, Brown, another grand Brambling; vhc, Lawson; res, c, Arnott. LARGE (4): 1, 2, Brown, too well-known to need comment; 3, Miller and Eadie, larger spotted Woodpecker, nice exhibit; res, Winton. SELL., 7s. 6d. (10): 1, Arrighi; 2, res, McLaren and Roy; 3, vhc, Miller and Eadie; hc, McGorum; c, Law. BULLFINCH, LOCAL (8): McLaren and Roy took all the awards except c, Cairns. A.V. CAN., LOCAL (5): 1, vhc, Eadie; 2, Mailer; 3, res, McLaren and Roy; hc, Hally and Smeaton.

## NORTH MANCHESTER.

North Manchester C.B.S. held their annual members' show on January 16th. The exhibition was visited by a large number of fanciers and the general public. Mr. J. Davey, the secretary, ably conducted the arrangements, and was well assisted by the committee. Mr. J. Norris won the amateur gold medal competition for 1908 with 50 points; Mr. E. Dunn took the novice gold medal competition with 56 points; Messrs. Dalzell, Norris, Clarke, Slater, Deakin, Connor Bros., Odell, Dunn, Eyres, W. Robinson, Wood, Crossley, and Davey won specials. Mr. W. A. Cowgill judged, and his awards were well received.

AMATEUR CLASSES.—YORKS. CL. YELL. (5): 1, 3, Dalzell; 2, Norris; 4, Clarke; vhc, Deakin. CL. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Dalzell; 3, Deakin; 4, Norris; vhc, Bleasdale; hc, Clarke. TKD., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, 3, Dalzell; 2, Clarke; 4, Deakin. BUFF (5): 1, spl, Norris; 2, Dalzell; 3, vhc, Stirrup; 4, Clarke. YELL. HENS (7): 1, vhc, Norris; 2, Bleasdale; 3, Clarke; 4, c, Dalzell; he, Stirrup. BUFF (10): 1, Stirrup; 2, Collinson; 3, Norris; 4, Deakin; vhc, Slater; hc, Bleasdale; c, Clarke. NOR. YELL. (2): 1, Deakin; 2, Slater. BUFF (2): 1, Deakin; 2, Slater. HENS (4): 1, 2, Slater; 3, 4, Deakin. UNFLI. (4): 1, 3, Slater; 2, 4, Connor Bros. BORD. YELL. (2): 1, Crossley; 2, Fairclough. BUFF (3): 1, Davey; 2, Crossley; 3, Fairclough. HENS (2): 1, Crossley; 2, Davey. NOVICE YORKS. CL. YELL. (1): 1, Odell. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Odell; 2, 4, Dunn; vhc, Eyres. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Austin; 2, Self; 3, 4, Odell; vhc, Wilson. BUFF (6): 1, spl, Dunn; 2, Crossley; 3, Odell; 4, Kenyon; vhc, Austin; he, Eyres. YELL. HENS (6): 1, Dunn; 2, 4, Odell; 3, Wilson; vhc, Kenyon; hc, Brickles. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, Eyres; 2, 3, Odell; 4, Kenyon NAT. COL. A.V. (3): 1, 3, Williams; 2, Wilson. GREEN OR CANN. (1): 1, Firth. NOR. BUFF CK. (4): 1, 4, Robinson; 2, Fairclough; 3, Woods. HENS (4): 1, Fairclough; 2, 4, Robinson; 3, Firth. UNFLI. (6): 1, 4, hc, Robinson; 2, Woods; 3, Fairclough; vhc, Firth. BRIT. HARDBILL (13): 1, c, Odell; 2, 4, Slater; 3, Fish; vhc, he, Robinson. MULE A.V. (3): 1, Odell; 2, 3, Fish. GIFT (5): 1, Norris; 2, Deakin; 3, Self; 4, Jones. SELL. (15/-) (2): 1, Collinson; 2, Deakin. COTTAGERS' CLASS (9): 1, Hallam; 2, Hesketh; 3, Slater; 4, Cooper; vhc, Nichols; hc, Hesketh; c, Mrs. Peters.

## EAST BOWLING AND DIS. B.F.A.

First members' show for 1909, held on January 23rd, at headquarters, "The Barley Mow" Hotel. Mr. L. Dykes (Bolton Woods), judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Over one hundred birds were staged in twelve classes. Principal points were scored by H. H. Clarke 38, L. C. Casey 24, in open classes; and E. Dinsdale 37, and Robinson and Sharpe 19, in novice classes.

CL. ETC. YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, Gledbill; 2, 3, 4, Clarke; vhc, hc, Casey. BUFF: 1, Casey; 2, Firth; 3, Clarke; 4, Cowell; vhc, Hudson; he, Thompson. UNEVEN YELL. CK.: 1, Bleazard. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Clarke; 3, Casey; 4, Pownell; vhc, Varley; be, Bleazard. BUFF: 1, Casey; 2, Varley; 3, Hudson; 4, Firth; vhc he, Clarke. NOVICE CL. ETC. YELL. CK.: 1, Robinson and Sharp; 2, Battersby; 3, Hargreaves; 4, Stobbarts; vhc, Mitchell; he, Hodgson. BUFF: 1, hc, Dinsdale; 2, Robinson and Sharpe; 3, Rawes; 4 Battersby; vhc, Mitchell. UNEVEN MKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Hargreaves. BUFF: 1, Rawes; 2, Mitchell; 3, Stobbarts. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Dinsdale; 3, Robinson and Sharpe; 4, Booth; vhc, Hargreaves; hc, Mitchell. BUFF: 1, 2, Dinsdale; 3, 4, Stobbarts; vhc, Mitchell; he, Battersby.—L. BOOTH, hon. sec.

## BRAMLEY O.S.

The second winter's show was held on January 9th, at headquarters. The entries were not as good as at the last show, 63 birds being staged. Mr. Megson placed the cards, and gave general satisfaction. This was the last show of the season for competition in connection with the society's medals. The following were successful. For open members, Mr. Benson won first medal, Mr. E. Craven second; in novices', Mr. A. Hanson first, Mr. W. Maltby second; Green Norwich, Mr. J. W. Benson first, Mr. A. H. Craven second; Green Yorkshires, Mr. J. W. Benson first, Mr. J. Holdsworth second; Cinnamon-marked, Mr. A. Tate first, and Mr. E. Craven second.

YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, 2, Holdsworth; 3, Craven; vhc, Benson. HEN.: 1, 3, Craven; 2, Benson; vhc, Hargreaves. BUFF CK.: 1, Craven; 2, 3, Hargreaves. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Craven; 2, Wilson; 3, Benson. HEN: 1, Craven; 2, Hargreaves. BUFF CK.: 1, 3, Hangreaves; 2, Wilson; vhc, A. H. Craven; c, Holdsworth. HEN: 1, Benson; 2, Hargreaves; 3, Wilson. GREEN YORKS. SELF, ETC.: 1, 3, Benson; 2, vbc, Holdsworth. NOR.: 1, hc, A. H. Craven; 2, c, Benson; 3, Hargreaves; vbc, Holdsworth. CINN. MKD. YORKS.: 1, Craven; 2, 3, vhc, c, Tate; he, Holdsworth. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Wilson. NOR. UNFLI.: 1, Craven; 2, hc, Maltby; 3, vhc, Wilson. YORKS. YELL. NOVICE: 1, 2, Hanson; 3, Maltby. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Maltby; 2, hc, Hanson; c, Baldwinson.—E. CRAVEN, Secretary.

## GLOSSOP, HADFIELD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First annual show held under C.B.U. rules in Wood's Reading Rooms on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. The first eight classes were somewhat of a failure; they were open to the kingdom, and were all for Lizards; the first six were championship classes and the other two novice classes. All the first six were cancelled, and we were proud to see the novices show the old hands a bit of pluck. Mr. Lee (Castleton), the only outsider, entered two birds, and went away with 1st in class 8 and 2nd in class 7 and three specials; good luck to him. All the remaining classes were open to the district, and some good birds were seen. The show management was in the hands of Messrs. Anderton and Greig. Mr. J. Garner (Hazle Grove) judged and gave great satisfaction. The club cup, to be won by four young birds bred by exhibitor, was won by Mr. C. E. Fisher with a fine team of Lizards. Mr. John Smith ran him hard with a graceful team of Yorkshires.

NOVICE LIZ. GOLD CL., ETC., CAP (10): 1, spl, 3, c, Dewsnap; 2, Lee; 4, Ollerenshaw; vhc, hc, Thompson. SILVER (8): 1, Lee; 2, c, Thompson; 3, 4, Smith; vhc, Dewsnap; he, E. Ollerenshaw. LOCAL CLASSES.—C.C. GOLD LIZ.: 1, Wrigley. B.C. GOLD (2): 1, Fisher; 2, J. Ollerenshaw. C.C. SILVER (1): 1, Fisher; B.C. SILVER (5): 1, Fisher; 2, 4, Bradbury; 3, Wrigley; vhc, J. Ollerenshaw. HEN, GOLD OR SILVER (6): 1, vhc, Bradbury; 2, 3, Fisher; 4, bc, Wrigley. OLD LIZ. (3): 1, Wrigley; 2, Smith; 3, Fisher. LANCS. COPPY (5): 1, spl, 2, Wrigley; 3, 4, Fisher; vhc, Waters. PLAINHEAD: 1, 2, Fisher. NOVICE COPPY: 1, H. Waters. PLAINHEAD: 1, 2, 3, 4, Waters. HEN, COPPY OR P.H.: 1, Waters. NOR. YELL.: 1, spl, 2, J. Ollerenshaw; 3, Booth; 4, vhc, Senior. BUFF: 1, spl, 3, J. Ollerenshaw; 2, Booth; 4, vhc, hc, Senior. UNFED: 1, spl, 3, Booth; 2, 4, Hulme. HEN: 1, spl, 4, Booth; 2, J. Ollerenshaw; 3, hc, Cartwright; vhc, Hulme; c, Thornhill. NOVICE YELL.: 1, spl, 4, Cartwright; 2, E. Ollerenshaw; 3, Thompson. BUFF: 1, spl, Thornhill; 2, 3, Thompson; 4, Winterbottom. YORKS. YELL.: 1, spl, W. Dewsnap; 2, 3, J. Smith; 4, Thornhill. BUFF: 1, spl, 3, Smith; 2, W. Dewsnap. HEN: 1, Thornhill. NOVICE YELL.: 1, Thornhill. BUFF: 1, Thornhill. CAN. A.O.V.: 1, Waters. Classes 32 and 33 cancelled. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Greig; vhc, Winterbottom. SOFTBILL: 1, spl, 3, Greig; 2, Ryder; 4, Stokes; vhc, Cartwright. BRIT. HEN: 1, Cartwright; 2, Greig; 3, Winterbottom. FOR. cancelled. SELL. (20/-): 1, Hulme. (7/6): 1, 3, Hulme; 2, Wrigley.—FRED. GREIG, Sec.


# LIVE BIRD LABELS

For the convenience of readers we have had printed a quantity of address labels suitable for use when despatching live birds on journeys by rail, etc. These are printed in red ink on paper gummed at back, and are

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## SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager

* Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

*Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show** (J. W Ramsden, 11, Josephine Av., Brixton) H.T.C. S.B.C. J.F.D., J.D., T.H., J.F.H., R.H., W.M., J.R., J.H.R., W.S. G.E.W., A.S., and W.V.

*Feb. 25.—**Gorseinon (Glam).**—Gordon Clarke, High St., Gorseinon.

Oct. 9—**Longton.**—(E. Tams, Church Street.)

Oct. 13 and 14—**Caterham.**—(Jas Kilby, Caterham Valley.) J.R.

Oct. 15 and 16—**Bolton** J. Stringer, 27, James St.

Oct. 16.—**Darlington C. & C.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Dr ok Terrace.

Oct. 16—**Morpeth.**—(R. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage.)

Oct. 19 and 20—**Western Counties (Plymouth)**—(Thos. Pope, 28 Embankment Road.)

*Oct. 20 and 21—**Grimsby & Dis. O.S.**—(W. H. Moore, 39, Lord Street).

Oct. 20 and 21—**Battersea, open.**—(Easterling and Allin, 340, Battersea Park Road.)

Oct. 22 and 23—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Philpott, 28, Jubilee St., Oswaldtwistle).

Oct. 22 and 23—**Newcastle-on-Tyne**—(Curry and Hutchinson, 64, Grosvenor Gardens.)

Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford, Normand Place, Kelty, N.B.

Oct. 23—**City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 6, St Catherine's Road.

*Oct. 27—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery Sandor House, Winner Street.)

*Oct. 29 and 30—**Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.**—H. Marshall 41, Carman St., W.V & H.R.

Oct. 29 and 30—**Manchester.**—(G. W. F. Lythgoe, 25, Stamfor Street, Old Trafford.)

Oct. 30 **Dysart C.B.S** —J. Logan, 23, High Street.

Nov. 3.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idalloe, Oakland Av.

Nov. 5 and 6—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.) J.R., & H.W.B.

Nov. 5 and 6—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Hillman, Reservoir House, 35, Whitefield Road, Everton.)

Nov, 6 and 8—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(C. Draper, 103, Belgrave Street.)

Nov. 10 and 11—**Cambridge**—T. S. Moore, 123, Newmarket Road.

Nov. 10 and 11 **Swansea.**—(A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, nr. Swansea.)

Nov. 13 and 14—**Nottingham**—G. E. Wilkinson 9, Wellington Square, Parkside.

Nov. 13—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.)

Nov. 17—**Reading**—(G. A. Charles, 4, Tallourd Avenue, Earley, Reading)

Nov. 19 and 20 **Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19 Lambton Street).

Nov. 19 and 20—**Sunderland**—(W. Reid, 2, Plantation Road, Pallion.)

Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.)

Dec. 1 and 2—**City of Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 123, Somerville Road, Small Heath.)

Dec. 1 and 2—**Cardiff.**—W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland Road.) J.H.P., & J.R.

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Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,)

## ENTRIES CLOSE.

**Jan. 30—Cardigan**—Mathias & Evans, Strand, Cardigan.

## PRIZE MONEY PAID.

**[Will exhibitors who have not received their prize-money please communicate with the respective secretaries at once.]**

Halesowen, Spalding, Halifax, Hertford, Bathgate.

A specimen of the special prize-cards given to winners at Bristol F.A. Show reaches us from the secretary, Mr. G. T. H. Maggs. They are really very artistic, and embellished with photographs—president and chairman. We have issued considerably over one thousand of these, says Mr. Maggs, in different colours, for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc., and I have received a great number of letters congratulating our society.

A pleasant feature of Halifax Show was the interest displayed by the local school-children when, on the Saturday morning, about 1,500 of them visited the exhibition, accompanied by their teachers. The Halifax fanciers well deserved the success which attended their efforts; everyone seemed pleased with the display and the management. We were sorry to hear that the assistant secretary, Mr. H. Whitaker, was confined to his room, and on all hands the wish was expressed for his speedy recovery.

Kindly announce in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. C. Birch, hon. secretary of the Clapham and Dis. C.B.A., that an alteration has been made in the meeting nights of the association from the 1st and 3rd Thursdays to the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in each month. This was arranged to prevent any clashing with the West London Society meeting nights. The society's shows are fixed to be held on the following dates, viz.: Matched pairs, February 13th; first feather, June 26th; and annual, November 13th.

A sample tin of Fox's Egg and Biscuit Food, as advertised in our columns, was sent to our Mr. G. E. Weston to report upon, and he writes: "I have given Fox's Egg and Biscuit Food an extended test, and have no hesitation in pronouncing it excellent. It is put up in most convenient form, is most easily prepared for use, and, best of all, is eaten with obvious enjoyment by one's birds. Being purely and simply eggs and biscuits, fanciers know exactly what they are using, and its high feeding value is attested by the analysis. In a dry state my seed-eating birds (both Mules, British and Foreign) eat it with relish, and no doubt find it a valuable change of diet. My insectivorous birds eat it readily, too. And, needless to say, Canaries devour it eagerly; I should have no hesitation in using it to feed young with."

The financial statement of the Aberdeen O.S. for the year ending January 9th, shows a balance on the right side of £3 8s. 3d. and the officials are to be congratulated on the successful issue of the year's working.

The North London C.B.A. have a very satisfactory balance-sheet for the past season, there being a cash balance of £6 9s. 10d., and total assets £15 14s. 10d. This ending to a good year's work should be gratifying to the popular secretary, Mr. R. P. Harper, and his fellow officials.

I have had so many replies to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS re two cocks for a good buff hen, writes Mr. T. R. Wallace (Falkirk), that I could not reply to them all. I take this opportunity, therefore, of thanking the applicants through your columns. I may say I had twenty-two replies in all from all parts of the country,

The Tong and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. J. Smith, the secretary, intend having a meat pie supper on March 9th, in the Holme Lane Hotel, when the presentation of medals and specials will be made. All fanciers and friends will be welcome. I should like as many as possible to send in their names by the next show date, February 20th.

That long established and very much alive society, the Western Counties O.S., got through a lengthy and attractive programme during the past season, and their balance-sheet, to hand duly audited, shows the members to have the highly satisfactory sum of £41 10s. 10d. on the right side. This must be very pleasing to the officials, and especially the hard-working secretary, Mr. T. Pope, and his assistant, Mr. W. A. Dyer. It is interesting to note that 1909 is the "Jubilee" year of the W.C.O.S., and our Plymouth friends will make every endeavour to celebrate it with a record show.

I have great faith in Mackley's High Condition Food for birds down in condition—birds that look without any flesh—writes Mr. W. Francis (Lowestoft). I give you just one instance, which happened in my own room within the last few days. I had two cocks, a yellow three years old, and a 1908 buff, both very low in condition and health. I thought I was going to lose both. I gave them fresh cages and gave one teaspoonful of this food every day for about ten days. I was surprised today to see these two cocks feed each other when put into a cage together; both are now quite plump and in song. It may help others to equally satisfactory results.

I hear from a friend in Toronto (Canada), writes Mr. J. Bertie (Nottingham), who says they had a very successful cage bird show on New Year's Day; 380 entries, not bad for Toronto. I can just fancy I was there again amongst them, placing the cards at Fouram Hall or at the Dominion Exhibition. I have seen some very creditable birds staged there, especially in Scotch Fancies and Norwich Plainheads. He also writes: "I see by CAGE BIRDS that you had a great show of Crests at Nottingham." If only some of the fanciers out there could see Nottingham Show just once, I guess it would take a little conceit out of them.

The Manchester and N.C.O.S experienced a very busy and successful season during 1908, though a loss made on the annual show has reduced the cash in hand to £24 2s. 2d., a satisfactory "nest-egg," anyway, and one further augmented by medals, staging and other fixtures (value £12) belonging to the Society. The balance-sheet is duly audited, and the lucid manner in which it is set out reflects credit on the work of the secretary, Mr. Lythgoe, and his assistant, Mr. Jones. The Manchester Society has always been noted for the excellent programmes arranged for the benefit of its members, and an exceptionally good one is put forward for 1909.

The January number of "Birds Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club—is full of interesting and instructive matter, and affords capital reading. Among other articles, is that by Mr. Wesley T. Page, on "The Painted Finch" (which is exquisitely illustrated in colours by Mr. H. Goodchild), that by Mr. Douglas Dewar, I.C.S., on "The Birds of India" (being a lecture delivered before the Indian section of the Royal Society of Arts), and that by Captain G. A. Perreau, F.Z.S., on "Hanging Parrakeets." Mr. H. Goodchild and Mr. H. Willford continue their articles begun in previous issues, while notes on "The Breeding of the Quaker Parrakeet" and "My Latest Aviary" are contributed by Mr. John Cheetham and Mr. H. L. Sich respectively.

We have received a copy of the Rudge-Whitworth Cycle Company's exceptionally attractive 1909 illustrated catalogue (68 pages). In addition to giving full specifications and prices of all Rudge-Whitworths, a very fine half-tone illustration is given of each model, and the pages are also made attractive by the insertion of photographs of well-known actors and actresses. The catalogue describes in detail all the improvements in Rudge-Whitworths, including the patent combined celluloid handlebar covering and grips (the features of which are that the grips, being in one piece with the handlebar, cannot come off), and the brilliant and absolutely rust-proof finish. Patent brakes and variable speed gears are described, as well as the all-steel flush joint frame; the illustration showing the latter in section will be keenly appreciated by all cyclists, as it explains why Rudge-Whitworth bicycles are the strongest, and why it is possible to guarantee them for 10 years. Charts and prices of all Rudge-Whitworth Interchangeable parts, and a great variety of cycle accessories, are included in the catalogue, which is a veritable cyclists' encyclopædia. This valuable book is sent post free to all who may apply for it (mentioning CAGE BIRDS when writing; a postcard will do), to Messrs. Rudge-Whitworth, Ltd., Coventry.

## ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

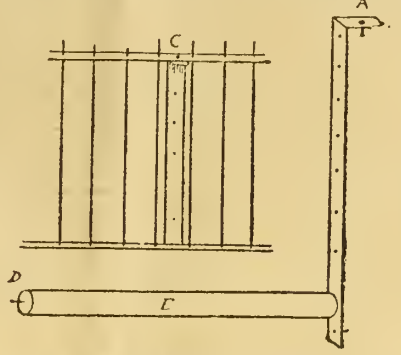
*Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.*

### No. 278.

### A METHOD OF FIXING PERCHES.

**Sent by H. H. Bulcock, "Riversdale," Clitheroe.**

An easy method which allows of fixing perches, when required, at different heights, will be found illustrated. You bend a piece of punch bar in the shape of A to B. A fits




**Moveable Perches.**

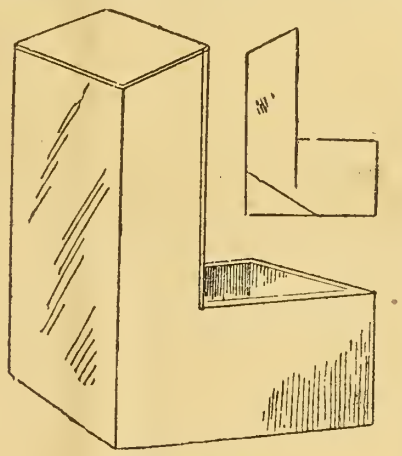
inside, on cross-bar of cage (at C), a tack dropped through at A, as shown, will hold it. Fix perch, E, in back of cage, at D. Drive a tack through hole in punch-bar at B (or any of the other holes) into perch E. This looks very neat, and answers perfectly, particularly when perches are wanted low down. —H. H. BULCOCK.

### No. 279.

### A NOVEL SEED TROUGH.

**Sent by P. Gent, 32, Wilson Street, Crook, co. Durham.**

The illustration shows a seed-hopper which fits into a hole and into the lower stay of the case front (the same as a seed-drawer), and it can be refilled without being removed from the cage, and out of which practically no seed is wasted. It can, of



**A Novel Seed-Box.**

course, be made any size desired, or to fit in an existing drawer hole. The two sides of my own are cut out of pieces of thin but strong wood, 3ins. by 2ins. The wood bottom is 1¼ins. by 2ins., and the wood and (inside) ⅝in. high by (of course) 1¼ins. wide; both must be regulated to fit the hole in the cage front. The front is of glass, so one can see when the hopper wants replenishing, and towards the bottom a slanting piece of wood is fixed in such a position (see the small sketch) as to allow just a fair depth of seed to run into the "mouth" of the hopper. The wood at back (that is, nearest the cage front) runs down to within close distance of this slanting piece of wood. —P. GENT.

I am very pleased to read CAGE BIRDS every week as soon as I get home at night. It is the first paper I get hold of.—J. HILL (Wombwell).

I have taken in CAGE BIRDS from the first number, writes Mr. Wm. Chadwick (Stalybridge), and still look forward to it every Friday.

On receiving my Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS, I was quite delighted with the many excellent pictures it contained. I consider it the most interesting number you have given us. Of course, I was greatly interested in the painting of the two "Wee Gems," and here, I think, Mr. Norman has fairly excelled his previous efforts in this branch of the Canary family. I consider the yellow cock as near perfection as it is possible to get. The other plates are really beautiful, and must have involved considerable labour, to say nothing of the expense of producing them. I wish CAGE BIRDS a long and prosperous career.—HENRY BENNET (Kelso).

## CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

**Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.**—Feb. 13, Portland Hotel, 7 o'clock. Intending members please endeavour to be present.—G. R. Henderson.

**Ashton-under-Lyne and Dist. O.S.**—Feb. 2, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Pair show, Canaries A.V.; judge Mr. E. Mellor; all birds to be staged by 7.15. Fanciers invited. Admission free.—H. Foden.

**Bradford (East) O.S.** — Feb. 2, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Impromptu questions and answers.—H. Hall.

**Battersea Open C.B.S.**—Feb. 2, Headquarters, 8.30. Election of officers; balance sheet for 1908. Members' Pair and Finch Show at headquarters, Feb. 3. Judge, Mr. J. Robson.—Easterling and Allen.

**Bramley O.S.**—Jan. 30, Headquarters, 7.30. General meeting.—E. Craven.

**Belgrave and Dist. F. and F.S.**—Feb. 2, New Inn, Loughboro' Road, 8. Table show of Brit. Birds, A.S. Judge, Mr. W. Shepherd. General business. Friends invited.—W. H. Raley.

**Bolton and Dist. O.S.**—Feb. 1, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8. Open show business and arrangements for social, etc. Table show of pairs matched for breeding, Feb. 3, 7.30.—H. Parkinson.

**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.**—Feb. 2, New Inn, Station-st., 8. Pair show, 1 Novice, 2 Champion; all interested invited.—Kirkland and Hadley.

**Blaydon and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 6, Co-op. Library, 7.30.—G. Harver.

**Brigneuse and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 2, Round House Inn, 8. Arrangements for members' show, Feb. 6. —F. Mitchell.

**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.**—Feb. 3, Baker's Rooms, 8. Fixing date of open show, etc.—R. Whitton.

**Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.A.**—Feb. 3, Jolly Gardeners (new club house), Rotherhithe New Road, S.E., 8. Fixing dates, etc.—A. Lupton.

**City and County of Perth O.S.**—Feb. 1, City Cafe, Methven Street, 8. Election of judges for open show, and fixing date of club show, and other competent business.—J. Kerr.

**City of Bradford O.S.**—Jan. 30, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Re any alteration in the Union rules. Anyone desirous of joining us, will receive a hearty welcome.—F. Rhodes.

**Crewe O.S.**—Feb. 2, Burton Hotel, 7.30. Members' show; classification.—T. L. Hancock.

**Coventry Godiva O.S.**—Feb. 1, headquarters, 8. Election of officers.—W. H. Bray.

**Crook Original F. and F.S.**—Feb. 3, Crown Hotel, Club Rooms, 7. Table show and to revise rules. Hearty welcome to new members.—W. J. Bird.

**Clapham and Dist. C.B.A.**—Feb. 1, headquarters, Avondale Hotel, 8.30. General business and pair show.—A. C. Askew.

**City of Dundee and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 3, Dolg's Rooms, 8.—A. Miller.

**Crook and Dist. C.B.S.**—Jan. 30, Royal Oak, 7. Arrangements for table show, Feb. 13.—W. Rutherford.

**Chester C.B.F.A.** — Feb. 2, Nag's Head, Cocoa House, 8.30. Balance sheet and rules for association, as constituted.—J. Swindley.

**Coventry O.S.**—Feb. 3, Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, 8.30. Election of officers for 1909-10, and arrangements for visiting the Palace show.—G. Peters.

**Dalkeith and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 6, Ship Inn, 7. Notice of motion that Scotch Fancy classes be considered; new members invited.—J. Ewing.

**Denholme and Thornton C.B.S.**—Feb. 2, Bull's Head Inn, Thornton, 8. General meeting, election of officers and other business.—J. Holroyd.

**Dipton and Dist. C.B.S.**—Jan. 30, Council Schools, 7. Annual meeting, balance sheets, rules, election of officers, etc.; new members welcomed. — M. Mason.

**Derwent Valley C.B.S.**—Feb. 6, Church Hall, Hamsterley, 6.30. Discussion on C.B.U., balance sheet, etc.—J. Brown.

**Darlington C.B.S.**—Feb. 3, Half Moon, 8. Completion of general business, show date, etc.—E. Brunskill.

**Edinburgh Western O.S.**—Feb. 4, Riego Street Hall, 8.—R. Lilic.

**Eccleshill C.B.A.**—Feb. 3, Fountain Inn, 8. — T. Elsegood.

**Edinburgh Eastern Dist. O.S.**—Feb. 1, Free Gardener's Hall, Abbemount, 8. Fix date for show, nomination of judges for same, new members cordially invited to join.—G. R. Smith.

**Eastfield Side C.B.F.S.**—Feb. 6, Mason's Arms, Eastfield Side, Sutton-in-Ashfield, 7.30. Table show for stock pairs, Nor.; ditto, Nat. Col.; Crest and C.B., Yorks.—J. Carlin.

**Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S.**—Feb. 4, 142, High Street, 8. Monthly meeting; new members invited. —W. Holton.

**Forfar and Dist. C.B.I.S.**—Feb. 6, Granite Bar, 7. Annual general meeting. Balance sheet, election of office-bearers, etc.—W. Grewar.

**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—Feb. 3, Y.M.C.A., 8. Annual general meeting, election of officers, etc.; notice of motion that we secede from C.B.U.—H. J. Williams.

**Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.** — Feb. 2, "Cricket Players," 8. Table Show, Nor. Stock Pairs. Judge, Mr. J. Bertie. Washing Exhibition, by Mr. J. T. Birch. Fanciers and friends invited.—W. Cottingham.

**Hyde and Dist. C.B.S.**—Jan. 30, St. George's Schools. Table show of matched pairs, A.V.; open to fanciers in surrounding districts; all are welcome.—F. Barraclough.

**Hull C.B.S.**—Feb. 1, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Show pairs, matched for breeding, and election of judges, open show.—E. R. Ridley.

**Houghton-le-Spring and Dist. C.B.S.** — Jan. 30, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Revising of rules and final arrangements for supper.—A. Widdowfield.

**Jarrow and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 2, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30.—R. Blore.

**Kirkcaldy C.B.S.**—Feb. 10, Recreation Rooms, 8. To decide on judges for show, November 13, and enroll members.—T. Arnott.

**Kirkstall and Dist. C.B.S.**—Jan. 30, Congregational School, 8. Payment of specials, prizes, and other important business. Any wishing to join, please attend.—W. E. Whitley.

**Laisterdyke B.F.A.**—Feb. 3, Railway Hotel, 8. Classification for members' shows, and arrangement of ten and social.—A. Bottomley.

**Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.**—Feb. 2, Table Show, Nor. Yell., Unflig., open; ditto Novice; ditto Amateur; A.O.V. Can., Open. Judge, Mr. G. Wheatley.—C. Draper.

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# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life **H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards. Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

## CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

### Seed Samples.

**S.W.**—The Canary is just a trifle small in size, but is of good quality, and quite sweet and sound. So long as you can get seed equal to it, you need not trouble about improving upon it. This latter remark also applies to the rape, which is a nice sample of summer rape. It appears to be rather new, and would doubtless improve with a few months proper storage.

### Mating a Crest-bred.

**Ajax.**—You will find it difficult and expensive (comparatively) to buy a really good yellow Crested hen; they are extremely scarce. You had better, therefore, use a buff hen, as good as you can afford, and next year cross in yellow blood from the Plainhead side, say a heavily variegated or green Crest-bred. You should get a young (1908) hen, by all means, and if heavily marked, so much the better.

### Will it Breed?

**F.W.** (Chesterfield).—Certainly, if the bird has recovered from the broken leg, and gets about its perches with freedom, the injury should be no great detriment to its breeding successfully when the proper time arrives. Some birds will naturally take much longer to come in song again after such an accident, but if the general health is unaffected, no special treatment should be necessary to make them come into song. Feed and treat the bird as advised frequently in this column for birds out of song, and give twenty drops of chemical food in the water for a week or two, and a mealworm, if available, four or five times a week; if otherwise healthy, the bird will resume song as soon as the effects of the accident have passed off.

### Abnormal Growth.

**Veritas.**—What you suspect is a growth, is, I am afraid, anal prolapsus. Bathe the part with a fairly strong solution of extract of wych bazel, and return it to its proper position, if possible. If you succeed in returning it, insert a tiny piece of nut-gall ointment, and repeat the operation daily as long as it returns. If you do not at first succeed in returning the protruding part, repeat the bathing twice a day until you succeed. Feed as frequently advised in this column, and add a pinch of Epsom salts to the water as often as seems to be necessary to keep the bowels from getting constipated. Judging from the bareness on the back, I should also suspect the bird was troubled with red-mite. Examine the cage carefully for this pest, and if any are found, see that they are completely eradicated.

### The Moult and Wheeze.

**C.A.B.**—If the birds are still losing feathers, feed and treat them as advised to "H.J.D.," in this issue until the moulting has ceased, giving only the seeds therein advised, and none of the mixture you name. Although it is quite possible that the trouble might originate at the show, as you say, I hardly think this would account for the subsequent wheeziness, if you had no draughts or great fluctuation of heat in your own room. Therefore, you must pay attention to this point, and see that there is no such cause in operation now. Keep the birds in a comfortable place, but not necessarily overheated. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, ten each of glycerine, and oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight, or until the wheeziness has quite disappeared. A piece of fat boiled pork or bacon stuck in the wires will assist a cure.

### Definitions.

**L.B.H.**—"Sib" is a term used to denote birds which are bred on more or less consanguinious line—that is, by mating together birds that are related to each other by blood. The birds bred from such matings are termed "sib-bred," and are specially useful for breeding mules, where light mules are the desired object. "Unflighted" has no reference whatever to an unmated bird. It means a bird of the year that has not had its nestling "flights"—the long quill feathers in the wings, being so-called—extracted. Young Canaries do not naturally shed these feathers until the second moult, and it used to be a common practice to pull them out at the first moult. This practice is not so popular now as it formerly was—and fortunately, I would add. By the bye, CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL is the book you want. It defines all these puzzling fanciers' terms.

### Suffy and Wheezy.

**H. Harris.**—As you say the bird is kept in a warm place, you must see that it is also fairly equable day and night, and not very warm during the day, and correspondingly cold at night. If this is the case, it would be far better to move it to a cooler position, where the heat is constant day and night. Feed him as advised to "P.F.F.," in this issue, except that you give the sponge cake every third day, only, and sprinkle over it a few grains of gold of pleasure seed. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day, until the wheeziness is removed. Then alter it and give instead twelve drops of glycerine, ten of syrup of squills, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week or fortnight.

### Breeding for Profit.

**Inexperience.**—The building you have will only accommodate thirty-five birds at its full capacity, so that by breeding with the birds flying loose, and leaving the young also to fly with the parents all through the season, which is, I presume, your intention, three cock Canaries, and nine hens, with one or two cock Linnets would be quite sufficient for you to start the season with. I would scarcely advise you to add Greenfinches, but if you are particularly desirous to do so, omit one of the Linnets. As you may very probably breed some Mules in this way you will require a fair-sized type of hen, so I should advise you to put in either Norwich or Yorkshire hens, or some of both either clears or very lightly ticked, and German cocks. Remove the young cock Canaries as soon as they are able to do for themselves, and to educate them under a good Roller. Certainly you must cage the Budgerigars separately.

### A Diet for Spring.

**"Scarlet."**—1, Your treatment of the Yorkshire hen that was persistently egg-bound last season was quite the best you could have done for her. There is no reason now why she should not breed successfully this year, without a recurrence of the trouble. Now you have brought her indoors, feed on a plain winter diet for some weeks to come. Plain canary only as a staple, with just a pinch of summer rape given separately twice a week, a morsel of bread and milk or half a teaspoonful of egg-food once a week, not oftener; and twice a week half a teaspoonful of inga. Continue this treatment up to the beginning of March, or a little later if the weather is not very promising, and do not mate her up until the end of March, or beginning of April. When mated, give a pinch of inga every second day until the eggs are laid. 2, Providing the general health is good, and the bird otherwise active and lively, I do not consider that complete loss of voice would be any serious detriment to a bird's fitness for breeding purposes.

### Coppy with Cold.

**F.Y.**—Alter your general treatment of this bird, and give only plain Canary seed in the hoppers as a staple. Give separately, say, in the egg drawer, half a teaspoonful of rape twice a week, and on two other days a pinch of inga until the bowels appear all right, after which stop it and substitute a few grains of hemp. Every second day for a fortnight, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of sherry mixed in it, and a few grains of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it. Give a small spray of green food three or four times a week when quite free from frost; at other times, a bit of banana will be much better than apple. Give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water for three consecutive days, and afterwards give ten drops of glycerine, five each of syrup of squills and dandelion juice, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a week; and on the alternate days give two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel. If the bird is not well by that time, repeat the treatment, beginning with the salts, as above.

### Renewed Moulting.

**H.J.D.**—I hope I have interpreted your signature correctly, as I "ha' ma doots," on the point. It would have been very helpful towards elucidating your difficulty, had you said how you kept the birds in the matter of heat—whether you use any form of artificial heat or not. If you do, the cause of the renewed moulting is not far to seek, and lies in your allowing the heat to fluctuate too greatly, and this would need to be carefully avoided in future. Feed now on plain Canary seed only, as a staple, and give separately half a teaspoonful per bird of summer rape twice each week, on two other days the same quantity of hemp, and on each of the other days half a teaspoonful of egg food, or crushed sponge cake, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it. Give a little green food, or a bit of banana as a substitute, three times a week. In the drinking water give twenty drops of chemical food every second day, and on the alternate days four drops of tincture of steel. Continue this until the moulting has stopped, and then gradually reduce the diet to plain Canary seed only, in moderate weather. Certainly, I think the birds will be quite ready for this season's breeding. With ordinary luck they should have quite got over this trouble before the normal breeding season arrives.

### Clings to His Hobby.

**"Good Old Greenock."**—Am very glad to hear the fancy has such an attraction for you, and trust other matters will soon wear a brighter complexion, and that you will succeed well in the coming season. There is no reason whatever why you should not mate the same birds together this year as you did last. Indeed, if they were young birds last year—that is, bred in 1907—and they hit fairly well last year, it will be quite the proper thing to mate them together again this year. Provided your stock is sound and healthy, not previously inbred, and there is no pronounced particular failing running through them all, you might even increase your breeding stock by mating a young cock of No. 1 hen to hen No. 2, and one of her daughters, a young cock of hen No. 2, to hen No. 1, and one of her daughters, and mate the old cock to a young hen from each of last year's hens. This would give you six breeding pairs, and with the above conditions, not very exceptionally close inbreeding; and after this, you might introduce fresh blood next year, if you wished to do so. Let the staple diet be good sound canary seed only for a few weeks longer, with just a pinch of summer rape twice a week; a few grains of hemp twice a week for the cocks, and a few grains of inga instead for the hens; once a week a little egg food, or scrap of bread and milk, and on each of the other days a bit of greenstuff, when no frost is about. Thanks for kind remarks anent CAGE BIRDS.

### Repeating Operations.

**Novice.**—The question of the desirability of mating the same birds this season as you did last is one that only the owner is fully competent to decide, provided of course, that your means allow you to procure fresh stock, if necessary. If the birds were young ones, of the previous season, last year, there can be no objection whatever to mating them again, and if they hit fairly well last year, and produced young quite up to your expectations, you would be quite right in mating the same birds together again, unless you should have among last season's produce unrelated birds which you considered might breed something even better than last year's matings. To a certain extent repeating the same matings all round implies stagnation. Every year you should try to improve upon the previous season's work, unless your stock has reached the absolute ideal of type, which is, I suppose, scarcely likely. Mating the same birds would not tend to decrease the size of produce at all, unless the parents were getting somewhat ancient. To keep up the size, you must avoid in-breeding, have at least one of each pair a fully matured bird, double buff occasionally, and have plenty of size in your stock birds. Attention to these points, and good feeding parents, will put you OK as far as size goes.

### Slow Progress.

**Another Beginner.**—The bird previously advised about was clearly in a very bad condition at the time, so that even this little improvement is satisfactory in the time, especially as the improvement seems to be following a favourable direction. Persevere for a time with the same treatment as regards food as formerly advised, save that instead of giving the egg food every second day, give it now only twice a week, and sprinkle a few grains of gold of pleasure seed over it each time, and twice a week give a few grains only of hemp, or as a substitute for this, give a mealworm four or five times a week. In the drinking water give now as much Epsom Salts as will cover a sixpence for three consecutive days, and afterwards two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel every alternate day for a week. If the panting is still troublesome, you may follow this with ten drops of glycerine, six of dandelion juice, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken in the water, every second day for another week, and then go back to the beginning and repeat the fortnight's treatment. As regards your other question, if the bird is of the strain mentioned, it is undoubtedly a German Roller, the person named being prominently connected with this breed.

### Loss of Voice.

**P.B.**—It is rather doubtful whether the Roller will regain its full original vocal powers. In addition to the diet of canary and rape, give it a half teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of sherry and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, every second day for a week or so, and give a scrap of watercress on the alternate days. Keep it in a comfortable temperature, quite free from draughts, and it will be best to keep the cage covered over with some light material for a day or two. Before covering, however, give it an inhalation as follows: Put a teaspoonful of tincture of benzoin and twenty drops of eucalyptus oil in a pint mug, fill nearly full of boiling water, stir it all together, and place the mug and cage close together on a table, and cover all over with a shawl or blanket for ten or twelve minutes. Remove the mug, but keep the cover over the cage for a quarter of an hour longer, and keep the light covering over afterwards for a day or two to prevent any chill. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, ten each of glycerine, and syrup of squills, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, every second day for a fortnight, if necessary. A bit of fat boiled bacon stuck in the wires for the bird to peck at will also help it to recover its full voice.

### To Erin's Isle.

**"White Owl."**—The journey you contemplate sending the birds should not occupy any longer time than one to the Highlands, so that if you consulted a time table and despatched the birds by a train timed to reach Liverpool an hour or so in advance of the departure of the Irish boat, practically the same form of packing as you do for Scotland would be sufficient. The booking clerk at your railway station would undoubtedly advise you as to proper train to send by, if you enquired personally a day or so in advance, and explained the necessity for undelayed transit. For the rest, pack the birds in a fair-sized travelling cage in good sound condition, and with a couple of handfuls of canary and rape seed mixed strewn on the floor, but no hemp. Fasten securely on the wires one of the little earthenware pots used in the wicker German travelling cages, or a covered tin drinker may be fixed in, half fill with water and press a piece of sponge in the top part. If properly fixed this will prevent spilling of water, and supply enough for the bird to suck up. Allow the bird to be in the cage an hour or so before being wrapped up, in order to get a little accustomed to picking up seed from the floor and finding the water-pot. Add a piece of bread saturated with water at the time of finally wrapping up. Of course you must see it has a drink at the last moment, and then that the sponge is fixed securely in the top of pot.

### Still Moulting.

**P.F.F.**—I have no doubt whatever about this bird being exposed to draughts in some way. Perhaps it hangs between two doors, or a door and a window, or some such source of draughts. You must first of all see that it is kept where it is perfectly free from draught, and in a fairly equable temperature, and in a living-room it should not be near or over a burning lamp or gas jet. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple, and give separately twice a week a few grains of hemp, and every second day until the moulting is stopped, half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of sherry and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion, well mixed, in it. Three or four times a week give a little green food, or a bit of banana as a substitute. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, ten of oxymel of squills, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight; and on the alternate days give four drops of tincture of steel. If the feathers have ceased dropping by this time, discontinue the steel and give instead twenty drops of Chemical Food every second day for a week or two. Stop the first-named mixture as soon as the huskiness has quite disappeared. From your description I should say the bird is a Norwich Plainhead, but cannot say definitely without seeing it. If it has unusually long and dense plumage on the head somewhat over-reaching the eyes it would be a crest-bred.

### The Mating of Stock.

Answered by Mr. J. H. Payne.

**Tam-o'-Shanter.**—I have no hesitation in advising you to pair the son to his mother, as I gather from your letter that as regards points they "hit," and this, of course, is of vital importance; as is also the fact that they are both strong and healthy. You will, of course, get whole greens and heavily marked birds, but as you say you want type and quality without any regard to colour, then this will be a minor matter to you. I should advise you next year to introduce some clear blood, or you will get your green so firmly fixed that it will take you some time to properly break it up.

## BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

### Linnet Ailing.

**W. Coates.**—The particulars you give are too meagre to be much of a guide. I do not like your method of feeding (see recent answers I have given on this point). In the stock mixture, canary and teazle should certainly be included. The other seeds are good given now and again. Let the bird have a feed of maw seed (a small teaspoonful) daily; not mixed amongst its other seed. As medicine give the following for 24 hours: In two tablespoonfuls of drinking water dissolve as much crystals of sulphate of soda as will lie upon a shilling, and stir in a small teaspoonful of good brandy. Over the next twenty-four hours give half the quantity of soda and brandy in the same quantity of water. Tempt the bird to eat by offering thistle, dandelion, lettuce, and gold of pleasure seeds, mixed. Keep in a room with a just comfortable temperature while ailing; not in an unheated place. In conclusion, don't mix up questions (see rules), as this one went first to our Canary specialist.

### Bramblefinch-Chaffinch Hybrids.

**Bramblefinch.**—I don't suppose it is impossible to breed Hybrids between Bramblefinch and Chaffinch in a cage. But I certainly think a garden aviary, if only a small one, likelier to bring success. You seem to have the opportunity of erecting one, and I think you would be well advised to do so. Hybrids have been bred between both Chaffinch cock mated to hen Bramblefinch, and cock Bramblefinch to Chaffinch hen, so you can try either way. The trouble is to get the young reared, if any eggs hatch out. It is more or less doubtful whether either of the above hens would rear young to maturity in captivity. Thus you would be reduced to finding a foster-parent. A good feeding hen Canary would answer for this. The lady who has bred many examples of this cross took the eggs out of the nests in her aviaries, and put them in the nests of birds—Tits, Robins, Hedge Sparrows, etc.—in the grounds of her house. The Tits especially she found excellent foster-parents. The young were taken at a suitable age, of course, and then hand-fed. Everyone, unfortunately, cannot do this. You would have to rely on the ordinary foods available to fanciers, supplementing them with a good insectivorous food with plenty of live ants' eggs mixed among it. You would be better assured of success if you had one pair only together. If you buy the 1909 "Annual," you will find therein a photograph of a very suitable aviary.

### Mating Up a Linnet.

**S. A. Brough.**—A Linnet which has not been house-moulted will often breed Mules all right, but I am a consistent advocate of house-moulted birds. My own experience has afforded me ample ground for this; and I always endeavour to speak from experience, and not from what other people say. One of the best possible hens you could get to mate with your Linnet would be a young (1908) bird of Norwich type—that is, stoutly built in body, and with a thick neck and broad head. Avoid a hen with a thin head—like a sharpened lead pencil. If you can get a yellow ben possessing these necessary points, then she will be an ideal bird; but a good buff hen will throw fine Mules, though probably not so good in colour and quality. If you are not smitten with the craze to produce light Mules, then choose a hen heavily green marked—what is known as a heavily variegated bird. From such a mating you would get handsome, shapely Mules, hardy, and fine songsters. The simplest way to mate muling couples is to use a cage known as the "double-breeder"—not less than 36 inches long (my own are 40 inches). This is divided into two compartments—a wired slide down the centre separating them. Put the hen Canary in one side, and the cock Linnet in the other, the slide between. They can see each other, and so get "acquainted." When the Linnet is in breeding condition, his beak will be blue in colour and he will be singing stoutly, and no doubt feeding the hen through the wires of the partition. When the hen commences carrying nesting material about in her beak, then you can let them run together. If you know nothing of breeding procedure, then you should certainly read "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (from this office, 7d.), which will tell you all about it.

### About a Robin.

**No Nom-de-Plume.**—The best house cage for a Robin is a box-pattern one about 18 inches long by 14 high by 9 or 10 wide, fitted with food, etc., vessels and perches as described in the reply given "Amateur" last week. The Redbreast is an insectivorous bird, like the Nightingale, though it is true he will thrive in captivity on a plainer, "coarser" dict. I feed my own Robin, which sings grandly, on the same lines as any other small softbills. Try this stock food: powdered Osborne biscuit, four parts; best ants' egg, and dried flies, two parts each; powdered silkworm pupæ, one part; meat meal, half part, by measure. Take the quantity required of this, and mix it just crumbly moist with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped lettuce, watercress, or chickweed (use young leaves only), or cold boiled potato, varying it frequently and adding a little water (but only a few spots) if necessary. "Bobbie," however, likes a few seeds—canary mostly—now and again. You could buy a good stock-food, ready made up, from many advertisers using our columns (possibly at local bird-shops, or bird-food dealers), and add to it grated carrot (sufficient to just damp it), and now and again half a finely minced hard boiled egg. That would make up a very fair dietary. You could add mealworms, small garden worms now and again, black-beetles when you can get them, and other suitable live-foods. "Bobbie" likes a few ripe berries and a little fruit, too.

## Brevities.

**Sex and Song** (Sacco).—(1) Yes, there are certainly both large and small cock Goldfinches, and plenty of cocks hard to tell from hens. If your bird (No. 2) is a dense glossy black over the skull, and has an *under-blaze* which extends back past the eye (or up to the far edge), then it is a sure cock. (2) They sing, and sing well, when steady; but often want a lot of taming—they sulk.

**A Hen Mule** (G.S.).—She is badly troubled with red mite. Treat exactly as advised "Miss Bull" last week. Possibly the cage is an old one and has never been entirely washed, say with hot soap-suds, if a wire one. All cages want thoroughly cleansing, in some suitable manner, at intervals.

**Diet for Fresh-caught Linnets** (Reader).—No doubt you would see and act upon the reply given "Jack P." last week. As regards the sex, note reply to "Dominie" in this issue.

**Linnet Mule's Sudden Ailment** (Peg Windsor).—Your bird must have had a "stroke" or "fit" of some kind, and you could have done nothing for it beyond dipping its head for a second in cold water, and, if it pulled round, stirring a small teaspoonful of good brandy into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water.

**The Best Hens** (A.J.S.N.).—If you are going in for dark Mule breeding, then hens of the type recommended "S. A. Brough" this week cannot well be beaten, either for Goldfinch or Linnet; and they are not difficult to obtain. If you want to stand a chance of light Mules, then pink-eyed hens of Yorkshire type (clear or ticked, and bred from a clear strain) would afford you this, and be fairly reasonable in price. No; we have not such a book.

**Two Points** (R.H.W.).—(1) Hybrid is the correct name for all birds bred between two birds of different species. "Mule" is merely a fancier's word, and it is usually applied to Hybrids having a Canary as one of its parents. (2) The solution is probably that your Linnet is not in breeding condition; it is very, very early yet. When he feels the "wine of love" coursing through his veins, his attitude towards the hen Canary may be vastly different. See other replies as to feeding.

*(Owing to unavoidable circumstances Mr. Weston has had to leave several questions unanswered until next week, when all will be dealt with.*—EDITOR)

# FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

## Grey Parrot Feeble.

**M. S., Glasgow.**—There is not the least doubt the unwholesome dietary is alone responsible for the bird's enfeebled state. Of course, if you stop the milk sop and cream at once, the bird may be starved, but you must, as soon as possible, wean it therefrom, or its life will be a very short one. The staple diet should be a seed mixture of Canary, oats, wheat, dari, hemp, and sunflower seeds; well mix, and keep a supply continuously in the cage. The following items are all wholesome, and should be ample to supply a varied diet—ripe fruit, such as it will take, plain biscuits, nuts in variety, crust of household bread, and boiled potato (unseasoned). A crust of dry toast may also be given, as also may occasionally sponge or Madeira cake, in strictly limited quantities. Cuttlefish and grit must be regularly supplied. Boiled maize is permissible to a bird long accustomed to a soft diet, but such should only be temporary, the above dietary being ample. You must stop at once bread and butter, cream, meat, and table scraps of all kinds; also leave off the milk sop as quickly as you can without starving the bird. In conjunction with the above diet, continue the use of the fluid magnesia, chemical food and brandy and water as directed in previous reply.

## Parrot Pulling Feathers.

**A. de C. D.**—I take it you have a Blue-fronted Amazon, and you may take it that animal food, tea, coffee, milk slops, and general table scraps are very unwholesome food for a Parrot of this species. Twice a week, so long as its voidings do not become watery, give it half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in a tablespoonful of water, giving no other liquid on these days, till this has been consumed. For some time to come well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. I prefer the following seed mixture: equal parts of Canary, oats, wheat, dari, maize, hemp and sunflower seeds, which I well mix, keeping a supply continuously in the cage. In addition to ripe fruit, you can supply nuts in variety, plain biscuit, dry, unseasoned boiled potato and carrot. I should also lightly spray it with chilled water twice a week; it will take no harm from this if done at mid-day, and is carefully kept out of draught till dry. Recovery will not be rapid, but thus treated it should gradually improve. I do not believe in destroying birds unless under very exceptional conditions, but after being in this condition for some time, recovery must be slow. I shall be interested to hear how the bird progresses.

## Quail Pecking its Feet.

**Fieldfare.**—From your description—"plumage tight as wax; bird apparently well"—there can be nothing seriously wrong with its foot. Have you examined it to see if there is a thorn in it? If not, do so, and if you can find no trace of such, or swelling, or dirt clogged joints, you will then be fairly safe in assuming there is nothing the matter with it, but that the actions which surprise you are the demeanour of a particular bird. I have absolutely no data to go upon as to the bird being ailing in any way, and again in this kind of weather you cannot do anything in the way of fomentation with a bird out of doors. Your treatment is very liberal and satisfactory, and you can be quite assured that if anything seriously was wrong, the bird would soon get into poor condition. Keep it under observation; if it should begin to fall off in any way, repeat query at once, with full details. Let them have a few lettuce leaves and other green stuff whenever you can get it sound and free from frost.

## Parrot Losing Feathers.

**H. Harford.**—You do not state how you have been dieting and treating this bird. Read the replies on treating Grey Parrots in this issue; you will find full diet given, and note carefully warning against slops and table scraps. I should put it on a course of Parrish's chemical food, and also lightly damp a crust of household bread, piece of plain biscuit, or something similar, and dust it with flowers of sulphur. Give this daily for a while. Note the following:—For running at the nostrils, spray them with diluted glyco-thymoline, and continue till running ceases. For running at the eyes, either bathe with a warm decoction of camomile flowers or with Rosewater and zinc solution (obtain the latter from your chemist.) Keep the bird strictly out of draught, yet not in a corner of the room where the atmosphere is stagnant. If you would give me particulars as to how you have been feeding and treating, I could help you further.

## Cockatell Pulling Feathers.

**Ford.**—Put bird at once on a simpler diet. Canary, white and spray millet, with a few oats, greenfood, piece of ripe apple, pear, or banana, grit, cuttlefish, and water are all these birds require to keep them fit and healthy. If sunflower seed is given let it be in strictly limited quantities. I should put in the drinking water for one day one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia, and repeat this every fourth day; in between, that is, when not giving the magnesia, put one teaspoonful of Parrish's chemical food into its daily supply of drinking water. Continue the treatment till the bird is in good condition again. Examine its plumage, and if there are any parasites, spray it every other day with quassia solution, keeping it strictly out of draught till dry.

## Grey Parrot's Loss of Feathers.

**A. Hardwell.**—You will find correct diet given in other replies. However, you had better continue the boiled maize for a time, and well dust same with flowers of sulphur regularly for a time. Note: The boiled maize only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel must be kept strictly clean. Twice a week, that is, so long as its excreta does not become watery, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water, and on other days the same quantity of Parrish's chemical food. Let the bird have a liberal supply of such ripe fruit as to favours. Note the warning to other correspondents re slops, table scraps, etc. From the feathers I take it your bird is an Amazon; if so, a little boiled maize daily for a time would help. Treat as above, and report progress in, say, two or three weeks' time.

## Almost Bare of Feathers.

**A Reader.**—Am afraid your chemist is behind the times: quassia solution is a very old remedy. It is not for the bird to drink, but simply for the spraying of the plumage and skin, which it makes distasteful and bitter. But with so bad a case as your bird you will have to persevere. The chemical food is to be put into the bird's drinking water, and make it the colour of pale port wine. Also give it a little boiled maize daily and well dust this with flowers of sulphur. For one day in lieu of the chemical food make the drinking water saline with Epsom salts. A metal drinker should not be used when giving drugs. You have evidently had a confirmed feather eater palmed off on you; however, it will probably greatly improve, but such improvement will be but slow, and there is nothing to do but persevere with the treatment. Report progress a month hence. There are several other replies in this issue which should help you.

## Bird-room and Outdoor Aviary.

**G.M.O.**—In the first place Budgerigars, Ribbon and Zebra Finches, Bengalese, White Java Sparrows, Long-tailed Grassfinches, and Serins in variety would breed in your 2ft. cages; but I must warn you that foreigners do not breed with the same regularity and precision as Canaries, though some species are very prolific. You are quite right; Budgerigars will winter out of doors, and usually do better when kept out of doors all the year round than under any other conditions. Any weatherproof construction will suffice that gives them the accommodation of the usual fowl pen—viz., shelter shed and covered run and open flight. But the shelter shed should have a window (covered with netting on the inside) sufficiently large to well light it. In other words, Budgerigars are as hardy as Pigeons, but they must be protected from draughts. There are two small books published at this office, viz., "Foreign Birds for Beginners" and "Budgerigars and Cockateels," 1s. 7d. and 7d. each, post free, respectively, which you should get.

## Green Parrot Ailing.

**New Reader.**—By all means still give Paddy rice, but also give the following mixture: equal parts of wheat, dari, hemp, maize and sunflower seed; also ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, such green food according to season as it will take; keep a piece of cuttlefish in its cage, and also supply grit and water regularly. By all means let it have a bath, and if it will not bathe spray it with chilled water, but keep it carefully out of draught till dry. For one day only make the drinking water saline with Epsom salts; follow this by a course of chemical food, putting in sufficient of the chemical food to make the drinking water the colour of pale port wine, and continue this for a month at least. It probably was improperly fed before coming into your possession, but treat as above and there should soon be an improvement. If you read the replies to Parrot queries regularly, distinguishing between Greys, Amazons and Alexandrines or Ringnecks, you should gain much insight as to properly treating your bird.—Note.—A healthy bird is better without drugs.

## Grey Parrot Wheezing.

**R. Watson.**—You do not say how you are feeding the bird. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. If you refer to other replies you will find the correct diet given. Most Parrots will readily eat a piece of plain biscuit; any plain variety will do. Soak into a piece half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia, and let it have this every other day for a fortnight, though if its excreta becomes watery, you must stop it for awhile. I should offer the ipecacuanha mixture in a spoon daily for a time first thing in the morning; the bird will then be thirsty and drink it readily. At other times during the day give drinking water well coloured with Parrish's chemical food. Providing its thirst is not abnormal, the drinking water can be left in cage during the day, but should be removed when cage is covered up for the night. If it takes too much, let it have a good drink three or four times a day. At the first sign of running at the nostril, use the glyco-thymoline, and continue its use till the running ceases. If the symptoms should become more pronounced, repeat query.

## Distempering an Aviary.

**Jacko.**—I do not consider it safe to use these distempers, while the birds are in the aviary. Budgerigars are inquisitive and nibble at everything, and if it did not kill it would undoubtedly prove very unwholesome and produce ill-health. What I should advise is, to use ordinary distemper (in fact, limewash), and to do only one wall at a time. I should not do it at this juncture; it would be almost weeks drying; in fact, I question if it would properly dry till spring, and the birds would get their plumage into a most unsatisfactory condition. I consider the better time to do this work is in the autumn, when the moult starts. The birds could then be put in a box or case for a couple of days, and the work done thoroughly. Then any of the distempers on the market can be used with safety if thinly put on. Of course, there is no comparison for effect between distemper and limewash, the former giving very pleasing effects if colours are well chosen. Of course, you can do the work in sections at the present time, if you can secure rapid drying; otherwise the birds would have damp quarters for some time, and damp is far worse than cold for the birds.

## Parrot with Fits.

**W. S. S.**—Twice a week, so long as its excreta does not become watery, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water (two tablespoonsful). In addition to the seed mixture give the following (all of which are wholesome), so as to vary the diet: ripe fruit, nuts in variety, plain biscuits, boiled potato and other vegetables, providing they are unseasoned. If it appears to require a stimulant, a few sips of weak brandy or whisky and water occasionally will be helpful. The bird must be kept warm and quiet, not left altogether alone; but avoid undue excitement for it. I prefer the following seed mixture: Two parts each Canary and oats, and one part each wheat, dari, hemp, and sunflower; well mix, and keep a supply continuously in cage. Stop giving the bone, and instead keep a piece of clean cuttlefish-bone continually in cage, within easy access of the bird. Do not give any tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. If you notice one of the attacks coming on, 3 grains of bromide of potassium dissolved in a little syrup will probably give relief. The same may be given with advantage after an attack, once the bird is fairly recovered. I take it the bird is still strong; if not, on the days you do not give the magnesia well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Shall be interested to hear of the bird's progress.

## Aviary for Budgerigars, etc.

**Birds.**—As I read your sketch, I take it the flight is in front of shed; a decidedly better position would be for it to extend along wall to the right of shed, if you could make it the extra length to account for the decreased width. For Budgerigars, etc., growing plants are no good, and the kind in yours are not safe for Finches. The following may be permitted: willow, elder, red and black currant, euonomyous, wild clematis (traveller's joy), rambler roses, and any kind of fruit trees; firs, conifers, such as arbor vitae are also permissible, and bamboos make good cover. For Budgerigars keep the ground sown with grass, wheat, oats, rape, maize, etc. You must make up your mind to either keep Parrakeets or Finches; the two cannot be mixed with safety. I should rather advise you to go in for Yellow Budgerigars Get good ones, two pairs for a start, and each pair from a different source; then you will have unrelated birds, by mating the progeny of the respective pairs. A pair of Rosellas would agree with them, and ultimately breed, as would also a pair of Cockateels, which will thrive on the same diet. Put up at least a dozen husks and suitable nesting-boxes, which must have concave bottoms for Parrakeets. The above would all agree, and thrive out of doors, all the year round. You could also put in a pair of Red-crested Grey Cardinals; these I have always found able to look after themselves, even with Parrakeets. If you make up your mind to have Finches, repeat query, and I will give list.

## Converting a Greenhouse, etc.

**Sirdar.**—The chief disadvantage of a greenhouse as an aviary is its variable temperature, viz., extremes of heat and cold; but providing you can exclude damp and draught and at the same time secure proper ventilation, your houses should answer well. Do not glaze the roof of the potting shed; put in a couple of skylights and one or two side sashes, so as to secure plenty of light, but do not have a whole glass roof for choice. If you could add to the potting shed an open wire netting flight, it would add to the usefulness, attractiveness, and enjoyment of the aviary. I cannot take the risk of advising anyone to keep Greys, Amazons, and the larger Parrots together unless the aviary be a huge one. The following would agree well together: Budgerigars, various Lovebirds, Rosellas, Redrumps, Cockateels, Mealy Rosellas, and Stanley Parrakeets—a very beautiful series, most of which would undoubtedly breed if provided with sufficient husks, logs or small barrels. As to the greenhouse, cover the top half of roof—the slope is undoubtedly 9ft. long—and of this cover the top 5ft. with roofing felt the entire length; with these precautions your aviaries should prove a great success. In the winter don't attempt heat, merely a comfortable warmth. In the greenhouse you could have Gouldian and Parrot Finches, Long-tailed and Rufous-tailed Grassfinches; while Java Sparrows, Pekin Robins, Varied Lorikeets (I find these harmless with Finches), Superb, Scarlet, and Tricolor Tanagers, and a small host of Common and Green Avadavats, Zebra, Grey, Orange-cheek, and St. Helena Waxbills. If I have not made all clear repeat query.

## Birds for an Indoor Aviary.

**J. Joyce.**—In the first place I should certainly advise you to get my booklet "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1 post free, from this office; there are many things described therein which you would find very helpful, and save you possible loss. As to quantity, it depends entirely for what purpose you intend to keep them; if for breeding, then only two or at most, three pairs; but if for effect only, and as pets, then from 15 to 20, according to size, might be accommodated. If for breeding, try pairs of Zebrafinches, Zebra Waxbills, and Ribbon Finches, putting up six or eight boxes, cocoa-nut-shell and rush nests. If you keep merely a series, I should still put up the nests, rather more than there are pairs of birds, and take your chance of a stray brood. The following pairs would make a handsome and pleasing series:—Green and Common Avadavats, Zebra, Grey and St. Helena Waxbills, Zebra and Ribbon Finches, and Silverbills. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, green food, grit, ripe fruit as in season (such as apple, pear, banana), cuttlefish and water for drinking and bathing. For these small ornamental Finches nothing equals grass flowers (grass in the ear), when it can be obtained free from frost and not sodden with wet. Some good, gritty sand (river or sea) is the best for aviary bottom—a sod of turf is much appreciated by the birds as also is any kind of non-poisonous foliage that is infested with green-fly or other plant lice. The above are all hardy when they have been over a few months, but need a little care when they first come over. Slightly colouring the drinking water with chemical food is a help at this time, or if there be signs of constipation making the drinking water just saline with Epsom salts for one day should put matters right. Draughts must be avoided.

# POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

**Bullfinch** (H. Scott).—Chronic disease of liver, then acute inflammation involving the lungs. It is a common disease amongst Finches in cages, but is not necessarily infectious, although the thorough cleansing of the cages would be expedient.

# GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

**Competition Results** (Folkestone Nightingale).—The awards were given on page 36 of the Birthday Issue; apparently you overlooked this. The other (the figures) was simply a printer's error.

**Toronto Show** (J. Bertie).—Accept our thanks. You will see that a report reached us from another source, and is given this week.

**Admission to the Palace Show** (H. Neath).—There is nothing to pay for admission to the cage-bird show beyond the usual charge made for admission to the Crystal Palace. Shall be pleased to see you there.

**A Contest** (H. Wray).—Pleased to print result of contest. Accept our thanks for interesting your friend in our journal.

**Exhibitions, etc.** (D. H. Tedstone).—Will have the matter attended to. Shall be pleased to meet you at the Palace.

**Our Thanks** to A. F. B., Mancunian, J. Boyd, and others for interesting items of news, etc.

**Society Notice** (J. W. Jones, Carnarvon).—No; no fee is required for inserting particulars of your society in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, which we will do.

## EDINBURGH O.S.

General meeting held in Buchanan's Hotel, High-street, on January 16th. The balance-sheet for 1908—showing a credit balance on the year's transactions—was examined, and approved by the members. It was decided to hold a one-day show this year—probably on December 11th, and Mr. Meikle, of the Edinburgh Derby, was appointed secretary. The president, Mr. McLennan, and the vice-president, Mr. Martin, were re-elected, while Messrs. Stavert and Sinclair were appointed auditors.—W. THORNTON, jun., Sec.,

## CLYDEBANK O.S.

The regular monthly meeting of the Clydebank O.S. (Scotch Fancy only) was held January 14th, in McGill's rooms, Kilbourne-rd., Mr. T. E. Dean (president), presiding. Communications were read, and the financial statement was submitted and considered satisfactory. The following office bearers were re-elected: T.E. Dean, president; A. Kirkwood, secretary, 24, Livingstone-st., Clydebank; and J. Hay, treasurer. New members have the opportunity of joining the club up to the month of May. Judges were nominated for the forthcoming show, and the usual vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.—ANDREW KIRKWOOD, sec.

## LIVERPOOL BIRD BREEDERS ASSOCIATION.

Annual general meeting held January 14th, at Oldham Hall, Oldham-street. The balance-sheet for 1908 was duly read and adopted. The election of officers for 1909 resulted as follows:—President, V. H. Deacon, Esq.; vice-presidents, J. Walker, W. Walker, J. Metcalfe, W. Hakes, J. Gore, A. Coffey, E. Jones, A. Nimmo, W. B. Knowles, E. Lawson, T. Wardale, T. Ryno, A. Thompson, R. Atherton, T. Rowlands, G. Weston, A. J. Gregory, A. Crawley; chairman, Mr. J. H. Isaacs; vice-chairman, Mr. F. Hanley; treasurer, Mr. P. Moss; secretary, Mr. F. E. Hawkes, 1, Great Crosshall-street, Liverpool; assist.-secretary, Mr. J. Davie; auditors, Messrs. J. Walker and S. Hadwin; committee, Messrs. R. Bretherton, R. Davis, J. Abbott, D. McDougall, J. Lloyd, G. Lloyd, J. Royden, A. McMillan, and F. Eccleston.—F. E. HAWKES, Sec.

## MUSSELBURG O.S.

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting, Mr. Pearson presiding. After preliminary business the secretary gave his report, which, after discussion, was approved of on the motion of Messrs. Carruthers and Leckie. The following office-bearers were then elected for the ensuing year: President, W. R. Dunn; vice-president, M. Cavanagh; treasurer, W. Nesbit; secretary, D. Kay; committee: Messrs. Lumsden, Watt, Pearson, Smeaton, Wallace, Galloway, Wilson, Botton. On the motion of Mr. Leckie, a vote of thanks to the retiring president, Mr. Pearson, was cordially given, he having to give up office on account of his hearing being affected. The secretary intimated that he hoped to almost double the membership during the ensuing year. It was decided to overhaul the rules at the next meeting and have them thoroughly up-to-date. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.—D. KAY, Sec.

## TORBAY O.S. (Paignton).

Annual general meeting held at Newman's room on January 18th, when Mr. J. Webber presided over a moderate attendance. The secretary's report and balance-sheet were accepted as read, while the rules remain unaltered. The show fixtures for 1909 include a first feather show on July 7th, and the open show October 27th, both the Badminton and Public Halls to be engaged for the latter. Mr. A. N. Innes kindly consented to act as delegate for the society, at the annual meeting of the Cage Bird Union, to be held at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham. The election of officers, etc., was as follows:—President, H. Whitley; vice-president, W. J. Ham, C.C.; hon. solicitor, J. B. Eastley; hon. auctioner, F. W. Puddicombe; hon. auditor, W. Drew; hon. treasurer, G. L. B. Sharp (Wilts and Dorset Bank); chairman, J. Webber; vice-chairman, A. N. Innes; secretary, J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner-st., Paignton, S. Devon; assistant hon. secretary, J. Jeffery, jun.; committee, P. W. Mugford, E. and C. Parnell, G. Mudge, J. Bastard, H. Daw, J. Stonelake, G. Heathman, J. Elliott, W. Hodge, A. Nicks, and J. Bamberry.—J. N. JEFFERY, hon. sec.

## ALNWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First annual general meeting, held in the Temperance Hotel, on January 13th, Mr. A. Moir, chairman, presiding. Mr. W. A. Broadley, hon. secretary, read the annual report, which gave a resume of the work of the society during its first year. He also reported that Mr. R. Forster Rennison, owing to his vocation being now away from Alnwick, had resigned the secretaryship. Mr. Rennison was entitled to the best thanks of the members, he having come especially from Berwick at his own expense to judge the birds at their table show for Canaries. The hon. treasurer, Mr. T. R. Ternent, submitted the balance-sheet, showing a sum of £1, 5s. 3d, which was considered very satisfactory. The report and balance-sheet were unanimously adopted. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. R. K. Malone; vice-presidents, Capt. Howe and Mr. A. H. Tate; chairman, Mr. M. Swan, jun.; vice-chairman, Mr. W. Landers; secretary, Mr. W. A. Broadley; assistant secretary, Mr. T. M. Tate; treasurer, Mr. H. P. Staig; auditors, Messrs. E. Beswick and W. Landers; committee, Messrs. W. Straughen, T. Wake, A. Moir, J. Wilson, J. Rogerson, A. Beswick, W. Thaia, R. Forster, T. M. Tate, W. Millers, E. Beswick, Wm. Landers, J. Robinson, and T. R. Ternent. It was agreed that the annual subscription be 3s. To the retiring officers a vote of thanks was given for their past services, and to Mrs. Kemp for the use of a room at the Temperance Hotel.—W. A. BROADLEY, Hon. Sec.

# CORRESPONDENCE.

## YORKSHIRE C.C OF IRELAND CHALLENGE CUP.

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent who signs himself "William Henry," I will be glad if this gentleman will give his proper name and address, so that I may be able to answer his questions through your paper.

Sligo. JAS. DEVINS.

## CARDIFF & DISTRICT FANCIERS TRIP TO THE PALACE.

SIR,—Will you kindly inform your readers that a party is being formed to visit the Palace Show on February 6th, by the early morning train, at a fare and a quarter (16s.) for the roturn journey from Cardiff. Anyone desirous of availing themselves of joining the party may obtain particulars from

93, Llanishen Street. W. SAMPSON.

## THE DISQUALIFICATIONS AT BATHGATE SHOW.

SIR,—I was pleased, but not surprised, to see by your report of Bathgate Show that some of our well-known British bird exhibitors were disqualified for alleged faking and staining, etc. All credit is due to the judges who are not slow to expose such practices. Can something not be done to suspend those caught at the work? I would like to see the S.B.B. and M.C. take it in hand.

BRITISH BIRD FANCIER.

## THE ALLEGED STAINED LINNET AT BRI TOL F.A. SHOW.

SIR,—In justice to my stewards, Messrs. Ind and Lovell, and Mr. Brown (C.B.U. representative at Bristol Show) I must give the most emphatic denial to Mr. Birchley's statement that a "local enthusiast" "aided" me in suspecting his Linnet, as no one spoke to me about the matter until after I had finished judging, and my slip was handed in. I never allow anyone to assist me in my work wheu judging, and had a local enthusiast ventured to offer his aid in this matter of Mr. Birchley's Linnet, he would very quickly have been told to mind his own business. It is most unfair of Mr. Birchley to make such reckless statements.

C. A. HOUSE.

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SIR,—There is one point in Mr. Birchley's letter calling for notice from me. The letter from me confirming tclegram, which Mr. Birchley states he received "about three weeks later," was written and posted by me the day after. The letter further notified him that the bird was detained pending an appeal, should he wish to make one.

G. T. H. MAGGS, Hon. Sec., Bristol F.A.

## SHOW BIRDS & MISSING CLAWS.

SIR,—Mr. Bryden asks for my opinion on this subject. I consider no bird should be thrown out of competition because of a missing claw, or even two or three. A claw is a very minor part of a bird, and the highest number of points allowed in any standard, known to me, is 5 points for legs; feet, and claws. The absence of claws is generally the result of an accident, and whilst birds should be penalised to some extent by reason of the imperfection, I do not agree that they should be thrown right out of competition.

C. A. HOUSE.

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SIR,—I am a somewhat interested party in the above matter, and must say that I fail to follow Mr. Bryden in his argument from any point of view. Let him be an exhibitor of Canaries, British or foreign birds; I am not so much interested in the matter as far as Canaries are concerned as I am in the case of British or Foreign birds, and I consider if the proposition suggested by Mr. Bryden was carried out it would do much harm to the Fancy. As to your correspondent's statement that it is likely to lead to "faking," I cannot agree with him, and I would like to ask our friend how many birds are hatched with twisted claws, as he suggests, to the hundreds, nay thousands, that through some slight accident have lost a claw, or perhaps through such terrible complaints as gout, and excess of uric acid in the blood, that have caused the feet to swell, with the ultimate loss of one or two toe-nails. To follow out one correspondent's argument would, in my estimation, break the hearts of many of our younger fanciers, who are the ones we want to encourage, for they may have ever such good birds, that perhaps through sheer lack of knowledge or means of giving them suitable cage fronts, have pulled off a single toe-nail just at the beginning of the show season. Then, again, we will suppose a fancier has the pluck to pay a big price for a bird, and through some unknown reason this bird loses a nail. Does Mr. Bryden mean to say—condemn that bird as useless, though otherwise a typical specimen? I think that in such cases as I here mention the owner would receive the sympathy of thousands of readers. Our specialist judges to-day are too keen on these matters to let them pass unnoticed, and if a bird has a missing claw or claws, their awards are made accordingly. When Mr. Bryden has read this letter I hope he will see the force of my argument, and not try to burden the Cage Bird Fancy with any such laws, for there are quite enough obstacles now set in our road without making more.

S. W. BIRCHLEY.

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SIR,—In my opinion a show bird with a missing claw should be allowed to compete and also take a prize, if it merits one in all other points, and all the more to its honour if it does so. Let me give an instance. A friend of mine last summer reared a Red-backed Shrike. He placed it in a cage without any thorns or nails in, thus leaving it no place on which to fix its food while it tore it to pieces. Consequently it held its meat, etc., in its claws while it tore it up with its beak. In so doing, I believe, it took off one of its claws by accident. A Red-backed Shrike is a most difficult bird to manage. Suppose this Shrike is shown in a class in which I am also showing a common Hedge Sparrow, and it lies between these two birds for a prize. The Shrike is by far the best in condition, but it is minus a claw. Should this prevent it taking promier honours? In my opinion, no. Now suppose two birds are of equal merit in all other points, but one is minus a claw. Then let this bird take a back seat. I believe a well-known exhibitor is this season exhibiting a bird with two claws missing, but any exhibitor knows he is showing such at a disadvantage, but if he wins with it all the more to his credit. Some of the letters on this subject sound to me as if they came from disappointed exhibitors. Of course all birds do not lose their claws by accident. I know an instance of one being hatched minus a claw.

WILLIAM P. BELL.

## A NEW SOCIETY FOR DARWEN AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—An effort is at last being made to establish a society on Darwen and district. It is to be hoped that all fanciers will rally together in one combined attempt to make the effort a huge success. All interested persons should write me at once.

JAS. DAVISON.

41, Pearson Street, Darwen.

## STAVELEY AND DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

SIR,—Thanks to your valuablo paper, CAGE BIRDS, we have now started a society for this district, with a radius of seven miles, and we shall be very pleased to hear from any fanciers in the district. Entrance fee is 1s. and the subscription 4d. per month. The meeting nights are the second Saturdays in each month, at the "Speedwell Inn," at 8 o'clock prompt. The president is Mr. T. Kay, the treasurer Mr. A. Dodd, assistant secretary Mr. H. Smith, 88, Arkwright Town, secretary C. Brammall, 31, Railway Cottages, Staveley, near Chesterfield.

## A SAD CASE AT WOLVERHMAPTON

SIR,—I have undertaken, on behalf of the widow of our late secretary, Mr. F. Howes, to dispose of the small stock of birds, in which he took such a pride. There are only about 25 birds, all Yorkshires, and many of them winners. Also the breeding stock, show cages, etc. I should be pleased if you would draw the attention of readers to the advertisement in the Yorkshire column. Our late friend was a working man, and for years had to contend with very hard times. His widow and three little children are totally unprovided for, so that the money obtained from the sale of the birds will be a great help in their present need.

F. J. WEAVER,
Chairman Wolverhampton C.B.S.

## THE GRAND UNITED METROPOLITAN SHOW.

SIR,—I wish to remind the secretaries of all London fur and feather societies that a meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 2nd, at 8.30 p.m., at "The Raglan," Aldersgate Street, E.C., to discuss the arrangements for the 1909 G.U.M. Show. The secretary and sub-committee of the December Show will be able to state, in brief, that tho 1908 venture resulted in a balance to the good, and furthermore, that all prize-winners at present approached have presented the monies due to them to the committee, to form the nucleus of a guarantee fund for 1909. I have just heard that one of the London societies' *separate* shows has ended with a deficit of over £20, notwithstanding the fact that no member had a farthing of prize-money. This is in accordance with the result of most of the shows conducted under the bad old "separate show for each society" method. "Come, secretaries," say the two societies who have made experiment, "you are invited to join hands in a newer and better scheme, attend Tuesday's meeting, come prepared to criticise if you like, but at least come and have a chat with us." Shall we stick to the G.U.M. show? There can be but one answer, I think.

WILLIAM RICE.

## LIVERPOOL AMALGAMATED SHOW

SIR,—Will you allow me to reply to the letters of "Puzzled One" and "Amalgamated" in your issues of the 9th and 16th inst. The Garston Bird B.A. is not dead, and that the show which should have been held on January 1st, 1909, did not take place is not due to any fault of mine. I shall take care to bring this matter up for discussion at our next meeting, February 17th. In the meantime allow me to personally express my regret that cause for annoyance and ill-feeling has arisen.

J. F. D. ALEXANDER, Hon. Sec.
1, Seddon Road.

## A NEW SOCIETY FOR STOCKTON HEATH AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—A meeting of fanciers in the district of Stockton Heath was called by Messrs. J. Bretherton and T. F. Moss, on Jan. 19th, at 5, Farrell Road, to discuss the advisability of starting a society. A fair number of fanciers attended, and it was decided that we form such a society, and call it the Stockton Heath and District Ornithological Society. We are fortunate in securing Dr. S. J. Parker as president, and several local gentlemen as vice-presidents. The society fixed its radius at five miles, and its yearly subscription at 3s. A hearty invitation is given to cage bird fanciers to join. Any information can be had on application to Mr. Benj. Moss, the hon. secretary, 1, Walton Crescent, Walton, Warrington. B. MOSS.

## ROUGH TIMES IN THE FAR NORTH.

SIR,—It may interest some of your readers to hear that Fort William exhibitors had a very trying time with their exhibition birds during the storm of last week. Mr. W. H. Macdougall sent seven birds to Bathgate Show on the Friday morning, and the train stuck in the snow for most of the day and night; consequently, the birds must have arrived at Bathgate unfit for the show bench. But Mr. Macdougall was not so unfortunate, as Mr. W. Simpson, who had ten entries at Oban Show, and Mr. D. Bryce and Mr. D. Rankin, who had seven birds entered between them. Their birds left Oban on the Friday afternoon, and were snowed up on Rannoch Moor till the Sunday afternoon, or a period of nearly fifty hours, in the bleakest part of Scotland, where no seed could be got for them. Mr. Simpson's yellow winning hen at the Horticultural Hall and his buff hen third at the same show, and winners at other shows could not stand the tempest, and died on the way. The summit of this line is 1,400 feet above sea level. The railway officials did what they could for the comfort of the birds, but they had plenty to do to look after themselves in such a storm—one of the severest experienced for many years.

SCOTCH THISTLE.

## PRIZE MONEY AT KILMARNOCK O.C.B.S. SHOW.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Adamson's letter on the above, he states my figures are misleading and false. I may state again my figures are quite correct. My reason for writing was to let the Fancy know how exhibitors can be taken in by societies with schedules worded like Kilmarnock. Rule 9 reads:—"Unless over seven entries, full prize-money will not be paid." Under that rule I hold you can pay an exhibitor what you like, as you have done in the case of Mr. Roddie, who had a second and fourth in full classes, and you gave him the magnificent sum of 1s. Really, I think the "genius of finance" is still in Kilmarnock. Yet now, Mr. A., you tell us it is the rule of shows in Scotland to pay half prize-money when classes are not full. Some societies do, but they put it in their rules, so you know what you are going to get. Edinburgh and Paisley have this rule. Kilsyth, Broxburn, and Bathgate pay 2nd prize-money to 1st bird. These are only a few schedules that I have besido me; my others are all destroyed, but the majority, as I said, pay 2nd prize to 1st bird. Now, perhaps you can inform us who it was that was writing all over the country for entries a day or two before the show? Mr. Murdoch, your secretary, whom I saw at Kilmarnock New Year Show, said he knew nothing about it. I am afraid there was more than one secretary. Mr. Young, of Rutherglen, told me he had a letter from Kilmarnock asking for entries for any class in the show except Class 35. Now, Mr. Young looked to see what class this was, and saw it was Buff Border Cocks, where he would have shown one. You would take a man's entries in classes that were full, but not in the class you had "stuck at 7." If your show was not a paying concern, it was not for the want of trying by every dodge you could to make it pay. I enclose you a letter, Mr. Editor, which I hope you will publish; I had two more, which are both destroyed, much the same as the enclosed. It will show your readers what another exhibitor thinks of the way he was treated. Now, Mr. A., your personal remarks I think might have been left out of this controversy altogether, as I don't consider bringing in this side issue, of "what kind of a fancier" I am, will do your society any good in regard to paying their prize-money. My standing as a fancier is well known over Scotland. I am one who is never afraid to speak my mind at a show, or anywhere else, if I see any dirty work going on. Now I claim the right to reply to your remarks, as there are always two sides to a story. Your first statement, that I wanted to get my birds away one hour and a-half before the show closed is a falsehood. I was out in town along with Mr. Thomson (Glasgow), when we met a lot of fanciers with their boxes going to the station. We asked if the show had closed, and they answered "Yes." We hurried to the hall and found most of tho birds packed. We packed our birds and put them aside on a form, as we were all going to the station together (Mr. Patterson, Bonnybridge; Mr. Griffiths, Glasgow; Mr McPhail, Glasgow; and Mr. Thomson), when up comes a committee-man and demands to see my birds, with the remark that a bird had been stolen in Glasgow Show and they did not want the same thing there. As he did not ask any other fancier to show his birds, I took it as an insult, and I may say I did give him a bit of my mind and abuse. If I had taken the advice of about a dozen spectators, who heard his remark, I should have been in the police office instead of Glasgow that night. That was the year Mr. Cleminson (of Preston) lost his yellow cock at Glasgow. A number of Glasgow fanciers coming up in the train told me then I ought to show the whole affair up in the Fancy papers; but as it was their first show, and I know the committee-man was a bit officious, I let the matter drop, as I did not want to do the show any harm. Now, readers have both sides of the story. As for my remarks about not showing again at Kilmarnock, I did say that, but I showed because the judge, Mr. McCredie is a man I like to exhibit under, and it was the only show I had a chance of showing under him—I did not show out of any respect I had for some of the committee in Kilmarnock.

ANDREW MILLER.

[With regard to the letter Mr. Miller sends to us, we cannot, of course, publish it without the permission of the writer.—EDITOR.]

SIR,—Regarding the letters in CAGE BIRDS under the above heading, I do not intend answering Mr. A. Miller's letter, except to say that we paid full prize money in all classes containing over seven exhibits, and half prize money in those containing under seven. I am very sorry Mr. Roddie rushed into print about his prize money. I was away from home for a fortnight at the beginning of the New Year, and when I came home I got his letter and rectified the mistake at once, and sent on the balance, also an apology for the error. It was my mistake and not the society's. It is a mistake I think I may safely say will occur in the case of anyone, but from my one year's experience as secretary I find that no errors of any kind will be tolerated by exhibitors. All prize money has been paid, and anyone not having received theirs might kindly drop me a card to that effect, when it will be put right at once. JAS. B. Y. MURDOCH,

Sec. Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.

## A CRESTED CANARY CLUB MATTER.

SIR,—With regard to Mr. Tyson's letter of last week, that points made by members of the Crested Canary Club at the coming Crystal Palace Bird Show will count in the "Roberts" Cup competition, we should like to say a few words. If members will refer to the clubs' patronage, in the rule book, they will find the twenty specified shows for this competition do *not* include the Palace. Now, in our opinion, if points are counted, it will be a great injustice to members who, thinking the competitions over, have their crests cut (as wo have), so are debarred from exhibiting, even if they would, and for this reason are likely to be displaced from a position which has been hardly won. Mr. Roberts (the donor of the cup) will, we are sure) see that it is most unfair for his cup to bo competed for, as no intimation had been given until the very last day for the posting of entries, and also, it had already been up for competition at the completo number (20) of shows. EVINS BROTHERS.

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## SUCCESSFUL CANARY BREEDING OUT-OF-DOORS.

SIR,—I have got a few Canaries, and they are outdoors in a shed, all caged up. They keep very healthy. There is no artificial heat of any sort, but the cocks are singing like mad to one another. I reared 21 young birds last season with one of the cocks, a Cinnamon-marked Yorkshire. I hope and think I shall have good luck with them this coming season. I look forward for CAGE BIRDS every Friday night when I get home from the pit, as I acquire a lot of information from it. F. TITFORD.

## NEW SOCIETY FOR PENDLEBURY, SWINTON AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—A successful meeting of fanciers was held in the Blue Ribbon Hall, Pendlebury, January 21st, a large number of fanciers being present. It was decided to form a society to be called Pendlebury, Swinton and District Cage Bird Society. Mr. Fish explained the benefits of being members of a society. It was decided that Mr. F. Fish be president, Mr. J. Wallwork treasurer, and Mr. Alex. Donnelly, 46, Swinton Hall Road, Swinton, near Manchester, secretary. The committee elected were:—Messrs. F. Holt, Hewitt, S. Gibson, J. Seddon, W. Lloyd, J. W. Ashton, W. Ashton, E. Collier, the committee to be added to as we increase in membership. It was further decided to have the Blue Ribbon Hall, Pendlebury, as our headquarters. Meetings are to be held every Thursday night at 8 p.m., when all fanciers and friends are welcome.

ALEX. DONNELLY, Sec.

## THE TYPE OF PRESENT DAY WINNING NORWICH PLAINHEADS

SIR,—I have been reading Mr. Bertie's letter in your last issue on the above, and to an observant mind there are many things, in addition to the judging of Norwich Plainheads that appear very funny. For instance, a competition is promoted by CAGE BIRDS as to the most suitable breed of Canary for the beginner in the Fancy to commence with, yet though the majority of competitors recommend the Border, the prize is awarded to the Norwich. Personally, I think that is a nasty "bat" to both the Borders and their supporters. Again, you read articles by well-known exhibitors of different varieties, advising you what to insist on when buying birds, and also what to shun; and yet, when you see birds sent by them to would-be customers you stand amazed. It reminds me of an exhibitor here, who, twenty-five years ago, sent to what was then a leading judge of Canaries for two Norwich hens, for which he was to pay a stiff price; but who, on returning them by first available train after arrival, enclosed a note asking him "if these were Norwich, what were the birds that he was awarding prizes to in Norwich classes?"

JOS. B. MOORE.

[Mr. Moore draws entirely erroneous conclusions. The prize was awarded by the judges to the *best answer* sent in (vide the annonnced conditions); the judges did not know what the voting was; we ourselves counted the postcards after their decision had been arrived at. We announced the fact that the Borders "led the way," because we thought it a "feather in the cap" of the "Wee Gem"—and receive a "nasty bat" from Mr. Moore in return for doing so! What a world of misunderstandings this is! We have always been amongst the staunchest of supporters of the Border Fancy Canary.—EDITOR.]

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SIR,—On receiving my CAGE BIRDS and going through the correspondence, I was pleased to see the letter from J. Bertie, again opening out the question of the present-day type of winning Norwich Plainheads, which, in my opinion, are more suited for the breeding room than on the show bench. Instead of birds of the Bullfinch type (which I am sure we all like to see), what do we find? Nothing but birds of the Crest-Bred type at the top, and the short, typical, cobby birds anywhere. Mr. Bertie seems to throw all the blame on the judges, but here I beg to differ. I think they are not so much at fault as the specialist clubs who put them on their list (and the societies engage them on the strength of getting the club's patronage). Take the Norwich Plainhead Club's model, which I am sure is the true type, and the stamp of bird we should all like to see winning, but in their model and their scale of points are to be found two entirely different types of bill. In the first place, twenty-five points are allowed for bead, and I don't think I need go any further for proof than this—that to score the full number of points, you will have to use birds of the Crest-Bred persuasion, and in using these, you will upset type and quality (which, in my opinion, come first), and breed birds long-sided, heavily browed, loose-feathered, etc., etc. I trust the time is not far distant when we shall see type and quality first and size and colour after. A TRUE NORWICH FANCIER.

## RAILWAY EXCURSIONS TO THE "JUBILEE" PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—I have arranged for the following excursions to the "Jubilee" Crystal Palace Show:—

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Great Eastern Railway: From Cromer, Norwich, Yarmouth, Cambridge, and all principal stations.

In most cases the excursions start on the Friday for 1, 2, 3, 6, or 8 days. Details can be had on application to the local station. Special excursions will run from all parts on the Saturday of the show, in connection with the football cup tie, Crystal Palace v Burnley. J. W. RAMSDEN, Show Manager.

## GATESHEAD 1908 SHOW.

SIR,—I tender you, on behalf of myself and committee, our best thanks for the large space you allotted in your valuable paper to the report of our late show. It is indeed pleasing, when scanning the report, to find that your reporters found no grounds for complaint, and we all greatly appreciate their many kind remarks, which proved quite a "tonic" to our officials after the hard work they put in at the show, and I am sure they will look forward to our 1909 show with renewed determination that it shall beat all previous ventures in our history. With best wishes for the success of CAGE BIRDS,

THOS TAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

P.S.—These are copies of letters received from exhibitors and two of many, for which we thank the many friends who have so kindly congratulated us.

Galashiels.

SIR,—Many thanks for kind wishes. Prize money to hand correct; thanks for prompt payment. Birds arrived home in grand condition, and packed A1. It is a pleasure to send to a show like yours.—J. TAIT.

Aldeby.

SIR,—I am writing to tell you that all our birds arrived home safely to-day. I particularly wish to thank you for the very careful way the birds were all packed, for which I am deeply grateful. They started to sing directly they were unpacked, and all were in the pink of condition. With renewed thanks.

HELEN GAZE.

## THE RECENT DUDLEY SHOW.

SIR,—Kindly allow me just a small space in our most worthy paper, CAGE BIRDS, to express my congratulations to the secretaries, Messrs. J. G. Leech, J. J. Mullett, W. H. Bill, and committee of the Dudley Cage Bird Show, which was held at the Temperance Hall on the 20th and 21st January last. I am a breeder and exhibitor of Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, but did not exhibit this year on account of a "move" I had last August, and so was unable to colour feed. I am a perfect stranger to Dudley (living in North Shropshire). I have attended a good many shows during this season, and I can assuro you that my friends and myself were delighted to see the way in which the show was laid out. The show being held at a temperance hall made it more popular than if it had been held at an hotel, where many fanciers and visitors draw a line at attending, more especially the ladies, and I can assuro you I, for one, like to see their presence among our feathered pets. I noticed, for one thing, that the committee were most obliging, for you could see them explaining to visitors the different species of birds which our fanciers go in for in their hobby. Being a stranger, I was introduced to the secretary, Mr. Leech, and met with a good welcome in a good old Worcestershire style. The reason I have written is because I have heard frequently both fanciers, exhibitors, and would-be fanciers say: "I would certainly patronise the show by my presence only for its being held at an hotel." I hope to see even more exhibits at the Dudley Show in future years. I was very much taken up with the singing Roller class, also the Foreign classes.

E. J. EVANS.

Market Drayton.

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## A SOCIETY SUGGESTED FOR BOOSBECK, LINGDALE AND CHARLTONS.

SIR,—Allow mo a small space in your valuable paper to ask the reason why a place like Boosbeck is so far behind the times? In this place reside numerous bird-keepers, so I think that a few lines in CAGE BIRDS might perhaps set some of the old hands going, and form a bird club, so that a lot of novices like myself could attend their meetings, and gather bits of information, so that we may become practical birdy men. We are living within a mile or two of other places where there are still more birdy men, who have been showing at local shows and come off winners every time. If they were to all unite and form a bird club and call it, "The Boosbeck, Lingdale and Charltons Cage Bird Society," I am certain that members would join by the score. Then we could show some of the large clubs that there is still something left in Yorkshire.

A BIRDY MAN.

## PRIZE MONEY AT DULWICH O.S. SHOW.

SIR,—Mr. Sandy states in his letter of last week that when he writes to the press it is usually with an object. It does not require an extraordinary amount of intelligence for anyone to see that the only object he has in view in this case is to try and ruin the future prospects of the Dulwich O.S. I quite agree that exhibitors are not a bad lot, taken as a body. It has been proved in this instance, for out of the half-dozen exhibitors we owe prizes to in the open classes, Mr. Sandy is the only one who has troubled to rush to the Press. The remaining fanciers, I am pleased to say, sympathise with us in our difficulty. Another well-known exhibitor wrote to say that apologies were not necessary, as he only showed for the honour of showing. What a contrast to your correspondent, who for the sake of a paltry few shillings (which I hope for heaven's sake, that our hon. sec. will soon send), rakes up a correspondence that he pretends to dislike. The custom over Dulwich way is to work jolly hard for exhibitors, and do their best. Because we are a little behind with some prize money it should not undo all the good we have done, The letters we are receiving with promise of future support give us encouragement. Mr. Sandy has a lot to learn about customs. I ought to ignore Mr. Sandy's reference to the 1907 correspondence with Mrs. Reeves (for his information, it was with "Mr." Reeves), and I don't think either the lady or gentleman will feel at all flattered that Mr. S. takes the opportunity of dragging their names into a distasteful correspondence. As for myself, although I attained the pinnacle of notoriety Mr. Sandy credits me with, I feel proud to say I am too much of a sportsman to follow Mr. S.'s example and hit below the belt. Personalities are not desirable at any time. G. F. WOOLHOUSE.

## SOME OBSERVATIONS ON MANX SHOWS.

SIR,—As a keen observer of all that has taken place during the recent cage bird show season, I am sorry to record a falling off in the number of exhibits. No doubt the wretched breeding season in no small measure contributed to the decline in the feathered birth-rate on the Island, especially in Canaries. Fanciers don't seem to make much progress in the Crested birds here. The Crests have plenty of body, with small head pieces, and some of them look as though they have their caps the wrong side up with the centre too far back. In the Plainhead Norwich classes, there were some fairly good-bodied birds, but some of these failed badly in head and neck, and also lacked the quality of good Norwich. The Yorkshires were a moderate lot, some fairly good birds putting in an appearance. These were well drawn, and stood well up on the leg. Taking this section all through, the birds were rather on the small side, and very pale in colour, as also were the Norwich. I was expecting to see some of my old favourites, the Lizards, as I overheard there were one or two "knock-outs" in Douglas. Rumour has it, however, that they will be shown at the Palace. The Cinnamons were down badly, yellows and buffs, cocks and hens being exhibited in the same class. I cannot understand this, as they are among the most useful birds in the stock room. Breeders should introduce some Norwich blood into these birds to improve type, as they seem to hug the perch rather too much. In the Variety Canary class, I noticed some entered as Border Fancies. The Manx air must agree with them, for they would have passed muster in the Norwich classes. Mules were rather a disappointing lot. The old faces turned up again, and took almost the same honours. Goldfinches did not come up to my expectations for the Island, as I thought there was nothing very special outside the winners. I overheard that the winner found his way over here from the land of the bloater, through an advert. in CAGE BIRDS Linnets turned up well, and gave the judge something to do in the way of separating them. The Scotch winner was leading, a bird of grand colour and pencilling. Most of the birds in this class had not that coveted peg-top shape. There was great interest in this class; and a bloodless battle was fought by two well-known exhibitors. The any-other species of British class contained some good birds. There was quite an object lesson here, although colour seemed to hold the field, especially in the Hard-bills. I think that the large British have not returned from their last migration, for only one young Cornish Chough turned up. One pleasing feature of the show was the grand display of green amongst the cages, the contrast being excellent. The Club cages seem to be ignored here. Probably some of the cages on view, if shown at an English show, would incur the penalty of disqualification.

P. MCCLUSKY.

## NON-PAYMENT OF PRIZE MONEY AT SHOWS—AN APPEAL.

SIR,—Being a fancier of the feathered tribe for many years, and having spent a few pounds in that direction, also in the way of meeting deficits of running shows, I often feel rather ashamed to see how some fanciers rush into print over this matter. I allude particularly to the uncharitable language that is sometimes used with, I think, no other object than to bring about the downfall of shows concerned. I see no other object, unless, indeed, it is the desire of the writers to advertise themselves. Take some of their notes. One fancier says: "I made six entries, winning two firsts, one second, two thirds, and vhc." Another says: "My Scotch Fancy took first in a class of eight," and so on. These things, in my opinion, have nothing whatever to do with the question at issue. What is the real grievance? They have not yet received their prize money. Surely patience ought to be shown. Do we show for the mere object of what we can make out of it? Is not our hobby run to bring about social intercourse, to assist one another in supporting those who, at great expense of time and often money, have the pluck to promote those splendid shows that are now within the reach of all lovers of the Fancy? Or is it the intention of some writers to drag them down, simply because they are asked for their kind consideration for a few weeks when all will be right. I say to fanciers—be men, be patient, show that you are sportsmen, elevate yourselves, and by so doing you elevate the Fancy that we are so proud of. Give every assistance to your neighbouring society, if you are not already connected with one, and go through the mill a few times with a deficit facing you. Then you will look at the matter, as I would like all fanciers to do—with patience, and charity to all. FAIRPLAY.

## CANARIES OUT IN INDIA.

SIR,—I do not wish to be without my copy of CAGE BIRDS. It is a grand paper for those who, like myself here in Bombay, are away from all experienced fanciers, and have no one to turn to for advice. Often, in my early days in the Fancy, I felt inclined to throw the whole thing overboard in despair; but on turning to your valuable paper, I frequently learnt that there were others in England as bad off as myself; then I would have another try, and I am very thankful to say that those days are now passed, owing to the lessons learned weekly from your valuable paper, and the practical experience gained. As your paper is now read by many in India I would like to draw your attention to a question answered by Mr. J. North in CAGE BIRDS, No. 203 (Dec. 2nd, 1905). His answer was as follows:—"I have the impression, however, that heavily-feathered, big-bodied birds, such as Crests, Lancashires, and some strains of the Norwich Plainhead, are unsuitable for the Indian climate on account of their plumage, rendering them too hot; and although Canaries like to be kept warm, it is easy to overdo it in such cases as yours." Now, Sir, I would like to correct that idea, for it is quite wrong, as Crests, Lancashires, Norwich Plainheads, Yorkshires, and Lizards can be kept in first-class order here in Bombay. The temperature is high, and the breeding season is from February 15th (not earlier) to the middle of May, or a few days longer if necessary. At the commencement of the season the temperature stands at about 70 deg. Fahr., and gradually rises to 92 deg. Fahr., about the middle of May. No doubt you will think that such heavily feathered birds as Crests would suffer very much from the heat, but that is not so. They are as lively and as brisk as it is possible for a bird to be. From sixteen pairs of Crested stock which I put up last season, I bred 103 youngsters, of which I lost only four; and all the Crested stock have brought up their own youngsters. For the last two seasons I have had no bad feeders or sweating hens. I must now thank you for those wonderful coloured plates which we receive from time to time with CAGE BIRDS—they are grand indeed. Wishing success to CAGE BIRDS.

P. HUNTER.

# The Goldfinch and Its Management.

By CHARLES PRIOR.

**A Practical Article written to accompany the Coloured Plate, "A Family Party of Goldfinches," presented with the Birthday Number.**

(*Concluded from page* 20.)

A great blaze of enlightenment has been passing over the entire bird world during the past few years, and in no section is it more strikingly reflected than in the Goldfinch classes of to-day. Whereas formerly a few birds stood right out and carried all before them, now the level quality of the exhibits is only less remarkable than the extremely high order of merit. At our biggest exhibitions many even of the unnoticed birds are gems; and difficult indeed is the task of the judge who has to decide which are perforce to be left out "in the cold." Now, as never before, is the feeding and staging of Goldfinches approached by the many with that comprehensiveness which was once the prerogative of the few. Now, "past-masters" of the art are abundant—almost common. The novices are the few; and it is to the few that the remarks which immediately follow are addressed.

### A "Leg Up" for the Novice.

From the novice's standpoint—the foot of the ladder—it seems a long way to the top. It is. The middle is crowded enough in all conscience; but there's plenty of room right at the very top. The question is: How to get there? Well, the materials to begin with are patience, keenness, and a good bird. Don't wait, though, for a bird without a fault. You will never get one. Nobody ever had one. Don't trouble about the blaze being cut out square with geometrical exactness. A square blaze is a good thing in its way, but many fanciers will recall winners—Palace winners—whose blazes were not square.

Don't start counting the buttons and wondering if there is one too few or one too many. Don't worry yourself about his bars and moons; leave them to the show reporter. Don't mind if he crosses his wings a bit—every Goldfinch does sometimes. Crossed wings—fiddlesticks! Get as good a bird as you can, by all means. With as much blaze as possible — certainly. Then apply yourself to the task of getting him steady. Keep him in a not-too-large box cage; visit him as often as possible, give him a tit-bit each time you visit him, stand close by while he eats it, and play with him a trifle afterwards.

### Time, Health, and Water.

After that, everything depends upon time, health and water. Water is for his bath, which he must be offered daily. Health will be secured by correct treatment and unflagging attention. Health will carry him quickly through the moult, and reproduce in enhanced brightness his already brilliant colours. Health, aided by the bath, will secure tight feather and exquisite polish, and a bright eye.

Time is required to complete his domestication, to gain that gentle steadiness which does not resent close examination, but rather invites and poses for it. This advanced degree of steadiness is often not acquired until the second show season. True it is that there are here and there birds whose serenity of disposition it seems impossible to ruffle. These, however, are the exception; the "gems," few in number but great in attractiveness, who from the very first accept captivity as a matter of course, and fairly revel in the delights of a state to which hardship and want are strangers.

More generally the timorous nature of the bird asserts itself in the unaccustomed bustle of an exhibition, and though he may be tame enough to be stroked at home, he is likely to be overcome by nervousness amid strange scenes and so many strange faces. In his agitation he travels the perches much too swiftly; gets "fluffy" at the thighs, and "horny" about the head; destroys, in short, the generally spick and span condition which he maintains at home. He thus easily "pegs" himself behind his well-conducted neighbour, who, possibly without being his equal technically, yet takes the perches with ease and style, and encourages inspection of the good points he possesses. Time, however, will put this matter right; time and a riper experience of being shown. Time, also, will witness an improvement on his first season form in most other respects. Indeed, it may truly be said that if a Goldfinch is destined to put together a great show record, he will do it in his second, third, and fourth seasons. Hence the value of patience.

There is one other point which may suitably be touched upon, and that is the question of environment. The cage, whatever its size, should be of the box-pattern. The situation should be cheerful, airy, and bright. The atmosphere should be normal, i.e., not heated. Of course, a separate bird-room, whether in the house or a snug outside structure, is the very best place that can be had. If it has a south, south-eastern, or south-western aspect, it is simply ideal. The things most to be avoided are dampness, draughts, extremes of temperature, and a stagnant atmosphere. No artificial heating need be resorted to, even in the severest weather; but it would, of course, be unwise to introduce, until genial conditions prevail, any specimen unaccustomed to the cold.

And here let us bid our charming little subject adieu! Let us wish him, in freedom, a perpetual harvest of the good things of the earth; an abundant choice of feeding land and breeding land. May his numbers ever increase. If the seeming misfortune of capture should overtake him let us see to it that the seeming misfortune is a blessing in disguise. Let us inspire in him a speedy reconciliation to his altered lot. Let us make it our aim, our boast, that the exchange of freedom for a protected condition works out entirely to his advantage. So may we supply the most fitting answer to those persons who, from lack of a better understanding—perhaps even wearing the remains of some poor feathered thing on their person; certainly without the saving grace of human charity in their hearts—scream forth their denunciations of bird-catching and bird-keeping. So may our blithe little prisoners show, by their happy and joyous demeanour, as well cared-for pets, that, even if deprived of the "joys of liberty," they hanker for them not. And while their merry song rings out clear and sweet into the frosty air, let their less fortunate brethren who have freedom present the reverse side of the medal; the side which tells of food and drink locked out of reach in winter's icy grip, of privations, of struggles, and finally of death's happy release. Then let those good but misguided folk aforementioned open their minds to the conviction that the "humanity" point of view is not confined to one side only; that there is more in the question than their philosophy dreams of; and that, however large their stock of knowledge, they have yet a little more to learn—about Goldfinches.

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# Management of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries.

By THOMAS SMITH.

(*Continued from page* 606).

Some fanciers with first-class stock fit to win in the keenest of competition content themselves, so far as exhibiting is concerned, by showing at a confined club exhibition, which is maintained by annual membership subscriptions. These societies are very popular, and where the regulations permit, fanciers are affiliated to two or three Associations of that kind; and in contenting themselves with exhibiting at these confined club shows they never patronise an open show. This is one of the causes which account for the falling-off in numbers at the open shows.

Belgians do not receive equal encouragment with Scotch Fancy Canaries, chiefly because they are so few in number, and do not merit better classification. The classification, even at large exhibitions, ranges from one to five classes. Where there are five classes, the fifth is usually for young Belgians drawn from the other classes. A liberal classification for Belgians is: Yellow cocks, any colour; yellow hens, any colour; buff cocks, any colour; and buff hens, any colour.

The Scotch Fancy Canary is treated more liberally. The classification at large shows is as follows:—Yellow cock, clean; yellow hen, clean; yellow foul cock; yellow foul hen; yellow piebald cock; yellow piebald hen; yellow green cock; yellow green hen; buff cock, clean; buff hen, clean; buff foul cock; buff foul hen; buff piebald cock; buff piebald hen; buff green cock; buff green hen; together with two or four classes for selling competition birds.

At the secondary exhibitions two classes are put into one, such as the foul yellow and buff, and green yellow and buff; but that is not a satisfactory mode of competing, the buff being coarser in the feather, is larger, and, consequently, has a far better chance of winning than the finer yellow, unless the yellow happens to be larger than the ordinary bird and the buff smaller.

Great importance is attached to size, and the winner requires both size and style for the show bench. On the judges coming across a Scotch Fancy Canary with size and style, it is put to the top of the table, and a smaller one with even a shade more style will not supplant it.

### Condition of Exhibits.

The plumage and condition of a parlour singing Canary, which is kept in a beautiful golden coloured cage, will not meet the requirements of a show Scotch Fancy or Belgian Canary. It must be scrupulously clean, every feather full grown and in its place; in short, must be in such a perfect state that it will show all its good qualities to perfection.

It is by no means easy to keep high-class Canaries in excellent condition which fanciers in a city, where everything soon becomes polluted with smoke, would like. When hand-washing is resorted to, the feathers speedily becomes soiled. City-kept birds do well at the opening exhibitions, but as the season advances they lose in competing against their fresh country competitors. Yet this notwithstanding, the city fancier as a rule is, if anything, keener than the country fancier.

### Fond of the Bath.

It is an advantage to have exhibits that are fond of the bath. They are more easily kept clean. Care has to be exercised to have clean cages, so that the bird will not get soiled in shaking and priming itself. Clean perches are also needful, the bird being apt to rub itself on them.

A healthy vigorous bird is more easily kept in the pink of condition than a soft, weakly subject. Where a bird displays signs of being out of sorts, it should be kept at home until it recovers. The rise and fall in the temperature in the journey to and from shows is apt to lead to chest and other troubles. Instead of giving an exhibit cold water to drink on its return from the show, give it lukewarm scalded milk, removing it an hour afterwards, as it is not wise to leave the milk to become stale. Water can be supplied to be available for the bird first thing in the morning.

### From One Cage to Another.

No class of birds is more easily trained to pass quickly from one cage to another than the Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries. They should hop gently from perch to perch when properly trained; but at shows birds are to be seen banging from the entrance end of the one cage against the wires in the far end of the other cage and knocking their flights out. Not infrequently the birds meet with bodily injury.

I have seen a bird in that way go into a serious fit, and another dislocate its wing, which in an exhibit which has solely to depend upon its position is a permanent disqualification for the show bench. They should be dealt with and handled gently. This is the only way to impart confidenee, which is really indispensable in the successful Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canary. A fancier should avoid the very appearance of roughness in going about his stock.

### In Search of Stock.

The uninitiated, and the men who know no better, think there is no difficulty in securing stock, and that all that is required is cash. But that is a great delusion. Fanciers who are really fanciers keep their best, and no inducement, not even an offer far above the birds' intrinsic value, will lead them to part with their favourites. It is on that account that sensational purchases are heard of. The fever-stricken have often to pay the catalogue price, which was never meant as a selling price, but regarded as a prohibitive figure to ensure the return of the bird to its owner from the show.

Selling prices are eagerly scanned at every show, and where a suitable bird is entered at a moderate price it is secured almost the moment the catalogues are on sale.

When the stock has a reputation, there is a danger in picking up a bird at a show. A fairly good bird may be out of a very inferior strain, and at any price may be dear, and instead of helping to raise his stud, the purchaser of such a bird may set his strain back so far as to take him years to recover. The greatest drawback to the average man who takes up the Scotch Fancy Canary is the large amount of money it takes to purchase a pair worth breeding. It is of no use entering the arena with inferior stock.

A very good plan is to purchase one cock and two hens of extra quality, and a few feeding pairs. If successful with such a foundation, it is possible to raise up from it the nucleus of a first-class stock. It is well-known that many of the winners come from a single pair of birds that happen to blend, or strike those qualities that are sought after in every direction. Breeders who have a renowned strain can never have sufficient birds to meet the demands they have.

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# CAGE BIRDS RECENT BIRTHDAY NUMBER: Some Opinions from Readers.

ON behalf of our artists, our contributors, our staff, and ourselves, we return hearty thanks to the many appreciative readers who have written to congratulate CAGE BIRDS on its recent Birthday Number, and to wish it "Many happy returns of the day." A few of the opinions expressed are given below, but pressure of other matter has rendered it impossible for us to deal here with all the kindly letters received.

The Birthday Number is a "knock-out," and no mistake.—W. DOWNING (Manchester).

Many thanks for the Birthday Issue, which was splendid.— W. B. JEPSON (Broekley).

I congratulate you on your most excellent Birthday Number.—R. J. BAKER (Chichester).

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The coloured plate of Goldfinches in your splendid Birthday Number was a masterpiece. —J. NIGHTINGALE (Folkestone).

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I must say your Birthday Number is grand. I cannot find words good enough to describe it. I think it worth 6d., not, as sold, 3d.—A. BROWN (Wood Green).

Thanks for your three plates of Canaries, British, and Foreign birds. The birds are like life. My bird-rooms will soon be picture galleries.—A. THOMAS (Loftus R.S.O.)

Allow me to tender you my warmest thanks for the splendid Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS; it was simply delightful.—W. WHITELY, secretary Kirkstall and Dis. C.B.S.

I much admire your coloured plates in CAGE BIRDS this week. I have been a reader ever since it started, and wish success to CAGE BIRDS. —JOHN LIDDICOAT (St. Columb).

I am very pleased with this week's issue of CAGE BIRDS—the Birthday Number—and I think the plates alone are well worth the money.—C. THOMAS (Mile End, New Town).

The coloured plates and the Birthday Number this week are grand, and all the plates are well worth good frames. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—A. HOWARD (Billericay).

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Allow me to congratulate you on your Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS. The contents are right up-to-date. The plates, too, are a "clean knock out." Heartiest good wishes for C.B.—JOHN HARRIS (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

The plates are very good in CAGE BIRDS' Birthday Number.—H. SCHNEIDER (Winchester).

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I am very pleased with your Birthday Number. The coloured plates are beautiful, and worth double the price charged for the whole issue. I wish CAGE BIRDS the success it deserves.—W. DUNLOP, senior, (Ballymoney).

Your coloured plates increase in beauty. I always welcome them, and am ever ready to pay the extra charge. The last three, I think, are the best ever issued. Please accept my humble appreciation.—W. J. PITCHER (York).

My wife has framed your Birthday Number coloured plates, and is anxiously waiting for the next one to be issued. Both she and I wish your paper CAGE BIRDS every success, which it deserves.—JAS. IRLAM, hon. sec., Sale Open O.S.

Allow me to thank you for the handsome Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS. It has been judged by many friends and myself and stands 1st and extra special. I wish CAGE BIRDS continued success.—GEORGE FRANCIS (Lowestoft).

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I wish to congratulate you on the Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS. It is the best threepenny worth I have bought for some time. I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS since its first issue, and I think no fancier should be without it.—W. CUNDIFF (Macclesfield).

Your heading of the Birthday Number is true to the very letter, viz., "A magnificent Birthday Number. Lovely art supplement. Three exquisite coloured plates." It is marvellous value throughout. May it lead you to still further success is the wish of—E. S. LUGG (Lewisham).

Allow me to congratulate you on your excellent Birthday Number. I am sure the coloured plates are masterpieces. The plate of the Goldfinch is the best that I have ever seen, and will be hard to beat. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success, which it richly deserves.—J. NADEN (president Rochdale O.S.)

I was delighted with the Birthday Number last week. I think that each coloured plate is worth 3d., and it is seldom that you get so much so cheap. CAGE BIRDS I look for with great eagerness each week. The photographs of the Canary in the art supplement were very interesting.—MISS V. WAINWRIGHT (Peaslake).

Your 1909 Birthday Number far and away excels any of your previous birthday numbers, and I wish you many happy returns of the day. The plates are marvels. I wish CAGE BIRDS the best of success, and also the "Annual," as I have been a reader of both since their first issue.—J. T. BURNETT (Nelson).

I have to congratulate you on your Birthday Number. Being a printer myself, I can assure you it gave me great pleasure to look on the three plates. They are really magnificent productions, and your artists and printers deserve the thanks of fanciers for producing such real works of art.—GEORGE BROWN, secretary Leith O.S.

CAGE BIRDS Birthday Number is simply grand, and in my opinion the finest you have yet given to the Fancy. The plates are marvellous on account of the life-like exactness with which they have been executed. They reflect the greatest praise upon the contributors to such a veritable picture gallery.—W. GREWAR (Forfar).

Allow me to congratulate you on the splendid Birthday Number. The art supplement and the coloured plates are a treat. I have taken in CAGE BIRDS for a considerable time, and have obtained much useful information and pleasure by reading same. Yours is undoubtedly the best paper for the Fancy.—W. T. COCK (Truro).

Just a line in praise of our grand Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS. The plates are lovely productions, especially the one on Goldfinches and Greypates, and that on "Foreign Birds for Beginners." These two plates alone are worth more than the 3d. charged for the issue. I wish CAGE BIRDS a prosperous New Year.—N. UNDERWOOD (Devizes).

Your grand special Birthday Number must have given great pleasure to your numerous readers. It appears to me your efforts are to quite eclipse all previous attempts, and to my mind, CAGE BIRDS is very successful. The plates given with this number are works of art, which reflect great credit on your artists. They have been very much admired by my friends. What wouldn't one give to own such a bird as the cock Goldfinch depicted?—J. A. TONKS (Wednesbury).

The bird mon's paper's made nae blunder
Aboot the monster Birthday Number;
It'll sell like lightning—it's a wonder
Tae all bird keepers.
And when yo scan its columns doon,
Ye'll see ads. come frae every toon,
Which tae the Fancy's a great boon—
The're profit reapers.
E. FARMER (Edinburgh).

The plates with this week's CAGE BIRDS—the Birthday Number—are simply magnificent and worth double the amount charged; and the information I have received from your valuable paper this past year( this being the first in which I made an attempt at Canary breeding), is worth ten times what I paid for the papers. I have done well.—H. HARRIS (Nottingham).

Allow me to congratulate your artists for the amount of ability they have shown in the manner the coloured plates appear. Great credit is due to them. And I must not forget to express my many thanks for whatever knowledge I may have gained from your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. I entirely owe my success to CAGE BIRDS. I wish it every success in the future.—J. E. HOWARTH (Dewsbury).

Your Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS is not only a marvel for the price, but a distinct advance on all former efforts. The plates are works of art, masterpieces, and true to nature. The greatest credit is due to your artists for their admirable work, and likewise to the authors of the articles, which are both interesting and instructive. The plates are more than value for the price which is asked for the whole number.—R. G. JOLIFFE (Glasgow).

The Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS was a grand threepennyworth. Who could but admire the plate of the "Weo Gems"? And how happy I would be with either! It is marvellous to what pitch of "perfection" you get all the plates in connection with your special numbers; each one that comes out seems to beat all previous ones. Accept my best thanks for it and my wishes for the success of CAGE BIRDS.—W. H. WRIGHT (Carlisle).

I cannot let the Birthday Number pass by without congratulating you. Truly it is a magnificent number, and your artist, Mr. Norman, has really surpassed himself in the coloured plate, which shows the ideal blaze of an exhibition Goldfinch. This plate is honestly worth 2s. 6d. I can fully endorse all that Mr. Prior has said in his article respecting the Goldfinch, having kept Goldfinches for a period of over thirty years.—GEO. DIX (Barnstaple).

Please accept my sincere and grateful thanks for the splendid treat you have given your readers—the Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS. The coloured plates are indeed high-class works of art, and the drawing of the Hawfinch is life-like. I never saw anything to equal it. Indeed, it "makes my mouth water" to have one like him. I wish CAGE BIRDS and its artists long life and prosperity, to lead us readers of CAGE BIRDS both onwards and upwards.—J. PATTERSON (Chirnside).

I cannot pass CAGE BIRDS Birthday Number without praising it. The plates were grand, especially the family of Goldfinches, which are like life. My copy of the plate now hangs in my bird-room; it is a credit to Mr. Norman and the hints by Mr. Prior, if followed by fanciers, they will not go wrong, I am sure. I might say the number came a real "stunner" to me for the amount of 3d., and I am sure you have surpassed all that you have so far published. I wish CAGE BIRDS further success in the future.—F. R. E. HANDSCOMBE (Walthamstow).

Accept my sincere congratulations on the excellence of the plates in the Birthday Issue of CAGE BIRDS. The forcigners I consider most perfect, and the Finches and Greypates not only a study, but absolutely instructive. The plates reflect great credit on the artists. This is not the first time I have sent congratulations to CAGE BIRDS, but I could not allow the Birthday Number to pass without once more doing so. I might say I have taken CAGE BIRDS since its first number appeared, and I consider that at the stage at which it has now arrived the Fancy could ill afford to be without it.—ERNEST GOSTLING (Suffolk).

Permit me to congratulate you and the artists of CAGE BIRDS upon your Birthday Issue of last week. One could scarcely have imagined when they perused the first issue of C.B. some seven or eight ago that it was destined to be what it is to-day—the premier organ of the cage-bird Fancy. Both Mr. Norman and Mr. Goodchild are to be congratulated for they have both succeeded in producing very pretty plates, which will, I am sure, be treasured by your numerous readers who, if they are to be presented with similar plates, will be looking forward to the next birthday of C.B.—S. A. SANDY (Balham).

Your issue of last week is a wonderful production, and reflects very great credit upon your artists and your staff generally. The three plates are of the highest art, and worthy of a place in the peasant's humble home, or the nobleman's palace. Your journal contains a fund of information, and certainly far and away more complete details than are found in any other publication of the kind. You have legions of friends in Glasgow and the West of Scotland, and weekly new friends are clustering around. CAGE BIRDS has been of immense benefit to the Scotch Fancy Canary National Derby O.A.—THOMAS SMITH, secretary S.F.C.N.D.O.A. (Glasgow).

## WILD BIRD LIFE

### Marsh and Fenland.

The long stretch of marsh and fenland which once covered wide expanses of our soil, survive to-day in certain districts, but in much smaller tracts than formerly. Where once it was nothing but bog and reedy marsh, many fertile farms now exist, and only a few isolated acres can be found in its virgin wildness During the summer it is pleasant rambling over these stretches of flat land, following no beaten track, but just wandering where fancy dictates or some cunning wild bird allures one from its home in the coarse herbage. There is much to be seen and noted, and many an ornithological treasure hunted for in the reed-fringed streams. The stretches of land as far as the eye can reach, though flat, are rich with summer verdure, and a glorious expanse of sky, only seen in such open country. In winter all is changed, and at times, the same ground which we quartered in the hot summer days in search of Snipe or Pipit's nest, is completely covered with water; the exposed rising ground which appeared flat, before the flood came is now the daily feeding ground of whirling long-winged plovers or screaming gulls. When the water subsides and hard winter weather follows, then the marshland regains all its wild untamed aspect. The dykes and reedy meres are swarming with wild fowl, and flocks of smaller birds scour the boggy grassland. After a few days of hard weather, flocks of birds begin to move southward from the vast areas of northern Europe, and among these are great numbers of wildfowl, driven south by hunger. Many land in England, and are drawn down where the glint of frozen water among the reeds offers security and rest. To the sportsman and bird lover the charm of these fenlands is beyond description, and a daily visit to them always reveals some fresh visitors from the frozen north. As the sun goes down, and the misty darkness settles over the landscape, the outlook is wild and uncanny, but fascinating, vastly increased by the subdued chatter and wild cries of the seafowl, and the uneasy ways of the snipe and plover. At such times one lives a different life; one feels all the glamour of the wilderness, and solitude reigns around. Even on the homeward path the disturbed Teal and quick darting flight of the alarmed birds, keeps up the illusion to the very edge of the homeland.

### Pugnacious Robins.

Although Robins are left pretty much to themselves while nesting they do not increase much in numbers. The fights between the old birds and the early broods of young which take place every autumn and winter, must considerably reduce their ranks.

### A Note on the Ring Ousel.

The difference in size, form, and markings is more apparent in the Ring Ousel than in any of his kindred. Some are fine, bold birds, but devoid of colour and crescent; others excel in these points but are deficient in size and form. A bird of this species, perfect in every way is seldom met with, even where the Ousels are most abundant.

### Bullfinches in Winter.

Along the taller hedgerows or at the edge of the wood, one can frequently hear the soft, plaintive note of the brightly-coloured Bullfinch. Although there may be many seen in a district and several at one time, a close observer will note that they are mostly in pairs. If a few single birds are seen, they are doubtless birds of the past season. If one disturbs them they fly off along the hedgerow in low, undulating flight, but do not fly far before alighting again. They are fond of the thicket and are seldom seen in the open fields excepting during very bad weather, when they can be noted among the taller weeds and coarse herbage.

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## REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

**Brotton.**—Feb. 13th, in the Oddfellows' Hall.—Judge: Mr. W. A. Cowgill. 9 open classes: Yorks. 3, Nor. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 2, Mule 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close February 9th, to JOHN DALES, 40, Chapel-street, Brotton, Yorks.

## SINGING CONTESTS.

### LEEDS LINNET F.A.

The Leeds Linnet F.A. usual contest was held at the King's Head, Shannon Street, Jan. 23, when 20 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Summers, Melia, and Crane. 1, Sissons; 2, Stead; 3, Crowther. Also on Jan. 24, when 22 birds sang. Judges, Messrs. Summers, Melia, and Cooper. 1, 2, Stead; 3, Sissons; 4, Crowther.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

### NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual contest held on Jan. 23, when 15 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Jackson and Towers. Result: 1, 3, Chippindale; 2, Sellers. Also on Jan. 24, when 22 birds faced the) judges, Messrs. Jackson and Towers, and some very good singing was heard. This time Mr. Wood's young bird beat his old one. 1, 2, Wood; 3, Hayes.—W. DEAN, Sec.

### SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing contest held weekly at the Newmarket Hotel, Sheaf Street. Results: 1, Palfreyman, 110secs.; 2, Knight, 79; 3, Callaghan, 42.—H. FENN, sec.

### YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at "Bricklayer's Arms," Palmer-lane, Hungate, on January 23, when 28 birds entered for competition, and some excellent singing was heard. Result: 1, 6, Chaplin; 2, Oldroyd; 3, Nicholls; 4, Whiteley; 5, Maugham; 7, Limbert. Mr. J. W. Paver officiated as judge; Mr. James, Limbert as timekeeper.—WM EMPSON.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest took place at the Crown Inn, North-str., when 18 birds competed for five good prizes. Some excellent singing was heard before a good company, with the following result:—1, Gurden; 2, Massheder; 3, Lambert;; 4, Cole; 5, Oxberry. Judge, Mr. W. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH, hon. sec.

### DURHAM.

Linnet singing contest held at the Queen's Head, Willington, on January 23rd, when 36 birds competed for the four prizes given. Some good singing was heard before a large company. Results: E. McQuirk and J. Adams, Edmondsley, divided with two birds each. Judge Mr. G. Reed (Brandon); timekeeper, Mr. J. Stout; bookkeeper, Mr. W. Fairless.—GEO. REED.

### CHATHAM.

First meeting of the year of the "Three Brothers" Bird Singing Association was held on January 24th, when eight pairs of birds were matched together for a five-minute contest, and some very good singing was heard for a silver cruet and china tea service. Mr. J. Harvey won with a very good bird, the score being 56, closely followed by Mr. H. King's young bird (score 51); 3, Mr. Estrell (46); 4, Mr. Sedgwick (40); 5, Mr. A. Harvey (38); 6, Mr. Anderson (26). Messrs. Cunningham and Anderson gave every satisfaction in their scoring, and Mr. J. Harvey officiated as timekeeper. It was decided to hold the next meeting on January 31st, at the "Three Brothers," when fanciers and friends are invited. Anyone wishing to become a member can do so by applying to the secretary, or at the club house, Slickett's Hill.—H. GARDINER, sec.

### BLACKBURN.

The Blackburn Quality Linnet Singing Association had a rehearsal on January 23rd, when a large number were present 1, J. Harrison; 2, G. Rostron; 3, R. Haghurst; and judge, Wm. Topping; timekeeper, Mr. G. Smith. There will be an open-to-all-England contest on February 27th, at headquarters, Old Red Lion, Snig Brook, for five good prizes. More prizes will be added according to entry.—G. ROSTRON, sec.

### LEIGH.

Linnet singing contest held at the Railway Tavern, when some very good singing was heard. Birds put in an appearance from Wigan, Warrington, West Houghton, etc., and great credit is due to the worthy secretary, Tom Streatham, who had everything in good order. Results: 1, P. O'Neil; 2, P. Green; 3, E. Houghton; 4, N. Milligan; 5, J. Mather; 6, R. Fairhurst. Judges, Messrs. J. Poole and J. Ellison; timekeeper, Mr. R. Fairburst.

### PENDLEBURY.

A successful Lark singing contest was held at the British Queen, Pendlebury, on January 23rd, when there was some grand singing. It was a pleasure to be in the headquarters of the Lark fanciers, and to see the birds being trained for the contests. Many good singers were out of the money through not "catching the watch." Mr. W. Hall, of Pendlebury, was in attendance on several of the best birds. The timekeeper and judge are deserving of much praise, having to sit in one place for five or six hours. The birds were hanging for 15 minutes; to sing twelve minutes. The awards were as follows:—1, Mills, 11m. 46sec.; 2, Lee, 10m. 37sec.; 3, Tom Young, 8m. 55sec.; 4, Smalley, 8m. 2sec. The timekeeper was Mr. E. Jackson, and the judge, Mr. E. Royle.—ALEC. DONNELLY.

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I was greatly pleased, writes Mr. W. H. Wright (Carlisle), to see the sketch of my winning yellow evenly marked Border Fancy in the excellent Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS, and especially to see what a good likeness Mr. H. Norman had made of him.

I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for some years. It gets more interesting every week. The Birthday Number is a record, the cheapest and best threepenny worth I ever bought. Norwich Plainheads are my fancy. I breed them, but have not got them to perfection yet—no first-class winners and so on—but have been greatly encouraged by your useful paper. I hope to do better as each year comes round.—H. CHAPMAN (King's Cross, N.)

CAGE BIRDS' Birthday issue is the best ever produced, and every cage-bird fancier, be he breeder or exhibitor, should become possessed of a copy. The varied subjects are written up by specialists and well-known experts. The illustrated supplement, a trio of fine coloured plates, and other novel features are sufficient for all tastes, and the entire combination is produced at great cost, and is one which the bird fancier should not miss.—"Rex," in the "Dewsbury Reporter."

## THE SHOWS.

### DEWSBURY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The last of the members' shows was held at the Royal Hotel on Jan. 23, 63 birds being staged. The competition in some of the classes was very keen. Mr. W. T. Hall won the gold medal in the champion section with 30 points; in the novice section Mr. W. T. Pickering won the gold medal with 46 points; the silver medal was won by H. Pollard with 42 pairs. Mr. J. Wilman placed the cards and gave every satisfactiou.

CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, Pollard; 2, Blackburn; 3, Mitchell. BUFF: I, Senior; 2, Rayner; 3, Cook. UNEVEN MKD. YELL.: 1, Blackburn; 2, Clennett; 3, Cook. BUFF: I, 2, Taylor; 3, Pickering. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN: I, Mitchell; 2, Hall; 3, Pollard. BUFF: I, Hall; 2, Senior; 3, Pollard. UNEVEN MKD. YELL.: 1, Mitchell; 2, Pickering; 3, Hall. BUFF: 1, 2, Pickering; 3, Pollard. SELL. CK. (15/6): 1, Pollard; 2, Senior; 3, Blackburn. HEN (12/6): I, Mitchell; 2, Pollard; 3, Cook.—N. RAYNER, hon. sec.

### HALESOWEN.

The seventh Annual Show of Halesowen and Dist. F. and F.S. was held January 21st and 22nd, in the Drill Hall, one of the best rooms in the Midlands for such a purpose, being warm and cosy, with plenty of light. The cage birds were staged at the far end of the hall, immediately in front of the stage, and this section, with its many-coloured cages, birds, and prize cards, had a charming effect. The cage birds, as is invariably the case, attracted the attention of the majority of the visitors more than any other portion of the show, crowds surrounding them the whole time. Particular attention was paid to the birds by the hon. secretary, Mr. Chapman, in addition to the many other duties of his office. He was assisted in this section by Mrs. Chapman, who is as enthusiastic a fancier as the secretary himself. Mr. J. N. Harrison judged, and gave every satisfaction. Owing to clashing with Dudley, entries were not quite so numerous as might have been expected, but the quality was excellent.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Bodley, nice even colour, good quality; 2, Chapman, marked, short and cobby, good head and colour, a close run; 3, Miller, clear, good colour, fails a trifle in wing carriage; res, Willoughby. BUFF: 1, Weaver, nice ehubby Norwich, wins well; 2, Hingley, well put down, fails a little in type only; 3, Bodley, a neat feathered bird. HEN: 1, Weaver, chubby bird, well shown; 2, Mills and Boswell, should do well next breeding season; 3, Chapman, buff, a little short of colour; res, Childs, varieg. BUFF YORKS: 1, Wells, clinking buff, good head and length, stands like a soldier; 2, Hawkesford, good length, well up on leg; 3, Chapman, a beauty for type and position. HEN: 1, Wells, stylish yell., wins well; 2, C. Hawkesford, a trifle strong, but a nice one; 3, Chapman, buff, rare length, good feather. DARK CAN. MULE: 1, Ed. Hingley, Goldfinch-Canary; 2, Tonks, an old winner; 3, Wells; res, Edwards; vhc, Capeswell, Mills and Boswell. A.O.V. MULE OR HYBRID: 1, Tonks, Goldie-Bullie; 2, spl, best non-fed, Hingley; 3, Wells; res vhc, Edwards. GOLDIE OR BULLIE: 1, W. Bell, Bullie, good cap and bar, nice colour; 2, Tonks, lovely Goldie, good blaze, buttons and moaning, some thought should have won; 3, Chapman, Goldie good condition, well forward; res, Grazier; vhc, Jones; Mills and Boswell; hc, Lucas. BRIT. SOFTBILL: 1, Grazier, lovely Thrush, good markings, and conditlon; 2, Capeswell, Blackbird; 3, Mills and Boswell, lovely Nuthatch. FOR.: 1, Hingley, Toucan; 2, Flavell, Sulphur Crested Cockatoo; 3, Cooper, Ring-necked Parrakeet; res, Childs.

### TREDEGAR (MON.)

Held January 21st, in the Market and Town Hall. The show was a record one in all sections. Norwich and Yorks. were good classes in numbers, and grand in quality. Borders and Scotch Fancies were the only small classes. The British Goldfinch classes, Greypate, and house-moulted were exceptionally good, the first eight or ten in each class being hard to separate. The other British bird classes were small, but the winners in each were tip-top specimens. The hall was a splendid place for a show, having good light, and being heated by radiators; and everything was snug and comfortable. The officials were a splendid working body, and had a busy time all night, with such a bumping entry. Messrs. Bevan, Tippins and Hunt attended to the cage birds, and all the birds looked well. Mr. T. H. Melhuish judged.

#### The Critique.

NOR. YELL.: 1, spl, 3, Harber, grand size for a yell., lovely feather, looking at his best; 3rd, again good size; 2, Portman, runs winner close, loses only in quality of feather and chest; 4, c, Jones, another bouncing bird, presses leaders hard, slightly soiled to-day; vhc, Tedstone; hc, Sheldon, grand class of Nor. BUFF: 1, spl, Tedstone, varieg., looking at his best, nice head, neck, and chest, beautifully mealed; 2, Hill, grand stamp, runs winner close; 3, 4, hc, Jones, cap mkd. buff, nice quality, bold head and neck; vhc, Sheldon; c, Davies. HEN: 1, spl, Hill, buff, sweetly moulded, true type, nice size, very taking hen; 2, Harber, tkd. yell., good bold hen, splendid feather; 3, 4, hc, Jones, nice size, lovely quality feather; vhc, Tedstone; c, Portman. UNFLI.: 1, spl, Sheldon, grand bird all round, leads easily; 2, Lewis and Dymond, nice stamp and quality; 3, Jones, lovely yell.; 4, Harber, again a good one; vhc, Tedstone; hc, c, Brown. NOR. NOVICE: 1, spl, 2, Brown, very nice stamp birds, as good as many in open; 3, Hunt, bold bird; 4, Hawthorn; vhc, Turton; bc, Williams; c, Judd. YORKS. YELL.: 1, spl, 3, Portman, leader, grand length, nice feather and style, wins; 2, Chard, nice shape beautifully drawn, clean in waist; 4, spl, Hyde's, Beavan, nice long York., clean cut; vhc, Jeffreys; hc, Tippins; c, Taylor and Williams. BUFF: 1, spl, Jelly, nice position, stoutly moulded, grand feather; 2, Jeffreys, also sweetly fashioned; 3, Chard, close up to 2nd; 4, Cook; vhc, c, Hanley; hc, Perry. HEN: 1, Cook, we heard this was an error in judge's marking slip; should have been No. 10. Chard grand buff hen, easily first; 2, Perry, another buff, lovely hen, true style and shape; 3, [illegible], yell., wonderful length and feather; 4, hc, Jeffreys; vhc, Cook; c, Williams Bros. UNFLI.: 1, spl, Jeffreys, sweet Yorkle, shows splendidly; 2, Griffiths and Baxter; 4, Chard; vhc, Tippins; hc, c, Bevan. BORD. YELL.: 3, spl, 4, Jenkins, mkd. leading. BUFF: 3, spl, Jenkins, all grand style and quality, well known. SCOT. FCY.: 3, spl, 4, Jones, yell. hen leading, moves nicely, both good ones. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Lewis and Dymond, good Crest, large bird, wing marked; 2, 3, Edwards, cl. C.B., splendid head and lashing, grand quality feather; 3rd, variegated Crest, not looking well; 4, Morris; vhc, Brown; hc, Davies; c, Beard. CAN. MULE: 1, spl, Tippins, Goldie, grand face, lovely markings and feather right through; 2, hc, Gower, Linnet, a little bit shy, but very pretty; 3, Small, lovely Goldie; 4, Hall; vhc, Jones; No. 7, absent. A.O.V. MULE: 2, spl, 3, Lewis and Dymond, Linnet-Bullie leading, marvellous colour in breast and neck, and even in crown of head, Bullie red shows through, and the Linnet pencilling blends with it, shows parentage distinctly; 2nd, eye and wing mkd. yell. Goldie Can., good size, wonderful Mule; 3, Edwards, Bullie-Goldie, good bird, nice face and breast. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, GREYPATE (14): 1, spl, c, Tippins, deep expansive blaze, nice brown in tanning, goes well through breast, back, and wings, shows for all he is worth; 2, 3, Portman, again two grand birds, one a little wild, but good; 4, Davies, very little behind, splendid face; vhc, Taylor; bc, Small; the best class of Greypates we have seen for years. GOLDFINCH (14): 1, spl, 2, Lewis and Dymond, leader most distinct in blaze and bars; 2nd, very taking Finches; 3, Davies, very nice blaze and tans, beautifully shown; 4, Barrett; vhc, Ray; hc, Rees; c, Hankins. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 2, spl, 3, Lewis and Dymond, leader Bullie, grand colour, extra deep in chest; 2nd Grecnie, large lustrous feather, slight defect at end of beak; 4, Taylor and Williams; vhc, Tippins; hc, Hunt; No. 2, absent. LINNET: 2, Prosser, nice colour, distinct pencilling; 3, Tippins, lovely colour; 4, Ray; No. 2, absent. SISKIN, ETC.: 3, spl, ex. 8, Tipplns, Redpoll leading, nice markings and bib, and well-marked Siskin; No. 3 was wet at time of judging. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 3, Prosser; ex. 3, Taylor and Williams; No. 1, absent. A.O.S.: 3, spl, Tippins; 4, Grove. PARROT: 2, spl, Hurley; 3, Owen; 4, Thomas; vhc, Tippins; hc, Morgan. A.O.S. FOR.: 2, spl, Hall; 3, vhc, Thorne; 4, Davies and Williams; hc, Jones. SINGING CONTEST: 1, spl, Turpin; 2, Hautry; 3, Morgan; 4, Angus.

### LANCASTER PRIMROSE C.B.S.

The Lancaster Primrose C.B.S. held their second annual show of pairs and British birds recently, in the Market Coffee Rooms, Lancaster, a very central and suitable place. Entries came up somewhat badly considering the prize-money was so generous, viz., 15s., 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., for 2s. entry fee. There were also good special prizes in addition. Messrs Ambler, Ferguson, and Dr. Herd had promised to act as judges, but under the circumstances neither the doctor's nor Mr. Ambler's services were called for, and Mr. Ferguson placed the tickets. There was a good attendance of the public, and the management was perfect. The show closed at 7 p.m., and the room was cleared by 8 p.m. The secretary, Mr. H. J. Brown, had the arrangements admirably in hand, and is deserving of every credit.

PAIR NOR.: 1, spl, best pair in show, and best pair shown by a novice, c, Mrs. Marton, tip-top pair, fit for any company, cl. buff cock, grand colour and feather, any amount of size with a really grand quality cl. yell. unfli. hen, with ordinary luck should produce some good specimens; 2, Saul, another grand buff cock, good quality, with a nat. col., tick. yell. hen, grand size, fine skull; 3, spl for most points, Dixon, buff cocks, very nice quality, good position, well up in size, with a wing-marked yell. hen, nice quality feather; 4, Dixon, real good yell. ck., with a nice buff hen; vhc, hc, Smith, two nice pairs; this was a good lot. BORD. FANCIES: 1, spl, 4, Poole, cl. yell. ck., gem all over, hard to find fault with, and a sweet little buff hen, very jaunty, feather close as box, grand head, very likely pair; 4th, green cock and cinn. hen, very nice quality, neatly pencilled, good cl. colours, should do all right; 2, c, Hopper Brothers, cl. yell. ck., very good one in quality, colour, and feather, with a tip-top varieg. buff hen, absolutely fit, close race for first position, two excellent pairs; c, splendid little buff cock with a varieg. yell. hen; 3, hc, Blaikie, nearly even buff cock, and an evenly-marked yell. hen two very good specimens, fine in colour and feather, well put down; hc, pair of greens; vhc, Roberts, three-pointed buff cock, yell. hen. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, spl, hc, Winder, two pairs of useful cinn., lacking in size. 30/- LIMIT, CAN.: 1, spl, 4, Smith, pair of good cinn.; 4th, another pair cinn.; 2, Blaikie, Borders, matched for even-marked breeding; 3, vhc, hc, Procter, all Yorks.; c, Winder. BRIT. SOFTBILLS: 1, Whalley, very nice Song Tbrush, nicely spotted and well shown, very steady; 2, 3, spl, Mulliner, very good, well-spangled Starling, nice size, and steady, the Halton winner, and a young Blackbird, which with a good moult will take some stopping; 4, Saul, nice Starling, very wild; bc, c, Winder. GIFT: 1, spl, Mulliner; 2, Grime; 3, Smitb; 4, Naylor; vhc, Brown; hc, Dowthwaite.

### GLOUCESTER C.B.S.

The members of this society held their annual Pairs Show, at the Saracen's Head Hotel, on Jan. 21st., when a very nice lot of Norwich Plainheads were staged, and in nearly every instance they were well matched. Two classes were provided—one being for yellow cock and buff hen, the other for buff cock and yellow hen. There were twelve entries in the former class, and ten in the latter. The awards were made by Mr. J. H. Payne.

YELL. CK. and BUFF HEN (12): 1, Houghton; 2, 3, Stephenson; 4, Wasley; vhc, Duggin; bc, c, Barnes. BUFF CK. and YELL. HEN (10): 1, Stephenson; 2, 3, Wasley; 4, Houghton; vhc, Duggin; hc, c, Barnes.

### WOMBWELL AND DISTRIOT C.B.S.

Members' show held Jan. 16. The Wesleyan Reform School Room, in which the exhibits were staged, provided nice accommodation, and was of a very cosy description. An extra attraction was a drawing competition for the school children. A total of 156 efforts were placed on view. Some entertaining pictures were on view, and created much comment. Prizes were gained by those over 10 and under 13 years of age as follows: 1, P. Beacher; 2, J. C. Taylor; 3, E. Scargill; vhc, H. Handley; hc, S. Gleadhill; c, C. T. Hay. Under 10 years: 1, H. A. Ward; 2, S. Wright; 3, F. Copeland; vhc, F. Colinridge; c, F. Saville. Special prize for a girl was won by Miss E. Brookes. The members staged some good birds, some of which might do well in open competition. Cup for best Yorkshire went to C. Scrivner, who also won that for best Norwich. Cup for best British went to J. Walker. Stewards were Messrs. Moore, Scrivener, Walker, Thornsby, Shillits, and Saville, all of whom are to be congratulated on the exertions they put forth. Mr. C. Gleadhill, the hon. secretary, is the right man in the right place. Staging was of a very neat order, and everything went smoothly and well. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) had the placing of the cards, and his awards were well received. Mr. F. C. Wilson adjudicated upon the drawings.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Scrivner; 3, vhc, Thornsby. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Walker. HEN: I, vhc, Walker; 2, 3, Scrivner. TKD. CK.: I, Moore; 2, Scrivner. HEN: 1, 2, Walker. CL. YELL. NOR.: I, Scrivner. BUFF: I, Scrivner; 2, vhc, Moore; 3, Walker. HEN: 1, Moore; 2, Thornsby. TKD. CK.: I, Moore. HEN: 1, 3, Moore; 2, vhc, Scrivner. MULE: I, Scrivner; 2, Clarke. LINNET: 1, Scrivner. HARDBILL: I, vhc, Walker; 2, hc, Heathcote. SOFTBILL: I, 2, Heathcote. COTTAGERS': 1, 3, Hinchcliffe; 2, Foster; vhc, Bradshaw; hc, Deane and Acklam. BRIT.: 1, vhc, Deane and Acklam; 2, Fennells; 3, Shaw.

### TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First members' show, held on January 16th, when fifty birds were staged. Considering the state of the weather, this was highly satisfactory. Mr. A. Bottomley placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction.

Class 1.: 1, Gledhill; 2, Atkinson; 3, Clarke; 4, Mitchell; vhc, Pacey. Class II.: 1, Bedforth; 2, Clarke; 3, vhc, Worsman and Son; 4, Gledhill; bc, Shaw. Class III.: 1, vhc, Clarke; 2, Bedforth; 3, Pacey; 4, Gledhill; hc, Walker; c, Worsman and Son. Class IV.: 1, Shaw; 2, Mitchell; 3, Worsman and Son; 4, Gledhill. Class V.: 1, Worsman and Son. Class VI.: 1, Gledhill; 2, Mitchell; 3, Worsman and Son. Class VII.: 1, c, Worsman and Son; 2, vhc, Bedforth; 3, Pacey; 4, Shaw; hc, Walker. Class VIII.: 1, Pacey; 2, Bedforth; 3, 4, Clarke; vhc, Shaw; hc, Gledhill. Class IX. and X.: Cancelled. Class XI.: 1, 2, Bedforth; 3, Worsman and Son. Class XII.: 1, Worsman and Son; 2, Walker; 3, Atkinson.—J. SMITH, Sec.

### KIRKSTALL AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second members' show, held at headquarters on Jan. 16, when 62 birds faced the judge, Mr. King (Leeds), who gave every satisfaction. The number of entries was below that of the last show, no doubt due to the terrible weather. One fancier who took his birds by car had one case blown off into the hedge opposite. Luckily all was well. Yorkshires again topped the list. Norwich were less in number. Greens were few owing to a disaster in Mr. Denton's rooms, which all the members deeply regretted. In the A.O.V. class there were "all nations," the winner being a Chaffinch, in lovely condition and as steady as a rock. This was the final show to count for the specials, and these were won by Messrs. Yelland, Fowler, Hutton and Hornby, Mr. Chew scoring most points; but in order to give the beginners a chance he kindly withdrew.

YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Chew; 2, Fowler; 3, c, Yelland; vhc, Hutton; hc, Whiteley. BUFF: 1, 3, Yelland; 2, hc, Chew; vbc, Fowler; c, Bennett. HEN CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Chew; 2, Yelland; 3, Hutton; vhc, hc, Fowler; c, Bennett. BUFF: 1, Chew; 2, Yelland. UNFLIG.: 1, Chew; 2, 3, vhc, Yelland; hc, Whiteley; c, Fowler. YORKS. CINN.: 1, Bracken; 2, 3, Chew. NOR. YELL.: 1, Shammer; 2, Oakley. BUFF: 1, Hornby; 2, Oakley. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Oakley. BUFF: 1, Hornby. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, 3, Hornby; vhc, Shammer; bc, W. Hornby. GREENS: I, Chew; 2, 3, Hutton. A.O.V.: 1, Breckin, topping Chaffinch; 2, Fowler; 3, Bracken; vhc, Bennett; hc, c, A. Breckin. SELL. (12/6): 1, Chew; 2, Whiteley; 3, Fowler. (10/6): 1, Obew; 2, Bennett.—W. WHITELEY, Sec.

### SPALDING.

This excellently managed eastern fixture was held in the Corn Exchange on January 21st, but we are sorry to say that there was a drop of about 50 in the entry compared with last year, which may perhaps be in some measure accounted for by the wording of the schedule. Had the clears and ticks been put together, and the marks—even and uneven—the entry would doubtless have been larger, and the cancelled classes would have been well supported. The two classes for Norwich clear or even marked, and one of the Yorkshires so named, were scratched. The birds were nicely staged at the far end of the hall, and proved a great attraction to visitors. The quality was splendid, some very good birds being shown. The special for best in the show fell to a very handsome Goldfinch shown by Mr. H. W. Axe. Messrs. Facer, Thimbleby, Murrell, Walker, and Austin acted as special stewards of the section, and attended well to the needs of the exhibits. Messrs. Elviss, Mouncy, and Sisson, the hon. secretaries, were most indefatigable in the discharge of their duties, and left nothing undone that would conduce to the comfort of exhibitors and visitors. The weather was fine but cold, and the attendance came up well. Mr. C. A. House judged.

#### Critique.

NOR. YELL. and BUFF CL. OR EVEN MARKED, both cancelled. TKD. (8): 1, Lees, well-known saddle marked yell., wins on shape; 2, hc, Axe, grizzle capped, grand colour and quality, rather fat on chest; 3, Townsend, very smart wing ticked buff, rare colour and quality, not over clever with his wings; res, c, Woods; vhc, Pamphilion. UNFLIG. (10): 1, 2, spl, Popple, buffs, two gems for shape and quality of feather, very short and chubby, grand heads, short wings and tails, winner a thigh ticked, latter varieg. not so even in colour, and damaged in flights; 3, Watts, grand shape and style, nice colour, not so close in feather; res, Axe, very smart cl. yell., not so chubby; vhc, Townsend; hc, Murrell; c, Pamphilion. YORKS. YELL. cancelled. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Anton, long and shapely, stands well up, nice feather; 2, res, Parrott, very nicely balanced four-pointer, grand quality and style, res smart shapely cl., does not handle well; 3, Wilcock, the best bird in the class, but was much messed up in feather; vhc, Ross; hc, Blades; c, Murrell. TKD. (9): 1, vhc, bc, Murrell, thigh tkd. buff, nice shape, grand quality of feather, neat head, wings and tail; 2, Emery, very long stylish thigh ticked yell., does not get up so well; 3, Ross, wing ticked buff, rather short but a beauty for shape and style; res, Wilcock, wing ticked yell., very typical and stylish, but again messed in feather; c, Glitherow. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Hawes Bros., very long, slim, stylish yell., capital feather; 2, Ross, saddle marked yell., not so slim, but grand style and nice feather; 3, Wilcock, wing marked yell., another smart stylish bird, with the same peculiarity of his other exhibits; res, Emery, good bodied, stylish yell., bit open at thigh; vhc, Murrell; hc, Brown; c, Parrott. A.O.V. and MULES cancelled. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (14): 1, 2, spl, spl best bird in show, Axe, magnificent Goldie, large deep square blaze, wonderful colour and feather right through, 2nd a very rich coloured Bullie, grand cap and back, in rare form; 3, Harris, very nice coloured Goldie, but lacked the finish of winner; res, Belcher, another very nice coloured Goldie, beaten in size; vhc, Taylor; hc, Inch; c, Green and Son. LINNET, ETC. (8): 1, Axe, very rich colour, grand marking, nice shape; 2, Harris, well-known winner, but beaten in colour; 3, Hipwell, very pretty Siskin, grand colour and feather; res, Bowles, neat and smart Redpoll; vhc, Fullbrook; hc, Fisher; c, Murrell. A.O.V. and FOR. cancelled. SELL. (25/-) (12): 1, Townsend; 2, Hawes Bros.; 3, Baines; res, Lees; vhc, Axe; hc, Emery, Inch; c, Rowles. (15/-) (14): 1, Baker; 2, Brown; 3, Howe; res, vhc, Murrell; vhc, Baines, Belcher; hc, Bielby, Axe; c, Popple.

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## HALIFAX.

Halifax O.S. held their 19th annual open show, under Yorkshire Union rules and under the patronage of the Y.C.C., the C.M.Y.C.C., the O.N.P.C., and the Y.C.B.B. and M.C., on January 22nd and 23rd, in the Mechanics' Hall, Crossley Street, an ideal room for the purpose. Entries came up exceedingly well, there being 542 in the 34 classes, whilst the quality throughout the show was of the highest order. Yorkshires, both in champion and novice sections, were magnificent, and included many noted winners. Norwich made a good show, some rattling birds being on view. The British and Hybrid classes were very attractive and interesting, some rare birds being amongst the exhibits. Sandiford's Cup was won by Mr. S. Halgh and Hyde's special by Mr. Ball. This year the society very generously gave an extra prize of 2s. per class for the vhc's to encourage exhibitors, and this, no doubt, accounted for the bumping entry received. We were very pleased to see such a large attendance of visitors, thus further helping the show on its way to success. The secretary, Mr. J. F. Thackray, is an ideal official, and is to be heartily congratulated on the manner in which the show was conducted, everything being in first-class order. He was ably supported by the popular president of the society, Mr. A. Ross; the chairman, Mr. F. Lee; and the committee, Messrs. Ball, Clegg, and Jeffreys. Messrs. W. Vardy, W. Cruise, and E. E. Smith judged, and their awards were favourably received. The assistant secretary, Mr. H. Whitaker, had also worked hard, and it was unfortunate he should have been indisposed on the day of the show.

### The Champion Classes.

YORKS., CL, OR TKD. YELL. (18): 1, Walsh, cl., grand length, straight as a pencil, red-hot colour, and excellent quality, a topper; 2, Shaw Brothers, long, slim cl., splendid quality, grand back, wings and tail, stands well; 3, Shackleton, ticked back of head, fine length, rare shape and quality, well up on leg; 4, Townsend, cl., hot colour, grand length and quality, very stylish; vhc, Robertshaw, long, slim, stylish cl.; hc, Wood; c, Priestley. BUFF (14): 1, 3, hc, Shackleton, grand trio, leader cl., grand length, teems with quality, magnificent shape, well-known; 3rd equally well known, neck ticked, a gem all through; 2, Helliwell, slight grizzle on wing, nice warm colour, fine shape and length, excellent wing and tail carriage; 4, Walsh, cl., rattling specimen, smooth as glass, slim, leggy, and splendid length; vhc, Charlesworth, nice length and position; c, S. Hirst. UNEVENLY MKD. (12): 1, vhc, Armstrong, 1st eye and wing marked buff, grand length, shape, colour, and finish; vhc, variegated buff, fine shape and quality, superior length and position; 2, Wadsworth, head, face, and wing-marked yellow, extra length and colour, rare legs and position, clinking shape and quality; 3, Robertshaw, buff, marked eyes and wings, slashing size, stands like a Guardsman; 4, vhc, Ogden Bros., eyes and wings marked yell., beautiful back, wings, and tail, plenty of length, close and silky in feather, very leggy; hc, Shackleton. UNFLI. (22): 1, c, Bray, 1st grizzle winged yell., excellent length and carriage, fine quality and position; 2, 4, Peel, 2nd extra long cl. buff, nice narrow shoulders, well braced wings and tail, wonderful shape and carriage; 4th another bonny buff, beautifully moulded, smooth as glass, nice length, we liked well; 3, Ogden Bros., yell. ticked side of head, plenty of length, leggy and upstanding, beautiful quality and shape; vhc, Shackleton, clear yellow, excellent length and quality; hc, Ross, buff, grizzled on head, grand Yorks. in every way. YELL. HENS (17): 1, hc, spl, Ogden Bros., 1st cl., grand length and colour, fine quality and shape, well drawn, very leggy and stylish; vhc, another grand cl.; 2, Helliwell, grizzle wings, fine back, shape, quality, and colour, very neat and typical; 3, Shackleton, long, raking cl., best of quality, carriage, colour, and style; 4, Walsh, plenty of length, beautiful shape and texture of feather; hc, Peel, gem of a clear; c, Wilson. BUFF (17): 1, Shackleton, cl., nice length, well up, beautiful back, wings and tail, a real gem; 2, Bray, cl., fine quality and position; well moulded, stands to perfection; 3, Peel, charming cl., narrow shoulders, grand length and quality; 4, Wadsworth, cl., smooth as glass, beautiful type and length, grand position and style; vhc, Walsh, cl., plenty of length quality, and type; hc, Radley, long, raking clear; c, Ogden Bros. YELL. CINN. MKD. (14): 1, vhc, Cooper, leader marked cheek and wings, very slim and leggy, extra good quality and colour, beautiful length and position; vhc, rare length, slim, stylish, grand quality and colour; 2, Towers, rattling length and position, stands on clever legs, good back, neat head, and extra good quality; 3, Drake and Son, length, colour, shape, and feather; 4, Frankland, good length and stand, beautiful quality and hot in colour; hc, Mallinson and Son; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (11): 1, Priestley, marked wings, good length, shape, colour, and quality, stands to perfection; 2, Wadsworth, correct shape and teeming with quality; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, magnificent quality and shape, stands well up, well drawn; 4, c, Cooper, again grand length and style, feathered to perfection; vhc, Ogden Bros., slim, leggy, and stylish; hc, Wilcock. YELL. HEN (11): 1, 3, Jowett, leader a real topper, beautiful length and colour, not a feather out of place, grand type and position; 3rd wonderful quality, correct shape, good length and position; 2, Wilcock, well drawn, shows a nice bit of breed, lovely quality; 4, Mason, very slim and stylish, rattling length and quality; vhc, Drake and Son, splendid quality and type; hc, Ogden; c, Towers. BUFF (12): 1, Ogden Bros., marked face and wings, feathered like a Java, rare length, carriage, and type, one of the best; 2, Fawcett, superior style and shape, compact in feather; 3, Drake and Son, grand type and lovely quality; 4, Tinkler, slim, well drawn racy exhibit, excellent position and feather; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Towers. GREEN CK. (14): 1, 2, Clayton, a couple of grand self yellows, both rich in colour, of good length, excellent shape and quality; 3, Fielden, buff with a foul tail, wonderful length, grand type and quality; 4, Wright, yellow, grand quality, nice head; vhc, Fielder, grand length and quality; hc, Riley; c, Helliwell. HENS (17): 1, Clayton, yellow, well up on leg, fine shape and position, rare quality, real good one; 2, hc, Fielden, 2nd a buff, nice length, quality and shape, typical Yorks.; 3, vhc, Wright, foul yellow, worth his place; 4, Pilling, ditto, good length and quality; c, Jeffreys. NOR., YELL. (11): 1, Mottram, cl., bold, thick set, rich colour, nice quality and carriage; 2, Pickering and Wright, cl., excellent shape, grand head, neck, and chest, nice substance and quality; 3, 4, Haigh and Son, 3rd rare shape and colour, very short and cobby; 4th, good head, colour, size, and quality; vhc, c, Greenwood and Pickles; hc, Waters. BUFF (12): 1, hc, Waters, leader cl., size, shape, quality, head, neck and chest all good, red-hot colour; 2, 3, Wilcock, 2nd grizzle shoulder and wing, fine shape and size, good head and front, beautiful quality; 3rd big bouncing cl., any amount of size and colour; 4, Morris and Woodhouse, grand shape, size, and colour, nice quality and carriage; vhc, Greenwood and Pickles; c, Moorhouse. UNFLI. YELL. (12): 1, Wilcock, a grand youngster, good size and shape, silky feather, hot colour; 2, Mottram, rare colour and size, good head, neck and chest, nice quality; 3, Haigh and Son, cl., grand quality and size, very hot colour, capital shape; 4, Moorhouse, big thick-set cl., worth its place; vhc, Watson; hc, c, Waters. BUFF (12): 1, Mitchell, cl., clinker, bold head, short well-filled neck, all front, rare size and colour; 2, Pickering and Wright, splendid quality, shape, substance, and colour; 3, Waters, beautiful shape and quality, nice size; 4, Haigh and Son, ticked side of head, correct shape, rare colour and quality; vhc, hc, Hudson; hc, Foxall. YELL. HENS (13): 1, Watson, cl., splendid substance, good head, quality, and colour; 2, hc, spl, Haigh and Son, cl., capital shape, quality, head and colour, bonny hen; 3, Waters, cl., good body, rich quality, nice colour and carriage; 4, Wilcock, grand shape and quality, a trifle weak in wing carriage; vhc, Hirst; c, Greenwood and Pickles. BUFF (18): 1, 2, hc, Pickering and Wright, leader cl., perfect shape, finely mealed, grand head and chest; 2nd perfect model for shape, smart in carriage, beautiful quality; 3, Greenwood and Pickles, grand shape and substance, well cut away behind, splendid hen; 4, Mottram, possesses shape and quality, nice size; vhc, Haigh and Son; c, Hirst. HARDBILL, BRIT. (16): 1, Mason, Hawfinch, fine size, colour, and condition; 2 Hill, Goldfinch, rich tan, nice blaze and bars; 3, vhc, Duncan, jun., rare blaze and whites; 4, Walsh, Yellowhammer, good colour, size, and condition; hc, Robrer; c, Iuman. SOFTBILL (12): 1, 2, vhc, c, Walsh, leader Redstart, 2nd Shrike, vhc Tree Creeper, c Wagtail, all in fine bloom; 3, Mason, Wheatear, in beautiful plumage, good size and condition; 4, vhc, Duncan, Grey Wagtail and Wryneck. MULE OR HYBRID (14): 1, 2, vhc, c, Walsh, leader variegated Goldfinch-Canary, grand colour, quality, and size; 2nd, lovely Bullfinch-Canary, splendid exhibit; vhc, Linnet-Bullfinch; 3, Inman, lightly variegated Goldfinch-Canary, fine size and condition; 4, Nicholson, Goldfinch-Bullfinch; hc, Lloyd. LINNET, ETC. (14): 1, Nicholson, Linuet, well pencilled, rich colour, capital size and very steady; 2, Inman, Twite, perfect condition and feather; 3, vhc, Duncan, jun., former Linnet well marked, fair colour; 4, Bond and Son, big Linnet, nice colour; vhc, Wilson; c, Walsh. SELL. YELL. YORKS. CK., £1 (11): 1, Wilson; 2, Murgatroyd; 3, Hirst; 4, Priestley; vhc, S. Haigh; hc, Maude Bros.; c, Gelder. BUFF, 15s. (20): 1, Whittaker; 2, A. Haigh; 3, Hirst; 4, Fowle; vhc, Waring; hc, Wood; c, Mallinson and Son. HENS, 12s. 6d. (15): 1, Pilling; 2, Murgatroyd; 3, Jowett; 4, Kilner; vhc, Hirst; hc, Ellis Bros.; c, Priestley. NOR., 15s. (11): 1, 3, Ball; 2, Skinn; 4, Mallison and Son; vhc, Morris and Woodhouse; hc, Greenwood and Pickles; c, Burdikin.

### The Novice Classes.

YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (19): 1, Haigh, grizzle wing, long, stylish and well drawn, good legs and position; grand quality; 2, Radley, splendid length, fine legs and shape, rare quality and carriage; 3, White, stands well up, nice quality and length; 4, Bracewell, neat, whippy, and stylish, good length and shape; vhc, Kaye, long, typical upstanding specimen; hc, Lane; c, Sowden. BUFF (25): 1, Fowle, clear, fit for champion section, grand length, smooth as glass, rare style, carriage, and colour; 2, White, grand length and back, finely moulded and rich colour; 3, Tinkler, plenty of length, grand type and quality; 4, Gill, long, narrow, fine style and quality; vhc, Radley, splendid clear; hc, Lane, well deserved its card; c, Clegg. UNEVENLY MKD. (17): 1, spl, Laycock, variegd. yell., wonderful length and shape, nice narrow back and well braced wings, a topper; 2, Clegg, cap and wing marked buff, good length, perfect feather, grand back, wings and tail; 3, Haigh, variegd. yell., very similar to first; 4, Kaye, variegd. buff, not quite the length, but a gem for shape and quality; vhc, Thomas, variegd. yell., good position and style; hc, Burdikin; c, Mitchell. UNFLI. (20): 1, Lumb, long raking cl., buff, splendid quality, shape and length, rare position and style; 2, Ellis, cl. yell., gem, superb quality, style, and length we liked; 3, White, neck ticked yell., a real good Yorkshire, lovely quality, fine length, rare shape; 4, Burton, charming buff, always at attention, smooth as glass; vhc, Dunn, hot coloured cl. yell., long and typical; hc, Whitaker, yell. of the right stamp; c, Laycock, very nice buff. YELL. HEN (25): 1, spl., White, long, stylish, well drawn cl., splendid stand, quality and shape; 2, Ingham, very similar; 3, Burdikin, has length, shape, quality and position; 4, Kilner, slim, very smooth, grand legs and position; vhc, Clegg, smart, typical; hc, Rigg; c, Saville and Hargreaves. BUFF (26): 1, Kilner, lovely shape and length, real bonny hen; 2, Mann, grand length, perfect feather and style, beautiful shape; 3, Laycock, feather like wax, grand length; 4, Rigg, as good as anything in class, grand length, quality and carriage; vhc, Mann; hc, White; c, Bracewell, three splendid hens, with very little between them, in fact very little separated any of the seven, and any of them might have won. NOR. CK. (14): 1, c, Ball, cl. yell., well proportioned, hot colour, good substance and quality; 2, Jeffrys, cl. buff, good size, shape and colour; 3, Clegg, buff, grand shape and size, excellent colour and quality; 4, Markwell, big hot-coloured cl. yell, good head and front; vhc, Haigh; hc, Hammond. HENS (14): 1, 2, spl, Hammond, leader cl. buff, splendid type and quality, beautifully mealed, rich level colour; 2nd cap and wings marked, all there for type and quality; 3, Clark, cl. yell., rattling shape and quality; 4, Greenwood, thick-set, fine quality; vhc, Markwell; hc, Jeffreys; c, Ball.


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## FORT WILLIAM.

Fort-William, Inverness-shire, held their 7th annual show on Jan. 21st, and it proved a record success. No less than 282 cage birds were staged, including some of the cream of the fancy. Scotch Fancies were a nice lot, while Norwich, both fed and non-fed, were the best of the Canary section, some real good ones being on view. Border Fancies and Yorkshires were a nice collection, some grand birds being present. Mules, British and Boys' classes, were the features of the show, and some of the classes were really grand, especially the Mules, Goldfinches and Siskins, some gems being staged. Taken on the whole, the quality of the exhibits was greatly in advance of that of last year. There was also a noticeable increase of about 90. The management of the show was in the capable hands of Mr. W. Simpson, who knows how to run a show successfully, and he was ably assisted by an enthusiastic committee, at the head of whom was the veteran Mr. Wm. McMaster. Mr. W. H. McDougal won the cup for most points, beating Mr. Skinner, last year's winner, by 5 points, the total of points being 121 and 116. Mr. Hooper cleverly captured Hyde's special with his uneven buff Border hen. Owing to the severe weather of late the journey north was not an enviable one for the judge, Mr. J. W. Bruce (Coldstream), who again officiated, his awards being exceedingly well received.

### The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Fotheringham, real good team, plenty size and substance, leader good all round yell., fine depth across, free position, 2nd nice buff piebald, good top end, 3rd large buff, plenty of substance, rare length. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Fotheringham, again to the fore with a grand collection, leader rattling good buff foul, plenty of top end, rare depth, fine length, 2nd nice yell., fine depth across, grand shoulders, 3rd buff, nice shade. NOR. CL., ETC., CK. UNFED (5): 1, Hope, good buff, plenty of size, rare front and taper, good all round; 2, 3, Frazer, foul, good size and shape, 3rd neatly feathered buff; 4, Bryce; 5, Watson. HEN (5): 1, 5, Fruzer, neat buff, nice size, grand quality feather, rare wing carriage, in fine bloom; 2, Hope, another nice one, again in fine feather; 3, Miss Davidson, nice yell., fine size and shape, neatly staged, well placed; 4, McDougal. VARIEG., ETC., UNFED (5): 1, 3, 5, Frazer, nice all round green, well rounded, A1 shape and feather, 3rd buff varieg., grand feather; 2, McPherson, good varieg., rare style and finish, fine wings and back, well put down; 4, Pringle. HEN (5): 1, Cameron, nice yell., grand shape, well rounded and finished off, wins on type; 2, Bryce, good buff, well up in eye, nicely finished; 3, McPherson, large buff, plenty of substance and shape; 4, Hope; 5, Frazer. CL., ETC., NOR. CK. (13): 1, 2, 4, Frazer, leader real tip-top buff, grand shape, rare head and front, splendid wings, close short feather, fed to perfection, grandly put down, 2nd nice stout yell., well rounded; 3, 5, Skinner, nice buff, well up in size, good quality feather; 6, Frazer. HEN (13): 1, 3, 5, Frazer, leader neat yell., hot one for shape and feather, well staged, 3rd neatly made buff, fine size and finish; 2, 6, Skinner, hot fed yell., well rounded, good front and wing carriage; 4, Simpson. VARIEG. GREEN CK. (9): 1, 2, 4, Frazer, leader buff varieg., good one, fine size and shape, well staged, 2nd yell., well up in size; 3, 5, 6, Skinner, 3rd nice buff in grand order. HEN (9): 1, 4, 5, Fraser, yell. foul, gem for quality and finish, grandly staged; 2, 3, 6, Skinner, good shape, nice exhibit, 3rd rattling large buff, plenty of substance and front, good team. YORKS. YELL., CK. (8): 1, 3, 4, McDougal, leader real nice yell., in fine feather, a shade strong on top but well drawn, in rare bloom, 3rd variegd., nice shape and slim, broken in colour, good length; 2, Skinner, raking yell., slimly got up, well drawn, hot fed one, good one; 5, McPhail. CK. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, McDougal, 1st raking buff, really good and typical, great length, slim as possible, hot fed, grand style, wins easily on position; 2, fine type and feather, nicely drawn; 3, lovely feather, nice length and style; 4, Anderson; 5, 6, Chisholm. HEN YELL. (9): 1, 2, 8, McDougal, again to the fore with a grand team, leader hot one, good all round cl., rare length and style; 2, good length, lovely position; 3, lovely carriage and shape, all in rare bloom; 4, Chisholm; 5, Pringle; 6, McDougal. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, McDougal, 1, nice slim one, grand shape and feather, 2, rare feather, grand head, very showy, well placed; 3, nice, slim, lengthy; 5, Skinner; 6, Chisholm. BORD. YELL. CK. (8): 1, 5, 6, Simpson, wins, real good one, lovely head and front, grandly tapered, shown in rare bloom; 2, 3, Harper, 2nd, good body yell., cl., rare wings and tail; 3, another nice one, both in rare bloom, well staged; 4, Skinner. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, Simpson, grand trio, winner required little "finding," gem all over, correct size and shape, in lovely bloom, well known South country winner; 2, good uneven, fine size and shape; 3, close up, grand feather and finish, lovely position; 4, Harper; 5, McDougal; 6, McDonald. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, Simpson, leader grand yell., rare style, round as possible, well staged; 2, good uneven, fine shape and feather; 3, nice cl. yell.; 4, McDougal. BUFF (9): 1, and Hyde's special, 4, Harper, real good uneven, correct size, well rounded, shown in tip-top form, lovely head and taper, well placed; 2, 3, 5, Simpson, nice cl. buff, grand shape and position, good head; 3, tight-feathered buff, fine size and shape; 6, Chisholm. MATCHED PAIRS (8): 1, 4, Fotheringham, leaders pair of real tip-top Scotch Fancies, plenty of substance and size, grandly staged; 2, 5, Fraser, nicely balanced pair of Nor., grand size, close in feather, extra well put down in fine bloom; 3, Simpson, pair of Cinn. Border, correct size and shape, plenty of lacing, good ones, well placed; 6, Chisholm. A.O.V. (4): 1, Boyce, nice all-round Crest, in fine order; 2, McDougal, also a Crest, good one, well placed; 3, Fraser, C.B., nice lash and skull, plenty of size, in fine bloom; 4, Miss Davidson. MULE LIGHT (5): 1, 3, McDougal, leader lighter in markings, eye and back marked, well up in size, lovely bloom; 3, nice size and quality of feather; 2, 4, Skinner, 2nd, six-pointed buff, fine size, nicely marked, warm in colour, good all-round Mule, all three were Goldfinches. DARK (12): 1, 3, Fraser, leader noted buff Siskin, looking as fit as ever, gem for size and markings, well shown; 3, nice Redpoll, grand size; 2, McDougal, large Twite Mule, fine size well laced, grandly finished, in rare bloom; 4, McIver; 5, McPhail; 6, Chisholm. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (9): 1, 3, McDougal, wins on condition, grandly feathered, dense pure square cut blaze, grand bars, and buttons, fine size and finish; 3, well up in face, lovely buttons, clean cut; 2, 4, 6, Skinner, close up on winner, grand face and nap, lovely cheeks, rare size, nicely staged; 5, Skinner. BULLFINCH BRIT. (7): 1, 2, 6, Skinner, two good ones, clear ahead, leader fine cap and back, rare bars, nice breast colour, grand size, lovely bloom; 2, similar in build, a shade dark in tone, perhaps; 3, 5, McDougal, good breast and cap, in lovely order, nice exhibit; 4, Fraser. LINNET (10): 1, 2, 4, Skinner, leader beauty, nice rounded and steady, grandly pencilled in front, fine tone of colour, taking one; 2, excellent colour, grand flights and tail; 3, Cameron, good one, fine size and shape, grand colour, well staged; 5, Harper; 6, Fraser. REDPOLL ETC. (12): 1, 5, 6, Skinner, good Twite, grand size, lovely markings, good colour and finish, well staged; 2, Fraser, clinking Lesser Redpoll, immense bib, lovely colour throughout, neat back and wings, teeming with quality; 3, 4, Simpson, Twite, well up in size, grandly laced, very steady. SISKIN BRIT. (12): 1, McDougal, leader Scottish National winner, still as fresh as ever, grandly put down; 2, Fraser, close up, nice size, dense colour, grand bars and size, real hot one, well placed; 3, 5, 6, Skinner, good bib, grand colour, nice flights and bars; 4, Harper. A.O.S. BRIT. (9): 1, 0, Simpson, noted Hawfinch, one of the best living, grand colour, bib and markings very steady, in rare bloom; 2, 4, 5, Skinner, an ideal Chaffinch, rare size, grand colour throughout, lovely whites and bars, topping head, very steady, well shown; 3, McDougal, nice Missel Thrush, well marked. FOR. (4): 1, 2, 4, Skinner, all Russian Goldfinches, winner best in size and colour, real good one; 2, nice blaze; 4, fine size and colour; 3, McPherson, nice Amazon Parrot, in good feather, well up in colour. BOYS' CLASS, SISKIN ETC. (14): 1, 4, Cameron, wins, real good Siskin, grand size, well forward in colour, good bib and bars, grandly staged, steady as a rock; 2, 6, Hope, nice Redpoll, good bib, dense colour throughout, grand tone, rare size, very steady; 3, Rankin, Twite, nice size, well laced, good colour and flights, lovely head and throat; 5, no name. A grand class of Borders all over. BOYS' A.O.S. (11): 1. Hope, well mkd. Linnet, fine size, good tone of colour, lovely order; 2, Cameron, nice Bullie, well up in size, grand colour and cap, good bars and flights; 3, Kilgour, Goldfinch, good dense face, nice cheeks and nap; 4, McKenzie; 5, 6, Cameron.

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## WEST STANLEY C.B.S.

First annual members' show in Council Schools, Stanley, on January 9th. Mr. J. Shepherd judged. There was a fairly good attendance, and everything went off well. Mr. M. Mason, the hon. secretary, fulfilled that position excellently

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, spl, Piper; 3, Humphrey; vhc, hc, Atkinson Bros.; c, Elliot. BUFF CK.: 1, spl, Crosby; 2, Hodgson; 3, Butler; vhc, Humphrey; hc, Smith; c, Atkinson Bros. YELL. HEN: 1, Hunter; 2, Mason; 3, Slater; vhc, Smith; hc, Stobbart. BUFF: 1, spl, Atkinson Bros.; 2, R. Humphrey; 3, Elliot; vhc, Crosby; hc, Murray. YELL. CK., UNFLI.: 1, 2, spl, Humphrey; 3, Snell; vhc, Elliot; hc, Hodgson; c, Atkinson Bros. BUFF: 1, spl, Hodgson; 2, Atkinson Bros.; 3, Humphrey; vhc, Hunter; hc, Murray; c, Smith and Son. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, vhc, spl, Atkinson Bros.; 2, Hodgson; hc, Forster; c, Blythe. BUFF: 1, spl, Hodgson; 2, Gowland; 3, Atkinson Bros.; vhc, Blythe; hc, Hunter; c, Snell. YELL. OR BUFF CK., NAT. COL.: 1, Atkinson Bros.; 2, Fletcher and Bell; 3, Mason; vhc, Piper; hc, Blythe; c, Snell. HEN: 1, spl, Elliot; 2, Blythe; 3, Armstrong; vhc, Slater. YORKS.: 1, Fletcher and Bell; 2, Forster; 3, Smith and Son; vhc, Potts; hc, Blythe; c, Carr. UNFLI.: 1, spl, Forster; 2, Potts; 3, vhc, Fletcher and Bell; hc, Smith and Son; c, Blythe. HEN: 1, J. Carr; 2, vhc, Fletcher and Bell; 3, Potts; hc, Forster. NAT. COL.: 1, hc, spl, Boyd; 2, Carr; 3, c, Bartle; vhc, Bentick. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 3, c, spl, Hodgson; 2, Forster; vhc, Smith and Son; hc, Bentick. BORD. FCY.: 1, hc, c, spl, Elliot; 2, Crosby; 3, Lewins; vhc, Snell. BORD. 1908: 1, 2, spl, Elliot; 3, hc, c, Snell; vhc, Lewins. CAN., A.O.V.: 1, spl, Hodgson; 2, Mason; 3, hc, Smith; vhc, Piper. SELL., 10s.: 1, spl, c, Snell; 2, Fletcher and Bell; 3, Elliot; vhc, Stobbart; hc, Elliot. LINNET (House-moulted): 1, Crosby; 2, Piper; 3, Murray; vhc, Gowland; hc, Hunter; c, Gladders. LINNET (Not House-moulted): 1, spl, Elliot; 2, Snell; 3, Smith; vhc, Boyd; hc, Slater; c, Snell. BULLFINCH: 1, spl, Atkinson Bros.; 2, Elliot; 3, Fletcher and Bell; vhc, Blythe; c, Boyd. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Crosby; 2, Boyd; 3, Fletcher and Bell; vhc, Piper; hc, c, Atkinson Bros. A.O.S. FINCH: 1, Boyd; 2, Elliot; 3, Mason; vhc, Smith; hc, Fletcher and Bell; c, Smith and Son. MULE: 1, 3, Fletcher and Bell; 2, hc, Armstrong; hc, Gowland; c, Boyd. CAN., PAIRS: 1, spl, Mason; 2, Piper; 3, Fletcher and Bell; vhc, Blythe; hc, Snell; c, Atkinson Bros. FOR.: 1, spl, Slater; 3, hc, Elliot; 2, Bartle; vhc, c, Forsythe. A.O.S. BRIT. 1, 2, vhc, spl, Boyd; 3, Smith and Son; hc, Hunter; c, Snell. Mr. Crosby won special for best Canary.


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## WANTED.

WANTED pair of Long-tailed Field Mice; will give 2/-.—Bonus, Alphington, Exeter.

WANTED, cage birds, for good polecat dog ferret.—Peter Culshaw, Maghull, Liverpool.

WANTED, Norwich, Yorkshires, Cinnamons, and Crests.—Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

WANTED regular supply of Linnets, Goldfinches, Chaffinches, etc.—Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

WANTED, Norwich Canaries, cheap; approval.—H. O'Hagan, 120, South Wellington-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, Sandow's developers; exchange good Yorkshire cock.—Watson, 68, Lord-st., Rotherham.

EVERY description of live stock bought for cash.—Wm. Wilson, Auctioneer, 247, Argyle-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, good big Norwich Canaries; exchange 32 up-to-date records.—F. Ling, River View, Oulton Broad.

WANTED, British birds, all kinds; best price in England paid; prompt cash.—Skinner's Aviaries, Bedminster.

HAWFINCH, large bird, wanted; exchange new golf clubs, used golf balls, or orchids.—Lister, Oulhander, N.B.

WANTED good dress length; will give three 1908 Yorkshire cocks, on song.—Andrews, 37, George-rd., Warley, Oldbury.

WANTED, good old violin; must be on approval; give good exchange in birds; letters please.—Fiune, Grocer, Oswestry.

WANTED, cock Canary in exchange for handsome hand-reared cock Skylarks, in song.—Axhorn, Boden-st., Chard.

WANTED cock Canary, for pair seales, china, plate, or sweet scales.—Greengrocer, 58, Dalling-rd., Hammersmith, W.

WANTED all your surplus live stock; will exchange for other fancy you require.—Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

GENT.'S overcoat, also brace and bits; give Hyde free-wheel, Canaries, fair exchange.—Anstee, 28, Newcombe-rd., Luton.

WANTED, reproducer and recorder (Edison Gem phonograph); exchange Norwich.—Beeston, Photographer, Ross-on-Wye.

WANTED, 2 hen Canaries; exchange phonograph records or cycle cover, 26 by 1¾, new.—Paver, Cycle Agent, South Milford.

WANTED, Canaries, Mules, British; cash immediately; state your price to Heathcote's Aviaries, Havelock-st., Leicester.

WANTED, 1908 yellow Border hen; exchange for good 1908 cock Goldfinch.—D. Roberts, 19, Crown-st., Carnarvon, Wales.

WANTED English concertina, 48 or 56 keys; exchange high-class Crests or Norwich.—Roberts, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool.

WANTED Crests, Norwich, Yorkshire Canaries, Linnets, and Goldfinches; any surplus stock.—Baker, Bedminster Bridge, Bristol.

1908 CRESTED hen wanted; exchange first-class hand-sewn boots; approval; hen first.—Downie, 78, Lady Lawson-st., Edinburgh.

WANTED good singing Rollers; will exchange Crystal Palace aviary.—Apply R. Harrison, 41, Ramsbottom-st., Accrington.

PAIR cycle tyres, 26 in., Lucas gas lamp, exchange Canaries, or Mules; approval both ways.—21, Beaufoy-rd., Tottenham.

CANARIES, any variety wanted, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, etc., for cash.—P. Jackson, Clockface, St. Helens, Lancashire.

WANTED pure-bred Yorkshire and Norwich hen Canaries; state quantity and lowest cash price.—H. Jinks, 2, Bramall-lane, Sheffield.

WANTED, Norwich and Bullfinch hens; exchange Goldie-Canary Mule, winner three lots; sell £1.—Calder, Fullarton-st., Kilmarnock.

WANTED Canaries, Goldfinches, in exchange for punch bar fronts, breeding cages.—Parkinson's Cage Works, Sheepcote-st., Birmingham.

WANTED, pair Yorkshires or Norwich; exchange two large dark Goldfinch Mules, cocks, or sell 15/-.—Wells, 12, Herbert-st., Darlington.

WANTED, cash offers for one or more, of five cock Rollers, and two hens, all good birds.—Thwaites, 53, Pontefract-lane, Leeds.

WANTED, Canaries, British birds, Parrots, poultry, dogs; full particulars; enclose stamp for reply.—Reeves, 5, Grange-st., Birkenhead.

WANTED, lady's or gentleman's tricycle; give talking Parrot and cage, or tiger skin rug.—Marshall, Pemberton-st., Nottingham.

WANTED, ½ plate stend camera, accessories; good Yorkshire Canaries to value given.—H. Phillpson, 14, Otterburn-st., Keighley.

WANTED Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign birds; exchange loose fronts, aviaries, or cages.—Dignan, Portwood Aviaries, Stockport.

WANTED, your surplus stock you don't want; will buy or exchange for stock you do.—The one and only, Pearson, Greenwich Market.

WANTED, Norwich cock; exchange three exhibition cock Bullfinches; sell 3/- each, or offers.—Stubbs, 23b, Weil-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

WANTED, 3 stylish Yorkshire hens; exchange pair of Roller cocks, full song; hens first.—H. Challis, 9, East Parade, Skelton, Cleveland.

WANTED pair Norwich Plainheads or Budgerigars; exchange banjo; would sell 15/-; approval.—J. Addison, West-terrace, Cranbrook, Kent.

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, Linnets, and Goldfinches; any surplus stock; must be cheap.—Thorn, 37, Plumstead-rd., Woolwich.

WANTED good exchange or cash for prize-bred Yorkshires, from winning strain; also Greenfinch-Goldfinch Hybrid.—Austen, Barton-rd., Dover.

CASH offers for 6 Crest-bred cocks, 2 Crest cocks, 2 Crest hens, 4 Crest-bred hens; good healthy birds.—Cowles, 29, Dock Cottages, Poplar, E.

WANTED, large Norwich hens, or Roller cocks, in exchange for solid silver watch; English lever, a very good one.—2, Abbeydale-rd., Sheffield.

WANTED, cycle covers, 28 by 1¾in.; will exchange pair Bullfinches, pair Chaffinches, five pairs Greenfinches.—Hoddinott, 52, Alexandra-ter., Frome.

WANTED Canaries, British Hardbills, exchange high-class Black Magpie Pigeons, 12/6 pair; approval.—Poole, Wratting-rd., Haverhill, Suffolk.

WANTED, gent.'s high-grade cycle, 25in. frame; exchange Canaries to value; no rubbish; cycle first; approval.—Mustchin, Brookfield, Arundel.

NORWICH cock, 1908; exchange seven flights, fronts, 30 by 18 each, nearly new, can be used as one flight.—Janes, 160, Milton Court-rd., New Cross.

WANTED, pair Yorkshires or Rollers for silver watch (Bensons, Ludgate, London); good timekeeper.—Joseph Goddard, Burgeworth, Derbyshire.

WANTED, pair, long typical Yorks. Greens; exchange 7in. yellow cock, 3rd Hull, buff hen commended; no rubbish.—Potter, Thoresby-st., Hull.

WANTED, buff Green Yorkshire cock, cash or exchange pair healthy Norwich, 11/-; muling cock Goldfinch, 4/-.—Burbidge, 111, Hitcham-rd., Leyton.

WANTED, typical Yellow Border cock, 1908; exchange house-moulted Bullfinch and Greenfinch cocks, Redpoll hen.—Smith, 38, Eastgate, Inverness.

WILL give 2/- each for five Yellow or Buff Norwich hen Canaries; must be colour-fed; approval, deposit.—Apply White, Corn Stores, Park-st., East Cowes.

WANTED, perfectly steady hen Greenfinch and hen Siskin, exchange healthy hen Canary for either.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

ALL kinds of good cage birds wanted, cheap for cash; good British Goldfinches wanted from catchers, also Siberians.—R. Bowie, jun., Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

WANTED, Seifert Roller, cock or two hens; exchange picture frames, mitre cutting, and shooting apparatus.—Address Howe, Framer, 6, Smith-st., Brierfield.

WANTED, two pairs typical Yorkshires, buffs; will give two pair Seifert Rollers, or sell 20/- pair; approval both ways.—Boston, 15, Grand Parade, Harringay.

WANTED, clear or variegated 1908 Crest-bred, large bird; will exchange high-class Borders; approval both ways—Leach, Westbank-place, Portobello, N.B.

WANTED, good self green Yorkshire hen; exchange good clear yell. or buff 1908 Yorkshire hen; approval both sides; green first.—Bird, 10, Silver-st., Taunton.

WANTED, two good buff Yorkshire stock hens, good length, for lady's hard jet necklet; sale price, 42/-, on approval both ways.—J. P. Stamp, Church-st., Whitley.

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire cock Canaries, must be in full song, for cash; approval.—Mr. Barker, Devonshire Distillery, Ironmonger-row, St. Luke's, London.

A BUYER of all kinds of birds; good price given, and bird-catchers wanted, weekly. A reasonable offer given.—Harry Barron, 3, Ainsworth-house, Church-st., Shoreditch.

NOTICE. Will give 5/6 per pair for good Yorkshires or Norwich; wanted Bullfinches, house-moulted Linnets; good price given.—Robinson, 77, Union-st., Middlesbrough.

WANTED, buyers for six Crest-breds, 12 pairs Yorkshires, three pairs Norwich; high-class stock; exchange stair carpet, linoleum; offers.—A. Brown, 7, Norman Avenue, West Wood Green.

WANTED, clear yellow Norwich and Yorkshire 1908 hens; exchange pedigree flying Homers, flown 100 miles; Delmotte and Jurion strains; or sell 5/- to 10/- each.—Cuff, 16, King's-rd., Wimbledon.

WANTED, four clear young yellow Norwich hen Canaries in exchange for three pairs of long distance Homers; beautiful birds, or sell £1; mutual approval.—Lucy Jones, 33, Beggrave-st., Leicester.

WANTED, British Hardbills, small Softbills, or foreign for exhibition; exchange 20 square yards patent roof covering; stand any weather; complete with cement, nails, etc.—Harry Cartwright, Whitfield Cross, Glossop.

WANTED Plainhead Norwich; exchange Warne's Natural History, 6 vols., coloured plates, half leather, as new; History England, cloth, as new, 70/6; Encyclopædia Dictionary, complete, coloured plates; stamp particulars.—Farmer, 90, Brayards-rd., Peckham.

WANTED, good talking Grey Parrot and cage, or gramophone, or Crest Yorkshires, Plainhead Norwich, or what offers in exchange for new mandoline, cost 70/-; grand rich tone; very old violin, cost £5, a bargain; black Spaniel puppy, 20/-; Bovril picture, 10/-.—W. Wheaton, 8, Union-st., Stonehouse, Devon.

WANTED, offers high-class Canaries in exchange for splendid £4 4/- gramophone and records, perfect condition; exhibition Norwich preferred; also splendid unflighted yellow Norwich cock (Chandler's strain), 10/-, exchange for two large buff hens or Lancashire Plainhead hen or offers; no rubbish offered or wanted.—John Hill, High-st., Swineflect S.O., Yorkshire.

WANTED 20,000 readers to send postcard for my clearance sale list of cycles and accessories; outer covers, 2/11; guaranteed inner tubes, 2/0; mudguards, 10½d. pair; carriers, 5½d.; bells, 4½d.; spanners, 3d.; front brakes, 11½d.; roller chains, 2/6; oil lamps, 1/3; gas lamps, 1/11; and hundreds of other bargains; sent carriage paid on 2/6 orders; over 1,000 testimonials received from satisfied customers.—Smart, Cycle Factory, 25, Parade, Birmingham.

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MAMMALS, birds, fishes preserved; good work, low prices.—Knights, Taxidermist, 87, Churchill-rd., Gt. Yarmouth.

BIRD and animal preserving done cheaply by practical hands. Latest improvements.—F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

ALL kinds of birds, animals and fish preserved and mounted by the latest methods; moderate charges; all work guaranteed.—G. J. Popplewell, B.F.N.C., Naturalist and Taxidermist, 143, Palace-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

## SALE OR EXCHANGE.

**Mainly British**
**To be Sold or Exchanged.**

JACKDAW, good talker; exchange cock Canary.—Fax, Ketton, near Stamford.

PAIR Bullfinches, new breeding cage or waggon cage, 5/- P.O.; offers.—Eyton, Gittins-st., Oswestry.

COCK Linnet Mule, full song, 5/6; exchange Finches or hen Canaries.—W. Rose, Westerfield, Ipswich.

EXCHANGE Black-spot Fairy Swallow hen, winner, for large yellow Norwich cock.—H. Pinnell, Warminster.

THREE hand-reared hen Bullfinches, 3/6 each; cock Greenfinch 1/-; or exchange Crests.—Welland, Grocer, Haslemere.

EXCHANGE two good aviary-moulted cock Bullfinches for good Yorkshire hen.—Bramley, Townsend-st., Cheltenham.

HAND-REARED 1908 cock Thrush, full song, 10/-; exchange yellow adult Budgerigars.—James Windmill Terrace, Brighton.

WANTED, house-moulted cock Goldfinch; exchange tackle book and 60 flies, unused.—Mitchelhill, Longtown, Carlisle.

SPLENDID cock grey Linnet, 3/-; or exchange Norwich hen; or offers.—Stowe, Burnham Market.

EXCHANGE cocks, Skylark, two Brown Linnets, for Norwich hen Canaries.—W. Cross, Insurance Agent, Littleport, Cambs.

WILL exchange grand Goldfinch Canary Mule, full song, for 5 young hen Canaries.—Ellis, Boot Manufacturer, Welshpool.

EXCHANGE 4 cock Bullfinches for Siberian cock Goldfinch; Goldfinch first.—H. Challis, 9, East Parade, Skelton-in-Cleveland.

WHAT offers in cock Canaries for three White-legged Goldfinches, three Brown Linnets; sure Mule breeders.—J. W. Roose, Grocer, Rhyl.

EXCHANGE hand-reared hen Bullfinch and house-moulted Redpoll for two Yorkshire show cages.—Brereton, Littler Lane, Over Winsford.

THREE aviary-moulted hen Bullfinches, two cock Redpolls, one cock Greenfinch, 2/6 pair; offered exchange.—Stubbs, 23b, Well-st., Winsford.

NORWICH cocks, full song, from 6/-; hens 2/6; or exchange for phonograph horn, 50 inch, or useful exchange.—G., 41, Swaffield-rd., Wandsworth.

HOUSE-MOULTED Linnet, in singing cage, grand songster; exchange for brass drawing-room cage; offers.—Lee, "Lonsdale," Clarendon-rd., Hinckley.

LARGE good coloured cock Bullfinch, ditto Blackbird and Skylark, all in song, 4/- each; or exchange Canaries.—Wood, 55, Southgate-st., Gloucester.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch, and cage, and big flight cage, sell 10/-; or exchange big typical white Leghorn hen.—Dunn, Grocer, Northamp, North Devon.

JACKDAW, hand-reared, talks like Parrot; very amusing pet; 7/6, offers; Canary, clothing, anything; stamp reply.—Fry, 1, Chossell-st., Bedminster.

FIVE Linnet-Canary Mules (dark), three cocks, two hens, for 1908 Yellow variegated Norwich cock Plainhead; Canary first.—Dorward, Paton-st., Inverness.

REAL Forfarshire cock Linnets, 1/- each; hen Canaries and songsters cheap; or exchange pair good Norwich; approval.—J. Haig, 29, India-st., Montrose.

FOR sale or exchange, four house-moulted cock Blackbirds, Greenie-Siskin hybrid, for Finches or Norwich hens; approval.—Corlett, 26, Church-st., Douglas, Man.

EXCHANGE four cock Linnets, cock Greenfinch, cock Redpoll, two cock Chaffinches, for good cock Goldfinch.—B. Atkins, 10, Dornfell-st., Mill Lane, West Hampstead.

EXCHANGE five Goldfinch Mules, four cocks, all in full song, for one pair of good Crests; Crests first, or 16/- the lot.—Forester, 9, Bathley-terrace, Meadows, Nottingham.

TWO Thrushes for sale, one second and one third at Wymondham; grand songsters, 7/- each; or exchange for good violin.—J. Comau, Norwich-rd., Wymondham, Norfolk.

GRAND Goldfinch cocks for sale, reasonable; four pairs of flying Homers, good strain, 10/-; exchange good British Canaries or Mules; offers.—Hall, 2, Court-rd., Kingswood, Bristol.

EXHIBITION Linnet, also Linnet Mule, 20/- the two; or exchange for clear yellow 1908 Norwich hens for mating; approval both ways.—Wm. Cockburn, 3, First-st., Wallsend-on-Tyne.

LARGE white-legged Goldfinch cock, three house-moulted, bred Mules last season; exchange two long yellow 1908 Yorkshire hens, or sell 10/-; approval.—Walker, Twyning, Tewkesbury.

TWO Bullfinch hens, laid in cage, cock Goldfinch and hen Canary, two cock Redpolls, cock Brown Linnet, all house-moulted; exchange for good 25-egg incubator.—Hodson, 36, Belgrave-rd., Longton.

FIVE cock Chaffinches, two cock Greenfinches, cock Brown Linnet; exchange good cock Goldfinches; guitar-zither, exchange muling hens, or anything useful, or sell lot 20/-.—C. Rawsou, Park-terrace, Loftus.

GRAND cocks, Goldfinch Mules, pure Goldfinch song, 6/6 each; approval, or deposit; exchange Norwich or Yorkshire, 1/- each; hen Mules.—J. Brothwood, Old Yard, Donnington Wood, near Newport, Salop.

EXCHANGE house-moulted hen Bramblefinch, cock Greenfinch, cock Redpoll, hen Linnet Mule, also field-moulted Reed Bunting, Chaffinch, cocks, good birds, for Canaries, hens.—R. Jeffrey, 6, Hillhouse-rd., Rothesay, N.B.

COCKS, Bramblefinch, 7/6; Cirl Bunting, 5/-; Redpoll, 3/-; Greenie, 2/-; Linnet, 3/6; two hen Goldfinches, 2/6; Crests, Crest-bred hens, 5/-; exchange Canaries, Budgerigars, foreign birds; offers Edison Gem; approval.—Cridleford, Honiton.

EXHIBITION, house-moulted Linnet, large, father of 15 Mules last season, 12/-, worth double; grand cock Linnet Mule, genuine Linnet notes, full song guaranteed, 7/6; approval, deposit; exchange Canaries.—Darby, 62, Barrows-st., West Bromwich.

COCKS, Siskin, nice cap and bib, feed from hand, 5/-; six large Scotch cock Linnets, nice, chubby birds, fine colour and lacing, caught October, 1/6 each; approval, deposit; exchange good Goldfinches; correspondence a pleasure.—Kenneth, Brown-st., Broughty Ferry.

## Mainly Canaries.
**To be Sold or Exchanged**

TWO cocks, four hens, yellows and buffs, 17/-.—Anstee. (See Wanted column.)

FIVE large yellow Yorkshire hens; exchange Norwich hens.—Ruscon, 2, Bush-st., Burnley.

NICE Yorkshire cock, 7/6; offers British.—Carter, 5, Charterhouse-mews, Charterhouse-square.

PAIR good Norwich Canaries, Sandiford's strain; exchange pen of fowls.—Holah, Foggathorpe, Selby.

SEIFERT Rollers for sale; cocks, 8/6; hens, 3/6; or exchange anything useful.—Rix, 75, Stanley-rd., Ilford.

TWO yellow Crested hen Canaries for fowls, records, anything.—Beaven, Sussex Cottage, Devizes.

MAIL-CART, good condition, for Canaries or sell.—Particulars from Watling, 33, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.

WHAT offers in high-class Norwich? poultry preferred; (see Norwich).—W. P. Turton, Bispham, Blackpool.

SCOTCH Fancies, bred from winner, 1908, from 15/-; exchange for surplus stock.—McNair, George-st., Paisley.

GRAND Norwich cock, 7/6, or exchange for Crest-bred or Crested hen; hen first.—36, Church-st., Whitby, Yorks.

EXCHANGE two Scotch Fancy hens for two good Yorkshire cocks, Norwich.—Silsby, 42, Norman-rd., Newhaven, Sussex.

YELLOW Norwich cock 7/6, hand-reared cock Linnet, 3/6; or exchange Yorkshires.—Welland, Station-rd., Haslemere.

EXCHANGE two Roller cocks, in full song, for Goldfinches or Bullfinches, cocks.—Spark, 29, Cumberland-rd., Hanwell.

BUFF crest-bred cock (Barnett's), exchange young crest-bred hen. Butcher, Northernhay Place, Exeter.

GIVING up Crests; exchange other breeds, British or Foreign Goldfinches, or Parrot.—H. Emery, 266, Bramall-lane, Sheffield.

NORWICH, sell or exchange cocks from 0/-; hens, 2/-; 1 cock, 2 hens, 9/-.—Harper, 104, Sherbourne-rd., Birmingham.

ROLLER cock, full song, 7/6; exchange Crest or Lancashire hen; yours first.—Hatch, 1, Cottage, Guestling Green, Sussex.

GOOD buff Norwich cock, two buff Yorkshire hens; exchange good yellow Norwich cock.—54, Hind-st., Stockton-on-Tees.

THE Book of Photography, 32 parts, unbound, for good singing Hartz Mountain cock Canary.—Frearson, Oxford-st., Morecambe.

EIGHTEEN strong breeding cages; exchange Norwich Canaries; what offers?—Jones and Crest, Rose Bank, Marlboro'-rd., Ipswich.

EXCHANGE good feeders for cock Canaries or cock Goldfinches or poultry, sell 2/6, 3/- each.—21, Railway-st., Chadwell Heath.

SIX pairs good Yorkshires, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- pair; five hens, two cocks, small Crests, £1; approval.—Mentchin, Brookfield, Arundel.

EXCHANGE Crest cock for two chubby Norwich yellow hens on approval; hens first; stamp.—H. Reid, Ryton-on-Tyne, Durham.

THREE pair Border Fancies; exchange for a gramophone or anything useful; approval.—John Smith, 33, Church-st., Brechin.

YORKSHIRE hen, two cock Linnets, four cages, useful exchange or offers cross-bred poultry.—Dunning, 62, Talbot-st., Chester.

PAIR Crests, 18/- (heavy); pair Yorkshires, 12/6; 5 pair Norwich, 10/6 pair; lot £4; exchange.—Chapman, 59, Henley-rd., Edmonton.

LARGE unflighted Yellow Norwich cock, 7/6; exchange Bullfinch hens, or Hawfinch; approval.—Johnson, 111, Heysham-rd., Southport.

EXCHANGE a pair of Lizards, 1908, both winners, for yellow Norwich hens, or sell 15/-.—R. McKim, 49, New Barn Lane, Rochdale.

1908 ST. ANDREASBERG Roller, splendid songster, day or gaslight, 10/-; exchange hen Canaries.—Roper, Chester-rd., Seven Kings, Essex.

EXCHANGE for Yorkshire Canaries, good old mandoline and case, or sell £1.—Ambridge, China Shop, Draycott-avenue, Chelsea, London.

LANCASHIRE Buff coppy cock, typical Yellow Norwich cock, 10/6 each; exchange songsters; offers.—3, Hatfield-st., Harpurhey, Manchester.

WANTED, large buff Norwich hen in exchange for yellow Green Yorkshire cock; approval both ways.—Pearson, Heighington, Darlington.

EXCHANGE clear buff cock, from pair cost £4, for Crest hen, Norwich type (good hen); approval first.—Miss Awel, Roulands, Rhosgadfan.

NOTICE—what offers in Canaries, or foreign birds for suit length, good tweed, value 25/-; approval.—M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

EXCHANGE Lancashire yellow Plainhead cock, 1908 bred, for Crested hen or Crest-bred hen, or sell 15/-.—R. Ratcliffe, 228, Spotland-rd., Rochdale.

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshires, or 3 Yorkshire hens, for two clear yellow Norwich hens; or sell 14/- pair; hens first.—Naylor, Police-st., Brighouse.

FIVE grand Seifert Rollers in full rolling song, make good stock birds; exchange common Pullets, Fowls, Ducks.—Moule, 55, New-st., Quarry Bank.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires; cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; exchange grocers' goods; approval.—Mrs. Blanchflower, Fairholme, Upper Colfe-rd., Forest Hill.

EXCHANGE three hen Canaries for Yorkshire cock or house-moulted cock Goldfinch, in full song.—W. Griffin, 64 Flat, High-st., Pontycymmer, South Wales.

EXCHANGE variegated Norwich cock, can win, for large clear buff or lightly marked yellow hen; hen first; approval.—Farler, Spring Gardens, Weymouth.

NORWICH cock, splendid stock bird, yellow fed, 12/6; buff cock, unfed, 12/6; exchange good Border hen for one.—Cannon, Bootmaker, Stricklandgate, Kendal.

TWO unflighted clear buff Norwich hens, true type and feather; exchange for large Norwich yellow cock.—Dixon, 1, Morden Terrace, Morden-rd., Merton.

LARGE Norwich crest-bred cock, 1908; large C.B. hen, 1908; will exchange for trained Roller, or sell 12/6.—E. Walters, High-st., Somercotes, near Alfreton.

EXCHANGE typical Buff Norwich cock, prize winner, 12/6, for Yellow Nor. hen, 1908, or large young Hawfinch to value.—Lee, Holmesdale-terrace, Norton, Malton.

FOUR common Canary hens, make clinking feeders; exchange for cock Goldfinch, or sell 5/6; approval.—Jas. Pollock, 30, Marshall-st., Larkhall, Lanarkshire.

LANCASHIRE Plainhead cock, good strain; exchange good cock Goldfinch-Canary Mule, Finch note (Mule first).—Howarth, 5, Ashmond, Springhead, Leeds.

PAIR of Yorkshires, 21/-; pair of Norwich, 12/6; two Norwich hens, 4/- each; exchange jewellery, household linen, or offers; goods first.—4, Swainson-st., Blackpool.

PURE Siefert Rollers, grand songsters, 10/6 and 12/6; hens, 3/-; cold-room bred; exchange; approval.—William Rhodes, 37, Mount Pleasant, Bilston, Staffs.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, 25/- pair; Norwich pairs, 20/-; wanted rabbits, poultry, songsters, British birds, cheap; or exchange.—The Aviaries, St. James-rd., Bermondsey.

EXCHANGE three pairs good bred Norwich, and little cash, for healthy South African grey Parrot and cage; mutual approval.—Thorpe, Tobacconist, Wellington, Salop.

SALE or exchange two pairs of high-class Border Fancies for a Crest-bred hen, 1908 birds; approval both ways.—Robert Dunsmore, Strathloanhead, Avonbridge.

WILL exchange six hen Canaries for two doub'e breeders, or two good Norwich or Yorkshire hens, buffs, 1908 birds.—F. J. Newbolt, Scotland Lane, Haslemere, Surrey.

NINE pairs grand Norwich, parents winners seven 1sts and 2nds; 10/6, 12/6 pair; room wanted, must clear; exchange cycle or anything.—Morter, Photographer, Colchester.

TWO pairs Norwich, 12/6 pair; five Yellow hens, 5/- each; winning strain; offers camera, phonograph, anything useful.—Knowles, 10, Delaware-st., Preston, Lancashire.

TYPICAL Norwich, winning strain; after selecting pairs, have three Buff cocks to dispose of, or exchange for Buff hen to value; approval.—Skinner, 57, High-st., Brechin.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires, not rubbish, Bailey's strain; sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, or anything useful; stamp reply.—M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE 1908 Crest or Crest-bred cock for yellow Crest or Crest-bred hen, or sell 12/- each; or what offers in Budgerigars.—Evenden, 22, Western-rd., Lewes, Sussex.

EXCHANGE high-class Norwich, three pairs, value £3, for double-barrel gun to same value.—Wm. Bentley, Coal Merchant, Bispham, Blackpool.

EXCHANGE 3 young hen Canaries, cross-bred, in good condition, for Lancashire Plainhead hen for muling or a good Goldfinch.—W. McCullough, 3, Dalcham Mews, Hampstead, London, N.W.

BARGAIN. 20 pairs of high-class Yorkshires; must clear, room wanted; hens, 4/6 to 10/-; cock, 5/- to 15/-; no reserve; exchange anything; approval.—Sam Smith, Stanley-rd., Ingrow, Keighley.

MR. SMITH, Chemist, Scarboro', has a few good big Norwich for sale, prize-bred; also medium-sized cinnamons, single or pairs; prices moderate; approval; would exchange any for large Yellow Norwich cock.

TO Make room for breeding stock, can spare few of my Norwich; will exchange one cock for two cock Goldfinches, out of last three shows, with nine exhibits, two 1sts, one 2nd, two 3rds.—Moakes, 23, South Normanton.

OVERSTOCKED. Sale or exchange, 20 pairs grand Yorkshires, matched for breeding, all 1908; two splendid Goldfinch-Canary Mules, cocks variegated, 1 Greenfinch-Canary Mule cock, can win.—Marston, Cononley, via Keighley.

FOUR Buff Cinnamon cocks, 10/- each; four Cinnamon and Green cross cocks, 7/6 each; exchange silver lever watch, gent's boots, 7's and 9's, boy's 4's; Siberian Goldfinch cock; offers.—Davis, Concrete-square, Millom, Cumberland.

YORKSHIRES. Buff cock, winner (1st and special), with cinnamon hen, 30/-; yellow ticked cock, winner 2nd prize, with buff hen, 25/-; even marked cinnamon cock, winner 3rd prize, with buff hen, 25/-; also two Yorks. from 10/-; see report Newport Show, December; also pair of Norwich, 12/6; would exchange to value for chocolate (pedigree) toy Pomeranian bitch or Edison home phonograph and records, or offers; useful; exchange provisions, anything; stamp, reply.—W. Cooper, Priory-rd., Carisbrooke, I.W.

## Mainly Foreign.
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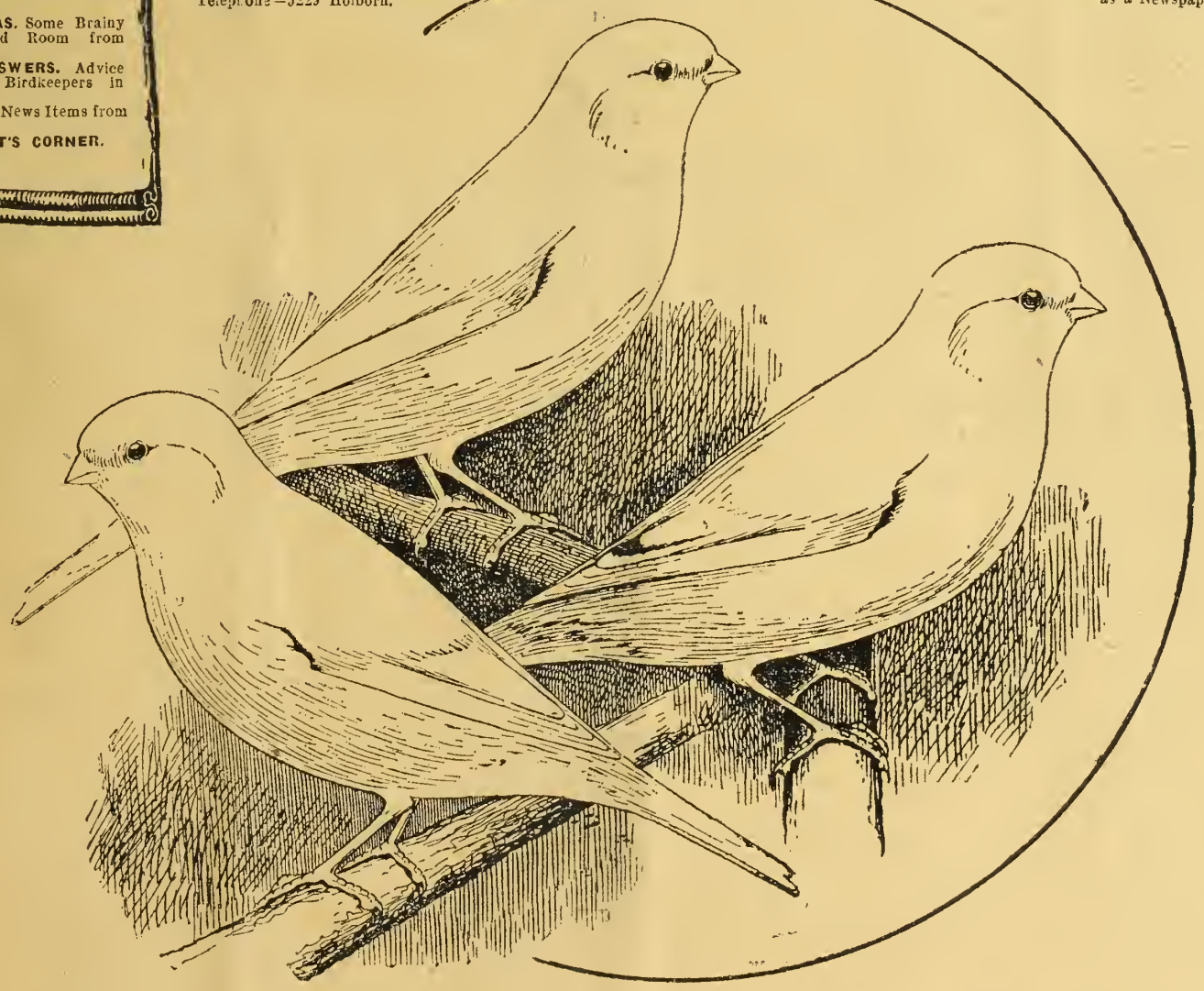

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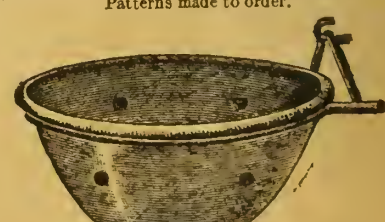

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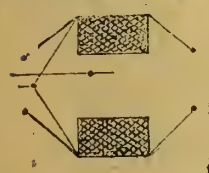

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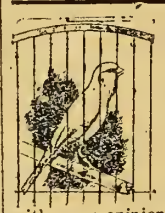

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I won third in class 75, unflighted Yorkshires, at the recent Tredegar Show, writes Miss E. M. Jelley (Penygray), and not as reported.

I was very pleased with the Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS, which was splendid. The plates were first class.—T. E. NICHOLSON (Pitsmoor).

The Coventry Godiva C.B.S. are holding a table show on February 8th, at 8.30, writes Mr. W. H. Bray, secretary, when all fanciers are invited to attend.

I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS now for over a year, and I find it one of the best papers for birds I have ever seen or heard of.—DAVID KENNEDY (Coleraine).

On January 29th, some workmen employed on a roof in Girdlers Road, West Kensington, found a Sparrow's nest containing four eggs, writes Mr. E. Sharratt.

I have a Crestbred Canary, writes Mr. Franklin (Hendon), which was hatched on January 27th. Is this not very early? The birds were kept in a cold room only.

Twenty-six new members have joined the society since the annual show in November, writes G. A. Jefferys, hon. secretary of the South London Col. and F.A.

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I have had so many replies to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. T. Johnson (Southport), that I simply cannot answer all—only those who sent stamps.

Kindly note change of secretary for the Burnley Cage Bird Breeders' Society, writes Mr. W. Clarkson, 30, Pine Street, Burnley, Lanes. I have been appointed to that office.

I have been a subscriber to CAGE BIRDS for the last six years and have seen it grow, and I hope it will go on growing for a very long time to come.—S. HAIGH (Halifax).

The Inverness O.A. Annual Show, writes Mr. Alex. Urquhart, secretary and treasurer, is fixed for November 24th. Will secretaries of shows please take note of the date?

I saw two young fanciers recently, and brought your valuable paper to their notice, writes Mr. D. Marsden, hon. secretary of the Shipley O.S.; they are now taking it in.

In consequence of the Palace Show we have abandoned our meeting fixed to take place on Monday, February 8th, writes Mr. V. Wynn, hon. secretary City and Suburban A.C.B.

We are sorry to say that we have lost our winning Bramblefinch, write Messrs. Barry Bros. (Bristol), but am pleased that we have several others which, with a good moult, will take its place.

The last advertisement I had in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. Risker (Middlesbro'), was a great success. I was tired of taking letters and postcards in; in fact, I had to tip the postman.

As the date originally fixed for our pair show, viz., February 6th, falls on one of the Crystal Palace Show days, writes Mr. J. A. Bartlett, of the Leyton and Dis. C.B.A., it has been postponed to February 13th.

Owing to the very bad fog which enveloped London, the recent meeting respecting the proposed new society for City of London, was not a success, only four gentlemen turning up, writes Mr. H. W. Cook.

I have been appointed secretary of the Shipley O.S., writes Mr. D. Marsden, and all communications respecting same should be addressed to me. I should be glad to hear of anyone desirous of joining the society.

I had four young Yorkshires hatched on January 18th from the bird I won special with at Ruthin Show, writes Mr. William Jones (Bangor). The young are coming on well, and I have found other hens sitting on eggs.

I have changed my address, writes Mr. J. G. Hutchinson, secretary Northern Crest Club, so that future correspondence should be addressed to 72, South View West, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

A printer's error occurred in a recent advertisement of that great practical bird specialist, Mr. W. Rudd, of Norwich, which should have read that he held a stock of all kinds of Canaries that has never been equalled either in Quality, Variety, or Quantity.

## TWITTERINGS.—Continued.

Will Mr. H. J. Campbell who sent us an advertisement, together with a postal order for sixpence, in the early part of the week, kindly communicate with us? The advertisement could not be inserted as the name of the town was omitted.

The members of the Leith O.S. are to hold a table show and judging competition in the Liberal Club, Hope Street, on Saturday, February 13th, at 4 p.m., writes Mr. George Brown, the secretary. Mr. Jas. F. Dewar has kindly agreed to act as judge.

We hear that Mr. H. Butler, of Dorset Street, Coventry, and Mr. T. E. Waring, of Lower Ford Street, Coventry, have gone into partnership, and will in future exhibit under the name of Messrs. Butler and Waring, of 200, Foleshill Road, Coventry.

Kindly thank the great number, about 50 so far, who have replied to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS for a Greenfinch and a Siskin hen, writes the Rev. Bernard Wilton (Middlesbrough). It is quite impossible to answer all the letters, or I would gladly do so.

A very tasteful and useful almanac reaches us from Mr. E. Taylor, the well-known "Universal Fanciers' Provider," of Thornton Road, Bradford, a copy of which will be sent to any reader who applies for one. The frontispiece is an excellent picture in colours.

The "Roberts Cup," writes Mr. R. Adamson, hon. secretary of the Scottish Crest Club, was won by Mr. Noble with 152 points. Messrs. McLay and Shillinglaw tied for second place with 106 points apiece. This was the first year of competition, and was confined to the club.

The membership of the Lowestoft and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. W. Lang, jun., the hon. secretary, is open to a five-mile radius, and anyone wishing to join will be welcomed at our meetings on the first Monday in each month at the "Fox and Hounds," London Road, at 8.30 p.m.

In my advertisement in the exchange column last week, your printers put "quilts" instead of "quoits; and as I have got so many offers of exchanges, would you please point out the mistake next week, as I shall be unable to answer all the letters I have got?—JAMES DICKSON (Penicuik).

Here is good news for CAGE BIRDS. The postman thinks I ought to have a special mail bag seeing I had over 30 offers for my Lancashire cock Canary, which I advertised for sale last week. This speaks volumes for your journal as an advertising medium. Kindly thank all who offered.—R. DICKINSON (Whitby).

The balance-sheet of the Norwich Amateur C.B.A. for 1908 shows a balance of 5s. 4d., after paying out 245 shares at 1s. 5½d. per member (£17 17s. 3½d.). This result reflects credit on the management, the officials of the association, and the secretary, Mr. E. Fox, and is no doubt very gratifying to the members.

I usually get, when advertising in CAGE BIRDS, about a dozen replies daily from all over England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. My supply of privet berries this season has ceased, writes Mr. John Tucker (Aldbourne), as the replies from my advertisements in your paper were enormous in number. I should like to thank CAGE BIRDS for this.

The following have just been elected members of the Crested Canary Club, writes Mr. J. Tyson, the secretary:—Mrs. Pearce (St. Albans), Mrs. Galloway (Bedford), Mrs. Litchfield (Streatham), Miss Turner (Southampton), Messrs. P. Hart (Leigh), J. Harrison (St. Ives), A. J. Watcham (Walthamstow), and Major G. E. Gabriel (Lowestoft).

I beg to say that owing to lack of support I have not been able to induce the railway company to run an excursion from the Midlands for the Palace Show, on Saturday next, writes Mr. J. M. de Maillet. There is, however, a half-day fast excursion to London on Monday, February 8th, leaving New Street, Birmingham, at 12.8 noon; return fare 5s.

A meeting of the Council of the London Federation of Cage Bird Societies will be held at the Feathers' Hotel, Great Chapel Street, Westminster, on Thursday next, February 11th, at 7.30 p.m., writes Mr. P. Adamthwaite, the secretary, when the result of the voting for officers will be announced, and some important business transacted.

Judging by their first balance-sheet, to hand from the hon. secretaries, Messrs. Metcalfe and Hillmen, the Liverpool O.S. is established on a firm basis, both financially and as regards membership. A heavy year's work was very creditably got through, and the annual show a great success. There remains cash in hand, £6 4s. 7d., to start the next season with, which must be highly pleasing to all concerned.

A Californian reader, Mr. J. A. Douglas, sends us a cutting from the "Los Angeles Express," which gives the annual report of the Game Wardens. In it is stated: "English Sparrows to the number of 1,682 were killed, at an expense of 241 dollars, men being paid at the rate of 25 cents an hour to hunt the birds." Mr. Douglas remarks: "I am grieved to hear of the slaughter of the dear little English Sparrow."

The Morpeth C.B.S. have arranged to hold a hot supper at the Black Bull Hotel, Morpeth, on Saturday, February 20th, at 7 p.m., writes Mr. E. Cowling, the secretary. An open invitation is extended to all fanciers and friends to join us at this function. A smoking concert will follow, so that friends who can contribute to the harmony of the evening, will kindly bring their songs or instruments. The price will be 1s. 6d. per head. Will all who intend coming send word to me at Fulbeck Cottage, Morpeth?

# GREAT SPECIAL NUMBER NEXT WEEK

### TO CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE OF THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW,

**Containing a Beautiful Coloured Plate and Much Highly Interesting Reading Matter.**

WE shall next week, in accordance with our usual custom, issue a Special Crystal Palace Show Number. This, as a souvenir of the "Jubilee" Show, we shall do our best to make more than ordinarily attractive. It will contain a splendid coloured plate and some specially written contributions of absorbing interest to all lovers of birds, while the Great Show itself will be found reported in the fullest detail by some of the leading experts in the Fancy to-day. In view of the heavy work such a gigantic number entails upon our printers and the staff of CAGE BIRDS, secretaries of societies and contributors generally will oblige by sending their announcements to reach us by Monday's post, February 8, at latest.

**Advertisers** will doubtless not be slow to take advantage of the remarkable circulation the Crystal Palace Number always achieves—this year it promises to be more extensively world-wide than ever—and we earnestly impress upon them the necessity of sending in their announcements as early as possible, and in any case not later than first post next Tuesday, February 9. Advertisements may be handed in at our stall at the Crystal Palace Show, where we hope to meet many new friends as well as all the old ones who regularly visit this function. Don't forget to put your name and address in our Visitors' Book.

About a month ago I bought a cock Bullfinch from a friend, writes Mr. C. Bennett (Leyton). It had been with some Canaries a few days before. While we were having tea one day it was trying to imitate some of my Canaries in song. We all call him "Bull." He has got so tame since we have had him that he will take a sunflower seed out of my hand.

A copy of the "Fanciers' Diary," half-crown edition (bound in morocco leather, and with card and stamp pockets), reaches us from Messrs. James and Co., 189, Sirdar Road, Wood Green, London, N. It is a very tasteful pocket diary indeed, exceedingly useful, and we can recommend it to any fancier on the look out for a well-designed and convenient diary for the pocket.

The Hull C.B.S. has issued a very fine programme for the 1909 season, full of items attractive to fanciers, and printed in excellent style, the "get-up" testifying to the ability of the secretary, Mr. E. R. Ridley (19, Lambton Street), who will be glad to hear from birdkeepers desirous of joining the society. There is a splendid list of members' shows, and it is contemplated organising a club excursion to one of the principal cage-bird exhibitions during the coming season.

The Siskin-Canary Mule I had entered for the Palace Show, writes Mr. G. Lander (Leicester), has had the misfortune to knock out the flight feathers of one wing. I quite expected it to get well in the money. A traction engine with a heavy load went by my house, and made such a row that my birds were fairly shook off their perches (being in the front room downstairs). I found handfuls of feathers about the room, and it was quite an hour before the birds settled down after it.

We have received a copy of the February number of "British Birds," a magazine devoted to the birds on the British list. It contains several interesting articles, and a number of valuable notes. Mr. J. M. Dewar's "Field Notes on the 'Powder Down' of the Heron" affords capital reading, as do also Mr. W. H. Mullens' observations on two British Ornithologists, John Ray (1627-1705), and Francis Willughby (1635-1672). "Bird Life in a Spring Snowstorm" is the title given to an article by the Rev. A. Ellison, M.A., B.D., M.B.O.U.

The Heywood and Bury Societies are holding inter-club shows, first at Bury on February 13th, and at Heywood on the following Saturday, February 20th. Each society is to stage 4 birds in the following 6 classes:—1, Yorkshire, A.V., Yellow; 2, Yorkshire, A.V., Buff; 3, Norwich, A.V., Yellow; 4, Norwich, A.V., Buff; 5, A.O.V., Canary; and 6, A.V. British Hardbill. Mr. R Barrass (Rochdale), has kindly consented to place the cards at both shows. Points to count 7 to 1. Local fanciers please note.—A. H. MEADOWCROFT, hon. secretary, Heywood and Dis. O.S.

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you on your Birthday Number. The plates alone are worth far more than the money. Great was my surprise to find your artist had favoured my Unflighted Yellow Yorks, with a place amongst this season's winners. It has always been my ambition to breed one good enough to catch his eye, but I did not anticipate it so soon. The bird has been out 3 times, 3rd at Bristol F.A., 1st at Cardiff, 1st at Bournemouth. I am pleased to say I had the pleasure of breeding him and his parents and grand-parents, which all won in good company. —MRS. L. GARLAND (Bristol).

I enclose a report of the meeting of the Cinnamon Canary Club at Manchester Show, writes Mr. R. J. Pretty, the hon. secretary. The reason for the delay is that I lost my note book. For some time I searched for it but could not find it anywhere. As a final resort, it struck me that it might have fallen off my desk (as some papers have done before) into a waste-paper basket that I kept underneath. I have emptied that basket twice since November, and always turn the contents into a sack with the other office waste. I had it cleared the week before last, so I wrote to the dealer, and it was restored to its "despairing" owner this week; hence the report. At the meeting at the Palace several questions, or, at least, the type question, will come on. I know several are coming from the North to go into it, and I anticipate a lively meeting.

Having won the Toronto medal for best Green bird in the show at the Green Canary Association old show held recently, may I through your columns thank Mr. J. C. Barnes for his grand recipe—port, honey, and a bit of iron—which he gave in CAGE BIRDS some time ago? I attribute the good condition in which the bird was shown to the use of this recipe. I wish your grand paper every success. —JOHN GORE (Liverpool).

Having taken over the secretaryship of that well-known society, the Liverpool Bird Breeders' Association, writes Mr. F. E. Hawkes, 1, Great Crosshall Street, Liverpool, I am very pleased to state that a great many old fanciers have rallied round with their support, and I have secured a goodly number of specials for the coming night show of pairs, to be held February 11th, at Oldham Hotel. Birds to be staged at 7.30. The list of specials in the 5 classes is as follows:—5s. for most points Yorks. and Norwich Clears; 5s. for most points Yorks. and Norwich Greens; 2s. 6d. for best pair of Yorks. Greens; 4 qrts. of seed for best pair of Norwich Greens, and in the A.O.V. class; also good cash specials. Mr. S. Hadwin will judge.

## OBITUARY

### Mr. T. BENNISON (Harrogate).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. G. H. Barnwell, hon. secretary of the Harrogate C.B.S., that I have to announce the death of one of our oldest and most esteemed fanciers, Mr. T. Bennison, of Grove Park Lane, Harrogate. He was ever a genial and true fancier, being well respected by all who came in contact with him. Yorkshires were his Fancy, and he bred several very promising young birds last season, and if he had been spared for another season, I feel sure, he would have come well to the front. His illness only lasted some five weeks. All fanciers will, I feel sure, join me in extending our deepest sympathy to his widow and children.

### Mr. REES MILES.

I am sorry to have to announce the death, writes Mr. T. L. Castree (Mountain Ash), of Mr. Rees Miles, brother to Mr. T. Miles, that energetic treasurer and show manager of the Maesteg C.B.S. The deceased was well known and most highly respected in the district, and although only 45 years of age had suffered considerably during the last 12 months. He passed away a day previous to this society's show, which was held on January 27th, and leaves a sorrowing widow and six children to mourn his loss. All who knew him extend, I am sure, their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and relatives.

## National British Bird and M.C.

The annual general meeting of the N.B.B. and M.C. will be held in the Electric Theatre (instead of the Board Room), at the Crystal Palace on Saturday. This will be more convenient, as it is opposite the show tent.—PLUMBRIDGE AND CARR, hon. secretaries.

## Prize Money at the Palace.

In our issue of last week, when speaking of the entry received for the Crystal Palace Show, we stated that twenty-two of the classes had received over 25 entries, and that the v.h.c. birds in those classes thus became entitled to the extra prize of 2s. given by CAGE BIRDS, and the h.c. birds to that of 2s. presented by the London and Provincial Ornithological Society. It is, of course, the birds selected by the judges as the *best* v.h.c. and h.c. birds which become entitled to the respective prizes. We think it well to make this clear, or possibly someone who has not read the schedule might think every v.h.c. and every h.c. bird became entitled to a prize.

## Our Frontispiece.

With reference to the three Norwich Plainheads appearing on our front page this week, their owner, Mr. T. Seed (Rishton), writes: The Buff cock and the unflighted Buff were bred by myself, and the former has won first at the Scottish National (Edinburgh) and second at Preston, while the youngster has secured firsts at Preston, Liverpool, and the Scottish National. The noted Clear Buff, "Little King II." was bred by Mr. T. H. Dent (Preston), and has been exhibited by myself, winning 30 first and specials, or thereabouts.

## SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

* Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

*Feb. 5, 6, 8, 9.—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show** (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Av., Brixton) H.T.C. S.B.C. J.F.D., J.D., T.H., J.F.H., R.Ht., W.M., J.R., J.H.R., W.S., G.E.W., A.S., and W.V.

*Feb. 25.—**Gorseinon (Glam).**—Gordon Clarke, High St., Gorseinon.

Oct. 9—**Longton.**—(E. Tams, Church Street.)

Oct. 13 and 14—**Caterham.**—(Jas Kilby, Caterham Valley.) J.R.

Oct. 15 and 16—**Bolton** J. Stringer, 27, JamesSt.

Oct. 16.—**Darlington C. & C.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace.

Oct. 16—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage.)

Oct. 19 and 20—**Western Counties (Plymouth)**—(Thos. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.)

*Oct. 20 and 21—**Grimsby & Dis. O.S.**—(W. H. Moore, 39, Lord Street).

Oct. 20 and 21—**Battersea, open.**—(Easterling and Allin, 349, Battersea Park Road.)

Oct. 22 and 23—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Philpott, 28, Jubilee St., Oswaldtwistle).

Oct. 22 and 23—**Newcastle-on-Tyne**—(Curry and Hutchinson, 60, Grosvenor Gardens.)

Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford, Normand Place, Kelty, N.B.

Oct. 23—**City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 6, St. Catherine's Road.

*Oct. 27—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery Sartor House, Winner Street.)

*Oct. 29 and 30—**Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.**—H. Marshall, 41, Truman St., W.V & R.R.

Oct. 29 and 30—**Manchester.**—(G. W. F. Lythgoe, 25, Stamford Street, Old Trafford.)

Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan, 23, High Street.

Nov. 3.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idalroe, Oakland Av.

Nov. 5 and 6—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Harver, 1, Theresa Street.) J.R., & H.W.B.

Nov. 5 and 6—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Hillman, Reservoir House, 35, Whitefield Road Everton.)

Nov. 6—**Rochdale Good Intent**—(F. Rayner, 312, Halifax Road).

Nov. 6 and 8—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(C. Draper, 105, Belgrave Street.)

Nov. 9 and 10—**Hastings United**—(A. E. Godden, 50, Harold Road, Clive Vale). J.R.

Nov. 10 and 11—**Cambridge**—T. S. Moore, 126, Newmarket Road.

Nov. 10 and 11—**Swansea.**—(A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, nr. Swansea.)

Nov. 13—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.**—(Bagshaw and Flint, Tideswell, nr. Buxton).

Nov. 13 and 15—**Nottingham**—G. E. Wilkinson 9, Wellington Square, Parkside.

Nov. 13—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.)

Nov. 17—**Reading**—(G. A. Charles, 4, Talfourd Avenue, Earley, Reading).

Nov. 19 and 20 **Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19 Lambton Street).

Nov. 19 and 20—**Sunderland**—(W. Reid, 2, Plantation Road, Fallion.)

Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.).

Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.)

Dec. 1 and 2—**City of Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.)

Dec. 1 and 2—**Cardiff.**—(W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland Road,) J.U.P., & J.R.

Dec. 8—**Luton**—(E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street). J.R. and A.S.

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Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,)

## ENTRIES CLOSE.

**Feb. 9—Erotton**—J. Dales, 40, Chapel Street.

" 9—**Wakefield**—Parker & Parkes, 30, Carter Street.

" 12—**Thirsk**—J. Bell, Ingramgate.

## PRIZE MONEY PAID.

**[Will exhibitors who have not received their prize-money please communicate with the respective secretaries at once.]**

Sutton Coldfield, Bradford East.

## THE GREAT JUBILEE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

At the time of going to press, the weather in London is very mild and open, and entirely favourable, a state of things which will please alike visitors, exhibitors, and the birds. For the convenience of visitors, we append the best routes to the Palace from the various railway termini:—

PADDINGTON (G.W.R.)—Take the underground from Praed Street to Victoria or Aldersgate Street; then the Chatham Railway to the Crystal Palace High Level Station. Or take the Bakerloo tube (see from Marylebone).

MARYLEBONE (G.C.R.)—"Bakerloo" tube to Elephant and Castle; then transfer to Chatham Railway to High Level Station. Or go to Baker Street Station and take the train to Victoria.

EUSTON (L.N.W.R.), ST. PANCRAS (M.R.), and KING'S CROSS (G.N.R.)—Underground to Aldersgate Street; or 'bus to Ludgate Hill or Holborn Viaduct, and then Chatham Railway to Palace. Or take the City and South London (tube) Railway to London Bridge.

LIVERPOOL STREET (G.E.R.)—Rail direct, via New Cross; or 'bus to London Bridge, Holborn Viaduct, or Ludgate Hill, and then by L.B. and S.C. or Chatham Railway.

WATERLOO (L. and S.W.R.)—Take half-penny car to Elephant and Castle (or the "Bakerloo" tube), then transfer to Chatham Railway.

Victoria, Ludgate Hill, St. Paul's, Snow Hill, Holborn Viaduct, Moorgate Street, and London Bridge.—Rail direct to the Palace from these stations.

Direct trains to the Palace also run from Willesden and Clapham Junctions.

# The Novices Notebook.

**This page will consist of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes will be contributed from time to time by various leading experts.**

*(Continued from page 81.)*

### The First Step.

To take the case of an existing building which has already been used for housing some other kind of live stock, the initial step should invariably be to clean and thoroughly disinfect the place from roof or ceiling to floor. In some few cases this may appear somewhat unnecessary, but for the sake of thoroughness and to remove any shadow of doubt it should be insisted upon in every case. After clearing away every visible trace of dirt, and dusty accumulations, the walls and ceiling should be washed down with a fairly strong solution of carbolic, applying it liberally with an ordinary whitewash brush, and washing it well into any cracks or crevices, and all corners.

When this has dried a coat of hot lime-wash prepared with freshly slaked lime should be given. This should not be used too thick, or it will be found most difficult to work it well into small cracks, where it is most of all required. Large cracks should be stopped up as the work proceeds with a little of the thick sediment from the bottom of the bucket, pressed in with the point of a stick trimmed to a convenient shape for the job, which may also be kept in the bucket to stir the wash from time to time. Allow this coat to dry well, and give a fresh coat a trifle thicker to enable it to be worked to a nice smooth surface.

The glaring white cold appearance may, if desired, be relieved by adding a sufficient quantity of dry stain powder, obtainable at any oil and colour shop, to give required shade of colour preferred. In preparing this, one must remember that the mixture in the bucket requires to be several shades darker than the tint one wishes to see when the walls are dry.

To gauge your tints with certainty, add the stain a little at a time, stir in thoroughly, and then brush a little on to a piece of brown paper or card-board and dry it before a fire. You will then see exactly what colour the stuff will be when dry on the walls. A room or shed thus treated will be in as pure and healthful a condition hygienically as it is possible to make it by any ordinary methods. Prepared thus, a room should be allowed to stand some little time for the heat of the lime to pass off before any birds are introduced to fly at liberty, and therefore its preparation should begin at least a few weeks before the breeding season arrives.

If the inmates are to be kept in cages the case is, of course, a little different, and they may be introduced as soon as the walls are quite dry and the floor cleared and got ready for the reception of cages, staging, or the like, and then the work may quite easily be got through any time up to the beginning of March. At the same time, as there is usually much less to do in the bird-room during January and February, it is best to get all such preparatory work as this done during these months, when there is less need to rush it, and consequently, no excuse for lack of thoroughness in carrying it out.

### Light and Ventilation.

If any structural alterations have to be carried out to bring these points up to a passable degree of perfection, they should of course be done before the internal whitewashing, either before or after the preliminary disinfecting wash. This, too, is a point which is very largely controlled by site and locality, as must be quite obvious in relation to the question of lighting. In all cases the interior of the building should be quite as well lighted and as bright as any ordinary living-room, so that the birds can see to move about and feed with perfect freedom right up to the hour of sunset at least, and this, in ordinary conditions of weather in autumn or spring. It goes without saying that the site of the proposed aviary and its proximity to other buildings, will very materially affect the quantity of "lights" or size of windows required to obtain this result, and where birds are to be kept in cages instead of flying loose, a rather stronger light will be necessary in the room to ensure the cages being fairly well lit, even if they are arranged on the side opposite the window.

Then, at the same time, it must be borne in mind that any great area of glass is to be avoided, if possible, on account of its rendering the whole interior of the building subject to extreme fluctuations of temperature, and the objectionable "sweating," which it is extremely difficult to avoid in any ordinary building where much glass is a feature. Lighting by "skylights" is also an objectionable feature in many ways, and should be avoided in all cases where sufficient light can be obtained by ordinary windows. These should be of a fairly good type, close-fitting to exclude the fatal cutting draughts, but made to open with ease and freedom, so that they may be utilised at any time in fair weather to give the place a good airing.

Wire-covered frames must be made to fit over the window spaces, which should hang on hinges, in order to be easily movable to allow free and easy access to the windows. (Never, by the way, place any serious obstacle in the way of getting the windows open, as this is apt to cause needed airings to be deferred to a more convenient season, when one is busy, and perhaps omitted altogether.) This wire frame is necessary to prevent the escape of birds, or ingress of feline marauders, when the windows are open, and are most advisable for the latter purpose, even when the birds are being kept in cages.

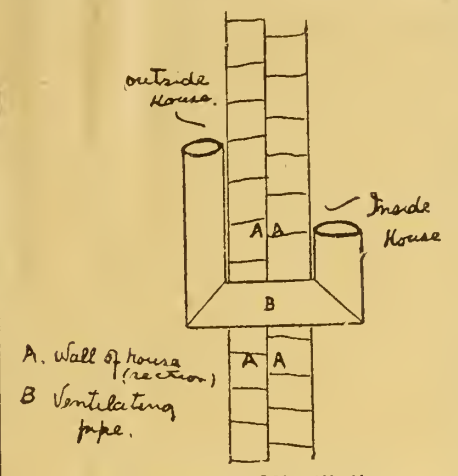
The ventilation of any given place is a still more difficult matter to advise upon, without being on the spot to see the exact position and surroundings. The chief difficulty is to provide for a thorough and efficient change of air in the building, constantly and in all conditions of weather which may be ruling outside, and yet to avoid all draughts, and also as far as possible avoid too striking contrasts in the temperature inside the house. Any system that provides for a progressive and gradual change to be going on automatically must naturally be the best suited for the purpose in view, but, unfortunately, such an ideal condition of things requires a certain amount of expert knowledge to carry it into effect.

### The Elementary Points.

One of the fundamental laws of the science is to provide inlets for fresh pure air at or near the level of the floor, and corresponding outlets for the discharge of foul used-up air in the highest parts of the interior space. Of course this is simply utilising the known natural law that heated air, being lighter than cold, automatically rises to the top in a confined space, and thus the air which becomes more or less heated in the process of heating, and through the presence of animal bodies, rises upwards and passes off through the outlet provided for the purpose, at the same time that a corresponding supply of fresh air is pouring in at the lower apertures. In an existing wooden structure this system may generally be carried out by boring a row of half-inch holes with an auger round the top of the walls, or in the apex of the gables, as the case may be, and a corresponding row around the bottom of the walls.

In building a new structure, however, it would be far better to dispense with such makeshifts, and insert a proper ventilator in the floor; and instead of the holes in the gables of a span roof building, leave an inch or so of open space all across the ridge of the roof, and cover this with a small super-imposed span raised an inch or so above the proper roof.

The amount of space allowed in all cases for ingress and egress of air must be regulated by the size of the structure, and the number of birds it is intended to accommodate. Sufficient should be provided to ensure the atmosphere in the house being free from any stuffy, birdy smell, and yet not enough to make it quite as chilly in cold weather as it is in the open air. A simple and yet practical test is to take a short walk in the open air in the morning, after the birds have been closed up all night, and then go into the room and note the effect of the air in the house. If the ventilation is insufficient, the air will feel quite oppressive and heated, and may even cause a feeling of sickness if the deficiency has been very great. Imagine the effect upon the health of the birds shut up for hours in such an atmosphere. The ingress of fresh air should be increased until the air is tolerably pure and not overheated when the house is unlocked for the first time in the morning after being closed all night.




Tobin's System of Ventilation.

### Fresh Air Without Draughts.

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### Tobin's System.

A system of ventilation by means of pipes passing through the wall, which worked on the syphon principle and insured perfect ventilation with absolute riddance of draughts, was dealt with many years ago in the leading press of this country, and was known as Tobin's system of ventilation. If memory serves us correctly, the sketch given here shows the principal features of the system.

It consists of making the inlets by passing a pipe horizontally through the wall, and adding a short elbow pointing upwards inside the house or room, and a similar elbow of at least twice the length on the outside. When this is properly fixed, the pure cool air passing down the long outside elbow is syphoned out at the other end into the room, without any possibility of draughts occurring. It is, in fact, bringing pure air into the room with a syphon, just as much, and in an analogous way, as one might draw off fluid from a vessel of any kind by a syphon pipe This system really seems to be one that is generally applicable to any kind of building, no matter whether the walls are wood or stone, or brick; thick or thin; and its exclusion of draughts should render it peculiarly suitable to the needs of bird fanciers and aviarists.

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### **Doctoring a Long-tailed Tit.

I was out playing with a boy recently, when he flung a stone which struck the branch of a tree. There was a Long-tailed Tit on the branch, and it fell to the ground stunned. I picked it up and carried it into the house. My father put it into a box in his bird-room, and covered it up. In the morning we could hear it knocking against the box trying to get out. When it was quite light we took it to the door and let it go. I would have tried to keep it till the weather was better, but father said that it would not live on seed. I was sorry to part with it, but glad to have helped it and to have given it its freedom once again.—Sent by Jack Stenhouse (age 8), Catherine Villa, Sandbank, Argyll.

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# The Elusive Bullfinch Hybrid: My Attempts to Breed It.

By R. JAMES COOK.

(Continued from page 22).

At any rate, this particular hen was a good sitter, so I trusted her with my (as I hoped) valuable clutch, and threw away her own eggs. Readers will see how necessary it is for the Hybrid breeder to have plenty of Canary hens to "foster" any eggs one may get from the British pairs. This hen sat well, and at the tenth day I tested the eggs and found to my great joy that two were fertile.

### The Bullfinch Hen's Record.

Three day's later two strong, healthy Linnet-Bullfinch Hybrids were born in that nest. A few hours' anxious watching convinced me that the hen would serve them the same as she had served her own young. Here was a poser. At this time I had a friend who possessed an outdoor aviary. I hurried down to him with my precious birds. He had a hen with two young ones four days old. Would he throw them out to give my Hybrids a chance? No; the hen was a good feeder, he said, and would bring them all up. I offered him one of the Hybrids to do as I wished (if they were both reared). But no. Well, I had no other alternative, so I popped them in and left them to their fate. They were dead in two days, smothered by the big Canaries. It seemed but a just fate that those same Canaries should die before they left the nest.

The Bullie hen laid again at odd times. Some of the eggs were soft shelled, some she broke, one or two I accidentally broke, and some were sat on and proved unfertile. In all she laid 23 eggs, and then thought she had done enough, I suppose, for she was dead on the cage bottom one morning. And so ended my first year's Hybrid breeding experiences.

The next few years were worse than my first. I had eggs, fertile ones too, but none hatched out. "Dead in shell" was my great trouble in these years.

I think it was about the year 1900 I set up an outdoor aviary, in a room detached from my house, and decided to stock it with Canary hens, and cock British birds, Linnet, Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Redpoll and Siskin. With these I included a hand-reared Bullfinch hen, and fully expected to breed Mules of all kinds as easily as other people bred Canaries. But that experiment proved to me that I did not know everything about Mule and Hybrid breeding, for at the end of the season I could count up about eighty unfertile Canary eggs, one Linnet and Canary Mule, two Redpoll and Canary Mules, several fertile Bullie eggs, (the birds dead in shell), and also one Bullie and something Hybrid, which did not live long enough for me to know what it was (probably it was a Linnet and Bullie, as I had seen them pair up several times). The hen Bullie built several nests, and laid in them, but never offered to sit.

The next season I put three cock Canaries with about ten hens. I left the Finches there and let them take their chance. No Mules of any kind were bred in the aviary that season, so it does not seem to be of any use mixing cock British birds with Canaries if the latter have Canary mates.

### Wild Linnets to the Rescue.

I still had my Bullie hen from the previous season, and paired her to a Greenfinch in a cage. She laid twenty-six eggs at different times, only one of which proved fertile, and that I put out in a wild Linnet's nest among eggs about to hatch out, hoping the natural food it would get would save it until it was nine or ten days old, when I hoped to hand-rear it. A friend and I drove about seven miles to do this. It was safely put in a nest that had eggs in due to hatch either that day or the next. I knew the egg was hatched, for my friend made a special journey to see if the bird had arrived; but upon our next visit we found it had vanished, so I presume it died and was in some way disposed of by the old Linnets, for the young Linnets were there, and I had some of them to hand-rear.

Turning from the Bullfinch hen for a moment, I may say that the same season I paired up a cock Goldfinch and a hen Greenfinch in a cage; the hen built a very decent nest in a German wicker cage inside the breeding cage, and laid four eggs, and sat as well as a hen Canary for eight or nine days. But one morning when I went to feed, all the eggs were on the bottom of the cage. Mr. Goldie had decided to see what was in them, and had found they were not good to eat, I suppose, as they were simply smashed and left for me to see. I saw, too, that they were all fertile. I did not get any more eggs from this pair, as it was late when they went to nest.

### How to Hand-rear Young Bullies.

In 1905 my wife and daughter hand-reared a nest of Bullfinches, two cocks and two hens. One of the hens died after the moult, leaving me one hen, and the two cocks. I forget what became of the cocks, but the hen I took great care of, and a very charming pet she became, as tame as possible, and a good sized one at that.

I should like to say here that my wife and daughter have been very successful in rearing young Bullfinches, and have never lost one. Perhaps some of my readers would like to know how it is done. First soak or scald some German rape seed, which must be dried in a cloth and afterwards crushed with a rolling-pin, or a good strong knife. Take half a hard-boiled egg (boiled for ten 10 minutes), chop it very finely and mix with an equal amount in bulk of the crushed rape. Then add to this about a teaspoonful of live ant's eggs, if you can get them, if not, the best dried ones you can buy. Damp with a few drops of water and feed every hour at least from 6 a.m. till dark; if you are awake at 5 a.m. that will not be too early.

When you have fed them for the last time, wrap the cage or basket in an old shawl to keep them warm and dark. They should not be older than ten or eleven days when you take them.

### Very Near the Goal.

Early in the spring of 1906, I bought a grand house-moulted Yellow Greenfinch cock, and paired my Bullie hen with him, in a cage. When I saw they were on really good terms, I turned them into my outdoor aviary amongst some Canaries and other birds. This would be about the end of March. They continued very friendly to each other, and had evidently decided to set up housekeeping, for by about the middle of April the hen had built a very nice nest in a small cage hung up in the aviary. She laid six eggs consecutively, sat upon them for the full thirteen days, and hatched the only fertile egg among them.

Now would they rear it? That was the question, and a very anxious one for me you may be sure. I am afraid I spent more time than I should have done watching for the feeding of my prodigy, but the day after hatching, I saw Mr. Greenfinch hop up into the cage and feed the hen. Not many minutes after he left, she carefully raised herself, and from her motions I could see she was feeding the chick, after which she had a turn off the nest. Now was my time. I popped into the aviary and examined the young one. He was crammed as full as he could be. "Hurrah, I shall rear a Hybrid at last" I thought.

For nine days they continued to do the needful in a first-class manner, and the youngster grew strong and lusty. He began to feather nicely, and I was in "high feather," too. Both birds took a little egg-food, but the chief of their food during this time was seeding heads of groundsel, chickweed, dandelion, and every sort of wild weed that had any signs of going to seed that I could find (and they take some finding in the middle of May).

On the 10th day I fancied the young Hybrid looked queer about the head, and on the 11th day he had a decided swelling on one side of it. On the 12th day he died from what appeared to be an abscess over his right eye. His head, in fact, was swelled to twice its normal size; but he continued to open his beak for food until a few hours before his death.

Well, I began this paper with the word patience, and, I may say, I had patience then, for I had never been so near the goal before. The parent birds, too, were healthy, and, in addition, were good feeders. Besides this, the hen was a good sitter. So I hoped for better luck next time.

### My Greenie-Bullie Hybrid.

In about a week, the hen was busy building another nest. Six more eggs were laid, and were sat on the full time. Again one chick hatched out—the only good egg in the six.

The parents maintained their good character, and a fine healthy Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid left the nest. He grew and thrived, and had his photo taken (as reproduced on Page 22 of the Birthday Number). The old birds continued to feed him even after the hen Bullie had gone to nest again.

When he was six weeks old I caged him off, and who could be so proud as I was?

He did well, and now came the question: Is it a cock? A few feathers pulled from his breast soon decided this, for they were replaced by others of a fine ruddy yellow, not unlike those of a color-fed Norwich Canary, but not so pure in tint. I did not color-feed him, preferring to give him every natural chance to make the most of his strength in the way of size and stamina. He went through his moult quickly, and easily came out a good color and a fine bird. To this there was only one exception, viz., that he had a slight weakness in his left eye, and would close it at times as if it pained him. He was otherwise in perfect health and plumage. I have said before that I did not color-feed him, but you may be sure he had the first blackberries and elder berries I could find ripe, also every kind of wild seed, including dock, of which he was very fond.

Well, although he was only a baby, I was anxious that he should make his bow to the judge. I entered him at Dudley, and hoped he might be in the money, but I suppose the judge spotted that weak eye, for he was passed in favour of birds in every other way his inferior. Still I am of opinion that his size, color, rarity and staging should have secured him a card, if only a C, for at that time his defect was not a glaring one by any means. I thought I would try him once more, and then give him a rest for that season. Birmingham was his next journey, and I am sorry to say his eye was worse rather than better, but still not really bad, being at worst only a weakness. My opinion of the Dudley judge was confirmed by Mr. Bexson, who gave him V.H.C. in a far better class both in numbers and quality, although the bird was, as I said, worse than at Dudley.

About 14 days after he came home from Birmingham, his eye got very much worse, a bad swelling came on and around it. My wife and I tried hot fomentations in the hope of breaking what was evidently an abscess. Despite all our care, he died very soon, and we were not sorry, for his pain was really trying even for us to watch, especially as he had been a pet and made much of by us all.

The hen Bullie had gone to nest again when he was about a month old, sat on four eggs the full time. One egg was fertile, the young one being dead in shell. She moulted alright, but a week or two after the Hybrid died she went wrong and died—all my hopes dashed to the ground again.

Early in 1907 I bought a Swedish hen Bullie, and paired her to my Greenfinch, the father of the Hybrids. I had no nest and no eggs, and 1907 was a blank. I have her now, and she is a beauty, as big as a good Lark. I am still hoping for the luck that has refused to smile upon me for so many years of earnest endeavour in this particular line. I have been thinking whilst writing this that my critics (of whom there should be not a few) will say, "But this man can scarcely call himself a Hybrid breeder; he has only bred one in 15 years that has lived long enough to be put on the show bench." That is quite true, but at least they will have to admit that I am not easily discouraged, that I have tried, and also that I have at least done everything in my power to ensure success. I would like to say that what I have written is what has happened to me in the course of 15 years' Hybrid breeding; it is all put down as it happened, and every word is absolutely true. I have not drawn on my imagination for one single line. I have had many happy hours with my pets, have learned some very valuable lessons in patience and perseverance, and have acquired the power of bearing with misfortune. In conclusion, I hope the coming season will bring to all Hybrid breeders the success they desire—and to CAGE BIRDS every success.


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# How I Manage My British Finches

By WILLIAM LLOYD.

In trying to relate my experiences on this subject, I hope it will prove a help to all who are on the point of starting to keep British birds, either for pleasure or for exhibition purposes.

### The Goldfinch.

The first bird I intend dealing with is the Goldfinch. To my mind this bird is the nicest of our British Finches, making quite a charming pet, with his red face, white collar, the black on his head and down the side of his neck, his black wings and nice yellow bars, and nutty brown body. When on my holiday, I go out watching these birds, in order to study their feeding and their little ways, and find out all I can about them in their wild state.

I find that the Goldfinches choose to build their nest high up between the forks of such trees as elm, ash, poplar, pear, and apple. The nest is made from coltsfoot leaves, and the down off dandelion heads, from which they make a very good nest too by the time it is finished. The hen lays from three to four eggs, of a blueish colour, with little spots of red.

During the incubation I have never seen the cock bird sit, but in some tree not far off the nest he will be found singing in full force. But when the young come there is no time for song, as he makes the best of fathers and may be seen constantly on the wing to and from the nest. The parents feed their young on small insects, green seeds, chickweed, grass seed, the young buds off trees, and other kinds of seedlings.

Supposing the young to be now feathered and ready to leave the nest. The head, breast and under colour are of a kind of dirty grey, the body is brown, the butts of the wings brown, and the flight feathers dark with yellow bars on them. That is why they are called "Greypates." When buying young 'Pates, select them long and snaky-looking, and have those with the longest heads and beaks you can find. If you choose them this way, I guarantee you will be sure of having cock birds, as there are many Goldfinch hens sold as cocks, even when they are in full colour.

I will now say how I catch these birds, and how I treat them when they are newly caught. I never lose any at this stage. I write this especially for the benefit of young catchers. Now, the first thing I do is to find out where the Goldfinches are feeding. I find they feed mostly in turnip fields, as they find plenty of good food there, such as chickweed, groundsel, and the small insects that cling to the leaves of the turnips. This is in August, as the hardheads and thistles are not then quite ripe. I pick out a good place for catching, and then take out my call-bird, one that I take care is in full song. I get a stick out of a hedge, about 5ft. long, and this I place in the ground so that the stick is straight up, and on this I place my call-bird nearly at the top. I fasten it with a piece of wire. This method keeps the call-bird free from the harm and danger which stoats and weasels might otherwise cause. I have had good birds, I may say, killed in this way. I then get a nice bush out of a hedge, and this I place in the ground so as to form a kind of young tree. On this I place my birdlime twigs, and a stuffed Goldfinch in the middle of the bush. This bush, I may add, is placed close to my call-bird. When all is ready I go and hide not far from them, so that I can see all that is going on.

We will now imagine that we have had a catch. I always have with me a store cage, with a cloth top and a stocking fastened to it. Through the latter I am able to put the birds in and out of the store cage. I take the birds off the lime very gently, so that I do not hurt them. I also have by me a bottle of raw linseed oil, and a piece of rag. I put some of the oil on the limed part of the birds, and I see that they are well cleaned, as, if they are not, they stand a poor chance of living. This oil will be found to clean them well. I get them home as quickly as I can, and then give them each a drink of cold water that has been previously boiled. In this I dissolve a small piece of pick-me-up paste. When I have given each of them a drink of this, I crush some hemp seed very finely, and this I throw on to the bottom of the store cage, giving also plenty of inga or niger seed. I keep them for a fortnight on this. I try whole hemp, inga and ripe hardheads, and on this I keep them for another fortnight.

In the selection of exhibition Goldfinches I choose a good, large bird with a square-cut blaze, a nice white collar, and a fine black on the head extending down to the side of neck. The bird must have good tan on the breast, and the butts of wings must be jet black with good yellow bars and fine clean buttons on the ends of the wing feathers. The body must be of a nutty brown. I may say that I have supplied some of the Goldfinches that are doing some winning for their owners on the show benches to-day.

I feed them as follows:—Hemp, 1lb.; teazle, ½lb.; inga, ½lb.; turnip, ½lb.; summer rape, ½lb.; and linseed, ½lb. These I give mixed well together. I also supply separately Canary, sunflower, and maw seeds, seeding watercress, and shepherd's purse. I let them have fresh air and plenty of thistle and hardheads, together with water to bathe in and a piece of old mortar between the wires of cages for them to pick at. Given this food, and the water, as I have described, the birds will come out of their moult in the best of condition and bloom.

### The Linnet.

The Linnet, which is well known all over England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales, for its singing abilities, is, I should suggest, next to the Nightingale for its song. I like very much to hear them. They are easily kept birds, and are very cheap too, considering their wonderful song. The best time for buying a linnet or for catching a number of linnets is the latter end of September, as at that time the majority of them are over the moult.

The Linnet builds its nest in any low bush, such as blackberry, gorse, hazel, and hawthorn bushes. When breeding, the cock has a very red breast, the hen being of a very light brown with large dark spots. She lays from three to four eggs, of a dullish colour. I have found that the cock helps the hen to sit, and in one nest I was watching he did so as many as five times a day. The young Linnets are a dark brown in colour when first hatched, but when they are feathered and are ready to leave the nest they are of a light-brown all over.

During the moulting season Linnets generally band together in flocks. When I go catching Linnets I keep the cocks only. I tell the difference between male and female by the fact that the male bird has his wing feathers white on both sides right to the quill, the hen has only one side of the wing feathers white. If anyone goes to buy a Linnet before it has a red breast, let him try this method, and I guarantee he will have a cock bird for his money.

When I take my decoy birds out catching, I mind they are in full song, for if they are not they are of no use as call-birds, as the Linnet has to be "sung down." I place my decoys on the ground with the bird lime twigs placed on small stones all round the cage, so that the lime is kept clean. The Linnets, when they see them up off the ground a little, hop on to them when going round the cage after the Canary seed that has been thrown out of it by the decoy bird. The lime is so placed that no harm can come to the decoys. Some times I catch the birds on bushes. If I do, I get a large stone to put my call-birds on, so that the vermin cannot hurt them. I place it close to the bush, and then put the lime twigs on the latter. They should be as flat as you can get them to lie down. Always try to keep the lime from shining in the sun, and always set the trap against the sun too, in catching any birds. If I should have a good catch I make off home and treat them as described in the case of Goldfinches, except that for food I give Canary, German rape that has been soaking three or four days, winter rape (also soaked), and teazel seed.

How does the Linnet get the twist? is often asked. Well, I will tell you. When first caught, they are in full song, so in a day or two after being caught they resume their song again. Then they are often put into a small hop cage, which allows them hardly room enough to turn round, and the top of the cage is also very low. The Linnet, so caged, turns his head back and pecks at the top of the cage. He gets into this habit, so that he keeps it up when put into a larger cage.

I have told you how they are spoiled; I will now tell you how to cure the "twist." It is my own method (invented by myself) of curing them, and has never failed, either in my own case or in the cases of others to whom I have told it. Get a good-sized Linnet cage, and before you turn the Linnet into it, get a long clay pipe stem, as long as will make a perch across the cage. We will say you have a perch at either end of the cage; now you want one for the middle. Get a piece of cage wire and place the pipe stem on it, fastening the wire on both sides of the cage. Leave enough room for the pipe stem to work about on the wire. As soon as this is done, turn your Linnet in and you will see him fall off the top perch, but he will not hurt himself. Next time he will be more careful, and when he trys to twist he will not be able to balance himself, and in this way he forgets his twisting. This, I know, will be helpful to many. I remember going out one afternoon to catch birds on a coal-pit bank which was not in use, there being plenty of feeding on it. When I had set my birds out and the lime also, eighteen more catchers whom I knew well, all set out; a bet having been made over my bird (which was then 13 years old and supposed to be the best Linnet for 20 miles round). That the bet was on was unknown to me, as I did not allow bets on my birds. When my old bird began singing all the others started, but they soon finished with the exception of two—mine and another—and these sang for 15 minutes without a break. Mine was beaten right out for the first time. I offered 15s. for the other, but I did not get it. It beat mine four times out of five. The result of our catch in two hours' time was 165 birds between us all. The result was that they made me a present of all the birds, but I did not want them, as I was only catching for sport.

The food I give Linnets is as follows:—Canary, 1lb.; hemp, ½lb.; German rape, 1lb.; winter rape, ½lb.; teazel, ½lb.; linseed, ½lb.; all mixed together; with plantain, dandelion seed, maw, shepherd's purse, and screenings from the thrashing machine, which I give to all kinds of birds. Linnets must also have plenty of water to bathe in, as this is the conditioner to all kinds of birds.

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# CLUB REPORTS.

## BRIGHOUSE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Mr. W. Blakey (Gt. Horton), gave a paper on inbreeding before the members on January 19th, after which he dealt with the subject in a still more interesting and instructive manner. Several questions were asked, but were as easily answered by Mr. Blakey. A vote of thanks to him brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close. A members' show will be held at headquarters on February 6th, when we shall be pleased to see any fancier present. Mr. S. Hirst, Halifax, will judge.—F. MITCHELL, sec.

## SALE OPEN O.S.

A meeting of the above was held on January 25th, when a Pairs Show was fixed to be held, but, owing to the very severe weather, few pairs were brought out. Some grand birds were put down by Mr. F. Fields and Mr. C. H. Smitb. Mr. G. Massey placed the cards, and afterwards gave some very interesting and useful information, using the birds present as examples in explaining the various ways of pairing up for breeding. Cigars were handed round by the treasurer, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Thanks were accorded to Mr. Massey for his services, also to those members who bad brought birds, and the meeting then terminated.—JAS. IRLAM, Hon. Sec.

## LONGTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual meeting held at Castle Inu, High-st., when Mr. Enoch Tams was appointed secretary, Mr. J. Edwards treasurer, Mr. J. Birks chairman, Mr. J. Davis vice-cbairman, and Messrs. H. Perrins and J. Bowley auditors, for 1909. The secretary reported a balance in hand of £4 19s. 3½d., which was considered very satisfactory for the first year. It was decided to reduce the subscription to 3s. per year to induce new members to join, and that the society again join the C.B.U. Also that the open show be held on October 9th. It was further decided to hold a table show at the next meeting on February 2nd. Classes: Goldfinch, Linnet, A.O.S. Brit., and one Mule class. New members are invited. E. TAMS, hon. secretary.

## GREAT HARWOOD & DIS. C.B.S.

Annual meeting held at headquarters, Town Gate, January 11th, when the following officers were elected for 1909:—President, Dr. J Cran; vice-presidents, J. Rutherford, M.P., T. Noble, J.P., J. W. Baron, and J. Bentley; cbairman, J. Wilson; auditor, D. Bentley; treasurer, R. Melling. I was again elected secretary, with Mr. J. Marsh as my assistant. Committee: J. T. Hargreaves, jun., H. Smalley, R. Worthington, T. Worthington, J. W. Cottier, and J. Whittaker. The members' first feather show will be held on June 12th. My Committee wish me to state that we have decided to give up our usual open show date, viz., October 8th, the settling of another date being deferred until next meeting. The society is open to all fanciers. Subscription, 5s. per annum.—GEO. WADDINGTON, hon. sec.

## NORTHERN CREST CLUB.

Meeting held at Sunderland on Jan. 20th, when Mr. Currah presided. The following members were present: Messrs. C. Dobson, W. F. Swan, J. Farrar, J. Riseborough, A. Brown, J. Stanger, F. Almond, J. Currah, junr., J. M. Walker, and myself. The balance sheet for past year was presented and passed. It was decided that the cup patronage of our club be given to Sunderland this year. It was also decided to resign from the Cage Bird Union; all our members being members of societies that are affiliated to the Union we thought it unnecessary for a specialist club to be attached to the Union. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Brown for the trouble he had taken in auditing the books, etc., for the past year. Mr. Brown suitably replied. Members are reminded that subscriptions will be due by March 31st. The following new members were proposed, viz.: Messrs. J. Waugh and A. Mather, of Newcastle, and Mr. Dixon, of Blaydon. Members and others please note my new address, 72, South View West, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.—J. E. HUTCHINSON, Hon. Sec.

## GREAT HORTON GOOD INTENT ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Annual meeting held January 30th at Great Horton Church Schools, Mr. D. Hollas in the chair. The balance-sheet was adopted; it shows the flourishing condition of the society. The secretary pleaded for a better attendance at the meetings, adding that members' shows last year had been a success both in entries and gates. Officers elected for 1909:—President, Mr. D. Hollas; vice-presidents, Messrs. G. Riley, H. F. Chubb, and W. Ketteringham; treasurer, Mr. A. Holden; trustees, Messrs. A. Holden, D. Hollas, and S. Briggs; auditors, Messrs. Ketteringham, and G. R. Rushworth; secretary, Mr. H. Schofield; assist.-secretary, Mr. H. F. Chubb. Members' shows are to be held in February, June, September, and December, and £2 will be given for money specials for same in sums of 10s. for first most points, 8s. for second, 7s. for third, 5s. for fourth, 4s. for fifth, 3s. for sixth, 2s. for seventh, 1s. for eighth, and extra specials to be allotted later. Four new members were elected. Meetings held on the last Saturday in each month at the Church Schools, Southfield-lane.—H. SCHOFIELD, Hon. Sec.

## HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held at headquarters, Spencer Hall, Spencer Road, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W., Mr. Geo. Gardner in the chair. The election of officers for ensuing year resulted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. Geo. Gardner; vice-chairman, Mr. W. Ward; treasurer, Mr. . Fisher; hon. secretary, Mr. Geo. H. Neal, 163, Junction Road, Upper Holloway, N.; hon. assistant secretaries, Messrs. W. Rawlinson and J. Hyde; auditors, Messrs. W. S. C. Horner and W. Shearer; committee, Messrs. W. Shakespeare, W. Knight, B. Johnson, C. Penny, W. Cooper, Mrs. Wood, G. Street, G. T. Pile, R. Green, E. Bush, C. G. Martin, B. Coventry. The secretary then read balance-sheets, which showed a cash balance of £1 17s. 5½d., with assets to the amount of £15 7s. 11½d. The chairman made a few remarks on same, stating that the assets were not exaggerated, as the cup was of solid silver, and the cyclostyle was shown at only half-value. A great number of new rules (both general and show) were added. A vote of thanks to the retiring officers was carried, also one to the auditors. New members were nominated, and specials for pair show were handed in. The show is to be held on February 27th at headquarters. The show dates fixed for 1909 were:—Young stock, July 10th; annual, November 12th and 13th; pair show, February 27th, 1910. The judges are to be elected at committee meeting. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close. Points at pair show count for the £5 5s. silver cup; members please get their birds ready.—GEO. H. NEAL, Hon. sec.

## ROCHDALE GOOD INTENT C.B.S.

A very successful whist drive was held on January 26th, about 90 persons being present. This added to the funds of the society a nice little item of £2 11s. 5d. We also decided to have our annual open show on November 6th, and our First Feather Show (annual) on June 19th.—FRED. RAYNER, Hon. Sec.

## GREAT HORTON O.S.

General meeting held Jan. 23rd, when the balance sheets for the past year were read and the prizes won at the members' monthly shows presented by the president, Mr. J. Mann. In the open section Mr. F. Self won 1st prize with 138 points; 2, Mr. J. Waterworth, 115; 3, A. Lister, 94; 4, A. Young, 73; 5, A. W. Hartley, 56. In the novice section Mr. A. Whitaker won 1st with 118 points; 2, W. Oliver, 106; 3, F. Crabtree, 78; Messrs. H. Simonett and H. C. Gibson dividing the 4th and 5th prizes, each gaining 67 points. All fanciers are invited to join the society.—J. HOLROYD, Sec.

## DERBY C.B.C.

Monthly meeting, held Jan. 30th. It was decided to hold a members' show on Feb. 13th in the large room of the Scarsdale Arms, Colyear-st. There will be eight classes for Norwich, and six for Crests and Crest-breds; A.O.V., British, and Mules one each. The object is to try and make up the big loss sustained on the open show, and it is hoped that all members and friends interested in the fancy will assist to make it a success. There will be one class for any variety British, 1s. entry fee, to be returned in prize money, for non-members only residing within six miles of Derby. One new member was elected.—W. STEVENS, Secretary.

## HULL C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held at Oddfellows' Hall, Feb. 1st, when a very large number of members was present. Mr. G. W. Oliver presided. The late secretary, Mr. Potter, read the balance sheet for last year, showing a balance in hand, which was considered very satisfactory. Scottish National, Manchester, and Gateshead shows were suggested for the society to visit during the coming show season, and it was decided to run a saloon train to the Gateshead show of 1909. Messrs. Bray, Hogg, Hinson, and Parker were elected members, these making eleven new ones this year. Judges were nominated for the open show, fixed for Nov. 19th and 20th, and will be announced in the Fancy Press shortly.—E. R. RIDLEY, Hon. Sec.

## METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Pairs' show held January 28th, but owing to the foggy weather many birds entered were absent. After judging, Mr. Robson delivered a lecture on pairing, which was very instructive to novices present. Mr. Robson explained the results of inbreeding, also the browing and loose feather of the Norwich Plainhead. He used the exhibits in the room to show the points that breeders should carefully study when pairing up their birds, and the different types of birds they should get from the various pairs. With regard to Lizards, he explained the results of pairing up two broken caps, and gold and silver caps were clearly defined. Mr. Robson also touched upon the Border Fancies, and answered numerous questions. Mr. Martin (chairman) presided. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Robson.—R. DEAR, Hon. Sec.

## WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Annual meeting and election of officers held at headquarters, Swan and Peacock Hotel, on January 26th. Mr. F. J. Weaver presided over a good attendance. The chairman referred at some length to the loss the society had sustained in the death of their respected and energetic secretary, Mr. F. Howes, and some little means of helping the widow and fatherless children was placed in the hands of Mr. J. A. Tonks. The report and balance-sheet for the past year as made out by the late secretary was read by the chairman, and showed the society to be in a very sound position, with a membership of close on 40, a profit on the great open show of 10s., and a balance of £2 4s. on the year's working, after paying off a stiff adverse balance on 1907, with assets in staging valued at over £2. These accounts were passed as read, and Mr. Willows, the auditor, was thanked for the careful way in which he had gone through the books. The election of secretary was gone into first, and eventually a young fancier of some promise—Mr. J. Gibbons—was approached, and upon Mr. Weaver offering to give all the help possible, he consented to have "a good try." The chairman, F. J. Weaver, the vice-chairman, Mr. J. A. Tonks, and Mr. R. Willoughby were again re-elected, for the third year, which speaks well for the esteem in which these officers are held by the members. Mr. F. Garfield was appointed treasurer, and a real good committee of well-tried and hard workers was appointed in Messrs. MacJacquemin, A. W. Cadman, G. Osborne, J. Millencamp, J. Wakelam, and J. Bird. One new member was proposed. It was decided to make our next meeting on February 9th a special one for fixing date of open show, selecting judges, etc. All fanciers are cordially invited. The secretary's address, to which all communications respecting the society should be sent, is 74, Napier Road, Wolverhampton.


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## OLDHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members and friends held their annual party at the Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw-road, on January 30th, and it was one of the most convivial they have ever held. An excellent tea was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Dunkerley, host and hostess. The chair was taken by Mr. J. Sharples, and an excellent entertainment was provided, consisting of songs (by Messrs. Turner, Kendrick, and Hitchin), concertina solos (by Messrs. Westley and Steeples), and dancing. Mr. H. Hargreaves presided at the piano, and Mr. Turner was M.C.—F. STEEPLES.

## LEEDS C.B.S.

Committee meeting held at Lockhart's Restaurant, Briggate, January 28th, Mr. Chambers in the chair. It was announced that the well-known fancier, Mr. W. Turton, had offered a two-guinea silver cup to be competed for and won outright on points at the five members' shows to be held this season. Messrs. Chew and Stokoe also gave a silver medal, and Messrs. Poulter and Bolton three show cages, either Yorkshire or Norwich. The committee thankfully accepted the offers, and proceeded with the syllabus for the ensuing season, which could not be finally settled until monthly meeting on February 6th. A general canvas was also arranged for getting fanciers to join the society. All interested are invited to become members at the next meeting. They will then be able to compete for the valuable prizes to be offered.—WM. TOSE, Hon. Sec.

## NORTHERN B.B.M. AND F.B.O.

Monthly meeting held in Lockhart's cafe, 65, Grainger-st., Newcastle, when 2 new members, Messrs. E. Atkinson and F. Atkinson, were enrolled. The show season report was then given. Medal winners were as follows:—British birds: Messrs. J. Maddison 1, J. W. Bruce 1, J. Foster 1, C. Waters 2, J. W. Nicholson and Son 1. Mules: Messrs. Jackson and Bond 2, J. Maddison 1, G. Graham 1, W. J. Taylor 2 Forcign birds: Messrs. J. McKenzie 2, J. T. Poretous 2, J. W. Nicholson and C. J. Potterson 1. Cups for three highest birds over six shows where patronage was given resulted as follows:—British birds: Mr. J. W. Bruce (Coldstream), 72 points; Mules, Mr. W. J. Taylor (Newcastle), 64 points; foreign birds, Mr. J. McKenzie (Low Fell), 76 points. It was proposed by Mr. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. Curry, that the annual meeting be held on March 17th, which was carried unanimously. Proposed by Mr. McKenzie and seconded by Mr. Storey, that we hold a table show at next meeting, and that we have four classes, viz., Linnet, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, and Brambling, with one for Softbill, any variety, field moulted; all exhibitors to judge. Birds receiving highest number of votes will constitute the winners. This terminated a very interesting meeting.—J. BERTRAM, sec.

## CLAPHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Annual general meeting held January 11th at the Avondale Hotel, Landor. Mr. W. H. Vale presided over a good attendance. The society regrets the resignatiou of Mr. S. H. W. Baker, hon. secretary, owing to the unforeseen circumstances of that true pilot and financier. I am glad to say the balance-sheet shows a substantial amount to be carried forward, this being most gratifying to the society, especially seeing that full prize money was paid in all classes at our open show, thanks to the careful and good management of our late secretary. We were unanimous in making Mr. Baker a vice-president of the society. Mr. W. H. Vale was again unanimously elected as chairman. The election of officers and committee resulted as follows:—President, P. M. Thornton, Esq., M.P.; hon. vice-presidents, A. C. Morton, Esq., M.P., Sir Clement Kinloch Cook, L.C.C., and J. W. Downey, Esq., L.C.C.; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Dawson, J. Frostick, F. Harnett, G. Harrison, W. A. Lott, C. T. Maxwell, H. Parry, J. Robson, S. A. Sandy, Allen Silver, T. R. Trower, W. H. Vale, G. E. Weston, Baker, Rehm, and Hayward; chairman, Mr. W. H. Vale; vice-chairman, Mr. H. Yeoman; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. T. Maxwell; hon. auditors, Messrs. J. Frostick and S. A. Sandy; committee—for Canaries: Messrs. Thorp, Priest, Baker, Worley, Wall, Barker, Masters, Maybank, and T. G. Morris; British: Messrs. F. Clark, E. Hathaway, W. Francis, T. J. Hose, and T. Beard; Hybrids: Mr. E. Sexton; and Foreign: Mr. C. Cooper; hon. secretary, A. C. Askew, 152, Manor-street, Clapham; and assistant-secretary, Mr. C. Cutting. After a few well-chosen words by the chairman thanking the retiring officers, the pair show was fixed for February 20th. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.—A. C. ASKEW, Secretary.

## NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Annual general meeting held in Lockhart's Cafe, Granger Street, Newcastle, on January 27th, Mr. J. R. Slack in the chair. The balance-sheet, showing a balance in hand of 1s. 8d., was adopted, as was also the secretary's report of the year's work. In this our secretary congratulated the members upon the advance the club had made during the year, there being 31 members as against 22 last year. The competitions had been keener than previously. The novice section had received good support. In the champion section, Mr. J. Stewart won the gold medal for most points won by three nominated birds. Dr. O'Neal was 2nd, Mr. Cuthbertson being runner-up. In the novice section, Mr. Davison was first. Mr. Hutler tied with Mr. Cockburn for 2nd and 3rd places, whilst Mr. Mather was 4th. The winners of medals for the best old bird at various shows were: Messrs. Stewart, Cuthbertson, Dr. O'Neal, Heddon, Tweedie, and Crawhall. The medals for young birds went to Dr. O'Neal, Messrs. Cuthbertson, Stewart, Carr, Cockburn, and Crawhall. Novice medals were won by Messrs. Grieve, Hutler, Davison, Mather, Cockburn, and Harrison. The challenge cup for best young bird bred by a member was won by Dr. O'Neal; Sandiford's Cup (for young bird moulted on Sandiford's Feed) by Mr. Cuthbertson. Dr. O'Neal's special was won by himself. The secretary was instructed to write to the Carlisle secretary, expressing our sympathy and regret that there should have been a loss on the Yorkshire section at their show, and that, owing to our small balance, we could not make them a donation this year. The following were elected officers for the coming year:—President, G. W. Cuthbertson; vice-presidents, Dr. O'Neal, W. G. Taylor, T. Pearce, and T. J. Buckingham; chairman, J. R. Slack; vice-chairman, J. Shepherd; committee as last year, with the addition of Messrs. Grieve, Mather, Parker, Tindold, and Wigglesworth. The following were elected members:—Mrs. Irwin Dees (Mayoress of Wallsend), Messrs. Wigglesworth, Brown, Johnston, and Whitfield. It was decided to hold a pair show on February 16th, when there will be two classes—yellow cock and buff hen, and buff cock and yellow hen. Mr. Shepherd kindly consented to judge. A great deal of interest centres round this show, as members are hoping to breed the cup winner next year, and have brought birds from Bradford and other places, which are destined to be the parents of this winner, as we up North want to breed our own. Votes of thanks all round brought a very pleasant evening to a close. Dr. O'Neal has promised a cup for novice competition for next season.—T. C. CRAWHALL, hon. sec.

## BORDER FANCY CANARY CLUB.

Annual general meeting held in Corn Exchange Buildings, Edinburgh, on January 1st, Mr. Richardson presiding over a large attendance. Mr. Richardson was again appointed president, and M. Jamieson, Green Terrace, Hawick, N.B., hon. secretary and treasurer. Auditors, Messrs. Neil and Bennet (Kelso). The delegates were all re-elected, and Mr. Hamilton was elected for Dalkeith district. The following new delegates were appointed:—Leven district, Mr. D. Baird (Stirlingshire), Mr. Reid (Bathgate), and Mr. Forest. Mr. Bennet moved that committee who attended meeting in Edinburgh should be allowed their train fares. This was agreed to. The balance sheet was gone over. It showed a deficiency on the year's working, but this was explained by a few extra items, viz., £2 for special prizes at contest, also secretary's expenses attending contest; and more medals were granted this year than last; also committee's expenses. The secretary intimated that the B.F.C.C. points totalled 239, against 26 for the English and Welsh club, only four members of the last named club competing at the contest. A motion that the next general meeting be held at Carlisle was moved and seconded, and also an amendment that it be again held in Edinburgh, which, after a heated discussion, was lost, the motion being carried. A letter was read from Mr. Cubby (Carlisle), who said he thought a little consideration should be given to Marked and Greeu or Cinnamon birds when medals were being judged for, as a Clear or Ticked bird nearly always won the medal. Mr. Duncan suggested that when societies had a good classification there should be an extra medal granted. After a few of the members had spoken on the matter, it was allowed to drop. A few new members were proposed, and admitted. There being no other business, the meeting closed with vote of thanks to the chairman.—M. JAMIESON, hon. sec.

## MANCHESTER AND NORTHERN COUNTIES O.S.

The following officers for 1909 were elected at the annual meeting:—President, Mr. W. A. Bladon; vice-presidents, Messrs. R. Barrass, J. Baguley, W. Booth, J. E. Davies, A. G. Davis, J. Garner, H. T. Graham, J. Steele Higgins, T. Pease and J. Raynes; committee, Messrs. J. H. Aspinall, C. Bruce, S. Cook, J. Coulson, D. H. Creasey, W. Downing, G. F. Gray, J. Hughes, S. McCann, E. Riley, J. Spencer, and A. G. Smith; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Raynes; hon. auditors, Messrs. Cook, Creasey, and Graham; hon. assist.-secretaries, Messrs. E. Jones and E. Riley. The meetings are held at the Deansgate Hotel, Deansgate, Manchester, every first and third Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m. New members may be nominated at any meeting. Nomination fee, 1s. Annual subscription, 6s. The programme for 1909 is as follows:—February 1st, Paper by Mr. R. B. Fryer, on "Hybrid Breeding"; February 15th, table show of Yorkshires, and Paper by Mr. H. T. Graham; March 1st, Paper by Mr. Downing, on "The Breeding of Thrushes"; March 15th, table show of British birds, and Paper by Mr. Birchley; April 5th, table show of Norwich, and Paper by a prominent exhibitor; April 19th, Paper by Mr. Smith, on "British Birds, Their Feeding, Steadying, Etc."; May 3rd, discussion on show management, staging and judging, opened by Mr. Fryer; May 17th, cage-making competition, special for the best utility, breeding or stock cage; June 7th, discussion on pairing, rearing, and feeding during breeding, opened by Mr. Raynes; June 19th, first feather show business, and proposal for ramble; July, members' annual first feather show; October, demonstration in washing and staging; October 29th and 30th, 27th annual open show. Friends and fanciers are heartily invited to any of these meetings.—GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE, Hon. Sec., 25, Stamford-street, Old Trafford, Manchester.

## NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

Annual general meeting held on January 20th at headquarters, and was well attended. The secretary presented the balance-sheet, duly audited, which showed a slight decrease on last year's, owing chiefly to the shows being held rather too early. However, it was pleasing to note that each show worked out on the right side. Mr. G. D. Harris, one of the auditors, spoke at some length as to the satisfactory manner in which the accounts were presented, and also stated that full depreciation had been allowed as usual, and that the association was still in a sound and flourishing condition. The treasurer, Mr. H. Sweetman, also gave a brief outline of the year's working, and complimented the association on having a satisfactory balance, in spite of the general depression which seemed to have affected several shows this sason. There were several items on the agenda, the most important being those respecting alteration of rules as to points and entry fees for monthly and young stock shows. These were thoroughly discussed, and it was decided to adopt same as printed. Result of ballot for officers for the year was as follows:—Chairman, F. Williamson; vice-chairman, J. Hale; treasurer, H. Sweetman; auditors, G. Mortlock and G. D. Harris; assist.-secretary, H. Pike; committee, W. Penton, W. Morris, J. Bell, W. Lacey, G. Williams, T. Cawthorne, B. F. Forse, and A. B. Forse; secretary, R. P. Harper, 26, Brighton-road, Stoke Newington, N. A vote of thanks was duly accorded both auditors and scrutineers for their services. Challenge cups, trophies, and points' specials were presented to the various winners. Show dates were fixed as follows:—Pair Show, February 17th; Young Stock Show, July 3rd; Annual Show, December 3rd and 4th. Mr. J. Robson was appointed to judge at all three shows, another judge to be appointed later to officiate with Mr. Robson at the annual show. The date of Finch show will be announced shortly. Several nominations were handed in, and also suggestions, which were held over for consideration by the committee.—R. P. HARPER, Hon. Sec.


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In celebration of the completion of 21 years' service as Vicar of Micklefield, the Rev. C. D. Farrar was recently made the recipient of a number of beautiful presents subscribed for by the parishioners. At the presentation ceremony in the Church School, which was crowded, Mr. Linniker, manager of the Micklefield Colliery, presided, and there were also on the platform the Bishop of Beverley, the Rev. C. D. Farrar, Mrs. Farrar, Miss Farrar, Rev. R. G. Glennie (Sherburn), Rev. Father Wilde (Leeds), and others. The gifts to the Vicar were an illuminated address, gold watch, writing table, silver inkstand, silver coffee service, and other articles, while Mrs. Farrar received a diamond ring. The Rev. C. D. Farrar will be well-known to our readers as the author of that highly popular series of papers entitled "Through a Birdroom Window," now appearing in the columns of CAGE BIRDS, which convey so much practical information in a witty, breezy, style that is quite unique amongst those who write about our hobby.

Mr. Limbert, speaking of Mr. Farrar's work, said that the seats of the church had been made free, the communicants had increased from about 10 to 120, and the church was now filled to over-flowing on Sunday nights. Mr. Farrar's work among the children, too, was touched upon, and he declared that there was no more conscientious man living. Mrs. Farrar had done what she could for the benefit of the mothers in the parish, and he hoped both Mr. and Mrs. Farrar would long be spared to work among them.

The Bishop of Beverley, in making the presentation, said that he was convinced Mr. Farrar had striven to do his duty. He had visited Micklefield on several occasions; one of these was when the colliery disaster occurred, and he came because he happened to know Mr. Farrar was away from home. Immediately Mr. Farrar heard of the disaster he returned, and that proved he was determind to do his duty, and be helpful to the people. They rejoiced that he had been spared so long to labour amongst them. He asked his acceptance of the gifts mentioned, and presented Mrs. Farrar with the ring, remarking that only a parson knew what it was to have a good parson's wife. (Applause.)

The Rev. C. D. Farrar, in returning thanks, said that when he came to Micklefield his first impressions were distinctly discouraging, and he related some of his early experiences. He remembered asking a man to come to church by way of experiment, and he came. When he saw him afterwards he asked him if he learnt anything, and he said, "Yes, I have. The parson told us Sodom and Gomorrah were two cities. I always thought they were man and wife." Ignorance, prejudice, and opposition had to be overcome, but the opposition had not come from the people of Micklefield. In concluding Mr. Farrar made a touching reference to his wife, and the help she had given him.

Mr. H. Pawson, in the course of some remarks, said that the Vicar had not only taught them how to live but had shown them by his own life. He was broad-minded, a man of unbounded generosity, and people had no idea what he gave. He (the speaker) came to Micklefield in fear and trembling after what he had heard about the Vicar, but he had proved his best friend, and he had never met such a kind-hearted man. After a tribute to Mr. Farrar's work in the schools, he said the children in attendance numbered now, instead of 40, getting on to 500, and the schools would compare with any in the district. (Applause.)

The address to Mr. Farrar is as follows:—"We, the parishioners of St. Mary's, Micklefield, beg your acceptance of this address, and the accompanying gifts, as a small token of the regard which we entertain for your personal character and of appreciation of your conscientious work during the 21 years you have been vicar of the parish. And we sincerely trust and pray that God's blessing may rest on your work for the future, and that health and happiness may be granted for many years to come, to you and your family." It is signed by Messrs. G. Haselgrave, R. Firth, A. Hardy, R. Linniker, W. Lund, A. Cawood, and C. Atack, committee; W. Limbert, and W. Blythe, churchwardens; T. Crossland, J. Overton, H. Pawson, and D. Patrick, sidesmen; W. Blythe, hon. treasurer; H. Pawson, hon. sec.; and J. G. Linniker, chairman.


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## LIVERPOOL ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

### Lecture on Mendelism, by Mr. J. S. Clinch.

At the monthly meeting of the Liverpool O.S. held on January 19th, a highly interesting address on "Mendelism" was given by Mr. J. S. Clinch to a large assembly of members and friends. Mr. Clinch dealt with the researches which had been carried out by Mendel, and which had resulted in his satisfying himself beyond doubt that, by scientific crossing of the various forms of life, it was possible to produce with certainty Hybrids, in the third and later generations, in which every possible combination of the parent characters occurs, the combinations appearing in definite proportions, as well as pure dominants and pure recessives.

Before dealing with the "birdy" aspect of the matter, Mr. Clinch showed how the knowledge thus obtained was being applied agriculturally, and he instanced the case of wheat, where, by crossing a pure recessive strain with a dominant strain liable to "rust," it was possible to produce a strain which would contain the good qualities of the dominant one, but would be quite immune from the disease. He also referred to the experiments which had been carried out in connection with the culinary pea, in which giant varieties had been crossed with dwarf varieties to give constitution or fecundity or any other quality, without losing their own special character.

After alluding to experiments in connection with poultry, Mr. Clinch got down to the "birdy" world, and opened his remarks by dealing with the vexed question of Cinnamons. He stated that Cinnamon was a mutation of Green, and his audience knew well that a Cinnamon bred with a Cinnamon would produce true Cinnamons. If, however, a Green cock were paired to a Cinnamon hen, the progeny would be all Greens. If the offspring of these Greens were paired together, all the young Cinnamons would be hens. On the other hand, a Cinnamon cock paired to a Green hen, would produce Greens and Cinnamons, the Cinnamons being hens. These being paired together would produce Greens and Cinnamons of both sexes.

Mr. Clinch advised his audience to try some experiments with their stock. He himself had been experimenting for some five years, and had been amply repaid. Nothing was more charming than to find that certain results would follow certain practices, and it was much better to work according to an established rule, than to pair birds together by "rule of thumb."

At the close of his address, Mr. Clinch was inundated with queries, and among other posers put to him was the question of how to breed light Mules. Mr. Clinch stated that the difficulty, of course, was that so far Mules had been considered as impossible to breed from. Personally he was not at all satisfied with this. If, of course, a Mule could be paired up to a Canary, the production of light Mules would be a simple matter. It must be remembered, said the lecturer, that it is in the second and succeeding families that Mendel's law became apparent, and not in the first cross.

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NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

# CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

### Wanting to Bathe.

**Cytula.**—As a rule, it is only birds in good health and condition which show any desire for frequent bathing; and so long as they show no ill-effect from cold or chill in consequence of their ablution, they may be allowed to bathe as much as they like. I hardly think there can be much wrong with your Crest-bred hen, which shows such desires, but as you say she is in soft condition, there is just a probability that she may be worried by red-mite attacks. Therefore, you should thoroughly examine the cage for this pest, and also examine the bird for the presence of grey lice, and if any of either are found eradicate them, and add a few quassia chips to the bath for a time. If no such cause is found, give the hen a pinch of Epsom salts in the water daily, for three days, and afterwards give two drops of tincture of steel and six of dandelion juice in the water every second day for a week, and on the alternate days twelve drops of chemical food. By the way, I hope you do not mistake a profuse feathery condition for softness. You must not expect a Crest-bred with any quality at all to appear as tight in feather as a Norwich or Yorkshire.

### Various.

**W.N.**—Your first two queries are intimately connected with one another. In all probability the cause of your last year's young bird, assuming, of course, that it is a cock, does not sing, is because of the mopy condition you refer to, and the latter is undoubtedly due to mismanagement. I should rather doubt the bird in question being a cock, but even if it is, it will not sing as long as it does nothing but eat and sit on the perch sleeping. Keep its cage clean, well strewn with gritty sand, and in a comfortable temperature, but not an heated one. Feed on plain canary only as a staple, as you are now doing, but in addition, give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape twice a week; three times a week a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake in which in the case of the sick bird, well mix two drops of sherry and one of cod liver oil emulsion, and sprinkle a few grains of gold of pleasure seed over it each time, until the bird is better; and on two other days, give the cocks a few grains of hemp and the hen a few grains of inga. Give all these extras alternately, and on different days, not any two on one day. A small spray of green food, free from frost, may be given three or four times a week. In the drinking water of all the birds add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for three consecutive days, and afterwards six drops of dandelion juice and two of tincture of steel daily for a week. In the case of the particular bird enquired about, give the salts three days each week for a fortnight and then give the other mixture every second day, and on the alternate days twenty drops of chemical food. The use of the seed you name should be limited to special occasions. Hemp is heating and fattening. A few grains as an occasional tit-bit are useful, and a liberal supply may be given when there are growing young ones to be fed. Niga or inga (both are the same) is a very oily and highly stimulating seed. It is useful as an occasional pick-me-up, and in the spring, or from now onwards, a pinch now and again given to the hen is a good preventive of egg-binding later on. Maw is most useful during the early stages of moult, as it helps the shedding of the feathers, and hastens the moult generally. It is also useful to add a sprinkling to the egg food to tempt birds to eat it more freely when they do not seem to care much for soft food.

### Will They Come Clear?

**Tryfanydd.**—1, It depends entirely upon how these birds have been bred whether they will produce clear, or what proportion of clear, young. If the Green cock has been bred from Greens, or the yellow hen is closely related to Greens, the proportion of clear young would probably be very small. On the other hand, if the yellow hen is the produce of clear for a generation or two, and the Green cock is bred from variegated parents, which had a large proportion of clear blood in them, then you might get a fair sprinkling of clear young. 2, It would be practically the same in the case of the buff cock and green hen. In either case, you must not expect all clears, nor yet a very large proportion of them. If the green blood is at all strong in the clears you would get a majority of heavily variegated, a fair proportion of greens, and perhaps ticked, and a stray clear now and again; if the green was not very strong, the majority would still be heavily variegated, with a larger proportion of ticks, and a few stray greens and clears.

### Wouldn't Sit at Nights.

**M.D.** (Edinburgh).—I can only suggest two causes of your hen sitting on her eggs steadily during the day last season, and leaving them at night and returning to them in the morning. The first is that you may possibly have been keeping the birds in a living room, and in such a position that when the lamps were lit at night they caused some alarming shadows, from the bird's point of view, which caused her to leave the nest from fright. The second possible, and, I fear, the most rational, explanation, is that the cage was thoroughly infested with red mite, which had got located in the nest box, and when they began their nightly peregrinations, literally worried the hen off the nest. Had you taken out the nest when she left it, you would soon have discovered whether this was the cause. Attend to the cages well before starting this year, and thus put this trouble out of the question. Feed her now on a diet of plain canary seed, with a half-teaspoonful of summer rape, given separately twice a week; a pinch of inga on two other days, and a half teaspoonful of egg food or crushed sponge cake once or twice a week, if she does not seem to be getting too forward, in which case you would withhold it. Give a little green food when no frost is about three times a week; when not available, substitute a little fruit of some kind.

### Various Samples.

**Tipperary.**—Most of the seeds sent range from very fair to excellent quality. Of the three samples of canary, Nos. 1 and 2 are the best, and there is practically nothing to choose in quality between them. Both are of first-rate quality. No. 1 seems very slightly the largest, so that at the same price I should prefer it, but if the price was materially higher, I should go for No. 2. Teazle, No. 1, is the best seed, but it contains a lot more extraneous matter than No. 2, which is just a fair quality, but seems to be very free from waste. Niger, No. 2, is the best, the other only fair. Linseed, here again, No. 2 is decidedly the best. It is a much smaller seed, but is very clean and bright, whereas the other sample has every appearance of being infested with mites in the bulk. Maw, yet again No. 2 is the best sample, and seems to be a first rate sample, although it was rather crushed in transit. No. 1 is only fair in quality.

### An Ancient Breeder.

**New Reader.**—Nine years old is certainly a mature age for a Canary to breed, to say the least. As he is in good health and song, I have no doubt he will breed all right, but the chances of the "weaker sex" predominating among his progeny are, in my experience, rather strong. As he appears in such good health and song I would not advise you to alter his diet at all with a view to getting him ready for breeding. At his age it is quite on the cards that any drastic change, if such were required, might not work out well in practice, and might perhaps make things go wrong, and upset all your chances of success. Although you give me no idea how you feed, I do not hesitate to advise you to adhere to it, at least until you have tried your success at breeding. The best hen to mate him with to meet all your requirements is a common Roller; if of a good singing strain, the better. Such a hen should be readily procurable for 2/6 or a trifle less.

### Laboured Breathing.

**G. Smith.**—Your feeding is very bad, and is doubtless to a great extent the cause of the trouble. I also suspect the bird is either exposed to great variation of temperature, or to draughts. Keep her in a comfortable and regular temperature, not necessarily overheated, but quite free from draughts. Give plain canary only as a staple, and two days each week give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on three other days a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and a few grains of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it. Every second day give a small spray of watercress or other greenstuff when available, quite free from frost. Keep cage clean, and well provided with gritty sand. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and six drops of dandelion juice daily for the first three days, and afterwards every second day for the remainder of the week, and on the alternate days give four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. During the second week omit the above, and give instead six drops of dandelion juice, and two of tincture of steel every second day, and on the alternate days twelve drops of chemical food. If not quite well by that time, you may begin over again, and repeat the two week's treatment in the same order.

### Wheezy Yorkshire.

**Yorkshire.**—You must first of all remove the cause before beginning any treatment which doubtless lies in the birds' being exposed to draughts, or being kept where there are great variations in temperature. Keep them in just a comfortable temperature, but not by any means an heated one, free from all suspicion of draughts, and where there are no very striking variations between day and night temperatures. In addition to the staple diet of plain canary, give half a teaspoonful of summer rape twice a week, and the same quantity of crushed sponge cake with two drops of sherry and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it every second day. Give a scrap of green food three or four times a week. Stop all other seeds you have been giving, and limit the diet to the above for the time being. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts daily for the first three days, and afterwards twenty drops of whisky, ten each of glycerine and syrup of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken together every second day, for a fortnight. In the case of the bird you have bought, which is the worst affected, give the last-named mixture two days in every three for the first fortnight, and, if necessary, continue it every second day for a fortnight after.

### Successful Treatment.

**W.F.**—Am very glad to hear the treatment advised has been so successful. Gradually drop off all the extra items of diet and medicine in the case of the birds that are now in good condition, and as soon as the weather gets mild again put them on the plain winter diet frequently advised here. As regards the two that have not made so good progress, feed them on plain canary as a staple, and give this in unlimited quantities; and every second day give half a teaspoonful of dry summer rape, and on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of sponge cake with two drops of sherry and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and a few grains of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it. Give a mealworm each daily also, if you have them handy, and a small spray of watercress or a bit of banana three or four times a week. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for two consecutive days each week, and on the other days give twenty drops of chemical food every second day, and on the alternate days two drops each of tincture of gentian, and tincture of steel, and five drops of dandelion juice. Continue this until well. In the event of either of these birds dying, I would advise you to have a post mortem on it, to ascertain whether there is any septic taint among your birds. I hardly think this has anything to do with the trouble; still, it would be best to know with certainty.

### Breeding Queries.

**A Constant Reader.**—1, No, decidedly not. I give this unmistakable reply to your first query, because I think you would be simply courting failure to attempt breeding with two hens and one cock in a cage 22 inches long by 18 inches high. You omit the depth, but it matters nothing, as I imagine the cage in question is just an ordinary single compartment breeder. You might breed with one cock and two hens, by having two such cages as the one you describe, and keeping each hen separately in the two cages. Mate the cock first with the freshest hen when ready, and when she has laid and begun to sit, remove the cock and mate him with No. 2 hen, leaving hen No. 1 to rear the brood herself. When hen No. 2 has begun to sit, remove the cock to a small cage, and keep him alone until hen No. 1 is again ready for mating, when you would repeat the same procedure. Query 2, is negatived in the above reply. It is extremely doubtful whether things would run smoothly even in a large aviary, with Canaries nesting in double-holed nest-boxes. Some individuals may agree and make no mistakes or interference, but the great majority will make a muddle of it. 3, Same remarks as No. 2 will apply. Altogether, if you want to have a sporting chance of success, keep the hens separately, and mate the cock with them alternately, as mentioned in first part of reply.

### Droops and Wheezes.

**W. J. Jass.**—Your treatment of the bird is not very good, and you are probably also keeping it in a draughty position, or where there are great fluctuations between day and night temperatures. Your first step must be to remedy either of these causes by keeping the bird where the temperature is fairly equable night and day, and just nicely comfortable, but not overheated. Also see that the cage is not infested with mites. Then feed it on plain canary seed only as a staple, and give separately, in addition, half a teaspoonful of summer rape twice a week; on two other days, give a pinch of hemp; and every second day for the next fortnight, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of sherry and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and a few grains of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it. Give a scrap of green food or a bit of banana about three times a week. Discontinue all the other seeds, and foods you have been giving. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, six of dandelion juice, and two of oil of eucalyptus well shaken together every second day until the wheeziness is quite removed, and on the alternate days give four drops of tincture of steel, continuing the latter only, until the plumage is properly braced up.

### A Tale of a Tail.

**M.W.B.**—It is very likely the hen got a chill in some way to start the trouble, and being kept in an open wire cage will not help her to throw off the effects. Place her in a box cage by herself, and keep her in a comfortable temperature, but still go on keeping her well away from the fire where the variations of heat are least. For the next month feed her on a mixture of three parts canary to one part rape as a staple, and give a pinch of inga twice a week, and every second day for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and a few grains of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it. After the first fortnight give this only twice a week. A small spray of green food may be given three or four times a week, when no frost is about. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and six drops of dandelion juice every second day for a week, and afterwards give two drops each of tincture of steel and tincture of gentian every second day for a week, and on the alternate days twenty drops of chemical food, continuing the latter to the end of the month on alternate days, after the aforenamed mixtures are left off. If not all right by that time, write in again, and refer to this reply.

### Baldness and Fits.

**Welsh, M.C.**—I, You do not say how old the bird is, but if it has left its youth behind, I hardly think you will do much to cure the growing baldness. It is very often the outcome of prolonged mismanagement. See the bird is quite free from insect pests, both on its body, and in the cage; encourage it to bathe freely, and it will be helpful to add a crystal or two of permanganate of potash to the bathing water occasionally. Feed as frequently advised for singing birds, and give a half teaspoonful of egg food or crushed sponge cake twice a week, on one occasion in each week well mixing with it two drops of cod liver oil emulsion, and the second time add a very slight dusting of flowers of sulphur, and a pinch of maw seed. Give green food regularly, and in the drinking water as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and five drops of lemon juice twice a week, and on three other days each week, add twenty drops of chemical food to the water. Continue for a month, after which drop the salts, and give chemical food every second day for a few weeks longer. Slightly anoint bare place with sulphur ointment, Zam-buk, or even pure vaseline, twice a week. 2, The only practical way of treating a hen Canary with fits is to build up the general health by proper food and management, keep the bowels free with saline aperients, and avoid exciting it in any way If the fits are very bad or frequent, the best remedy is a dose of chloroform. That may appear rather harsh advice, but it is the best you can have.

### Diet Again Wrong.

**W. Livesey.**—Your seeds are doubtless the chief cause of your trouble. The sample of so-called rape you send is not rape at all of any kind. The sample of canary is very small, but sweet, and of just fair quality If you get better seeds, the bird will doubtless soon improve. Feed on a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape—the real stuff—as a staple, and give separately a few grains only of hemp once or twice a week; half a teaspoonful of egg food, or crushed sponge cake, twice a week, and a spray of green food three or four times a week. A mealworm a day for a time would certainly help him to recover. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, six drops of dandelion juice, and twenty drops of whisky every alternate day for a week, and in the following week give two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel every second day, and twelve drops of chemical food on the alternate days. A small piece of fat boiled bacon stuck in the wires for it to peck at would be beneficial. "Profitable Canary Breeding," deals solely with the Roller Canary, and this may be had from the Manager, CAGE BIRDS Office.

### Brevities.

**Seeds for Opinion** (Wireless).—The samples of canary are of very good quality, and fair size, sweet and clean. There is very little to choose between them, but No. 2 is just a trifle larger than No. 1, and as this is lower in price, according to your letter, it is certainly the cheapest. By the bye, you might, perhaps, have numbered the packet in error. The summer rape is also of excellent quality but, mon, 5d. per lb. is nearly sixpence. It's a great price truly, even though the seed is good. Both samples of canary are cheap. There is no need to trouble to get better seeds than either of these.

**The Temperature** (Anxious).—I never really troubled to take the temperature of a "Canary's nest of eggs when she is sitting," by which I presume you mean to enquire what heat is generated in the nest to hatch the eggs. I believe the average temperature of small birds such as the Canary is about 110 degs. F., so I should expect the heat developed in the nest of a sitting hen to be somewhat about the same—or somewhere within the limits of 105 degs. F. and 110 degs. F. Still, please do not take it as definite. I will try to bear the matter in mind this coming season.

**Sample of Canary** (Geo. G. Hay).—The sample is a trifle small, but is very clean, bright, and perfectly sweet. It appears a well-ripened sample, and none too dry for a well-harvested and properly-stored seed. Apart from its rather small size, which is not sufficient to be a serious detriment, the seed is quite good. I do not profess to have prophetic insight to tell whether any given sample is kiln-dried or not. I do not think you need have any objection to using this seed.

# BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

### Chaffinch and Redpoll.

**Merton.**—The feeding of a Chaffinch is dealt with in the reply given "Young Joe." I should advise you to read the Hardbill section of the "British Bird Manual," which will tell you all about caging, etc.; too lengthy matters to deal with in these columns. The cage known as the "Finch stock cage," is the best kind, about 16 inches long by 12 high by 8 or 9 wide. Redpolls require exactly the same treatment as a Linnet (see reply to James Law this week). There is one easy way to distinguish the cock Lesser Redpoll from the hen, for if you see a bird of this species with a red breast, that is a certain cock. When house-moulted they are extremely hard to sex, though the cock is generally brighter in colour, and denser (blacker) in pencilling. But even the cocks vary astonishingly in colour. A good, free songster, of course, is a certain cock.

### Feeding a Chaffinch.

**Young Joe.**—The brown beak shows that the bird has not yet come into condition after the moult, the blue beak being only found on birds in forward (breeding) condition. It should change to blue when the Spring comes in; probably will do so before then. As a staple seed mixture give the following: Canary and teazle four parts each, summer rape, charlock and linseed one part each, maw a quarter part. In addition, give a good feed of white sunflower seed or safflower seed daily. Smashed walnuts (and other nuts) are greatly relished also, and should be given occasionally in the light of a special treat. As the bird is so backward, a teaspoonful of hemp might be given every other day. Give a mealworm or two every day or so, varying same with flies, smooth caterpillars, grubs, earwigs, spiders, aphides, gentles, wasp grubs, etc., as obtainable. Chaffinches will eat most kinds of live food. These birds are not particularly keen on green food but will nibble with appreciation a sprig of shepherd's purse, chickweed, groundsel, dandelion, etc. Radish, turnip, and summer rape seedlings, are usually eagerly devoured, however, when just sprouting, which they soon begin to do when soaked in cold water.

### Sexing and Feeding Skylarks.

**A. Scott.**—The cock and hen Skylark are coloured and marked exactly alike, practically speaking, and no beginner could sex them by these points. The cock Skylark is always an appreciably bigger bird than the hen, and has a longer sweep of wing. The difference in these points is very apparent when a good cock bird is compared with an average hen. Even when folded, the wings of the cock can be seen to reach farther down over the tail. The feeding I have often dealt with. A good and simple stock food which will keep practically for ever when sealed in tins, and which any good corn dealer or seller of bird food will mix for you, is:—Game (or Pheasant) meal (without grit) four parts: meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies, one part each, by measure. Damp quantity required for daily use with a little grated raw carrot or cold boiled potato, or finely-chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season, and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg-flake or half a hard-boiled egg twice or so a week. Give four or five mealworms daily, and any other of the live foods so frequently mentioned by me that you can lay hands on. Give a little seed in a separate vessel (not along with the soft food), about a teaspoonful of canary seed daily, with, for a change, crushed hemp, groats, maw, or rape. Let the bird have a fresh clover turf as often as possible. Cover the floor of the cage with (or give in a deep pan) a mixture of fine road dust and sand, in which a teaspoonful of insect powder, or powdered sulphur, has been mixed. The bird will dust itself in this. It is a very excellent plan, too, to have a second drawer bottom to the cage, made of tin or zinc, which is run in occasionally filled with water, in which the bird will paddle, and so keep its feet in order, or you can fill it with very wet chickweed.

### Sex of Linnets, etc.

**Constant Reader.**—I am afraid you are not a constant reader of my own column, for in our issue of January 23rd I gave a long answer on feeding fresh-caught Linnets. However, see another reply in this issue. With regard to the sexing of Linnets, the best guide for the novice is to choose a bird with a good edging of white to the tail feathers, and which has the white on the flight (wing) feathers extending right back to the quill (shaft), and white underneath the wing as well as on top. The hens are grey in colour, and heavily streaked with markings on the breast; the cock has a nut-brown back and wing butts, and signs of red are to be observed on the breast feathers, especially if ruffled with a finger, and at the end of winter and the approach of the breeding season the breast of the cock becomes very perceptibly red. On the breast of the cock the tips of the feathers have a "mooned" appearance—an edging of colour disposed in a shape resembling that of the new moon. Any red feathers on the breast infallibly denote a cock—unless, of course, the "red" has been applied by human hands. A three-year-old cock Linnet in the breeding season develops a really gorgeous crimson head and breast. To sum up: In an adult bird always look for good whites, a rich nut-brown back, and a "mooned" breast, and you can't go wrong.

### Seeds and Bushes for Aviary.

**Alpha.**—In our issue of January 16th last I explained that it is very wasteful, and consequently expensive to use a seed mixture in a large aviary containing many species of birds. The best method is to give the principal seeds (say canary, teazle, hemp, summer rape, charlock and sunflower, or, preferably, a mixture of half sunflower, half safflower) in separate boppers or dishes, and throw a little of the other seeds in occasionally, by way of a change, or as "tit-bits," as fanciers say. If you must have your seed-mixture, then for a varied collection of Finches and Canaries you will find it difficult to beat this: Canary and teazle three pints each, hemp two pints, summer rape and charlock one pint each, linseed half-a-pint, with about a half-pint of mixed sunflower and safflower seeds, increasing or decreasing the quantity of these latter according to whether the birds eat it all up or not—it depends on the composition of the collection, as some birds like these seeds more than others. The other seeds—niger, maw, wild seeds, wild seed mixture, etc.—you can give now and again, as indicated above. The exact quantity of hemp should vary according to the season (less in summer—unless feeding youngsters is going on—than in winter). A little more linseed is also useful during the moult. As regards bushes, elder is certainly bad, and I believe laburnum is looked on with suspicion. Personally I have never found anything beat the evergreens, such as ivy, holly, box, fir, privet, and the like. Ordinary bushes—hawthorn, fruit, etc.—are soon stripped bare. For your place, evergreens would certainly be best.

### Batch of Fresh-caught Goldies.

**Miss Blaxland.**—I really do not know why you should have such trouble with the fresh-caught Goldfinches. I may say, however, that it is quite possible to interfere with them too much. They should be left alone in a quiet spot until they begin to get used to captivity; go to them only for feeding purposes—you must not go disturbing them every few minutes. Let them have niger, maw and cracked hemp (cracked afresh every day), as much as they will eat; also, in addition, canary, teazle, linseed, cracked sunflower and coarse oatmeal. An important point is to be sure and see the captives get at the water—both water and seed are better inside the cage. I would also offer ample sunflower and summer rape, which had been soaked in cold water until it burst, or had just commenced to sprout, dabbing it as dry as possible with a cloth before offering it. Or a good substitute is a supply of the stock seed mixture which has been soaked for at least 24 hours in cold water, and well rinsed and dabbed dry. In addition to the above, a plentiful supply of thistle-heads, knap-weed, sow-thistle, seeding groundsel, etc., is simply invaluable with such birds. Of course, you are too late to gather these things now, but thistle (and dandelion) seed can be bought. When you have a bird look a little "thick," try it at once with a dose of sulphate of soda—as much as will lie on a shilling dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Repeat, but at half strength, and with the addition of a half-teaspoonful of good brandy, after a day's interval on plain water.

### Feeding Fresh Caught Linnets.

**James Lane.**—I can't quite understand your trouble, and I should think you must keep the birds under wrong conditions (note reply to Miss Blaxland). The feeding I dealt with as recently as Jan. 23 issue. Here you are again:—Fresh caught Linnets should have soaked seed of some kind. My method of feeding newly-caught Linnets is as follows:—For their stock food I mix one pint each of best canary, and sound ripe teazle, with half a pint each of genuine summer rape, linseed, and charlock seeds. Some real good, new teazle is now on the market. Charlock is sometimes dark bluish red, almost black in colour; sometimes exactly like summer rape; and it tastes very hot when chewed—hence its name of "mustard" seed. In addition to the stock mixture, in a separate dish I give an unlimited supply of maw seed and niger, also lightly cracked hemp seed. These I gradually discontinue, arranging to drop them altogether after the birds have been in my possession twelve to fourteen days. As green food (or "soft-seed" food), I provide summer rape and sunflower seed soaked in cold water until just commencing to germinate (dabbing it dry in a towel before giving it to the birds), and seeding shepherd's purse, plantain, and chickweed and flowering groundsel tops, when obtainable. If I think my birds were caught during a wet spell, I soak the stock mixture for them at first. I very seldom lose a bird on the above treatment.

### Brevities.

**Linnet Muling** (Muler).—I have no doubt you would notice that all your questions were answered in the reply given "S. A. Brough" last week.

**The Red Breast** (T. Henderson).—No; I have never known a Linnet to be moulted in a cage and come through such a moult with a red breast. They then always have a brown (more-or-less pale) or greyish breast.

**Linnet Mules** (Roffe).—If you will put any questions to me, I shall be pleased to answer—you don't say exactly what it is you want to know. I dealt with the subject last week (Jan. 30), in the reply given "S. A. Brough." I do not know of any special book.

**Siskin's Bad Foot** (K. W.).—Get an ounce of colourless tincture of iodine from a chemist, and a small camel-hair brush. Paint the swollen joint lightly with this twice daily, morning and evening. Wash the foot thoroughly with hot water and soap before you first commence doing so. Keep the bird quiet, in a small cage, and on thin perches.

**Out All Weathers** (E. M. Roberts).—I have often said in this column that I should not care to leave any bird of mine outdoors day and night, no matter what the weather, when in a cage. You can hang them out in the day-time, if the weather is at all decent, and the spot a sheltered one; but put them in an unheated room, or outhouse, for the night.

**A Trio** (M. W. B.).—1: A "kind" Finch, such as this is almost certain to prove a muler. 2: Use just a little of the contents of an ordinary blue bag; this will tone down the white distemper. Two coats is enough for any cage, unless it be very rough, or the wood exceptionally porous. 3: When the Goldie is in full song, and has a quite clear (or almost clear) beak, he is fit to breed with.

**A Mixture** (S. O., Oldham).—You will be very ill-advised to turn Budgerigars into your place. They are often spiteful, and will not be good companions for breeding hen Canaries. Should advise you to let the occupants of the place be 6 hen Canaries, with the one Goldfinch and three Linnet cocks. You would stand a chance of breeding Mules. See other replies this week on feeding Goldies and Linnets.

**Song Thrush Ailing** (E. H. R.).—Crush one or two chlorate of potash lozenges and mix with them twice their bulk of crushed Epsom salts. Of this mixture, dissolve as much as will lie on a shilling in three tablespoonfuls of drinking water, fresh daily for two or three days. This should bring relief. Use a little crushed and scalded dog biscuit, or "Melox," with the stock food mentioned.

**When Should It Sing?** (Aher).—A deal depends on the "temper" (or disposition) of the birds, but both a Woodlark and Skylark ought to break into song as soon as we experience a spell of mild, sunny, spring-like weather. If the birds are very wild and intractable, however, this would keep them from singing, especially if hung in a place where people are constantly passing by their cages.

**Song of Thrush** (Novice).—A hand-reared (1908) Song Thrush, if a male and in good health and condition, ought certainly to have given some hint of song ere this. It looks as though you have a hen, though you might be well advised if you waited until we had a bright sunny spring day or two before finally deciding this to be the case. Add some crushed dog biscuit, or "Melox" to the stock food mentioned.

**Two Matters** (Miner).—Rain-water is splendid when you can get it quite clean; not an easy matter for town dwellers. Dirty rain-water would spoil any bird. I prefer tap water softened by the addition of a pinch of borax, or a drop or two of cloudy ammonia. Hard water is certainly bad. 2: If you throw birds into a large flight or aviary (not too well lighted), about the middle of July, they will usually drop into moult early.

**Non-Success with Linnets** (Sillin).—I cannot add anything to the long answers recently given on the feeding of Linnets. My own birds thrive splendidly. Possibly there is something wrong with the conditions under which you keep them; there is nothing in your letter to throw any light on the losses. If you have another go wrong, try the effect of a small teaspoonful of good brandy in about three tablespoonfuls of drinking water.

**Inmates of Aviary** (Aviary Matter).—The fewer birds one has in a place the better it is for prospects of breeding anything, and this applies with special force to moderate-sized aviaries such as your own. The seventeen hens will be ample; and you will do well to thin out the hen Canaries if they fight much. You will probably find one cock Bramble and two cock Greenfinches all you can accommodate, on account of fighting. The other Britishers should be all right.

**Bullfinch with Cold** (L. B. W.).—You must keep the bird in an equable temperature, and in a box cage—that is, one wired at front only. In each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water (use a glass or pot vessel only), stir a small teaspoonful of the following mixture: Glycerine, oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, one ounce of each. This must be continued for at least 10 to 14 days, though an occasional drink of plain water should be allowed.

**Goldfinch Ailing** (Goldfinch).—Wash out the bird's mouth (also nostrils, if necessary) with warm water coloured light red by the addition of a few drops of Condy's fluid—a tiny feather being a handy thing to do it with. Do this twice daily for three or four days. Also let the bird's drinking water (use a glass or pot vessel) be similarly coloured with Condy's fluid for a few days. There cannot be much the matter with him, or he would not sing at all.

**Thrush and Bullfinch** (B. W., Sheffield).—For the colds you cannot better the treatment advised "L. B. W.," this week. But it is no use whatever giving it for a few days only; colds are often hard to cure. You must keep the birds dry and out of draughts. Cover the Bullfinch's cage over at night with a warm yet light (not heavy) wrapper. In the soft food of the Thrush mix daily for 7 or 8 days as much flowers of sulphur (from chemist) as will cover a shilling.

**About a Goldfinch** (A. Minton).—My own way of feeding Goldfinches will be found given in another reply this week. The Finch Mixture you mention is very good to give occasionally. Goldfinch-Redpoll Hybrids are very good exhibition birds if really good specimens of the cross—big and excelling in colour. It is the cocks, of course, which are valuable; all hen Hybrids are at a discount. I believe a class for hens at the shows would pay its way well. A fine exhibition Goldie-Redpoll might be worth anything from 50/- to 80/-; an ordinary one about 20/-.

**Nests for Bullie Hens** (Socialist).—I don't think you will find "earthenware nestpans lined with swansdown" any good for Bullfinch hens. I have never had a hen Bullie which would look at them. Madam Bullie is very funny in captivity, and often prefers a tangled heap of dried grasses, or a turf of dried grass, on the cage floor, to anything else in which to build; she also likes to line and use an old nest of the Thrush, or Blackbird, or Greenfinch. These latter are the best things to put in some corner of the cage, and screened with dried grasses.

**A Skylark** (C. Hodson).—It is not easy from your letter to judge what is the matter with the bird. I should think the fact of your hanging him out of doors upset him, and caused him to bang about and chafe his wing-butts. If sore, anoint with a little carbolised vaseline. If the bird has developed a cold, write me again. A dust bath is a mixture of dry road dust and dry bird sand in about equal parts, with a good dash of insect powder (Keatings) amongst it. It can be thickly strewn on the cage floor; or given in a box (cigar box, for instance). The bird will soon enjoy himself in it.

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## FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

### Parrot with Long Claws.

**A. Parker.**—You will certainly have to cut the claws back; a pair of sharp nail nippers is as good a tool as any. You must mind and not cut back too far. There is a vein running down the centre of claw, and if this be cut into, it will bleed rather badly. I should advise you to cut back so as to leave the bird comfortable, and then do it regularly as required. If you should have a mishap and cut too far, promptly apply a little Friar's Balsam, which will check the bleeding, and as far as possible prevent the bird from pecking at the claw, till the Balsam has dried on. However, this should not occur. As a rule, it is quite sufficient to nip away 1-16th or 1-8th of an inch at the most. If the bird's claws are light and held against the light the vein can generally be seen; in such case cut back so as to miss.

### Converting a Greenhouse.

**Sirdar.**—Am of opinion the difficulty you speak of cannot be surmounted, unless the whole length of roof lifts. I do most decidedly advise that half the glass roof be covered with felt. Of course ventilating sashes must be left uncovered—you will be surprised at the equable temperature you will get compared with what it is now. The greenhouse will need to have wire netting over the glass inside to keep the birds from bashing against same; this also will keep them away from paint, though I have never lost a Parrakeet from such a cause, and I have had some take a fair portion of painted putty without being any the worse. You must cover the glass with netting, as birds do not seem to recognise glass as an obstacle. I do not think Budgerigars, even in your locality, will take any harm in unheated quarters, but 45 to 50 degs. F. will be very satisfactory to your birds, providing you can get it without having a vitiated atmosphere. I hope I made myself clear; don't mix Budgerigars with your Finches, or you will rue it later. Give the Budgies the potting shed with an open air flight, and let the Finches, etc., have the greenhouse and also a flight. In very severe weather they can be kept in the shelters. For Budgerigars or Parrakeets it is no use planting trees or bushes—they are soon cut to pieces. Sow the ground at intervals with grain, oats, rape, maize, wheat, etc., and fix in ground dead trees. Such an aviary has a very pleasing appearance. In the Finch aviary you can have all the trees you mention and any others of non-poisonous foliage, but I doubt if they will let peas of any kind reach the flowering stage. Bamboos make good cover, so do spruce and various conifers.

### Parrot Pulling Feathers.

**Robinson.**—I fear you are treating this bird altogether wrongly, and that this is the cause of the trouble. Don't give tea, coffee or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. Diet: Seed mixture, equal parts of canary, wheat, dari maize, hemp and sunflower seeds; well mix and always keep a supply in cage. The following may all be supplied at intervals so as to vary diet: ripe fruit, plain biscuits, nuts, and a crust of household bread. Grit, water, and cuttlefish must be regularly supplied. Grey Parrots are far better and healthier on a seed and fruit diet as above, but as it is used to soaked bread, this can still be given, soaked in water only, squeezed dry and then dusted with flowers of sulphur. Make drinking water for one day quite saline with Epsom salts, then afterwards put sufficient Parrish's Chemical Food in it to make it the colour of pale port wine. Spray the bird with weak quassia solution. Report progress in a few weeks' time with full details.

### Diet for Moustache Parrakeet.

**Vogel.**—Seed mixture: Canary, white millet, hemp and sunflower seeds, oats, maize, wheat and dari, in equal parts except the last two items, of which only use half quantities. Ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, and green food should also be given, while grit, water, and cuttlefish must be regularly supplied. If it is a young bird a little boiled maize should be given for a time. This only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel must be kept strictly clean; as soon, however, as it is eating freely of the dry seed mixture, wean it from the boiled maize. As it is a fresh importation, for two or three weeks put Parrish's Chemical Food in the drinking water (see other replies). If there should be any sign of constipation, making the drinking water saline with Epsom salts will give relief. See warning re slops, etc., in other replies in this issue. The dainty bit must be that which an individual bird favours most; observation will soon indicate this.

### Roselias Dying.

**R.W.W.**—You have been very unfortunate with this pair of birds. The male, probably badly scared by some occurrence, had evidently flown wildly against the wire netting, twisted the lower mandible across the upper and perished miserably. I do not know whether you opened the bird, but I should be inclined to think the skull was damaged as well. It would hardly be likely to die of starvation before its predicament was noticed. Re the hen; by all means try the "Tatcho"; also put her on a course of phosphates, and as she is in an aviary, and can take plenty of exercise, get a little "game meal" or "chicken meal," and put sufficient boiling water over a small quantity to thoroughly swell it; do not leave it wet, but crumbly moist. When it is cool, stir in one teaspoonful of flowers of sulphur to two tablespoonfuls of the meal. This should be sufficient for the daily supply. Also supply a leaf of fresh lettuce, and a liberal supply of such fruit as it will eat. Also give a regular supply of phosphates in the drinking water.

### Breeding Budgerigars & Zebras.

**Novice.**—Budgerigars purchased now, providing they are not nestlings, should breed before the year is out. However, by far the best plan is to secure a really good pair (the cheapest often prove very dear) and fully adult, even if they cost you a little more. It is no good breeding save from the strongest and healthiest stock, it is simply waste of time and money; the young of weakly parents are not worth rearing. A really good Budgerigar—whether of the yellow or green variety—is one of the handsomest of birds, but there is more rubbish about with these than with perhaps any other kind of birds. Accept nothing save those which are in full feather, alert and healthy, and you will then meet with success. Providing they have the cage to themselves, there is a reasonable prospect of the Zebra Finches nesting. Hang up a Hartz travelling cage in one corner (any dealer will sell you one for a copper or two); supply hay and a little moss, and leave the birds to themselves. When they settle down to nesting refrain from prying into the nest and you will be delighted with a brood of young birds. You do not say how or where you are going to keep the Budgerigars. If in a cage, it should not be less than 24 in. by 14 in. by 18 in., with a husk at either end, hung near top of cage.

### Sexing Grey Singing Finches.

**H. T. T. H.**—In the first place the bird with a red beak is not a grey Singing Finch; possibly it is a hen Zebra Finch, but your description is too vague for me to be more definite. The grey Singing Finch is a small grey bird (not larger than a Redpoll), grey striated with darker on the upper surface, and pale or whitish grey with irregular striations, on the lower surface; the beak is a darkish horn-colour. When the male is singing there is a small white patch visible on the throat, which is obscured at other times; also all the hens I have possessed have had the striations or darker markings of their plumage less distinct and more irregular than those of the male. The only certain test is that of song, because unless the birds were fully adult, the above distinctions would not apply, as the nestlings of very many species resemble the hen while immature. A large number of these birds usually arrive immature, but a careful observation of a cage full for a short time, should enable you to make a reasonably correct choice. The largest, brightest, boldest and clearly marked birds are mostly males.

## POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

**Yellow Yorkshire Cock** (X.Y.Z.).—"Severe chill," or inflammation of liver and lungs, ending in apoplexy.

**Norwich Canary** (Pretoria).—Enlargement and softening of liver, giving rise to inflammation, in which the lungs became involved.

## PARK & LAKE AVICULTURE

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., etc.

### Squirrels and Californian Quails.

**W.M.**—1. No, squirrels are not polygamous, and you can safely keep a pair together all the year round. They have only one litter a year, at midsummer. 2. Californian Quails are not polygamous; in fact, if you have two hens with one cock, there is likely to be trouble, as these birds are most quarrelsome. The cock also helps to look after the brood.

### Dove Queries.

**Barlastonian.**—1. I do not know that any hoppers are made specially for Doves; why not look in CAGE BIRDS advertisements? Hoppers are usually only made for Pigeons and Canaries. 2. I doubt if it will do your Doves any harm to nest now; breaking their eggs to stop them would not be of much use, as they would only lay again, and that would weaken them. If you do not want them to breed yet the only plan is to separate them. After all, you need not let them hatch more than one egg out of each couple laid, if you want to spare them exertion in rearing.

## GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

**A Bird** (E. English).—The bird is a Marsh Tit. Pity he got drowned. Thanks for your kind remarks.

**Letter Forwarded** (W. E. Steinschen).—The letter has been duly addressed and posted, as requested.

**Cutting Gauge** (R. Fox).—A "cutting" gauge is the same as a marking gauge, but the cutting point is lengthened (when necessary) and made very sharp, when it then easily cuts through the thin wood used in cage-making.

**Extra Third in Scotch Fancies** (C. Farrow).—We should be pleased to notify your win, but you do not give the name of the show. Will you send it along? We regret the omission.

## CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

The annual general meeting will be held in the Garden Hall at the Crystal Palace on February 6th, at 3 p.m. prompt:

(A) To receive the balance-sheet and annual report; the following notices of motion will also be discussed:—

(B) Mr. G. C. Ley suggests the better classification at shows to obtain the club's support.

(C) Mr. Crisp moves: "That all members of a family, or residents in the same house, must show in the highest section in which any of them may have won a first prize."

(D) "That there must be four competitors to warrant the awarding of the first year champion points specials."

(E) "That the first paragraph of Rule 11 be deleted."

(F) "That a diploma and medal be awarded for the best bird exhibited by a lady member at each show, or that three points prizes be given during the season for ladies' competition only."

(G) "That limit classes of £5 and over be considered open classes." The following resolutions stand in the name of Mr. J. S. Clarke:—

(H) "To discuss the best means of extending the club's membership."

(I) "To discuss the practicability of London and the provinces exchanging lecturers to give papers on the Crested Canary to local societies with a view of increasing interest in the variety."

(J) "To discuss the possibility of establishing a monthly or quarterly magazine."

(K) "To approach the Fancy Press with a view to their granting, say, half a column weekly, the members of the C.C.C. guaranteeing to support the same."

(L) "To discuss the advisability of electing two or more assistant secretaries, whose duty should be to look after the interests of Crest fanciers in the district in which they reside."

(M) In view of the dull decorum observed at C.C.C. meetings, to discuss the advisability of printing on the rule books, memos., voting papers, etc., those lines,

"O dulness! portion of the truly blest,
Calm shelter'd haven of eternal rest."—*Burns.*

JOHN TYSON, Secretary.

# CORRESPONDENCE.

## PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR DEWSBURY & DISTRICT.

SIR,—A meeting of Canary fanciers will be held at the Little Saddle Hotel on Feb. 6th at 7.30 o'clock, to try and form a new society for Dewsbury and District. It is hoped there will be a large attendance.

G. G. STAFFORD.

## THE SOUTHAMPTON ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

SIR,—A few fanciers having met have formed the above-named society. Our next meeting is fixed for Feb. 10th next, at 7.30, when a table show for Goldfinches is to take place. We are anxious to make a big affair from a very small beginning, and request the co-operation of all good fanciers in the district. Members and their friends and all lovers of the Fancy are invited, and will receive a hearty welcome.

C. PARMITER.

## A CRESTED CANARY CLUB MATTER.

SIR,—Please allow me to support Messrs. Evins Bros. in their contention "that points won at the Palace should not count for Mr. Roberts cup, on the ground that the 20 specified shows have already been held." With regard to myself, I should not have exhibited at the Palace had it not been for Mr. Tyson's letter in your issue of January 23rd. I had ceased showing, and, like Messrs. Evins, had trimmed most of my show birds, but on reading Mr. Tyson's letter, I thought I had better make a few entries, even if I only got inferior positions.

T. J. KING.

## PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR THE CITY OF LONDON.

SIR,—Owing to the very bad fog which enveloped London on the evening of the 27th January, the meeting which I had arranged to take place on that day was very poorly attended, and in consequence no real business could be done. Under the circumstances I propose to hold another meeting, at the undermentioned address, on Wednesday evening, February 10th, at 8 p.m., when I trust, weather permitting, the attendance will be a larger one. I again extend the invitation to all Fanciers residing within the City of London especially to attend this meeting.

H. W. COOK.

4a, St. Dunstan's Alley, Gt. Tower Street, E.C.

## WAS THIS EXHIBITION CANARY FRIGHTENED TO DEATH?

SIR,—I am very sorry to have to inform you that my winning 1908 breast-marked buff cock Canary died suddenly this morning. He won 1st at Swindon, 1st at Bournemouth, 1st at Dudley only last week, 2nd at Winchester, and 4th at West Bromwich in a class of 18. Ever since the Winchester Show the bird was much frightened and very nervous at times. He would see a Thrush on the clothes post, scream out, and almost fall in the corner of the cage, where he would stop three or four minutes. Then he would be all right again. I put it down to the shock he received at our show, where pigeons were staged in front of the Norwich classes, and my bird, as soon as he saw the pigeons, almost battered his head to pieces. Since then he has been very nervous. You can imagine I am very sorry to have lost him; he was a really good one and I was looking forward to the breeding season to see what I could get from him. The father of the bird was claimed at Swindon Show, so you see I am very unlucky for a beginner. I am going to have the bird stuffed. No doubt readers will be sorry to hear that another good one is gone.

H. SCHNEIDER.

## PRIZE MONEY AT KILMARNOCK O.C.B.S. SHOW.

SIR,—As Mr. Miller still asserts his figures are correct, I am obliged to quote from his first letter on the subject. He says: "Just think for one moment: 7 entries, 14s., the sixpence taken off for 1st and 2nd cards makes it 15s.; pay out 5s. for 1st and 2s. for 2nd, total 7s., and 8s. left to the Society." Anyone possessing a rudimentary knowledge of arithmetic can surely detect errors in his calculations. Half prize money is 13s. per class. I still adhere to the opinion that it is the custom to pay half-prize money when the class is not a full one. If Mr. Miller wishes to prove the contrary, I would suggest that he examine the schedules of the seventeen Scottish Societies, which last year availed themselves of CAGE BIRDS, "dates fixed" columns and report thereon. It is, however, a matter of little importance whether societies pay half-prize money, or 2nd prize money to the 1st bird when there is not a full class, as it usually amounts to the same sum. At Kilmarnock under the one system it is 13s. per class, under the other 14s. per class. Before entering his birds, Mr. Miller had surely the privilege of studying the schedule, and if he was not satisfied, no one could compel him to exhibit. In having to accept half-prize money, he has my sympathy, as I exhibited five birds, and there was not a full class in the case of any of them. The short entries affected my prize money in a greater degree than his, yet I don't suppose I would have fared better at any show where full prize money was not guaranteed. With reference to the 1907 show, I would point out to Mr. Miller that I have no occasion to resort to falsehoods, and can substantiate all I have said. On the day in question I saw the committee examine scores of exhibits and pen-slips, so that Mr. Miller has no reason to think his was an isolated case. As far as I am aware, he is as honest as any other exhibitor, but that does not signify that he is exempt from examination. I am inclined to think Mr. Miller belongs to that unfortunate class of people who delude themselves into the belief that they are continually the victims of injustice. A too vivid imagination plays havoc with the faculty of reason.

G. F. ADAMSON.

SIR,—In my last letter I stated in my first sentence that I did not intend answering Mr. Miller's letter, but there are some statements in his of last week that I cannot let pass unchallenged. In my last I explained my error regarding Mr. Roddie's prize-money; I will pass that bit over (but I may say I had a letter from Mr. Roddie expressing his regret at having written to the Press, as he did not wish to do our Society any harm, but on the contrary, wished it every success). The figures Mr. Adamson gives are quite correct, as anyone looking over our schedule or catalogue can see for himself. I believe we did make an error in our schedule, in not stating that half-prize money would be paid in classes containing less than seven exhibits. If we had done so, I do not expect there would have been any letters on the subject at all. I quite agree with Mr. Miller that we could have paid anything to exhibitors, but it was our intention all along to pay half prize money in these classes, and we did so, never having thought of any other thing, until it was brought to our notice by Mr. Miller's letter, and by one private letter I had myself. We did not adopt any underhand means to make our show pay, as anyone knowing Kilmarnock Fanciers also knows that they are too jealous of their honour to do an underhand trick, for the sake of a few shillings or pounds. I wish to keep away from personalities, but I must say I am surprised that Mr. Miller did not read Bathgate schedule a little more carefully (I would not have mentioned this Society or any other if he had not done so). The latter part of rule 10 reads: "If not more than 7 in class, first prize money will be withheld." Their prize money is 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s. Now if they had paid half prize money, where would the difference have been? Not in the first prize, as exhibitors would still have been getting the second prize money, 5s., and the Society would have been paying 10s. in a class with half-prize money, and 10s. by withholding first prize. Again I say, where does the difference come in to the Society? Unfortunately I have destroyed the Kilsyth and Broxburn schedules, so I cannot go into their cases, but I can go into those of two others. I have beside me (I enclose their names in a private letter to the Editor, as I do not believe in bringing other societies into the matter) the schedules of the Societies I refer to. One of them pays 12s., 6s., 3s., and states in their rules that first prize money will be withheld unless there are more than 6 birds in a class. If they had paid half-prize money, they would have had 1s. 6d. per class more to pay than they had to pay by withholding the first prize. The other society paid 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. in full classes (unfortunately there were none full) and withheld first prize if not full. Had they paid half-prize money, they would have lost 1s. 3d. per class. I have received dozens of schedules the same as these, and the only fault I can find with ours is that we omitted to state half-prize money: I think Mr. Miller must have taken me up wrongly at the New Year. What I said was, "I did not know who had written to Mr. Young." There is only one secretary to the K.O.C.B.S., but there are also a president, vice-presidents, and a hard-working committee, who I am pleased to say gave me every assistance in their power, both in receiving the entries, and forwarding numbers, etc. I prefer to pass over the remark, "stuck at 7," as Mr. Miller was interested in that class. With the latter portion of his letter I will have absolutely nothing to do, as I do not believe in personalities, but I will say this much, that the committeeman whom he calls a bit officious, was only doing his duty, and is one of the best-known and respected Fanciers in Scotland. Would there were a few more like him! This is my last letter on the subject, as I do not believe in paper controversy.

JAS B. Y. MURDOCK.

## PROPOSED PLAINHEAD CLUB FOR FIFE.

SIR,—At the request of a number of Plainhead breeders in Fife I am asked to call a meeting for the purpose of forming a club (confined to Fife) for this variety. The meeting will be held on Feb. 20th, at 6.45 p.m., in Penman's Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath. We are hoping all or most of the Norwich Plainhead breeders here will attend and give the club a good start right away.

ADAM DICKSON.

## NEW ROLLER CANARY SOCIETY FOR BOLTON & DISTRICT.

SIR,—A meeting was held at the Joiners' Arms Hotel, Bolton, on January 27th, when it was agreed that a Roller Canary Society was desirable. Its formation therefore was commenced, and a great amount of business was done. We invite all Fanciers wishing to become members to attend our meetings on the second Tuesday in each month, at the Joiners' Arms Hotel, which was made our headquarters; or write and send their names to

WM. MASSEY, Hon. Secretary.
105, Oxford Grove, off Chorley Old Road, Bolton.

## HALESOWEN SHOW AND LATE ENTRIES.

SIR,—In reference to Halesowen Show, I would like to ask if it is the rule for the secretary to enter birds as "late entries" in classes in which only two or three enter? I entered my Norwich hen in the above show. When I got a catalogue I found only three entries, and on looking at the result I found I had reserve prize. I had occasion to go to Halesowen the day after the show, and was informed by the secretary that there was a late entry. I bought a local paper, and found it was the secretary himself that had entered and got third prize. I also note in another class of Yorkshires there were only three entries in the catalogue, and his name not there; but in the prize list he had third prize. Now, in other classes his name was in the catalogue. I cannot understand how the secretary himself was late in entering in these two classes, and not in the others. Is it a general rule for secretaries to do that? I may state it is my first time of showing, and if the above is the case I think it will be the last.

W. CHILDS.

## THE TYPE OF PRESENT-DAY WINNING NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

SIR,—I have been watching the judging of Norwich Plainheads, and I think if every breeder bred and showed his own birds we might see more feather and worse birds at shows than we do now. Instead of that, they go to all the leading shows, buy all the best birds they can find, show them at their own shows, and take nearly all the firsts and seconds. Then the novice comes in; he buys some of the man—of course not those show birds, but those he dare not show—say, his own breeding. Poor novice! he goes on breeding, and when he has done, he gets some mongrels, not Norwich; plenty of feather, and poor all round. I am satisfied to show as good as I can get from my own stock. If I were to show, say, 20 birds, I should have to show exhibit like crest breds, but I keep them for stock, not for show. Any breeder who goes in for size must have feather as well; he cannot help it. I know these are facts, for I have seen it. We don't all breed champions, but are satisfied if we get a decent bird or two. I wish those who try to make the type of Norwich could breed them as well as buy them; so, you see, I am

ANOTHER TRUE NORWICH FANCIER.

SIR,—What is all this bother about again over the "Type of the present-day winning Norwich Plainhead?" I see Mr. J. Bertie has filled a column of your valuable space in once more sticking up a bogey in order to knock it down himself. What is his little game? Does he wish to introduce his own model? If he has been to any number of cage bird shows during the season, and is thoroughly disgusted with what he has seen, I am sorry for him. It would take something off his load of trouble if he could only breed some like a few of the winning birds that have travelled the season, for it is certain that the leading Yellows of the year have shown an amount of improvement hardly ever seen before in one season. And Mr. Bertie is "banging the drum" about the Crest bred characteristics shown by the Norwich Plainheads that have won in the season now fast closing. He says some of them have flat heads, some long, snaky heads, and are beetle browed. It is an evidence of his acute observation to be after connecting Crest breds with "long, snaky heads." Mr. Bertie's attack on the judges is rich. One might suppose that no one knew a Norwich but Mr. Bertie. Really some parts of his letter are too funny to let slide. Here is a choice morsel. He says: "Look at the size and colour. Of course we must have size and colour, if all other points are neglected. Oh, yes! We must have the big ones in front at any cost, if they have as much behind them as a duck! Body: This is sometimes long, and of one shape from top to stern, and lacking that round, deep chest, and the essential neck and head properties." The ordinary imagination would have to be cudgelled to conjure up a duck the same size all the way up. It is the judges' fault that Mr. Bertie is not pleased; and it is quite time they reformed their ways. Depend upon it, the judges will never please Mr. Bertie until they do mend their ways, and put such birds in front as will bring into the market the kind Mr. Bertie likes. For Heaven's sake, Mr. Bertie, open your eyes. Have you ever seen Mr. Rennie's winning Yellow? Have you ever seen Mr. Spillman's ticked Yellow? Have you ever seen the grand buff hen known as "The Temptress?" Have you ever seen Mr. Midgley's ticked Yellow? While such as these are being shown, it will be unnecessary to cross the word "Norwich" off our schedules, unless indeed the time arrives when we adopt a new type to be called the "Bertio type." Then the prizes will flow the right way, and there will be great rejoicing, and all the Tom-Tits and Jenny Wrens will join in the chorus.

EXHIBITOR.

SIR,—I was very much pleased to read the letter of J. Bertie, in CAGE BIRDS of January 23rd. I may say I have been a breeder and exhibitor for 40 years, but I never in all my career saw such birds winning on the show benches as I have seen this season. Present day Norwich are not the type and quality that should win on the show bench. Nothing but size and colour is seen by the majority of judges. The birds seem to me to be more fit for the Crest Bred than the Norwich Plainhead Classes. Lashed over the eyes as they are to-day, makes them look broader in the head than they really are. Long feathered! You cannot see their legs! Thick about the vent as they are in front, with long tails, and standing on the perch like half-bred Yorkshires; nearly the size of Lancashire Plainheads. The points of a Norwich should be: Head, short and thick, not lashed over the eyes; not to show much neck. Broad on the shoulders, which will then make a bird broader and better across the chest; short wings, well filled back, with a nice short compact tail. When standing on the perch, a good bird wants to show just its hocks, and allow three parts of the bird to stand before the perch. It should be tapered off to the vent like a short thick wedge. I must give a good big bird preference on condition that it has the right type and quality of a Norwich bird. As for colour, that should be the last point, as colour is manufactured. Wishing CAGE BIRDS every success.

W. RAPSON.

## THE ALLEGED STAINED LINNET AT BRISTOL F.A. SHOW.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. House, I beg to say that if he reads my letter again, he will see that I said: "I was given to understand it was by the aid of others that he condemned the Linnet;" and I still adhere to it. With reference to Mr. Magg's letter, what I stated in my former letter to CAGE BIRDS is what I know of communications received from him. As to the matter as a whole, I have had a barrister's advice on the matter, and I am seriously thinking of taking action against the man that sold me the Linnet. I am confident that I can convince any Court of Justice that I did not stain the bird, if I can't the C.B.U. Committee, and I am more than surprised that a body of men can sit and condemn a man for what he has not done. It only once again shows the absolute uselessness of such a Society as the C.B.U. I have been asked in more parts of the country than one to get up a petition for its condemnation, and I shall not hesitate long about it, if I make up my mind to give the time to it. The C.B.U. is what a gentleman, far better known in the Fancy than any of the gentlemen who condemned me on the matter, termed it, viz., a useless institution, and any Society that will lend itself to gross injustice, as it has done in this case, should be put down. I pay nearly fifty shillings a year in subscriptions to various Societies, but I am finishing at this, as I intend to "mark time" now until some more of these hideous suspensions have been brought into play; in time the C.B.U. will hang itself with its own rope. During the past week I have discussed the matter with several of our most prominent exhibitors, and they, like all others who have had the facts laid before them, say it is a very unjust suspension, but like the C.B.U.

S. W. BIRCHLEY.

**Order at once the "Jubilee" Show Special Number of CAGE BIRDS; and post your Advertisements early—to reach us by Tuesday next.**

## PROPOSED CAGE BIRD SOCIETY FOR BONNYRIGG & DISTRICT.

SIR,—It has been decided by a few of the Fanciers in Bonnyrigg to form a new club. A meeting will be held in the Forester's Arms on Friday, February 12th, at 7.30, when a good attendance is earnestly requested.

GEORGE HARPER.

36, Lothian Street, Bonnyrigg.

## A PURE WHITE CANARY.

The Secretary, Crystal Palace, London.

SIR,—Will you tell me if a pure white Canary is very rare, as I have just reared one? It is perfectly white, like a Java Sparrow, except that it has a black mark on one side of its head. It is not an Albino, as its eyes are black. I read in one book that a white Canary has been "hitherto unattainable." I do not know yet if this one is a cock or hen. Its father and mother both had the same father last year, who is a very pale yellow bird. The white bird's father is pale yellow with a yellow and green crest, and its mother is a pale creamy colour with a black patch on her head.

(MISS) MARION V. LEE.

Wellington, New Zealand.

[We are enabled to give the above letter by the courtesy of Mr. J. W. Ramsden, and it is very interesting in view of the fact that a said-to-be pure white Canary has been entered for exhibition at the "Jubilee" Crystal Palace Show this week-end.—EDITOR.]

## THE DEATH OF EXHIBITS AT FRASERBURGH SHOW.

SIR,—In the report of the Fraserburgh show which appears in your issue of Jan. 23rd, occurs the following: "We were sorry to be informed that five pairs of foreign birds belonging to Mr. J. M. Whyte (Woodside) arrived dead at the show." May I be allowed to state the facts of the case? I despatched my birds to the Fraserburgh show on Jan. 12th at 7 o'clock p.m. The train arrived there at 9.10 p.m., but the case was not opened until 8 a.m. on the morning of the show, Jan. 13th. I enclose you the letter which I received from the Secretary, Mr. Alex. Grant.

J. M. WHYTE.

[COPY.]

January 16, 1909.

MR. J. M. WHYTE,

DEAR SIR,—Your letter to hand re birds, etc. I am very pleased your birds arrived all safe, but am very disappointed at your misfortune in losing your birds coming. The birds arrived at Fraserburgh on Tuesday night at 9.10 o'clock, and, as you are aware, were not opened up till penning time on Wednesday morning, namely, a little after eight o'clock. Hoping this is a satisfactory report.

ALEX. GRANT, Secretary.

## THE DISQUALIFICATIONS AT BATHGATE SHOW.

SIR,—I was pleased to see that some of our British Bird fanciers who have won so many firsts and specials with their birds have been caught at last. I think there should be more than disqualification for such men as these. We amateurs never need expect to get a "look in" with our natural-coloured birds in the prize-list. We can't "fake," nor do we want to deceive the public with birds that can't win in their natural colour.

AMATEUR.

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SIR,—All credit is due to Mr. John Brown, of Edinburgh, for the fearless way he went about his business in finding out and testing the "electric-fed" specimens at the above-mentioned show. In fact, I cannot understand how some of these diamonds or gems have been allowed to scoop in the premier honours for so long. In my opinion disqualification should have commenced at the beginning of the season. However, better late than never. But it is well enough known that some of the judges who officiated at the earlier shows in Scotland belong to a circle whose whole desire is to keep each other's exhibits in the money, whether the birds are genuine or not; and I am sure the sooner this clique is put "on the shelf" the better it will be for all concerned. There would then be bigger entries at some of the shows that were failures this last season. Trusting the genuine members of the S.B.B. and M.C. will take this "faking" question in hand, and give the guilty ones the punishment they deserve, I sign myself,

A. J.

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SIR,—I cannot help but smile at the indignation assumed by some of the writers concerning the above matter. It is all rot. Surely it is much less expensive and much more easy for fanciers to spend threepence on a bottle of dye than to spend three shillings on a pound of colour-feed. The results are just the same. How can anyone object to colouring birds from the outside when they spend far more time and money artificially colouring them from the inside! As I said before, it is all rot. If we are to have natural colour, let's have it natural. If we are to have unnatural colour, then how can it matter how that colour is put on?

JIM CROW.

## NEW SOCIETY FOR DEANS AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—We have formed a cage bird society here to-night, and it is to be called the Deans and District Cage Birds Society. President, Mr. Jas. Brown; Vice-President, Mr. Tom Peel; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. John Kay. Committee: Messrs. James Boal, Chas. Boal, Robt. Bald, Robt. Hamilton, Jas. Kerr, Tom McIntyre, Joseph Peel, Jas. Smith and R. Wilson. Meets at Deans Workmen's Institute, Livingston Station (night and time not yet fixed). Entrance fee, 1s. 3d.; subscription, 5s.

J. J. KAY, Secretary.

## IS IT CRUEL TO KEEP BRITISHERS IN CAPIVITY?

SIR,—As so many people seem to have an idea (and to my mind a mistaken one) that it is nothing short of cruelty to keep a bird, and especially a Britisher, in a cage, may I be permitted space in CAGE BIRDS for an account of the following two incidents? In the month of January, 1907, I took a hen Bullfinch in a trap-cage a distance of over a mile to where a large number of these birds constantly resorted. Unfortunately whilst setting the trap the door of the call-cage opened, and the call-bird escaped. In disgust, I brought home the empty cage, thinking I had seen the last of my bird, but judge of my surprise when, on going out next morning, I found the bird flying from window to window trying to get into the house. On hanging up the open cage on a wall, she went in and commenced to feed at once. The bird had found her way home in preference to remaining at liberty. A somewhat similar case with me occurred some three weeks ago. A Goldfinch, whose cage I was cleaning, escaped, but within two hours came back, got through my bird-room window and allowed itself to be caught and re-caged. I think these two cases afford an answer to the question, "Is it cruel to keep a British bird in captivity?"

E. R. DESPARD.

## THE NON-PAYMENT OF PRIZE MONEY AT SHOWS.

SIR,—I should imagine the gentleman writing under the nom-de-plume of "Fairplay" must be a monied man. Fortunately for the Fancy we are not all monied men. Theoretically he is right, but practically he is wrong. I ask him, where would the support come from if exhibitors knew they had to wait in patience for their prize-money, and then only have a remote chance of getting it? Would they send along their entries? Oh, no! I fear our shows we glory in so much would go to the wall for lack of support. Our national spirit is speculation, but with the Fancy it is fairplay. If it is not given by those who promote these shows, it is quite time they desisted. In my humble opinion you should support those shows which pay up promptly and are run on business lines. They merit your full support. Honour and no pay do not work with exhibitors. I venture to predict you would soon ruin the Fancy, from a working-man's point of view. If "Fairplay," you are a member of one of these defaulting societies, try and get your society to join the London Federation of Cage Bird Societies, remembering that Unity is Strength. By so doing you will not only be helping the Fancy, but also promoting healthy competition, and joining a truly powerful body of fanciers.

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## SHOW BIRDS & MISSING CLAWS.

SIR,—I was delighted on reading Mr. House's reply *re* the above. I think Mr. Bryden and all other fanciers should now be satisfied. I do not imagine secretaries will take any notice of Mr. B.'s suggestion *re* the birds with missing claws being excluded from competiton. Societies cannot afford to be so independent. I have a Linnet minus centre claw, and have been more than satisfied with results at six shows. I wish CAGE BIRDS every luck.

J. H. O'NEILE.

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SIR,—I did not intend to enter into any more correspondence on this matter, but I beg leave to reply to Mr. Birchley's question: "Do I mean to condemn a bird as useless which is minus a claw?" I don't put a bird down as such unless it is unfit for stock purposes. Also, I had a Greenie-Bullie Hybrid in 1907, hatched minus one claw, and with two growing the wrong way (twisted). So, according to last week's letters, if we can show them without claws then we might as well show them with one leg off.

A. BRYDEN.

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SIR,—I have been reading with interest the correspondence on the above subject. I quite endorse Mr. House's opinion that a bird should not be debarred from competition because it is short of a claw or two. It is a slight imperfection, but for a well-known exhibitor like Mr. Andrews to compare a horse with three legs to a bird with two claws missing is absurd. A bird with two toe-nails missing can hop about just as well as if he had them, but a horse would have a job to move. Mr. Birchley writes very sensibly. Many a good bird has lost a nail through hanging it in the wire. Sometimes a bird will pull it off itself. I have a Goldfinch that keeps on biting his claws. I notice Mr. W. P. Bell states that a well-known exhibitor is showing a bird with two nails missing. I don't know whether Mr. Bell means myself, as I am showing a Goldfinch with two claws off, and very successfully, he hardly ever getting out of the first three tickets. I quite agree with Mr. Bell that if two birds of equal merit meet, the one with the missing nails should be put back. I wish your paper all the support it so richly deserves.

ARTHUR T. JUPE.

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## MULE BREEDING WITH A GREEN SINGING FINCH.

SIR,—On January 31st, while making my way home, after visiting the bird rooms of Messrs. W. F. Swan and A. Walker, I met Messrs. Waters and Taylor, and we decided to again visit Mr. Miller, and see if he had succeeded in hatching the Linnet-Canary Mules to which I referred in my note a fortnight ago. Mr. Miller at once took us upstairs and showed us two fine, plump, healthy-looking Mules, about ten days old. The remaining two eggs failed to hatch, both birds being dead in the shell. Mr. Miller showed us another nest of young Norwich, hatched on January 30th, and also a Norwich hen sitting on four fertile eggs, while a yellow variegated Norwich hen paired to a Linnet, laid her first egg on Jan. 30th. A very interesting cross which Mr. Miller is trying to produce is between a Green Singing Finch and a Norwich hen, and which, by all appearances, he is likely to succeed in doing. The little foreigner is anything but a prepossessing object at the present time, for the hen has pulled out all his tail, and has totally stripped him of breast feathers, and Mr. Miller told us he has seen the Finch pulling out his breast feathers himself, to help the hen to build her nest. Although a fancier of many years' standing, Mr. Miller declares that this little Finch is the perkiest bird he has ever kept, and he asked us if we would like to hear him sing? When we expressed our doubts about a bird so devoid of plumage being desirous of singing, he placed a cock Canary in the cage. The result was astonishing—at least to us. As soon as the Canary attempted to sing to the hen, the little foreigner dropped his wings and sang a proud song at the hen, and, what is more, sang the cock Canary into the bottom of the cage, and the same thing happened each time the cock Canary took the perch. It was a sight both amusing and instructive to watch.

W. REID.

## PRIZE MONEY AT DULWICH O.S. SHOW.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. G. F. Woolhouse's letter in your last issue, my object in writing was certainly not to "try and ruin the future prospects of the D.O.S.," as that gentleman alleges (and from their methods it would seem unnecessary), but to get information as to when the long overdue prize-money was to be paid, as I was unable, as I stated in my first letter, to get a reply to my enquiry through the usual channel. Even now I am not told when the prize money may be expected. Perhaps Mr. Woolhouse will reply in a straightforward way. I also want to know what explanation he has to give of the statement made by an official that all prize-money in the open classes had been paid with the subsequent statements he has himself made through your columns (viz., in your issue of the 16th ultimo): "We owe in the open classes about £8 in prize-money." A report of the annual general meeting on Jan. 7th (signed by Mr. W. as chairman), says: " . . paid out the whole of the prize-money in the open classes, with a few exceptions." In Mr. W.'s latest piece of information he says, "Out of the half-dozen exhibitors we owe prizes to," etc. Mr. W. says I have a lot to learn about customs. I accept his statement. I am sure he will pardon my ignorance in not being able to reconcile the statements I have quoted, when I tell him that I am not used to the "custom" of misleading statements which the society appears to be so adept in making. Might I ask him to put things a little clearer? May I also ask why the prize-money was not paid "pro rata," and not in full to some exhibitors only? May I also point out that Mr. Woolhouse first entered upon personalities (in his first letter), therefore I thought I was quite entitled to follow suit, thinking it might be the Dulwich "custom" that Mr. W. appears to know so much about. It really seems that the more Mr. W. tries to explain away facts the more mess he gets in. Mr. W. seems to overlook the fact that the expense of exhibiting is not light. Why (on Mr. W.'s argument) exhibitors should support societies, and still be out of pocket if successful with their birds, I fail to see. If the correspondence is distasteful to Mr. W., why not pay up and discontinue it, as he has admitted £6 10s. out of £8 in hand for the purpose. To save unpleasant correspondence, might I suggest a guarantee fund for the next show?

S. A. SANDY.

## HALF-A-DOZEN INTERESTING PETS.

SIR,—Having read with great interest Mr. W. P. Bell's notes on his birds in your issue of January 2nd, and also, like him, being an interested reader of CAGE BIRDS, I should like to be allowed to give a few notes on mine. I also, like him, have six; I have had more, but have found them to require more attention than I could give, so have therefore given them to friends. As I only have two evenings to spare weekly in winter and one in the summer, I find that these half-dozen occupy all that time. The first bird, and the one which I value the most, is a Skylark. I have had him for two years. I keep him in a lengthy runner with a bow-centre; in fact, two cages combined, as I believe in plenty of room. I feed him on softbill food, varying the kinds; also on a couple of mealworms morning and night, eggs, cold potato, etc., which he well earns by singing. The second bird I keep is a Song Thrush, brought up from a nestling two years ago; he seems the general favourite of the lot. My friends come in and generally say, "Hallo, Peter, how is it you are not singing?" My wife will say, "Please don't start him off while he is quiet." Every morning he has a few "rounds" with his shadow, and has worn a large patch of the distemper away where the nail goes through the cage. My third bird is a Linnet, which I had when a brancher, also a favourite, and very tame, and kept in a Canary cage on the table. My fourth bird is a Roller Canary in a show cage, which I find the best. He is always open to compete against the Lark and Thrush. The fifth bird is a Goldfinch, who is tame enough with me, but rather nervous of strangers. The sixth and last bird is a Norwich Canary, which has become rather lazy of late, as he never troubles to sing when the others are doing so. The first number of CAGE BIRDS I received from a friend whom I had the Skylark from; since then have obtained some very good information from it.

ARTHUR F. BRAYBROOK.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

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# CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager Secretaries should always use them.

**Accrington and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 11, Headquarters, 8.—J. W. Philpott.

**Altrincham C.B.S.**—Feb. 9, Victoria Restaurant, Oxford Road, Altrincham, 8. Balance sheet, notices of motion, and decision of opening the society's area. —F. Harrison, hon. sec.

**Aberdeen O.S.**—Feb. 6, Trades Hall, 7.30. Motion to fix a closing time for membership in young section, fix date of show, and appointment of judges. —J. Bryson.

**Ayr and Dist. C.B.C.**—Feb. 8, Good Templar Hall, 7.30. Report of club show and payment of prize money, etc.—C. C. Irvine.

**Attercliffe and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 11, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Table show of matched pairs for breeding.—W. Richinson.

**Bury and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 9, Textile Hall, 7.30. Receiving entries for Inter.-Club Show, Bury v. Heywood.—H. Jameson.

**British Roller C.C.**—Feb. 6, Crystal Palace, Annual general meeting; time and place will be posted up in the Roller section.—J. W. Norris.

**Bolton Roller C.S.**—Feb. 9, Joiner's Arms Hotel, Deansgate, Bolton. To make new members, rules, and other important business.—W. Massey.

**Bingley and Dist. O.S.**—Feb. 9, Co-op. Rooms, 7.30. Nomination of judges, and lecture on Pairing, by Mr. S. Dean.—A. Livesey.

**Broxburn and Dist. C.B.S.**—Annual general meeting, election of officers, and any other business; fanciers invited.—T. Sharp. (No date given.—Ed.)

**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.**—Feb. 9, New Inn, Station Street, Kirkland, 8.—Hadley.

**Crewe O.S.**—Feb. 9, Burton Hotel, Victoria Street, 7.30. To receive entries for members' show.—T. L Hancock.

**Crook and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 13, J. Shield, Bishop Auckland, 2.30. Table show, 12 classes at Bridge Hotel, Newton Cap Bank, Bishop Auckland. Judge, Mr. A. Brown.—W. Rutherford.

**City of Wakefield O.S.**—Feb. 6, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7. Final arrangements for open show. —Parker and Parkes.

**Cinnamon C.C.**—Feb. 6, Annual General Meeting, Crystal Palace. Members please assemble by the Sales Office, 5 o'clock. Drawing up official standard of points, etc.—R. J. Pretty.

**Deans and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 17, Workmen's Institute, Livingston Station, 7. To enrol new members. All interested are invited.—J. J. Kay.

**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.** — Feb. 10, George Hotel, 8. Election of judges for open show, Feb. 13. Pair show, Yorks., Nor., A.O.V. Can., Mule or Hyb. Judge, Mr. T. Wright (York).—R. S. Black.

**Dudley and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 10, headquarters, 8.30. Election of new members and general business.— J. J. Mullett.

**Dewsbury Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 6, Royal Hotel, 8. Last meeting of the year.—N. Rayner.

**Edinburgh Southern O.S.**—Feb. 10, Buchanan's Hotel, High Street, 8. New members invited.—S. Hewit.

**Great Horton O.S.**—Feb. 6, Butchers' Arms. Pie Supper, at 6.—J. Holroyd.

**Garston B.B.A.**—Feb. 17, Miss Allbright's, St. Mary's Road, Garston, 8. Members' pair show. Five classes. Judge, Mr. W. H. Gregson (late of Burnley).—J. F. D. Alexander.

**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks) O.S.**—Feb. 6, Victoria Halls, Quarry Street, 6.45. Public meeting, 7 to 8. Annual business meeting, etc., 8 to 10 p.m. —A. Cant.

**Huddersfield O.S.**—Feb. 8, White Hart Hotel, 8. Table Show, 2/6 added to entrance.—R. Greensmith.

**Halifax O.S.**—Feb. 6, Griffin Hotel, 8. Schedule for pair show, annual social, Feb. 27.—J. F. Thackray.

**Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.**—Feb. 9, Gothenburgh No. 2, 6. Election of judges, consideration of club show.—J. Ford.

**Leicester C.B.S.**—Feb. 10, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Table show, A.V. Nor.; pairs matched for breeding, open and novice classes. Judge, Mr. Needham. All interested are invited.—J. A. Tyler.

**Leeds C.B.S.**—Feb. 6, Lockhart's Restaurant, Briggate, 7.30. Arranging syllabus for ensuing season. Pairs show in March, and other urgent business. Fanciers specially invited.—W. Tose.

**Long Eaton and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 13, Co-operative Room, 7.30. Fixing date of open show, and other important business.—A. E. Wigginton.

**Leeds Roller C.C.**—Feb. 6, Lockhart's Cafe (corner of Commercial Street), 8. Arrange for members' show and tea, etc. Fanciers invited.—T. W. Walton.

**Liverpool B.B.A.**—Feb. 11, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, birds staged 7.30. Night show of pairs; special for best pair in each class; also good list of specials to be allotted; York., and Nor., Clears, Yorks., and Nor., Greens; also A.O.V.—F. E. Hawkes.

**Larkhall C.B.A.**—Jan. 13, Miners' Hall, 12. Table show of pairs. Can. 4 classes, Hyb. pairs 2, Muling pairs 1, good specials for two best pairs; also novice specials; entries on day of show.—J. Pollock.

**Loanhead and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 13, Masonic Hall, 7. Business, general; fanciers invited to become members.—W. B. Smart.

**Leith O.S.**—Feb. 13, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 4. Table show and judging competition.—G. Brown.

**Manningham C.B.A.**—Feb. 6, Mowbray Arms, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. J. Ackroyd; fanciers invited.—W. Holroyd.

**Metropolitan C.B.A.**—Feb. 11, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, 8.30. Balance sheet will be read; also other important business.—R. Dear.

**Northern Yorkshire C.C.**—Feb. 16, Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 8. Table show of pairs: 1, yell. cock, buff hen; 2, buff cock, yell. hen; fanciers invited; admission free.—Judge, Mr. J. Shepherd.—T. C. Crawhall.

**North Manchester C.B.S.**—Feb. 9, Christ Church School's, 8. Election of officers and other business. J. Davey.

**Oldham and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 9, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. General business; date of next back-yard show, and report of annual party.—F. Steeple.

**Pendleton and Salford O.S.**—Feb. 8, Chapel Street Hall, Salford, 8.—H. Clayton.

**Sunderland C.B.A.**—Feb. 6, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Election of judges for open show, etc.—W. Reid.

**South Manchester C.B.S.**—Feb. 8, headquarters, 8. Lecture on "The Norwich," by Mr. Coulson. Fanciers invited. On Feb. 13, at headquarters, 2. Stock pair show; six class.—J. C. Spilsbury.

**South London Col. and F.A.** — Feb. 11, Royal George, Tanner's Hill, Lewisham High Road, S.E., 8. Pair show. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. Birds to be staged by 7.30.—G. A. Jefferys.

**Southport C.B.S.**—Feb. 13, pair table show. Judge Mr. W. Millburn.—B. Bullough.

**South-West London C.B.S.**—Feb. 11, Plough Hotel, 8.30. To present balance sheet. Also discussion upon club business.—Lilley.

**Southampton O.S.**—Feb. 10, 273, Shirley Road, 7.30. Goldfinch table show. Hearty welcome to all fanciers.—C. Parmiter.

**Seaham Harbour and Dist. C.B.B.A.**—Feb. 6, Station Hotel, 7. Election of officers for 1909.—H. Dobson.

**Sandy Lane and Dist. C.B.A.**—Feb. 9, 8. — B. Buckle.

**Swansea and Dist. C.B.A.**—Feb. 11, Oxford Coffee Tavern, 7.30. General business.—A. Hitchings.

**Shettleston and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 13, Houston's Restaurant, 294, Main Street, 8. Show account, etc.; intending members cordially invited. — W. Devlyn.

**Tong and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 9, Holme Lane Hotel, 7.30. Business important; arrangement for supper and presentation of medals and specials.—J. Smith.

**Wath and Dist. C.B.A.**—Feb. 7, Cross Keys Hotel, 7.30.—H. A. Watson.

**Windhill, Shipley and Dist. O.S.**—Feb. 6, B'ue Bell Hotel, 8.—E. Broadley.

**West Stanley and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 6, King's Head Hotel, 7.30. Annual meeting, election of officers, balance sheet, etc.—M. Mason.

**Wolverhampton C.B.S.**—Feb. 9, Swan and Peacock Hotel. To fix date and judges for open show; fanciers invited.—J. Gibbons.

**West of Scotland.**—Feb. 6, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, 83, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 7.30. Show of matched pairs.—G. Smart.

**Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C.**—Feb. 13, Wakefield Show, 4. Arrangements for prize distribution, etc.—W. R. Myers.

**York C.B.S.**—Feb. 8, All Saints' Schoolroom, 8. To elect judge for open show, etc.; also members' show (pairs), Nor., Yorks., and A.O.V. Can.—A. Waud.

# THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

### Agenda for Delegates' Meeting.

Agenda paper for the meeting of delegates to be held on Saturday, February 6th, at 5.30 in the board-room of the Crystal Palace, London. Messrs. W. A. Bladon (the present president) and Mr. R. Rhodes (Nottingham) were nominated to position of president. Mr. Rhodes declines to stand, so that Mr. Bladon's name only will be put up for election at the meeting. Mr. S. Hadwin, 28, Pembroke-place, Liverpool (secretary of the Green Canary Association); Mr. J. Raynes, 9, Richmond-road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester (secretary of the Norwich Plainhead Club); Mr. W. Ridge, 55, Poolstock, Wigan (secretary of the Wigan Cage Bird Society), and myself were nominated for the position of secretary. As I do not wish to take office, I have withdrawn my name. I also give balance-sheet for the year 1907-8, which is subject to auditing and possible correction.

BALANCE-SHEET.

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| To Balance | £56 | 10 | 7 |
| ,, Subscriptions | 45 | 9 | 4 |
| ,, Associate member | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| ,, Licence Fees | 18 | 5 | 0 |
| ,, Deposits on Appeal | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, Bank interest | 0 | 14 | 4 |
| ,, Show rules sold | 10 | 9 | 0 |
| | £127 | 9 | 9 |
| Outstanding account— | | | |
| Advertisement on show rules | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| | £133 | 9 | 9 |
| By Postages | £7 | 2 | 5 |
| ,, Printing and stationery | 6 | 5 | 8 |
| ,, Advertising | 11 | 18 | 6 |
| ,, Deposit returned | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| ,, Typewriter | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, Carriage on rules | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| ,, Bank commission | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| ,, Cheque book | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| ,, Delegates' expenses | 15 | 2 | 9 |
| ,, Ex. Councils' expenses | 7 | 13 | 11 |
| ,, Postages on rule | 5 | 0 | 0 |
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| ,, Outstanding accounts— | | | |
| ,, Secretary's salary | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| ,, Clerical assistance | 3 | 13 | 6 |
| ,, Balance in hand | 50 | 1 | 6 |
| ,, Cost of medals not yet decided | | | |
| | £133 | 9 | 9 |

Agenda for delegates' annual meeting: Minutes of last delegates' meeting; report and balance-sheet; elect president and secretary.

Confirm new rules suggested and passed at the last delegates' meeting, viz.: That all proposed alterations in the rules be sent to the general secretary two months prior to the annual meeting, and sent to all affiliated societies six weeks before the meeting. That rules can only be altered or added to at the annual meeting. That licences be not granted to purely cage bird societies. That every delegate be supplied with a copy of the report and balance-sheet before the annual meeting.

Alterations in phraseology of the rules suggested by the Union's solicitors. Add the words "per year" after £1 1s. in the third line of amended Rule 4, and to the end of rule the words, "Any affiliated society and any individual wishing to terminate membership of the Union must give three calendar months' previous notice in writing to the secretary of the Union, to expire on the 1st September in any year." After end of Rule 8 to read, "Any appeal from their decision shall be to the executive council, whose decision shall be final and binding." Add to end of new rule following Rule 8, "A district committee shall not, nor shall the Union be liable for any loss or damage which may arise by reason or in consequence of the publication of any such suspension or proceedings aforesaid." After word "Union" on line 6 of Rule 16, add "or (if not a member of the Union) to be debarred from exhibiting at shows held under the Union's rules." After the words "think fit" of line 8, add, "without rendering the Union or any member of such council liable for any loss or damage occasioned thereby." Rule 19. Delete the words "or umpire," and add to the third line after "birds" the words, "or cage bird shows or," and substitute the word "submission" for the word "reference" in the sixth line. Add to end of Rule 11 of the Show Rules the words "and binding." After the word "affected" in line 4 of Rule 18, add, "without being liable for any loss or damage arising by reason or in consequence of such publication," and at end of line 6 the words, "without the Union or such council being liable for any loss or damage arising by reason or in consequence thereof."

Alterations in rules already submitted:—Accrington amendment to Rule 17, supported by Burnley C.B.S. Amendment by Newcastle C.B.S. that Rule 17 be deleted, and that business brought before district committees be first submitted to the societies, and the delegates instructed to vote according to their decisions. Amendment by Mr. MacPartling, "That no affiliated exhibitor be eligible to compete for any special at affiliated shows." Coventry O.S. suggestions. Suggestions 1 and 2 opposed by the Bristol Fanciers' Association. Amendment by Tideswell C.B.I.S. that where licences are granted to mixed shows, such shows must engage a cage bird judge.

G. W. F. Lythgoe, Sec.

## CINNAMON CANARY CLUB.

Half-yearly general meeting held at the Manchester Show. The president, Mr. W. A. Bladon, acted as chairman. A letter was read from Mr. Wones (vice-president), regretting his absence. The secretary read a statement of accounts up to date, and foreshadowed a fair balance in hand at the end of the year; he also asked that a trustee be appointed, so that the funds could be placed in the bank in the club's name, explaining that it was a safeguard to the funds of the club, and would be more satisfactory to himself and the members. On the motion of Mr. Godley, seconded by Mr. Riding, Mr. Bladon was appointed trustee. A letter was read from Mr. Handt on the new club cage; he complained that the pins used to fasten the fronts were liable to catch the birds' claws, and suggested sliding fronts instead. Mr. Godley favoured pins, as they kept the front much firmer, sliding fronts being liable to be knocked out and split the wood; he also quoted a case of the front being driven in and the bird lost. It was ultimately resolved that the cages be all alike, and the loops of the pins filled in with solder and blacked. The old cage was discussed, Mr. Seed advocating the general use of the new pattern cage at the coming club show. Mr. Riding proposed, "That the cages remain as they are, members using the old cages this season, but the new cage to be generally adopted at the Club Show, 1909." Mr. Bentley seconded, and it was carried by six votes to three. Mr. Godley suggested that the secretary acquaint all members respecting the new pattern cage. The secretary asked for guidance as to granting patronage to shows which had not a club judge appointed, as there was nothing in the rules debarring those shows. He quoted Nottingham Show, where Mr. Greeves was to judge the cinnamon classes. As a way out of that difficulty he asked Mr. Greeves to become a member, and Mr. Greeves consented. Mr. Godley said any judge could officiate at a patronage show, but it was compulsory for a club judge to officiate at the club shows. It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Greeves become a member, and that he judge the cinnamons at Nottingham. An animated discussion arose out of a complaint by Mr. Seed that the judges did not go for type as they should do; he maintained that Norwich type and quality were the most essential points of the cinnamon. Mr. Bentley said they had a model set up, and the judges should judge to that model: but what was wanted was an official standard. Judges put up the birds to their own fancy, and all we had to go by was the judges. He advocated the adoption of a standard by the club as the only remedy. Mr. Bladon stated that at the formation of the club it was size and colour; a few years later type was added, and that they ought to get the judges to judge to the Norwich type. The bird should be, in type and colour, equal to the best of the Norwich. He agreed that our judges should be instructed to go for quality and Norwich type. Mr. Mallinson referred to the old days when they had the type, also silkiness of feather. Mr. Godley maintained that the birds were coming back to the Norwich type each year, and that there was an improvement in that direction at this show. Mr. Bladon disagreed, saying that the birds were not so good as last year. Mr. Seed also disagreed with Mr. Godley's views. Mr. Bentley said that the word cinnamon meant colour, but he was of opinion that 50 points was too much to allow for colour, as the judges went too strongly for colour, and neglected other points. Mr. Riding suggested that the secretary write to the judges saying that the members were dissatisfied with their not judging to the club model, and asking them to give more attention to it. Mr. Bladon thought that would be a bit too strong, but the secretary could give the judges a gentle hint on the subject. He suggested that at some future time the club draw up a new standard in which they might with advantage lower the points for colour a trifle. Mr. Bentley moved, "That we get out a new standard, and that suggestions as to points be invited." Mr. Riding seconded, and it was agreed to. Mr. Seed raised a point on the novice specials, complaining that the resolution at last year's meeting had not been adhered to. The champions were getting 10s. at each show, and not the novices. The secretary pointed out that Mr. Godley was giving 5s. at each show for the novices, and Mr. Dormer an umbrella value 10s., divided between certain shows. He maintained that the novices were receiving 10s. per show that way, and where Mr. Dormer's special was not given, 5s. was awarded from the funds—at Blackburn, for an instance. Mr. Riding and Mr. Bentley were of opinion that the allotment of the specials was fair to each section. A suggestion was made that the secretary ask the colour-food vendors for specials for the birds fed upon their foods. Mr. Dormer wrote suggesting that the club withdraw from the Cage Bird Union, as the members were mostly affiliated through their respective societies. The secretary suggested that a vote of the members be taken, when the voting papers were issued for the election of officers next year. This was agreed to.

## CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

The election for 1909 resulted as follows:—Committee, Messrs. T. Heath, 43; T. W. Barnett, 39; W. E. Greeves, 38; R. L. Crisp, 37; J. Robson, 37; T. J. King, 34; R. Rhodes, 33; J. Dobson, 30; G. Collidge, 29; Rev. G. W. Joyce, 27; G. C. Ley, 27; J. Tyson, 26; J. S. Clarke, 26; W. Glasscock, 26; T. R. Ind, 25; R. B. Tope 23; Hy. Mills, 19; G. Grant, 18; R. Armstrong, 17; and T. Taylor, 17. From the above-mentioned a president is to be elected. Judges for 1909:—Messrs. Heath, 45; Robson, 45; Greeves, 37; Barnett, 36; Rhodes, 35; King, 33; Tyson, 32; Joyce, 28; Crisp, 26; Tope, 24; Dobson, 21; Collidge, 20. Auditors: Messrs. Heath and Clarke, 35 each. Five papers were spoiled, two unsigned, and three voted for more than 20. Since first post Monday, February 1st (the latest time set out for the return), 14 voting papers have been received, and consequently not included in the counting.—John Tyson, Hon. Secretary.

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## BANBURY.

This fixture, held on January 2nd and 3rd, was ably managed by Messrs. Hazlewood and Nelson, the hon. secs., and proved quite a success. The entries were rather disappointing in the cage bird section, but the restricted classification accounted somewhat for this. Mr. T. J. Ambrose judged.

NOR. (6): 1, spl, Holland, cl. yell., nice shape and colour, grand feather; 2, Lewin, yell., loses in chest and wing carriage; 3, spl best members, capital buff, nice colour and feather. UNFLI. NOR. (7): 1, vhc, Hall, buff leading, ticked on head, rare shape, nice colour and feather; 2, Lewin, buff marked head and wings; 3, spl, second best members, four-pointed buff; res, Nelson. A.O.V. (10): 1, 3, res, c, Mole, nice team of Yorks., leader capital yell., long and good position; 3rd, stylish buff; 2, Lewin, nice cinn., good colour and feather; vhc, hc, Fitfield; hc, Holliday. SELL. (10/-) (10): 1, Dale; 2, Nelson; 3, res, Mole. BRIT. (12): 1, 3, Jupe, grand Bullfinch leading, such colour! 3rd, topping little Goldie; 2, Westley, Hawfinch, beautiful colour, well mkd.: res, Tooley; vhc, hc, Tyrell; vhc, Miss Hopwood, Lambley.

## The "Black Canary" Puzzle.

Owing to the enormous number of solutions of the "Black Canary" puzzle which we have received, we find it impossible to announce the result this week. We hope, however, to be able to give the winner's name in our next issue.

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# THE SHOWS.

## FELTHAM.

No guaranteed prize money was offered at this show, which was held in the Public Hall on January 27th, therefore the entry was not large, neither was the quality great. The show was nicely arranged and well managed by the committee, whilst the secretaries, Messrs. Bailey, Bobb, and Ruddock, were most courtcons and energetic. Mr. C. A. House judged.

YORKS. (3): 1, 2, vhc, Chance, three stylish birds, but as it was their owner's first attempt at tubbing, they did not look their best. NOR. (7): 1, 2, W. Smith, yell. and buff of nice shape and colour; 3, vhc, J. A. Smith, variegated buff, shapely, good feather; hc, Bishop; absent, Kilby (2). CAN. A.V. (6): 1, 2, spl, W. Smith, smart, close feathered, nice-coloured buff Norwich, and a warm-coloured shapely yellow; 3, res, vhc, Chance, nice team of Yorkshires; absent, Atwood. BRIT., ETC. (3): 1, 2, Baker, very nice coloured, well-coloured Goldfinch, and a pretty pair of Grey Java Sparrows; absent, Ford.

## SOUTH-WEST LONDON C.B.S.

Annual pair show held at the Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction on January 30th. The entries were not up to last year's number in some of the classes, but quality was of great merit, the birds being shown in very excellent condition. No doubt one cause of the shortage was the forthcoming Palace Show, members not wishing to do double duty in washing their birds. Mr. Rohson judged.

CHAMP. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Harris; 4, vhc, hc, Lilley. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, 4, McLaughlin. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Lilley AMAT. AND NOVICE NOR.: A very nice lot, well matched: 1, 2, vhc, c, Burgess; 3, Graham; 4, hc, MacGregor. YORKS.: 1, c, Slade; 2, 3, 4, bc, Graham; vhc, Prout. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Slade; 4, Burgess. PAIRS FOR MULE BREEDING: 1, Lilley, cock Goldfinch and yell. hen; 3, Lilley, Goldfinch and hen Greenfinch; 2, McLaughlin, Goldfinch and cock Siskin; 4, McLaughlin, Redpoll and hen Goldfinch; vhc, McLaughlin, Siskin and hen Goldfinch; hc, McLaughlin,. Mr. Harris won gold-centre medal for best pair in show; Mr. Lilley, the gold-centre medal for 2nd best pair, he also taking 1st and spl. in Mule and Hybrid class. Mr. McLaughlin took the 3s. special for 2nd best pair in same section. Prize-money and specials were paid out before the show closed.—LILLEY, sec.

## MAESTEG.

Maesteg cage bird show was held on Jan 27th at the Oddfellows' Hall. Considering the nearness of the date to the Palace show and that of another show at Nantymoel, together with the lateness of the season and the show being confined only to the county of Glamorgan, entries came up as well as could reasonably be expected. Everything passed off without the slightest hitch, which speaks well of the ever-willing and obliging secretary, Mr. W. Jenkins, and his faithful few, whose untiring efforts for the success of their first venture were all that could be desired in every respect. This society, formed 18 months ago, consisted of only five members until November, 1908, when a kind of revival took hold of other fanciers in the district, increasing the membership to 12, when they decided to make their first show venture. The gate, we were sorry to hear, was not all that might have been expected, but prize money will be paid promptly. Messrs. C. Richards, T. Phillips, and the committee as a whole were exceedingly obliging, and paid the best of attention to the birds. Mr. T. Miles was the treasurer and show manager. Mr. T. L. Castree placed the cards and gave every satisfaction.

### The Critique.

NOR. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Thomas, cl., nice type, good quality, well folded wings and tail, wins; 2, Hitchings, another cl., plenty of size, nice shape, fine quality; 3, James, wing and neck ticked, nice size, good type and quality; 4, Pritchard; vhc, Miles and Bowen; hc, Watkins; c, George. BUFF (7): 1, spl, Stock, beautiful quality, good type, varieg., nicely rounded shoulders, well folded wings and tail; 2, George, another good bird, pressed hard; 4, James; vhc, Pritchard; hc, Hitchings; c, Watkins. HEN (14): 1, spl, Pritchard, cl. buff, for type and quality will take some beating, beautifully mealed, nice short wings and tail, Norwich all over; 2, Watkins, another grand one; 3, Miles and Bowen, again all there, very useful hen in the breeding cage; 4, George; vhc, Elliot; hc, Caddy; c, Jenkins. YORKS. YELL. CK. (9): 1, 3, spl, Wilcox, leader excels in neatness, especially in barrel to 3rd, two good birds well meriting their positions; 2, Phillips, good position and shoulders, fine all round bird; 4, Miss E. M. Jelley; vhc, Card; hc, c, Miles and Bowen. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Jones, lovely position, neatly rounded shoulders, clean thighs, beautifully drawn barrel, a gem; 2, Miss E. M. Jelley, another lovely Yorkie, well put down; 3, Wilcox, good cl., nicely drawn behind, plenty of length, grand bird for stock; 4, Phillips; vhc, Card; hc, Sparey; c, Petty. HEN (12): 1, spl, hc, Card, Porth, etc., winner, one of the best buff hens seen in Wales this season, simply a gem, don't forget her toilet next time, Mr. C.; 2, 3, hc, Jones, 2nd lovely drawn yell., exceptional length, well deserved her place, 3rd cl. buff, good position, staged to perfection, pressed leaders very hard; vhc, Miles and Bowen; c, Sparey. CREST OR C.B. (4): 1, spl, cup for best in show, Lewis and Dymond, variег. Dark Crest, good substance, plent of width, fine droop and radiation, well filled in centre; 3, 4, H. Elliot, leader Dark Crest, good frontal, nice veiny feather, 4th grizzle Crest. BORD. YELL. (except unmarked) (3): 1, Hammacott and Card, wins well, nice front and back, good bloom; 2, 3, Jenkins, nice quality all over, 3rd nicely tapered. BUFF (5): 1, Hammacott and Card, correct size and shape, required little finding, in lovely bloom; 2, Mugford, another lovely positioned bird; 3, 4, vhc, Jenkins, decent bird. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Pritchard, 4-pointed Nor., grand type and quality; 3, Hocking, 4-pointed Border, noted winner, looking well; 4, Elliot, nice cinn. CAN. MULE: 1, Lewis and Dymond, yell. Goldie, an old winner, wins easy, good bird; 3, Richards, buff, lightly mkd. Goldie, well staged; 4, vhc, Thomas; hc, Hughes. A.O.V. HYB. (4): 2, spl, Lewis and Dymond, Linnet-Bullie, very distinct in markings, lovely polish, Tredegar winner; 3, 4, vhc, Goldie-Greenie, Chaffinch-Bramble, Goldie-Siskin respectively, leader has it in size, 4th a hen, a rare trio. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, 2, spl, Lewis and Dymond, often commented on, leader has it in general polish throughout, 2nd has the benefit of any doubts between this and next; 3, Elliot, true Britisher, lovely polished blaze, good tannings and buttons, well staged; 4, Richards; vhc, Rees; hc, Thomas; c, Caddy. A.O.S. FINCH (7): 1, spl, Prosser, Bramble, lovely bloom of feather, often commented on; 3, 4, Lewis and Dymond, Bullic, lovely cap, wing bars and breast colour, looking well, and good Greenie; vhc, c, Treharne; hc, Richards. LINNET, ETC.: 1, spl, Longden, Twite, very distinct in pencilling, grand polish, often commented on, looking well; 2, hc, Prosser, Linnet, Porth winner, distinct in pencilling, good one all over; 3, Lewis and Dymond, Lesser Redpoll, an old face, needs no comment; 4, vhc, Richards; c, Treharne. A.O.S. BRIT.: 2, spl, Rowlands, Blackbird, good size and shape, beautiful black polish, deep eye cut and beak, well coloured, staged in tip-top form; 3, E. Jones, Woodlark, nice and steady, good plumage, well staged; 4, Petty; No. 4 absent. SELL. (10/-): 1, Pritchard; 2, Thomas; 3, Wilcox; 4, Jenkin and Son; vhc, Longden; hc, Prosser. FOR.: 1, spl, 2, Thorne, Troupial and Superb Tanager respectively, in lovely plumage and bloom; 3, Richards, Blue-fronted Amazon, one of the best we have seen, in the pink of condition; 4, Thomas; vhc, hc, Mrs. Stone; c, Hayes. LOCAL CAN., A.V.: 2, Edwards; 4, Owens. MULE OR HYB.: 2, Edwards; No. 3, absent.

## LEICESTER C.B.S.

The members held a most successful table show on January 27th, the competition being very keen and the entries good. The quality of the birds was excellent, although the season is getting on. The enthusiasm keeps up remarkably well. In placing the cards, the judge, Mr. G. Lander, gave every satisfaction. Several questions were asked at the close, which the judge answered.

A.V. YELL. HEN, NOR. (9): 1, 2, c, Tyler; 3, Christian; vhc, Claypole; hc, Heighton. NOVICE (5): 1, 2, vhc, Harrison; 3, Adams; hc, Yates. NOR. HEAVILY VARIEG., ETC. (11): 1, vhc, Hunt; 2, c, Stevens; 3, hc, Tyler. NOVICE: 1, Harrison; 2, Adams; 3, vhc, bc, Smith.—J. A. TYLER, Sec.

## LOWESTOFT AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

This society held its first table show for the year at headquarters on Feb. 1, for matched pairs of Plainheads, Crests and Cinnamons. The entries did not come quite up to expectations, but the birds that were staged were a grand lot, and should breed some good youngsters for their owners. Mr. H. Hart judged, and gave general satisfaction.

CHAMPION PAIRS OF NOR.: 1, 3, Parke; 2, vhc, Lang, Junr.; hc, c, Hatch. PAIRS OF CRESTS: 1, Wigg; 2, Lay; 3, hc, Lowe; vhc, Rickards. NOVICE PAIRS NOR.: 1, 2, Lay; 3, Rickards.—W. LANG, Junr., Hon. sec.

## HULL C.B.S.

Probably the most successful members' night show ever held by the society took place on Feb. 1st, when 157 birds were on view, made up as follows: 63 pairs Canaries matched for breeding, and 31 British birds. Owing to the very large entry, Mr. Harland was asked to judge the Crests, Yorkshires, and A.O.V. Canary in the champion section, and the A.O.V. Canary in the novice section. Messrs. Longhorn and Oliff took the champion and novice Norwich, Mr. F. Medley (the official judge) having his hands full with the Yorkshires and British.

CHAMP. CREST AND C.B.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Calam; vhc, Perkins. YORKS.: 1, 2, Stamford; 3, Oliver; vhc, Brumby; hc, Prentice; c, Perkins. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Calam; 2, Perkins. NOVICE A.O.V. CAN.: 1, L. Hope; 2, F. F. Potter; 3, Riley. CHAMP. NOR.: 1, vhc, Calam; 2, 3, hc, c, Harland. NOVICE NOR.: 1, Frith; 2, Riley; 3, hc, c, Calvard. NOVICE YORKS.: 1, 2, vhc, Precious; 3, Howe; c, Burrell. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Perkins; 2, Constable; 3, Calam; vhc, Riley; hc, Stamford; c, L. Hope. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Brumby; 2, Constable; 3, vhc, Perkins; hc, L. Hope; c, Oliver. SOFTBILL: 1, F. F. Potter; 2, W. Potter; 3, Sowden.—ERNEST R. RIDLEY, Hon. Sec.

## CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Annual pair show held January 30th, and once more proved an unqualified success. The association must be congratulated upon staging 147 exhibits (the quality of which was of a high standard), seeing that they were distributed amongst 41 members. The well-known comfortable hall of the Church Institute, Paddington-street, was again splendidly filled with London's bird-lovers, besides an unusually large company of ladies. Novice Yorkshires numbered 20, and gave the judge trouble. The novice Plainheads contained 17 pairs, and for quality stood out from the other two sections. The Novice Crest section was well to the fore, containing 11 pairs. In the pairs matched for hybrid breeding, in the classes for Goldfinch, Linnet, and Greenfinch pairs, there was a distinct falling off, but amends were made up in the classes between British bird and Bullie, and between two British birds, some clinking pairs being shown. The following members contributed to the success of the show in rendering every possible assistance:—Mrs. Morrison, Messrs. W. Page, F. Wyse, W. Sanders, R. Stevens, J. Warwick, E. C. Offord, J. Dewhurst, and the worthy vice-chairman, A. W. Curtis. The unavoidable absence of the chairman (Mr. A. C. Burn), through illness, was deeply regretted. Mr. V. Wynn, the hon. sec., had as usual, made capital arrangements, and in his hands everything went with a swing. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR. CHAMPION (6): 1, spl best bird shown by a lady, Mrs. B. J. Cooper; 2, 3, Curtis; vhc, hc, Wynn. AMATEUR (6): 1, 2, A. W. Hart; 4, absent, Neal. NOVICE (17): 1, vhc, c, T. Hart; 2, 3, Churchard; extra vhc, spl, hc, Knight. CRESTS, CHAMPION (3): 1, 2, 3, Prance. AMATEUR (3): 1, E. C. Offord; 2, 3, H. Offord. NOVICE (11): 1, spl, 2, 3, Mugford; vhc, spl, hc, Dickinson; c, Sanders. YORKS., CHAMPION (6): 1, 3, Hawes; 2, vhc, spl, Davis; hc, c, Simpson. AMATEUR (9): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Menhenett; hc, c, Page. NOVICE (20): 1, vhc, hc, Monger; 2, Pullinger; 3, King; extra 3, spl, c, Brinkworth; extra vhc, Lloyd. BORD. FCY., CHAMPION (1): 1, Simpson. NOVICE (2): 1, Saytch; 2, Wyse. A.O.V. NOR. (1): 1, Warwick. GOLDFINCH AND CAN. (5): 1, Pile; 2, Page; 3, Morrison; vhc, Lloyd, A. B. Wyse. LINNET AND CAN. (4): 1, Pile; 2, Page; 3, Wyse; vhc, Morrison. GREENFINCH AND CAN. (4): 1, Pile; 2, Wyse; 3, Page; vhc, spl, Mrs. Morrison. CAN. OR BRIT. AND BULLFINCH HEN (13): 1, Pile, Goldie; 2, c, Mrs. Page, Greenie; 3, Wyse, Greenie; vhc, spl, Mrs. Morrison, Greenie; hc, Page, Twite. A.O.S. FINCH AND CAN. (3): 1, Pile, Twite; 2, Easterling, Siskin; 3, Mrs. Page, Twite. A.S. BETWEEN TWO B.B. (8): 1, Curry, Goldie-Linnet; 2, vhc, Mrs. Page, Siskin-Goldie, Redpoll-Siskin; 3, Thorpe, Bramblefinch-Chaffinch; hc, Easterling, Redpoll-Goldie; c, Page, Twite-Greenie. SELL. (50/-) (4): 1, 3, Mugford; 2, vhc, Offord. (30/-) (8): 1, 2, Hawes; 3, Churchard; vhc, Easterling; hc, Hart; c, Pile. (20/-) (13): 1, Page; 2, hc, Buckman; 3, Easterling; vhc, Wyse; c, Morrison. Mrs. Morrison and Messrs. W. Page and J. P. Lloyd tied for the Wynn Points Cup. Mr. T. Monger won the Novice Yorkshire Cup.

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## BRADFORD EAST.

First annual open show held January 30th, in the Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling, under the rules of the Yorkshire Union and the patronage of the Yorkshire Canary Club and the Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire Canary Club. Mr. A. Hirst judged, Mr. R. Halliday assisting by taking the three selling classes. Mr. H. Hill, the secretary, had matters well in hand, while his assistant, Mr. Gelder, rendered useful service, and Messrs. Cruise, Peacock, Rushworth, White, Wilkinson, Laycock, and Stables as stewards were here, there and everywhere, performing their many duties. The exhibition was opened at 2 p.m. by Miss L. Suddards, Councillor R. Capstick officiating as chairman during the ceremony. The room is a good one for a show, very lofty and well lighted, and is centrally situated, being in close proximity to both train (G.N.R.) and tram. The "Bradford East Challenge Trophy," a splendid rose bowl, was up for competition in the unflighted classes, and has to be won three times before becoming the property of the winner; it is given for the best unflighted bird, either yellow or buff, the exhibitor to be also the breeder of the bird. This valuable prize was secured by Mr. G. Bray with his buff that was awarded 2nd in its class (the 1st winner not being marked for competition), and the prize is to be presented at the annual amalgamated prize distribution of the Yorkshire societies to be held on March 6th. The entries throughout the show came up fairly well, 348 birds being on view in the 24 classes—an average of over 14 per class, not bad for the last show but one of the season. Mr. J. Wilcock secured Mr. J. Sandiford's medal for the hottest fed Yorkshire moulted on his feed, and Messrs. Ogden Bros. were successful in winning Mr. J. W. Ramsden's medal for best fed bird, moulted solely on his pure peppers. The winners of the sectional specials were Messrs. Shackleton, Wilson, Peel, Cooper, Ogden Bros., Wilson, White, Crowther, Hammond, Johnson, Rushworth, and Middleton.

### The Champion Classes.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (10): 1, Shaw Bros., grand length, narrow shoulders, good type and position, nice quality and colour; 2, 4, spl, Wilson, 2nd rattling good shape, very nervy, long flights and tail, stands well up, neat feather, 4th nice shape, good back, grand quality; 3, Cruise, very typical, full of quality and colour, grand style, rather soiled; vhc, Hill; hc, Chattenden c, Towers. BUFF (10): 1, 4, spl, Shackleton, leader fine type and style, grand quality, noted winner, 4th neat shape, round back, stands well, rich quality; 2, Edmondson, rattling shape, plenty of leg, colour, and quality; 3, c, Wadsworth, lovely type and very stylish, plenty of colour, nice quality; vhc, Hill; hc, Robertshaw. TKD. YELL. (11): 1, Cruise, grand length, good flights and tail, all there for shape and quality; 2, hc, spl, Priestley, lengthy, grand position, good quality, well carried wings and tail; 3, Robertshaw, good shape, well drawn out behind, full of quality; 4, Shackleton, lengthy, grand quality, long flights and neatly packed tail; vhc, Wilson; c, Chittenden. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, spl, Shackleton, fine shape, stands like a soldier, well on leg, extra quality of feather; 2, Peel, splendid type and position, good back, nice quality; 3, Blakey, cinn. ticked, grand shape, beautifully carried wings, rich quality, and stands well up; 4, hc, Wilson, extra position and grand shape, good wing carriage, nice feather; c, Ross. UNEVENLY MKD. (9): 1, Armstrong, noted buff, attained its majority at Halifax a week previous by scoring its 21st win in open classes, gem for shape, feathered to perfection, full of colour and very stylish; 2, c, Ogden Bros., yell., grand length, very typical, straight as a rush, well on leg, grand quality and colour; 3, Wadsworth, another yell., good length, leggy and stylish, nice quality; 4, Smith, buff, grand shape and style, marvellous wings and tail, superb quality; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Robertshaw. UNFLIG. YELL. (18): 1, spl, Wright and Son, very slim, grand shape, position, leg, colour, and quality; 2, Peel, lovely type, straight as a rush, well on leg, full of quality; 3, Fawcett, grand length and shape, neat quality; 4, Halliday, long bird, nice shape, extra position, grand wings and tail, neat feather; vhc, Myers; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Cruise. BUFF (19): 1, spl, Robertshaw, grand shape, very stylish, leggy, nice quality; 2 and winner of rose bowl, Bray, grand shape and position, lovely head and neck, brimful of quality and colour; 3, Peel, trifle stronger build, good shape, nice head, very clean front, nice quality; 4, Halliday, shape, style and quality, grand wing carriage; vhc, F. Self; hc, Shaw Bros.; c, Ogden Bros. YELL. HEN (18): 1, vhc, spl, Shackleton, lovely shape, quality and style, well braced wings and nice pipe tail; 2, Ogden Bros., fine type, plenty of leg and nerve, extra colour and quality; 3, Peel, rare shape, extra position, well cut away behind the leg, nice wings and tail; 4, c, Farrar, neat narrow bird, good shape, quality and colour; hc, Edmondson. BUFF (20): 1, spl, Ogden Bros., shows plenty of leg and correct position, lovely quality, a gem; 2, Peel, splendid type and position, rich quality; 3, Shackleton, stands well, full of quality; 4, Wright and Son, nice length and shape, full of colour and quality; vhc, Radley; hc, Wadsworth; c, Wilcock. CINN. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL. (9): 1, 2, vhc, spl, Cooper, trio of grand birds, leader very slim, capital shape, well on leg, rich colour and quality, neat markings, 2nd grand type, well cut away, very neat wings and tail, nice quality; 3, 4, Ogden Bros., 3rd red hot colour, grand type and quality, and very stylish, 4th well drawn out, lovely back, well braced wings and tail; hc, Wilcock; c, Towers. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Shackleton, grand type and colour, quality like silk, fine style; 2, Priestley, good length, shape and position, fine quality, neat markings; 3, Ogden Bros., extra fine shape and style, full of quality; 4, Cooper, bit stronger build, rattling type and position, gem for quality; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son; hc, Wadsworth; c, Cooper. YELL. HEN (14): 1, Jowett, shape and quality, looking rather thick when we saw it; 2, hc, spl, Wilcock, extra shape, grand position and quality; 3, Towers, good length, very typical and stylish; 4, Smith, very slim, grand shape and style, nice quality; vhc, Ogden Bros.; c, Mason. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Wilson, good shape and quality, nice colour, stands well on leg; 2, Towers, topping shape, position, and quality; 3, Fawcett, possesses shape and style, well on leg, full of quality, we liked; 4, Ogden Bros., grand quality, colour, shape and style; vhc, Cooper; hc, Shackleton; c, Sutcliffe and Son.

### The Novice Classes.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (12): 1, spl, Wilson, extra colour, good length, shape, style, fine quality; 2, Laycock, fine type, plenty of leg, racy looking, lovely quality and finish; 3, Sowden, has length, is very stylish and of nice quality; 4, hc, Lumb, grand shape, good back, nice quality; vhc, White; c, Dunn. BUFF (15): 1, spl, Lane, rare shape, position, and quality, very compact; 2, White, nice length, shapely and stylish, good quality and colour, splendid clean front, no frill here; 3, Varley, not quite so long, nice quality and colour, good leg; 4, Wilson, grand type, lovely head, neck, back, colour and quality; vhc, Clegg; hc, Laycock; c, Lumb. TKD., ETC., YELL. (25): 1, spl, Crowther, fine length and true type, good style and leggy, rich quality; 2, Kaye, very neat and stylish, well up on leg, shows well; 3, White, lovely quality, good shape throughout, the best of heads and necks, nice position; 4, Priestley, very narrow shoulders, plenty of breed, quality and colour; vhc, Haigh; hc, Varley; c, Laycock. BUFF (16): 1, hc, spl, Sowden, beautifully drawn, lovely wing carriage, stylish and full of quality; 2, Gill, splendid shape, correct position and well on leg, marvellous quality; 3, Radley, shows well, grand head and neck, neat feather; 4, Lane, beautiful feather, neat shape and style; vhc, Clegg; c, Lumb. YELL. HEN (24): 1, spl, Crowther, good position, legs, back, and quality; 2, Hiles, rare type, position, and quality, very neat; 3, White, good length, shapely, close tail, nice quality; 4, Dinsdale, fine quality, nice type, good head and back; vhc, Tinkler; hc, Hall; c, Fowle. BUFF (23): 1, spl, Kilner, slim, grand shape, stands like a soldier, extra quality; 2, Dunn, lovely type and style, full of quality; 3, Stables, good shape, very stylish, nice wings and tail, fine quality; 4, Dinsdale, well on leg and good position, nice shape and feather; vhc, White; hc, Lane; c, Laycock. NOR. CK. (10): 1, 3, spl, Hammond, leader buff, very cobby, plenty of substance, colour and quality, 3rd yellow marked, lovely build, cobby, grand quality and colour; 2, Johnson, yell., hot colour, good size and substance, nice feather; 4, Fortnam, buff of extra substance, well put together, full of quality; vhc, Dobson; hc, Lane; c, Myers. HEN (8): 1, Johnson, grand buff, cobby, good substance, nice quality and colour; 2, 3, spl, Clark, yell. and buff, yell. of grand substance and shape, nice quality, buff full of colour, extra well made, cobby, and fine feather; 4, Markwell, buff, grand substance, nice colour; vhc, Dobson; hc, Fortnam; Nos. 2, 3, Hammond, wrong class. By some inadvertence this exhibitor had put his birds in wrong classes, and the cocks were, of course, thrown out; he must be proud, however, to know that his hens can win in cock classes. SELLING CLASSES.—YELL. (£1) (15): 1, spl, Haigh; 2, Rushworth; 3, Booth; 4, Hiles. BUFF (15/-) (16): 1, spl, Rushforth; 2, Fowle; 3, Gelder; 4, Wilcock. HEN (12/6) (17): 1, spl, Middleton; 2, Priestley; 3, Wadsworth; 4, Riley.

## GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Annual pair show held at the club room on Jan. 28th. Mr. Metcalfe judged.

NOR. GREENS, YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, R. Davies; 2, Brotherton; 3, Davies; 4, Hawkes. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Hawkes; 2, 3, Davies; 4, Brotherton. A.O.V.: 1, Fox; 2, 3, Hunt. Specials, NOR. GREENS: 1, Davies, and special for best pair; 2, Hawkes. A.O.V.: Messrs. Hunt and Fox divided, and Mr. Hunt won special for best Yorks. Greens. The specials for the show held on Jan. 16th are as follows: For most points throughout show (champion): 1, Hadwin; 2, Harding; 3, Bayley; 4, Coffey; 5, Rowlands; 6, Handley; 7, Drinkwater. Novices: 1, Pilling; 2, Phythian; 3, Simpson; 4, Hayden; 5, Eccleston; 6, Worrall; 7, Nelson. Most entries and most points throughout show (confined to exhibitors at the Welsh National), Hadwin. Most points in cards 1 to 8, Atherton; most points 1 to 8, Deacon; 2, Lawson; 9 to 32 Handley. Most entries 9 to 32, Handley; most points 9 to 32, 2, Pilling. Section specials (champion): 1 to 8, Deacon; 2, Lawson; 9 to 20, Rowlands; 2, Handley; 21 to 32, Hadwin; 2, Drinkwater; 33 to 40, Harding; 2, Cowley; 41 to 46, 1, 2, Barker and Abbott; 47 to 53, 1, Bayley; 2, Hadwin; 54 to 59, Andrews; 2, Hadwin; 60 to 67, Coffey; 2, Horne. (Novices): 9 to 20, Pilling; 2, Phythian; 21 to 32, Nelson; 33 to 40, Eccleston; 41 to 46, Worrall; 54 to 59, Nelson; 60 to 67, Eccleston. Best bird specials: Best Green in show, J. Gore; best Yorkshire Green (novice), Simpson; best Yorks. Green hen, 9 to 20, Pilling. Best bird in class 24, Harding; 2nd best in class 41, Harding. Best vhc, 9 to 20, Tempest; best, 9 to 20, Quirk; best in 39 and 40, Atherton. (Champions): Best Green in show bred by exhibitor, Clayton. The annual dinner will take place early in March. Committee: Messrs. J. Walker, Deacon, Isaac, Metcalfe, and Handley.—S. HANWIN, Sec.

## PRESTON O.S.

Annual members' show, held in the Scientific Society's Rooms, Jan. 30th, when there was an entry of 115, which constituted a record for a members' exhibition. The chief attraction was the Norwich section, where the classes were exceedingly well filled, and there was keen competition. There was also a good show of British birds, especially Linnets and Finches. The judge was Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot).

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Marsh; 2, Leeming Bros.; 3, Cleminson and Taylor. BUFF: 1, Marsh; 2, 4, Cleminson and Taylor; 3, Leeming Bros. YELL. HEN: 1, 4, Leeming Bros.; 2, Cleminson and Taylor; 3, Marsh. BUFF: 1, Marsh; 2, 4, Curwen; 3, Cleminson and Taylor. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Cleminson and Taylor; 2, Marsh; 3, Leeming Bros. BUFF: 1, Cleminson and Taylor; 2, Thompson. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Parkinson. BUFF: 1, 2, Parkinson. BUFF HEN: 1, Parkinson. BORD. FCY. YELL. CK.: 1, Swarbrick. BUFF: 1, Parkinson. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Swarbrick. BUFF: 1, Swarbrick. MULES AND HYB.: 1, Issott; 2, Curwen. BRIT.: 1, Marsh; 2, Curwen; 3, 4, Hopkins. LINNET: 1, Marsh. FIELD MOULTED: 1, Brade; 2, Mapp; 3, Cleminson and Taylor. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, Cleminson and Taylor; 3, 4, Thompson. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 2, Mapp; 3, Cleminson and Taylor; 4, Marsh. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Cleminson and Taylor; 2, Mapp; 3, Curwen. SELL. PAIRS (25/): 1, Parkinson. (15/-): 1, Leeming Bros. SINGLE (12/6): 1, 4, Cleminson and Taylor; 2, Thompson; 3, Curwen. (7/6): 1, 3, Cleminson and Taylor; 2, 4, Issott. NOVICE.—NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Mapp; 2, 3, Anderton. BUFF: 1, 3, Anderton; 2, 4, Mapp. YELL. HEN: 1, Mapp; 2, 3, Anderton; 4, Curwen. BUFF: 1, 3, Anderton; 2, Peake; 4, Curwen. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Curwen; 2, Winders. BUFF: 1, Peake; 2, Metcalfe; 3, Winders; 4, Anderton. YORKS.: 1, Metcalf.—T. H. DENT, Chairman.

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## UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

THE Crystal Palace Jubilee Show, which by the time these lines appear will have been opened, is engaging all our attention and monopolising our conversation at the moment, and many conjectures as to probable winners are being put forward. The show closes the competitions of the Y.C.C. and the C.M.Y.C.C., and the results will be awaited with great interest by the whole body of Yorkshire fanciers.

IN the Y.C.C. Challenge Cup Competition there is a keen struggle, for up to the Palace Show Messrs. Bailey and Swanger are leading Mr. W. H. Shackleton by the small margin of three points. Should they be able to keep their lead the cup becomes their own property. If, on the other hand, Mr. Shackleton succeeds in overhauling them, the cup will go forward for competition another year, as it has to be won three times before becoming the absolute property of any exhibitor. Messrs. Bailey and Swanger were successful in the seasons 1905-6 and 1906-7, and Mr. Shackleton in 1907-8.

TRIPS are run for one, two, three, four, six or eight days from most of the "White Rose" towns to the Palace Show, and it is expected that a larger number of fanciers than usual will avail themselves of the opportunity to visit the "Jubilee" show. A strong contingent is going from the Shipley and Windhill districts, and they will welcome any fanciers joining them for the journey on the train leaving Bradford (Midland) at 7.30 a.m. on Saturday morning.

GREAT HORTON O.S. hold their annual Pie Supper and Social this day (Saturday), and as a special attraction a catalogue of the Crystal Palace Show will be there for inspection. The officials will be pleased to see fanciers and friends; and as for the "Pie," well, I can recommend this. I had some last year. After supper, a social evening will be spent; for times, etc., see club notice columns of this issue.

THE Yorkshire Union, Yorkshire Canary Club, Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire Canary Club, Open Norwich Plainhead Club, British Bird and Mule Club of Yorkshire, etc., are making their arrangements for the Grand Amalgamated Prize Distribution and Social Evening, to take place on March 6th, at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford. The affair is expected to be even more largely attended than last year, and provision has been made for this by engaging another large room additional to the one occupied last year.

FOR the convenience of fanciers who come from a distance, investigations are to be made to see if a substantial dinner cannot be provided, at a reasonable cost, on the premises. It would be a great help if intending visitors would send in their names to the secretaries of their various clubs, or to the secretary of the Union, notifying such intention, so they may be able to arrange matters with the proprietor.

STRAIGHT 'UN.

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Having been a reader of your valuable paper for over three years I am pleased to say that I have gained very valuable information at different times. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success during the new year. I will recommend it to all my friends.—E. BEECH (Widnes).

A sum of £20 has been divided by Danysz Virus Ltd., amongst competitors in their recent competition. The word "Noratzeen" has been registered as trade mark. No competitor sent in this particular word, but words closely resembling it were received from Mr. J. Gavin, Southwark Park Road, S.E., and from Mr. A. Singer, St. Mary's Road, Hoe Street, Walthamstow, and to each the sum of £5 has been awarded, and a further sum of £10 has been divided amongst some 20 other competitors.


**BUDGERIGARS AND COCKATEELS.**

By C. P. ARTHUR.

(with additional notes by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., and W. Laskey).

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# Two Wee Gems.

By J. PATTERSON.

**A very interesting and practical article written to accompany the coloured plate of Border Fancy Canaries given with the Recent Birthday Number.**

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### Other Points Considered.

Legs: Of medium length, showing little or no thigh, fine, and in harmony with other points (not stilty); feet, small and grasping the perch with a graceful easy couch. Our artist has excelled here, and one glance makes further comments unnecessary.

Size: Not to exceed five and a-half inches in length. Personally, I prefer them under than over this length, as a good wee one is more active, and, therefore, more attractive, and also more jaunty.

Tail: Closely packed, narrow, being nicely rounded at the vent, finishing gradually away fine towards the end. This is the finishing touch to our birds, and unless a breeder takes care to get it, and what is more to keep his stock birds perfect in this respect, he has either to trim the tail and risk being found out, or else keep his bird at home. A wide tail is an eyesore to me, as are all fish-tailed birds, or birds that are what may be termed hinge-tailed; that is, dropping from the vent. All birds must be mated to others which are especially perfect in the point wherein they individually fail, and if they have some other fault as well, should be discarded.

The picture will make clear what is wanted. If anything, the buff is the better finished bird. The yellow is just a shade heavier.

Position: Semi-erect, standing at about the angle of 45 degrees, giving the outline of the side a clear and finished appearance against the wires of cage, which, being black, show off a bird of a nice, jaunty, and lively air. Carriage: Gay and jaunty, with a fine, easy graceful poise of head. Pumage: Close, firm, and fine in quality, presenting a smooth, glossy, and silky appearance; every feather in its place, and no loose frills either at front, side of legs, or wings.

Our ideals are all perfect in these three points, except that the buff cock might be considered a little low, but by looking at him again we find he is taken up with his tit-bit in the drawer, and just at the moment neglecting his natural position.

Finally, when birds are sent out in perfect health and condition, every feather should be spotlessly clean; they then stand a much better chance of drawing the judge's attention at his first glance, and when once in the running they are sure to find a place, if not at the top of the class.

### The Tit-Bit.

We will now leave the wee gems, as they are termed by the artist, but before doing so we will thank him most heartily for his very life-like production of our favourites. In saying the birds are life-like, I think all my readers will agree with me. The yellow cock is all attention. His eye is as bright and as bold as that seen in a bird in the springtime, just before being paired to his good lady; indeed, one may be pardoned for stopping to listen for his captivating love song to burst forth. In the buff, what could be more lifelike than his action at the food drawer? If you look at his beak you will see he is not only seeing his food, but tasting as well, and the natural way he is handling the tit-bit fairly "takes one's winker." Such actions are to be seen every day in our bird-rooms, but rarely, if ever, on paper.

Both birds are clears, but there are other varieties, which all receive good attention from the show committee. They are fouls, unevens, evens, greens, and cinnamons. Each variety has its special use. The Clears and Fouls are the most perfect in type and finish, but a good even is the breeder's pick, and may be termed "the cream of the ideal," or, as the boy said, when asked how he liked the steak pie he had stolen, "the meat was grand, but O lor, the gravy," giving his lips a sound smack at the same time. We may say the clears are grand but the mark is like the boy's gravy. Doubly more to be wished-for are the splendid markings of eye and wings, all of which add attractiveness to our bird. And when a really good Even is shown it is sure to arrest the admiration of both breeders and exhibitors, and one hears the remark, "Oh, what a little dear; I wonder if it is for sale?" At the late Scottish National Show, where my even-marked buff hen "Perfection" stood second, a deal of argument was caused as to whether she should have been placed first or not; and while being handled by one of her admirers, a lady and gentleman came past. They gazed for a few moments, and paid her some nice compliments, but the lady said, "Oh, John, how lovely the dear creature would look in my new hat!" John smiled and went away with his lady. I looked after them and fondly wished she might have something more common for her next choice.

Pretty are they, and the wonder is that more breeders are not trying to produce them. Regarding them also from an artistic point of view, I am astonished that Border Fancies are not receiving greater notice, although they are, no doubt, obtaining a fair share. Judging, however, from their admirers at shows, and the appearance of their pictures in the Fancy Press, or on coloured plates, etc., they would be highly appreciated if they did receive greater notice. The combination of markings and their beauty serve to make an ideal evenly-marked Border Fancy, which pleases the eyes of all, whether they be breeders or purely casual visitors to shows where they are on view. Therefore, there can be no doubt that they are well worth all the attention we can bestow upon them.

### The Even-mark Described.

Perhaps, for some of my younger readers who may never have seen a good even-marked Border Fancy, it would be as well if I tried to make each point sufficiently clear. The following description will, perhaps, suffice.

I will take the eyes first, as they are, without doubt, the most difficult to get, and what is more, far more difficult to keep in a strain. At times, too, they may be got more by a stroke of luck than by good guidance. But although one may turn up here and there by luck, the breeder, he may depend, has only got to thank the careful fancier from which he procured his stock. Each year I try, I am the more convinced that each point has to be carefully thought out in a breeder's mind, and finally brought out in his stock by careful selection of birds, matched so as to breed the weak points out.

The eyes should be fairly large, equal in size and shape, marked to an equal extent, both before and behind the eyes, and also well balanced below as well as above, being more the shape of a diamond than the old-fashioned round shapes, which, I am happy to say, are fast disappearing from this variety. Further, the diamond shaped eyes are more handsome even than the pear-shaped eyes. They look better on the head of a bird, but I may mention they are more difficult to procure. I am pleased to say they are now more numerous on the show bench.

The wings should also be equal in markings, and personally I do not care for a wing that is heavily marked. From four to five dark feathers in each are quite enough, as these make the sides and back of a bird look better, the bird at the same time looking more pleasing and graceful than when there are from ten to twelve dark feathers in each wing, which gives the wings a heavy appearance. The bird is also made to look a little hollow in the back, when it seems, to my eye, not quite finished; this puts a bird at a great disadvantage when in keen competition.

### Breeding for the Ideal.

How to breed for the ideal, or rather, for birds that should be paired to produce—or are likely to produce—"charmers," is an important question. I am still of the opinion that there is no fixed rule or successful method whereby we can assure ourselves that any given pair will produce the largest percentage of their progeny either good evens or unevens. In trying to get the former, we are always sure to have a fair share of the latter, which are quite as useful for stock birds, or even for the show bench. Always keep in your mind's eye, however, the finished ideal, and be like the boy—never happy until you get it, which may not be in either one season or two. Indeed, the breeder must know the pedigree of his stock for many years before he can make sure of breeding even one decent "mark" from each pair. But as time rolls on one begins to find out each peculiar turn the markings of one's strain now and again take, and after the breeder has mastered this point he feels more confident in pairing up, so as to get the markings of a right shape, which he does by introducing or subtracting the dark blood or markings just when his attention may be required, especially if line-breeding, which all must do in this variety if they want to be fully successful.

(To be Continued.)

## ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

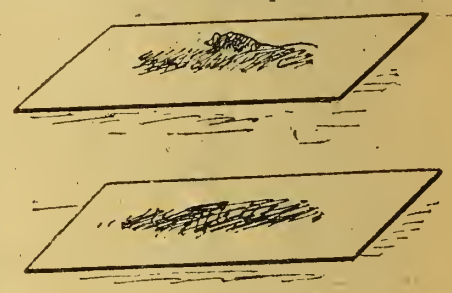
*Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.*

### No. 280.

### MICE IN THE BIRDROOM.

**Sent by W. Jones, 84, Radcliffe Street, Liverpool.**

Many bird-keepers desire to clear mice from their bird-rooms. I send you my way of doing this. Get some pieces of cardboard, length about 1ft. and 6in. wide. Put some birdlime on one board and put another board



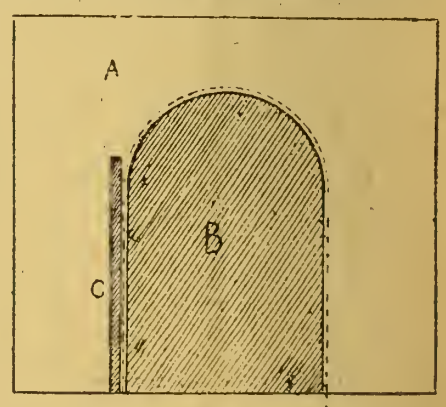
on top of it. When each board has the birdlime on, draw it away and then set in in the runs and along by the cages. You will find you have solved the problem of how to banish these pests from the room. I may state I and others have caught large numbers in this way.—W. JONES.

### No. 281.

### TO MAKE BOW TOP CAGES.

**Sent by J. M. Hickman, Netley Villa, Market Drayton.**

I am sending an idea which I think will be of use to amateur cagemakers who wish to make bow-top cages, but who find a difficulty in bending all wires alike. A is a piece of




wood 12 inches square. B is a piece of hard wood ½ inch thick, nailed on to A as shown. C is strip of wood nailed on A just close enough to B to allow the gauge of wire which is being used to go between. To use, insert wire between C and B, bend round block B (as shown by dotted lines), and cut off at D. All wires will then be the same bow and length. I think the illustrations will explain. —J. M. HICKMAN.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

# The Housing and Treating of Foreign Birds in Captivity.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

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THE BLACK-CAPPED FINCH—*S. pileata.*—Adult male: Upper surface, pale brown, much mottled with obscure blackish centres and light ashy margins to the feathers; rump, tawny-brown; wings, blackish, edged with pale brown; secondaries margined with whitish, and inner primaries white at the base of outer webs, forming a prominent white patch; upper tail-coverts and tail feathers dark brown edged with paler brown, with whitish tips; crown, nape, and lores, black; under surface, pale reddish, darker on the sides and flanks; centre of abdomen, white; under tail-coverts pale reddish. Beak, horn colour, darker at the base; legs and feet, greyish-brown. Total length, 3⅜in., tail 1½in. Habitat: Brazil.

THE COLLARED FINCH (BLACK-BREASTED GROSBEAK. *Lath*).—*S. cucullata.*—Adult male: Crown of the head, nape, neck, mantle, upper and middle back, black; lower back, ashy, tinged with ochre; a band of ochre crosses the rump; upper tail-coverts and tail feathers, blackish, the former edged with brown, the latter broadly with ashy; wings, blackish, lesser and median coverts edged with ashy and tipped with ochre, primaries and quills edged with ashy, secondaries edged with hoary-grey, middle primaries white at the base of outer webs, forming a large oblong patch; eye region and ear-coverts, black; loral spot, patch under eye, cheeks and throat, pale buffish-ochre; sides of necks, bright ochre; a broad black band crosses the fore-neck; remainder of under surface, tawny buff, darker on the under-tail-coverts; beak pale horn, darker at the base; legs and feet, brown. Total length, 5in., tail 2in.

Adult female: Differs from the male, being mostly brown on the upper surface, tinged with olive on the head and back; wing coverts and quills edged with dusky; tail, dark brown, with paler edges; under parts, pale tawny buff, lighter on the abdomen and darker on the under tail-coverts. Habitat: Brazil and Guiana.

Sub species A: *S. polionota.*—"Adult male: Similar to *S. cucullata,* but wants the ochreous buff on the underparts, rump, and sides of neck, all of which are whitish; lower back and thighs, ashy-grey. Total length 4½in., tail 1⅞in." (British Museum Catalogue.)

Adult female: According to the Museum Catalogue she is similar to *cucullata,* but more sandy on the upper surface; ear-coverts, pale olive-brown; sides of neck and under surface, pale yellowish buff, more tawny on the abdomen, flanks, thighs, and under tail-coverts. Habitat. Brazil.

THE BLACK-HEADED FINCH—*S. melanocephala.*—Adult male: Crown of the head, nape, neck, mantle and back, black; rump, rufous-chestnut; wings and tail, black, the former edged with brown, and the latter with ashy; lesser wing-coverts, rufous-chestnut; throat, white; breast band, black; under surface, pale rufous-buff, darker on the flanks and ventral region; beak, blackish; legs and feet, black. Total length, 5in., tail 2in. Habitat: Argentina, Bolivia, S. Brazil.

*S. torquela.*—Adult male: Crown of the head, lores, sides of the face, ear-coverts, back, wings, tail, and upper tail-coverts, black; there is a white wing patch at base of middle primaries; coverts tipped with buff, and tail feathers fringed and tipped with pale brown; lower back and rump, pale cinnamon; the side of each neck is adorned with a patch of white, and a black band crosses the neck; remainder of under surface, tawny, with a rufous tinge; beak, blackish horn; legs and feet, blackish. Total length 4¾in., tail 2in.

"The seasonal plumage of the adult male is brown; all the black feathers of the upper surface having sandy-brown edges, which are doubtless shed at the breeding season; the white patch at the sides of the neck is also tinged with sandy-buff. The young male resembles the adult male in seasonal plumage, being brown instead of black. At first the black collar on the fore-neck is altogether absent, and when assumed it is much narrower than in the adult male. The reddish colour of the under parts is also much paler."

The adult female differs from the male, being principally light olive-brown above, and same colour below, but much paler; the principal wing feathers and also those of the tail being dusky-brown, edged with pale olive. Habitat: Mexico.

*S. albitorquis.*—"Adult male: Similar to *S. torquela,* but distinguished by a white collar round the hind neck. Total length 4.4in., tail 1.85in." Habitat: Mexico.

THE SPECTACLED FINCH—*S. ophthalmica.*—Adult male: Crown of head, nape, lores, sides of face, ear-coverts, mantle, back, wings and tail, black; the feathers of the lower back and rump have the bases grey, merging into black, with the tips pure white, giving a mottled whitish-grey surface; lesser coverts edged with white; the greater coverts with a white streak at the ends; primaries and quills with white bases, obscured on the latter, but forming a distinct oblong wing patch on the former; cheeks, throat, sides of neck, breast, abdomen, white slightly mottled with black on the sides and flanks; a broad black band crosses the foreneck, and there is a tiny spot of white below each eye. Total length 4in., tail 1⅝in.

Adult female: Differs considerably from the male, being light brown above; tinged with ashy on head and mantle; wings and tail, blackish; under surface, paler than the upper surface and slightly tinged with yellowish; centre of abdomen, white. Habitat: Ecuador.

THE LINEATED FINCH (RADIATED GROSBEAK. *Lath.*)—*S. lineata.*—Adult male: Crown of the head, nape, lore, sides of face, ear-coverts, mantle, back, and upper tail coverts, glossy black, with a greenish sheen; lower back and rump, mottled with ashy-grey; wing coverts, quills and tail-feathers, black; median and greater feathers, tipped with white; inner primaries, white at base of inner web; tail feathers narrowly tipped with ashy; cheeks, tiny spot below each eye; throat, sides of neck, centre of breast and abdomen, and under tail coverts, white; sides of body and flanks ashy; band across foreneck and sides of breast, black. Total length, 4½in., tail 1⅝in.

Adult female: Principally olive-brown; slightly fulvous on the rumps; wing-coverts, quills and tail-feathers, dusky brown, edged with paler brown; under surface, yellowish-buff; centre of breast and abdomen, whitish; sides and flanks, washed with brown.

Habitat: According to Museum Catalogue, Guiana and Amazonia.

*S. moreleti.*—Adult male: Black on the upper surface; with a broad band of white across the rump; wing-coverts, tipped with white; base of inner primaries, white on the outer web; whole of the head, black; throat, sides of neck, and under surface, white, slightly tinged with yellowish-buff below the breast; a broad black band crosses the foreneck. Total length 3⅝in., tail 1⅝in.

Adult female: Dull yellowish-brown, slightly washed with olive on the upper surface; greater and median wing coverts tipped with yellowish-white forming a double wing-bar; lores and eye region, whitish-ochre; ear-coverts and sides of neck, fulvous-brown; under surface, buff tinged with ochre. Habitat: Texas to Mexico.

*S. parva.*—Adult male: Crown of the head, nape, mantle, back, wing, upper tail coverts, tail, lores, sides of face, ear-coverts, and band across neck, black; lower back and rump, brown; cheeks, throat, sides of neck and under surface, white; tinged with yellowish below the black neck band, the yellowish being more pronounced on sides, flanks and ventral region; the middle primaries and secondaries have the base of the outer webs white, forming a double wing patch (the latter is not visible when the wing is closed). Total length 4in., tail 1⅝in.

THE BLUISH FINCH—*S. cærulescens.*—This is very similar to *albigularis* in plumage, and compared with that species its song is much inferior; nevertheless, it is a pleasing species, and merits a place in all collections of Finches, but unfortunately it is but seldom that an opportunity occurs for obtaining it; up to the present, with the exception of *albigularis,* all the genus are only occasionally to be purchased. I do not consider it merits a separate description: it differs from *albigularis* in its slightly smaller size (*cærulescens* 4¼in., *albigularis* 4⅜in. full, some specimens quite 4½in.), and black chin-patch; its nest is strong and cup-shaped; its eggs are white, spotted with either black or grey.

"The male in seasonal plumage is washed with olive brown on the back, wings, and tail, and the head and ear-coverts are ashy grey, the black being visible only on the base of the forehead, lores and fore part of the ear-coverts. It is evident that in the full plumage the ashy grey colour becomes abraded and the black spreads over the crown. The black spot on the throat and the band on the fore neck are both overshaded with grey." (British Museum Catalogue, Vol. XII.)

The adult female is mostly olive-brown above; wing and tail-feathers, dusky brown edged with olive-brown; eye region and cheeks, dull white washed with ochreous on the cheeks; under surface mostly buffish brown, pale and washed with yellowish on the abdomen; under tail-coverts, buffish ochre. Total length 4½in. bare, tail 1⅝in. Hab: Upper Amazonia, Guiana, Venezuela and Colombia.

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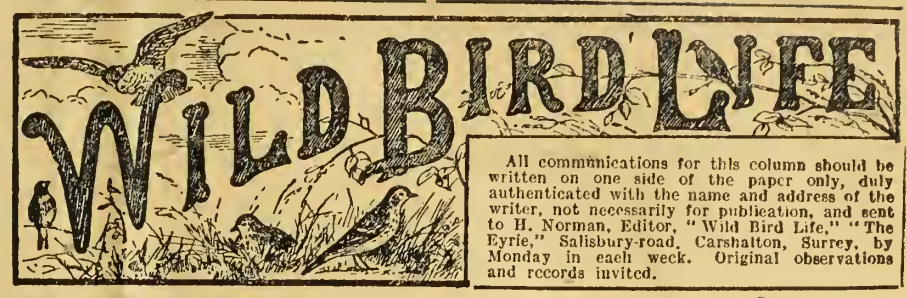


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### Winter Migrants.

During the severe frost the lower meadows were crowded with flocks of Redwings, Missel and Song Thrushes. When the change came the Redwings departed for the downs and uplands, but the other Thrushes simply scattered to the hedgerows and fields. Fieldfares seldom come into the village; they prefer to keep to the more open country, searching the refuse heaps by the farm yards, and the big heaps at the edges of the fields where the crop of potatoes is safely protected from the weather. Some of these ("clamps" as they are called) have been broken into and a quantity of the contents sorted and carted off to market. The diseased vegetables and some of the very smallest have been thrown out. In hard weather these refuse heaps are daily searched by the larger birds, for in time of famine anything edible is quickly seized. In the autumn when our summer visitors left us for Africa and the south of Europe, our hedgerows, woods, and fields, appeared for a time very short of feathered creatures, but as the days shortened and the nights grew colder, and signs of frost were to be seen by early risers, our bird population was gradually increased. Blackbirds, Thrushes, Robins, Hedge Sparrows, Tits, Goldcrests, and others, were moving from the colder northern climate of our own country to the warmer atmosphere of the southern countries. Although this internal migration is from north to south in the autumn, it does not commence and finish at that time, but is apparent all through the winter months, for our resident birds are constantly on the move. Their movements appear to be very irregular and to be guided simply by the weather conditions and the food supply. I have known districts in the most severe winters when for a time all the birds have left excepting a flock or two of hardy Fieldfares; and these were living upon the root crops (what little was exposed above the snow), and the few berries along the hedgerows and upon the bushes growing in the sheltered hollows of some old chalk-pits, etc. To reach our shores, the Fieldfares and other hardy dwellers in the north must cross the wild north sea, a stretch of water about as bad as any in existence; many thousands must perish in the passage, but generations of birds have followed the route from remote ages, and will continue to do so, until perhaps the northern summers become too cold for existence, and to be used as breeding quarters.

## WILD BIRD NOTES

### Birds with One Leg.

Many familiar wild birds exist for a length of time with only one leg, for it is no uncommon sight to see such in country places. But any damage to a bird's wings would prove fatal, as they would soon be killed and devoured by ground vermin.

### Woodcock in Norfolk.

In Norfolk, sportsmen are delighted at the increased number of Woodcocks seen in the district this year. The increase is attributed to the very favourable weather during the period of migration, and the fact that more of these interesting birds stayed to breed here than formerly. The majority of the migratory Woodcocks coming here in the autumn are bred in Northern Europe, where the ground is in every way favourable to the nesting of this species.

### Increase of Herons.

Herons are unusually plentiful in the Midlands this winter. By reports it appears that these interesting birds are increasing, but the surest way of knowing if this is so is to wait until the breeding season, when the number of new nests will quickly decide the point.

### Movements of Wildfowl.

We read that the movements of wildfowl are unusually pronounced this winter, that either the breeding season has been exceptionally successful or we are likely to get a touch of real winter soon. Several small flocks have been noticed here in the south, and some of the more noisy have been heard passing over in the night.

### The Wandering Osprey.

Once again an Osprey has been seen in the south, and will probably meet the usual fate of these wanderers. There are just a few remote places in the Highlands where these birds manage to exist, and occasionally one wanders southward. Although at one time more numerous in this country, yet it is doubtful if they were ever very plentiful. There were several nesting places known in East Anglia among the fens and broads, and other districts. They were evidently looked upon as harmful, as an Act was passed in 1566 for the destruction of certain fowl and vermin, and the Osprey was included in the list.

### Habits of the Guillemot.

As soon as the breeding season is over, the Guillemots leave the cliffs and rocks, where they have hatched their single eggs, and take to the open sea. Excepting when driven in by storms they rarely visit the land, and then only go to some sheltered bay or other suitable spot. During the winter they wander hundreds of miles from their breeding homes, sleeping on the waves, following the shoals of fish across the waste waters. The Guillemot is socially disposed, and other sea-birds may be seen mixed with the flocks. If one disturbs them along the coast they invariably fly out to sea, never by any chance flying inland, even for a short distance. Their home is the restless sea, and they evidently do not feel perfectly safe when passing over the land.

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WANTED, two good Yorkshire or Norwich hens, exchange cock Linnet-Mule, or sell 12/6; hens sent first.—Risker, 17, Dudley-st., Middleshro'-on-Tees.

WANTED, good Buff Yorkshire cock; give Yellow Yorkshire cock and cash for good bird, cold room, approval.—Wright, 10, Shellfield-rd., Southport.

WANTED, good cinn. mkd. Yorkshire buff hen, 1908; exchange first-class yellow stock cock; hen first; offers.—Ferguson, College-st., Whitehaven.

WANTED, fowls, Pigeons, rabbits, common; will exchange Canaries and breeding cages; a pair of nets for sale; offers.—Long, 18, Prout-rd., Clapton.

CATCHERS, notice, I will give 24/- doz. cock Goldfinches, no rubbish; straight dealings; highest reference.—Haynes's Aviaries, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

WANTED, cock Goldfinch Mule, loud singer; exchange splendid flute, genuine, or sell 7/6; approval each way.—W. H. Dawes, Somercotes Hill, Derbyshire.

WANTED, hen Canaries, tame Bullfinches; give wild seed, charlock, clap nets, 18 by 3, accordeon, worth £1, or will deposit.—John Tucker, Aldbourne, Wilts.

WANTED, pair typical Norwich clears; exchange four cocks, three hens, green, variegated Norwich; sell, £3; approval.—Cotton, Broughton-st., Hebden Bridge.

WANTED, Norwich cocks, yellow or buff, will give silver watch and Harmsworth Encyclopædia complete in 40 parts, unsoiled.—Jardine, 24, Lochiel-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, good typical pipe tail Yorkshire cock, in exchange for Martini rook rifle; take Morris tube cartridges, or sell 20/-.—Bonner, Clarence Hote', Sheerness.

WANTED surplus stocks of Canaries; will deposit with Editor before sent on; state if fed, and must be carriage paid.—Matthew Shields, 110, Links-st., Kirkcaldy.

WANTED, good 1908 Norwich or Borders; give good air gun, winning Bantams, and cash for good birds; approval both ways.—Woodruff, 19, Donald-st., Cardiff.

WANTED, light Mule, hybrid, or cinnamon hen, will exchange Nuthatch, won 2nd and two 3rds, give little cash if extra good.—G. Mills, Mount Pleasant, Redditch.

WANTED good singing Norwich cock Canary; will give a rough black and tan rabitter and ratter Terrier dog, 10 months.—W. Wells, Kennels, Toftwood, Dereham.

WANTED to purchase, or exchange all the surplus live stock you do not require, for Fancy you are wanting.—Barlow's Aviaries, 33 and 35, Woolwich-rd., Greenwich.

WANTED, large Buff cinnamon unflighted Norwich cock, in exchange B.C. Gold Lizard cock, 1908, Fisher's strain.—John Littlefair, Stillington Hall, Easing Wold, Yorks.

WANTED good pair Crests in exchange for concert flute, double socket joint, in velvet-lined case, value £4, or C and B-flat clarionets.—Revely, 25, Wyndham-rd., Cardiff.

WANTED Pom dog, small chocolate or black, also copper kettle; will give in exchange good typical Yorkshire Canaries, in full song.—Wm. Hatcher, 27, Corporation-st., Barnsley, Yorks.

WANTED 1908 Yellow Norwich, umbrellas, or anything for house, for Buff Coppy cock, cost 27/6, or son of same, or good feeding hens.—Osborne, 20, Roslin-rd., South Acton, London.

WANTED, good American organ; exchange Yorkshires to value; guaranteed prize-bred; also can spare good lengthy stock birds; oldest strain in the Fancy.—Spencer, 17, Roberts-st., Nelson.

LARGE Norwich, Lancashire hens, Wheatear, Redstart, Stonechat, Alpine Accentor; exchange Budgerigars and young, or Cockatiels, laying; yours first.—Stocks, 44, Bentley-rd., Doncaster.

WANTED two cocks and two hens, very large, good type and feather, clear or marked Yellow Norwich; cash, or exchange valuable Yorkshires.—Crathorne, Prince-st., Bridlington, Yorkshire.

WANTED 10,000 fanciers to see my new illustrated list of breeding cages, aviaries, show cages, wire fronts, breeding appliances, everything; list stamp.—Hogg, Cage Manufacturer, Middleshrough.

WANTED, yellow Yorkshire Canaries; 1 cock or 2 hens, or Silver Sebright Bantam cockerel; exchange two pairs working Homers; pedigree and strain given.—Norman, Bulcote, Nottingham.

COCK Greenfinches, 10d. dozen; one pair Linnets, Chaffinches, Bramblefinches, Yellowhammers. 1/6; wanted standard phonograph; exchange birds or cash; write.—Watson, Bird Catcher, Littleport, Cambs.

WANTED, large cock Goldfinch; exchange buff green Norwich hen, 3/-; Bramblefinch, 2/-; cigar case, 2/6; cigarette case, 2/6; or sell; bird first; approval.—W. Lavis, Catford House, George-st., Portsmouth.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich or Yorkshires; exchange Palace aviary, as new; write particulars; also Canaries, in exchange for four Greenie, one Bramblefinch, singing Lark in cage.—Carron, 39, Market-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

WANTED, Canaries, or gramophone, exchange or sell paintings, pictures, Turkish bath, architect's ivory rule, tool chest, and planes, dressing case, Heap's shot-loading bar-bells, or dumb-bells. —Dallas, Union-st., Inverness.

WANTED, two long, typical buff Yorkshire hens; exchange pair Pouters, two pairs Homers, pair young Homers, pair white Fantails, one ditto, value 16/-; no rubbish offered or wanted; hens first.—Brown, Spring Gardens, Spalding.

MAYNARD'S Aviaries, Bethnal Green, buys your surplus birds, all descriptions; exchanges Canaries, Parrots, British Birds, Pigeons, Poultry; any for sale or exchange; approval; same address 34 years.—Postal address, Maynard, Bethnal Green.

WANTED, a 1908 Crest-bred hen, buff, must have good skull, well browed, plenty feather, and large size; will give in exchange 1908 Green-Crested cock bird, won 2nd prize members' class only time out at Consett Show; will give £1 with bird if hen approved of.—Gray, 37, Cort-st., Blackhill, co. Durham.

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ALL kinds of birds, animals and fish preserved and mounted by the latest methods; moderate charges; all work guaranteed.—G. J. Popplewell, B.F.N.C., Naturalist and Taxidermist, 143, Palace-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

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## SALE OR EXCHANGE.

### Mainly British
**To be Sold or Exchanged.**

EXCHANGE talking Jay for cinnamon cock Canary.—Bull, 40, Stafford-st., Dudley.

EXCHANGE selected cock Bramblefinches for good Canary.—Emmett, 230, Thistle-st., Glasgow.

EXCHANGE Goldfinch Mule for Linnet Mule, wild note.—Tilley, 235, High-rd., Willesden Green.

COCKS, house-moulted Linnet, also Goldfinch, exchange good Yorkshire hens.—Radley, Southmolton.

EXCHANGE four cock Greenfinches, good mulers, for hen Canary.—A. Welch, Parkhurst-rd., Hertford.

WHAT offers in Goldfinches or Yorkshires for pair house-moulted brown Owls.—T. Lister, Leven, Fife.

THREE times house-moulted cock Goldfinch, father of Mules, 7/6; or exchange.—Bagge, Tower-st., Lynn.

HAWFINCH, with nice bib, for two cock Goldfinches or anything, or sell 6/-.—Bassett, 8, Queen-st., Gravesend.

COCK Linnet, hen Canary, and breeding cage, 6/-, or exchange anything.—Flint, 20, Auckland-rd., Clapham Junction.

WANTED a Norwich hen; exchange three large Greenfinch cocks, for exhibition.—Dodd, Brazilian-terrace, Newmarket.

EXCHANGE four cock Chaffinches, house-moulted, for hen Canaries, or 6/- the lot.—Andrews, 18, Malyons-rd., Lewisham.

LARGE stock of good selected cock Twites; exchange Siskins or Goldfinches, or sell.—Smith, 72, Lochland-st., Arbroath.

HOUSE-MOULTED Peathroat cock Goldfinch, Muler, 5/-; exchange yellow Norwich hen.—Monk, Owen-terrace, Halstead.

EXCHANGE house-moulted cock Goldfinch, cock Bullie, for typical Yellow Norwich cock.—Nunn, 26, Leathwell-rd., St. John's.

WHAT offers in Canaries for large hand-reared cock Thrush on song; sell 10/-.—Goldsmith, Baythern End, Halstead, Essex.

SELL or exchange 4 cock Goldfinches, four hen Canaries, 1908 birds (will separate), offers.—Travis, Balsham-rd., Linton, Cambs.

THREE cock Linnets, used for catching, 2/6 each; exchange for cock Goldfinch Mule.—W. Kiff, 12, Lower Dagnall-st., St. Albans.

EXCHANGE cocks, Goldfinch, Linnet, Redpoll, caged August, for hen Canaries; offers.—Dainty, 110, Stambermill, Stourbridge.

GOLDFINCH-CANARY Mule, 1908, Goldfinch notes, with cage, 5/6; exchange for two Bantam hens.—Lord Nelson, Globe-rd., Stepney.

EXCHANGE cock Bramblefinch, 2nd only time shown, and show cage, for three good Roller hens.—Eaton, 1, Hartleys-villas, Aintree.

EXCHANGE Lark, cock Chaffinch, hen Bramblefinch, three cock Greenfinches, for good hen Canary. —Grant, 24, Friars-st., Inverness.

GRAND Bullfinch cock, finger-tame, can win; 10/-; or exchange Norwich.—J. Standerwick, North Petherton, Bridgwater, Somerset.

WHAT offers cage-making tools, or anything useful, for Greenfinch Mule, Siskin Mule; both full song.—Enoch Tams, Longton, Staffs.

FOR sale, or exchange for common Canaries, a grand Thrush, nicely on song, 7/6 approval, deposit. —Y., 3, Chapel-st., Billericay, Essex.

TWO house-moulted Goldfinches, one Linnet, cocks, 5/- each; exchange 1908 buff Norwich hen.—Constable, 15, Flemingate, Beverley.

HAND-REARED cock and hen Chaffinch and hen Redpolls, exchange crest-bred hen; or offers. —Bird, Hollyhurst, Wroxham, Norfolk.

GOOD house-moulted cock Goldfinch, 4/-; large twice moulted muling cock Greenfinch, 3/6; exchange anything.—Davies, Builder, Narberth.

COCK Greenfinch, house-moulted, Goldfinch Mule, yellow Norwich cock, best offer Norwich Plainhead hens.—Reuben Hunt, Shutford, Banbury.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch, two hen Canaries, warranted bred Mules two years, for four good Fowls.—Spatcher, 67, Stanley-st., Northampton.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch and cock Linnet for two Norwich hens, or anything useful; approval. —Thompson, 85, Thrumpton-lane, Retford, Notts.

CLEARING bird-room, splendid Goldfinches, 2/6; pair monster Greenfinch, 1/-; exhibition Linnet, 2/6; exchange.—Long, Pleasant View, Combe Down, Bath.

EXHIBITION Hawfinch, grand big bird, can win in good company, very steady, accept 30/-; cash, or exchange to £2.—Weedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

GOOD cock Goldfinch, cock Linnet, hen Bullfinch; exchange either large horn, phonograph records, recorder.—Redfern, Thorn Tree-lane, Newhall, Burton.

EXCHANGE British for hen Canaries; Linnet, 1/6; Blackbird, Skylark, Song Thrush, 3/6 each; all cocks and in song.—Wood, 55, Southgate-st., Gloucester.

EXCHANGE cock and hen Greenfinch Mule, 2 hen Canaries, for 2 good Yorkshire hens; approval. O. E. G. cock Bantam, sell 6/-.—R. Mudd, Albert-rd., Bedale.

LINNET Mule, 2nd prize winner, large Greenfinch Mule, unshown, make champions if colour-fed; exchange good British for exhibition.—Fairhurst, 30, Guy-st., Ardwick, Mancheter.

TWO grand proved muling cock Goldfinches, 10/6 each; hand-reared 1908 Greypate, 5/6; exchange large 1908 buff Yorkshire hens (hens first).—Hooson, 17, Alford-st., Wrexham.

ON approval; two exhibition cock Bramblefinches, 10/- each; picked Greenfinches, 2/6; paired Greenfinch and Bullie hen, 7/6; exchange Norwich hens or Yorkshire cocks.—Sharp, 78, Mid-st., Bathgate.

FOUR good singing Larks for sale, two house-moulted, 4/6 each; two hand-reared, 5/6 each, including cages; or exchange Norwich Canaries or Goldfinches.—T. Maghie, 24, Morton-st., Byker, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

EXHIBITION Border hen, 3/6; Yorkshire cock, 7/6; Roller, singing, 7/6; cock Goldfinch, 5/6; another, 4/-; house-moulted, 6/6; cock Bullfinch, 2/6; approval, cash; exchange gramophone.—Thomas Manders, Fairfield, Pontymister, Mon.

NOTICE. What offers in cock Grey Linnets or Goldfinches for a good cock Green Linnet Canary Mule, parents of the above, 30/-; four Norwich hens, 3/6 each; four Yorkshire hens, 3/6 each; two Crest-bred hens, 4/6 each; all young birds.—George Dair, 758, London-rd., Glasgow.

EXCHANGE Goldfinch Mule, good young bird, Linnet and Redpoll, both house-moulted, and cocks for Yellow and Buff Yorkshire hen, unflighted; approval both ways.—Mitchell, 14, Pawson-st., Morley.

## Mainly Canaries.
**To be Sold or Exchanged**

LARGE Norwich cock for sale, or exchange.—Linton, Stud Farm, Bedale.

GIVING up: Good Canaries, in song, or exchange Foreign.—Howell, Potton, Beds.

YORKSHIRES, pairs or single; exchange Norwich or songsters.—Foster (see Yorkshires).

CREST-BRED hens, clear Buff, 10/-; Cinnamon, 10/-.—J. M., 27, Cambridge-rd., Gunnersbury.

WILL exchange pair high-class Norwich Canaries for magic lantern.—Allard, Mundesley, Norfolk.

SEIFERT Rollers, grand songsters, 8/6; exchange good breeding cages.—Holloway, 34, Stourbridge-rd., Lye.

FIVE Yorksbire cocks, 6/- each; or exchange Yorkshire hens to value.—W. Wood, 33, Oxley-st., Leeds.

SEIFERT Rollers for sale; cocks, 8/6; hens, 3/6; or exchange anything useful.—Rix, 75, Stanley-rd., Ilford.

FIVE Norwich-Roller hens, sound healthy birds; what offers in exchange?—87, Harrington-st., Grimsby.

EXCHANGE two Norwich songsters for good Crest-bred hen, etc.—Hamilton, Drive, The Park, Nottingham.

SPLENDID pair Buff Yorkshires, sell 25/-, or exchange for Roller cocks.—Meek, Willow House, Snettisham, Norfolk.

TWO Crested Norwich hens, good breeders, sell 8/- each; exchange anything useful.—T. Higgs, 33, Hind-st., Poplar.

GOOD Borders, two cocks, three hens; sell or exchange British or Norwich.—Liddle, 63, Thistle-st., Camelon, Falkirk.

HEN Canaries, 1/6; cocks, 4/-; hen Mules, 10d. each; cold-room bred.—Frank Smith, High-st., Studley, Warwickshire.

TWO large Norwich Crest cocks, Crest-bred hen, 10/- each; exchange British, anything useful.—Fox, Albert-st., Penzance.

EXCHANGE two Roller cocks, in full song, for Goldfinches or Bullfinches, cocks.—Spark, 29, Cumberland-rd., Hanwell.

YORKSHIRES, 2 cocks, 4 hens, 25/-, or exchange horizontal engine, about ½ h.p.—Booth, Back-lane, Newbold, Chesterfield.

GOOD Yorkshire Canaries, five cocks, one hen, sell 24/-; exchange anything useful.—Vickerman, 15, Thomas-st., Brighouse.

EXCHANGE dark Crested wing-marked hen for Yorkshire hens, or offers.—R. Pearce, 4, North-gardens, Brighton, Sussex.

YORKSHIRE Canaries, 1908 birds, cocks, 5/-; exchange Norwich or Yorkshire hens.—Duckworth, Hanmerton-st., Burnley.

GOOD stock Norwich Buff cock from 5/-, 7/6, 10/- each; or exchange Gold Lizard hen, 1908.—G. Bennell, North-st., Lynn.

EXCHANGE pair of good Borders for gent's travelling bag; approval willingly; bag first.—Rollinson, 13, Queen-st., Alnwick.

CHAMPION pair of matched Crests, 40/-; also Crest-bred cock, 20/-; or useful exchange.—58, Broad-st., Newcastle, Staffordshire.

YOUNG cock Canary, incessant songster, 7/6; exchange for one or two Yorkshire hens.—Wm. Slee, Hairdresser, Pembroke.

BUFF Yorkshire, long, slim bird, winner 2nd, card sent with bird, sell 15/-; exchange common.—Bassett, 8, Queen-st., Gravesend.

GOOD healthy Buff Scotch Fancy, young cock; what offers in British, or sell 22/-.—Allan, 18, Inglefield-st., Govan-hill, Glasgow.

EXCHANGE 10-ft. trout rod, reel, book, few good killing flies, for Buff Scotch Fancy hen.—Purves, 27, Beaverhall-terrace, Edinburgh.

WHAT offers in Rollers (singing) for pair of Norwich Canaries and two Yorkshire hens.—Hewerdine, 17, Portland-place, Grantham.

WILL exchange three good singing cock Canaries for pair Lancashires or Yorkshires.—Green, 1, Hillside-terrace, Steyning, Sussex.

FOUR typical Buff Green Norwich hens, one Buff cinnamon; exchange good Yellow cocks.—Bennett, 16, Deodar-rd., Putney, London.

THREE hen Canaries for sale, 6/-, or exchange 36 in. by 18 in. unused double breeder.—Kidd, 53, Florence-rd., Southall, Middlesex.

HIGH-CLASS Cinnamon-marked Yellow Yorkshire hen, 10/-; exchange men's boots, 8's; approval.—Beardsley, 134, Chapel-st., Ilkeston.

EXCHANGE house-moulted Linnet and hen Canary, for large clear yellow Norwich cock. — Brown, 3, Northfield Avenue, Ayr.

SIX Yorkshire cocks, two Crest-bred cocks; sell, or exchange talking Parrot; 40/- lot.—R. Burborough, Asylum, Littlemore, Oxon.

EXCHANGE grand pair Norwich for gent.'s suit, chest 36½, leg 28½, or underclothing; other offers entertained.—79, King-st., Ramsgate.

GRAND stylish Yorkshire hen; exchange good British or Finch show cage; sell 6/6; yours first.—Sharp, Borland Denny, Stirlingshire.

EXHIBITORS. Hand-reared house-moulted cock Robin, can win, 10/-; exchange Canaries.—Simmons, Crown-st., New England, Peterboro'.

EXCHANGE clear yellow Norwich cock, unflighted, for really good Goldfinch, house-moulted, Goldie first.—Mustchin, Art School, Lewes.

WHAT offers in exchange for 12 pair of Seifert Rollers, trained by Schoolmaster, sell £4, or 10/- per pair.—Clarke, 257, Balls Pond-rd., Islington.

EXCHANGE Roller cock Canaries, full song, or pairs, for Fowls, Pigeons, boots, anything useful; stamp reply.—Ellis, 27, Alma-st., Wolverhampton.

EXCHANGE English buck rabbit, prize-winner, for clear yellow Norwich cock Canary, good songster; approval.—McEwan, Hamilton-st., Larkhall.

CRESTED cock, Yellow Crest-bred hen, 1908 bred, sell 30/-; or exchange for heavy Crested hen; approval.—John Taylor, Dunsdale, Guisborough, Yorksbire.

TWO cock Canaries, in full song, with cages, £1; or exchange for Pomeranian, bitch preferred.—Haywood, 9, Mansfield-rd., Normanton, Alfreton, Derbyshire.

GENT'S cycle, free-wheel; exchange two Green cocks and four Yellow hens, Norwich, sell 30/-; lady's free-wheel cycle, 30/-.—Duce, Callow Land, Watford.

PRIZE and prize-bred Norwich cocks; exchange coach bolts, nuts, or anything useful to trade.—Handley, Coach Builder, Walsoken, Wisbech (see Norwich).

EXCHANGE unflighted Yellow ticked Norwich cock for large unflighted Yellow hen; hen first.—Price, Gardener, Glanbrydan, Manordilo, Carmarthenshire.

HOUSE-MOULTED Greenie, parent of my winning Mule at Norwich, safe with eggs, sell 5/-; or exchange hen Canaries.—Nobbs, Cromer-rd., North Walsham.

ROLLER Canaries, cocks, day and gaslight singers, 6/-; hens, 2/- each; useful exchange, or talking Parrot.—Cotterell, 25, King Edward-st., Darlaston.

GOOD crested cock and crestbred hen, 15/-; also crestbred cock, 10/6; good large birds; what offers, Plainhead Norwich.—Ashby, Finedon, Wellingborough.

LANCASHIRE Plainhead cock, good strain; exchange good cock Goldfinch Canary Mule, Finch note (Mule first).—Howarth, 5, Ashmond, Springhead, Lees.

PARROT, grey colour, talks, whistles, don't swear, acclimatised, 38/-, including cage; accept Canaries, Yorkshire or Norwich; exchange.—Cobb, 36, Gordon-rd., Dartford.

PAIR of bigh-class Borders, Greens, both cards in show, sell £1; cards sent with birds; approval; exchange common Canaries or British.—Inkpen, Queen-st., Gravesend.

WILL give Buff cinnamon cock and two hens in exchange for large Yellow cinnamon cock, or sale 20/-; approval.—Bromfield, 273, Herbert-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires, not rubbish, Bailey's strain; sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, or anything useful; stamp reply.—M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE clear Buff Norwich hen for good variegated, or accept part cash and variegated hen for clear Yellow or Buff cock, valued 24/6.—E. Hawthorn, Llandrindod Wells.

PAIR English Owls, winners, Brayshaw's strain, cost £13; exchange for pair Norwich, must be winners, or sell £5; on approval; birds first.—Turnhull, Lockend cottages, Dunbar.

NOTICE. Will give 5/6 per pair for good Yorkshires or Norwich; wanted Bullfinches, house-moulted Linnets and British; good price given.—Robinson, 77, Union-st., Middlesbrough.

EXCHANGE crest-bred cock, 1907 bred, and young crest-bred hen, for young buff Plainhead cock —or sell 25/-; Plainhead first; no rubbish offered or wanted; approval both ways.—Frank Love, Main-st., Clackmannan, Scotland.

WILL give one pair of high-class Yorkshire or Norwich for two house-moulted cock Goldfinches or one trained Seifert Roller; must be good birds.—Gill, Oak-hill, Moortown, Leeds.

WILL exchange good dark crested cock and good clear C.B. hen, good stout birds, for 3 good clear yellow Norwich hens, must be good; approval both ways.—Johnson, 40, Cobden-st., Leicester.

ST. ANDREASBERG Rollers, on full rolling song; cocks, 6/6 and 7/6 each; hens, same strain, 1/9 and 2/-; or exchange good Foreigners, anything.—Enoch Baker, jun., Barnett-lane, Kingswinford, Staffs.

LARGE Crested cock, also Lancashire Plainhead cock; exchange for 1908 Norwich, Yorkshire Green, or cinnamon hens; sell 12/6 each; approval.—Chemist, 203, Gloucester-rd., Bishopston, Bristol.

EXCHANGE 1907 long, slim, leggy, Buff variegated Yorkshire hen (Knight's) for good Yellow or Buff Norwich hen, sell 10/6; mutual approval.—Hughes, Newton-st., Bryn Gwynedd, Llanberis, North Wales.

SCOTCH Fancy yellow green cock, 15/-, third prize crest-bred cock, exchange for pair Plainheads, Norwich, or two Goldfinch cocks, must be good.—David Ross, Tay Square, Broughty Ferry.

PAIR Yorkshires, Bailey's strain, sell 15/-; exchange bird-room stove, 12 gross wood screws, from ¾-inch to 3 in.; sell or exchange anything for bird-room.—Crook, 61, Henshaw-st., Stretford, Manchester.

GRAND pair of red or yellow longfaced self Tumblers, winners, 25/-; exchange muling hens or offers in Norwich; approval both ways.—Sorbie Brothers, 12, Lockhart-st., Stonehouse, Lanarksbire, N.B.

EXCHANGE two pairs Norwich, one pair Yorkshires, breeding cage, and all accessories, for talking Amazon Parrot and cage, or disc gramophone and records.—J. Jago, 42, Buttesland-st., East-rd., London.

EXCHANGE matched pair of good Yorkshires, with show cages, for two pair of good Borders, or good bred Yorkshire Toy bitch; no rubbish wanted. —James Pattinson, Sandhills-lane, Whitehaven, Cumberland.

WANTED, Scotch Terrier dog, pup, cheap for cash, or exchange Border Fancies, four aviary-moulted muling cock Goldfinches, full song, 4/- each; exchange Norwich.—Carnew, 40, Thornleigh-rd., Horfield, Bristol.

MUST spare few pairs good Yorkshire Canaries, from 17/6 pair; or exchange new blankets, quilts, sheets, eiderdowns, provisions, lace, curtains, aquarium, or anything useful for house.—Crathorne, Bridlington, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE four good Buff Yorkshire cocks, 3rd Oswestry, c Bolton, two not been shown, for six Yorkshire hens, three Yellow, three Buff; no rubbish; hens first; approval both ways.—T. Dudleston, 17, Rope-walk, Oswestry.

YELLOW Norwich Roller cock Canary, splendid songster, 10/-; exchange pair of good field-glasses, house-moulted Linnet, cock, 4/-; exhibition cock Linnet, 5/-; cock Bullfinch, 3/-; exchange anything. —Lee, Lonsdale, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley.

YORKSHIRES, unflighted pair, splendid length, type, quality, buff cock, yellow hen, from winners, 25/-; exchange for large buff dark-crested cock, on approval; must be young, and good all-round.—Owen, Bronmenai, Carmel, Groesion, R.S.O., N. Wales.

YELLOW Border cock, 7/6; good big light Linnet Mule, 2nd Southport, 10/6; shapely Buff Norwich hen, rather small, 3/6; Yorkshire cock, winner 3rd Wigan, 3rd Southport, 15/-; exchange good Norwich or breeding cages, Bramblefinch, large one, 2/6.—Bullough, 161, Portland-st., Southport.

NOTICE.—For sale or exchange for poultry, 15 cock Canaries and 19 hens and aviary; every bird in grand condition and plumage; cocks in full song, 3/6 each; hens, 1/6 or 4/6 pair; also two splendid cage-moulted Nightingales in full song, 4/6 each, or 8/- the two.—J. Russell, 14, Kerbella-st., Bethnal Green, London.

STEADY Bullfinch cock, 4/-; Buff Norwich hen, 6/-; Greenfinch Mule cock, 6/-; light variegated Yellow Mule, winner, 15/-; Buff Plainhead Lancashire cock, 15/-; several breeding cages, and two flights; exchange Bullfinch hens, cock Goldfinches, or anything useful.—Law, Joiner and Undertaker, Merefield, Rochdale.

WILL give in exchange two 1908 birds, clean Yellow cock and Buff variegated hen in exchange for house-moulted Siberian cock Goldfinch, or sell 11/-; and will give Buff hen and once house-moulted Brown Linnet; exchange for cock Siskin, Yellow preferred, or sell for 5/6; on approval both ways; stamp reply. —T. Brown, 2, Lydia-st., Willington, Co. Durham.

## Mainly Foreign.
**To be Sold or Exchanged**

EXCHANGE cock Madagascar Weaver for Yellow Norwich hen; approval.—Philpott, 55, Southfield-st., Worcester.

PAIR Zebra Finches, aviary bred; exchange silver-cased fountain pen, gold nib; approval.—15, Havelock-square, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE Cockatoo and cage for Canaries or Budgerigars, 25/-.—For particulars apply Hawkes, 7, Regent-st., Wellingborough.

VERY tame young Amazon Parrot, large indestructible cage, new, £1; exchange Canaries.—Mack, 32, Dames-rd., Forest Gate, Essex.

SCARLET Tanager, acclimatised, picked bird; exchange pair Diamond Sparrows or Parson Finches; sell 18/-.—Tanager, 13, Raudolph-rd., Stirling.

EXCHANGE lovely talking Blue-fronted Amazon Parrot and cage for Yellow Norwich Plainhead hen to value 40/-.—Lees, 15, Oldham-rd., Rochdale.

GRAND Rock Parrot, guaranteed talking, 30/-, with cage; exchange Canaries; or others; approval.—Robson, 36, Northumberland-st., Sunderland.

PAIR Redrump Parrakeets, from aviary, perfect, 27/6; other rare Parrakeets; exchange Crimson-wings, Seth Smith's work on Parrakeets.—Curson's Hotel, Lowestoft.

FOR sale, or exchange anything useful, no live stock, Green Parrot and cage, just beginning to talk, and very tame, cost 25/-.—J. Taylor, 80, Ridings, Golcar, nr. Huddersfield.

## Miscellaneous
**Sale or Exchange**

252 BIRDS' skins, 6d. each.—29, Charles-st., Berkeley-sq., London.

BANTAMS, cock, two hens, 7/6; real beauties.—Fax, Ketton, near Stamford.

WHAT offers in Rollers, hens, for autoharp, cost 12/-.—White, Peel-st., Barnsley.

GRAMOPHONE and records, cost £5 15s., little cash.—17, Stanley-st., Darlington.

WHAT offers in Canaries for grand hanging lamp, cost 21/-.—White, 25, Peel-st., Barnsley.

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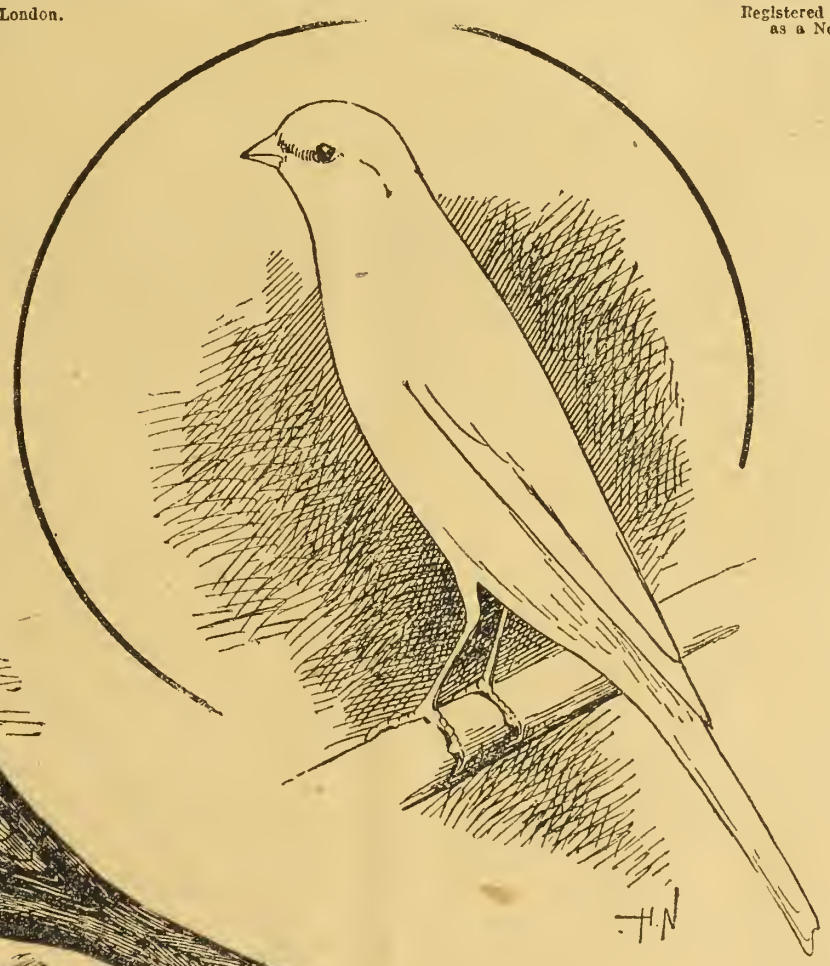

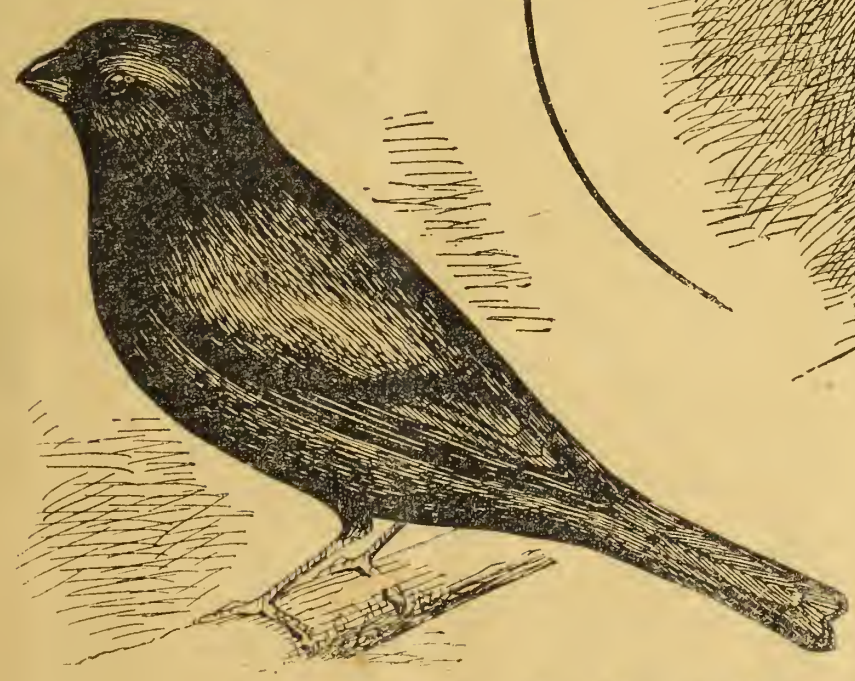

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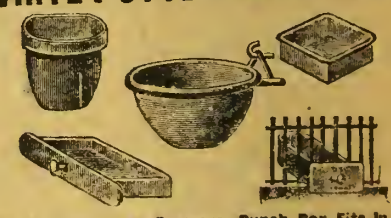

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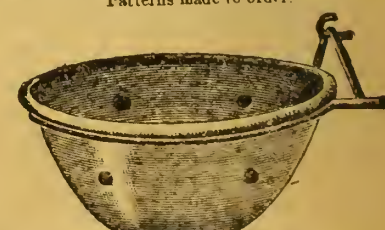

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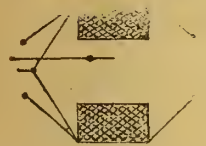

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PRIZE-BRED Borders; Yellow Green cock, Buff Green hen, grand pair, 12/6; even mark Buff hen, 1st Selkirk, 3rd Glasgow, 4th Edinburgh, 25/-.—John Watson, jun., 10, Castle-st., Selkirk, N.B.

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CINNAMONS, two good young buff hens, 9/- the two.—Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering.

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J. DOBSON has some good Cinnamons for sale; reasonable prices; on approval.—14, East-rd., London, N.

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USEFUL Crested cock, nice feather, 10/6.—Reg. Tucker (see Norwich).

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HAVING decided to greatly reduce my stud of Crests, Crest-breds, I am offering matched pairs from 10/6; single birds, both sexes from 6/-; to effect a quick clearance; approval, deposit.—Gutteridge, Groeer, Haleburton-rd., St. Margarets, Twickenham.

W. H. BALE has several high-class Crests and Crest-breds to part with, grand buff, clear body, dark Crest, Crest beak end, great winner, 60/-; matched pairs from 30/- upwards; healthy, ready to nest, cold-room; approval willingly.—55, Newport-rd., Barnstaple.

R. B. TOPE, 8, Hoe-st., Plymouth, breeder of champion Crests and crestbreds, even marked crested cock, 1908, lovely crest, with hen, 25/-; also several crestbreds, in cocks and hens, cheap to clear; 20 Crests and crestbreds, suitable for dealers, cheap, must be sold.

GIVING up Crest breeding; have for sale one Green Crested cock and hen, one Yellow hen, dark Crest, and flights, one variegated Crested hen, one variegated Crest-bred cock, all large healthy birds, 12/6 each; on approval; cash or deposit.—W. Cayless, 278, Humberstone-rd., Leicester

CRESTS and Crest-breds, best blood; champion bowls Barnstaple, Bristol (three), Plymouth, Sidmouth, etc.; all with birds bred by myself; among latest wins, four specials, including Crest club for best Crest, and best bird in show at Exeter, C.C.C. best at Swindon; a few to spare from 30/-; state price prepared to give; stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

MASSIVE heavy-feathered variegated dark Crest cock, 10/6; massive even-marked ditto, 10/6; variegated ditto, 6/6; feathery variegated dark Crest hen, 7/6; ditto gem, 6/6; clear ditto, 6/6; massive variegated Crest-bred cock, 9/6; feathery Green, ditto, 10/6; feathery variegated Crest-bred hen, 8/6; ditto, 6/6; massive feathery Green ditto, 10/-; all large healthy birds; Barnett's strain; approval.—Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

OWING to removal, must sell the following high-class pairs of Crests, all Roberts' and Joyce's strain direct: Green Crest cock, large buff hen, 50/-; yellow Crest cock, varieg. hen, 20/-; buff Crest cock, varieg. hen, 25/-; yellow C.B. cock, green hen, 20/-; green C.B. cock, varieg. hen, 20/-; two 1908 C.B. hens, 7/6 each; four feeding hens, 2/6 each, or 8/- the four; house-moulted cock Greenfinch, muler, 2/6; approval, deposit.—Parry, 169, Speakman-rd., St. Helens.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crest-Breds, Crested cocks, wings marked variegated, 50/-, 30/-, 27/6; grey Crest 17/6, wings marked 15/-, clear body dark 12/6; grey Crest 12/6, wing marked yellow, 12/6; Crest-Bred cocks, green feather beak end 25/-, heavily variegated 20/-, winged marked 12/6; pair 30/- to £5; all grand young birds, from the strain that I have won hundreds of prizes; approval.—Horton, 18, The Avenue, St. John's Park-rd., Blackheath, London, S.E.

HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in highest-class Crests, Crest-breds, Barnett and Joyce's strains; monster wing-marked dark Crest cock, perfect crest, 16/6; monster variegated ditto, 15/-; massive heavy-feathered Green ditto, grand crest, 15/-; massive heavy-feathered variegated dark Crest hen, 11/6; massive feathery Green ditto, 11/6; monster variegated Crest-bred cock, £1; monster Green ditto, 16/-; massive heavy-feathered Yellow ticked ditto, 16/-; massive feathery Buff variegated ditto, 14/-; monster variegated Crest-bred hen, 16/-; massive heavy-feathered ditto, 14/-; massive feathery Green ditto, 10/6; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

LARGE unflighted variegated dark Crest cock, 30/6; large evenly-marked dark Crested cock, 25/6; ditto, 20/6; large variegated dark Crested cock, half coppy, 20/6; variegated cock, unflighted, large round crest, 35/6; Green Crest-bred cock, by Bristol Bowl winner, superb head, 60/6; variegated ditto, 30/6; two unflighted clear Buff Crest-bred cocks, good turnover, 15/6, 17/6; four Green Crest-bred cocks, grand turnover, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 17/6; large ticked Yellow Crest-bred cock, winner, 30/6; variegated dark Crest cock, good round crest, 60/6; nearly clear body, unflighted cock, large round crest, 30/6; variegated dark Crest cock, 8/6; large ditto, 10/6; large Grey Crest cock, 20/6; monster ditto, 10/6; large Grey Crest cock, 20/6.—T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham.

**CHAMPION CRESTS.**

Large Norwich Crested cocks, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-; Crested hens, 8/6, 10/6.—Arthur Thompson, 197, Bradford-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford.

**D. CORY, 14, OSBORNE ROAD,**

Claughton, Birkenhead, Crest and Crest-breds, few good, healthy stock pairs; also few Crest cocks, cheap; see account Bristol and Dulwich.

## CHAMPION CRESTS. CREST-BREDS.

I have spent £200 this last two seasons on my stock, and I don't believe the same class of bird can be got from any other fancier, only at a very long price, and only very few have them. I have some grand Crests and Crest-breds to part with, and reasonable and on approval; no single Crested hens.—T. Searle, 7, Marketgate, Lancaster.

## BEGINNERS READ THE ANNUAL

## Dutch Frills.

DUTCH and French Frills, first-class stuff, in stock; on approval; list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

## Greens.

LEGGY yellow-green, slim Yorkshire cock, 10/6 —Eastoe, 183, Thorold-rd., Ilford.

ONE yellow green, one foul, and one buff Yorks. hens, 4/6, 3/9, 3/3 each —Cockerill, Mahood-st., Stockport, Overleaf, Void.

A FEW typical green Yorkshire cocks, from 7/6; approval, most willingly —McDermott, 9, Maplegrove, Lodge-lane, Liverpool.

SPLENDID lot of Yorkshire greens, for show, stock, or song, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- each.—Matthews, 17, Barndale-rd., Liverpool.

FEW good stock birds left, bred from winners; on approval; best blood obtainable.—Metcalfe Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield rd., Liverpool.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire, Norwich and Border Greens, singles; pairs well matched; approval; stamp.—Hadwin, 28, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE greens, plenty of size, right type and colour, cocks, 7/6 to 30/-; pairs from 12/6; approval.—T. H. Davies, 22, Valley-rd., Liverpool.

THIRTY pairs of Yorkshire Greens, best blood in the Fancy; cocks, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6; send for catalogue.—Rees, Glantaf, Abercanaid, Merthyr.

H. HUGHES, 6, Argyle-st., South Birkenhead, has few pair of Yorkshire Greens for sale; also single cocks; same strain as my Palace winners; approval, deposit; stamp.

V. H. DEACON, 62, Ampthill-rd., Liverpool, has high-class Norwich Greens for sale, for show or stock, no single hens for sale, all bred from my winners, at all the leading shows; approval, stamp.

YORKSHIRE Greens. I have bred 60 Greens last season and have some grand pairs for breeding show stuff; also winners for sale; these are guaranteed my own breeding and full of the right colour; grand size; state wants; approval, stamp reply.—Fred Handley, 23, Coventry-rd., Wavertree, Liverpool.

GREEN Yorkshires, cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, upwards; hens, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-, upwards; pairs matched at any price; approval.—6, Ash Mount, Great Horton, Bradford.

**SAMUEL DEAN.**

## Lizards.

LIZARD cock, 8/6; Lizard hens, 5/6; clear or broken.—Grimshaw, Westgate, Hale.

LIZARDS of best winning strains in England, cocks or hens; list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

SPLENDID Silver Lizard cocks, clear capped, 8/6; broken-capped, 6/6; sacrifice.—Parkinson, 78, Bolton-rd., Bradford.

PAIRS high-class Lizards for sale, 10/- to 15/- pair; odd silver cocks, 6/- upwards, winner Lancashire and Lizard gold medal.—Jack Dickinson, 8, Marshall-st., Denton, Manchester.

FOR sale, two Golden Lizard cocks, 1907, 9/6, 7/6 each; one Silver cock, 1908, 9/6; two hens, Silver Golden, 1907, 7/6 each; of prize strain.—John Cartney, Birkenhills, Quariff, Aberdeenshire.

W. P. Barnes, 12, Launder-terrace, Grantham, breeder of champion Lizards, only a limited number left; see leading show report Crystal Palace, Welsh National, Scottish National, Rochdale, Manchester, price reasonable; hens from 5/-; cocks, 10/6; approval.

THE Lizard Prince, winner challenge cup, 1907 championship, diplomas, Crystal Palace, 1907 and 1908; see Palace report this week; winners and stock birds, reasonable; write for prices; approval; inspection invited.—Rukin, Hall Carr-rd., Rawtenstall, Lancashire.

JOHN DEWSNAP, 68, Princess-st., Glossop, winner of Lizard Challenge Cup; also numerous 1sts, specials, etc., at all the leading shows, has a few birds for sale, including some of the Palace winners 1909, all his own breeding; see reports; stamp reply; inspection invited.

## Lancashires.

YELLOW coppy cock, buff hen, grand breeding pair, 25/-; one buff hen, 15/-.—13, Salcombe-rd., Leyton.

YELLOW, coppy cock, 10/6; buff Plainhead hen, 10/6; or 18/- pair; cash or deposit.—Wm. Sanger, Helc, Cullompton.

FEW good Lancashires for sale, cocks and hens, yellows and buffs, approval, stamped.—Lowe, 4, Grange-st., Oldham.

GIVING up. To sell, clear yellow coppy cock, two buff Plainhead hens, show birds.—Hughes, tailor, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

1908 LANCASHIRES, buffs, coppies and Plainheads, cock and hens, cheap; approval; stamp reply.—Turner, 88, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

WANTED, offers Lancashires, in exchange for Guinea Clito camera, as new; or Blue and Grizzle Dragoons, winners.—Talbot, Postmaster, Romford.

LANCASHIRES, Coppy and Plainhead, including a lot of good yellows; state requirements, or send for list.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

TWO good buff coppy cocks, 20/- each; three good buff Plainhead cocks, 15/- each; yellow coppy cock, 15/-; 1908 birds; particulars, stamp reply; deposit.—C. Cross, King-st., Macclesfield.

LARGE, clear yellow Plainhead cock, 40/-; excellent buff Plainhead hen, 15/-; good buff coppy hen, 15/-; ticked buff coppy cock, 12/6; approval.—Naden, 18, Royd's-st., Rochdale.

CLEAR Buff Coppy, Risely's strain, typical bird, 17/0; ticked Yellow Coppy, same strain, 15/-; Yellow Plainhead hen, 10/6; bargain; stamp reply.—Wallworth, 23, Garden-st., Macclesfield.

GEORGE BAKER, winner silver challenge cup (1908), Belgians, Barnstaple show; offers, grand pairs; few yellow and buff hens, seasonable; several cocks, 20/- upwards, worth double; approval.—24, Reform-st, Barnstaple.

THREE buff coppy hens 15/- each, three 12/6 each; yellow Plainhead cock and buff coppy hen, 30/-; buff Plainhead cock and coppy hen 25/-, ditto 20/-; yellow coppy cock and buff hen, £2.—West, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

"THE ART OF FANCY."—Grand coloured plate of Lancashire Coppy and Gold Clear Cap Lizard Canaries sent post paid, securely packed, on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS Office, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

LANCASHIRES, yellows, or buffs, pairs, 30/- to 40/-; buff coppy cocks, one 4th Nottingham, 40/-; ditto 25/-; yellow coppy cocks 20/-, 25/-; yellow Plainhead cocks 15/-, 20/-, 40/-; approval.—Whipp, 13, Rushcroft-rd., High Crompton, Shaw, near Oldham.

**F. J. GREEN,**

Winner all leading shows, including Palace, Rochdale, Bristol, Westminster, Swindon, Battersea, Dulwich, etc., has some grand Lancashires for disposal, reasonable; this strain needs no puff; state wants; stamp reply.—43, Earlsbrook-rd., Redhill, Surrey.

## London Fancies.

TWO pairs, 12/6 pair; extra hens 3/6; feeders 2/6.—Filby, Ealing Common.

## Norwich.

**BREEDER'S CARD.**

**ALBERT HIRST,** Breeder and Exhibitor of champion Norwich, few for sale; note new address, 17, Ramshottom-st., Accrington.

NORWICH.—Send for catalogue.—Rees, Abercanaid, Merthyr.

PEARSON, Greenwich Market, wants Norwich; cash or exchange.

BARLOW'S Aviaries, 33 and 35, Woolwich-road, Greenwich, are wanting Norwich.

NORWICH, few good birds, rich natural colour.—Foxall, 25, Edburton-avenue, Brighton.

NICE buff Norwich hen, fed, 4/-; approval before payment.—Broxup, Naturalist, Burnley.

PAIRS, 11/6; cocks, 8/6; Yellow and Buff; cold-room.—Miss A. Fooks, Brentwood, Essex.

BUFF Norwich cock, good songster, 7/6.—W. Christon, Roberts and Co., Annfield Plain.

NORWICH cold-room, two cocks, two hens, 10/- lot, bargain.—Lloyd, I, Dover-place, Aberdare.

SEVEN Norwich hens, 8/- each, or 20/- lot.—F. Bailey, 3, Folkestone-avenue, Folkestone-st., Hull.

TYPICAL Plainhead cocks, unflighted, cheap, to clear; approval.—Hutchison, 326, Crown-st., Glasgow.

GOOD type, unflighted Norwich hens, short in tail and flights, 5/-, 6/6.—Lawrence, 11, South-st., Reading.

NORWICH, a few for sale, cocks from 10/-; hens from 7/6; cheap; approval.—Taylor, 113, High-st., Brechin.

NO time to exhibit—grand show and stock birds; cheap; approval.—W. Growdridge, Clarendon-road, Hinckley.

THREE buff cocks, 1 clear, 2 variegated, 20/- the three; approval; deposit.—Myles, 16, Chalmers-st., Arbroath.

CLEAR buff cock, 3rd. class of 37, 12/6; few grand hens, equally cheap.—John Davies, Maesgwyn-rd., Wrexham.

GOOD stock Norwich cocks, from 7/6 to 10/6; buffs; approval; cash or deposit.—G. Bennell, North-st., Lynn

COLOUR fed Norwich cocks 5/-; hens 3/-; pairs 7/6; cash or deposit.—G. Rooksby, 31, Edmund-st., Kettering.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks and hens, from 6/-; also a few greens; approval, stamp.—Dixon, Edgell-st., Kettering.

H. BAILEY, Tower-street, Launceston, has 25 of his Norwich left for disposal; several nice birds amongst them.

FEW good Norwich cheap, some have won; seen any time.—Hollands, 7, Kingswood-place, Dacre Park, Lee, Kent.

J. HOLE, has some Norwich Plainheads, yellows and buffs, 8/-, 10/- each.—32, Nightingale-rd., Clapton, N., London.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, from 8/6; pairs from 12/6; own breeding; stamp reply.—Silver, 72, Peel-st., Birmingham.

HIGH-CLASS cocks and hens, from 7/6 each, own breeding, cold-room; approval, deposit.—Parrott, Peel-st., Bedford.

NORWICH Canarics, the best and cheapest in England; send for catalogue, post free.—Northern Aviaries, Preston.

THREE good breeding pairs, direct from my winners, 15/-, 12/- pair; one green hen, 4/-.—15, Salcombe-rd., Leyton.

COLD-ROOM Buff hens, 2/-, three for 5/6; Yellows, 3/-; cocks, singing, 5/-.—Hughes, 94, Sydenham-rd., Smethwick.

THOS. BROWN, Scott-st., Brechin, has for sale some good large stock birds, cheap to clear; on approval, stamp reply.

COUNSELL, 14, Pollard-st., Blackburn, champion Norwich for sale, same as my winners, prices from 8/6 each, 20/- pair.

MATCHED pairs from 10/-; cocks from 7/6; hens from 3/-; cold-room, own breeding.—Manning, 71, West-rd., West Ham.

BUFF Norwich cock, splendid songster, 5/-; four hens, 2/6 each; approval.—Paylis, 14, Exeter-rd., Ashton Gate, Bristol.

SOME nice pairs; also odd cocks and hens; reasonable; related to my winners.—Thomas, 79, Larcom-st., Walworth.

NORWICH, grand birds, cocks, 6/6 to 10/-; hens 2/- to 3/6; ready for breeding.—Harper, 104, Sherbourne-rd., Birmingham.

NORWICH, having selected my breeding stock find I have few choice birds to part with.—Males, 20, Broadway, Deptford.

TWO cocks and two hens, Norwich Canaries, over moult, sacrifice 15/-; approval.—Apply, H. C. Wright, Brickfields, Arlesey, Beds.

FEW good buffs and yellows left for disposal, cocks and hens, from 8/6.—Harper, 26, Brighton-rd., Stoke Newington, London.

CHAMPION Norwich, large, clear, yellow hen, 10/-; large buff cock yellow-marked hen, 25/- pair.—Brain, Draper, Glastonbury.

UNFLIGHTED cocks, from 6/-; hens, 4/-; winners, 10/-; approval; satisfaction guaranteed.—Gentle, Stanley-st., Bedford.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, from 7/6, cold room; same strain as my winners; approval, deposit.—Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne.

FEW really good Norwich for sale, hens, 5/6 upwards; cocks, from 7/6.—Simpson, 54, Whittington-rd., Bowes Park, London, N.

NORWICH Canaries, 10 pairs, 7/6 pair; or cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/6; healthy, cold room bred.—Booth, Thrapston, Northamptonshire.

SEVERAL good yellow and buff marked cocks, type, quality, and condition, inspection invited.—Harris, 9, Phelp-st., Walworth.

FOUR good Norwich hens, are in an outside aviary, two of them bred Mules last year, 10/-; or offers.—Muschamp, Copt Royd, Yeadon.

OVERSTOCKED, can spare three grand yellow hens, proved Light mulers, 10/6 each.—Bourne, Ansley, near Atherstone, Warwick.

W. YATES, London-rd., Chesterton, Staffs, has some good Norwich, related to his winners, for disposal; cheap; stamp reply.

HANDSOME Norwich Plainhead cocks, 1908, cold room; very healthy; colour-fed, 7/6 each.—Mrs. Griffiths, Oak Cottage, Horsham.

FOR Sale, four pair of Norwich Canaries, 7/6 per pair; also two breeding cages.—Barsley, Police Station, Gedney Drove End, Wisbech.

SIX pairs natural colour, 1908, strong, healthy, yellow, buff, mostly clears, 50/-; nearest offer; approval.—Schofield, Saddler, Ipswich.

FOR Sale, six pairs of Norwich Canaries, 1908, 6/6 pair; or what offers for lot? Deposit.—H. English, Manor Farm, Fleet, Holbeach, Lincs.

CHAMPION Norwich; cocks from 10/-; hens, 5/-; inspection invited; approval, deposit.—Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

GRAND buff cocks, 1908, from 6/-; Cinnamon ditto, 10/-; satisfaction guaranteed; own breeding.—Doughty, King-st., Great Yarmouth.

EXCEPTIONAL bargain; eight pairs of graud Norwich type Canaries, 7/6 a pair, from winners, worth double.—W. Wenden, Braintree.

FOUR cocks and six hens, Iron's strain; particulars on application; make splendid stock birds; cheap to clear.—Naylor, Daventry, Northants.

FIFTY strong, healthy, 1907-1908 Norwich hens, ready for breeding; Buff, 2/-, 2/6; Yellow, 3/- each.—Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

HIGH-CLASS Plainheads, show or stock; few rare songsters, handsome and cheap; approval.—J. N. Harrison, The Lawn, Belper, Derbyshire.

VARIEGATED buff cock, 1908, winner 1st Barnett; buff hens, 2/6 each; cross-breed, 1/6; deposit system.—Brown, Thornton-rd., Potter's Bar.

TYPICAL Norwich; Yellows or Buffs; cocks, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 4/-, 5/-; also few common hens, 2/6 each.—Wilkinson, 152, Bolton-rd., Pendleton.

VARIEGATED cock 7/6, buff hen 3/6; variegated cock 7/-, ticked hen 3/-; prize-bred; approval.—Muscott, 2, Boundary-terrace, Llandrindod.

CLEAR Buff Norwich cock, 8/6; Yellow ticked Norwich hen and house-moulted cock Russian Goldfinch, 10/6.—Norman, Couper Bervie, N.B.

TWO yellow Norwich variegated hens, 2 buff ditto, 3/6 each, or exchange pair of buff Norwich.—Hutton, 112, Clarendon-rd., Southampton.

TWO good buff Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 6/-; four buff hens 2/6, 1908 bred, healthy; cold room.—Wilson, Twinstead, Sudbury, Suffolk.

MOVING; must sell; 10 hens, 1/6 each; breeding cages, 20 in. by 14 in., complete, 1/6 each.—Oakley, Mortuary, Warwick-place, Whiteeross-st., E.C.

A FEW good Norwich for sale, matched pairs 17/6, cocks, singing, 10/6, all bred from winners.—Tom Weedall, 82, High-street, Winsford, Cheshire.

FINE lot of large, typical Norwich, cocks from 7/6; hens, from 5/-; approval, deposit.—F. Tesseyman, St. Mattbews Schools, Camp-rd., Leeds.

NORWICH cocks, in full song, 5/6, 6/-, 7/6 each; hens, 2/6, 3/- each; Sib bred hens, 4/- each; packed free.—E. A. Bowler, 33, Oxford-st., Leicester.

NORWICH Canaries, in prime condition, at moderate prices; seen evenings, and all Saturday.—Richards, 10, Dewhurst-rd., Shepherd's Bush Road.

FINE healthy Norwich cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens, 3/6, 4/-, cold room; approval, deposit.—Wall, Tankersley-lane, Hoyland Common, near Barnsley, Yorks.

WANTED, cobby yellow Norwich hen, must have good head; exchange yellow Norwich cock, bred from my winners.—D. Jenkins, 71, Argyle-st., Swansea.

NORWICH Plainheads, in splendid condition, cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; large variegated hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6; approval, deposit.—W. Pinner, Gordon Hill, Enfield.

A FEW good Norwich cocks and hens for sale, the stock of the late Harvie, Merchant; seen by appointment.—Wm. McAulay, 29, Harriet-st., Rutherglen.

FOLLOWING birds from winners 1908: Yellow cock, hc, 25/-; Buff cock, 3rd prize, 25/-; another Buff, hc, £1; good hens, 15/-.—Barrows, Wardington, Banbury.

FOUR large buff Norwich hens, 1908, cold-room bred; three buff hens, 1907; these are a grand lot of hens; stamp reply.—F. Whitehead, Bishopthorpe, York.

HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 5/-, 5/6, 6/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6 pairs 7/-, 8/-, 9/-; grand value; satisfaction guaranteed; approval.—Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Plainheads, cocks, in song, 6/6, 7/6 upwards; matched pairs, 12/6 upwards; on approval.—J. Day, Fornham-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

GENUINE prize-bred good Norwich, grand quality; cocks, 12/6; hens, 10/6; matched pairs, 20/- and 25/- a pair.—Langridge, 234, York-st., Belfast.

FOR Sale, buff and splashed Norwich, 1908, Walton and Noakes strain, cold room, Sandiford's fed, cocks 7/-; hens 4/6.—Pell, Riseholme, Wellingborough.

BUTLER and WARING still have some good Norwich for sale, cocks from 6/6; hens from 5/-; pairs from 10/6.—Note new address: 200, Foleshill-rd., Coventry.

GIVING up Fancy; three hens, Norwich, Hodder and Irons' strain, will accept 15/-, cost double; offers, not birds.—C., 1d, The Yorrels, North-rd., Richmond.

FEW good Norwich, cheap to clear, yellow and buff cocks, 7/6, 10/6 and 12/6 each; ditto hens, 4/6 and 5/6; pairs from 15/-.—Collicott, Primrose Hill, Chelmsford.

FIFTY grand Norwich; every bird bred myself, mostly from winners, cocks 7/6 to 40/-; hens, 5/- to 30/-; approval; deposit.—H. J. Banbury, Prestonroad, Yeovil.

NORWICH cock, German cock, loud, incessant songsters, two box cages, breeding cage; lot 15/-; owner removing.—Brooks, 194, Wilton-st., Lozells, Birmingham.

BREEDER and exhibitor of Norwich, few for sale, cocks, 8/-, 10/-; hens, 6/-, 7/-; pairs, 12/-, 15/-; cash or deposit.—William Taylor, Old Hall, Station-rd., Hinckley.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, same strain, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed.—F. Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, feathered like silk, cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; hens 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, approval willingly.—Fred Heathcote, 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

MUST sell cheap, buff hens, 10/- to 15/-, to clear, related to my winners Manchester, Sheffield, Preston, etc.—Wrigley, Church-st., Godley, Hyde. Approval, stamp.

UNFLIGHTED hens, bred same as 1st Sidmouth winner, even-marked Buff, winner, 8/6; clear Buff, 5/6; grand 1907 Buff hen, 12/6.—Reg. Tucker, Holmdale, Sidmouth.

WANTED two good stock birds, green or heavily variegated, yellow cock, buff hen, 1908 bred; must be short and typical.—Buglass, 3, Meadowbank-crescent, Edinburgh.

ROBERTS, 39, Ossington-street, Bayswater, champion Bullfinch-type Norwich, good heads, lovely quality, must breed winners, pairs 15/- upwards, odd birds, inspection.

WALTON and NOAKES, breeders and exhibitors, high-class Norwich, have surplus stock for sale, cocks from 7/6; matched pairs from 12/6.—32, Bonsall-st., Leicester.

GOOD yellow variegated cock, unflighted, 10/6; two buff variegated, 8/6 each; clear buff, 10/6; large Crest-bred cock, 15/-; cheap; approval.—Buchan, Stewart-rd., Falkirk.

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WANTED few pairs good Norwich; will give 7/- per pair; send particulars and stamp for reply; will deposit cash with Editor.—Gledhill, Fleet-lane, Queensbury, Bradford.

WINNERS for sale, reducing stock, cocks, from 7/6; pairs, 15/- upwards; twice house-moulted Goldfineh, 7/6; good muler; approval.—Clarke, 69, Felixstowe-rd., Ipswich.

WILLIAMS has pairs, properly matched, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; some good Yellow and Buff cocks, fit for good local shows, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; on approval.—186, High-st., Cheltenham.

LARGE typical Norwich, cold-room bred, perfectly healthy, Yellows or Buffs; cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6 each; hens at 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; approval.—Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

ROBERT HALL, Rudyard, Staffs, has a few good stock birds left, which must be cleared before end of month; price, 15/- pair; see wins all principal shows; also Norwich greens.

T. IRONS has about 60 yellow and buff Norwich cocks for sale, 7/6 to 20/- each; buff hens, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/- each; above bred by myself; approval, stamp.—Ivy-rd., Northampton.

REMOVED, must sell 50 Norwich cocks and hens, buffs, greens, and variegated, cocks, 4/-; hens, 2/6 each, all 1908 birds; cocks good songsters.—George Akers, 16, Hollybrook-rd., Belper.

HENS, hens, hens; rare bargains, good typical birds, the right kind to breed winners, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; approval, stamp reply.—J. Bertie, Steedmanavenue, Mapperley, Nottingham.

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UNFLIGHTED prize-bred cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; cold-room bred; see St. Helens Show report; approval; cash or deposit.—Gibbie, Reservoir-st., Thatto Heath, St. Helens.

TYPICAL Norwich cocks, unflighted, size, substance, quality, from noted strains; yellows, buffs; prices reasonable, approval, stamp reply.—Fernie, Blythswood-ter., Sandy-rd., Renfrew.

GOOD Yellow and Buff cocks, 5/-, 6/6, and 7/6; Yellow and Buff hens, 2/6, 3/6, and 4/6; also two Roller hens, 3/- each, or 5/- the two.—H. Barringer, 88, Washbrook-rd., Rushden, Northants.

WINNERS for sale. Must reduce stock. Pairs from 12/6 to 30/-. Cocks 10/-, hens 5/-. See reports Battersea, Halstead, Lowestoft, and Suffolk shows.—Schofield, Saddler, Ipswich.

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PRIZE-BRED Norwich Buff cock and Yellow hen, 25/-; also three Buff hens, all unflighted, from 7/6 to 15/-; related to West of Scotland cup winners.—McNaughton Dunipace, Larbert, Stirlingshire.

14 NORWICH hens, buffs, and variegated yellows, 1908, in good condition, from 3/- each, cold room; also house moulted Goldfinch, 5/-; in splendid condition.—W. Canning, 65, Ealing-rd., Brentford.

NORWICH prize bred, good type cocks from 7/6; hens, 5/6; pairs, at 12/6 upwards; good yellow and buffs, cold-room bred, and on approval.—Apply, 34, Tranlock-rd., Simonside, Tyne Dock, Durham.

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MASSIVE cobby Norwich, Sandiford's strain, few real clinkers for disposal, cocks 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-; pairs 10/-, 12/-, 14/-; real bargains; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

UNFLIGHTED and year old Norwich Plainheads for disposal, correct type, splendid quality, grand colour, all prize-bred, and fit to breed winners; prices from 7/6 upwards.—Frank Lawson, Pugin-st., Carlisle.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Plainheads, cocks, full song, 6/6, 7/6 upwards; matched pairs, 10/6, 12/6 upwards; yellow or buff hens, 3/6, 5/6 upwards; approval.—Geo. Wright, Canary Breeder, 51, Silver-st., Norwich.

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TO Breeders, I have again this year some grand 1908 Norwich Plainheads for sale, pairs, matched for breeding, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-; odd hens, yellow or buff, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-; all cold-room bred; all healthy; approval deposit.—E. Henry, Grocers' Assistant, 52, Edinburgh-rd., Norwich.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, can spare two pairs; Buff cocks, Yellow hens, at 12/6 pair, and one pair at 10/-; also two Yellow cocks, little on small side, at 6/- each; all the cocks are unflighted and bred from winners; the hens are 1907 bred.—W. Freestone, Colegate-st., Norwich.

MUST clear out for a time, taking a business, all my Norwich Plainheads, all bred from winners, from 15/- per pair; cocks, clear yellows, one yellow green, hens, clear buffs, buff variegs., yellow variegs., one buff green; approval; cash or deposit; stamp reply.—Fowler, 20, Park-st., Easton-rd., Bristol.

AFTER selecting my breeding stock I have forty birds for sale, the strain Norwich Plainheads are Mr. G. Dobinson and Sandiford's, and Mr. E. Gray's, of Morpeth; the Border fancies are Mr. H. Bennett, Kelso, from 15/- to 30/- a pair.—Mr. J. Hagon, 39, Double-row, Seaton Delaval, Northumberland.

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Having had a successful breeding season, and being now overstocked, I can spare good Norwich hens at the following low prices: Buffs, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/-; Yellows, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, and 15/-.—Clem F. Savage, Breeder and Exhibitor, 38, Murray-rd., Rugby.

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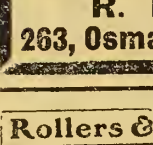

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FOR Sale, well-bred Yorkshire Canaries, year old, cocks, grand songsters, from 10/-; hens, from 3/6.—Mrs. Coles, Guyers, Corsham, Wilts.

LONG, slim Yorkshires, cold-room, Knight's and Ambler's strains; cocks, from 8/6; hens, from 5/6.—Brooks, 2, Devonshire-rd., Horsham.

GOOD-CLASS Yorkshires, cocks, buffs, 6/-; yellows, 7/-; cinnamon-marked, 8/-; hens, 4/-.—Hawes, Prestwood, Great Missenden, Bucks.

1908 COCKS, singing, 5/-; hens, 3/- upwards; also Norwich hens; inspection; approval.—Mitton, 9, Sefton-st., Colne, Lancashire. Genuine.

TEN Yorkshire cocks, 7/6 each, or lot together reduced rate; on approval; cash or deposit.—Price, Pontryffydd Lodge, Trefyant, N. Wales.

HELLIWELL'S Yorkshires, good birds left, clears, greens, quarter breds, hens from 5/-; cocks, 7/6.—Thorn View, Boothtown, Halifax.

HAVE some good birds to dispose of, 1908, Yellows and Buffs; cocks, 5/-, 7/6; hens, 3/6, 5/-.—Walter Lycett, Apedale-view, Chesterton, Staffs.

FEW grand, long straight, typical Yorkshires, show or stock from 7/6 each; approval.—J. N. Harrison, The Lawn, Belper, Derbyshire.

CHAMPION Yorkshires; cocks from 10/-; hens, 5/-; inspection invited; approval, deposit.—Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

UNFLIGHTED Yorkshires, bred same as my winners, only few left; inspection invited; any time suits.—Macdonald, 492, Duke-st., Glasgow.

FOR sale cheap, some grand birds; see reports Southend, Dulwich, Wimbledon, and Rotherhithe.—Silverthorn, 85, Coldharbour-lane, Camberwell.

YORKSHIRE cocks, grand stock birds, 7/6 to 30/- each, Cuthbertson's and Bailey's strains; approval; deposit.—Keyworth, Harmston, Lincoln.

YORKSHIRES, 3/6 to 10/-; moulers, 5/- pair; wanted clear yellow Yorks, and buff Norwich hen.—Sampson, Arundel-terrace, Handsworth, Sheffield.

REMOVING, must dispose grand stock of Yorkshires, clears, ticks, greens, grand ticked yellow, £1.—Chambers, 2, Romilly-st., Kensington, Liverpool.

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CHAMPION Yorkshires, breed same as my winners of cup and district shows; pairs or single; cheap to clear; on approval.—Wm. Allison, 68, Station-rd., Wallsend.

CLEARING out my Yorkshires, including winners, Bailey and Swanger's strain; also a few Norwich to sell; stamp reply.—Thomas Proctor, 80, Oswald-st., Blackburn.

10/- EACH; two Yellow and two Buff cocks, finely drawn, very lengthy, well on leg and extra quality; approval.—Williams, 30, Lister-st., West Hartlepool.

FEW grand high-class Yorkshires for disposal; cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 5/0; approval willingly; satisfaction guaranteed.—Mrs. Clegg, 178, Bentley-rd., Doncaster.

TWO unflighted yellow Yorkshire cocks, 7/6 each. —Bailey and Swanger strain; approval; cash or deposit.—Swift, Ward's End, Starkholmes, near Matlock, Bath.

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HIGH-CLASS healthy Yorkshires, 1908, cold-room bred; cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; pairs, 12/- to 20/-; satisfaction guaranteed; approval.—Davies, Steel Green, Millom, Cumberland.

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LOOK. If you want some real clinking Yorkshires, size, type, and quality combined, we can supply cocks from 4/6 to 15/6; hens, 3/6 to 12/6.—Middleton Brothers, 32, Unity-st., Keighley.

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Taylor's high-class Yorkshires still lead the way Imitators and copyists try to follow. Read the following testimonials, which are only a sample of scores I am receiving daily. From 104, Cromwell Road, Grays, Essex. Feb. 8th, 1909.—Pair of Yorkshires to hand safely, and give every satisfaction. I think they are two gems. Please send me a pair Norwich for enclosed amount.—J. Dunning to J. Taylor. Another from Eden Road, Spennymoor. Feb. 7th, 1909.—The bird to hand alright, and am highly pleased with him. He is a champion, and extraordinary value for money.—R. Elwell to J. Taylor. Another from 29, Lockett Street, Latchford, Warrington. Feb. 7th, 1909. The three Yorkshires received, and are grand birds. Will send for more soon, and recommend you to all my friends.—J. Gleave to J. Taylor. Another, from 2, Lorne Street, Wigan. Feb. 6th, 1909.—Birds arrived quite safe, and give every satisfaction that could be given. The cock is a lovely songster, and I hope to place more orders with you before long. Shall recommend you to my friends.

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# February 1909.

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14, Moore Street, Quigney, South Africa.—Birds arrived safe in the best condition, and give every satisfaction.—H. Cooke to Miss Storey.

75, Clarence Street, Miskin. Feb. 2, 1909.—Having had birds from you which have all been satisfactory I forward you another order.—W. J. Reakis to Miss Storey.

13, Argyle Street, Oban. Feb. 3, 1909.—Please forward me two more birds as per enclosed order. The bird you last sent me took 1st in its class and medal and two specials for best in show.—M. Doug all to Miss Storey.

Millhousebridge, Nethercleugh. Feb. 2, 1909.—The bird I purchased from you is the best I have ever had. Please send bird as per enclosed order. — J Sharp to Miss Storey.

15, Till Street, Audley. Feb. 2, 1909.—Received birds to-day, and am greatly pleased with them; several of my friends have seen them, and all agree that I could not have chosen better had I picked them myself. Thanking you sincerely for your prompt attention to my wants. I shall recommend you to all fanciers.—W. Symms to Miss Storey.

33, Company Street, Besolven. Feb 2, 1909.—Birds safely to hand; am highly pleased with them; thanking you for prompt attention.—J. Hewelley to Miss Storey.

1, Domick Street, Sligo. Feb. 6, 1909.—Thanks for such a good hen. Just the one I wanted for stock; extra good value; in fact the very best I ever got from England and I have had dealings with a many. I will soon send you more orders. —Anderson to Miss Storey.

2, Helenvale Place, Prestwick. Feb. 6 1909.—Delighted with bird received. Have had birds from many people, but yours is by far the best.—J. Reid to Miss Storey.

24, Perth Street, Blairgowrie. Feb. 6, 1909.—Birds arrived in perfect health. They gave entire satisfaction. I never had such prompt attention paid to an order. I shall do my uttermost for your interests. I have already secured you two orders. —R. Irvine to Miss Storey.

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Another, from 48, Snowden Street, Penygroes. Feb. 8, 1909.—The hen arrived safe and I can tell you I am very pleased indeed with her. I have had several fanciers to see her, and all say it is well worth the money. If you deal with all orders like mine there is no need for approval; thanking you for your honest and straightforward dealing, and shall certainly place all future orders in your hands. —Bob Morgan to L. Dykes. Scores of others received during the last few days (from almost every customer), which are filed for inspection.

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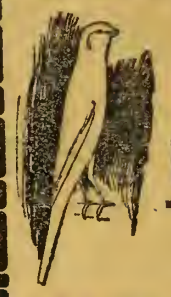

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## HUDSON'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.

In reply to many customers inquiring about birds being ready, all my birds are hard and fit for breeding, and in good condition, and I can recommend to them who want to breed own winners, as they are all bred from or related to winners at all leading shows: Shipley, Windhill, Bingley, Baildon, Bradford, and others too numerous to mention, including Palace. And remember, I want no man's money who does not purchase satisfactory. My stock includes clears, ticked, Greens, marked, and few cinnamon-marked. Long, raking Yellow cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; long, raking Buff cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; few songsters, 6/- each; long Yellow hens, 6/-, 8/-, 10/- each; long Buff hens, 6/-, 8/-, 10/- each; my special matched pairs cannot be beaten by them who have all the bounce; pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, £1, £1 5s.; all on four days' approval; cash or deposit; stamp reply.—Hudson, Confectioner, Thackley, Bradford.

## GENUINE PROOF.

Who has the (oftentime told) best stock in Yorkshire? Having done something that no other fancier has done, winning the championship in both C.M.Y.C.C. and Y.C.C., also 3rd place for 20-guinea cup, finishing up with more 1sts at Crystal Palace than any other exhibitor, three 1sts and diploma, for best cinnamon-marked Yorkshire in show; see report this issue. Now that shows are over, we have for sale several absolute winners that have helped to win those competitions, as it is impossible for us to breed with them all. Write for particulars.

**OGDEN BROS., DUDLEY HILL, BRADFORD**

# THE SHOW OF THE WORLD!

**Note THIS week's Prices,**

**but for value you must have on approval, for quality is the only true test of cheapness. THOUSANDS in Stock.**

Clear yellow cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- to 40/-; clear yellow, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6; clear buff, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; marked, 2/6, 3/6, 4/-; pairs, Norwich Plainheads, matched for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6. A lot of rare special bouncing hens at 5/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; cocks for show, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-.

Pairs matched for breeding, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards

## YORKSHIRES!

You can read all the claims, and you may or you may not believe them; but if you will allow me to send **One** or **One Pair** of mine on approval against any others advertised, at any of the following prices, I shall feel obliged. That's making it actions in place of words.

I have some of the best extant winners at large open shows, cocks and hens, proof given, when and where won, who shown by, etc. as I imitate no-one, and despise fairy tales (plainly speaking, untruths), and all those who make them. I can show my winners to anyone, or send on approval, as I do not make myself into a mere gas-bag, full of pin-pricks, nor trade under a false name, for that is what I call stooping to a low level indeed. Cocks, **5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-**; Hens, **3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-.**

**You have never before had the chance** to get such quality for the price since this paper has been established. Test it by having on approval Crested cocks 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- 30/-, 40/-, 60/-, 80/-, 100/- upwards. Crested hens, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- 30/-, to 60/- upwards. Crested-bred cocks, clear yellow, 15/-, 20/-; clear buff 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 20/-, 30/-; ticked or variegated, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Crested-bred Hens, ticked or variegated, 4/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards; clear, 8/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-; green 5/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; pairs matched for crest breeding, one crested and one crested bred, 12/6, 15/-, 23/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-; 100/- per pair. Tho above are simply marvels at the price and no other person—dealer, so-called private breeder, or firm, can possibly give it.

## TESTIMONIALS.

**From SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**

To W. Rudd, Esq., Bird Specialist, Norwich.—Dec. 29, 1908. Dear Sir,—I received the birds in splendid condition, and am exceedingly well pleased with same; also very much obliged to you for the manner in which you have treated me. I must confess that I was a little timid when I heard some friends say from Sydney, that I would not get anything from you, as you were a dealer, but as I am writing to Sydney per same mail, I will correct their statement. I hope later on to place another order with you, and I again thank you for your straightforward dealings. Wishing you a happy new year and future prosperity. I am, dear Sir, Yours truly, T. Clarkson.

(Mr. Clarkson's friends forgot that there are dealers and dealers, but they are not the only ones who do not see the fact. The above birds were valuable Crests and crested-breds, costing many pounds.—W. R.)

**From VISCOUNT ——.**

Powerscourt, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow. Jan. 27, 1909. Dear Sir,—I am very much pleased with the aviary, which arrived safely yesterday. —Yours faithfully, P——.

**Wonderful for the money.**

Glendoven Rectory, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. Feb, 1908.—The birds arrived quite safely, and are splendid. They are wonderful for the money. The person for whom I got the Budgerigars is equally delighted with them.—M. Garstin to W. Rudd.

**Every one of his customers very pleased.**

116, Blackfriars Road, Southsea. Feb. 4, 1909.—The birds arrived quite safe. I am very pleased with the way you have served me since I have dealt with you. I am quite sure no one could serve me better. The bird sung before being taken out of cage. I have had many from you now, and sold them, and every customer is very pleased with them.—G. Thomas to W. Rudd.

**Bought a few cages in his time.**

10, Shirley Gardens, Hanwell. Feb. 1, 1909.—Just a line to let you know the cage arrived safe to-day. I must thank you for your promptitude for so small an order. I have bought a few cages, but none to compare with this one, honestly worth double. My wife says it is like a piece of furniture instead of a bird cage; if this is a sample of your goods, then I know where to get my future stock.—W. H. Wheatley to W. Rudd.

**A real Clinker.**

North Shields, 1909.—Yorkshire songster arrived this morning safe and well, and in grand condition. Never expected it so soon. It is a real clinker. You can look out for a further order.—Dd. Marshall to W. Rudd.

**Read this for Yorkshires.**

Sheffield. Feb. 1, 1909.—I received the pair of Yorkshires safely, and am highly satisfied with them. My wife tells me when she had taken them from the carrier the cock began to sing before the wrapping was taken off. Everyone that has seen them are surprised at the price. Well, to tell you the truth, the two birds you have sent I would not exchange for all the Canaries in the bird shops in Sheffield. I had a walk round to all the bird shops I knew of to see what they had; they had none to suit me, so I thought I would give you a trial.—F. Jackson to W. Rudd.

**How is this for Rollers.**

Station Hotel, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Feb. 1, 1909.—Thanks for promptness in sending the Seifert. He arrived quite safe, and after having a good breakfast he started to sing and roll extra well. Shall be pleased to recommend you to anyone wanting fair dealing, and honest prices. This is the fourth time I have had the pleasure of dealing with you. —W. J. Denniss to W. Rudd.

**NOW** there are not many testimonials given above, but time just now will not permit giving more. This is the old story by a certain class, but I substantiate this (as I am always prepared to do with all public statements I make), by sending a large quantity to the Editor for inspection—or for anyone else's inspection, so far as I am concerned, bearing the official post-marks of most recent dates.

## Have you tried these specials?

If not, just have a pair on approval. — My special matched pairs of prize-bred **Norwich Plainheads at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 20/-; Crested** ditto, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, and 30/-; **Yorkshires**, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 20/-; **Lancashires** 25/-, 30/-, 40/-; **Cinnamons**, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; **Lizards**, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; Border Fancies, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6. These are the best value ever offered. Travelling cages, with proper food and nourishment for journey, 3d. extra on all above prices. For all others see positively free illustrated list and easy payment system.

Songsters. Hundreds caged off and all specially selected, not haphazard birds, quality sent to each, according to price sent, and in all cases the best I can do, and what I cannot do in this line, no other man (or fictitious trader) can in the world. **Norwich, Yorkshires, Hartz Mountain Rollers, Cinnamons, Mules** (Goldfinch, Linnet, or Siskin). Note prices:—7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-.

**Of course,** if you want the usual lowest priced birds always called the best, but which common-sense must tell you are not, I have them as low as 4/6 and 5/-.

**ASTHMARINE,** the most infallible cure for Asthma and other Lung affections in all classes of the Feathered tribe, 9d. and 2/6 bottle. It is not a "cure all," but a genuine, and the only, real remedy for Asthma.

**EGGERTINE,** the acknowledged best Egg Food, and with by far the largest sale, 1/3 and 2/6 per tin. This will bring breeding hens into condition as no imitation ever did, or ever will. Made from **NEW LAID English eggs,** not preserved Foreign rubbish. Send for Analytical Report.

**Norwich Golden Bloom Tonic Drops** will quickly get old or young birds into condition and give a natural gloss, 9d. and 2/6, all post free.

I have used nothing else myself since I introduced the above articles not for any one bird out of all the **Millions** that have passed through my hands.

# W. RUDD, THE Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

**YORKSHIRES.—Continued.**

### J. WILCOCK.

The home for Yorkshires and Norwich Plainheads; this strain is, without doubt, one of the oldest and purest in the Fancy; I have over 300 birds to choose from; every bird teeming with quality; purchaser will be sure to breed winners from my noted strain; pairs from 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-; cocks, Yellows or Buffs, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; hens, Yellows or Buff, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; all birds sent on three days' approval; state your wants; I guarantee to give satisfaction; inspection invited.—14, Chapel-st., Eccleshill, nr. Bradford, Yorkshire.

### BAILEY AND SWANGER'S YORKSHIRES

once more wins championship diploma best Yorkshire at Crystal Palace, making this our fifth time in succession; we also won Yorkshire Challenge Cup, value 21 guineas, three times, which now becomes our own property. This is proof our strain is bang at the top; birds, warranted same strain, from 20/- pairs; everybody delighted last season with our 20/- pairs, as we match them just as we should breed with them ourselves; every pair in the best of condition; cold-room bred and kept; stamp reply. —South View-terrace, Sandy-lane, Allerton, Bradford.

### J. C. BARNES,

149, Duncombe-st., Walkley, Sheffield. Challenge cup winner 1905, 1906, 1907. Few choice for disposal; lengthy and well on leg, A1 position, feathered like wax; cocks, 20/- upwards; hens, 10/- upwards; matched pairs a speciality. Approval with pleasure; inspection cordially invited; stamp reply.

**All My Winners Guaranteed Own Breeding**

### YORKSHIRES. WINNERS.

**All Mr. Blackhurst's noted Crystal Palace and other Winners for Sale.**

Having bought every bird Mr. Blackhurst possessed, I can offer following, which was the pick of Mr. Bates' noted winners: yellow cock, winner of few 1sts, £2; two buff cocks, winners of many prizes, 30/- each; ticked yellow cock, another winner, £2; yellow hen, winner of 1st, 2nd, etc., this season, £3; 12 stock cocks, yellows and buffs, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each; 12 beautiful hens, yellows, and buffs, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each; all these were specially selected birds, and cost from £2 each; any I will send on approval. Breeder 25 years.

**SANDIFORD,** CANARY BREEDER
PRESTON, LANCS.

### BARGAINS!!

Room wanted, to effect a clearance, I offer grand Norwich and Yorkshire cocks, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-; do not miss this offer, worth double the money, only a few left.—Hindle, Photographer, Bastwell, Blackburn.

### Various Canaries.

WANTED any variety; cash or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich Market.

COCK Canaries, full song, ready for breeding, 6/-; hens, 2/6.—Pimm, 229, Icknield Port-rd., Birmingham.

SIBS, 4/6; Dutchfrills, Skylark, eat from lips, 25/-; bird stuffing.—Williams, Parliament-pl., Liverpool.

TWO pairs stock Norwich, one Yorkshire cock, lot 25/-, cash; one bird cost £1.—24, Broomfield-st., Eastbourne.

CANARIES for sale, cocks and hens, prize strain, 7/6 each.—Miss Baggs, Monkton Wyld Court, Charmouth, Dorset.

NOTICE. grand warranted cock Canaries, 3/6 each; cock and hen, 5/6; approval.—M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

CANARIES, a few to be sold cheap; advertisers own rearing; wanting room.—H. Fish, 32, Lancaster-rd., Stroud Green, London, N.

HEN Canaries, two for 2/9; cocks, 4/- each; Yorkshires, Norwich, Border Fancies.—Cutlery Company, 24, Carnarvon-st., Sheffield.

ONE Yellow, two Buff Norwich Roller hens, two extra good coloured hen Mules, all 1908, accept 7/6 lot.—Beeston, Photographer, Ross-on-Wye.

GRAND, healthy Canaries, any variety, breeders, cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/6; Scotch cock Goldfinches, 7/6 each; approval.—Heron, Burnside, Castle-Douglas.

FOR sale, 24 Norwich and Yorkshires, songsters, colour-fed, all splendid birds, 5/- each; 20 hens from 2/-; or offers for lot.—Busby, 46, Heygate-avenue, Southend-on-Sea.

FOUR young Canaries, 10/6; 4 cock Chaffinches, cages, complete, 8/-; 2 Linnets, singing, 7/-; pair Bullfinches, 6/6; all house-moulted; take 30/- lot.—27, Beckett-avenue, East Ham.

YELLOW Yorkshire cock, buff hen, 1908, 12/- pair; cock Goldfinch and hen Canary, bred Mules last year, 12/6; large green Norwich cock, 11/-.—Gardner, Cuthbert's-st., Wells, Somerset.

CANARIES for sale, Yorkshires and Norwich; I have fifty to sell, some good songsters, single or pairs; hens, 2/6; cocks 6/6.—E. Connolly, 21, Havelock-st., York-rd., King's Cross, London.

YORKSHIRE cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/-; Norwich cock variegated, large bird, short tails, 5/-; best blood in world; through rheumatism cannot attend to them.—Robshaw, Shoemaker, Marton-cum-Grafton, York.

COCK Canaries, 5/- each, all on song; hens, 2/6 each, or 13/- for six; good feeders; Goldfinch Mule, 6/6; house-moulted Linnet, 4/-, on full song; satisfaction guaranteed.—H. Hare, 15, Central Bird Stores, Denaby Main, near Rotherham.

TWELVE pair Yorkshires, colour-fed, four Norwich cocks, six Norwich hens, eight cinnamon Norwich cocks, seven hens; large Goldfinch Mule new flight cage, 4 ft. 3 in. long, 2 ft. 4 in. high, by 13 in., loose front.—Sewell, 16, Seldon-st., Colne, Lancashire.

FORTY Canaries, Norwich and Andreasberg; cold-room bred; natural colour, green, clear, ticked and variegated; 1907 cocks, in full song, from 7/6; hens from 3/-; also double breeding cages, aviary to divide into four compartments, Crystal Palace aviary, and several small cages.—R. Morton, 15, Francis-rd., South Ashford, Kent.

PAIR typical prize-bred Norwich, breeders of excellent stock; also Norwich hen, very rich colour, unfed, all in excellent condition, 18/- lot; variegated Yorkshire cock, in all brass cage, 8/6; cock Bullfinch, in large singing cage, starting to pipe, 5/-; accept 30/- lot; offers in exchange; no live stock.—Mason, Pullwood's Cottages, Ambleside.

### Yorkshires, Norwich & Crests.

I challenge to have finest strain in West England, and sold many winners out my bird-rooms as anyone advertising. Here I give names of few towns where I have recently sent birds that have won numerous prizes, including cups and medals: Hull, Birkenhead, Bristol, Coventry, Stalybridge, Stockton, Bolton, Cheshire, Newcastle-on-Tyne, London, Northumberland, Liverpool, Gateshead, Yorkshire, Staff., South Africa, Canada, Australia, India; names and address given on application. Yorkshire cocks, standard length, feather like silk, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 17/6, 20/-; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 20/-. Winners cups and medals. Crest and Crest-breds, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 17/6, 20/-; hens, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 17/6, 20/-; Lancashires, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 17/6, 20/-; hens, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 15/6, 17/6, 20/-. Border Fancies, same prices as Yorkshires. Norwich cocks, Bullfinch type, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 17/6, 20/-; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 20/-. Have you tried my special pairs of prize-bred, in breeding cage, 12/6, 15/6, 20/-; cock Canaries, full song, in grand cage, fit for any lady's parlour, with glass shades, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; wall cages for cock Canaries, 1/6 each; cock Linnet Mules, Goldfinch Mules, Siskin Mules, 4/6; extra selected, for show bench, 7/6; cock Goldfinches, last season Mule breeders, 8/6, 10/6; muling pink-eyed Sib hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6; feeding hens, 2/6, 3/-; single breeding cage, 3/6; double, 4/6, 5/6; talking Parrots, month's approval, been in England three to six years, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, to £5; weekly payments taken; week's approval.—Baker, Bird Specialist, Bedminster.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, Yorkshire, and Cinnamon Canaries, 1907 and 1908 bred, also a few good stock birds and breeding cages, to be sold cheap; room wanted; C. E. Silk, Mackley, and Godley's strains; stamp for particulars.—M. J. Pickett, 47, Westbourne-gardens, Hove, Brighton.

### J. THORN, WOOLWICH.

has grand lot of Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries for song and breeding; cocks from 4/6; hens from 2/6.—J. Thorn, 37, Plumstead-rd., Woolwich, and 311, High-st., Plumstead.

### D. DE VON.

Pair mated Canaries, especially selected for breeding, with breeding cage complete, 10/-; cock Yorkshire Canaries, 6/6 each; hens, 3/6; Belgian Canary cocks, 5/6; hens, 2/6; genuine Hartz Mountain Rollers, 7/6 and 10/6 each; hens, 2/-.—De Von, 114, Bethnal Green-rd., London.

### MULES—HYBRIDS.

PEARSON, Greenwich, wants Mules; cash or exchange.

SIBS, best blood going, 7/6 each, cocks and hens. —E. Sims, Warminster.

LARGE house-moulted hen Bullie, certain to nest, 3/6.—H. Pickford, Stanley Villa, Frome.

SEVEN hen Goldfinch Mules, 5/6 lot.—Brimmer, Greengrocer, Scott-st., Treherbert, Rhondda.

TWO good hen Canaries for Mule breeding, 3/- each, 5/6 two.—J. Blackshaw, Butts, Coventry.

THREE cock Goldfinch-Canary Mules, 6/- each, or lot 14/-.—Richardson, 6, Lower Orchard-st., York.

OOCK Siskin Canary Mule, colour-fed, with new show cage, 10/6.—Yates, Hackney-lane, Darley, Matlock.

WHITE-LEGGED muling cock Goldfinch; three hen Canaries, lot 10/6.—Eastoe, 183, Thorold-rd., Ilford.

SIX cock Goldfinch Mules, 31/6; six good Norwich cocks, 33/-; all full song.—Cave, 65, Benford-st., Leicester.

SEVERAL choice Sib-bred cocks, cheap, or exchange muling Finches.—Geo. Dale, Wenden, Saffron Walden.

GIVING up, genuine muling Goldfinch and brown Linnet, full song, 6/- each; approval.—Fisher, 3, New-st., Luton.

THREE cock Goldfinch Canary Mules, 6/- each; two hens, 1/- each; lot, 16/-; approval.—F. Buck, Bondgate, Ripon.

EXHIBITION Linnet Mule, dark, guaranteed in full song, 15/-; approval willingly.—A. Pinner, Riding-lane, Wednesbury.

GREENFINCH-CANARY Mule, lovely songster, 5/-; Canary-reared Greenlinch, very tame, 2/-; ditto hen, 1/-.—Feltham, Broadway, Westby-road, Bos combe.

GOOD dark cock Linnet Mule, Linnet note and song, 8/6; approval; cash or deposit.—James Manders, Machen, Newport, Mon.

HANDSOME Goldfiuch, in lovely plumage and song, 4/-; deposit.—S. Newing, 31, Cadogan House, Beaufort-st., Chelsea, London.

WARRANTED cock Goldfinch Mules, full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; approval; cash or deposit.—Johnson, Junior, Wavendon, Bucks.

SPLENDID 1908 Goldfinch Canary Mule, show bird, splendid songster, Finch notes, bargain, 8/6.—William Williams, Park-st., Ruabon.

HANDSOME cock Goldfinch, with Canary, 8/6; singing cock Linnet and Canary, 3/6.—Mack, 32, Dames-road, Forest Gate, Essex.

LARGE Lancashire-Norwich cock, 6/6; several clear-bred muling hens, 4/- each; approval.—Barrett, Schoolmaster, Borneo-st., Walsall.

BULLFINCH hen, twice house-moulted, fertile eggs last season, 7/6; exchange Norwich hens.—Vallance, 15, Brunswick-st., Leicester.

TWICE house-moulted white-legged cock Goldfinch, good songster, 7/6; approval, deposit.—J. Kinsella, The Lodge, Ferns, Wexford.

TWICE moulted cock Linnet, clear hen Canary, warranted; both bred Mules, 5/6 pair; exchange.—Payne, 136, Willow-street, Leicester.

EXHIBITION Greenie Mule, won 1st and 4th only time shown; real beauty, 17/6; offer invited in exchange.—H. Pickford, Stanley Villa, Frome.

HANDREARED Groenies, with grand white-legged German hen Bullie, ideal pair; quite attached to each other, 19/6.—H. Pickford, Stanley Villa, Frome.

1906 COCK Goldfinch, proved muler, 7/6; 1907 buff Norwich hen, 3/6; 3-compartment breeder, 6/-, new; double, 2/-; three wire fronts, 18 by 12, 1/-.—James, Bayes, Irchester Northants.

HYBRID breeders, monster Greenfinches, about 100 exhibition yellow cocks, good bars, very large, 1/-; one housemoulted, 1/6; approval willingly.—Skinner, Mill-lane, Bristol.

GOLDFINCH Canary Mules, beautiful plumage, warranted cocks and good songsters, Goldfinch notes, satisfaction guaranteed, 7/6 each; travelling cages free.—Humphrey, Westgate, Thirsk.

HYBRID breeders, large green cock, father Bullfinch and Canary, 25/-; hen Linnet, feed from hand, laid in cage, 6/-; Linnet and Greenfinch cock, 15/-.—Henry Riley, Stowmarket, Suffolk

TWO cock Goldfinch Canary Mules, two cock Linnet Canary Mules, three Goldfinch Canary Mules, one Linnet Canary Mule, sex unknown, £1 1s. the lot.—H. Wheatley, Cumberland Cottage Lodge, Redbourn, Herts.

FOR Sale, dark Goldfinch Mule, winner at following shows, 1st, special, Boness, 1st special Denny, 1st Whitburn, 2nd Hamilton, 3rd Kilmarnock, 3rd Kilsyth.—Apply, Archie McWatt, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire.

TWO cock Goldfinch Canary Mules, 14/-; hen Canary, mother of same, 4/-; two cock Canaries, yellows, 5/6 each; two hens, 3/- each; approval, deposit.—T. Gayes, No. 12, Spencer-rd., Rushden, Northants.

HEN Canaries for light mule breeding, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; hens for dark Mule breeding, 2/-, 3/-, 4/-; cock Goldfinch Mules, full song, 6/-, 7/- each; hens, 1/-; Bullie hens, 2/6; approval willingly.—F. Heathcote, 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

WARRANTED cocks, Goldfinch Mules, 4/6, three 12/-; yellows or clears, selected for show bench, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; father of Mules, 8/6; mother, Sib-bred hen, 3/6, or 10/6 pair; week's approval.—Baker, Maltsters' Arms, Philip-st., Bedminster.

RARA Avis Hybrids, to breeders, cage-moulted Bullfinch cock, and Hawfinch hen, 20/- pair; Canary cock Bullfinch hen, 10/-; Goldfinch cock, mated Siskin hen, 10/-; ditto, 7/6; Goldfinch cock, Bullfinch hen, 7/6.—Cooper, Judge, Norwich.

NOTICE. Guaranteed cocks, Goldfinch Mules, splendid blaze, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6 each; can be seen any time; will send on seven days' approval; cash, or deposit with Editor.—Marsh, Freemasons Arms, Merceron-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

SPECIAL exhibition cock Bramblefinch 5/-; can supply following pairs Britishers for Muling or Hybrid breeding, outdoor aviary, October caught, 4/- pair; Yellowhammers, Chaffinches, Linnets, Greenfinches, Bramblefinches.—16, Havelock-rd., Luton.

REMOVING, must clear, grand Hybrid pair, monster cock Linnet and hen Bullfinch, 3/6; yellow cock Greenfinch and Cinnamon hen Canary, 4/6; lovely cock Linnet, 1/6; even marked buff Norwich hen, 3/6; two feeders, 3/6.—Smith, 4, Caroline-place, Aberdeen.

LIGHT variegated Goldfinch Mule, full Finch song, win local classes, 12/6; also few good colour cock Siskin, 3/6; hens, 1/-; all caged three months; exchange any above for common hen Canaries; stamp reply.—Nightingale, Market-st., Stourbridge, Worcestershire.

TEN pairs; Greenfinch cock and Bullfinch hen, for Hybrid breeding, not rubbish, but the pick of scores, and in the pink of condition, 5/6 per pair; also some clinking Greenfinch hens, 1/- each; three aviary-moulted Linnets, in full song, 3/6 each.—J. W. Bruce, Coldstream.

LINNET and Redpoll cocks, house-moulted, 5/- the two; hen Goldie Mule, 1/-; cock ditto, very large, 10/-; Goldie-Linnet Hybrid cock, very rare, 20/-; cinn. Greenfinch Mule, sure winner, next moult, 30/-; offers for lot; wanted, Siberian Goldfinch.—Jowett, 28, Portsmouth-avenue, Bradford.

GREENFINCH Mule cock, 6/-; cock Linnet Mule, show bird, 7/6; cock Bullfinch, 2nd Pendleton, vhc Altrincham, 2nd Sale, 10/-; Bramblefinch, show bird, 3/-; cock Chaffinch vhc Sale, 5/-; cock Redpoll, show bird, 5/-; cock Goldfinch, 1908, 5/-; muling Goldfinch, 7/6.—Morgan, Henshaw-st., Stretford, Manchester.

LARGE pink-eyed Sib. bred hens, sure light Mule breeders; Yellows, 7/6; Buffs, 5/6 each; Goldfinch and Linnet Canary Mules, in full song, 7/6; winners, clear and even-marked, gems, 50/- each; cock Goldfinch, 7/6; cock Linnet, very large Mule Breeders last season, 5/6; ten days approval.—Wm. Powick, Enstield House, Dewsbury.

LARGE, clear Sib Lancashire hens, 6/- each; you cannot get this strain and size except from me; pied Mule, 10/6; father above, large, square blaze, perfect tannings, moons, can win, 10/6; Redpoll Mule, 3rd open Southend, 12/6; father above, 2/6; giant, red-breast cock Redpoll, hen Siskin, 2/6 pair; giant cock Greenfinch, hen Siskin, 2/- pair.—Barnard, 7, Back-lane, Barking, Essex.

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PRICE List.—Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

MISS ROSEY, wants Macaws.—Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

PEARSON, Greenwich, wants Foreigners, acclimatised; cash or exchange.

PAIR white Javas, 3rd Swindon, show cage, 20/—80, Manchester-rd., Swindon.

DEALERS write for prices, Budgerigars, etc.—Ladbury, 142, High-st., Manor Park, E.

GREEN Budgerigars, from outdoor aviary, for sale.—Mrs. J. Waldy, 1, Green Park, Darlington.

APPROVAL; Yellow Budgerigars, outdoors, 6/6 pair; cocks, 3/-.—F. Rudkin, Beiton, Uppingham.

WANTED, Festive or other rare Tanagers, and cock Dyal bird.—Pennant, Soham House, Newmarket.

THREE cocks, one hen, Bengalese, cage-bred last summer, 4/- lot.—Freeth, 36, Vincent-square, Westminster.

SPLENDID pair of adult green Budgerigars, with four Harper's patent wire husks, 9/-.—15, Salcombe-rd., Leyton.

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COCKATIELS, 9/6 the pair, bred three nests last year, healthy; approval.—N. Leese, 13, Ayshford-st., Longton, Staffs.

SPLENDID grey African Parrot, with large, square cage, good talker, £5.—Scarborough, 3, Langley-road, Watford, Herts.

NOTICE. Grand acclimatised African Grey Parrot, good talker, 50/-; approval.—M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

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FINEST green-yellow show Budgerigars, outdoor aviary, guaranteed breeders, 7/6 pair; approval.—Jalland, Rookery, Horncastle.

ONE pair Cockatiels, have reared young, 10/-, 3 pairs Budgerigars, 6/- a pair; one hen ditto, 3/6.—Williams, Yetminster, Dorset.

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COCKATIELS, matched breeding pair Cockatiels, cold room birds, clean, healthy, etc., only 10/6; approval.—Miss Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

RED-VENTED Bluebonnet Parrakeet, cock, magnificently coloured specimen, 1st., spl. Hinckley, 2nd Leeds, 47/6.—Howe, Cambridge-st., Wellingborough.

DIAMOND Dove (minute), 7/-; Zebra, 2/6, both cocks, outdoors; pair African Silverbills, 2/6; part exchange adult Zebras; Zebras first.—Shone, Upton, Chester.

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PAIR Redrump Parrakeets, cock won five prizes, hen laid in cage, £2; pair Cockatiels, breeders, 12/6; Pope Cardinal, 10/-; exchange good Softbills entertained.—Mackenzie, 11, Kells-lane, Low Fell, Gateshead.

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TRUE pairs aviary-bred Budgerigars, 5/6; yellows 7/6; Cockatiels, 8/6; Lovebirds, 2/6; Cordon Blues, 3/6; Saffron Finches, 4/3; Silver Bills, 3/-; Japanese Nightingales, 4/-; Bengalese, 3/3; White Javas, 6/6; Grey, 1/6.—Feltham, Broadway, Westby-road, Boscombe.

TALKING African grey Parrot, acclimatised, healthy bird, never ailed in any way; speaks distinctly, and learns very quickly, being so attentive and intelligent, owner shortly removing, would accept moderate price for really good bird and its cage; shown willingly, being genuine.—Parrot, 8, Melville-st., Gainsborough.

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AFRICAN Grey Parrot, with cage, four years old, say anything, cleverest in kingdom, take £6 10s., cost £9; stamp particulars; pair Cockatiels, 13/-; three pairs Budgerigars, Green, 6/6 pair; pair Yellow, 8/-; all adult pairs, outdoor; cock White Java, 4/-; pair Yorkshire, cock won 2nd Newport, December, 30/- pair; pair Norwich, 15/-; two pair Crests, 15/-.—Geo. Hart, c/o Thomas Hart, Railway View, Measham, Atherstone.

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Over 1,000 birds, from clean, well-kept aviaries, from 2/6 pair, six pairs 12/-; price list post free.—Miss Roscy, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

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A few only of the following for sale (privately imported):— Great-tailed Whydahs, cocks, full plumage, 30/-; pair Red-collared Whydahs, full plumage, 30/-; young cock ditto, not in colour, 10/-; Pin-tailed Whydahs, cocks, 8/-; hens, 4/-; Red-headed Finches, cocks, 10/-; hens, 5/-; Alarios, cocks, 8/-; hens, 4/-; young yellow Weaver, species unknown, 7/6; only healthy birds will be sent.—H. E. Bliss, The Croft, Wallingford, Berks.

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114, Bethnal Green-rd., London. Telephone 5489, London Wall. Telegraphic address: Oiseaux, London. Egg flake, 4/- lb.; dried flies, 1/6 lb., 7 lbs. for 9/-, 14/- per stone, special quotations per cwt.; ants' eggs, 1/6 lb., 12/- stone; cuttlefish, 8d. lb., 7 lb. 3/6; mealworms, 1/6 1,000, 5/- lb., 3 lbs. for 10/6; pair of tame Seagulls, 5/-; also pair of large tame Heron Gulls, 7/6; Mexican Green Jay, 30/-; Yellow-wing Purple Sugar Birds, 40/- each; Virginian Red Cardinals, 20/- each; Red-vented Bulhulls, in splendid condition, 7/6 each, 60/- dozen; rose Cockatoos, 7/6 each; Firefinches, 3/6 pair, 12/- dozen; Weavers, Bishops, Silverbills, Tricolours, all 2/6 pair, 10/- dozen; Java Sparrows, 1/- each, 6/- dozen; cock Canaries, full song, 5/- each, 48/- dozen; hens, 2/- each, 18/- dozen; Goldfish, 3/6 100, 28/- 1,000. Golden Orfe, 4d. each, 3/- dozen; fish globes 10/6 gross; aquariums, rocks, snails, etc.; monster Vulture, Leopard cats, etc.; bushey-tail Squirrels, 4/- each; Steelfinch, 2/-; Adult breeding yellow Budgerigars, 8/6 pair, 10 pairs for 60/-; adult breeding green Budgerigars, 6/6 pair, 10 pair 45/-; green Budgerigars, second quality, 5/- pair, 10 pair for 40/-; Spicebirds, 1/6 pair, 6/- dozen, 40/- 100; white Javas, 8/6 pair, 33/- dozen; Bengalese, 3/- pair, 12/- dozen; guaranteed cock Pekin Nightingales, 4/6 each; Bib or Dwarf Finches, 4/6 pair, 18/- dozen; cock Nightingale, house moulted, 20/-; Jackdaws, 2/6 each, pure white Doves, 5/- pair; cock Starling, 1/-, cock Lark, 1/-; genuine imported Hartz Mountain Rollers, 10/- and 7/6 each; Hartz singing cocks, 5/- each; Hartz hens, 18/- dozen, 2/- each; hen Blackcap, 2/6; Cole Tit, 1/6; Redwing, 2/6; Missiethrush, 2/0; Lineatum Woodpecker, 1st Westminster, 18/-; cock Hawfinch, 6/-; hen Golden Oriole, 14/-; Babbler, 25/-; Greater yellow Hangnest, 18/-; Cuban Jay, 30/-; trade supplied.—Address as above. Tame rats wanted.

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Chaffinches, Bramblefinches, Skylarks, 6d. each; Barn Owls, 7/6; Short-eared Owls, 6/6; tame Magpie, 7/6; another, 5/6; Norweglan Hooded Crow, 5/6; Pigmy Owl, 5/6; Indian Pariah Kite, 15/-; Swan, 18/6; Peacocks, 18/6; Ravens, 30/-; Ringdoves, 1/-; Java Doves, 2/6; and a best Foreign birds. Lists.—Harris, Naturalist, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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## WANTED.

WANTED, Yorkshire and Norwich cocks, for cash.—Hyde, 56, Doddington-st., Salford.

WANTED, hen Greenfineh, must be tame; will give 1/-.— Bonus, Alphington, Exeter.

WANTED weekly catcher Linnets, Goldfinches, Bullfinches.—Broxup, Naturalist, Burnley.

SEWING machine; exchange Amazon Parrot; sell 50/-.—Ketley, 99, Wayman-st., Sunderland.

WANTED, hen Canaries, in exchange for electric battery.—Revell, Station, Shotley Bridge.

WANTED hen Mules, hen Goldfinch Canaries.—Andersons, 80, Trafalgar-st., Walworth, London.

WANTED Canaries; exchange tea sold at 2/-, packed in quarters.—Pitt, 32, Rose-lane, Norwich.

NOTICE, wanted Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, Siskins.—Blackett, 10, Philip-st., Kingsland London.

WANTED, Canaries for breeding; exchange silver watch; or sell 27/6.—Hall, 116, Glebe-st., Castleford.

WANTED British birds, Mules, Parrots for cash.—Barlow's Aviaries, 33 and 35, Woolwich-rd., Greenwich.

WANTED Linnet cocks for good Pekin Nightingale, singing, or anything.—Inkpen, Queen-st., Gravesend.

WANTED Bullfinches, Goldfinches, etc., Canaries, all varieties; cheap for re-sale.—Lewis, 79, King-st., Ramsgate.

When all the so-called aviaries have refused your stuff, try Pearson, Greenwich Market, he buys anything alive.

WANTED, good headed green Crest-bred hen, unflighted; exchange Norwich.—Rippon, Tobacconist, Chelmsford.

WANTED Thrush, constant songster indoors, outdoors; week's approval.—Woollard, The Links, Shrewsbury.

WANTED, Crest-bred cock, in exchange for pair of Yorkshires, or sell 10/6; cock first.—56, Church-st., Whitby.

NOTICE. Will give 5/6 per pair for good Yorkshires or Norwich.—Write Robinson, 77, Union-st., Middlesbrough.

OFFERS wanted, cash or useful exchange, for 115 CAGE BIRDS, to present date; plates.—Young, Reston, see "Borders."

B.S.A. air rifle, new, value 50/-; will be exchanged for good Yorkshires or Norwich.—Sam Drake, Ironmonger, Halifax.

WANTED, Canaries, or Rabbits; exchange guitar in case, 30/-; part cash.—Eastoe, 64, Benwell-rd., Drayton Park, N.

WANTED, anything alive, specially dogs, rats, Cavies, Ferrets, Rabbits, poultry, Parrots.—Pearson, Greenwich Market.

WANTED all kinds of British for cash; state price; will deposit.—Barnes, Bird Stores, Victoria-st., Merthyr Tydfil.

WANTED Goldfinches or Crest-bred cocks, for variegated, slightly Crested cock.—Flaimery, Birch-avenue, Brooklands.

WANTED Yorkshires or Norwich cheap for cash; or exchange seed and requisites.—Leach and Son, Bird Store, Keighley.

FOR cash, two large 1908 yellow or cinnamon-yellow hens, Norwich; approval; for mulling.—Speed, Ambrose-st., Bangor.

BRITISHERS wanted; will exchange for cages or for cash.—Palmer Sons, Islington Live Stock Co., Upper-st., London, N.

WANTED Canaries in song; exchange cages, wire fronts, nest pans, and glasses.—W. Robinon, 25, Britannia-rd., Fulham.

WANTED any quantity of British birds, also ben Canaries; please state price.—Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED for cash few Lizards, cocks, hens; approval; lowest price to Tldswell, Bolton Hall-rd., Bolton Woods, Bradford.

WANTED, two large unflighted Cinnamon hens, Norwich type; exchange Yorkshire cocks.—H. Whitaker, 3, High-st., Halifax.

WANTED, brown Linnet, bird 1908, trained under Roller with some good runs; approval.—8, Maryann-st., Linthorpe, Middlesbro.'

WANTED, two long, typical Yorkshire hens, give new Hexonal fly rod, sell 15/-; birds first.—Silshy, 42, Norman-rd., Newhaven.

WANTED a very densely-spotted Starling, must be fit to win another season; also Skylark.—Law, 40, Buckingham-rd., Dalston.

WANTED large good-coloured Grey Wagtail cock; exchange good 1908 Yellow Yorkshire cock.—Walker, 122, Burscough-st., Ormskirk.

WANTED, galvanised Parrot cage; exchange Yorkshire Canaries, Goldfinch Mules; cash.—Dehus, Prestwood, Great Missenden, Bucks.

WANTED Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins, and Linnets; state quantity and lowest cash price.—H. Jinks, 2, Bramall-lane, Sheffield.

WANTED pair Canaries; exchange rolled gold watch, by John Forest, London, sell 15/6.—Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

WANTED Canaries, any surplus stock, also Goldfinches, Linnets, Bullfinches; good prices given.—Baker, Bedminster Bridge, Bristol.

ROLLERS or household goods; exchange field glasses, 7/-; and opera glasses, 3/6.—Moore, c/o Sawyer, Bloomfield-st., Halesowen.

GROUSE and Partridges, wanted 10 pair each; also fancy Pheasants; state price.—William Wilson, specialist, 247 Argyle-st., Glasgow.

OFFERS in Canaries for Pom. Collie bitch; also Harmsworth Encyclopædia (unbouud), or cash.—Chapman, 59, Henley-rd., Edmonton.

WANTED, two large Norwich hens; exchange three high-class Seifert Roller hens, or sell 12/6.—A. Pinner, Ridding-lane, Wednesbury.

WANTED, clear Yellow York lires in exchange for two good fishing rods; no rubbish.—Burns, Kimberley, Leburnum Grove, Portsmouth.

WANTED pair good new luner tubes, 28 by 1½: give Yorkshire or Norwich to value, or sell cheap to clear.—Clarkson, Pine-st., Burnley.

WANTED Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign birds; exchange loose fronts, aviaries, or cages.—Dignan, Portwood Aviaries, Stockport.

WANTED, large, good-coloured Bramhlefinch, to moult, for unflighted buff Norwich hen; approval.—Johnson, 111, Heysham-rd., Southport.

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# The Cage Bird Union Annual Meeting.

**A large attendance of delegates, the business despatched in amicable style, and an insurance scheme put up for consideration.**

The annual general meeting of the Cage Bird Union held on Saturday evening, February 6th, in the Board Room, at the Crystal Palace, attracted an excellent attendance of delegates. A deal of important business was got through, the sitting lasting close upon four hours. One of the chief items on the agenda was the election of a secretary, and for this important post it was found that Mr. J. Raynes (the present popular secretary of the Norwich Plainhead Club), headed the voting. Mr. Raynes is, we understand, vacating the latter position in order to devote his energies solely to C.B.U. matters. He was introduced to the meeting by the chairman, and, amid hearty applause, expressed his intention of doing his level best to adequately fill the position to which he had been elected. The retiring secretary, Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe, received a hearty vote of thanks for his past great services to the Union.

Of the rest of the business on the agenda, five items may be said to stand out from the others in importance, and these may be summarised as follows:—

(1) It was decided that district committees should not have the power to alter the show date of any society which had been in the habit of adopting a recurring date, that is, had held its exhibition on approximately the same date or dates for a number of years past.

(2) Purely cage-bird societies are to have first choice of show dates.

(3) The Council is pledged to draw up a scheme of insurance, by means of which exhibitors losing their birds, either when journeying to and from, or actually at, a show, may be compensated in full, or in part, for their loss. The details of this scheme will afterwards be submitted to either the delegates or the societies (or both) for consideration.

(4) The "hated" Rule 17 was once again thoroughly discussed, and once again there was found to be a majority in favour of keeping it in its present form.

(5) It was decided that no further action could be taken with regard to affiliated members exhibiting at Yorkshire Union Shows, it being the general feeling that, though it was regrettable no arrangement could be arrived at, every effort had been already made by the C.B.U. with a view to its members supporting the Y.U. shows.

We had been led to believe that a "hot time" was likely to be spent at the meeting, but we were most woefully disap——, that is to say, our informant proved an unreliable prophet. We floated calmly from one resolution to another, the only approach to a storm being when Mr. Taylor (Bristol), emphatically ejaculated: "What has the C.B.U. done? It never will be no good, and never has been no good. That's my message to you, gentlemen." We all looked a little pained, of course. But no one ventured to answer his question or contradict his sweeping assertion. And no one said anything in support, either. So we had no excitement. Some of us smiled rather broadly, however, to find the representative of the very society (Newcastle) which moved the deletion of Rule 17, impelled by his personal convictions to make an impassioned appeal for its retention! Mr. MacPartling evidently feels very strongly that Rule 17 is a good thing, and he expounded his views with a flow of eloquence and an intensity of expression that would have put even a perfervid socialist orator to the blush.

The chair was ably filled by Mr. W. A. Bladon, and he was supported by the late secretary, Mr. Lythgoe (who is a delegate for the Pendleton and Salford Society). The other delegates present were Messrs. J. Trengove (Accrington), W. Freestone (Norwich Allinnce), S. Hadwin (English and Welsh Border Club), W. Sampson (Cardiff), G. J. Warley (Wimbledon), H. E. Tringham (London and Counties), W. J. Honeysett (Battersea C.B.A.), J. Hampshire (Oldham), T. Pope (Western Counties O.S.) E. Meades (Greenwich and Deptford), H. Newnham (Plumstead and Woolwich), A. M. Innes (Torbay O.S.), J. A. Tyler (Leicester C.B.S.), E. E. Pass (Hucknall Torkard), J. W. Mc'ealfe (Liverpool O.S.), W. D. Franks (Southend and S.C.O.S.), T. S. Moore (Cambridge and Cambs. O.S.), Robert Hall (Leek), H. Yeoman (Clapham and Dis.), D. A. S. Longden (Welsh National), J. Raynes (Norwich Plainhead Club), G. L. Harber (Merthyr Dowlais), T. Taylor (Bristol C.B.S.), J. Tyson (L.C.B.A.), A. E. Rogers (Dulwich O.S.), P. Jonkins (Swansea), A. Bradshaw (Sheffield), G. MacPartling (Newcastle), Thos. Taylor (Gateshead), D. R. Jones (Llanelly), R. Rhodes (Nottingham), G. Peters (Coventry), and J. W. Ramsden (L.P.O.S.), while we rather fancy one or two delegates omitted to sign the attendance book.

### The Business.

The first business was the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, which were passed as read.

On the reading of the report, Mr. TYLER raised the question whether the medal competitions were to be gone on with. He wondered whether they would give the medals in each district, on account of the slackness of the competition.—Mr. MEADES thought that this slackness was due to the fact that several shows had been held before particulars as to the competitions began to get known.—Mr. YEOMAN suggested giving a certain number of medals, according to the amount of competition in the various districts.—Messrs. MacPartling, Bradshaw, Hampshire, Freestone, and Hall also spoke, and eventually a proposition and amendment were moved, but Mr. Longden pointed out that they had a rule governing the matter which must be adhered to; and Mr. Meades supported him in this.—Mr. LYTHGOE said that the rule read competitors "may select four shows," not that they "must" take four shows, and he could say that it was not the intention of those who framed it that the latter meaning should be put upon it. Eight competitors had picked four shows, 27 three, and a few others less than that number.—Eventually the balance-sheet was passed as read (subject to correction and audit), on the motion of Mr. Honeysett, seconded by Mr. Rogers, so presumably those entitled to medals will get them in accordance with Mr. Lythgoe's version of the rule.

### Chairman and Secretary.

Mr. Bladon was declared elected President for the ensuing year, Mr. Rhodes, the only other nomination, having intimated that he could not accept the post.—Mr. BLADON briefly returned thanks, and said his sole desire was that the Union should be a blessing to the Fancy, and that all fanciers should put their heads together and work amicably for their mutual benefit throughout the country.

The voting for the secretaryship was announced to be: 73 papers returned; Mr. Raynes, 45 votes; Mr. Hadwin, 23 votes; with five votes between two other candidates.—Mr. RAYNES, in returning thanks for the vote, said that he intended to do his best for the Union, and to follow worthily in the footsteps of Mr. Lythgoe. He had a hard task in following so good a man, but he would tackle it to the best of his ability.

Mr. METCALFE raised the point that only 50 per cent. of the societies interested had voted, and said this was due to the fact that he only got his postcard on a Tuesday, and it had to be returned by the following Friday, so that he had no chance of calling a meeting to consult his society. It was an important post, and ought to have full consideration given to its filling.—Mr. LYTHGOE said that a delegate was empowered to vote on behalf of his society, and Mr. YEOMAN said he should not have thought that anyone would have wanted to call a meeting for such a purpose.

Mr. Hadwin proposed, and Mr. Bradshaw seconded, that Mr. Raynes be declared elected. Mr. Taylor (Bristol) moved an amendment that every society be given a chance to record its vote.

Mr. MEADES queried whether an M.P. went to ask his constituents how he should vote every time. He himself did not call a special meeting of his society, and should have thought it absurd to do so. Mr. FREESTONE agreed, and said that, although his society was over 200 strong, he voted "on his own." Mr. MOORE said that he did not vote because both gentlemen were quite unknown to him, and Mr. BLADON said he could quite believe that this was the reason many did not vote.

Mr. Taylor's amendment found no seconder, and Mr. Hadwin's proposition was carried unanimously.

The next business was to confirm new rules suggested and passed at the last delegates' meeting, viz.:—

(1) That all proposed alterations in the rules be sent to the general secretary two months prior to the annual meeting, and sent to all affiliated societies six weeks before the meeting.

(2) That rules can only be altered or added to at the annual meeting.

(3) That licences be not granted to purely cage-bird societies.

(4) That every delegate be supplied with a copy of the report and balance-sheet before the annual meeting. These were all unanimously agreed to.

Then followed alterations in the phraseology of the rules, as suggested by the Union's solicitors, viz.:—

(1) Add the words "per year" after £1 1s. in the third line of amended Rule 4, and to the end of rule the words "Any affiliated society and any individual wishing to terminate membership of the Union must give three calendar months' previous notice in writing to the secretary of the Union, to expire on the 1st September in any year."

(2) After end of Rule 8 to read: "Any appeal from their decision shall be to the Executive Council, whose decision shall be final and binding."

(3) Add to end of new rule, following Rule 8, "A district committee shall not, nor shall the Union, be liable for any loss or damage which may arise by reason or in consequence of the publication of any such suspension or proceedings aforesaid."

(4) After word "Union" on line 6 of Rule 16, add "or (if not a member of the Union) to be debarred from exhibiting at shows held under the Union's rules."

(5) After the words "think fit" of line 8, add "without rendering the Union or any member of such council liable for any loss or damage occasioned thereby."

(6) Rule 19. Delete the words "or umpire," and add to the third line after "birds" the words "or cage bird shows or," and substitute the word "submission" for the word "reference" in the sixth line.

(7) Add to end of Rule 11 of the show rules the words "and binding."

(8) After the word "affected" in line 4 of Rule 18 add "without being liable for any loss or damage arising by reason or in consequence of such publication," and at end of line 6 the words "without the Union or such council being liable for any loss or damage arising by reason or in consequence thereof."

It was explained that the above alterations were purely of a protective character. Alteration No. 1, said Mr. LYTHGOE was to compel societies to remain members for twelve months after they had joined, while the word "individual" was to cover associate members.—Mr. MEADES asked whether a society could rejoin after it had once fallen out, and, if so, on what terms.—Mr. LYTHGOE replied that that would be a matter for the consideration of the Council. Mr. Lythgoe also stated, in reply to further questions, that the Union could not debar a suspended member from competing in members' classes; further, that an affiliated member could show at a non-licensed fixture in members' classes, or in classes confined to the county.

### The "Hated" Rule 17.

Then came Rule 17, about which so much controversy has raged, and promises to continue to rage. Newcastle C.B.S. moved that Rule 17 be deleted, and business brought before district committees be first submitted to the societies, and the delegates instructed to vote according to their decisions. Mr. Bradshaw seconded this.

Mr. LYTHGOE said he had received a letter from Hartlepools C.B.S., stating that if Rule 17 were not deleted, they should resign from the Union.—Several delegates expressed the opinion that the Union should not listen to threats.

Mr. HADWIN said that at every meeting he had been in favour of doing away with Rule 17. He believed that if a certain proposition standing in the name of the Coventry Society were passed that day, this would do away with the necessity for it, for after one year's working he was confident they would have no need even to ask fanciers to join—they would do so without compulsion because of the great benefits accruing from membership.—Mr. BRADSHAW said he was dead against Rule 17 in the past, and was more dead against it now than ever. It was a rule they couldn't carry out, and was not worth the candle. It was not for them to say that a fancier should show at this or at that place. They couldn't do it; he defied them to do it. They could go on suspending, but there would soon be nobody left to suspend beyond the chairman and the secretary. (Laughter.) If the Union was worth joining, societies would join without compulsion. Let it be a union of hearts.

Mr. LONGDEN did not see why the rule should be deleted. It had worked all right, and been favourably received up to the present, for every vote taken on it had showed a big majority in its favour. Why should they be ruled by the wishes of a few? Once delete the rule, and you would soon kill the power for good of the Union.—Mr. LYTHGOE pointed out that at the last vote on the rule the figures showed an overwhelming majority in favour of it.—Mr. TYLER said there was a good deal too much of the "all for I" about the opposition, and he would like to see a little more of the "all for we." Fanciers should remember that they were units of a community, and act as was best for the whole body, not simply consider their own case. He was in favour of the rule.

Mr. HADWIN thought they should make the Union such a benefit to fanciers that they would join without any compulsion, even if they hadn't done it in the past. Mr. MOORE said they joined in Cambridge simply because they had to; they couldn't hold an open show without. They didn't like that "have," and he thought the Union could be worked without it.—Mr. YEOMAN strongly supported the rule. He could speak from experience that the Union had been a benefit to his society,, and it should be a benefit to the whole Fancy, consequently it deserved and ought to have the support of all.—Mr. POPE said that at dog shows a similar rule was in force, and no hardship seemed to be felt. He knew hird fanciers who also exhibited dogs, and who talked about Rule 17 "limiting the liberty of the individual," yet they raised no voice against the very similar rule obtaining in their other hobby.—Mr. FREESTONE said he was a great upholder of the rule. He contrasted last year at a certain show, then unlicensed, with the same fixture this year, licensed, and said that this season the birds got watered at the proper time, and properly stewarded.

Mr. TAYLOR (Bristol) said that it was the opinion in Bristol that if there was no Rule 17 there would soon be no Union. To belong to it meant that you were restricted as to where you could show. And what has the C.B.U. done? he asked. It never will be any good, and never has been any good. That's my message to you, gentlemen. Instead of having Rule 17, it would be much better if the C.B.U. representative, instead of hanging round show-rooms, went on to the railway platforms and saw that the cases were not thrown about. (A voice: He would soon get thrown about himself.).—Mr. Taylor was here called to order by the chairman.

Mr. ROGERS suggested making the rule more stringent still. Mr. LYTHGOE said that Mr. Ramsden first set his face firmly against that, for he held that it would debar hundreds of people from showing their one or two pet birds, and so be the means of societies losing a lot of money. Mr. MOORE said he could thoroughly endorse Mr. Ramsden's view. They could never hope to hold a paying show in Cambridge if every exhibitor was compelled to be a member of the C.B.U. They had a great number of small exhibitors of the type alluded to by Mr. Ramsden. To bar them would be to hit the Fancy very hard indeed. He knew his society could not afford to entertain the idea.

Mr. MACPARTLING here made a great speech, reeling off sentences at a rate that precluded the taking of anything but the briefest notes. He said it was the duty of every fancier to belong to a body that was trying its utmost to uplift the Fancy. In spirit he favoured the more stringent wording of Rule 17. Those who talked so much about "liberty" forgot that there was nothing free in nature. Rule 17 he considered beneficial, and most necessary to a body of men anxious to see that right was done. They wanted to bring the "clever" exhibitor down, and put the novice on an equal footing in all things, except, of course, those he must learn, such as colour-feeding. Rule 17 had been strongly opposed in the South. Well, London was the city of ambition, and with ambition one always had selfishness. He looked forward to the day when a sister C.B.U. would rise in Scotland and work hand-in-hand with their own. Could any man say why this should not be? No man could give a sound, valid reason why a Cage Bird Union should not exist, or why fanciers' societies should not belong to it. The language used by its opponents was sometimes degrading. They had only to scan the Press to be convinced of the necessity for such a body as the C.B.U. He hoped to see all true fanciers bound together in a bond of brotherhood. He strongly appealed to them to uphold Rule 17.

The proposition that Rule 17 be deleted was here put. Result: 7 for, 9 against.

The Accrington amendment, an addition to Rule 17, "That all exhibitors not affiliated either directly or indirectly to the C.B.U. be not allowed to exhibit at Union shows," was then discussed. It was supported by Burnley C.B.S.

Mr. HADWIN moved that Rule 17 stand as it is. Mr. RAMSDEN, in seconding this, said he strongly opposed the proposed alteration. He thought it a scandalous thing to try to prevent people from exhibiting, when they could do with all the entries they could possibly get. Scores and scores of shows lost money—in London that year losses of £20 to over £30 had taken place—and if they had to refuse entries they would lose far more in the future. In his opinion, it would work immense harm to the Fancy if the alteration under discussion came to pass, and prove the ruin of the Union as well. He had run fifteen Palace shows, and could say that they had averaged 200 strangers yearly who came and purchased odd birds or pairs; and they had hundreds of what he might term "occasional entries." Were they to turn the latter away and debar all these people from showing? No society could possibly afford to do it.

Mr. YEOMANS said he thought it was their duty to try and get all the new fanciers to become members of societies.—Mr. LYTHGOE said the amendment aimed at a good many fanciers who resigned from their societies in September and then rejoined after the show season was over. In Yorkshire and South Wales, for instance, there were a large number of unlicensed shows. It was not fair of societies to take these members back. They knew of a case in the North where even the chairman of the society resigned as soon as the show season opened, and joined again afterwards.—Mr. MOORE supported Mr. Ramsden strongly. He said that out of 800 entries at Cambridge show, 20 per cent were of one or two birds, and not from regular exhibitors. If the Accrington amendment were carried, it would cripple all societies.—Mr. BRADSHAW said it would involve tremendous work for the show secretaries; in fact, he did not see how they could carry it out. It would be extremely difficult to know whether every man who entered belonged to the C.B.U.

Mr. SAMPSON said that suspended exhibitors showed the birds afterwards in their wives' or sisters' or friends' names, down in Wales, and if this rule were amended that would put a stop to such practices. Mr. HADWIN said that for the first year or two societies would undoubtedly suffer severely from shortage of entries. The suggested alteration would debar all Yorkshire Union members from competing, and they were often responsible for the bulk of the exhibits in their particular section. Things would come right eventually, no doubt, but heavy losses must occur at first. Mr. FREESTONE said that at Norwich they got over 500 entries from outside societies, and if the Accrington proposals were carried, his society would have no option but to secede from the Union.—Mr. METCALFE said that Rule 17 worked very hardly for members of specialist clubs who were competing for their trophies. He knew cases where C.B.U. members lost a lot of points through being unable to send to a non-C.B.U. show having the specialist club patronage. These exhibitors could not stand this; instead, they now resigned from their societies, and got out of the influence of the C.B.U.—Mr. LYTHGOE pointed out that the Crest Club and Norwich P.C. would not grant their patronage to a non-affiliated show, and that if this were adopted the difficulty mentioned by Mr. Metcalfe could not exist.—Mr. METCALFE said that in the specialist club he referred to (the Green Canary Association) many of the members were Yorkshiremen, and naturally they wanted the patronage given to a show or two at their own doors as it were, as well as to shows out of their district.

The amendment of Mr. Hadwin, that Rule 17 stand as at present, was here put to the meeting, and 15 voted in favour, and only two against.

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# SINGING CONTESTS.

## PENTONVILLE, N.

At the Bee Hive, Cynthia-street, Pentonville-road, the usual weekly Chaffinch handicaps took place. Also the final contest of the two home and home races, viz., the Blue Anchor, Shoreditch, and the Bee Hive, Pentonville, Chaffinch against Chaffinch, scores to carry, for prizes value £4 a side. The Bee Hive bird was an easy winner. Mr. Simmonds (Blue Anchor) presented Mr. Mabbit, the winner, with a very handsome biscuit box. There was a large gathering of fanciers. The Bee Hive is open to a challenge through CAGE BIRDS, home and home race. "Charley Meacock" acted as timekeeper for the Bee Hive.

## LEEDS.

Usual Linnet singing contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, on January 30th, when 21 birds competed, and were judged to perfection by Messrs. T. Summers and J. Melia. 1st, Crowther; 2nd, Stead; 3rd shared by Buttfield and Stead. Also on January 31st, when 25 birds were hung. 1st, Sissons; 2nd, Crowther; 3rd, Solman. Judges, Messrs. Melia and Cooper.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Grand Canary contest held on January 31st, at King's Head, Shannon-street, when 17 birds competed. First bird was hung at 8 o'clock. Judges, Messrs. Summers, Melia and Pearson. 1, Rowe; 2, Chippendale; 3, shared between Rowe and Wigfield. Also on February 6th when our usual Linnet contest took place, and when 13 birds were hung. Judges: Messrs. Melia and Crane. 1, Stead; 2, Crowther; 3, shared between Buttfield and Sissons. Also on February 7th, when 21 birds sang. Judges: Messrs. Summers, Melia and Cooper. 1, Lister; 2, 3, Stead; 4, Crowther.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

## CHATHAM.

An open-to-all-England Linnet singing competition took place on January 31st, at "Three Brothers," for a 10 minutes' contest, the prize being a very nice lamp. There was a grand company of fanciers, who were highly delighted with the way in which the birds were matched together. Two or three good battles were fought out to a close and exciting finish. The first pair was between Messrs. C. Sedgewick's and Sage's birds, the scores being 60 and 37 repectively. Messrs. J. Clifford's and G. Purfect's were the next pair, the score being 69 and 58. Messrs. Harvey's and Cuningham's contest was won easily by the former, with a score of 65 points against 17. The best race of the day was between Messrs. Gardiner's "Nonpariel" and Harvey's "Champion," the score being 70 and 59, the prize being awarded to Mr. Gardiner, amidst much enthusiasm. Messrs. W. Cullum and C. Sedgwick were the scorers and Mr. C. Dorington officiated as timekeeper; they all give every satisfaction. The next of these meetings is to be held on February 7th, and will be open to all comers. Anybody wishing to join can do so.—H. GARDINER, sec.

## BOLDON.

Linnet contest held at Railway Tavern, Boldon Colliery, on January 23rd. There were 36 entries, and some good singing. 1st and 3rd, Tucker; 2nd and 4th, Brannen. The first and second birds were a credit to their owners.—G. ELLIOTT.

## YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet contest held at the Crown Inn, North Street, when 26 birds competed. Some excellent singing was heard. Result:—1, Moore; 2, Cole; 3, Lee; 4, Gurden; 5, Masshedea; 6, King. Judge, Mr. H. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

Weekly Linnet Contest, held at Bricklayer's Arms, Palmer Lane, Hungate, Jan. 30. Twenty-four birds entered, and some excellent singing was heard. Result: 1, Chaplin; 2, Whitehead; 3, Oldroyd; 4, Andrews; 5, Nicholls; 6, Whitehead. Mr. J. W. Paver judged. Mr. James Limbert, sen., was timekeeper.—W. EMPSON.

## LEIGH.

Linnet singing contest held at the Woolpack Hotel on January 30th, when Mr. Shovelton gave six good prizes for time singing only. Twenty-seven birds competed, and the singing was of the best for the time of year. 1, J. Hatham; 2, J. W. Jones; 3, P. Green; 4, R. Fairhurst; 5, J. Sefton; and 6, J. Seddon. Judges, Messrs. J. Poole and J. Fearnley; timekeeper, Mr. H. O'Neil. After the contest we enjoyed ourselves very much. There will be an open contest on February 13th at the Mill Stone, Wigan Lane, Wigan, where we hope to have a record entry from all parts.—JOHN W. JONES, 41, Cotton-st., Leigh.

## SHEFFIELD.

Contest, held at the Newmarket Hotel, Sheaf Street, as usual. The result: 1st Palfreyman, 82 secs.; 2nd Palfreyman, 61 secs.; 3, Fenn, 57 secs.—Nineteen birds sang.—H. FENN, Secretary.

## BLACKBURN.

The Quality Singing Association held their week-end rehearsal at the Old Red Lion, Snig Brook, and there was plenty of good singing before a good audience. Result: 1, Harrison; 2, Monk; 3, Smith and Hayhurst equal. Judge, Mr. Topping; timekeeper, Mr. Smith.—G. ROSTRON, hon. sec.

Rehearsal held on Jan. 30 before a good number of members and friends. Result: 1, Harrison; 2, Monk; 3, Smith. Judge, Mr. Wm. Totting. Also on Feb. 6. Result: 1, Rostron; 2, Hayhurst; 3, Harrison. Judges, Messrs. Christopherson and Topping. A discussion on quality singing will take place on Feb. 20 and will commence at 8 p.m.—G. ROSTRON, Hon. Sec.

## ENTRIES CLOSE.

**Feb. 12** (last post)—**Thirsk**—J. Bell, Ingramgate.
**" 20—Gorseinon**—G. Clarke, Gorscinon, Glam.

## PRIZE MONEY PAID.

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## LANCASHIRE C.A.

With the close of the Palace show the undermentioned gentlemen figure as in list, the first three in each section taking the points' medals, 1 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze. This is our final list: Champion section, Adams, 99 points; Garner, 64; Lowe, 59; Oldham, 35; and Laycock, 26. Novice section, Crossley, 45 points; Brooks, 36; Fish, 14; Beattie, 6; Whitehead, 4. Will members please remember that Sunday, Feb. 14th, is the last day for dinner guarantee, and we sincerely hope that they will respond and make our first dinner a success.—WM. ADAMS, Hon. Sec.

# THE CINNAMON CANARY CLUB ANNUAL MEETING.

Annual meeting held on Saturday evening, at the Crystal Palace. Mr. J. Wones presided in the absence of Mr. Bladon (president), and there were also present Messrs. O. Handt, J. Birtwistle, W. E. Seed, W. Dormer, H. Riding, J. H. Hargreaves, R. J. Pretty (hon. sec.). The balance sheet for the year was submitted and passed. It showed an income of £22 5s. 5d., and an expenditure of £19 16s. 2d., leaving a balance in hand of £2 9s. 3d.

The chief business on the agenda was the question of the type of the Cinnamon, and a long and animated discussion took place. Mr. E. Godley (Rishton) wrote suggesting that the bird should be of Norwich type, without restriction as to size. He would allot 25 points for colour; 20 each for type and size; 15 for quality; and 10 each for head and neck and condition—total, 100. Mr. A. Bentley (Great Harwood) wrote suggesting 40 points for colour; 10 each for quality, and wing carriage and compactness of tail; 15 for type, with good round head; 15 for size; and 10 for condition—total, 100. Mr. Dobson said this subject of type was brought up six years ago, and Mr. Bladon and Mr. Norman were deputed to get out a model. They did so; but since then opinions had altered, and the coloured plate as published in CAGE BIRDS was prepared.

Mr. DORMER: That was only to show the difference in the colours.—The CHAIRMAN: I thought that was pronounced to be the finest model ever seen. Mr. Norman simply got that out to show the colour.—Mr. SEED: The buff in the coloured plate is not Norwich type. If Mr. Dormer has plenty like it in his room, he had better get shut of them.—Mr. DORMER (taking the club's ordinary black and white sketch): You can't breed a bird with a body like this one, carrying short wings like this does. The wings do not come to the butt of the tail. What should we hear if we showed a bird like that?—Mr. SEED: You mean to say the tail is too long?—Mr. DOBSON: You are all finding fault. You try to breed one like the model and can't, and you can't show him, consequently the judges can't judge him.—Mr. HARGREAVES: The judges can't judge what is here.—The CHAIRMAN: The question before the meeting is the type of Cinnamon. The black and white sketch shows the bird too much across. It is too big for its wings.—Mr. HARGREAVES: One of the finest birds for type is your 3rd prize yellow.—Mr. DORMER: I move that we stick to the model we have, viz., Mr. Norman's coloured plate.—Mr. DOBSON: You will never breed a bird up to the ideal. It is only an ideal to work up to, that is all. Can we improve upon it?—Mr. DORMER: No; only in the standard of points.—Mr. SEED: I think the bird in the coloured model is too big.—Mr. HARGREAVES: That is what we have to work to.—Mr. DOBSON: Yes; the ideal.—Mr. SEED: If you go into the matter of type, I know of nothing better than to take the Norwich Plainhead Club's standard.—Mr. RIDING: It is better to have as an ideal a bird beyond our reach—a dream—a bird if you like. I second Mr. Dormer's proposal.—After further discussion it was agreed to adopt the coloured model of 1903 as published in CAGE BIRDS.

The following standard of points was drawn up, after much discussion, and adopted:—Depth of colour, 35 points; quality of feather, 15; wing carriage and compactness of tail, 10; shape and type and good round head, 20; size, 10; condition, health and cleanliness, 10—100. The standard as above is to be printed in the rules, and all judges to be notified to judge to the standard.

A discussion ensued regarding the advisability of having show cage perches uniform, and it was agreed that all perches should be of white pine, and all of one thickness.

Mr. Wilson wrote proposing that no judge should judge more than one club show, or where the club's patronage was given; and that a fresh judge be chosen to judge the next club show. Mr. Dormer seconded the proposition, and it was carried. Mr. Hargreaves moved that not more than four birds be nominated by one member to compete for points for specials where the club's patronage is given.—Mr. Riding seconded, and it was agreed to.—Two new members were nominated—Messrs. Seeley Bros. and W. Wortley.—A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings, which lasted close upon two hours.

## HEYWOOD AND DISTRICT C.S.

Annual meeting held January 26th in the Rechabite Hall, the president (Mr. J. Perry) in the chair. The financial statement for the year was read, showing a gain on the working, which proved very satisfactory. The following were elected to hold office for the coming year:—President, Mr. J. Perry; vice-presidents, Councillor Barrett, Messrs. H. Turner and J. W. Howarth; treasurer, Mr. R. Schofield; secretary, Mr. A. H. Meadowcroft; assistant-secretary, Mr. J. Ridings; committee, Messrs. R. D. McMurdo, W. Marsden, J. Mooney, W. Ridings, J. Booth, C. Pregnall, and J. Waddington; auditors, Messrs. L. Mayes and H. J. McNab.—A. H. MEADOWCROFT, Hon. Sec.

## HASTINGS UNITED C.B.S.

Annual meeting, held at headquarters, January 21st. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—President, Mr. E. E. Clarke; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. Parkin, M.A., J.P., F.R.G.S., F. Z. S., Harvey du Cros, J. Booty, A. Cleaver, J. H. Bellamy, P. G. Coombs, B. Jarrett; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Godden; hon. auditors, Messrs. J. Ashby and W. Ellis; hon. secretaries, Messrs. A. Godden and H. L. Harris; managing committee, Messrs. Barham, Button, Cragg, Stevens, Dawson, Mays, Pennells, Randall, Wilson George, Brooks, Cave, Upton. Holy Trinity Parish Hall was again selected for the annual show, on November 9th and 10th. Mr. J. Rohson was elected to judge.—A. E. GODDEN, Hon. Secretary.

## ECCLESHILL C.B.A.

Annual supper and social in connection with the distribution of prizes won by the members at monthly shows was held Jan. 29th. The large dining room at the Fountain Inn was taxed to its utmost. After doing justice to the good things provided we adjourned to the large concert room, where the silver cup and tea urns, etc., were presented to the winners in a few well-chosen words by our late president, Mr. C. Stebbings. During the evening songs were sung by Messrs. S. Wilcock, J. Oddy, S. Webster, and T. Elsegood. Selections on the gramophone were given by Mr. C. Mortimer. A vote of thanks to the host and hostess brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.—TOM ELSEGOOD, Secretary.

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# IN THE COURTS.

## A DEAL IN GOLDFINCHES.

An impudent case of fraud was investigated by the Chesterfield County Magistrates on February 6th, when a Bedford man named Harry Humphries, better known as Thompson, was charged with obtaining under the name of "R. North" the sum of 21s. by false pretences. On the 7th of November last a Bolsover (near Chesterfield) shopkeeper named John William Ward inserted an advertisement in the columns of CAGE BIRDS for some Goldfinches. Some time later he received a communication from Bedford, signed "R. North," which offered some Goldfinches for sale. A telegram was received the following day asking for 21s. to be sent on account, and Ward did this. After receiving an acknowledgment of the money, he had another letter, in which it was explained that the birds had been sold. On two occasions he wrote for the money to be returned, but his requests were not complied with. Enquiries showed that the prisoner had written the letters, and on 25th of January he was arrested at 16, Dane Street, Bedford, by Detective-Sergt. Tingay.

Prisoner's defence was that North told him on a certain date that he had had no response to his telegram asking for a deposit of 21s. to be sent, and so he had sold the birds to a man in London. The following day, however, the money arrived, and so prisoner wrote a letter to the effect that the birds would be sent the following week.—Detectivet Tingay gave prisoner a bad character, and the Bench passed sentence of three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

# THE JUDGES' LUNCH AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

The judges' lunch, held in the commodious and pretty grill room attached to the Crystal Palace restaurant, was a brilliant success. There was a splendid gathering of ladies and gentlemen interested in our hobby, complimentary alike to the L. and P.O.S. and the great show engineered by the society. Additional interest attached to the proceedings to-day, apart from that arising out of the fact that this was the "Jubilee" gathering, by reason of the presentations which were to be made to Messrs. J. F. Hills and S. Cook, on their retirement from active participation in the shows in an official capacity, after many years of honourable service as judges, and many long years of success as exhibitors. Messrs. Hills and Cook each received the gold medal of the L. and P.O.S., suitably inscribed, and ensconsed in a neat case. Mr. G. Crabb once again very ably fulfilled the duties of chairman. Amongst those gathered round the festivo board we noticed Mrs. Ramsden, Mrs. Matthes, Mrs. Rennie, Mrs. Mortlock, Mrs. Hodder, and Mrs. Anningson, with Messrs. J. W. Ramsden, Ramsden, junr., T. Heath, Russell Humphreys, J. S. Clarke, J. Hodder, W. B. Cobb, F. S. Matthes, J. H. Payne, G. Mortlock, H. Broadley, H. W. Battye, W. Mundell, T. R. Trower, C. Roehl, H. T. Camps, W. Vardy, J. Robson, A. N. Innes, Mooney, Contanche, Brooks,, Wright, E. W. Harper, H. Prentice, W. Read, E. Fox, Colton, Dawn, Lugg, Pearce, Adamthwaite, R. J. Pretty, Ruhl, Duesberg (Belgium), T. Gilbert, J. H. Roe, G. Peters, Morton, G. H. Couzens, Day, R. J. Pretty, W. Swaysland, A. Silver, J. F. Hills, Hills, junr., S. Cook, G. E. Weston, S. R. Compston, W. Hodson, J. Dobson, F. J. Green, J. F. Dewar, W. A. Lott, C. A. House, Fulljames, Inch, H. E. Tringham, H. Norman, J. E. Graves, G. H. Dring, J. Hazell, and F. W. Lester. The Rev. G. H. Raynor and Dr. Anningson were also present, and several with whose names we were unacquainted.

After the luncheon was over, the CHAIRMAN, on rising to make the presentations to Messrs. Hills and Cook, said both were old friends, and it gave him great pleasure to officiate, yet he was sorry that they should not be able to have them again as judges. Still, they had both had a fair innings, Mr. Hills having judged fer thirty years and Mr. Cook for ten. They hoped to see them often and often, although no longer judges. He would like some exhibitor to give his testimony, and tell them if there is any change in the birds nowadays compared with the time when Mr. Hills first began to judge. It's certain there was no Ramsden Colour Feed then. They had with them that day two fanciers from Belgium, one of whom, Mr. Ruhl, has not missed a Palace Show since 1862.

Mr. HILLS, in reply, said: I hope you will all bear with me. It is not a moment for a long speech. My heart is too full to speak. I thank you for this unique presentation—one that is without precedent. It is thirty-one years since I first judged, and there is very little difference in the birds. We used to have as good Goldies then as now. Mr. Jimmy Doel was our great exhibitor, and he used to stage birds quite as good as any staged since. There is no difference in the Linnets, but in Yellowhammers and other birds which are colour-fed there is naturally a difference. Speaking for my old friend, Sam Cook, as well as myself, I say we have done nothing to deserve a presentation. I have fifteen Masonic jewels, all of which are valued, but not one of them do I value as I value this. When I am gone there will be no value beyond their intrinsic worth attached to them, but this medal will be valued greatly, and will be handed down in my family as a most precious heirloom. My son, who is here with me, will think as much of it, and be as proud of it as I am. I thank you all most heartily. I wish you all great happiness, and the society much prosperity. Let me say that I want the likeness of everyone sitting round this table. (Mr. Ramsden caused laughter by handing up a proof of the photograph which had been taken at the commencement of the luncheon, and saying, "Here it is.") I have had an album prepared, and when I am too old to come to the Palace I shall derive much pleasure in looking at your faces, and though no longer able to be with you in the flesh, shall be with you in spirit. I have enough of my own photographs with me to give to all here, but I expect all who take mine to give me theirs in return.

Mr. COOK briefly expressed his thanks. He said he was proud to think they considered him worthy of being honoured in company with his old friend, Mr. Hills, and he, too, could assure them that the medal they had given him would be a treasured possession.

The CHAIRMAN: As this is our "Jubilee" show and our biggest show, and the show which "licks creation," it may not be out of place in proposing the health of the judges if I contrast the first one of all with the "Jubilee" show. To-day we have eighteen judges and nearly 3,000 entries; the first show had three judges and 411 entries. I couple with the toast the names of Messrs. Mundell and Russell Humphrys.

Messrs. Mundell and Russell Humphrys briefly replied, the former saying that it was the proudest moment of his life to be able to say he had judged the "Jubilee" show at the Crystal Palace.

Mr. Heath proposed, "The Chairman," and Mr. Crabb having responded, an enjoyable function came to a close.

# The Great Jubilee Event.

## THE FIFTIETH CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW SMASHES ALL RECORDS.

**Favoured by a Magnificent Entry, Fine Weather, and a Remarkable Attendance of Bird-lovers.**

The fiftieth—the "Jubilee"—exhibition of cage birds at the Crystal Palace, held on Friday to Tuesday last, February 5th to 9th inclusive, will go down in history as the breaker of all records. In practically every possible department this notable event put up a new record. The entry of birds, the attendance of the public, the sales of every kind—birds, appliances, catalogues, the business of stall-holders, etc.—all went easily one better than they had ever done before. In the matter of the weather, too, the fates were kind, for though a little on the cold side during the concluding day or so, right through bright skies and sunshine reigned supreme, adding immensely to the comfort of both the birds and the visitors.

### The Guiding Spirit.

And what a magnificent display of birds we had. What splendid support the fraternity of bird-keepers accorded the management. It is sufficient to show that the glamour of the Crystal Palace has by no means departed, and that the Faucy places the greatest possible confidence in the officials responsible for the running of its annual exhibition. The "Jubilee" event saw that "tried and trusty" gentleman, Mr. J. W. Ramsden, solely responsible for the conduct of the show, a task that sat lightly on his shoulders, ouerous though the duties and responsibilities attaching to it were in this year of records. Of a truth it may be said that Mr. Ramsden has redneed management to a fine art during the fifteen years or so that he has been identified with the managerial role. Every little detail receives its due share of attention, and every possible contingency is foreseen and provided for with a completeness that puts the possibility of failure right out of court. And Mr. Ramsden is not content to "mark time"; every season he goes one better than his previous attempts,, and never bave we seen the arrangements more astonishingly complete, or more completely effective than on this occasion. Mr. Ramsden's thoughtfulness, his tact and courtesy, and his great organising ability, earn him the thauks and the respect of all bird-keepers. Last year a huge special steam-pipe was erected right down the centre of the show, and dispensed a grateful warmth to the surrouuding atmosphere, but this year Mr. R. had a second pipe specially erected (and the cost of doing so is nos small), and the provision of these added most materially to the comfort of the birds on the benebes, and to the visitors who came to look at them.

A buge paid staff of helpers worked hard and well under Mr. Ramsden's guidance, and not a single hitch occurred in any direction, notwithstanding the tremendous entry and the tremendous crowds which invaded the show enclosure on the Saturday. Those "faithful feeders," Messrs. Small and Grutchfield, were once again at their posts, and we were pleased to see that the services of these veterans—this is Mr. Small's 38th Palace show, and Mr. Grutchfield's 43rd—were being recognised by a subscription list, which we hope may realise a goodly sum for their benefit.

### Workers All.

In addition to the paid staff, a tremendous amount of work was got through by Mr. Ramsden's fellow-members of the Londou and Provincial O.S., under whose auspices, as will be well-known to readers, the exhibition is held. Much self-sacrifice is demanded of the committee, and a more willing and cheerful band of enthusiasts it would not be easy to discover. The popular and kindly Mr. George Crabb once again lent valuable help, and his services on behalf of the Press were much appreciated. The hon. assistant secretary of the society, Mr. W. Hodson, a worker of real ability, also did everything that lay in his power to heln matters along. Mrs. Ramsden and Mr. Ramsden, jun., must not be overlooked. It is not easy to estimate the exact amount of assistance they rendered the show manager, but we have the best of reasons for knowing that it was very considerable, and very much appreciated. Others who put in long hours and did great deeds among the "strife and turmoil" incidental to both the unpacking and the despatching of the vast army of exhibits were Messrs. G. H. Couzens, F. J. Day, G. H. Dring, J. E. Graves, J. Hodder, J. Hazell, F. Lathkeiff, F. S. Matthes, G. Mortlock, G. Morton, J. Oldaker, and R. J. Pretty, while Messrs. H. C. Brooks, W. B. Cobb, and F. J. Green were also at one time or another to be found in the thick of the fray. Praise is the legitimate due of one and all, for the greatest possible pains were taken in every direction to ensure the comfort and well-being of the birds under their care, and we did not hear a single grumble or fault found on this score, which in itself is high commendation.

During the show, we may say, the seed-eating birds were fed upon seeds supplied by that well-known firm, the "King's seedsmen," Messrs. James Carter and Company, of High Holborn. and the insectivorous birds upon foods and yolk of egg supplied by Messrs. Trower and Company, of Caledonian-road, N.

### The Lookers-on.

The attendance was, as has already been indicated, simply remarkable, astonishing even the optimistic Mr. Ramsden, and entirely upsetting his calculations with regard to the catalogues, for, although he ordered a record number, they were right out of print early on the Monday evening, and he was reduced to various shifts and devices to get a few more to go along with. Bird-lovers came from far and near, and in numbers never before approached—even in the huge crowds which filled the show-room on the Saturday the fancier element was always predominant. The football tie being played at the Palace in the English Cup competition accounted for another record happening. For the first time in the history of the show the doors had to be closed, and the waiting crowds regulated by gentlemen in blue coats. But they were very orderly crowds, so far as the bird show was concerned, and seemed genuinely interested in the many—and no doubt novel—birds they saw. We heard of no untoward incidents, though before the press of visitors came under control, the barriers at one end of the enclosure were removed, the curtains torn down, and people commenced to pour through this improvised opening in, so to speak, the wall. The long distances travelled by some of those present will be realised by reference to the extract we shall give next week from the Visitors' Book which lay upon our stall. With the huge attendance, naturally business was brisk, and the stall-holders had a very busy and profitable time.

### At the Sales Office.

Not the least important among the records established at the show was that put up hy the Sales Office. Open from 3 o'clock to 10 o'clock on Friday, from 10 o'clock to 10 o'clock on Saturday, from 3 o'clock to 10 o'clock on Monday, and from 3 o'clock to closing time on Tuesday, the stewards in charge of the sales were kept as busy as they cared to be. At times there were literally scores of people waiting to be made the happy possessors of some bird or birds that had taken their fancy, and among the purchasers were several titled ladies and gentlemen. Close upon 400 sales were effected in all, the Extra Stock class accounting for barely a quarter of this number. The amount realised on the sales was nearly £330—£328 to be precise—which compares with about £260 last year.

The most sensational sale was Mr. Wallace's Crested hen, which was claimed at catalogue price, viz., £15 15s. This bird won 5th prize in a class of only eight exhibits. Mr. T. Irons' Norwich cock, 4th in its class, was claimed at £5 10s., which was the price paid for Mr. Wilcock's highly commended bird in the same class. The first prize bird in the Roller Canary open class, belonging to Mr. C. Roehl, was claimed at £5, and Mr. J. W. Rennie's clear yellow Yorkshire at £3 10s. The second prize bird in the Novice Norwich ticked or unevenly-marked buff class, belonging to Mr. W. T. Hill, was claimed at £3 3s., and Mr. H. Young's Crest-bred hen at £3. Fifty shillings each were paid for Mr. D. H. Tedstone's buff Norwich hen, vhc in its class, and Mr. Burton's yellow Yorkshire hen, 4th in its class. In the British bird classes the highest figure was £5 10s., which was the price at which Mr. R. D. Parlett's Linnet "The Unbeaten," 1st in a class of 40, was catalogued. This bird has won nine 1sts, including that at the recent Scottish National Show. The 2nd prize bird in this same class, belonging to Mr. McLeod, was also claimed, the catalogue price being £3 10s. The winning Bullfinch, belonging to Mr. S. H. Mays, changed hands at £2 10s. The 2nd prize Lesser Redpoll, belonging to Mrs. F. Clark, was claimed at £5 5s. Mr. S. Hakes' 4th prize Hawfinch was claimed at £3 10s., and Mr. W. Bishop's 3rd prize Siskin at £3 3s. Three pounds was the figure at which Mr. W. Francis's Goldfinch, highly commended in its class, changed hands, and the same sum was paid for Mr. C. Botting's Corn Bunting, 1st in its class. We heard, too, that Mr. Maxwell's winning Black Redstart found a new owner at £5. In the foreign bird classes several good sales were effected, the most important being Mr. C. H. Row's pair of Gouldian Finches at £5, and a Superb Tanager, belonging to Mr. J. W. Rose, at £3 3s. The 1st prize in the A.O.V. cage class, a brass Parrot cage, was claimed at £2 5s.

### The Chubby Ones.

There was a drop in the entry in the Norwich Plainhead section as compared with that of last year of over fifty, but, taken on the whole, we think the quality was in advance, and must have given those writers who have been exploiting the idea that in the present day there were no good Norwich a severe but, we trust, a pleasant shock. We think the most pessimistic cannot but admit that the past season has seen a great advance in both type and quality, and the size has been well maiutained. We must say we have looked in vain for those said-to-be whole classes containing nothing but birds with big long barrels, long wings, and tails and heads that would do credit to Crested-breds, and feel sure they exist only in the fertile imagination of the writers. We have wondered who would be bold enough to apply these terms to the winners in the unflighted classes, or in fact any of the classes. In the unflighted buff winner we have a fine example of a good big one, a veritable tip-topper—evidence of the breeder's triumph. The breeder of this bird should certainly feel proud of his achievement, and to him we raise our hat. We were struck with the splendid condition of nearly the whole of the exhibits, and the clean and smart style in which they were staged. But very few were showing the effects of the wear and tear of the show season. The special for best bird went to the winning clear yellow, and that for second best to the winning unflighted yellow. Mr. W. Vardy made his debut as a judge at the Crystal Palace, and we think he did his work well, and gave general satisfaction.

### The Yorkshire Greens.

There was a good display of Greens, most of the "cream" being on view. Without doubt the symmetry and depth of colour in this variety is progressing. Far better also in quality of feather are these noted dark-hued specimens than what was in evidence some few years back. An item of this kind always gives one pleasure to record. In the Yellow selfs, Mr. T. Wardale stood first with a richly-coloured and grandly-feathered bird, closely followed by a beauty benched by Mr. P. Clayton. Two stylish Buffs were those standing 1st and 2nd, owned respectively by Messrs. T. Rowlands and H. Hughes. Both these were greatly admired by those who swear by the sombre coloured variety, and were admitted to be specimens far above the ordinary—an opinion we feel justified in endorsing. In the fouls, both Yellows and Buffs, Mr. P. Clayton scored both firsts, his representatives being gems of the first water. Of the two birds, pride of honour, we thought, rested with the Yellow, he being a regular stormer, and a pleasure to observe. Mr. T. Rowlands and Mr. N. B. Fielden were in close attendance with a brace of a most pleasing description.

### The Norwich Greens.

Norwich Greens made up a nice collection, and as in the Yorksbire section the best birds of the country were on view. This variety is greatly on the improvement, both in type and quality. Rapid strides have been made this last few years, and the improvements that strike one most forcibly are tone of colour, and bead properties. Smoky texture of feather is dimlnishing, and the character of the head is of a far better shape, not so many flat skulls and brows about. What a field day Mr. V. H. Deacon had, claiming all the four first prizes, besides many other mentions of a minor description. His representatives were really magnificent, and we should say just about the best team ever put down by one fancier. The self buff and foul buff were a treat to observe, both real eye-openers, and shown in absolutely the best possible condition. Other very attractive exhibits were those the property of Messrs. J. H. Isaac, Lawson, Jenkins, and Harrison.

### The Wee Gems.

With an average of just under a score per class there can be no denying the fact that the Borders have firmly established themselves in the affections of Southern fanciers, who contributed a goodly number of entries and also secured a fair share of the prizes. The entry was about half-a-score below that of last year, but it should be remembered that upon that occasion the Border Club gave its patronage, which it did not to the fixture under notice. Taking the section through, two things struck us particularly, viz., the number of chubby shaped ones in the cards, and the fact that some remarkably good examples of the breed had evidently not received that careful toileting which is so essential to the staging of a high-class Border if all its properties are to be correctly approximated and valued by the judge. It is not right to show birds of the highest quality in anything less than the highest form. Type, carriage, and quality are the great essentials of the breed, but how can a judge weigh up the merits of a bird if the quality of feather is covered with dirt? Those who erred in this respect should take the hint. Those old breeders, Messrs. Duncan and Logan, of historical Coldstream, secured the special for best bird in the section, with a lovely unevenly marked bird, a really grand representative of the breed, but it must have been run very hard by Mr. Patterson's evenly-marked buff, one of the finest birds ever staged, we should say, and is well named "Perfection." Had the special gone to this bird the breeder would have been rewarded for producing such a living picture. In each of the classes the quality was splendid, and there was very little separating a lot of the birds which caught the judge's eye.

With just one under an average of ten per class the Lancashires provided a really special display, and some most excellent representatives of the breed were staged. The general average of merit was higher than has been associated with the Sydenham event in recent years. Birds of great length, with proportionate stoutness, plenty of feather and nice style, were prominent, and as showing how smart a lot they were, it may be said that there was not one cripple amongst them, and all were of nice carriage. One failing we noticed, but it was not general, and that was that some of the birds were not put down in the condition they should have been; certain exhibits looked as though they suffered from lack of soap and water, whilst others bore evidence of the tubbing having been badly done. The section was an interesting one, and those who like to see the old breeds well represented were pleased with the quality staged. The special for the best bird in the section was captured by a fine bulky yellow Plainhead, a strapping bird, full of good Lancashire characteristics and a credit to his owner, the veteran "Teddy" Lowe. Taking the section through, very little fault could be found with Mr. Compston's awards.

A better lot of Lizards have never graced the Palace boards than those which were to be seen there last week-end. Colour, shape, size, spangling, and cap properties were to be seen in great profusion and most beautifully blended. Mr. Dewsnap's Broken Gold is another wonderful bird, but there was no denying the right of his Broken Silver to the special for best in the section, for boldness and distinctness of spangling, regularity of rowing, combined with colour, shape, and size it is one of the best ever bred. In this class Mr. Dewsnap repeated his Rochdale performance by scoring 1, 2, 3, whilst Mr. Rukin owned the next pair as he did at the town on the Roch. This is a coincidence not often recorded, in fact it might be styled unique for the first five birds from two different studs to hold the same positions under two different judges at the first and last shows of the season.

### The Choristers.

The great interest which has been taken of late in the Roller Canary fancy was this year clearly proved at the Palace, not only by the members of the British Roller Canary Club, who came from near and far, but notably by the general public coming to listen to the strains of the different birds with a view to obtaining a better idea of the value and richness of the Rollers' song. Strangers and visitors listened with rapt attention to the beautiful tours and rolls of these charming little songsters. One cannot really understand how such sweetness and euphony can be obtained from such slender and delicate throats. The trouhle and care necessary to produce such little musical boxes are almost beyond human conception. The most notable birds of the strain in question have of late years been bred from imported birds by different gentlemen in this country, and with the greatest success, as is shown by the distinction and prizes they have secured for their stock, demonstrating at once that birds bred in this country from good stock can hold their own in any competition. The judging of the Rollers was left in the hands of that able judge, Mr. F. A. Lester, and his awards met with the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He was ably assisted by Mr. C. Mooney as steward.

The Novice Section contained some enormous classes. For instance, there were 42 unflighted Yorkshires in one class; 37 unflighted Norwich Plainheads, 29 Norwich hens, and so on. The quality in the Norwich classes was excellent, and more than once the remark was heard: "Oh! those Novices! They know as much as the Champions." One gratifying feature in these classes, from a breeder's point of view was that the variegated birds got a due share of recognition in competition with the clears and ticks. There was a decided improvement in the matter of quality in the yellows, and this without any sacrifice, but rather with an improvement in shape. The hens made a grand show, type, clean cutting, and richness of colour being well in evidence. In Yorkshires, some truly representative birds were staged, both yellows and buffs being strong classes. It is more than ever evident that the graceful bird of the county of broad-acres is advancing still in popular favour, and the competition in these Novice classes proved that it is as difficult to score therein as in the Champion section, if not more so. Crests and crest-breds were numerous, and very level in point of merit. There were some smart Lancashires, and some really rich and pure coloured cinnamons. These, however, were not numerous. The Limit classes were huge collections, and contained some bargains, which were quickly snapped up. As an illustration of their numerical strength, it may be mentioned that there were 326 specimens in 7 classes, an average of 46 per class!

What a wonderful collection were the Yorkshires! It is many a long day since such superb quality was in evidence, and specimens of a most marvellous character met one's gaze. This variety claimed the honour of providing the most entries in any one section. These creatures of "grace and beauty" were most captivating. Straight as rushes, delightfully clothed as though chiseled out of polished marble, of wonderful length, nervy and stylish, pert to a degree, were the majority of those on view. The equality of merit was most pronounced, and great must have been the difficulty to decide as to which should take precedence. Many hard battles were fought, and condition more than anything else, in most instances told its tale. Birds that have during the season done well were to be seen fairly low down in the cards, "wear and tear" being responsible. The eight champion classes contained 170 exhibits, giving an average of practically 21 birds per lass. Cinnamon Ticks in the 4 classes provided made a total of 44. The Yorksbire Challenge Cup was responsible for the great excitement that prevailed amongst the fanciers of the "Broad-acred Shire." Messrs. Bailey and Swanger and W. H. Shackleton had ruu neck and neck as regards points right through the season, the former being the fortunate winners of this splendid trophy, which now becomes their own property, the Palace Show deciding the matter. Whose was that ruddy and smiling face, who, instantly after knowing the result of the final "Cup-tie," left our reporter hastily to wire his "better half" the glad tidings.

"The finest lot of Mules ever brought together," was the comment of many a Hybrid enthusiast, and we think it very correctly represents the feeling of all who viewed the grand display made at Sydenham. Not only in the matter of rarity and the magnificent manner in which the majority of the exhibits were staged, but also in the most striking manner in which the evidences of the diverse parentage could he seen in the choice and handsome specimens which graced the benches. It was not in one or two classes only that birds of the highest quality were to be seen, but right through the section class after class, and in not one single instance could one say there was a class of mediocrities. Looking at this collection and then casting one's thoughts back to the days when light Goldfinch and Goldfinch-Bullfinch Mules represented the high water mark of the section, one could not but admit that enormous have been the strides made by the followers of the fascinating pursuit of hybridisation. Mr. Dewar judged with marked ability, and the most censorious could find little fault with bis awards.

### The British and Foreign Birds.

The classes allotted to British birds were a splendid success, a very fine entry being obtained rigbt through, and the quality, as the judges bore witness, was wonderfully high. The popular seed-eaters mustered very strongly. The Goldfinches were a most level lot, with no really outstanding bird amongst them, and we have no hesitation in saying that the Bullfinches and the Linnets (especially the latter) were the finest classes for numbers and quality seen at the Palace for many years. All in the cards were birds of the highest order of merit. The classes for Redpoll or Twite, and Bramblefinch, and Greenfinch were stingers, and the task of "spotting" the winners one of no small difficulty; we thougbt the judge, Mr. Silver, was very happy in bis selections. The veteran Mr. Hills also had some grand classes put in front of bim, and be, too, got through his task—the last of a long series—in a manner that left very little room for adverse criticism. That he found the best birds in every class could not be questioned. The genial Walter Swaysland found the insectivorous section a particularly fine one, many very beautiful exhibits being entered therein, and the condition in which the birds appeared, and the manner in which they were staged, we have never seen excelled. Truly, exhibitors as a body are making wonderful improvement in their knowledge of Softhills and artistic ways of showing them. The special for the best British bird fell to a perfect Tree Creeper staged by that old fancier, Mr. S. H. Mays. But his bird was severely pressed by the Black Redstart and Chough belonging to Mr. Maxwell, and the Linnet of Mr. Parlett's. A surprising number of the winners found purchasers at high prices, which looks well for the British bird Fancy.

All that good management could do was done both for the comfort of the Foreign Birds and the public, and to ensure a record success. The staging and care of the birds was all that could be desired, and the chief regret is that these efforts were not rewarded with a larger entry, but they were rewarded with a number of rare and uncommon birds among the 116 entries, spread over nine classes, averaging 13 per class. Exigencies of space forbid a description of these, but a bare list of those which are either new to the show bench during the season 1908-9, or have not appeared thereon for some years, will be of much interest. Black-checked Lovebirds (these have become almost common in about a year), Black-throated Lorikeet (see description elsewhere in this issue), Violet-necked Lory, Meyer's Parrot (either a first appearance, or after a long period), Painted Finches, Yellow-browed Buntings (these have possibly appeared previously, though not of late years), Slaty Grey Finch (a first appearance), Black-throated Tanager, Emerald Spotted Tanager, Rufous-throated Blue Tanager, Black-cheeked Tanager (a first appearance), Mexican Green Jays, Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler (probable first appearance), Slaty-headed Scimitar Babbler, White-spotted Laughing Thrushes, Rufous-chinned Laughing Thrush, Yellow-eyed Babbler. Truly a goodly list, of which any management may well be proud; time has not permitted any searching of records or more definite details might have been given, and the list probably increased. Among those not enumerated above were many beautiful and uncommon species, among which we may mention Mr. S. M. Townsend's Black-headed Sugar Birds as being specially noteworthy from the fact that this pair of birds have nested and laid eggs during 1908, showing that this species may yet be bred in captivity

### The Judges

The judges were Messrs. H. W. Battye (Novice Yorks), T. Brown (Scots and Belgians), H. T. Camps (Parrots, etc), S. R Compston (Lancs. and Lizards), S. Cook (Cages and Brit.), J. Dewar (Hybrids), J. Dobson (Clnns., etc.), T. Heath (Yorks. and Crests), J. F. Hills (British), Russell Humphrys (Foreign), F. A. Lester (Rollers), W. Mundell (Yorks.), J. Robson (Borders, etc.), J. H. Roe (Novice Nor., etc.), A. Silver (Brit.), W. Swaysland (Brit.), W. Vardy (Norwich), and G. E. Weston (Brit.). Although raining hard first thing on the Friday, during the morning the weather cleared, and except for occasional dark, cloudy intervals, the light during the judging was good. The hard task was completed in every case in excellent time, and the prize-cards—a tremendous job in itself—were affixed to the cages with promptitude by the stewards. We did not hear serious grumbling at the awards in any section, though we met several individuals with "grievances," as is generally the case at a show of any size. It is remarkable how much room for difference of opinion there is to be found about practically every bird, and we overheard many highly animated discussions going on concerning the merits of different specimens. On the whole we think the judges are certainly to be congratulated on emerging from so light ordeal with such conspicuous success.

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## JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges Terms for insertion on application.

**W. O BARLOW,** The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate

**J. C. BARNES,** 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate

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**S. W. BIRCHLEY,** Altrincham, Cheshire, Specialist Judge British birds and Mules; life experience; terms moderate.

**J. W. BRUCE,** Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

**W. G. BULL,** Victoria Road, Redfield, Bristol Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

**W. A. COWGILL,** 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

**A. G. DAVIS,** Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.

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**J. DOBSON,** 14, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds of Cage Birds.

**GEO. GARDNER,** 11, Haverstock Road London, N W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds

**C. A. HOUSE,** 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

**R. LAMBIE,** 29 and 31, East Main-street, Whitburn, N.B. Judge of all varieties cage birds; specialist in Borders, Crests, and Crest-breds; 20 years' experience.

**E. A. LOVELL,** 19, Islington-rd., Southville, Bristol Judge of cage birds; all varieties.

**F. MARWOOD,** 1, Arnold Street, Thornaby-on-Tees Mules, British and Foreign; British a speciality 18 years exhibitor. Terms moderate

**W. R. MILES,** The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

**W. MUNDELL,** 6, Car Isle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

**H. NORMAN,** The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey Hybrids and British Birds.

**J. NORTH,** 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, Britis and Foreign Birds.

**J. PATTERSON,** Chilnside. Judge of Cage Birds All varieties Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

**J. H. PAYNE,** 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

**C. E. SILK,** The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of Canaries and all Cage Birds. Life experience.

**HENRY TAMS,** Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

**S. TICKELL,** 22, Honey-st., Bodmin. Judge cage birds, all varieties, rabbits, cats, and cavies. Specialist in Norwich, Cinnamon, and Lizards. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

**R. B. TOPE,** Hoe Street, Plymouth. Judge of Cage Birds. Rabbits, Cats, and Cavies. Twenty-five years' experience

**J. WILCOCK,** 14, Chapel Street, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. 25 years Breeder and Exhibitor leading shows.

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## TWITTERINGS.

We have extended our radius, writes Mr. G. Smith, secretary of the Grangemouth and Dis. O.S., to six miles.

Kindly note my change of address, writes Mr. Jas. Irlam, secretary of the Sale Open O.S., to 86, Harley Road, Sale.

The show of the Cambridge O.S. will be held on December 8th and 9th. The cage birds will be judged by Mr. C. A. House.

Banbury Show report should read, in the Norwich class: 1, spl, Lewin; 2, Hall; 3, Dale, and not Holland.—A. LEWIN (Oxford).

We have decided to hold our annual open show on October 1st and 2nd, writes Mr. W. Clarkson, secretary of the Burnley and District C.B.S.

Hinckley Show will be held on October 22nd and 23rd, writes the secretary, Mr. W. Warner. Will secretaries please note to avoid clashing?

The catalogue of the Crystal Palace Show gives Class 92, No. 1,539, as belonging to Mr. J. H. Williams, whereas it belongs to me.—J. H. WILLOWS.

I had many replies to my last advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. James Kinsella (Wexford). I could not answer all, only those who enclosed a stamp.

Kindly state that Mr. Cowgill, of Bradford, is the judge elected for the Menai Bridge Cage Bird Show, to be held on February 27th, writes Mr. J. O. Williams (Bangor).

I take the opportunity of congratulating you especially upon the life-like plate of "Foreign Birds" in your birthday number of CAGE BIRDS.—H. B. TIMAEUS (Bedford).

I had so many replies re my Goldfinch advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. F. Monk (Halstead), that I was unable to reply to all. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

All the copies of CAGE BIRDS which were at the show of the Greenock, Port Glasgow, and Gourock O.S., writes Mr. J. Sanderson, the assistant secretary, were eagerly snapped up.

I am pleased to tell you, writes Mr. J. Dobson, London, N., that the engraving (coloured) issued by you November 7th, 1903, has been accepted by the Cinnamon Club as their model.

Kindly announce that I have removed from No. 3 to No. 27, Redland Street, Malpas Road, Newport, Mon., writes Mr. W. H. Barnes, secretary of the Newport and Monmouthshire C.B.S.

Kindly note that I have been appointed secretary to the Pendleton and Salford O.S. in the place of Mr. Jackson, writes Mr. Harry Clayton, 42, Anne Street, Higher Broughton, Manchester.

Mr. Sam Dean will give a lecture before the Morley and District C.B.S., writes Mr. Robt. H. Turner, the hon. secretary, on February 27th, when it is hoped there will be a large attendance.

At the recent Tredegar Show I won extra third in the Scotch Fancy class, writes Mr. C. Farrow (Merthyr Tydvil). I have received prize-money already, which speaks well for the Tredegar Society.

In Messrs. Butler and Waring's, of Coventry, advertisement of Norwich Canaries last week there was a printer's error. The words "Their well-known £22 pair" should have read "Their well-known £2 2s. pair."

I am only a novice, and since taking your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, I have gained a lot of experience, and think it a good penny-worth. It is a paper which no bird-keeper should be without.—JAS. BEATTIE (Liverpool).

We have secured the services of Messrs. W. P. Barnes (Grantham) and A. Brown (Gateshead), writes Mr. E. Cowling, hon. secretary Morpeth and District C.B.S., to judge at our forthcoming show to be held on October 16th next.

You will be interested to know, writes Mr. S. Crook (Scarborough), that the picture of my young Goldcrest, which was reproduced in the Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS, was awarded a bronze plaquette in last month's "Photogram."

Will secretaries please note, writes Mr. T. Duckitt, that I have removed from number 96 to 91, St. Sepulchre Gate, Doncaster. I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for a good many years, and have always found it valuable and interesting.

Kindly note that I have been appointed secretary of the Bramley and District O.S., writes Mr. Alfred Tate, and that all communications respecting the society should be addressed to me at 5, Prospect Terrace, Bramley, near Leeds.

I was surprised on going to Calow Show, writes a local correspondent, to find it so badly supported, all classes but one (Yorkshires) being cancelled. This was said to be a "boycott" on account of the removal of the snow from Chesterfield to its "native heath," Calow Village.

Owing to the general meeting of the Federation of Cage Bird Societies, taking place on February 11th, writes Mr. J. Dewhurst, hon. secretary of the West London Fanciers' Association, our pair show will be postponed until February 18th. All other details are as per schedule.

Kindly thank all who replied to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS the week before last, writes Mr. Jas. Pollock (Larkhall). I had 46 replies to same, and am unable to thank all individually. I may say I had replies from all over England, Wales, and Scotland, and got a very satisfactory exchange.

The Eccleshill C.B A., writes Mr. T. Elsegood, the secretary, are to have a paper read to them on the Yorkshire Canary, by Mr. C. Whiting, of Bradford, on February 26th, at the Fountain Inn. Fanciers are invited to hear this experienced breeder give his views. The chair is to be taken at 8 o'clock.

I regret to inform you, writes Mr. A. Tonks (Wednesbury) that I was not able to send my Goldie Greenie to the Crystal Palace Show, as it unfortunately got all its flights knocked out of one wing a few days before. This bird is the one you kindly depicted in your 1908 annual, and has won many prizes.

It may interest readers of CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. G. Rosser (Brixham), to know that we have in our garden a Robin which has built its nest in an old hat, and is sitting on four eggs. It has been sitting since January 24th. Last year a nest was found in a tin can in the same garden, and the young were reared.

Having been asked by many in Leeds and elsewhere if the Hull Linnet Club is still running, writes Mr. Fred Allen (Leeds), allow me, through your valuable paper, to state that it is, and that the great open singing contest will take place, as usual, on Whit Monday. The secretary is Mr. E. Mawes, 47, Spencer Street, Hull.

## OBITUARY

### Mr. JOHN THOMSON (Bankhead-by-Aberdeen).

I am sorry to have to announce the death of Mr. John Thomson, Waterford, Bankhead by Aberdeen, the esteemed president of the Woodside and Bucksburn O.S., whose illness was referred to in your columns on the day of our show last November, writes Mr. Alex. Thomson, secretary of the society, and son of the deceased. He had suffered much since the operation. He was for 25 years the leading light of the society, sparing no pains to further the success of all its ventures. He was a very popular official, and highly esteemed by all fanciers in Aberdeen and district, who feel his loss very keenly. I am sure all will extend their deepest sympathy to his widow and family. Personally, I will feel his loss greatly in the conduct of our shows, as he always took my place on the show days between times when I had to go to business.

Mr. L. A. Cannon, of Hemel Hempstead, when sending us an advertisement of Norwich Canaries, asks us to explain to those who answered his advertisement of some few weeks ago and got no reply, that this was due to unforeseen circumstances taking him away from home, and on returning he found the letters had got mislaid.

Kindly note, writes Mr. W. Reid, hon. secretary of the Sunderland C.B.A., that I have removed from No. 2 to No. 14, Plantation Road, Pallion, Sunderland, and that all communications for the society show should be sent to the new address. We have engaged Messrs. T. Heath and J. Stanger as judges for our annual show, to be held November 19th and 20th.

Kindly announce that the Wandsworth and District F.A. are holding a concert and distribution of prizes, challenge cups, specials, etc., on February 18th, at the Red Lion Rooms, York Road, writes Mr. W. Summers, the hon. secretary. Ladies are specially invited. Admission is free by ticket, to be obtained of any member. Fanciers will be cordially welcomed.

I must congratulate you upon your excellent paper, CAGE BIRDS, both for its good, sound information and for its advertising advantages, writes Mr. W. Lawton (Glossop). Through my last advertisement in CAGE BIRDS I have sold all my surplus stock of Lizards. I have sent birds to all parts of England, Scotland, and Wales, which, I am sure, speaks well for the journal.

The following gentlemen have been elected to judge the forthcoming shows of the Highgate, Hampstead, and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. Geo. H. Neal, the hon. secretary:—Pair Show, February 27th, Mr. W. Shakespeare; Finch Show, April 29th, Mr. Allen Silver; Young Stock Show, July 10th, Mr. J. Robson; and Annual Show, November 12th and 13th, Mr. G. Gardner.

## TO READERS.

Despite the provision of extra pages, we have been quite unable to cope this week with all the matter awaiting publication.

We have been compelled to hold over our review of the stalls at the Palace Show, and the list of visitors taken from our Visitor's Book, but we hope to give them next week, together with the members' shows, club reports, etc., also "crowded out."—EDITOR.

The Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS was very "hot" indeed.—ARTHUR T. JUPE (Petersfield).

Many thanks to CAGE BIRDS. The last plates we got were real toppers.—JOHN TUCKER (Aldbourne).

I would advise Manx fanciers to be solely guided by your charming paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. P. McClusky (Douglas, I. of M.), as it is impossible for the novice, with this journal, to err. I wish C.B. every success.

I must thank you for insertions of reports, etc., during the past season, writes Mr. W. Stafford, secretary of the Stockport B.F.A., and trust that CAGE BIRDS and the "Cage Birds Annual" will go on increasing in circulation and exceed your expectations.

CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL is to hand this morning. I am very pleased with it, and trust you will have good sales for same. It is a very useful book to all fanciers, and handy reference when anyone is in doubt about anything.—THOS. E. NICHOLSON (Pilmoor).

Mr. J. B. Townend having resigned the secretaryship of the Harpenden A. and F.A., the committee, writes Mr. W. P. Jeffcock, the chairman, have appointed Mr. William Young, P.A.S.I. (St. Albans), and Mr. J. W. Wilkinson (Aldwickbury Farm, Harpenden), as joint hon. secretaries, and all communications connected with the association should be addressed to them at the association offices, Station Road, Harpenden.

Kindly call attention to our change of headquarters, writes Mr. David Kay, secretary Musselburg O.S. Our last meeting was held in the Central Halls, Bridge Street, owing to some misunderstanding which we cannot as yet solve. However, our new place is more commodious, and the larger hall is more suitable for a show. With all the inconvenience, however, we had a large meeting, and eight new members were proposed, which is highly satisfactory. I would impress on intending members to join as soon as possible. It is the intention of the office-bearers to make Musselburgh the largest club in Scotland.

Kindly inform all who have not received an answer to their letters sent to me inquiring about the birds that I advertised in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. John B. Henderson (Gourdon), that I could not supply them. I have answered all who enclosed stamps. The post girl here informed me, jokingly, that if this was to continue I would require a boy with a barrow each mail. The demand for Norwich Plainheads shows that there is no decrease in the love for our charming little favourite, the chief requirements being big yellow cocks and marked buff hens. Any fancier having such for disposal should advertise without delay in CAGE BIRDS. Wishing your valuable paper every success.

### Bath and District F.A.

There will be a smoking concert held at West's dining rooms, Boro' Walls, Bath, on February 18th, at 7.45 p.m., writes Mr. H. Turtle, hon. secretary, of the Bath and Dis. F.A., when all members and friends are cordially invited. The programme will be contributed to mostly by the members. This is in place of the monthly general meeting.

### A Much-Wanted Rule.

The British Ornithological Union has at last passed a much wanted rule to expel any member guilty of taking or receiving eggs of the rarer species of birds breeding in the United Kingdom. It is a pity the Union's laws cannot be enforced beyond their own membership, for many a supposed naturalist and bird lover is a great offender where rare birds' eggs and skins are concerned.

### Echoes from Uddingston Show.

That Uddingston's first effort was a big success, and an item in the history of the village; that the "tonians" took a lively interest in it; that Secretary Campbell was congratulated on his double luck on all hands, home luck and show luck; that Mr. Scott Millar's (Broomhouse) four-horned ram was a great attraction to the visitors; that the association appreciates his kindness for the loan for exhibition purposes; that next year they will require more room; that ladies were much in evidence; that greater efforts will be made next year; that Hon. President Prentice, Esq., is very popular, and so were his wins; that President John Kilpatrick is a hard worker; that A. W. Forrester did good service; that the association is on the right lines; that the management are happy.—SCOTCH FANCY.

### The Proof of the Pudding.

It is no small satisfaction to the Editor of CAGE BIRDS to hear that his advertisers are pleasing his readers. Every year that popular and successful bird specialist, Mr. W. Rudd, of Norwich, comes up smiling to us with a splendid batch of up-to-date and origiual testimonials he has received from delighted clients. None of these tributes are included in those printed by him in advertisements, and one and all show most convincingly that the methods upon which Mr. Rudd conducts his business are thoroughly sound and straightforward. It is indeed a pleasure to see a business like that of Mr. Rudd's perennially flourishing, for by such tokens as these just to hand, emanating, as they do, from every district in the United Kingdom, and many of them from the Continent and abroad, it deserves to prosper. All the postmarks are recent, and the handwritings serve to show what a varied clientele Mr. Rudd lays himself out to satisfy. The growth of Mr. Rudd's business has been far more phenomenal than the growth of the industry itself; and, indeed, we shall not be overstepping the mark in saying that it is to such enterprising traders as Mr. Rudd that the Fancy owes its present vitality and dimensions.

# Through a Bird-room Window.

By the REV. C. D. FARRAR.

(*Continued from page* 53.)

### Chapter XXVI.—My Yellow Budgerigars.

I like to gather opinions. It is an excellent thing. You need never adopt them, like the good Irish Prelate, who declared with emphasis that he never took an important step without consulting his Canons. "But do you always follow their counsel, my Lord?" asked a friend in amazement. "Never," was the emphatic but rather disconcerting reply. That is much my line of conduct. I ask for advice, but seldom take it; for as most of my readers know by this time, I am as wilful as a stalk of ling.

What led me to take up Budgerigars at all was the financial question. I wanted something to pay the seed bill. Foreign bird keeping is nearly all loss. What with the original cost, and what with untimely deaths, a man who keeps a big aviary wants to be a millionaire, and, as I was not, I looked around for something wherewith to economise. Somebody told me that Budgerigars were just the thing, they would breed like chickens, cost next to nothing, and would give absolutely no anxiety on the score of health. I recognised at once that these were the very birds I had been looking for so long. And I determined to invest at the first opportunity.

I had not long to wait, for on consulting the advertisement columns the next Friday, I saw several pairs of Yellow Budgerigars offered for sale. I at once wrote off to have them sent, and as I was told that Budgerigars always do best in company, I ordered four pairs. They duly arrived, but I was not particularly struck with them, as to me they seemed more green than yellow. Moreover, they were not the giant specimens I had been led to believe; nay, I thought them a bit undersized. However, I determined to give them a trial, and put them into a nice sheltered indoor aviary together.

A morning or two afterwards I thought that one or two of them looked a bit "shivery" but I hoped it was only my fancy. They seemed, too, a little bit drowsy, and sat with their heads under their wings in a decidedly melancholy way. I thought they might only be tired after their long journey, as they had come from Devonshire. But sad to relate, they seemed to grow more and more weary from day to day, until one morning I found that several of them had decided to leave this mortal sphere. I wrote and told the lady of their departure, but of course she could not understand it, as they had always been in an outdoor aviary.

It was no good complaining, as I had to put up with my loss. Three hens at 9s. each did not look to me like paying the seed bill; but I had lost so many valuable birds in the past that I felt rather like a friend of mine, who was once taking a Mission for the Vicar of a parish near Bolton. As he was walking with his friend down a side street, they met an old woman, and the Vicar asked her after her husband, who was very ill, saying, "I am afraid he is very ill." "Yes, sir," she answered, "but I do my best to prepare him for what's yet to come. I read the Burial Service to him every day to get him used to it."

At the time, I knew of a neighbour who had some Yellow Budgerigars, and to him I went in my distress, and he very kindly let me have three hens. The widowers showed such joy on their appearance, that I can only hope for the credit of the gentlemen that they imagined their late parners had returned to life. I may remark here in passing that it is always best to put a lot of Budgerigars together, in equal sexes, as they are naturally gregarious in their native state. Never allow an odd bird in the aviary; as there will be continual battles, and disastrous results as far as breeding is concerned.

Budgerigars do not want a big aviary, one about 8ft. square and say 11ft. high will afford ample accommodation for a dozen pairs, but be sure and remove the youngsters, as they get able to fend for themselves, as they will monopolise their parents' attention to the detriment of their little brothers and sisters, besides making constant and too often successful attempts to get into the nest.

For nests, I find boxes far superior to cocoanut husks; these latter are seldom big enough; especially when the youngsters begin to grow. I always get my boxes made by the village joiner, and they are simply miniature Parrakeet boxes, about 4 inches wide and about 8 inches deep. The hole should be near the top, with a short branch of very hard wood placed immediately under the entrance. I have a hinged lid, so that I can see what is going forward within, and of course I make a nice cup-shaped hollow in the bottom to prevent the eggs from getting rolled about.

Put the boxes as high up in the roof as possible, and fix them by preference to a transverse beam so as to baulk the mice. I always put zinc along the beam, as this affords no foothold for mice. It does not matter how close the boxes are together, as each pair of birds knows its own particular box, and woe betide the stranger that pretends to make a mistake.

In putting down a flock of Budgerigars it is well to mark them in some way, as otherwise when you begin to sell the adult youngsters, it is dreadfully easy to sell an old one by mistake, and then you will lose a nest of promising youngsters. A beginner thinks that nobody could mistake an old Budgerigar for a young one, but I know, by fatal experience, how easy it is. Rings are often advertised for the purpose, but I did not find them much good, as the birds made it a point of honour to unfasten them as promptly as possible after I had put them on, and only those who have watched them would credit how clever they are. I found that a far better and less tiring way for their owner was to mark them on the rump with a drop of Judson's dye; it is very little disfigurement, and it lasts till the breeding time is over.

Nobody who has not tried it can realise how a Budgerigar can bite. They always seem to get hold of a nice soft place, and they will hold on long after you are tired of the game. It requires a certain amount of dexterity to avoid a nip. Get hold of the bird just behind the head, and then he is helpless, but miss that particular part of his anatomy, and you will have cause to regret your clumsiness.

Talking about catching Parrakeets, I shall never forget the language of a friend who once tried to get hold of my friend Solomon—not the King of Israel, but an old Cockatoo. I really had to take him to task quite seriously. I said, "My dear fellow, on the next occasion you want to use words that in a calmer moment you will regret, count twenty." I regret to say that his further remarks were, as they say in the Police Court reports, quite unreportable.

In the way of feeding, Budgerigars give no trouble. Give them a constant supply of good, clean Canary seed, a big bit of cuttle fish bone to nibble, and a regular supply of groundsel, and they will never give you a moment's anxiety. I never by any chance give mine any sop. I don't believe they would eat it in the first place, and if they did, I feel pretty sure it would upset their internal arrangements. Green food, however, they must have; not only for their own good, but to enable them to rear their young successfully. Remember, they are as their name implies, Grass Parakeets, and in their native Australia, they subsist almost entirely on half-ripe grass seeds. I should not call Master Budgerigar much of a musician, although he is known as the Warbling Grass Parrakeet. I call him a bit of a trial; he is rather like a certain District Visitor I once knew, who was always tapping like a Woodpecker at the study door of the Rectory, until the poor Vicar confessed that dear Mary Jane was one of those persons who you could neither do with nor without!

As a rule, Budgerigars are not long about family matters. Within a very few days of being introduced to their new abode, they will begin to examine all possible boxes with a view to future breeding operations. The hen will spend a few days fettling up the inside, and then, after looking a little bit puffy, she will one morning disappear into the box. Then you will not have long to wait for eggs. The number laid is anything from three to six; I think the average is about four. About the fifth day I open the lid and take out the eggs and hold them up to the light. If transparent, I know at once they are unfertile, and then I remove them, and things have to begin *de novo*.

The eggs are laid every other day, so that the young do not all arrive together, which is perhaps a wise provision of Nature; as imagine the labour of feeding a big party of hungry youngsters all of an age! As it is, it often happen that the eldest born will be fully fledged, when perhaps another in the same nest will be only a few hours old. If supplied with an abundance of food, this does not matter a bit, as they will all be successfully reared.

To see the feeding is most interesting. At first you can see nothing, as the hen does all the feeding, the cock coming to the mouth of the hole to supply her with food, which she passes on to the brood. I have seen him go and peep at the nesting hole, but he got but little comfort.

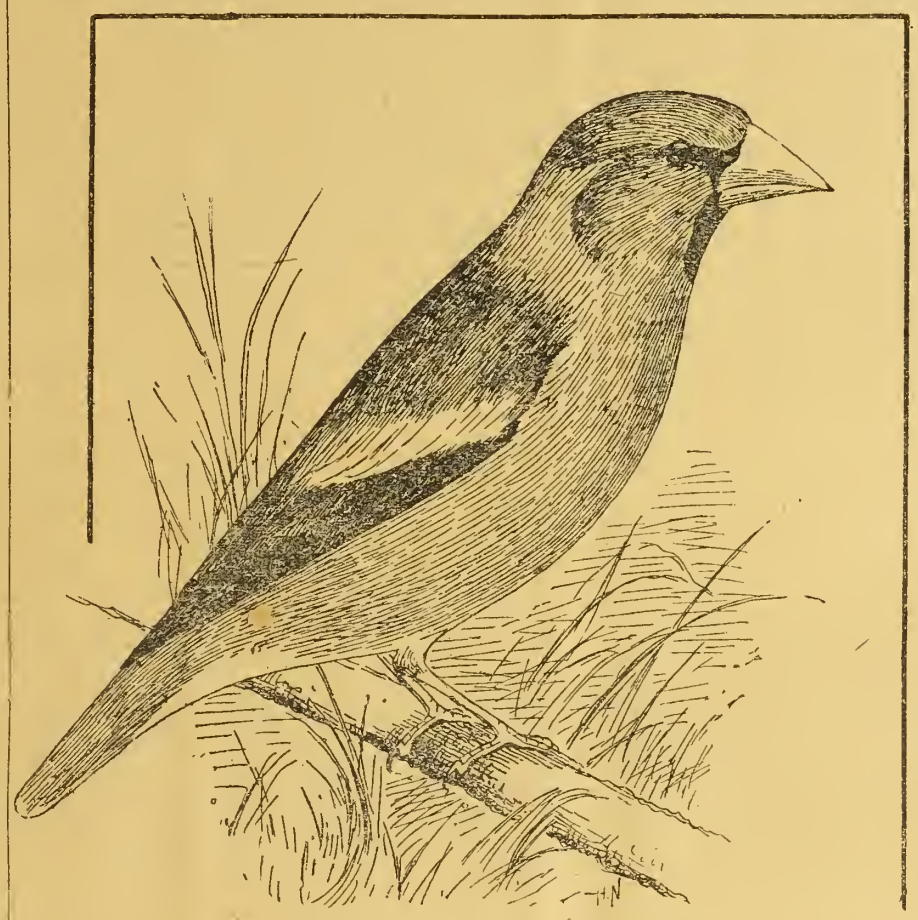
At about the eighth day the lady emerges from the box, and henceforth takes but little interest in the feeding. All is left to the cock, but should he unfortunately die, as is sometimes the case, I have known the hen do all the work and successfully rear a big brood. The young come out at about 21 days, and are then quite as big as their parents, but if the brood is a large one, they come out earlier, often before they are half feathered, and then they can only cling and crawl up and down the wires, but it makes no matter, the cock will find them and gallantly attend to their wants, and, as Shakespeare says, each wise child knows its own father. They are lovely little things at this period; of a pale primrose in colour, and as fat and sleek as moles, with laughing black eyes. The big ones are usually the cocks. I say the colour is "primrose," but some people might call it "yaller," like our postman, who once described a neighbour's face, who was suffering from jaundice, as "that yaller, it made me drop two letters and a parsil."

As I said before, it is always well to remove the youngsters as soon as you see them well on feed, as they only worry the old ones and prevent future nesting operations. When once you get a flock well started, they are no bother, as they would breed all the year round; but I never let mine do so, as in very cold weather the hens are apt to get egg-bound and die; and I believe that what is called "French moult" is very largely the result of allowing birds to breed in the winter. Birds suffering from French moult never grow their flights, and if they do, they are so weak as to be of no use. Such birds never do any good, are always an eyesore, and it is far more merciful to put them out of their misery. I always drown them.

Yellow Budgerigars still pay to breed, as I found that dealers would always give me about 13s. a pair, and when you consider the cost of seed, this will be found to be a very remunerative trade. In fact, Yellow Budgerigars are the only birds that I can truthfully say have paid their way. At one time I went in a good deal for trying to make things pay, but I found, like Mr. Brooke in "Middlemarch," "that it would carry me too far—over the hedge, in fact."

Was it not Dora Greenwell who said "that the meeting of both ends was a somewhat sad ideal at which to aim." Heaven knows I have tried it often enough, but what I should like would be the ends to tie in with a nice bow.

(*To be continued.*)



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# Can Mules Breed?

By FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.,

**Author of "The World's Birds."**

A little matter of a couple of dozen centuries ago, Darius, king of Persia, was besieging Babylon, the mighty and the wicked, and a certain Babylonian, jeering at the Persian attacking force from the wall, shouted out "You will take this city when Mules breed." He did not mean Canary Mules, but the horse-and-ass variety; for it was a lot too early in the world's history for our advanced aviculture, though I have but little doubt that the Goldfinch Fancy probably existed even among the Babylonians, if they kept cage-birds at all, as they practically certainly did, being skilled in animal management.

To proceed with the story, however, not long after a baggage mule in the camp of Darius actually did produce a foal. This set Zopyrus, the beast's owner, racking his wits in earnest as to how to take the city, which he succeeded in doing by the simple, if heroic, expedient, of cutting off his nose and ears, and presenting himself to the Babylonians as a deserter who had been thus brutally maltreated by Darius, getting into their confidence, and then betraying the city to his master—a pleasing Oriental device to be pondered on by a generation so fond of trusting easterns as ours is. Thus Herodotus tells the tale, and I repeat it here to show how ancient is the belief in the sterility of the equine mule.

The experience of bird-fanciers has been the same with the Mules between the Canary and our Finches, and of these with each other; and hence has grown up a belief in the universal sterility of Hybrids, which has caused much twaddle to be written by writers scientific and unscientific alike.

The idea which is constantly repeated is that Nature has imposed this sterility on Hybrids to prevent species from being hopelessly mixed up; and this would look very reasonable, only unfortunately it is not universally true, as we now know. It is quite true that many of the best-known Hybrid animals are either completely sterile, or so nearly so that it amounts to the same thing; if the Mule mare did drop a foal before Babylon, the few of her successors who may have repeated the feat, have not succeeded in convincing critical people of the genuineness of the occurrence. A frequent source of error is the fact that a mule mare will sometimes produce milk and suckle the foal of a horse mare, which naturally gives rise to the idea that the foal is her own.

In the case of Mule Canaries, a large opening for error exists by reason of the fact that most people not in the Fancy do not know that a Green Canary is just as much a Canary as a yellow one; hence they think that a pied bird is a Mule, and when it breeds rush into print to record the wondrous fact.

Nevertheless, there are some undoubted cases in which genuinely distinct species have produced Mules or Hybrids which in their turn have bred again, and it is of use to recount some at least of them here. Among beasts, the American bison produces a Hybrid with the common cow, and this hybrid is fertile; no one will pretend that these two creatures are not as distinct as the horse and ass, if not much more so. In the Zoo can be seen at present a hybrid between a polar bear and a brown bear, and a three-quarter-bred animal from this beast mated to a pure polar bear. These bear mules have also bred between themselves, and the two parent species, again, are more different than horses and asses are.

Among cold-blooded creatures, the crested Newt, beloved of aquarium keepers, produces fertile hybrids with the continental marbled newt, a very distinct species, not only in colour, but in the crest on the back of the breeding male, which is notched in the crested and plain edged in the other species.

Now to come to birds; the best known fertile Hybrids are those between the Golden and Amherst Pheasants, these Mules having been known to breed between themselves for at least four generations. Everyone knows the Gold Pheasant, so I will not trouble to describe it. The Amherst differs not only in being mostly white and green, instead of gold and red, but in several points of form which would make it easily distinguishable even if both species were stained black or bleached white. It has a small crest at the back of the head, not a full one all over the crown as in the Gold; the feathers of its ruff are rounded, not squared; its tail is much larger proportionately, and it has a bare patch round the eye. The two species are, in fact, thoroughly distinct; yet they have been so mixed up in captivity, owing to the fertility of the Hybrids, that it is common to see advertisers specially recommending their stock as "pure."

The common duck and Pintail duck—that slim elegant fellow with the long pointed tail, which is conspicuous in any collection of waterfowl, produce a hybrid which is fertile, and, like the Amherst gold pheasant cross, a very handsome bird.

Coming to birds more familiar to cage bird fanciers, some years ago a Parrakeet, very similar to the Rosella, but with more red about it, was described and figured as the Red-mantled Parrakeet (*Platycercus erythropeplus*). It has now been found out that this bird is merely a Hybrid between the Rosella and the Pennant, and that it will itself breed. These two Parrakeets are decidedly distinct, as the Pennant not only differs from the Rosella in having no white or yellow about it, and much more red and blue, but in being a bigger bird, and having a distinct immature plumage of uniform dull green. Among Doves, the common Collared Dove produces a fertile Hybrid with the Indian Red Dove, a bird in which the sexes are quite different in colour ,and both are smaller and shorter-tailed than the Collared Dove.

Among the very few soft-bill Mules which have ever been bred, are those between the Pied and Grey Wagtails, and these Hybrids have again produced young. Getting nearer home still, the European and Japanese Greenfinches have produced Hybrids, and these have proved fertile, at any rate with the parent stocks. It must be remembered that the Japanese Greenfinch is quite distinct from the European; it is not green at all, but brown and grey, and has the yellow markings on wings and tail much bolder and more distinct; besides, it is a smaller bird.

Now, what is the reason of these discrepancies? In a great many cases, we can only say, we do not know; we cannot see, for instance, why Hybrids in the ox and bear families can reproduce, and in the horse family they cannot. But we can say that the fertility of a Hybrid does depend to some extent, among birds at any rate, on the nearness of the species crossed.

Thus, because the Pintail and Mallard cross will produce fertile Hybrids, we must not jump to the conclusion that any duck-hybrid will be fertile. This is not the case; the commonest of such Hybrids is that between the common and Muscovy ducks, and this is a barren mule. But these two ducks are much further removed in shape, colour, and habits, than the Pintail and common duck.

Then again, the fertility of the Amherst Gold Pheasant Hybrid does not extend to Pheasants as a whole. The Hybrid of the common Pheasant with the Gold or Silver species is not fertile, the original parents being more remote. I attach no importance to the complete fertility of the crosses between the common Pheasant and the Chinese Ring-necked Pheasant, because these two birds are quite alike except in colour, and so can hardly be called full species; the same reasoning applies to the not uncommon wild-bred Hybrids between the Hooded and Carrion Crows, which are also fertile.

Now, applying this reasoning to the Finches, it is not surprising to find the Hybrids between the western and eastern Greenfinches fertile, the species being very close, though undoubtedly distinct; and I think we should very likely see some fertile Hybrids between British Finches, if sufficiently closely-related species were crossed. I do not see why one should expect all the crosses to breed again, or even most of them; but if the Twite and Redpoll were crossed, I should expect the Mule to be fertile, and I believe that between the Chaffinch and Brambling has been proved to be so.

There exists a case in which a Hybrid has been difficult to get at all, and yet has proved fertile when procured. This, the cross between the Wood Pigeon and common Pigeon has only been bred twice to my knowledge, in each case a hand-reared hen Wood Pigeon being the female parent. In the last instance, that of the fine Hybrid cock bred by Mr. P. St. J. Podmore, and now on view at the Zoo the bird has bred with the common Pigeon.

Furthermore, it is possible for a Hybrid to be generally sterile, and yet occasionally, in individual instances, to show fertility. Mr. A. Suchetet, a French observer, who has paid especial attention to Hybrid birds, has found most of such sterile, with some notable exceptions. But in one case he succeeded in getting young from a cross which is usually barren. This was the Hybrid between the common Pigeon and Collared Dove, a not at all uncommon Mule. From one of these, mated with a Dove, he did once secure a three-quarter-bred. But here follows a surprising result. This bird, which might reasonably have been expected to produce young when again mated to a Dove, did not do so.

There is thus no reason to utterly disbelieve the statement of a fancier who says that he or she has got young from a Goldfinch-Canary Mule, or what not. There is always the possibility of one of these abnormally fertile individuals turning up, though the extreme improbability of the occurrence, in the case of so many well-known Hybrids, should lead us to examine the evidence with the greatest care.

It may be of interest to state what happens in the case of a fertile Hybrid breeding back to one of the parent stocks, and I will cite three instances I have studied. In the case of the Hybrid bears at the Zoo, the mule bear is, roughly speaking, a brown bear with a polar bear's head; the three-quarter-bred is a pure polar, except for a brown wash on the back.

In an Amherst Gold Pheasant Hybrid the general appearance is that of a Gold Pheasant with the Amherst's white ruff, and with the crest of a fiery orange red. The three-quarter Amherst has a very similar crest, but is otherwise nearly pure Amherst, but with the red of the Gold still appearing on the abdomen; this may be seen in the British Museum.

In some Hybrid Red and Collared Doves bred at the Zoo, the mules were drab like the hen Red Dove, in both sexes, but a three-quarter-bred red cock was simply rather a duller red than the pure birds.

It would thus seem that two crosses back to one of the parent stocks would eliminate the taint of Hybridism altogether; thus there is no foundation for the assertion that the Canary has been modified by crossing with European Finches, even if these were commonly fertile.

Lastly, if some Hybrids are fertile, why do not such species get mixed up in a wild state? In some cases, the fertile Hybrid has only been produced by man's artificially bringing the parents together, as in the case of the bison and cow. In other cases, the well-known tendency of "birds of a feather" to "flock together," appears to be quite sufficient, and there is often positive antipathy between allied species. Thus, in the wild state, the Amherst and Gold Pheasant both live in China, but the former is more of an Alpine bird, and, being larger and stronger, speedily drives down his gilded rival should he trespass on his ground. Some such feeling as this is no doubt very widely spread, and hence the distinctness of species is often really maintained by mental and moral rather than physical causes.

Nests of birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

## OUR COLOURED PLATE.

### Some Interesting Notes on the Birds, by Their Owners.

On our coloured plate given away with this week's number, Mr. Norman has selected for pourtrayal a Green Norwich, with a foul wing, and a Yellow Cinnamon, as two of this season's winning Canaries. Of the birds put before us in such life-like manner in this artistic picture, the Norwich Green is to-day possibly more popular than the Cinnamon, or, at least, shows better signs of making progress, for the latter of late years seems to have stood still, competition on the show-bench being limited to a small number of exhibitors.

#### The Norwich Green.

Concerning the Norwich Green, its owner, Mr. T. Harrison (Altrincham) writes:—

I was very pleasantly surprised to receive from you a proof of the coloured plate on which is depicted one of my winning Norwich Greens which have been exhibited by me very successfully during this season and last. The bird represented on the plate is a foul yellow, bred from my noted foul buff Norwich Green hen, which in her turn was bred by myself, on May 24, 1907, and was the offspring of a variegated Norwich buff cock, and a green-capped Norwich Yellow hen (also bred by myself). This pair of birds produced me a great many winners, including clears and greens. Herewith are a few of this hen's successes for 1907 and 1908-9: 1st and special for best Norwich in show, Sale Nest Feather Show, 1907; 1st Altrincham Nest Feather Show, 1907; 2nd Manchester, 1907; 2nd Scottish National, 1907; 1st Altrincham, 1907; 3rd Warrington, 1907; 1st Manchester, 1908; 1st and special Liverpool O.S. Show, 1908; 1st Wigan, 1908; 1st and special Widnes, 1908; 2nd Altrincham, 1908; 1st Leeds, 1908; 1st Scottish National, 1908-9; 1st Swansea, Welsh National, 1908; 2nd Crystal Palace, 1909. It is worthy of note that the foul yellow which I last season bred from this hen has done a lot of scoring this year for me, including first at Leeds, as stated on the plate.

With regard to the management of Greens, a plentiful supply of baths is very beneficial—in my opinion the greatest aid as a "burnisher" we have, and certainly the healthiest and cheapest. I very rarely use egg-food after the breeding and moulting season, occasionally giving a little scalded rape, and Spratt's Cod Liver Oil, or cage bird food mixed together, to which I add a little sugar and salt. As a staple seed diet 75 per cent. Canary seed, and the remaining 25 per cent. made up as follows:—10 per cent, rape (German), 10 per cent. hemp, and 5 per cent. white millet. During the show season about once a week I add one teaspoonful of the following mixture: White port, ammoniated citrate of iron, dandelion juice, tincture of gentian, glycerine, to 12 teaspoonfuls of the above-mentioned soft feed, and I find this keeps the birds in a very nice condition. If at any time I can give any information to readers of CAGE BIRDS, it will be my very pleasant duty to do so.—TOM HARRISON.

#### The Cinnamon.

The following notes on the Cinnamon Canary reach us from its owner, Mr. G. E. Bairstow (Halifax):—

I am very pleased you are doing me the honour of putting one of my winning Cinnamons on the coloured plate issued with your Jubilee Palace number. I am a member of the Cinnamon Canary Club, and in the Novice Section I have won the following prizes:—1st and 2nd at the Crystal Palace, 1908; 1st and 2nd at Peterborough, 1908; two 1sts and 2nd and special at Manchester, 1908; and 1st and special at Sunderland, 1908. Having been a Cinnamon breeder for about eight years, it is only in the last three seasons that I have been able to produce birds that were good enough to put on the show bench. Like most young fanciers, when I bought stock I insisted on having young birds, and commenced to breed from them the first year. This proved a great mistake, as I lost size and stamina. So I decided to keep a few young cocks over the first year, which policy has greatly improved my stock. I should advise Novice fanciers to take this hint and with careful treatment and selection (especially when buying stock birds) they should make progress. I think fanciers will find the Cinnamon Canary an interesting variety. I take every care in the feeding and attending to my birds, which, of course, is necessary if one is to meet with success, in all varieties. My yellow cock, the one seen in the painting, was 1st at Manchester and 2nd at Peterborough. My buff cock was 1st at Palace, 1908, 1st at Peterborough, 1908, 1st at Manchester 1908, and 1st and special at Sunderland in Novice Section.—G. E. BAIRSTOW.

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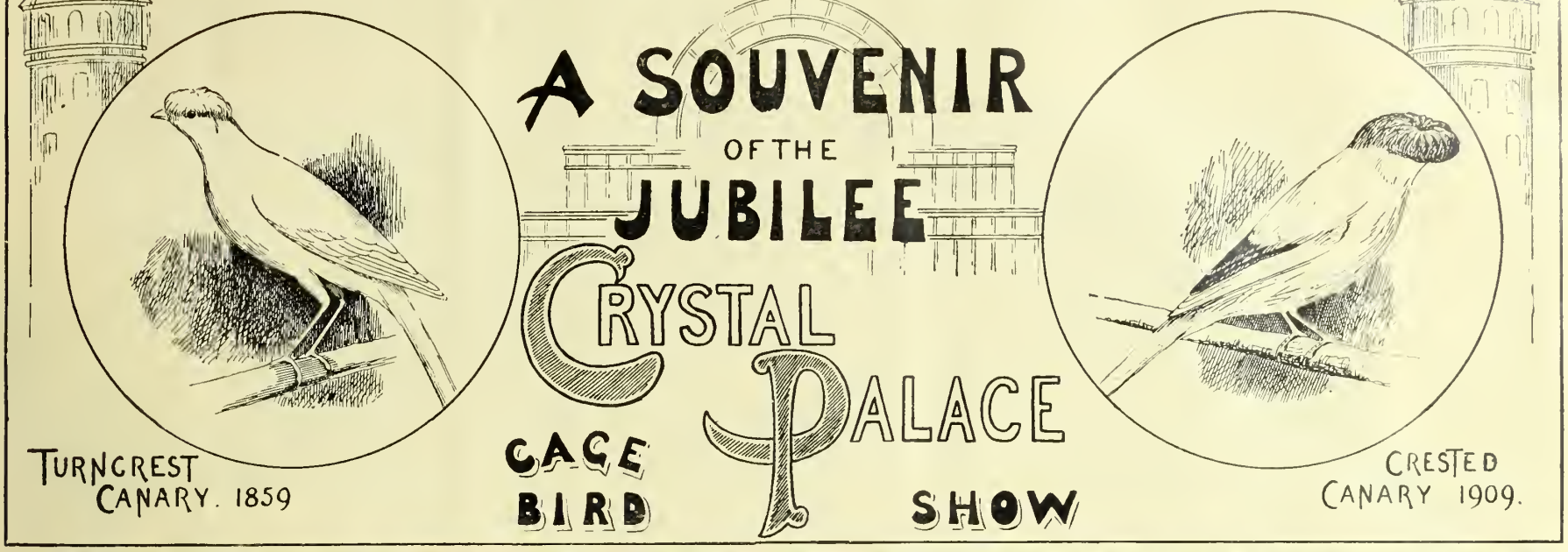
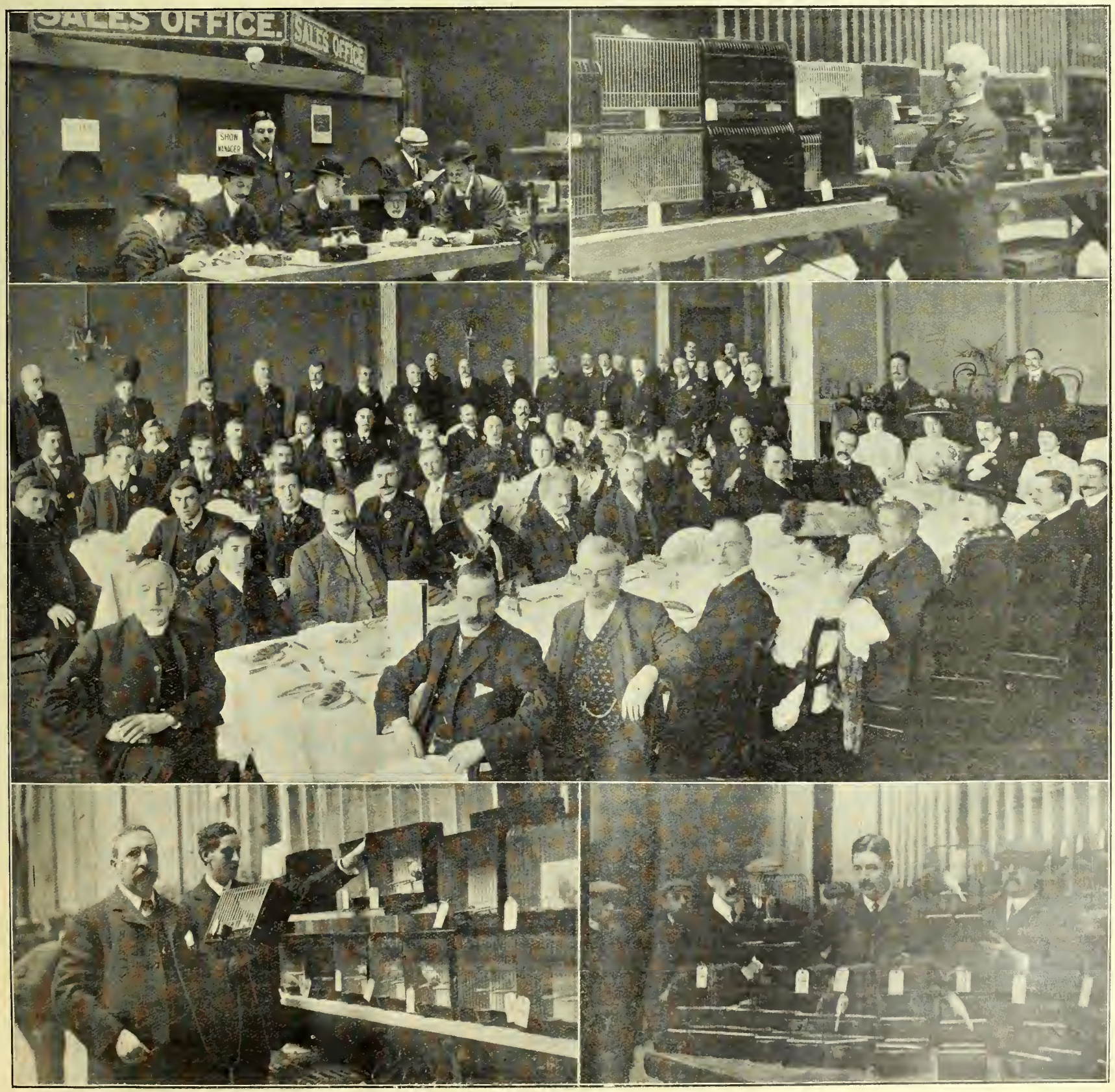


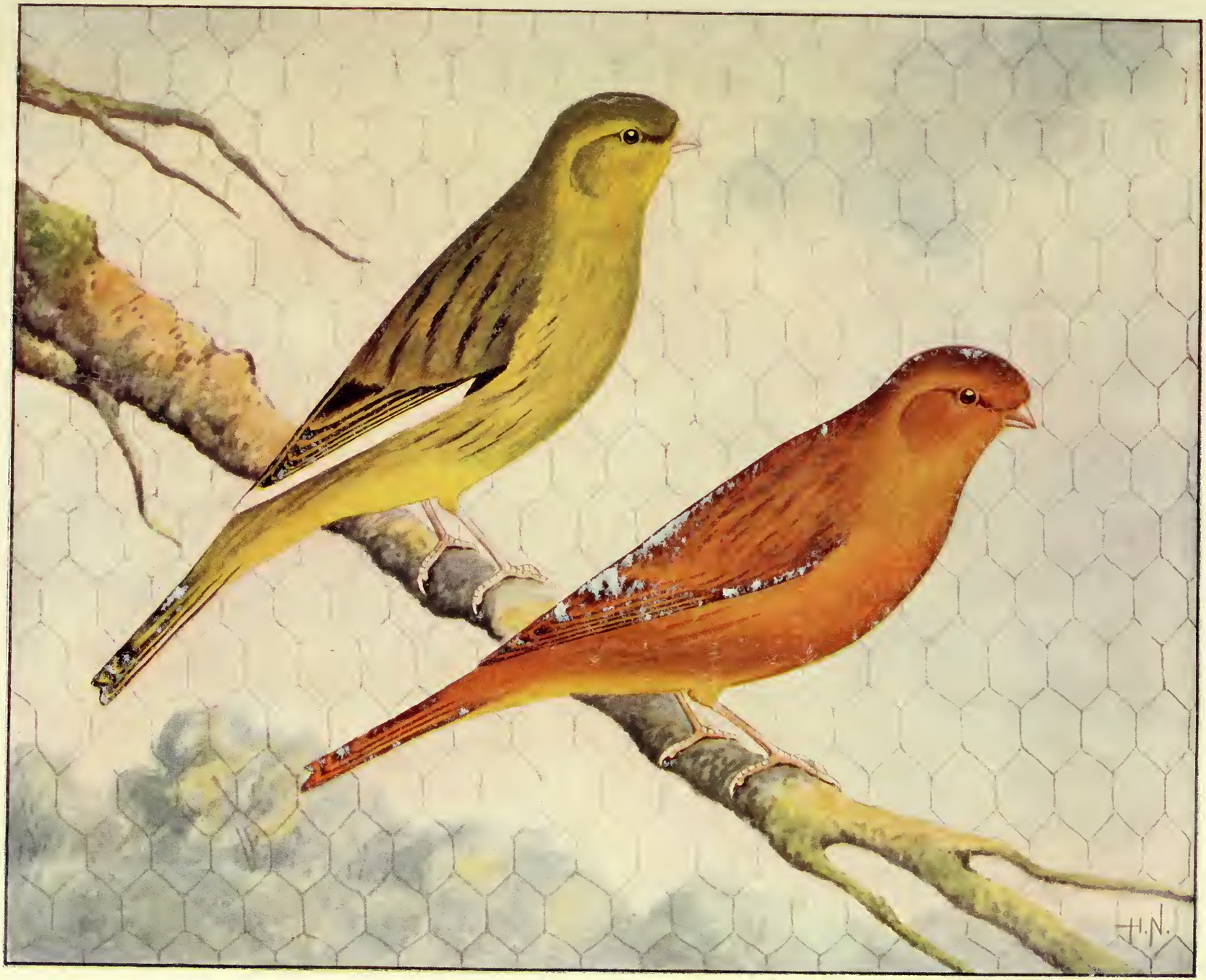




*Photos by Russell.*] [*Crystal Palace.*

**TOP, LEFT.**—A Group busy writing out the Prize-Cards as the Judges' award slips come in. On the left is a representative of "Cage Birds" attending to the many telegrams despatched on behalf of readers. Then comes Mr. F. J. Day, Mr. J. W. Ramsden (standing), Mr. G. H. Couzens, Mr. J. F. Hills, and Mr. J. W. Rennie, RIGHT.—Mr. W. Swaysland, judging the insectivorous British Birds.
**CENTRE.**—The judges' luncheon. The names of those present are given in our report of this function on another page.
**BOTTOM, LEFT.**—Mr. T. Heath judging Crests and Crest-breds, with Mr. Cobb, his steward. RIGHT.—Mr. Mundell (in cap) judging Yorkshires; Mr. Ramsden and Mr. F. S. Matthes are also seen in this picture.

# A Group of Winners from the Crystal Palace Shows of Fifty Years Ago.

1. Goldfinch.
2. White Linnet.
3. Green Canary.
4. Clear Buff Belgian.
5. Jonque Cinnamon.
6. Clear Yellow Norwich.
7. Jonque London Fancy.
8. White Blackbird.
9. Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid.
10. Bullfinch.



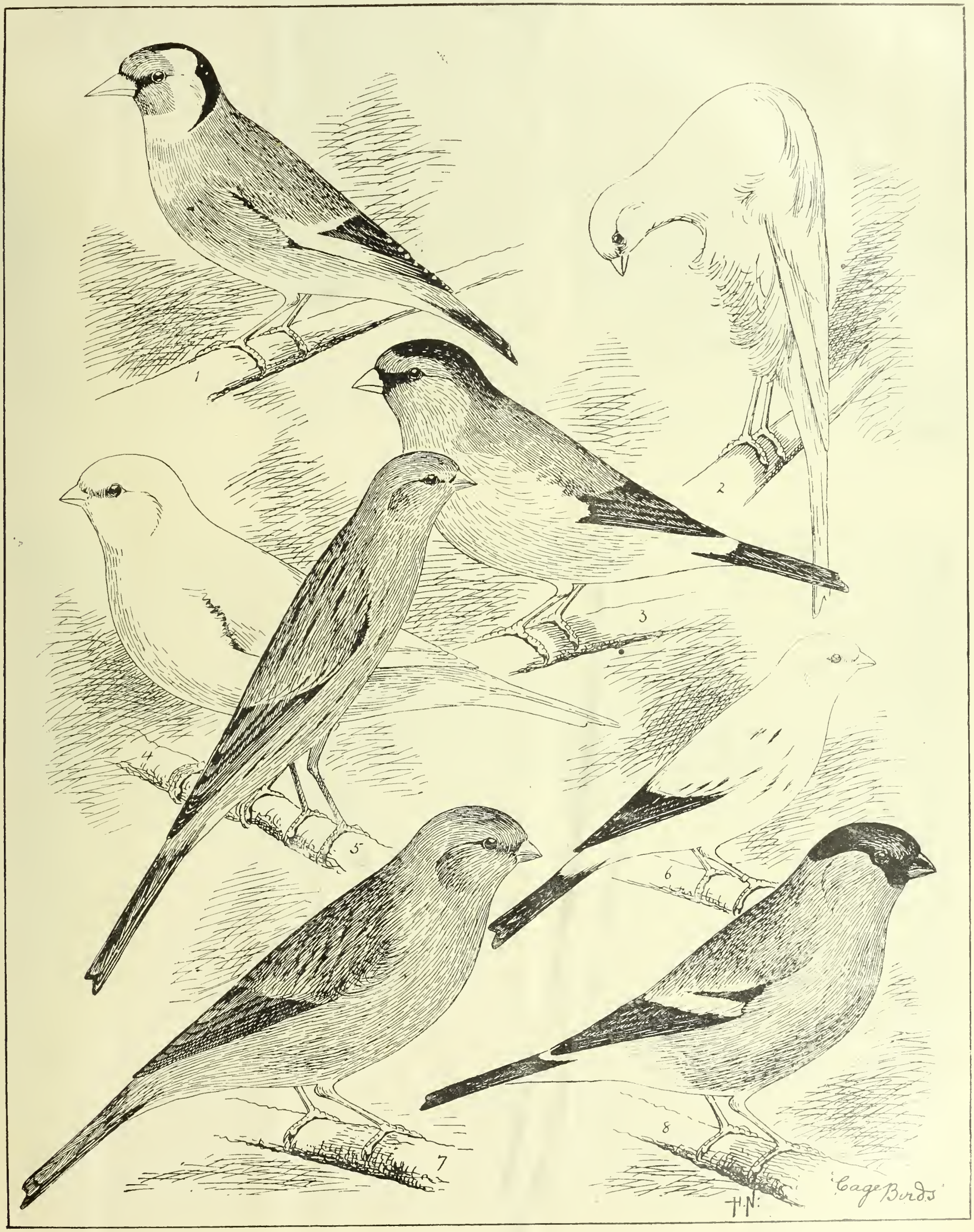
# GREEN AND CINNAMON NORWICH CANARIES.

## TWO OF THIS SEASON'S WINNERS.

**FOUL YELLOW NORWICH GREEN**
First Prize Leeds Show for Mr. T. Harrison (Altrincham.)

**SELF YELLOW CINNAMON**
First Prize Manchester for Mr. G. E. Bairstow (Halifax.)

# A Group of Winners at the Jubilee (1909) Crystal Palace Show.




1. British Goldfinch (C. Prior).
2. Clear Buff Belgian (W. B. Cobb).
3. Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid (L. J. Arrighi).
4. Ticked Buff Norwich (W. N. Midgley).
5. Yellow Self Green Yorkshire (T. Wardale).
6. Mealy London Fancy (A. G. Filby).
7. Buff Cinnamon (O. Handt.)
8. British Bullfinch Cock (S. H. Mays).

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## OLDEN TIMES AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE CAGE BIRD SHOW (held Feb. 18, 1865).

THE picture reproduced here is a sketch taken at the Crystal Palace Show of 1865, which appears to have been held near the crystal fountain and the famous big clock. According to the account accompanying the drawing there were present "three or four hundred English, German, or Belgian Canaries, with Canary Mules; about fifty British singing birds—namely, Bullfinches, Goldfinches, Linnets, Skylarks, Woodlarks, Blackbirds, and Thrushes; a couple of Magpies, an Owl, a Raven, and a White Jackdaw; a bevy of Grey Parrots, which were clever talkers: a splendid array of Parrakeets, and a no less gorgeous party of Cockatoos, which scolded and screamed as freely as in their native forests; while the gentle songsters, in their little cages, at a judicious distance from that noisy flock, warbled as sweetly as in a lady's drawing-room, and seemed fully conscious of the approval which the company bestowed upon their musical performances. The beauty of the gold and silver Pheasants also called forth many expressions of admiration; and a noble pair of Emus, though dangerous to approach too closely, were surrounded with visitors." Evidently there were birds shown in the old days which would not now be considered desirable exhibits.

*Photo by* [*W. G. Parker, High Holborn.*

## THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE LONDON & PROVINCIAL O.S.

This very successful function was held at the Horse Shoe Hotel, Tottenham Court Road, on January 6. Among those present, and seen in the photograph, were the following ladies: Mrs. Ramsden, Mrs C. W. Baker, Mrs. Hawes, Mrs. Mortlock, Mrs. Lethbridge, Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. Tringham, Miss Oldaker, and Miss N. Cooper; while the gentlemen included Mr. C. Crabb (in the chair), and Messrs. J. P. Andereon, T. Heath, J. Ramsden, Geo. Ramsden, F. S. Matthes, H. K. Picard, F. W. Thorpe, W. Priddis, O. Handt, R. J. Pretty, H. J. Pearce, E. S. Lugg, W. A. Gilbert, C. W. Baker, J. Keeling, C. Patse', Arthur R. Bolton, Walter C. Leo, H. J. Hawes, A. Williams, Geo. Ogle, W. Hodson, J. Hazell, H. Horton, C. Mortlock, P. C. Mortlock, H. R. Mortlock, T. R. Trower, C. R. Oake, J. Dobson, J. Oldaker, H. Litchfield, J. Robson, and H. E. Tringham.

# SOME NOTABLE FOREIGN BIRDS AT THE PALACE SHOW.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., &c.

*See full-page Plate on page* 153.

## Black-cheeked Lovebirds.

(*Agapornis nigrigenis.*)

One of the most lovely species of Lovebirds yet imported, and one feels the inadequacy of word painting to fittingly describe their glowing beauty, but with the aid of the accompanying drawing I hope to be able in some measure to indicate this. Extremely rare 12 months ago, not even in the Museum catalogue, and skins almost unknown in this country. It is now, if not cheap, almost common as to numbers, and can be procured at from 50s. to 63s. a pair. I think the Rev. H. D. Astley was the first to possess the species, Mr. Reginald Phillips the first to breed it in captivity, and Mr. C. T. Maxwell the first to introduce it to the show bench.

Description.—Adult: Top of the head peach-colour, sides of face dark, dull plum-colour, circle of bare skin round the eyes white, narrow band round base of upper mandible buffish-white, back of the crown, nape, and back of neck bronzy-green; a crescentic patch of brilliant saffron-green adorns the chest, and extends upward in a point almost to the base of lower mandible; remainder of body plumage rich grass-green, wing darker green, flight brownish black on the inner webs, bluish on the outer webs, and each feather finely margined with pale pinkish; bill bright red, legs and feet pinkish. I fear descriptions of the plumage of this lovely species, as the plumage of the head varies with each fresh position taken up.

Sexual distinction.—Till I have had a closer acquaintance with the species I shall confine myself to the distinction first noticed by Mr. R Phillips, viz., the colouration of the eye—male light brown, female dark reddish brown; this I have found to be constant in all the pairs I have yet had the opportunity of examining. Mr. Phillips found the eye of the young male to resemble that of the female.

This species is sure to be popular, as, apart from its great beauty, it appears to be gregarious, and gives indications of being as ready breeders as the ubiquitous Budgerigar. Many of the recent importations have paired and laid eggs in quite small cages.

I should advise my readers not to subject this species to cold or draught till they have become thoroughly acclimatised. The name Black-cheek is certainly a misnomer, for there is no black about this portion of their plumage; but so they have been called, and so will they be known, I presume, so long as enthusiastic and irresponsible aviculturists exist. The pair of birds figured on our plate were exhibited by Mr. W. Cook, carrying off for him premier honours in their class.

## Meyer's Parrot.

(*Pœocephalus meyeri.*)

A rare and chastely-coloured species, which, according to the Museum catalogue is a native of Equatorial Africa from Abyssinia to Transvaal on the east, and through the interior to Benguela and Damara-Land on the west. Though clad in different attire, it reminds one at once of the Senegal Parrot (*P. senegalus*), but is more beautiful, though the hues of its plumage are in a minor key, the harmony and blending being exquisite.

Description.—Adult: Head, neck, mantle, upper back, wing, tail and throat, greyish-brown; curved band across the crown, bend of wings and thighs, bright canary-yellow; lower back, rump, upper tail coverts and remainder of under surface, bluish-green; bill, greenish horn-colour; legs and feet blackish.

The specimen from which our drawing is made was exhibited by the Rev. W. Raynor, winning for him premier honours in its class. It was in faultless condition, and appeared to be quite a young bird and a female. The greyish-brown of the upper surface harmonises beautifully with the green of the lower back and under-surface, while when the wing was outstretched or uplifted the bird is no longer quietly clad, but is radiant with the yellow of the under-wing coverts and bend of wing. Mr. Raynor is to be congratulated on the possession of so rare a species. A mixture of Canary, white millet, with smaller portions of hemp, sunflower, oats, and paddy rice, make a wholesome staple mixture for this species; ripe fruit, plain biscuits and nuts will amply meet its frugal needs.

## Painted Finches.

(*Emblema picta.*)

A beautiful species, a worthy rival of the beautiful Gouldian Finch, but alas! very rare and costly. In fact it was almost unknown till Messrs. Payne and Wallace imported some fourteen or fifteen pairs in the Spring of 1908, and few present-day aviculturists had seen a living specimen.

I had a pair of these in my possession for four or five months in a large flight cage in my out-door birdroom, but when they were apparently about to settle down to breeding, having built a domed nest in a box, I had the misfortune to lose the hen, and being unable to procure another I parted with the male, and it found its way into Mr. Maxwell's hands, and is one of the birds appearing on our plate. So far they have not bred in this country, but I am hoping that some of the fortunate aviculturists who still possess pairs will succeed in doing so this coming season, and so provide an aviary-bred stock of this lovely species. They thrive and do well on the treatment given to the well-known Gouldian, in fact, should be treated similarly in every respect.

Description.—Upper surface hazel-brown, with the exception of the rump and upper tail coverts, which are brilliant scarlet; sides of face, centre of throat, and middle of abdomen and ventral region, also rich scarlet; remainder of under surface deep black, thickly spotted with pure white crescentic markings; beak, upper mandible, bluish-red at tip, lower mandible red, white at the base, legs and feet reddish flesh colour.

The female differs from the male in having the red areas of the face much smaller in extent, no red on throat, only a few scarlet markings on centre of abdomen, and the white spots are carried almost up to the base of lower mandible. They are natives of Central and Northern Australia.

The late Herr Wiener was the first to introduce this species to English aviculture. In 1869 he procured his first pair under the name of Julian Finches. Four years later he secured another pair under the name of Australian Diamond Sparrows. Neither of these pairs remained long in his possession; since this period practically none have leaked through till Messrs. Payne and Wallace brought about two pairs over in 1906 or 1907, and the aforementioned 15 pairs in 1908. Several of these pairs have nested and laid during the past year, but so far no young have been reared. The pair figured in our plate are the property of Mr. C. T. Maxwell, and secured premier honours in their class.

## Black-faced Serin.

(*Serinus capistrata.*)

All the Serins make handsome cage birds, and have the added charm that the males of most species are good songsters, and none of them are difficult to cater for. The species in question is very rare. It first appeared on the show bench about three years ago, and since that period very few have appeared. It is one of the most, if not the most, beautiful of the genus *Serinus*, being of a deep rich yellow on the under surface, sides of face and neck, while the upper surface is olive-green, striated with darker green; the ear coverts are black. The areas of the various colours will be readily discerned in the accompanying figure, from which some indication of its extreme beauty will be gathered.

The bird depicted is owned by Mrs. E. Galloway, and has won for her many firsts and other prizes during its three or more seasons on the bench, and it certainly never looked in better condition or richer in colouring than on the occasion of its latest success. The specimens I have seen have all been good songsters, and this species is an acquisition to any bird-room.

## Black-throated Tanager.

(*Calliste thoracia.*)

Of the many beautiful and gorgeous species of the genus *Calliste*, few, if any, can surpass *C. thoracia* for rich, gorgeous and iridescent colouring. It is an impossibility in a word-picture to paint its glowing colouring, and equally impossible for any artist to indicate the same in a black and white drawing. Of all the many beautiful Tanagers that have appeared on the show bench during a course of years, none has ever appeared in finer condition than the specimen herein described. Not a feather, nay, not a hair, appeared to be out of place, its plumage glistening like silk, while its glowing and gorgeous colouring was a sight long to be remembered.

I shall certainly not attempt to describe such a bird. It must suffice to say that the general plumage was glistening grass-green, striated on the upper surface with deep black, throat deep black, breast rich golden-chestnut. The play of light even within the limits of a bird show but faintly indicated what extremes of beauty would be visible when light refraction had full play.

Though this is its first season upon the show bench, it is not the first occasion it has secured premier honours for its fortunate owner, Mr. C. T. Maxwell.

## King Bird of Paradise.

(*Cicinnurus regius.*)

Nothing but a coloured plate could indicate the royal robes of this well-named King Bird. I can only describe the upper surface as glowing scarlet, shading to rich orange on the top of the head; the scarlet is continued round the neck and across the throat, being bordered with first orange narrowly and then a broader band of metallic greenish-blue; the remainder of the under surface is white, the side plumes are drab, tipped with metallic green, and when the bird is displaying itself are extended straight out from the body, and at this time the bird has a gorgeous appearance indeed. The tail is short and has two long, wire-like feathers, the tips only are webbed and curled, these are dark-green. Gorgeous as these birds are, they are really crows; a little observation of their deportment and characteristics soon confirm this.

They are natives of the Aru Islands, where they are very common, and held in but little esteem by the natives, and only valued as articles of dress. The nest is of the typical Crow character, merely an open construction of sticks.

The specimen depicted has been exhibited now for two seasons. It has won many prizes, and excited admiration and interest wherever it has appeared, and this interest still attracts the attention of the visiting public. It again won premier honours in its class, and Mr. C. T. Maxwell is to be congratulated not merely upon his being the owner, but more so perhaps upon the manner and fine condition in which he kept the bird, for it certainly is at present in fully as gorgeous robes, and certainly better condition than when first exhibited.

There are now quite a number of species at the London Zoo. They are to have outdoor aviaries provided for them this summer, so that these gorgeous creatures should reveal to us new beauties under the full play of light on their grand plumage, and also unfold somewhat of their life history, courtships and general demeanour than is now possible.

In the aviaries of Mrs. Johnstone, Mr. E. J. Brock and others, these gorgeous birds are now so kept, and we hope in the near future some of them will be successfully bred.

# How I Started in the Fancy.

By J. G. WESTGATE.

This short article is not intended as a manual on Canary management, nor yet as a guide for beginners; it is simply the record of the first two year's experience of a starter in the Fancy, and tends to show how hardy Canaries really are, and how luck sometimes follows a blundering novice.

### My First Bird.

It was in February that I bought my first bird. I had noticed in a dealer's shop a large cage full of small German hens, and I purchased the cheapest one of the lot, which was a dirty yellow bird without tail and a feather or two short in one wing. Altogether it was the most disreputable Canary I had ever seen. Still, I did not mind, I had got what I asked for, the cheapest (and worst) of the lot. I had no cage ready, so I kept it in a box until I rigged a little place up in the angle of the yard wall and the house—like an oldfashioned three-corner cupboard with boards top and bottom, the rest of small mesh wire.

I put my beauty in this outside cage, with seed, water, and a handful of sand on the floor, and let it go at that. In about a week after this, she was looking so much better that I decided to get her a mate and try my hand at breeding. To get a fitting partner was now my trouble. I did not want (to pay for) one of the aristocracy of the Canary world, but some homely, respectable bird in the same lowly station as my other bird. I tried at several bird shops, but none seemed to keep just the kind of bird I required, but at last, after a lot of trouble, I bought a cock bird from the hospital cage of a dealer at a very low price, and just when leaving the shop I asked him to tell me what was amiss with it, but he laughingly replied that the price I had given did not include questions, and I ought to be thankful I had a living bird of any sort.

### A Mate Secured.

I brought my second treasure home, and turned him into my little outside cage, wondering what kind of strain I was going to establish with my two gems. Whatever ailment the cock suffered from, this open-air treatment was the correct thing for him, for after about a week he sang a little, and I then put in the cage a wire nest pan, and a bunch of nesting material.

My birdy friends now told me that I was making a great mistake in attempting to breed Canaries in that outside, draughty corner; it could not be done, they said. I replied that my birds could please themselves about that matter, as I was not putting on them any undue pressure. My friends had also told me that the hen was a common "German," and the cock "looked something like" a Norwich. Be that as it may, the hen built a nest, laid five eggs, though the weather was now very cold and rough, and the wind fluffed her feathers while she was sitting, she hatched out and reared five strong youngsters. Her next nest was one of four, and then two more fives—all the young being hatched, and all reared.

### My First Loss.

I removed the young when they could feed themselves to another cage, about the size and shape of an orange box, which I nailed on the wall near the first cage. When I cleaned out the breeding cage I always removed the cock, as he flew about so wildly. One day, when the fourth nest of young were about a week old, in removing him, he suddenly reeled over and died in my hand. The insidious disease from which he suffered had at last done its work, but on looking at the number of orphans on the perches, and the young family in the nest, and remembering the price I had paid for him, I felt I could reasonably cry quits. This closed the breeding operations for my first year.

A fault with both of my cages was that the doors were too large. I lost a few of my quickest youngsters through having to open the door so wide when feeding. I had almost twice as many cocks as hens. I am assuming those which flew away were cocks, on the fisherman's principle that those they nearly catch are always the biggest.

### The Next Season's Operations.

I sold the young cocks as soon as they commenced to sing, keeping only six hens for next season's experiments. When breeding time again came round, I put up a young hen with a Yorkshire cock bird which I had had lent to me. Another hen I put up with a Roller cock bird, which was also lent. I put a Chaffinch Cock with the third hen, and I bought a stout Norwich cock to mate with the remaining three hens. He had need to be stout as you will see later.

The Chaffinch's mate was the first with eggs, and sat them well, but they were clear. The hens of the Yorkshire, and of the Roller, both had clear eggs, and also on the next round. So I returned both cocks to their owners; they were evidently not used to outside life, and perhaps it was too cold for them.

I had heard that the Chaffinch-Canary cross was very rare, but I had great hopes of mine. The hen was the largest I had bred, and the Chaffinch, though a wild-caught bird, was wonderfully steady. The second round of eggs from them proved clear again, but my faith never wavered; I meant to get this cross. I had casually mentioned the above matter to a birdy friend, who lived some distance away, and I was talking in a cocksure manner about it when he offered to give me a guinea for the first nest I reared. I immediately gave the Chaffinch its liberty, knowing the case was hopeless, as I knew my man.

The Norwich cock that I was running with the three hens had averaged three young ones to each nest in each round, i.e., twenty-seven in all. I now put him in with the Chaffinch's mate. She reared five young ones. As soon as possible I put him with the Yorkshire mate, who reared only one (a very clear large yellow cock), and then with the Roller's hen, who reared four. This last nest had two self-green young ones in it. This closed my second year's breeding, and I had no cause for complaint, having had thirty-seven young ones from one cock bird. I sold all my stock, both young and old, to a dealer, and then took up with Lizard Canaries, but my experience with these must be related at some other time.

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## CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

### Annual General Meeting.

There was not a very large attendance at the annual meeting of the Crested Canary Club, which was held at the Crystal Palace on February 6th. The president (Mr. R. Rhodes) occupied the chair, and was supported by Mrs. Litchfield, Miss Cooper, Messrs. Crisp, Clarke, Heath, Dawn, Prance, Lazarus, Lee, Robson, Ryder, Jones, Taylor, Mills, Jones, Howard, Sands, Barnett, Dobson, Broad, Johnson, Horton, Pooley, Peters, Franz, Turner, Ley, and J. Tyson, the hon. secretary.

### The Balance Sheet.

The balance-sheet, showing £10 7s. 10d. in hand as against £16 0s. 9d. last year, was passed. A question was raised as to the price paid for the illumination of the club certificates. From the very lengthy and excited discussion that followed, it transpired that formerly these diplomas had been illuminated at 2s. 6d. each. Mr. Heath, as one of the auditors, complained of the quality of the workmanship. When the account was originally presented by Mr. Tyson no name appeared on the invoice to show to whom the club was indebted for the work, nor was any receipt attached to indicate who had received the money. The auditors had, therefore, returned the account to Mr. Tyson for an explanation, and then elicited from him the fact that these certificates had been executed by one of his sons. Upon a protest by the auditors, that the amount was too much for such work, Mr. Tyson stated that he had paid his son 1s. 6d. each for the certificates. This amount was, therefore, allowed by the auditors in place of the 2s. 6d. originally invoiced, and the total 37s. 6d. allowed by them appeared on the balance-sheet. Mr. Crisp and Mr. Peters were of the opinion that the auditors had exceeded their duties in questioning this account, it being their view, and that of others, that Mr. Tyson's son was entitled to as much as had been previously paid, and to accept the accounts as presented. The auditors' point, Mr. Heath said, was that, as 1s. 6d. only had been paid for each certificate, they did not think the club ought to be charged more. Mr. J. S. Clarke, the other auditor, rose, and said, with evident emotion, "Although I am a very close friend of Mr. Tyson's and would bow to no man in my admiration for him, I must support my fellow-auditor's version of the facts." There was considerable discussion, no small amount of feeling being shown, but things were eventually smoothed over by Mr. Ley proposing that the original price be paid to Mr. Tyson. Mr. Prance seconded, and it was carried unanimously.

### The Secretary's Report.

In presenting his report, Mr. Tyson said he did so with mixed feelings. He deeply regretted that the balance in hand was less, and that £4 of this was due to decrease in members' subscriptions; the donations to the prize fund were also less, whilst their printing bill had been heavier. They had saved 42s. on the guinea specials, owing to the Palace and Plymouth not giving young-bird classes. Members complained of the restrictions attached to the winning of prizes, and there had also been complaints as to questionable conduct of competitors in the young-bird classes. If competitors did not play the game, the committee would have to consider the advisability of adopting closed rings. If this was not done judges would have to consider the club, and not the feelings of exhibitors, and if they had any suspicion as to the exhibits not being of correct age would have to act according as their experience and judgment dictated. They had to deplore a loss of thirty-three members, a decrease of one-third of the whole membership, whilst they had elected only nineteen new members. This, to him, proved that his termination of office was warranted. He had, he said, held the post too long. They had during the year had some good displays of birds in the champion classes, but the novice classes had not been good. Why there had been the falling off he could not understand. He thought that the club's adoption of the C.B.U. novice definition had something to do with it, as it caused young fanciers to be plunged into champion competition before they had the necessary experience to bring success. Thanks to their good friend, Mr. J. S. Clarke, they had been enabled to get most excellent value for their 21s. specials, which this year had taken the form of cruets, and of which he had four on the table for some of the winners to take away with them. He gave the result of the election, and said that, from the papers received in the election of president, Mr. Rhodes had received 5 votes, Mr. Crisp 4, the remainder being split up between several other gentlemen. Their thanks were due to Messrs. Heath and Clarke as auditors, and to the chairman, Mr. Rhodes. In conclusion, he thanked the members for the support he had received during the six years he had been in office, but had determined not to go on as secretary any longer. He had been a good-natured fool long enough. On the motion of Mr. Crisp, seconded by Mr. Robson, the report was adopted.

### Presentation of Specials.

The CHAIRMAN then presented cruets to the following gentlemen:—Messrs. Taylor, won at Bristol: J. Broad, won at Norwich; and F. Johnson, won at Westminster.

### Suggested Improvements.

Mr. LEY said the club had reached a state when they must seriously consider what could be done to make the members take more interest in it. It was a matter of vital importance to breeders and exhibitors that their classification should be improved. It was necessary for a man to spend about £200 to get together a stud good enough to win, and when he had done it he had no chance to show his birds. Nineteen schedules out of every twenty gave them no more than two classes—A.V. Crest and A.V. Crest-Bred. This was not fair, and it kept the birds at home. We again have a decrease in our membership recorded, he continued, and the inference is that the C.C.C. is not doing enough for its members to make them stay with it. He thought it deplorable that at their club show they should only have eleven classes—eight open, one pair, and two novice—and this the show of the year with their ten-guinea cups in competition, and even then could not be wholly on their own, but had to show side by side with another club. The club should take the bit between its teeth and insist on show committees giving them fifteen or sixteen classes. They had given support to shows with four classes; he thought eight classes should be the least number they should support. They should ask for this number, and insist upon getting it. Further, they should ask their members only to show at such shows. It might be said that if this was done many shows would be shut out. He said, let them be shut out. Those who looked askance at the proposal would do it if the C.C.C. gave them a guarantee that they should not lose more than a guinea. During the season just closed only five shows had given nine or more classes, and in the 54 classes so given the loss worked out at 2s. 3½d. per class. The shows were Nottingham, Gateshead, Norwich, Westminster, and Cheltenham. It is clear from the way that they were going on that something would have to be done, and he suggested that they do it in that direction.

The CHAIRMAN, in inviting suggestions and criticism of Mr. Ley's proposal, said: If I understand it rightly, the proposal is that we shall have not less than 15 classes at the club show and eight at others, and that we guarantee show committees against loss.

Mr. CLARKE: Does Mr. Ley desire that we should ask that the shows should be arranged? Some arrangement would have to be made, because the club could not guarantee against loss and pay the losses, and then when there was a profit for the shows to take it.

Mr. PETERS: We are all grateful to Mr. Ley for bringing this matter forward. I have often thought we could do more by increasing classes or giving specials. The great difficulty which the shows have is making both ends meet. We know there are great risks in exhibiting Crests, but even allowing for this, it is difficult to account for the lack of interest. It is difficult to know what to do, and I would suggest that the committee be asked to consider the matter. More might be done to induce the novices to show, and something to protect them from scamps who exhibited fraudulently, such as by staying novices themselves whilst their wives and other relations exhibited at open shows.

Mr. CRISP: If the members are willing to take prize-money on the sliding scale we might do something; otherwise, show promoters would fight shy of big classifications.

Mr. CLARKE: The principle upon which we have worked in the past has been to spread the interest by supporting shows north, south, east, and west. It would not do for the C.C.C. to cram its support all into one corner of the country. Our only hope of increasing the interest of members is to open out the competition, and not allow two or three big exhibitors to monopolise the C.C.C. support. They also should see to it that Clear Body Dark and Clear Body Clear Crests competed together on equal terms.

Mr. TAYLOR agreed with Mr. Clarke. At Gateshead they thought they did well in giving eleven classes and guaranteeing full prize-money.

Mr. DAWN: It would be a calamity to knock off support to shows not giving eight classes. At Sheffield they could not get support, and they were close to Nottingham. In 1907 one of their supporters guaranteed the classes and gave five guinea specials, and there was a very poor response, not a single C.C.C. member sending an entry. This season, with four 10s. specials, they had a better entry, and ten times better quality. He did not think big classifications would be acceptable.

Mr. JOHNSON, in supporting Mr. Ley, said he had won the C.C.C. specials over and over again, yet could not take them because there had not been enough competition.

Mr. CLARKE: That is the fault of the members, not of classification.

Mr. JOHNSON: We want better classification. Look at the Palace. Is it fair for young birds and old birds to go together?

Mr. TAYLOR: We want a rearrangement of our specials. We offer 5s. for best dark or grizzle cap C.B., but it has never yet been awarded because there has been no competition. It is no use offering specials for classes we cannot get.

Mr. LEY then moved, and Mr. CLARKE seconded, that the committee give the matter their consideration, and it was carried unanimously.

### Bogus Novices.

Mr. CRISP, in moving, "That all members of a family, or residents in the same house, must show in the highest section in which any of them have won a first prize," said it did not need any words of his to commend such a motion, as they were all wishful to stop the man who exhibited in his wife's or sister's name. Mr. CLARKE seconded, and it was carried unanimously.

Mr. CRISP moved, and Mr. ROBSON seconded, "That there must be four competitors to warrant the awarding of the first-year champion points. Carried *nem. con.*

### Best Birds v. Points Specials.

Mr. CRISP, in moving, "That the first paragraph of Rule 1 be deleted," said he wished to give the committee a free hand in awarding the clubs and specials.

Mr. CLARKE: It is the acme of absurdity to allow a mass of v.h.c., h.c., and c. birds to beat the winners. I like to see best birds get the specials.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Crisp's motion would alter the policy of the club, which has always been against specials. Points specials are all right from a show committee's point of view, as they increase entries, but in a specialist club we want to encourage the production of the best birds. Mr. TYSON seconded the motion, which was lost, only five voting for it.

### Mr. Crisp Favours the Ladies.

Mr. CRISP: No one will be so ungallant as not to support my motion, "That a medal and diploma be awarded for the best bird by a lady member at each show, or that three points specials be given during the season for ladies' competition only."

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Crisp is going for popularity.

Mr. CLARKE: Is the competition for the ladies or their birds. The motion is not quite clear.

Mr. CRISP: The birds, of course.

Mr. LEY: Are the medals to be gold or silver?

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Crisp does not say what material; he wisely leaves that.

Mr. PETERS: Where is the money to come from?

Mr. ROBSON seconded the motion, but it met with no other supporter, and thus Mr. Crisp's bid for the ladies' favour came to nought.

### The Bogus Novice Again.

Mr. CRISP, in moving, "That limit classes of £5 and over be considered open classes," said that many, rather than go up into the open classes when they were no longer eligible for novice classes, kept their birds, and only exhibited in limit classes.

Mr. HOWARD seconded, and it was carried unanimously.

In view of Mr. Ley's proposition having been referred to the committee, Mr. Clarke withdrew a similar motion which stood in his name, whilst that relating to exchange of lectures between country societies and London was left in the hands of the secretary, so that he might arrange matters with gentlemen willing to give lectures.

### The C.C.C. in the Press.

Mr. CLARKE, in moving the next two motions, which were blended, said he thought that if they could get more publicity of the doings of the Crest Fancy in the Press in the same manner that different sections of the Dog Fancy obtained publicity in the Press, it would increase the interest felt in the C.C.C. and the Crest Fancy. The first motion read: "To discuss the possibility of establishing a monthly or quarterly magazine"; the second, "To approach the Press with a view to their granting, say, half-a-column weekly, the members of the C.C.C. guaranteeing to support the same."

Mr. LEY: It would be best to leave the matter with the papers. If members will send up news the papers would be pleased to publish it.

It was eventually decided to leave the matter in the hands of Mr. Clarke.

### Branch Secretaries.

Mr. CLARKE moved, "To discuss the advisability of electing two or more assistant secretaries, whose duty shall be to look after the interests of Crest fanciers in the district in which they reside," and said: We are languishing; there is a lack of vitality in the club. At present Mr. Tyson is supplying all the energy, and it is not fair that one man should have to run the club; it is too much, and we ought not to expect it. We ought to be represented N.E.S. and W. All the brains are not in London, and the greatest successes come through the decentralisation of effort. I would like to see three or four assistant secretaries appointed to look after the districts in which they reside, and do all they can to promote the interests of the C.C.C.

The CHAIRMAN: How should we do it? From the new committee?

Mr. CLARKE: I have not thought it out, but we might find them from the committee.

Mr. LEY: I have a better scheme, and that is that we pay our secretary something for what he does. After other discussion, it was decided to leave the matter for consideration by the committee.

### Mr. Roberts' Cup.

Mr. TYSON announced that Mr. Roberts left the decision as to whether the Palace Show should be included in this competition to the committee. It would not make any difference one way or the other. It was unanimously decided that the Palace should not be included, as it might create an awkward precedent. Mr. Tyson said Mr. King was the leader, but Mr. Taylor queried it, and asked if the Sheffield points had been included. Mr. Tyson replied that he had written for a Sheffield catalogue, but it had not been sent to him; thus the points had not been included. The Rhodes cup had been won by Mr. Burgess.

### Votes of Thanks.

Mr. Jones proposed, and Mr. Crisp seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr. Tyson. In supporting it, Mr. Clarke said: No one has sacrificed more time to promote the welfare of the C.C.C. than Mr. Tyson, yet he was worried by members writing ridiculous letters asking why 6½d. was not included in the accounts in such-and-such a year, also criticising his work instead of helping and encouraging him. We are well served. Let us thank him heartily.

Mr. ROBSON: This is a matter upon which the country members should have a say. No words of mine are needed to express admiration for the work of Mr. Tyson. He has done great work for the club since the time when he took over the secretarial reins.

Mr. BROAD: It is not for want of appreciation of Mr. Tyson's work that some of the country members don't speak, but because we are not so gifted with speech as others. We do value and appreciate Mr. Tyson's work, I can assure you.

The CHAIRMAN: No one unless behind the scenes can conceive what Mr. Tyson has done for the club. He has put tremendous energy into it, and its success from the time when he first became secretary is due to that energy. I have pleasure in supporting the vote of thanks in the heartiest manner possible.

Mr. TYSON: Words fail me in trying to express my gratefulness for the vote you have just passed, and the kind words you have uttered, but the time has come when I find it necessary to say that I must stop, and I wish you to understand that you must find someone else to do the work.

Mr. CRISP: Was any other name on the voting papers?

Mr. CLARKE: No.

### Mr. Tyson's Successor.

Mr. TYSON having refused to respond to appeals made by several members that he should continue, Mr. Crisp proposed, and Mr. Lazarus seconded, that Mr. J. S. Clarke be elected. Mr. Clarke refused the appointment at first, but after some considerable pressure, consented to take office for one year only. He expressed his gratification at his election, and the kind words spoken of his ability and as they seemed to be at a deadlock he would consent.

### Testimonial to Mr. Tyson.

Mr. PETERS proposed that a testimonial be presented to Mr. Tyson, and that it be left in the hands of the committee to approach the members. Mr. Broad seconded. Mr. Ley, in supporting, said let us strike while the iron is hot. I propose that all present give something now. Mr. Clarke, acting on the suggestion, went round with the list, and a total of £6 9s. was the result.

Votes of thanks to the auditors and the committee closed the meeting, which had lasted just under three and a-half hours.


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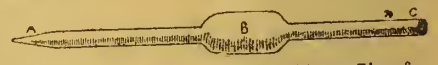
*Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.*

### No. 282.

### A CHEAP SPRAYER.

**Sent by W. B. Jepson, St. John's Vicarage, Lewisham High Road, S.E.**

I send herewith an idea for a very simple inexpensive sprayer for birds which do not take a bath. All that is needed is eight or nine inches of glass tubing of ¼ inch diameter. At, say, half an inch from one end heat the glass tubing in a spirit lamp or gas jet, taking care to rotate it the while. When the glass is soft pull it out until it tapers to a thread (a little thinner than that of a fountain pen-filler).



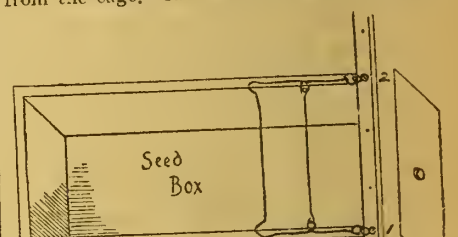

Then break it off carefully. About 3in. from the new end heat the tubing in the same way. When hot and soft, blow gently through the tube and a bulb, as at B, will form. Allow this to cool completely. To spray the bird, dip A into a bowl of water, suck through the tube by putting the end at C to the lips. When B is full of water, blow the water out of the tube and a small spray is sent through A. Care should be taken not to knock A against the cage wires. The tubing may be had for a few pence from any chemist.—W. B. JEPSON.

### No. 283.

### DEVICE TO PREVENT ESCAPE OF BIRDS.

**Sent by R. G. Bremner, 44, Roselea Drive, Dennistown, Glasgow.**

Enclosed is an idea which I have in use at present and find it very convenient for preventing birds from escaping by the hole that is left open when the seed-box is withdrawn from the cage. In summer I had a cage out-




side one of my windows, and found that when I was blowing the husks from the seed the birds frequently got out. It is made of ordinary cage wire which can easily be bent into the shape shown in Fig. 1, without further instructions. The links 1 and 2 are fixed on to the wires immediately above the sides of the seed-box. The drawing shows the arrangement lying in position on the top edge of the box. Anyone can see that when the box is withdrawn the wire appliance will drop down across the hole and thereby prevent escape of any birds.—R. G. BREMNER.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*Feb. 25.—**Gorseinon (Glam).**—Gordon Clarke, High St., Gorseinou.
Oct, 1 & 2—**Burnley & Dis. C.B.S.**—(W. Clarkson, 30 Pine Street.)
Oct. 9—**Longton.**—(E. Tams, Church Street.)
Oct. 13 and 14—**Caterham.**—(Jas Kilby, Caterham Valley.) J.R.
Oct. 15 and 16—**Bolton** J. Stringer, 27, JamosSt.
Oct. 16.—**Darlington C. & C.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace.
Oct. 16—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage.) W.P.B & A.B.
Oct. 19 and 20—**Western Counties (Plymouth)**—(Thos. Pope, 98 Embankment Road.)
*Oct. 20 and 21—**Grimsby & Dis. O.S.**—(W. H. Moore, 39, Lord Street). J.R.C. & F.M.
Oct. 20 and 21—**Battersea, Open.**—(Easterling and Allin, 340, Battersea Park Road.)
Oct. 22 and 23—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Philpott, 28, Jubilee St., Oswaldtwistle).
Oct. 22 and 23—**Newcastle-on-Tyne**—(Curry and Hutchinson, 60, Grosvenor Gardens.)
Oct. 22 and 23—**Hinckley**—(W. Warner, Upper Bond Street)
Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford, Normand Place, Kelty, N.B.)
Oct. 23—**City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 6, St. Catherine's Road.
*Oct. 27—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery Sailor House, Winner Street.)
*Oct. 29 and 30—**Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.**—H. Marshall, 41, Carman St., W.V & R.R.
Oct. 29 and 30—**Manchester.**—(G. W. F. Lythgoe, 25, Stamior Street, Old Trafford.)
Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan, 23, High Street.
Nov. 3.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Av.
Nov. 4 & 5—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze Road, Horfield.)
Nov. 5 and 6—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.) J.R., & H.W.B.
Nov. 3 and 6—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Hillman, Reservoir House, 35, Whitefield Road Everton.)
Nov. 5 & 6—**Sheffield**—(Lindsay & Bingham. 262, King James Street, Walkley.)
Nov. 6—**Rochdale Good Intent**—(F. Rayner, 312, Halifax Road).
Nov. 6 and 8—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(C. Draper, 105, Belgrave Street.)
Nov. 9 and 10—**Hastings United**—(A. E. Godden, 50, Harold Road, Clive Vale). J.R.
Nov. 10 and 11—**Cambridge**—T. S. Moore, 126, Newmarket Road.
Nov. 10 and 11 **Swansea.**—(A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, nr. Swansea.)
Nov. 13—**Tideswell C.B.S.**—(Bagshaw and Flint, Tideswell, nr. Buxton).
Nov. 13 and 14—**Nottingham**—G. E. Wilkinson 9, Wellington Square, Parkside.
Nov. 13—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.)
Nov. 17—**Reading**—(G. A. Charles, 4, Talbourd, Avenue, Earley, Reading)
Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—(H. J. Niblock, Seatown Place.)
Nov. 19 and 20 **Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19 Lambton Street).
Nov. 19 and 20—**Sunderland**—(W. Reid, 2, Plantation Road, Pallion.)
Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.).
Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.)
Nov. 27.—**Darlington C.B.S.**—(E. Brunskill, 2, Danesbury Terrace).
Dec. 1 and 2—**City of Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.)
Dec. 1 and 2—**Cardiff.**—(W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland Road.) J.R.P., & J.R.
Dec. 8 **Luton**—(E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street). J.R. and A.S.

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Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,)
Jan. 6 & 7—**Plumstead & Woolwich**—(Pawley & Newnham, 13, Olven Road.)
Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

## GOSSIP FROM THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

**All Smiles.**
In no section was there more satisfaction given than in that of the Norwich. Every one agreed that the winners had been found; even an inveterate grumbler thought it "might have been worse." Old-time exhibitors were delighted with the birds.

**Perhaps—Perhaps Not.**
Another old party was immensely interested in the White Canary, and insisted upon explaining to one of our staff how to breed black ones. But all he could gather was that to do it properly you must start very young.

**What Could it Have Been?**
The Monday morning arrivals looked terribly fagged. Was it the weighty service at St. Paul's which had had a depressing effect, or the noisy London streets which prevented sleep? "Eh! mon, but we shall be alreet when we get back in our native air," quoth the victims, sadly.

**The Maiden Aunt.**
At the Palace there are always a lot of exhibits sent out for the first time, and mostly shown by maiden ladies living close by. To explain the reason why their pets have not secured "first and special" is a difficult task. The judge is generally put down as "so ignorant," for the bird is "such a lovely singer!"

**Loss of a Rare Bird.**
Readers will regret to hear that the Mexican Trogan, which was to have been exhibited at the Crystal Palace Show by Mr. Maxwell, has succumbed to the rigours of our climate. The fog of a few days ago proved too much for it, and despite the best of care, it was found dead in the aviary. It is claimed that there is not now a specimen of this bird in captivity in the world. The Mexican Trogan is supposed to be the laziest bird that lives. Its habit is to sit on a tree with its beak open to let the insects drop in. It has a head resembling a Hawk's, and its body colour is blue, spotted with White.

**One from the Shoulder.**
In the contest between the Norwich Plainhead Club and the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club, the scoring was: S.N.P.C. 108 points; N.P.C. 52 points.

**Matt for a Yorksher.**
Mr. Matt Broadley was at the Jubilee Show, after a lapse of seven years since his last journey to the great glass house. He was looking as well and as jovial as ever.

**Curly Locks.**
Great interest was shown by the fair sex in the Frills. How the curling is done puzzles them. "It can't be natural, you know," we repeatedly heard them saying.

**All in Luck.**
In the S.N.P.C. competition for the year, Mr. J. W. Rennie wins the £10 10s. cup with 137 points; and the £3 3s. trophy with 102 points. Mr. Hodder is the runner up in each instance. The S.N.P.C. has a balance in hand of about £21, after paying all expenses.

**The Old Brigade.**
It is astonishing how "old-timers" turn up at each Palace Show, just to have a look round and to chat about the champions of the past. The "bird fever" is a disease that is very hard to cure. Some of these "old boys" don't own a feather now—unless it's one in the wife's hat.

**A Nightmare.**
It was said by one who shall be nameless, that he caught the popular show manager sitting apart, pondering. When aroused and questioned, he said: "I was just indulging in a quiet hope that never more might a White Canary be seen at the Palace. It has been awful"—the worry, he meant, not the Canary.

**Birds of a Feather.**
Many a merry party gathered round the tea tables. But just look at them carefully: all Norwich at this table, all Yorkshires at that, Cres's at another, and so on. Who says there is bad blood in the Bird Fancy? It is just pure friendly rivalry, and each is delighted to meet his fellow competitor at the show.

**All's Well that Ends Well.**
It is a long way round by Shepherd's Bush to get to the Palace, but some appear to prefer that route, even if they get landed on the second venture down Peckham way. Still, "Pa" from Yorkshire eventually picked them up, and passed the time by relating some spicy little stories—but we must not repeat *them*.

**For the Lancashires.**
Frank Green, of Redhill, the Lancashire enthusiast, is not quite satisfied with the Lancashire show cage, and has had one made to his own design. A select little party ran a Coppy into it, and the effect was certainly most striking. The experiment attracted a good deal of attention—but more anon.

**The Homeward Journey.**
By 10 o'clock on the Tuesday night four-fifths of the birds had been dispatched from the show. It was, Mr. Ramsden said, quite impossible to entirely clear the show, there being so many birds to attend to. The remainder were sent off to their respective owners by early trains on the Wednesday morning, receiving every attention during the night.

**Dragged Up.**
The Dutch Frills were a puzzle to the average visitor, and the comments based on their appearance were often very amusing. We noticed one sweet young thing gaze at them for a moment in blank astonishment. Then she remarked indignantly to her friend: "What awfully untidy birds their parents must have been to let their features get in such a state."

**A Cross Question.**
The visitors were nearly as varied as the exhibits; and some knew little about each other. One dear old lady asked our artist if he was the "bird-minder," and, if so, would he please see what was the matter with this bird's beak, as it crossed it so badly. He tried to explain to her that was quite natural. It was a Crossbill. But she wasn't having any. Would he, she asked, show her another like it, please? And he couldn't.

**Eggspensive.**
Mr. C. Roehl's pair of Black-faced Lovebirds laid three eggs during the show. One begins to wonder whether it is not high time the management included an egg-laying competition in the programme. A utility class for foreign birds, eh? We understand that two lads went to the sales office and inquired whether they could purchase the eggs. "Yes, certainly," came the reply, "if you buy the birds with them." Needless to say, the lads went and had a last sad look at the eggs.

**Want of Thought.**
It is curious how unthinking some exhibitors can be. We noted one or two cases where the hole in front of the water tin was too small to properly permit the bird to drink. One bird in the Greenfinch class (No. 2,068) could hardly get the tip of his beak through the water hole, and was looking very sick and queer when we discovered his plight, and put the water-glass inside to him. Points like these ought never to be overlooked by owners of birds.

**The Early Birds.**
Almost without exception the birds arrived at the show in good time, and were soon in their places, everything being early in readiness for the judges. We were sorry to note that one exhibitor, a well-known Wellingboro' fancier, suffered in some cases through his birds turning up late. The cages belonging to Mr. E. Pass (Hucknall), also came to hand too late for competition. We understand the "smash" on the Midland line near Bedford had something to do with this.

**The L. and P.O.S. resident.**
The president of the L. and P.O.S., Lord Decies, paid a visit to the show. His lordship had only just returned from the Continent. We noticed him busy choosing cages at Mr. Newley's stall, with whom he placed a large order.

**Airy Persiflage.**
Mr. Spencer, the well-known balloonist, was present, we hear, at the show, and when introduced to Mr. Ramsden said: "I am pleased to meet you. You and I *ought* to know one another, for we both deal with things which fly in the air."

**The Fifty-first.**
The directors of the Crystal Palace have been pleased to fix the dates of next year's exhibition for February 4th, 5th, 7th, and 8th. We understand that there is every prospect of the present troubles of the "Glass House" being smoothed away at an early date.

**Good for the Bank Balance.**
The sales easily constituted a record, numbering close upon 400, and totalling nearly £330—last year £260 was the figure. The catalogues (a record printing, too), were "sold out" early on the Monday evening. There was also a record number of stall-holders patronising the exhibition.

**Out on the Spree.**
A pair of Black-cheeked Lovebirds and a Cirl Bunting took a jaunt round the Palace, and, so far as we know, have not been recaptured. The show-cage of the former had a sliding back; this collapsed, and the birds said good-bye. The door of the Bunting's showcage was open on arrival, and before it was noticed, out the bird popped.

**Hybrids at a Premium.**
Messrs. Ruhl and Duesburg, visitors from Belgium, put up some keen bidding for rare Mules and Hybrids. They seemed particularly anxious of getting hold of Canary-Bullfinches and, we understand, offered a certain lady, who has been very fortunate in breeding them, £30 for three of her birds.

**Heartburnings.**
The cage classes are notorious for the difficulty experienced in satisfying the exhibitors therein in the matter of the awards. This year was no exception to the rule, notwithstanding the fact that the judge had the assistance of two well-known fanciers in his task.

**Not Found Wanting.**
We have reason to believe that several exhibits aroused the curiosity of the judges, and were put to the test, but came through with all colours standing, so to speak. Some unkind person suggested that the exhibitors were getting too clever for their friends the judges. We wonder if it is true?

**We Hope So.**
We heard that certain information had come to light concerning the recent mysterious disappearance of a cage of birds from a show in the Midlands, that might lead to some of the missing ones being restored to their owner, and possibly to the discovery and punishment of the thief. We hope the rumour may prove to be correct.

**Move On There!**
On Saturday, for the first time in the history of the Palace Shows, the doors had to be shut owing to the great number of people seeking admission, and the crowds regulated by policemen. At one time a section of the crowd broke the barrier at one corner of the enclosure, tore away the curtains which screen it, and poured in by the score. But Robert soon came to the rescue.

**As it Should Be.**
The exhibits were splendidly cared for from the first moment they entered the show enclosure to the time of their despatch home. On the Sunday every cage was cleaned, and the water and seed vessels washed out and attended to, by the special staff under the personal direction of Messrs J. W. Ramsden, J. F. Hills, Geo. Crabb, J. W. Norris, and T. Heath.

**The Much Be-paragraphed.**
To a man the representatives of the daily Press froze on to the white Canary. They must have turned out columns of "copy" concerning this bird. His only serious rival in their affections was the King Bird of Paradise. The visitors who turned up inquiring for the said-to-be "one and only" were legion, and the officials were kept busy piloting expectant patrons to the spot where the Canary of the snow-white plumage sat the perch in solitary state. Truly, it was a great scoop to have him on the premises.

**Sympathetic Tones.**
One of the most amusing incidents in connection with the Palace Show was the demonstration of Yorkshire vocal ability en route from the Show to the Great City on Saturday evening. A venerable fancier from somewhere near the vicinity of the Norfolk Broads was in the carriage, gay as gay could be, face all smiles, and heart light as air. The Yorkshire lads and lasses, appropriating the words of the song to the occasion sang, as our old friend sat with uncovered head, "As your hair grows whiter we will love you more."

**A True Tail.**
On the Monday a dear old soul arrived and asked to be shown the Bird of Paradise. She was escorted to it by—well, no matter. She contemplated the bird for a moment, then said: "Oh! so that's it, is it. Well, where's it's tail?" The two wire-like appendages were pointed out to her. "Call that a tail," she exclaimed; "why, they're only two bits of wire. I like to see some feathers, and plenty of 'em." And she turned disgustedly away. Evidently the sort of person who will be particular about her own feathers later on.

## CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

**Ardwick and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 16, Blacksmith's Arms, Viaduct Street, 8.30. Passing of rules and election of new members. Intended members please attend.—J. Spencer.

**Bradford East O.S.**—Feb. 16, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Mr. W. Blakey's lecture on "Inbreeding," and balance sheet for annual show.—H. Hill.

**Aberdeen O.S.**—Feb. 17, Natural History Classroom, Marischal College, 8. Lecture on "Heredity in Birds," by Professor J. A. Thomson. Admission free. All cordially invited.—J. Bryson.

**Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 16, Round House Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

**Birkenhead C.F.A.**—Feb. 16, Temperance Rooms, 8. Table show of Pairs, and discussion on pairing, by Mr. Burns. Fanciers invited.—J. Richardson.

**Bolton Woods C.B.S.**—Feb. 13, Victoria Hotel, 8. Officials for dinner and concert, preparation of programme, etc., for Feb. 20.—M. Skirrow.

**Bradford West C.B.A.**—Feb. 13, Red Lion Hotel, 8.—J. W. Telford.

**Belgrave and Dist. F. and F.S.**—Feb. 16, New Inn, Loughboro' Road, 8. Table show of matched pairs of Canaries, and of Hybrid pairs.—W. H. Riley.

**City of Bradford O.S.**—Feb. 13, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8.—F. Rhodes.

**Cardiff and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 18, Maskell's Cafe, Queen Street, 8. Nomination of officers for 1909, rules, election of auditors.—W. S. Negus.

**Coventry O.S.**—Feb. 17, Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, 8. Members' table show, £1 1s. pair class, A.V. Nor., pairs matched for breeding (no price limit); visitors invited.—G. Peters.

**Dulwich O.S.**—Feb. 18, Herne Tavern, Peckham Rye. Show of pairs matched for breeding. Judge, Mr. G. Gardner. All birds to be staged by 7.30 p.m. Admission free.—Woolhouse and Rogers.

**East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.**—Feb. 13, Barley Mow Hotel, 7.30. Drawing up schedule for 1909 shows, etc. Fanciers are especially invited to join.—L. Booth.

**Gateshead and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 17, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Annual general meeting, consideration of balance sheet, and election of officers for ensuing year, etc.—T. Taylor.

**Great Horton O.S.**—Feb. 13, Butcher's Arms, 8. Special business.—J. Holroyd.

**Gt. Harwood and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 15, headquarters, Towngate, 7.30. To arrange annual open show date.—G. Waddington.

**Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.**—Feb. 18, Nuttclough Tavern, 8.—W. Parratt.

**Hetton-le-Hole and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 13, Crown Inn, 7. Fanciers invited to join.—A. J. Notley.

**Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.**—Feb. 16, Cricket Players, 8. Novice washing competition. Members and friends invited. Mr. R. Rhodes to take chair.—W. Cottingham.

**Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 17, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Cup business, show date for first feather show.—R. H. Davies.

**Leek and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 15, headquarters, 7.30. North Staffordshire Federation.—R. Hall.

**Liverpool O.S.**—Feb. 16, 64, Shaw Street, 8. Election of officers, important show business, judges, etc.—Metcalfe and Hillman.

**Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.**—Feb. 15, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Table show of Yorks., and lecture on Yorkshire Canary.—E. Jones.

**Middleton O.S.**—Feb. 15, Old Boar's Head, 8. Rearranging cup rules, etc.—J. Oldham.

**Middleshrough and Tees Side C.B.S.**—Feb. 20, Crown Hotel, 3. Business very important: also pair show; admission free to all fanciers.—A. Wake.

**Morley and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 13, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Specials to be given at end of year.—R. H. Turner.

**North London C.B.A.**—Feb. 17, Library Hall, Stoke Newington, 8. Members' pair show. Judge, Mr. J. Robson; all welcome.—R. P. Harper.

**Northern B B M. and F.B.C.**—Feb. 17, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 7.30. Club business and table show, 4 classes, viz., Linnet, Greenfinch, Chaffinch-Bramble, A.S. Softbill; intending members and fanciers kindly invited.—J. Bertram.

**Northern Yorkshire C.C.**—Feb. 16, Lockhart's Cafe, 8. Table show of pairs. Judge, Mr. J. Shepherd.—All fanciers welcome.—T. C. Crawhall.

**Otley O.S.**—Feb. 17, Queen's Head.—C. Thornton.

**Partick and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 5, Trades' Hall. Show of mules pairs. Fanciers and friends invited.—A. Miller.

**Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.**—Feb. 18, Trinity Schools, 8. Pair show: entries before 8. Visitors welcome, at 8.30.—W. Pawley.

**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.**—Feb. 17, headquarters, 8. Table show of Lancashires, Lizards, Crests, Mules and Hybrid, pairs matched for breeding.—F. Rayner.

**Sunderland C.B.A.**—Feb. 20, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Washing exhibition, by Mr. J. Riseborough. All fanciers invited to attend.—W. Reid.

**St. Helens O.S.**—Feb. 15, George Inn, Water Street, 8.15.—A. Goodall.

**Stockport B.F.A.**—Feb. 16, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Pair show of Yorks., Liz., and Cinn.; also 12/6 sell. class.—W. Stafford.

**Spen Valley C.B.S.**—Feb. 15, Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton, 8. Members' pair class show.—R. Bennett.

**Sale Open O.S.**—Feb. 15, Technical School, 8. To receive entries for members' show, and draw up syllabus for present year; also a new rule for members showing at open show.—J. Isham.

**Sowerby Bridge and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 13, Bull's Head, 3. Last monthly pair show. Judge, Mr. W. H. Walsh.—A. E. Morton.

**Sunbury-on-Thames and Dist. F.S.**—Mar. 3, headquarters, 8. Committee meeting, breeding and rearing of cage birds.—Hodder.

**Wimbledon and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 15, 6, The Broadway, 8. Pair show. Judge, Mr. J. Robson.—H. Smith.

**Windhill, Shipley and Dist. O.S.**—Feb. 13, Blue Bell Hotel, 8.—E. Broadley.

**West Auckland C.B. and P.F.S.**—Feb. 13, Talbot Hotel, 7. To arrange a programme for year.—J. Gill.

**West London F.A.**—Feb. 18, Meeting postponed from Feb. 11. Particulars as per schedule.—J. Dewhurst.

**West Bromwich and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 16, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Yorks. pair show, yell. ck., buff hen, buff ck., yell. hen.—Duffield and Jennings.

**Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 13, Horse and Groom Inn, 3. Members' show; judge, Mr. J. Haigh. Meeting at 5 o'clock to elect officers for 1909-10.—E. W. Johnson.

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

## DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

**Queries will be answered under the following Conditions:—**

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# CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

### Crestbred with Cough.

**Novice.**—You do not say whether the bird is kept in a warm or cold room. If it is a cold one this particular bird is probably rather more than usually susceptible, and should be kept in a cosy corner of the room. This is assuming that it has not got a chill after bathing, nor been temporarily exposed to some stray draught. In addition to the present diet you are allowing him give half a teaspoonful of hemp twice a week, and three times a week for the next fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushd sponge cake with two drops of sherry and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and a few grains of gold of pleasure sprinkled over it. Alternate these additions with the other extra items, so that a different one is given each day. Continue to give the apple or banana in addition to the extra items of seeds and soft food. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, ten each of glycerine and syrup of squills, and one of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together every second day for a week, and in the following week give twenty drops of chemical food every second day instead.

### Belgians and Yorkshires.

**"Pendletonian."**—There is no need to make any difference whatever in the manner of feeding and preparing these varieties for breeding other than the regular routine system for any other variety which is frequently given in this column. A staple diet of plain Canary seed only, with a pinch of summer rape twice a week, and a few grains of hemp on two other days for the cocks, and a similar quantity of inga on those days for the hens instead of hemp, and half-a-spoonful egg food once a week will suffice up to the end of February. About this time begin to increase the frequency of the extra supply of rape and egg food, and give the hens a few grains of hemp occasionally, and any of the cocks that appear backward a few grains of inga now and again, and also add a pinch of gold of pleasure seed to their egg food. Always keep the cocks well up in vigour until ready to mate. By the end of March you should be giving a small quantity of egg food every second day, and on each alternate day a pinch of the extra seeds named above, and a leaf of dandelion about every second day, with a scrap of any other green food on the alternate days. The end of March or beginning of April is quite early enough to put the birds together.

### Strange Behaviour.

**J.S.M.**—I do not see much wrong at all in the way you say the birds act. All birds have a habit of yawning and acting as you say at times, and it is not infrequently noticed after eating, especially when partaking of soft food, and when the birds rouse up from a few minutes' rest and are about to visit the food vessels. In the latter case I often think it is probably a little indigestion, or perhaps nothing more than *ennui*. It is just possible, however, that your birds have been previously accustomed to have gravel on the floor, and now get picking about among the saw-dust, and perhaps nibbling at it and causing some irritation in the mouth and throat. Try giving them a shallow pan of grit on the floor, and in the wires stick a small cube of fat boiled pork or bacon, and add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, the same quantity of chlorate of potash, and ten drops of glycerine, to the drinking water every second day for a week or so. Your feeding is scarcely correct. In addition to the staple of Canary seed, give the rape twice a week only, and on two other days give each a few grains of inga. Once a week for the present will be often enough to give egg food. Every second or third day give a scrap of green food when obtainable quite free from frost instead of the apple. See also reply to "Pendletonian."

### Backyard Aviary.

**"Cupboard."**—I. I do not think it is possible to give you a satisfactory reply to this question. Only by having an intimate knowledge of the spot, or being on the spot to examine it, could one give a definite reply. If you were quite sure there are no cutting draughts, or cold winds, or driving rain to blow into the recess, and it is well lit—not necessarily having direct sunshine—I should say the birds would thrive all right in the space with all the glass removed from the doors so that the cages would be practically in the open air. This would be far preferable to any attempt to ventilate it. How the latter could be done efficiently, I could only suggest after seeing a rough sketch of the place, and knowing of what material the body is built. If you could manage this, I might be able to help you. 2. See reply to "Pendletonian" in this issue, and get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., from this office. You will find the latter invaluable this coming season. 3. The best sort of foster-mother for young Mules is any really good feeding hen—generally a common Norwich or nondescript answers well. You must have this hen properly mated and going to nest about the same time as the Muling pair, so that you can, when necessary, substitute the young Mules or eggs for those of the foster-mother, the eggs or the young, as the case may be, of the latter being sacrificed. From this you will gather that the Mule eggs you now have will probably be sacrificed, unless the Finch rears them herself, or you hand-rear them. Next time, get the prospective foster-mother at work ready for any emergency.

### A Nocturnal Wheeze.

**"Rita."**—As your bird seems to be disturbed in his rest only during the early part of the night, there are two possible causes which you should first satisfy yourself do not exist, and if they do, you must remedy them; first, that the cage may have a colony of red mites in it, which come out and worry the bird as soon as it has settled down to rest; secondly, that the cage may hang in such a position as to receive more or less heat and fumes from a burning lamp or gas. Your feeding is very unsuitable. The staple mixture of which you sent a sample is really only suitable for occasional use as a tit-bit. The other mixture is almost worse than useless for caged Canaries. Try following treatment for a month and note result. For staple, give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week give separately, in addition, half-a-teaspoonful of the mixture you now use as a staple, and on two other days a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake, or egg food. Three or four times a week give a little green food. In the drinking water give a few grains of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and during the next week ten drops of glycerine and five eaoh of syrup of squills and tincture of tolu every second day.

### Swollen Abdomen.

**H.C.L.**—You ought to have said how this bird has been fed and treated. It is almost useless trying to advise for a case of this kind without some reliable data to go upon, and you give me absolutely none. At a random guess I should imagine the bird is blocked up with fat, so if you like to try the following for a fortnight and then report result, and give me some particulars as to how and where the bird has been previously kept, you may do so. In any case, I do not think this treatment can do harm. Keep it is a comfortable temperature, free from draught, and allow plenty of space for exercise. Give plain Canary only, with an unlimited supply of green food as staple diet. Twice a week give half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, and restrict it solely to this simple diet. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and the same quantity of chlorate of potash daily for four or five consecutive days. For the remainder of the week give four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. During the second week give the first-named mixture every second day, and the acid on the alternate days. When writing again please refer to this reply, or enclose it with your letter.

### A Duet.

**R.A.W.**—(1) Your name no object whatever in mating the buff Belgian cock. If you wish to breed pure Belgians, then, of course, you must mate it to a pure Belgian hen, either a foul-marked yellow or a yellow with dark underflue for preference. All other points in type must be balanced as evenly as possible in the two birds; thus, if the cock fails in length of neck, snakiness, or any other point, the hen must be chosen to excel in these points, even if colour has to take a back seat in making the points match. (2) The noise like the cracking of seed your bird makes at night is of no account whatever. Provided the birds are quite free from draught, and are not troubled with red mite at night, no treatment is really necessary for this "cracking" of the beak, which is probably somewhat analogous to a man gnashing his teeth when asleep. You may, if you like, give it six drops of dandelion juice and two of oil of eucalyptus well shaken together in the water, every alternate day for a week.

### Lost Use of Legs.

**A. C. G.**—I fear the prospects of curing this bird are not very bright. It evidently required more generous treatment to build up its strength before its system was called on to bear any extra strain by illness. Now, it is very probably too late for treatment to be of any avail. Anyway, try what the following will do for it. Keep in a medium sized cage, or put an extra perch or two in the ordinary cage, until it gets strong enough to move about freely. Keep in a comfortable temperature, where the warmth is regular, but do not overheat it. Give plain Canary seed only as staple diet, and twice a week give half-a-teaspoonful of summer rape, and every second day the same quantity of egg food, or crushed sponge cake, with two drops of port wine and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and on the alternate days between giving this, give two mealworms, and a bit of banana or apple—the former preferably. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for two days, and after that give twenty drops of Chemical Food every second day for a month, and on the alternate days in the first and third weeks, give thirty drops of port wine, and two each of tincture of steel and tincture of gentian. Shall be glad to hear how the bird is at the end of the month, and will then advise further if necessary. You could get the sand you enquire about in bulk or in small lots, from the factory at Bristol. Doubtless a letter addressed to them, giving the addresses of your local bird food dealers, would set matters right.

### Canary in Bad Plumage.

**A Novice.**—The bird's condition is undoubtedly due to prolonged mismanagement, and is by no means a very hopeful one for you to undertake with a limited knowledge of the subject. I certainly do not advise you to attempt to force a moult now; seeing that new feathers are now being reproduced, it is undoubtedly moulting without any forcing. All you need do is to keep it in a box cage, quite free from draughts, in a fairly warm place, where the heat is regular night and day, and in a rather moist rather than dry warmth. If there is any danger of draught at all, cover the cage-front with some light material, and let the moult progress naturally. Keep cage perfectly clean, free from any suspicion of red mite, and strew with clean, gritty sand. Allow it to bathe frequently in mild weather. As regards food, give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Once a week give a few grains only of hemp; on one other day a few grains of linseed; and every second day give half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake or egg food with two drops of cod-liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and once each week for a month slightly dust it over with a mixture of two parts of flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash. If available, a couple of mealworms a day for a time would do good. Give a spray of green food or a bit of banana as a substitute three or four times a week. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence and six drops each of lemon-juice and dandelion juice, every second day for a week; then omit it for a week, and give it again in the following week. On the alternate days, from the first give twenty drops of chemical food, and continue this right through for a month. Shall be glad to hear at the end of that time how the bird is progressing. Advise its owner to read CAGE BIRDS, and get "Canary Breeding for Beginners."

### Failing Eyesight.

**H.C.B.**—Having regard to the bird's age, I think it most likely cataract may be developing. If so, you will notice a peculiar milky white colour pervading the eye if you examine it in a good light. For this there is practically no cure at all, nor any remedy that is applicable to cage birds. You may, if you like, try the effect of the following ointment, but I cannot hold out any hopes of its curing the bird. Get a chemist to mix you two grains of red oxide of mercury in two drams of spermaceti ointment. Catch the bird three times a week, and put a tiny piece, the size of a pin's head, in the eye, holding the bird a short time whilst the ointment melts, gently assisting it to work its way around and underneath the eyelid. The ointment is poisonous, so be careful. Shall be glad to hear result in a month or so. As regards food, discontinue the hemp, and give instead half-a-teaspoonful of egg food with one drop of cod-liver oil emulsion mixed in it, three times a week for a time, and add fifteen drops of chemical food to the water every second day for a month.

### The Important Postscript.

**Anxious.**—Your postscript is about the most essential part of your letter, as without it there would not have been the very slightest clue as to how the birds are fed; and, as it is, the information is not very helpful, as "the ordinary mixed seed" which you say they are fed on might mean anything. The chances, however, are all in favour of it meaning a most unsuitable diet, which is doubtless the cause of the bird's condition. Indeed, everything points to very bad management, and I doubt whether you will meet with any success with these birds. Keep them in fair-sized box cages, which must be perfectly clean and free from any red-mites, and strew them regularly with clean, gritty sand. Keep them in a comfortable temperature, not overheated, nor yet very cold, but see that the warmth, whatever degree it may be, is fairly regular day and night, and not extremely fluctuating—first very hot, and then cold. Draughts, of course, must be rigorously excluded. Put them on a diet of plain Canary seed only as a staple, and give separately twice each week half a teaspoonful of rape per bird, and every second day giv a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with two drops of sherry and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with a little maw seed. Twice each week for the next fortnight add to th sponge cake a very slight dusting of a mixture of two parts flour of sulpbur to one part chlorate of potash. If obtainable, give a small spray of tender young chickweed or groundsel, free from any wet or frost, three times a week. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give twenty drops of chemical food. Shall be glad to hear how birds are in a month.

### A Bad Start.

**Disheartened.**—Am sorry to hear your first attempt at Canary-breeding has been so unfortunate, and trust you will have more success this coming season. To a certain extent, I am afraid your treatment and management generally have been a chief cause of your failure, and as it is impossible to give all the details as to proper management of the breeding stock in this column, I would advise you to get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. post free, from this office, and thoroughly digest its contents before the breeding season arrives. The kitchen is not by any means an ideal place to keep the birds in on account of the great fluctuations of temperature, which are usually unavoidable. But if there is no other place available for you, then keep the birds in a place that will afford the least possible variations, and that is perfectly free from draughts. Keep the cages clean, see they are quite free from red mite, and strew the floors with gritty sand. Supply baths regularly, and if there is any suspicion of red mite, add a few quassia chips to the bathing water twice a week. This latter point should be attended to at once, as I am inclined to think the birds are even now troubled with these pests. Feed on plain Canary only as a staple, and give separately half-a-teaspoonful of summer rape twice a week, the same quantity crushed sponge cake the same number of times, and on two other days give the cocks a few grains of hemp, and the hens a pinch of inga. Give a little green food three or four times a week. Give all the extras named separately and alternately, so that a different one is given each day. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and six drops of lemon-juice every second day for a week, and after that twenty drops of chemical food every second day for two or three weeks. Shall be glad to hear what improvement has taken place at the end of a month.

### Flying Feathers.

**W. Jones.**—In the case of the bird that is still continually moulting, I have not the least doubt but that it is either exposed to draughts or great variations of temperature, and as you appear to think it is quite free from draughts it must be the latter cause that is at work. Does the bird hang where it is very warm by day, and likely to be proportionately cold during the night?; or is it anywhere near a burning lamp or gas jet during the evening that would overheat it? If it is, this must be remedied. Keep it in a comfortable temperature, where the warmth is regular night and day. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Give separately twice a week half a teaspoonful of hemp, and every second day for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of sherry and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it. Three times a week give a scrap of green food, when available, free from frost. Limit the diet solely to this, and after the first fortnight reduce the sponge cake to twice a week. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and after that give six drops of dandelion juice, and two each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel every second day, and twenty drops of chemical food on the alternate days. Continue this until the moulting has quite ceased. Feed the bird that does not sing, but appears quite well, the same as above for a fortnight, except that the sponge cake should be given only twice a week, and a few grains of inga and gold of pleasure strewn over it. In the drinking water, after giving the salts as above, give twenty drops of whiskey and ten of glycerine every second day for a week, and on the alternate days two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel. If it should show no signs of beginning to sing by that time, I should have a doubt about it being a cock.

### Brevities.

**A Removal** (Novice).—Let your bird remain in the kitchen, still in the coolest part, but see he is quite free from draught, until towards the end of March. At any time between the middle of March and the first week in April you may take advantage of any mild weather for a few day to move him to his new quarters for breeding, and allow him a few more days in which to settle down before introducing the hen. Be chary of mating up too early. The first week in April will be quite early enough to begin in a cold room. By taking these simple precautions the removal should not affect his health or breeding.

# BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

### Which Goldie and Bullie is Best?

**Novice** (W T.)—Russian and Siberian Goldfinches are much larger than either German or British Goldies, and have much more white in their plumage; the Siberians are the largest and finest of all. Most Germans are the same size as British Goldies, and many cannot be told from them, though they are usually of an appreciably whiter cast of plumage. Russian and Siberian Bullfinches are very much bigger and finer than British Bullies, taken as a whole. The German Bullies which come into this country are mostly "broken pipers"—that is, hand-reared birds which have failed to learn their lessons. They are, of course, usually very tame, also usually very difficult for most people to tell from English Bullfinches. Either of the Goldfinches is quite likely to breed, though fanciers seem inclined to the opinion that Britishers are rather more free than the others. The Siberians certainly breed the biggest Mules. Any of the hen Bullfinches are also likely to breed. Some fancy one, some another—the hand-reared German hens especially, though some say they are very disappointing. The Siberians, here again, would throw the largest young. The kind of Bullie hen I have found best is a very long one, not too stout in build (one that does not put on too much under fat) and which moves about in a lively fashion without, of course, being wild. The same remarks apply equally to the Goldfinch The very heavy, fat, sluggish kind seldom do much good as breeders. A very big English Goldfinch is a grand bird to have in one's room.

### Feeding a Linnet.

**Enquirist**—I answered this query only about a fortnight ago. Pity readers do not look up recent back numbers, and so save themselves time and trouble. This is how I feed my own Linnets, with the best of results, both as regards song, muling and exhibition. Stock seed mixture: Canary three pints, teazle two pints, summer rape, charlock, and linseed one pint each. In the winter (if the birds are in a cold room) and during the moult, about one pint of hemp should be added to the stock mixture. A feed of maw and niger, and a good wild seed mixture can be given frequently (varied) by way of a change. Let them have a little green-food, especially rape seedlings, in the winter, and ripe seeding shepherd's purse, chickweed, plantain and groundsel freely in the summer. Many good makers put up a special Linnet (or Finch) mixture in packets, and a feed of this occasionally makes an acceptable variation from the ordinary stock mixture To bring them on to song and in condition quickly after the moult, the great "secret" is to give them plenty of the best old hemp, and crack it lightly, so that they feed well off it. Also put in the "side-pan," or "tit-bit" drawer, daily a teaspoonful of the following mixture: Two ounces each of gold of pleasure, niger, sesame, and thistle, one ounce each of mustard (the golden-yellow seed), dandelion, maw, cornflower and lettuce. It is the finest "wild seed mixture," or "tit-bit" or "refresher" (call it what you will) that I know, and there is no waste. This treatment will bring any bird into breeding condition at the earliest possible moment.

### Steadying an Unruly Bird.

**Chaffie.**—Am afraid you have set yourself a very thankless task. A "mad" cock Chaffinch is one of the very worst birds to steady. Some are not worth bothering with—if mine, I should feel inclined to open the cage door and let him clear away, and then try another bird. What sort of cage are you keeping him in, however? The only suitable one for a bird like this is a cage wired in front only, about 14 by 10 by 8, with inside food trough and two perches about on a level with top of the latter —in short, the Finch stock-cage sold by most of the cage-makers advertising in these columns. The cage should be hung in some suitable light spot, but away from a window, and be partly sheeted down with a light cover. Feed and clean him out in a very quiet way, and try to get him to take a mealworm from your fingers. When moulted under the above conditions, he may come out nice and steady. Yes; it is generally very old birds which are the worst to get tame. It is impossible to prevent them breaking their plumage. It is often a good and satisfactory dodge (as you have heard) to hand-wash a refractory bird two or three times, allowing a fair interval between each operation. It often has a wonderfully steadying effect.

### About Mule Breeding.

**Arthur Whyte.**—The foods for both Greenfinch and Linnet are given in reply to another querist this week; kindly refer thereto. A little prepared packet egg-food, if made by a good firm, is quite suitable for use with any caged birds which show a liking for it. During the breeding season I personally always use egg and biscuit or egg and bread prepared fresh every day. You must please yourself what course you will pursue. There are certainly some good egg-foods on the market now. Young bred from hens of Yorks. type generally come somewhat slimmer in build to young bred from hens of Norwich type. If good singing Mules only are wanted, however, one kind of hen is quite as good as the other. To get the Linnet into high breeding condition, give it on different days in the week pinches of hemp, niger, maw, and dandelion, etc., seeds, as advised "Enquirist." You must look out for early tender dandelion leaves and the flowering and seeding heads, and give the bird a free supply, seeing they are never in a frosted condition when offered. Dandelion is invaluable as a "conditioner" for breeding birds. For early supplies, look on sheltered banks (railway embankments, for instance) which face south. Also let the bird have sprigs of seeding shepherd's-purse, and chickweed and flowering groundsel tops, looking out for the earliest possible supplies. The hen Canary does not want forcing, or she will go to nest before the Linnet is fit, and the result will be disappointment, in the shape of clear eggs. Let her have good, sound canary seed only, with a little summer rape every second day, and a "nip" of hemp and niger twice a week. A small feed of egg-food once or twice a week will do her no harm; plenty of time to give it oftener when the month of March is drawing to a close. In these matters, however, all fanciers must use their judgment according to the breeding condition or otherwise of their birds.

## Management of a Hawfinch.

**Southfields.**—Pleased to hear that you were smitten with the Hawfinch, and have entered the Fancy by claiming one at the Palace. I remember the bird; I think he was very good value for the money. As regards the proper feeding, the principal food for a caged Hawfinch is sound, plump, white sunflower seed, or mixed sunflower and safflower. Sunflower seed which is black, or striped, however, is not bad, by any means; still, I prefer white, myself, whenever obtainable. Given this, and a mealworm or two every day or so, the bird asks for little more. The mealworms, however, should be given direct from the fingers; they are a great help in keeping (and getting) a bird steady. The bird also appreciates hemp, linseed, canary, oats, and sometimes a little buckwheat, summer rape, small Indian corn, etc His powerful beak makes short work of beechmast, suitable nuts (walnuts, etc.), plum and cherry stones, hawthorn, privet, etc., berries and the like. Green food they are not particularly keen on, but appreciate a little young lettuce, watercress, chickweed, shepherd's purse, also ripe apple, pear, etc., occasionally. They make an exception in favour of tender green garden peas, of which they are passionately fond, and these are especially good given in the pod. They are fond of a bath, so let him have one whenever the weather is suitable; daily, if possible. The free use of water is the finest possible thing to keep him in good condition.

## Management of Bullfineh.

**Miss Vincent.**—As a stock food for Bullfinches at present you could hardly better Canary and teazle three piuts of each, linseed, summer rape, and charlock, half a pint of each. Iu a finger drawer (or separate dish), however, the following would need to be given, in addition, to provide the necessary variety:—A small dessert-spoonful of sunflower seed or safflower seed, every day, except when giving hemp, of which the bird may have a teaspoonful once a week, say, for a Sunday treat. In a tin you could keep a mixture of niger two parts, maw three parts, and give a pinch twice a week. Then you have thistle and dandelion seed and wild seed mixture, small feeds of which may also be occasionally given. Or the special mixture advised "Exquirist" this week would answer admirably. Thus your bird can be provided with a "grateful and comforting" change in the menu daily. For green foods give any of the following, according to season:—Shepherd's-purse, dandelion, groundsel tops, chickweed, flowering grasses, watercress, lettuce, rape or Canary seedlings, etc. The seeding kinds may be freely given. Bullies are very fond of many berries (black, privet, etc.), also fruit, and the buds of fruit trees and bushes; on such things they feed largely when wild. Charlock, dock, thistles, hard-heads, and many other wild seeding plants, these birds are also very fond of, likewise mealworms. Treated on the above lines, your pet should thrive splendidly and moult a good colour.

## Muling Greenfinches and Goldfinches.

**Beginner.**—If you are keeping cocks and hens together, it is always somewhat difficult to suit the needs of each. As I have often said, muling hens, when a first round of Canaries is not being taken, want keeping back in condition as long as is possible. To give them the run of the Finch's stimulating diet tends, of course, in the reverse direction. If they are "sent to nest" before the Finch is ready, then clear eggs result—waste of time and trouble. It is for this reason that the double breeding cage is so advantageous to the Mule-breeder, and especially to one with but limited cages and cage-room. However, the Greenfinch-Canary couple is not difficult to cater for. They will do well on canary and teazle, equal parts, and a little summer rape, which seeds will not hurt the wife. Give a little maw, inga, and hemp now and again in a finger drawer, or throw on the clean sand. The Greenfineh will have to have some sunflower daily. He will shell the latter easily enough, whereas the Canary will experience some difficulty in doing so, and so is not likely to overgorge herself on it. I do not care to keep a Goldfinch without a free supply of hemp, and, of course, his mate is certain to help herself freely to this. The best plan, if one can manage it, is to give canary, teazle, and a little rape (as mentioned previously) in the hopper and twice or thrice a day give a small feed of hemp in a finger drawer. Mr. Goldie is sure to go to this at once and fill himself out with it, when there will be but little left over for his wife. Of course, you will give him also maw, inga, etc., now and again. Look out for dandelion heads and young, tender leaves—a free supply works wonders in getting all muling Finches into prime condition. Give also flowering chickweed, groundsel, and shepherd's purse—these should be freely used, taking care to remove all traces of frost from them, if any. If cock and hen are kept separate, then the Canaries simply want the plain diet mentioned in other replies. Later on in the season, when the nesting time may be said to be here, and other Finches are fit, it does not matter about the hen Canaries having the stimulating seeds

## Brevities.

**Blackbird Not Singing** (W.A.L.).—The bird certainly ought to be singing now. I advise you to give it a fair supply of live food, say a dozen fat mealworms daily, a few snails (provide a biggish stone in the cage for the bird to bang them on), also gentles and blackbeetles (cockroaches); all these things are far from difficult to obtain, in proper season, and ought to bring the bird out in song. Vary them, of course; do not give all at the same time. The food wants supplementing with other things—crushed dog biscuit, or game meal without grit, moistened with hot water; and finely minced hard-boiled egg, and a little scraped raw lean beef or mutton, to mention a few.

**Three Items** (A.M.).—1. I do not know of anything which will prevent a Redstart's tail getting broken journeying to and from a show. It is a risk one has to take with all birds; but especially with Softbills; 2. It is good if mixed with other food, or other ingredients; not for use alone. 3. Yes; after they have been moulted. The only drawback is the time they take, usually, getting steady.

**Bullfinches** (J. Rhind).—Yes; it would be possible to breed with a pair of Bullfinches in an outdoor aviary the size you mention. Feed on the same lines as advised another querist this week, giving plenty of seeding green foods, especially if they have young. A young Bullie certainly might learn part of the song of a Roller Canary. Young (if any) bred from chronically asthmatic parents would be sure to be asthmatical themselves.

**Starlings** (Novice).—I really don't think you stand the slightest chance of breeding Starlings in a three-foot cage; it is hardly big enough to keep one bird in. The hen is a browner-tinged, dingy bird compared with the cock (though more heavily and distinctly spotted), lacking the lustre seen in his coat. He has a yellow beak during the breeding season; his wife has not. The cock is duller when in winter plumage.

# FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

## Crossing Java Sparrows.

**E. S. Cornwall.**—Yes, the two varieties, white and grey, readily cross, the resulting progeny being about 90 per cent. pure greys, and the remainder pied birds, many of which are, however, very handsome. If the pure greys resulting from the cross are mated up with wild imported birds they breed very readily and true to colour. The imported Grey Javas show very little inclination to breed in captivity, but by crossing them a free breeding strain is produced which will breed true to colour as above. I should hesitate to turn birds out of doors till April, that is, if they have been kept indoors for some months. The white variety appears to be more susceptible to cold than the grey, but will fare well enough if turned out when the winter is past. Keep them together in the cage, and let them have plenty of exercise and they will probably promptly go to nest as soon as turned out in the spring.

## Amazon Parrot Retching.

**G.A.C.W.**—Am at a loss how to advise you, as you give me no idea as to how you are dieting and treating the bird. If you will repeat query in full with these particulars, I shall be in a position to advise you. In the meantime for one day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water. If you consider the bird has a cold, get from your chemist the following mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts; take a small portion of the mixture, add double its bulk of water and offer to the bird in a spoon two or three times a day. After it has had what it will take, the balance may be put into the drinking water. Do not give tea, coffee or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

## Concerning Gouldians, etc.

**Novice.**—You need not be anxious about your Gouldian Finch; many Australian Finches moult about this time, but when kept in a room which has a very variable temperature, such often causes a moult out of season. So long as they agree together, the other birds will do well enough together. The only harm that is likely to arise from the association of other birds of similar habits and food, is the danger of one of them running "amok," and slaughtering some of its companions. Yes, Gouldian Finches breed in captivity, and if you get for them a roomy breeding cage, there is no reason why yours should not do so. You cannot do better than carry out the instructions given in my booklet. Such a book as you enquire for will be published at no distant date at this office. If you care to send me your address for the Editor, I will send you one of my pamphlets on the Gouldian Finch. There is but little difference between the winter and summer plumage of adult Gouldian Finches.

## Birds for Outdoor Aviary.

**A.B.C.**—(1) Your aviary will accommodate 75 birds the size of a Norwich Canary without overcrowding. In the first place I advise you to let the Chaffinch and Robin go; they are dangerous in a mixed series of British and foreign birds, as also are Bramblefinches and all Tits. You can add Redpolls, Siskin, Twite, and Bullfinch if you desire. Commence with the following: Ribbon Finches, Grey Java Sparrows, Long-tailed Grassfinches, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Common and Green Avadavats, Zebra Waxbills, Orange and Madagascar Weavers. Pekin Robins are quite hardy, but would probably steal the Canaries' eggs. (2) These are all hens; the young cocks usually get the chestnut ear patches and other distinctive markings when about two months old. (3) The sexual distinctions are infinitesimal, and you will have to rely on the test of song; you can keep both varieties of Singing Finches with your Canaries. I am of the opinion the Singing Finches would survive your winter. 5s. to 7s. 6d. (4) The birds offered at very low rates are usually out of colour and you have to take your chances as to whether they are cocks or hens. Orange and Madagascar Weavers or Bishops in colour are worth from 5s. to 7s. 6d. each, according to state of market. Yes. (5) Before naming other kinds I should like to know a little more about your aviary, as the diagram you supply does not show any shelter, only a small space roofed over. Every outdoor aviary should have a shelter shed; this is a sine qua non, and it seems to me you should be able to arrange such against that part marked "Wood side" on diagram. You must also fix up in sheltered portions weatherproof nest boxes, which the birds can use as desired. Please give me a fuller description of your aviary. I can then give you further information. Please supply sufficient details for me to connect up the two queries when you next write. Note: New arrivals must not be put ont of doors till spring, later or earlier according to weather.

## Greenhouse Aviary.

**T. J. James.**—If the damp atmosphere is not too pronounced, that is sufficient to making the woodwork, etc., steamy and moist, your arrangement would answer admirably, and under the conditions you name I do not think that with ordinary cleanliness you need fear insect pests, and can leave the fittings as they are. Make the inside flight roomy so as to enable the birds to take plenty of exercise. The Cordon Bleus should thrive well under the conditions you name. You do not state your county, so I can hardly answer you re Shama and Tanagers out of doors. The Tanagers I have wintered out of doors belong to the genus Tanagra, such as Scarlet, Maroon, Blue, etc. The genus Calliste, which consists of such as Superb, Tricolor, etc., I have not yet wintered out of doors, so cannot advise others to do so till I have first tested their hardiness. You can add the Rosellas to your present stock in your outdoor aviary The Shama would do well enough either indoors or ont, but a Shama must not be kept with smaller or weaker birds than itself; it would ultimately slaughter all such, if not straight away, at intervals. Cage the Shama up separately and give him either a cage or enclosure 3 by 2 by 4 feet high, and he will do well and be a source of interest and delight. If I have not fully met your need, please repeat query.

## Virginian Nightingales.

**H. B. T.**—This bird was evidently in poor condition when the moult took place, and I fear nothing much can be done to improve it till the next moult. You do not say whether you have it in cage or aviary, but I fancy the former; if so, removing it into a room warmer than the one it at present occupies may throw it into moult again, and as soon as the feathers are formed again, it could be moved into cooler quarters gradually. Put half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water for one day, and follow this by putting it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food for a few weeks, using sufficient to make the drinking water the colour of pale port wine. Your diet is very satisfactory, and cannot well be improved upon, but do not overdo the grocer's currants and supply ripe fruit ad lib. Shall be interested if you will kindly report progress a little later.

## An Ailing Budgerigar.

**A. N. Evans.**—Am of opinion your Budgerigar is suffering chiefly from lack of exercise; when confined in restricted quarters, birds fall an easy prey to any chance draught that comes their way and are very susceptible to every change of atmosphere. You have done right to give chemical food, but for one day I should put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water. Also give them a piece of ripe apple daily in addition to the diet you give, which is very satisfactory. Continue the chemical food. Send me full details of the size of your cage, also the breeding cage, average temperature of room you keep them in, and I shall be in a position to fully advise you. If the bird does not improve you will have to get another for breeding purposes. It is waste of time and money to attempt breeding with birds not in first-class condition; the progeny of birds that are at all weakly or unfit are not worth rearing. Get "Budgerigars," 7d., and "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1d., post free, from "C.B." Office, and you will get much help in breeding these handsome birds.

## Another Feather Picker.

**F.C.S.**—It is as I suspected, you have contributed to the bird's condition by giving it a bit of everything, and it will be a work of time and patience now to eradicate the trouble. I presume you have already given the Dinneford's Magnesia advised in my previous reply; if so, in future only give this sufficiently often to keep the bowels freely moving, not watery loose. Give the chemical food regularly, and also the quassia solution as already advised. Stop at once giving bits of meat, rice pudding, etc., and note carefully our warning in previous reply as to slops, etc. Confine the bird to the following dict, and it should gradually come into a better condition: Seed mixture, oats, canary seed, maize, wheat, hemp and sunflower seeds, well mix and keep a continuous supply in the cage; also a piece of clean cuttlefish, and cage tray well covered with gritty sand. Ripe fruit, nuts in variety, plain biscuit, boiled potato, unseasoned and in small quantity, may all be given. If the bird is tame enough, let it out of its cage as convenience permits for exercise. It is no use treating the bird unless you also alter the diet as above.

## A Dirty Amazon.

**J.C.**—If the bird is tame and will let you handle it, the simplest way is to wash it and then wipe the surplus water off the plumage with a cloth, keeping the bird carefully out of draught till dry. The other course is to syringe the bird with chilled water, twice a week, choosing genial sunny days at this season for the purpose, and using the same precautions as to draughts as above. After the spraying the bird will naturally preen its plumage, and after a few sprayings there should be a great improvement in its appearance. The plumage, however, will lack the freshness of the plumage of your friend's birds, I expect, till after the next moult. A Parrot should have a bath at least once a week in winter and two or three times weekly in the summer. The bird will soon look forward to it and enjoy it. If because of severity of weather, etc., my Parrot is let go without its bath longer than usual, he will try to take one in its drinking glass.

## Treating a Young Grey.

**Rhondda.**—I could have advised you much more simply had you informed me how you were dieting the bird. Sudden changes of diet are very bad for these birds, and if your dietary varies much from what I am about to advise, do not make the change too sudden. Give about a tablespoonful of boiled maize daily; boil till soft and then drain away all water and well dust with flowers of sulphur. For a month or two make its drinking water the colour of pale part wine with Parrish's Chemical Food, giving clear water about once a week. Keep a piece of cuttlefish continually in cage, also a regular supply of the following mixture: Canary, oats, hemp, wheat, dari and sunflower seeds. Ripe fruit, nuts and plain biscuit should also be given to vary the diet. Confine the bird to above diet, which is ample and varied; and do not be tempted to give table scraps and slops; see warning in other replies. Give it at once a little Dinneford's Magnesia in the proportion of 1 of magnesia to 3 of water; remove the water overnight and the first thing in the morning offer the above and it will readily satisfy its thirst with same; repeat as may be necessary to keep its bowels gently moving, but not loose. Spray the bird once or twice a week with weak quassia solution, choosing warm sunny days for the purpose, carefully protecting against draught till dry.

## Bath for Grey Parrot.

**C. H. T.**—Glad to note you have found "C. B." helpful, and that by its aid you have a Grey in good condition. All birds need a bath, but all Parrots will not take one; such must be sprayed with a fine sprayer. Use chilled water, and at this season choose a fine warm day for the purpose, keeping the bird carefully out of draught till dry. Your bird is, however, tame, and will probably take a bath readily. Provide a large shallow dish and place it where the bird's splashing will not make a mess, using the same precautions as if you were spraying it. In the summer it will appreciate being placed outside during a gentle shower, in some sheltered position that is not draughty, but of course a Grey must not be put out of doors even in summer weather during the prevalence of keen winds. Hope it will continue to do well. Any position in your kitchen that is not draughty will suit.

## Quail with Sore Feet.

**Fieldfare.**—Give this bird as much liberty as possible; if you are not over-run with cats, it might have its liberty as soon as the weather is brighter. With one wing cut, it could not wander far away at any rate while you were about to watch it. It is not a safe bird for a Finch aviary. Bathe the swollen part with a hot decoction (such as will not scald your hand) of camomile flowers, well dry, and then rub in some Elliman's Embrocation. Keep the swollen part under observation, and at the first sign of humour release same by gentle pressure and thoroughly cleanse the sore. Am still of opinion a slight wound of some kind has become filled with dirt, etc., and that this has set up the inflammation. However, a run in the open on mild sunny days, even at this season, will be better for it than any other treatment, and this can be easily arranged as above. Shall be interested in hearing how it progresses.

## What Parrot?

**W G.**—Your bird is an Alexandrine Parrakeet, and its probable value is about 15s. to 20s. If in good feather, of course its value would increase. If it became a talented talker Dict: 2 parts each canary seed, crushed maize and oats, and 1 part each wheat, dari, hemp and sunflower seeds; well mix and keep a supply continually in cage. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuits. A little boiled potato may be given, but this must not be seasoned in any way. Keep a clean piece of cuttlefish continually hanging in cage, and the tray covered with gritty sand. Stop giving tea at once and any animal food; in place of same give chilled water well coloured with Parrish's Chemical Food. If the bird is tame enough to come out of its cage it will probably be ready to take a bath, and this can be given where the splashing will not be a nuisance. If not possible, it should be sprayed (use a fine sprayer) with chilled water. In either case at this season of the year a mild sunny day should be chosen and the bird carefully kept out of draught till dry. At the present time once or twice a week should be sufficient. Keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation and teach it by constant repetition various words and short phrases, and will ultimately repeat at any rate a word or two. The teachableness of Parrots, even of the same species, is very variable.

## Jendaya Conures.

**M. D. R.**—Am afraid there is nothing that will cure the scream of a healthy pair of Jendayas, though I have one out of doors that is fairly quiet for a Conure. One thing, the screams are not constant, but indulged in at intervals during the day; while, if they are feeling neglected at all, or if you appear after an absence of some hours, they will usually voice their neglect, and greet you with screeches loud enough to wake the dead. Jendayas can be tamed, and there are few species that cannot be tamed with patience and kindness. But even tame Conures will emit an ear-splitting screech every now and again, especially if they are wanting anything. Try quietly covering them up and keeping them so for ten minutes or so; most species of Parrots recognise this as a punishment, and the evil has in many cases been much modified. My bird has had to tame itself, as it is simply one of a crowd, and it certainly is not the most noisy of my Parrakeets.

## Grey Weak and Unwell.

**W.A.**—Am glad to note the treatment is proving effective, for owing to the improper diet the bird was in a very bad way, and complete recovery into condition and good plumage must of necessity be slow. Continue the treatment advised in previous reply, which will have to be continued for some little time. If the continued use of the chemical food should produce constipation, a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia will soon rectify this. Keep the bird's nostrils clear by bathing or spraying with diluted glyco-thymoline. When repeating a query it is best to enclose a cutting or copy of the previous reply. Mix a little of the seed mixture with its boiled maize, it will probably become accustomed to it thus. Report progress in, say, 3 weeks' time with full details.

## Brevities.

**What Bird?** (R.L.W.)—Will name your bird for you in next issue. Will you please give me the approximate length of your bird from beak to tip of tail, or say if it is about the same size of your sketch? Continue your present diet, and for one day make its drinking water just saline with Epsom salts.

**Paint for Cage for Budgerigars** (A.J.H.).—Providing the paint is put on thinly and evenly, no harm should result from the use of paint as sample sent, but it must be allowed to become thoroughly hard before the birds are turned in. By far the better would be to get a tin of Hall's Washable Distemper. In either case, however, the paint or distemper should be put on thinly and evenly and allowed to become quite hard before the cage is used. Budgerigars may nibble up branches and nest busks and logs, but do not usually do much cutting at flat surfaces such as cage backs and sides. Whichever you use will be quite safe under the above conditions, but I recommend the distemper.

# PARK & LAKE AVICULTURE

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., etc.

## Breeding Amherst Pheasants.

**Arthur Sage.**—Your aviary, 17 feet long, 6 feet wide, and 7 feet high, is quite large enough to breed Amherst Pheasants in; they only need a little more room than Golden Pheasants. It is a good thing you have that amount of height, as Amherst cocks are very apt to be vicious with the hens, in which case it is a good plan to put a good high solid partition in and keep the cock one side, clipping one wing so that he cannot fly over it, while the hens can visit him if they like.

## Silver Pheasants.

**"Maxco."**—(1) I don't think your Silver Pheasants are likely to raise any objections to your keeping a couple of pair of Budgerigars in their aviary, 15 by 9 by 6 feet; birds of this class are not much inclined to interfere with small ones, as you may see with fowls and the sparrows. But you had better put some short, thin perches high up, so that the Pheasants cannot sit there and the Budgerigars can, and also lay the seed and water for the latter high up. Also, hang the Budgerigars up in the aviary in a cage for some days previously to turning them loose, so as to accustom them to the sight of the Pheasants. Also look out when the young leave the nest. (2) I cannot tell you the exact market value of Silver Pheasants' eggs; but I should not expect it to be more than about 6d., Silvers being the cheapest of Pheasants. They are, in fact, so cheap and so easy to rear that I think they should be treated as poultry. I have heard of a hen laying over five dozen eggs in the year, and no doubt by selection a good laying strain could be raised, while the pretty colour of the eggs would be a set-off to their rather small size. Moreover, the birds are not noisy like some, and so would suit town dwellers.

# GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

**A Canary Query** (Miss Overton).—Your letter bore a halfpenny stamp only, consequently we were surcharged one penny at this end. Kindly note.

**Our Thanks** to W.S.W., H.P., Frank Potter, A.P., and others for cuttings, news items, etc.

**An Enquiry** (Peter).—The goods you name bear an excellent reputation among fanciers.

**Meyer's Parrot** (Rev. G H. Raynor).—Accept our thanks for your interesting letter.

**An Advertiser** (Cutting, Retford).—We know of nothing to the detriment of the advertiser in question. We shall, of course, be pleased to write him if you care to conform to our rules.

**Copying Books** (W. Hornby).—We thank you for the suggestion, but are afraid we have too many "irons in the fire" already to permit of our falling in with it. Besides, copying books are supplied very cheaply by most stationers.

**Hull Linnet Club** (F. Allen).—Such a notice as that you send us we could only publish in full as an advertisement, at advertisement rates.

**Disqualification at Bathgate** (No a Scolar).—Our printers go "off their feed" if we send them letters written in the Scottish dialect, and we really daren't venture to forward yours on such a week as this. Further, this correspondence has had a good innings, and it now remains for the governing bodies to take action if they see fit so to do.

## The Crystal Palace Show.

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### The Norwich Plainhead Section

**Judge, Mr. W. Vardy.**

CL. YELL. (15): I, spl, Rennie, magnificent shape and substance, full, deep, nicely rounded chest, short neck, good head, fine level back, good colour and quality, wings and tail short and well packed, lovely style and carriage; 2, 3, Baker, beautiful colour, full of quality, nice shape, good head and back, gets well over perch, not quite the depth of chest of the winner, perhaps; 3rd good shape and substance, full, short neck, deep level colour, not quite so clean in skull; 4, Morris, short body, good shape and substance, rich colour, nice quality of feather, good back, not quite so smooth on chest; 5, Gill and Pethick, most lovely colour and quality, good shape, well cut away, nice head, short, closely-folded tail, good wing carriage; vhc, Jeffs, nice shape, rare head, grand quality feather shade pale in colour; hc, Midgley, nice shape and feather, good back, nicely rounded chest, red-hot colour, good shape and substance, shade long behind. BUFF (20): 1, Godley, good shape, lovely colour and quality, nice, wide shoulders, neat, short tail and wings, good back; 2, Whetstone magnificent quality, nice shape and substance, lovely back, neat tail; 3, Snowden, close as boxwood, lovely head and neck, grand wings, good shape, inclined to make too much use of his tail; 4, Clayton and Smith, nice shape and quality, neat head and tail, wings well braced; 5, Jeffs, good shape, clean cut, grand feather wings well braced, nice colour and quality, loses a bit in head; vhc, Gill and Pethick, magnificent quality full of colour, grand shape, lovely back not at wings, and nice distribution of meal, we liked much; hc, Dobinson, grand quality of feather, lovely back; c, Watson, good shape, nice colour and quality, neat wings and tail, shade weak in head. TKD., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, Midgley, grand shape and substance, rare head, neck and back, nice feather, level and deep colour, grand carriage, in good form; 2, Irons, thigh tick, beautiful colour and quality, nice shape and carriage, hardly so short in flights and tail; 3, Cook, grizzled on left wing capital shape, grand quality, lovely colour, exteuding well down flights and tail, has a few protruding feathers at base of beak, which no doubt told against it; 4, Morris, grizzled on rump dark feather in tail, nice shape, good colour, grand wings and tail, loses a trifle on breast; 5 Howie, head and left wing marked, rich colour good quality of feather, nice back, wings and tail; vhc, Hodder, marked head, wings and rump, nice shape, good wing carriage and neat tail; hc, Gibbs, marked eyes and wings, good shape and quality; c, Axe, grizzled on head, good in formation, nice colour and quality of feather. BUFF (16): 1, 2, Hodder, old warrior in new hands, marked on wing and shoulder, a gem for shape, shortness of wings and tail, feather compact, and of good texture, fine head and neck, looking a bit soft; 2, marked head, left wing and rump rare shape and substance, full neck, good back and colour, well mended; 3, Brooks, marked left wing, nice colour, shape and quality fine back, good wing and tail, lacks the substance of the leaders; 4, Irons, grizzled on head, grand shape full of colour deep chest, gets well across perch, loses a little in head; 5, Adnitt and Driver, marked neck and eyes, splendid shape, nice quality feather, good back, fine carriage of wings; vhc, Christian, marked neck, eye, wings and rump, grand colour close feather good wings, nice head; hc, c, Wilcock, short, cobby body, nice quality and frosting; c, well shaped body bit thin in head. UNFLI. YELL. (26): 1, spl, Midgley, magnificent feather, close, short and of good quality, very shapely, short flights and tail, rare head, a little fat on chest, which somewhat spoils its outline, nice level colour; 2, Baker marked back of head, rare shape and substance, short, full neck, full of colour, wings and tail well packed, had this bird the winner's feather it would be a nailer; 3 Howie nice shape, well cut away behind, nice feather and quality, good colour, not quite so full in chest as 2nd; 4, Lingard and [illegible] grand quality of feather, very fine back, neat tail and wings, just a bit pointed at chest; 5 Wilcock gem for shape, quality of feather and finish, beautifully cut away behind, short flights and tail, nice clean skull, good neck, we liked much claimed at £5 10s.; vhc, Hodder, ticked back of head, nice colour and quality, good head; Gibbs, grizzled on back, nice quality and shape; hc, Adnitt and Driver, grizzled tail, good shape, nice, full neck; c, Irons grizzled neck and rump, good shape, nice quality of feather; Ball, fine shape and quality. BUFF (28): 1, Dobbinson, regular stormer magnificent shape rare size, beautiful close-fitting jacket, lovely quality, nice colour and finish, short, well-carried flights and tail, clean skull, full neck, one of the sort that "grows on you" the more you look at it; 2, Sheldon, another clinker, beaten but not disgraced, fine size and shape, full of quality, nice colour, well packed flights, neat tail, loses just a little in shortness of body; 3 vhc, Brown, nice shape, chest well rounded, good head and neck, feather and quality of the best, loses a little in wing carriage; vhc, lovely quality of feather, nice shape, good head and neck; 4, Richardson, well shaped body, good colour; 5, Mrs. Southcombe, ticked back of head and left wing, good carriage, neat tail; vhc, Kilby grand shaped body, lovely colour, full of quality; hc, Popple, marked head, wings and dark tail, good shape and feather, nice round chest, good flights and tail; Baker, nice shape and colour; c, Rennie, nice shape and feather good wings and neat tail; Baker, marked head and wings, nice shape and feather, short, well-packed flights and tail, rich colour. YELL. HEN (21): 1, Rennie, rare size and shape, good quality feather, nice head and neck, fine wings and tail, medium colour; 2, Watson, good size and shape, nice level colour, excellent quality, nice bird all over; 3, Cook, very fair shape, good colour and quality, fine head, well put down, a nice one; 4, c, Cooper, marked head, eyes and left wing, good shape, nice, full neck, level back, good wing carriage and feather; 5, Hodder, good shape and colour, short wings and tail, full neck, shade free in feather; vhc, (2) Irons, nice quality and colour, good wings and tail; hc, Coulson, marked eyes and wings, good quality feather, nice shape, neat head. BUFF (19), a grand class: 1, Baker good size and shape, splendid head and neck, deep round chest, nice colour, well mealed; 2, Shenton, perfect model, short, deep body, well rounded nice wide shoulders, good back lovely feather, sweet head, short wings and tail, gets well across perch, we liked very much; 3, Brooks, short, cobby body, full neck, neat head, well packed flights and tail, nice colour all over; 4, Patterson, good shape, lovely colour and feather, capital wings and tail; 5, Whetstone, most lovely feather, very rich in under-colour, grandly mealed, neat head, well packed flights, neat tail, not quite so stout in body, perhaps; vhc, Tedstone, nice quality, well frosted; hc, Hodder, fine shape, lovely head, well mealed, shade slack behind; c, Howie, grizzled on head good shape, nice feather and frosting, wings well braced.

### The Crest & Crest-bred Section.

**Judge, Mr. T. Heath.**

We did not think this section, as a whole, at all representative for such a show as the Crystal Palace from the good and big classes seen at many provincial shows this season. We fully expected to have seen a big display. The Crested birds were the strongest classes numerically, and here was seen a truly grand bird in Mr. Radley's buff cock, one worth going a long way to see. In the A.O.V. Crested buff class, Mr. T. Taylor put down his well-known pair, "King of the North" and "King Edward," and scored first and second. In the Crested hen class Mr. Lazarus scored another first with his grand hen, and she was looking very fit and well. Mr. Drake's yellow Crest is a good one, and scored easily in its class. The yellow Crest-Breds were a good and strong class, the winners being exhibits of much merit.

CRESTS, YELL. (6): 1, Drake, nearly green, grand Crest of good size, droop, and radition, nice centre, fine frontal crest for a yellow, wins well; 2, Mrs. Crow, even wings, D.C., nice droop and back crest, not the length or width of frontal as the winner; 3, Wallace, grizzle, nice width of frontal crest, good dip, bit open in centre; 4, Drake, even wing marked, nice back crest, fair width of frontal, loses a bit in droop; 5, King, nice frontal crest, bit weak at right side; vhc, Miss Turner. BUFF, CL. BODY (5): 1, Mitchell, dark crest, except for one light feather, nice frontal and good droop, neat centre; 2, Fitton, grizzle, nice round crest, with good spread and width of frontal, splendid body; 3, Piper, dark crest, thick frontal crest, dips well, nice leafy feather of good width we liked; 4, Johnson, neat crest, good droop, a bit open in centre. A.O.V. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Taylor, a truly grand pair, leader even wing marked, magnificent frontal crest, rare width, coming well to beak end, well filled sides and beautiful droop; 2, dark wings and light crest, grand rounding spreading crest of great expanse, good droop and well centred, two gems and hard to separate; 3, Marshall, marked wings, dark crest, thick, heavy dipping crest, sides well filled in, and nice centre; 4, Mrs. Haysom, wing and tail pied green, nice back crest, neat centre and good droop; 5, King, marked wings, good in droop and length of feather, not quite so dense; vhc, Gale. HEN, A.V. (8): 1, Lazarus, dark crest, marked on back, round, well-filled crest of beautiful formation and droop, neat centre, nice veiny feather, a grand hen; 2, Almond, nice frontal crest, of good length and width, dips well, centre a bit far back; 3, Piper, good width and length of frontal crest, nice droop, a few feathers out of centre; 4, King, nice back crest, neat centre, beaten in size of crest and droop; 5, Wallace, thick frontal crest, good dip, but loses in width of front; vhc, Mitchell. C.B., YELL. (19): 1, Wallace, clear, rare width of skull, good entrance, long and wide head, feather of nice quality; 2, King, lightly marked, good rise over beak, nice back skull and width of entrance, head feather of nice length and density; 3, Brotherton, rare width of skull both back and front, good shaped body, and well up in size, hardly the length of head feather; 4, Johnson, well lashed, nice shaped skull, rare length of head feather, just a shade long in beak; 5, Wigginton, green, nice entrance, and rises well over beak, good length of head feather, runs a bit narrow at back skull; vhc, Drake; hc, Cowperwaite; c, Parson. BUFF (15): 1, Radley, a monster, wonderful skull both in formation and size, any amount of feather, well lashed, rare shaped body, a clinker; 2, 3, Taylor, rare length of head feather, well lashed, good entrance to a well-formed skull, rises well over beak, nice body; 3rd good length of head feather, nice entrance, not so wide in back skull or so cushion-shaped; 4, Horton, clear, great length of head feather, well lashed and nice quality, grand shaped skull; 5, Roberts, grandly lashed, nice rise over beak and good wide entrance; vhc, Harrison; hc, Simpson; c, Piper. HEN (9): 1, Taylor, pied tail green, good length of head feather, nice shaped skull, good entrance capital body; 2, Johnson, pied tail green, nice entrance, head feather of good length and width, not quite so wide in back skull; 3, Young, skull of good shape and size, nice entrance and head feather, nice young hen, chimed; 4, Wigginton, yellow, good skull, plenty of rise over beak, nice entrance, well feathered; 5, King, good size and shape of body, well feathered skull, but hardly so wide; vhc, Horton; hc, Mitchell.

### The Yorkshire Section.

**Judge, Mr. T. Heath.**

YELL. (21), Fine class: 1, Stewart, warm colour, good length and position, nice back and flights, well on leg, neat and narrow, in fine trim; 2, Priestley, very promising unflighted, capital quality, stands like a rush, beautiful wings and tail, rather pale in colour, full of nerve and style; 3, Burton, fine shooty specimen, well up in position, superb quality feather, capital legs; 4, Bailey and Swanger, wonderful length, tight as a Java, rich quality and colour, crosses its wings at times which tells against it, yet a fine one; 5, Dykes, red hot, straight as a gun-barrel, smooth as wax, long-sided, A1 stand, might easily have gone up a little; vhc, Amblers, gem of gems, in grand form; vhc, Mason; hc, Halliday; c, Bailey and Swanger. BUFF (18): 1, 5, Amblers, with a nice brace, former well known, rare length, beautifully feathered, stands to perfection, delightful back flights and tail, clever legs; 5th magnificent colour, neatly frosted, rattling position and length, well filled back, wee bit strong; 2, Shackleton, many that stood around thought better than winner, a most wonderful specimen, and winner on many occasions, real charmer; 3, Parrott, full of swagger, lengthy and erect, good quality feather, wedge shaped, could win majority of shows; 4, Smith and Sellars, tight as a Java, lovely colour and position, sweet expression, not one of the longest, but smartness itself; vhc, Mountain, fine long-drawn specimen, stands grand, A1 quality, very taking; hc, Bailey and Swanger; c, Burton. TKD. YELL. (15): 1, Wood, marked right wing, red hot, very lengthy, slim and upstanding, slashing quality, perfect back wings and tail, one of the highest grade; 2, Bailey and Swanger, well-known thick tick, feathered like glass, shining like satin, best of positions, just beaten in length, and length only, a gem; 3, Watmuff, ticked over beak, beautifully drawn, fine length and stand, capital quality, colour, and finish, 1908 bred, should come out well another year; 4, Harris, very lengthy thigh tick, A1 position, rare back and wing carriage, nice pipe tail, bit patchy about eyes, yet a grand exhibit; 5, Robertshaw, marked neck, stands well, good length and quality, capital wing carriage, smooth as wax, fine youngster; vhc, Priestley; hc, Chew and Stokoe; c, Greaves and Crabtree; No. 280, Amblers, absent. BUFF (18). Good lot: 1, 4, Bailey and Swanger, winner cheek-marked, unbeatable for position, not a feather out of place, almost perfect throughout, will stand to be looked at, splendid type; 4, marked left wing, lovely salmon-tinged colour, richly frosted, lengthy and stylish, rattling fronted bird, good position and stulsh; 2, Greaves and Crabtree, thigh tick, rare colour, superior quality and meal, fine length of side, A1 back flights and tail, close up; 3, Amblers, marked neck, tight as a Java, good length and feather, full of breed, capital carriage of flights and tail; 5, Binns, thigh tick, slim and upstanding, nice length, bit coarse in feather about head and cheeks, still very nice specimen; vhc, Shackleton; c, Whitaker; 288 Shackleton, 293 Chittenden, absent.

**Judge, Mr. W. Mundell.**

UNEVEN (19). Grand class: 1, Armstrong, buff, marked left wing and both eyes, very warm, rich quality and meal, very lengthy, stands delightfully, splendid back and wings, neatly folded tail; 2, Rennie, yell., marked wings and eyes, wonderful length, neat and narrow, straight as a pencil, smooth as a bottle, full of style, close on the heels of winner; 3, Watmuff, buff, marked left wing, eye and neck, capital colour and feather, stands well up on clever legs, nice length, true Yorkie, good 3rd; 4, Ogden Bros., yell., marked wings and head, tight as a Java, feathered beautifully, very nervy, shows for all he is worth; 5, Robertshaw, buff, marked wings and eyes, fine shooty specimen, smooth as glass, wedge shaped, good length, one we liked; vhc, Hawes Bros., capital yellow, lengthy, and of great merit; hc, Smith. UNFLI. (37): What a class! Three sets of winners could easily have been selected. 1, Robertshaw, magnificent cl. buff, unbeatable for position, feathered to perfection, fine length of side, delightfully filled back, correct carriage of flights and tail, one to think about for many a day; 2, Rennie, very lengthy and stylish cl. yell., capital feather and colour, lovely outline, stands like a Guardsman, smooth as polished granite, real topper; 3, Thornton and Boyer, cl. buff, wonderful in character, rattling quality and length, full of nerve, standing on a grand pair of legs, really a charmer; 4, Bailey and Swanger, thigh tick yell., lengthy and upstanding, splendid back and wings, neatly folded tail, just beaten in quality, still a great exhibit and staged in the pink; 5, Stewart, buff-marked head, straight as a pencil, feathered like a Java, beautifully frosted, not one of the longest but very smart indeed; ex. 5, Gibbs, cl. yell., lovely position, neat and narrow, wonderful length, A1 quality, full of swagger, worth the extra mention; vhc, Harris, sweetly moulded buff, takes special for best vhc bird in class, rightly deserving the honour, a gem; vhc, Walsh, Greaves and Crabtree; hc, Crisp, Hawes Bros., best hc., Amblers; c, Hallilday, Dykes. HEN, YELL. (24): Very striking lot; 1, Ogden Bros., marked neck, teeming with quality, glistening like a mirror, fine length and position, flights and tail carried to perfection, quite a Parisian model; 2, Shackleton, cl., another most bewitching damsel, shown in a most rich attire, wonderful position, full of nerve, a real eye-opener, quite equal to winner; 3, 5, Bailey and Swanger, with a brace of gems; 3rd, cl., slim and erect, better quality no one could wish for, perfect in position, very charming expression, not quite the length of the two former; 5th, marked left wing and root of tail, A1 quality and colour, capital stand, neat head character, fine flights and tail, wee bit thicker in waist, yet very bonny maid; 4, Burton, marked neck, slashing feather, good length of side, finely-filled back, stands well up on clever legs, wee bit strong in waist, still grand; vhc, Gibbs, marked right wing, lovely quality, A1 position, shade strong; vhc, Parrish, marked head, very lengthy, capital symmetry, nice feather; hc, Crisp, Dykes; c, Greaves and Crabtree. BUFF (22): 1, Amblers, cl. of marvellous character, straight as a gun-barrel, not a feather out of place, fine length, perfect back and flights, lovely pipe tail, a knock-out; 2, 4, Bailey and Swanger, former a cl. of wonderful merit, standing straight up, feathered beautifully, good length of side, rare back wings and tail, gem of gems; 4th, thigh tick, stylish to a degree, shone like satin, fine back and wings, grand sided, well on leg, good 4th; 3, Patrick, marked neck, great length, superior feather, nice colour and frosting, A1 position, stands on good legs, very bonny; 5, c, Shackleton, with a couple of true Yorkies, former of rare position and quality, good length, capital back and wing carriage, not far awny; c, very stylish, we thought might have gone up a shade; vhc, Thornton and Boyer; hc, Walsh. CINN. TICK. YELL. (10): 1, Towers, marked wings, eyes and breast, teeming with quality, rich colour, fine length and position, well on leg, stormer; 2, vhc, hc, Cooper, trio of beauties, former marked wings and eyes, lovely feather, nice colour, capital position, finely-carried wings, neat tail, very close up; vhc, marked wings and head, slim and of good length, rare quality, bit unsteady but a very promising unflighted; 3, Dykes, marked wings and eyes, possessing rattling quality and colour, good length and stand, sweet expression, neat in wings and tail, one we very much liked; 4, Wilcock, marked right wing and head, red hot, wedge shaped, stands delightfully, beaten a little in length to-day, yet a fine specimen, and staged well; 5, Drake and Son, marked head, breast and root of tail, beautiful shape, shone like a mirror, straight as a rush, well on leg, not overdone with length, but possessing wonderful smartness; c, Crisp. BUFF (14): 1, Ogden Bros., marked wings, eyes, and neck, magnificent quality and colour, richly frosted, delightful shape, very lengthy and standing on a fine pair of legs, really a knock-out; 2, Crisp, marked right wing and eyes, equal in every respect to winner, not a feather misplaced, credit to owner for the manner in which it was staged, a topper; 3, Priestley, marked wings and eyes, very boxey in feather, rare colour, covered over with rich frosting, finely drawn, of good length, capable of beating more than beat it; 4, Shackleton, marked wings, eyes and head, unbeatable for quality and colour, slim, and of great length, capital back and well on leg, crosses wings at times which tells against it; 5, Pattrick, marked wings and eyes, wonderful length, straight up, nice feather and colour, bit heavy about thighs, yet an excellent specimen; vhc, Thornton and Boyer; hc, c, Cooper. HEN, YELL. (12): 1, 2, Jowett, with a brace of charmers, former marked wings and left eye, neat and narrow, superb quality and colour, delightful symmetry, good length, clever legs, a gem; 2nd, marked wings, eyes and head, stands grand, very lengthy, capital back flights and tail, long sided, just beaten in closeness of feather by her stable companion; 3, Towers, marked wings, eyes and head, wonderfully long drawn specimen, rare stand, good in wings and tail, neat in carriage, little open on front which kept her back somewhat, still a pretty creature; 4, Mason, marked wings, eyes and head, full of colour, lengthy and slim, good in feather, well on leg, not so very far away; 5, Smith, lovely feather and colour, very lengthy and racy, splendid back and wings, clever legs, a good one; vhc, Pattrick, marked right wing and eyes, A1 feather, full of style, exceedingly neat; hc, Hawes Bros.; c, Wilcock. BUFF (10): 1, 4, Ogden Bros., with a couple of most charming damsels, winner, marked wings and eye, tight as wax, straight as a pencil, full of swagger, good length, A1 back and wing carriage, neatly folded tail, a stormer; 4th, marked wings and face, lovely salmon-tinged colour, richly mealed, well up in position, full of character, hardly so lengthy as 1st, yet really a grand maid; 2, c, Drake and Son, marked wings, again one of the very rarest, we thought equal to winner, truly a magnificent hen, and shown in delightful trim; 3, Towers, marked wing and eyes, lovely position, great length of side, rattling back and flights, A1 quality and colour, stronger in build; 5, Sutcliffe and Son, full of colour and of capital feather, good length and stand, well-filled back, neatly-carried flights; vhc, Williams; hc, Smith and Sellars.

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## The Yorkshire Green Section.

**Judges, Messrs. Heath and Mundell.**

YELL. SELF (18): 1, Wardale, fine upstanding bird, lovely depth of colour, superior feather, A1 back and wing carriage, well on leg, very slimly built, full of nerve and swagger; 2, Clayton, wonderful length, rich colour, position A1, good back flights and tail, well on leg, just beaten in tightness of feather; 3, 5, Fielden, capital tone of colour, good length, nice back and wings, when we saw it was shade soft, when right no doubt a gem; 5th, nice colour and stand, neat in wings and tail, well on leg, hardly the quality of above; 4, vhc, Nimmo, very lengthy and slim, beautiful colour and quality, good legs, somewhat wild, steady him Mr. N., it will pay, be is a "right 'un"; hc, Clayton; c, Gifford. BUFF (19): Good class; 1, vhc, Rowlands, neat and narrow, fine long drawn specimen, stands delightfully, perfect back, wings, and tail, one of the best bulls we have seen for a long time; 2, 4, Hughes, with a couple of very taking exhibits, former wonderful length, A1 colour, stands nicely, good front and back, nice carriage of flights; 4th, plenty of length, straight as a rush, good back and wings, not quite so close in feather, still one we liked very much; 3, Wardle, all there for quality and colour, nice length and position, inclined to be thick in waist, otherwise grand; 5, Rowlands; vhc, Nimmo; hc, Clayton; c, Atherton, all good birds. YELL. FOUL (11): 1, Clayton, foul wing, magnificent tone of colour, wonderful length, neat and narrow, lovely quality, splendid back, flights and tail, real stormer; 2, 4, Rowlands, both foul tails, former equal to winner in every respect except length, where it is just beaten; 4th, full of quality, nervy, and of capital colour, stands well on good legs, shade shorter; 3, hc, Atherton, foul tail, straight as a pencil, rattling colour and quality, perfect wings and tail, again little deficient in length; 5, Hughes, foul tail, beautiful colour, A1 quality, fine length and position, bit heavy in tail, which holds its back; vhc, Fielden; c, Clayton. BUFF (9): 1, Clayton, foul tail, lovely quality and colour, wonderful length, and of capital position, rattling back, wings and tail, well on leg; 2, Fielden, foul tail, teeming with quality, rich depth of colour, delightful stand, beaten a wee bit in length, and length only; 3, Nimmo, foul tail, splendid feather, grand position, rare length, A1 wing carriage; not quite so good in colour; 4, Gore, foul tail, straight as a rush, good colour, shade shorter, and hardly so nice in colour as those above; 5, c, Rowlands, foul tail, rich colour and quality, all there in length and position, rather thick in waist; vhc, Handley; hc, Benson.

## The Norwich Green Section.

**Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe.**

YELL. SELF (15): 1, 2, 3, 5, vhc, Deacon, a quintette of gems; 1st, rich colour and quality, short and thick-set, good carriage, capital body flights and tail; 2nd, more substance, A1 feather and colour, rare head, neck, and chest, neat wings, well across perch; 3rd, wonderful substance, delightful shape, lovely feather and colour, but for inner flights overlapping a little, easily best in class; 5th, rattling colour and feather, nice size, good head, neck and chest, if anything a shade heavy behind, yet very bonny; vhc, good substance, colour and quality, nice head and neck, capital carriage, we thought ought to have been a little higher up; 4, Lawson, all there for shape, colour and quality, full of style, wee bit on the small side; hc, Walker; c, Curtis. BUFF (15): 1, Deacon, a bouncer, beautifully clothed, rich colour, grand shape and carriage, best bird staged by this well-known Liverpool enthusiast, a regular knock-out; 2, 4, 5, Isaac, with a trio of fine specimens; 2nd, even better colour than winner, but not of such good substance, still lovely type and carriage, voted a gem by experts that stood around, and we fully agree; 4th, good in quality and colour, very shapely, not quite so large, but awfully neat and well put down; 5th, all there for colour, nice feather, good size, beaten a little in type, yet very nice specimen; 3, Lawson, fine feather and colour, good body, nice substance, not quite so good in head and neck as might be, yet bonny; vhc, Davies; hc, c, Walker. YELL. FOUL (19): Nice class; 1, hc, Deacon, winner foul tail, slashing tone of colour, short and thick-set, best of bodies, nice in head character, jaunty in carriage, clean cut away; 2, Jenkins, lovely colour, shone like satin, fine shape and substance, but for being a little defective in taking perches firmly would no doubt have won; 3, Harrison, foul wings, unbeatable almost for type, full of quality, rich in colour, rich in colour, fine substance and carriage, a gem; 4, 5, Lawson, former foul tail and body, rattling feather, A1 colour, very shapely, well over perch, clean cut, one we liked; 5th, foul throat, cobby, neat feather and of good colour, not the largest, but one of the smartest; vhc, Hales; c, Houghton. BUFF (19): 1, Deacon, foul tail, grand substance and shape, teeming with quality and colour, lovely carriage, a stormer without doubt, and shown in fine style; 2, 3, Harrison, foul tail, and foul tail and wing respectively, former rich colour and quality, A1 body shape, good carriage, little wanting in head and neck to size of body; 3rd, nice substance and shape, capital colour and feather, might have changed places with its stable companion; 4, c, Isaac, foul tail, very cobby, nice feather and colour, good size and carriage, no one could have grumbled had this bird been higher up; 5, Jenkins, foul tail, A1 colour and quality, nice size, bit long in flights and tail; vhc, Ewen and Anderson; hc, Bretherton.

## Cinnamons.

**Judge, Mr. J. Dobson.**

The four classes had an entry of 56, and with the leading exhibitors all being well represented, as might have been expected, the display was a good one, quality being well to the fore in each of the classes.

YELL. (15): 1, 4, Bentley, good shape, nice size and quality, short wings and tail, fair colour; 4th capital shape, nice quality of feather, and very shapely skull; 2, Seed, nice skull, good feather, not so thick-set as the leader, shows well; 3, c, Godley, any amount of size, good shape and colour, nice skull, a bouncing bird; 5, Hargreaves, nice shape, feather, and quality, clean shapely skull; vhc, Medlin, good shaped body, nice skull; hc, Dormer; c, Godley; No. 576, Dormer, we liked much, a bird full of quality, sound colour, grand head and good shape. BUFF (15): 1, 2, 4, Godley, a trio of good ones and close together, grand in shape and size, splendid colour and quality, nice heads and necks; 3, Hands, good shape, close feather, bit light at throat, and not so bright in colour; 5, Hill, good shape and quality, nice colour, clean round skull; vhc, Bentley; hc, Dormer; c, Riding. UNFLI. (15): 1, Seed, yellow, nice shape, sound colour, short flights and tail; 2, Riding, huff, grand shape and quality, good size, nice wings and tail, well pencilled; 3, 4, Dormer, buff, lovely quality of feather, good shape and skull, sound ground colour, nice wings and tail; 4th yellow, splendid colour, nice shape, short flights and tail, good skull; 5, hc, Hill, buff, good shaped body, nice colour and feather, beaten in skull; vhc, Hands; c, King. HEN (11): 1, 2, 4, hc, Godley, yellow leading, grand skull, splendid size and shape sound level colour; 2nd buff, again splendid shape, nice silky feather, and rich colour, well up in size; 4th buff, nice shape, good colour and quality; 3, Riding, yellow, grand shape and colour, splendid feather, nice clean skull and well burnished, we liked much; 5, vhc, Bentley, yellow, good colour feather and shape, loses a bit in head; c, Dormer.

## The Lizard Section.

**Judge, Mr. S. R. Compston.**

GOLDS (9): 1, Barnes, very rich and sound in ground colour, possesses good broad back, which is filled with clear, rich coloured spangling, large and distinct and of nice formation, his cap is neat, and in shape of body and quality of feather would be hard to beat; 2, 5, J. Dewsnap, 2nd fine big bird, with a wealth of spangle on a sound, rich ground, neat shapely cap, lovely quality of feather, shows well, hardly as good as winner underneath, 5th grand shape, colour, and quality of feather, good headpiece, plenty of work, but it is not so distinct or regular in its placing as that of his mate; 3, c, Rukin, a little gem, and this well describes him, he has colour, shape, and beauty of feather, spangle clear, distinct, and very regular, but not so large as those of the two in front, hardly so stout in body; 4, Whipp, bird of grand colour and feather, beautifully spangled with clear distinct work, but his cap is a little too square in finish; vhc, hc, Hampshire, two grand bodied birds of nice feather, but not so rich in ground colour. BROKEN GOLDS (12): 1, 4, c, J. Dewsnap, leader beauty for colour and work, ground colour sound and rich, spangle bold, large, well framed, and clear, in grand fettle, 4th splendid shape, colour, and feather, plenty of work, but not so evenly put on; 2, Rukin, another gem, full of quality, colour, and spangle, but like his mate in last class on the small side, better ground colour and greater regularity of rowing one could not wish for, but it needed the size to throw it up; 3, Hampshire, grand headed bird, plenty of spangle of good shape and size, but not so sound in ground colour as the birds in front; 5, vhc, W. Dewsnap, both fail somewhat in depth and richness of ground colour, but of lovely shape and quality of feather, and both very nicely spangled, the work being bold and regular and clear; vhc, hc, Whipp, two very nice birds, but we could not get them steady, and this doubtless affected their positions; hc, Barnes; No. 678, Rukin, took Ramsden's colour feed special. SILVER (9): 1, hc, Rukin, the Nottingham winner, bird of grand quality feather, with sound, rich ground colour, he lacks, however, that beautiful silvery luminosity which a high-class bird of this colour should possess, being too nearly like a gold in this respect, his spangling is wonderful, there being plenty of it and each spangle being sharply and clearly defined and very evenly placed, he carries a good headpiece; 2, 4, J. Dewsnap, 2nd a beauty, splendid ground colour, magnificently frosted, and in this point and shape scores over leader, carries a neatly finished cap, the spangling well and evenly distributed on a wide, well filled back, we liked him, 4th not so bright and rich in his ground colour, but a beauty for spangling, shape, and quality of feather, well formed cap; 3, c, Hampshire, splendid shape, size, and quality, carries a tremendous lot of work, but is not so clear in finish as the leaders, nicely silvered on top of a sound ground; 5, Barnes, plenty of spangle, which is bold and distinct, he has good shape, size, and feather, but is hardly so solid in his ground colour; vhc, Whipp, nice shape, beautiful ground colour, fine well filled back with plenty of work, but the rowing hardly so even, the cap is a trifle elongated; hc, Rukin. BROKEN SILVER (11): 1, 2, 3, vhc, two split best Lizard, wonderful team to come from one stud, they won and won well, winner stood out for his shape, size, quality of feather and carriage, his ground colour is beautiful, whilst his spangle is very clear, bold, distinct, and evenly placed, grand skull, nicely finished cheeks, whilst his breast and thighs show very nice work, in addition he has the much desired beautiful metallic lustre and silvery tone, 2nd another beauty, good enough to win nine times out of ten, hardly the size of the leader and does not possess as much work on his breast and thighs, but elsewhere will take beating, 3rd a little beauty, equal to his mates in all except size, vhc, fine and shapely bird of rare colour and quality, not so regular in rowing; 4, 5, c, Rukin, 4th lovely quality feather, with exquisite ground colour, plenty of work, well and evenly placed, but on small side, a little more substance of body in the birds forming the Rawstenstall team would have made a lot of difference in the awards, they are gems, but are little gems, diamonds are said to be wrapped up in little parcels, but we prefer a large one when we can get it, 5th nice bold cl. spangle, beautiful colour, good quality and shape, but hardly so steady, and therefore did not show to advantage; vhc, c, Barnes, grand shape, nice size, good quality of feather, very nicely spangled, but hardly so sound in ground colour; hc, Whipp.


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## The Lancashire Section.

**Judge, Mr. S. R. Compston.**

COPPY YELL. (8): 1, 2, Adams, slashing cl., plenty of length, well finished side, gets well up on his legs, stout broad skull, nice shoulders, plenty of feather on body, well formed, nicely centred coppy, 2nd long and stylish ticked, good shape, plenty of feather, not so much substance, coppy well made and nicely spread, but not so lengthy; 3, 4, Green, making good bird, one we liked as well as any in class, has a broad skull over which his coppy lies neatly, it is well centred and wide in front with a well finished back, hardly so stout in reach as winner, but for shape, length, carriage, stoutness of body and hood, we think we should have gone for him, 4th, the old champion, in condition doubtless the best bird in class, but was not so close in feather as we have seen him, and half his tail was half grown, but he is a Lancashire; 5, vhc, hc, Garner, 5th, grand quality ticked bird, very nice coppy of good formation and well turned out, plenty of substance, but wants just a wee bit more length, vhc, another charming bird, full of good properties, and given a bit more stoutness would be a flier; c, Crossley. BUFF (12): 1, Brooks, ticked bird, plenty of length and substance of body, nice carriage, good legs, capital quality of feather, coppy well centred, of nice length, but lifts somewhat; 2, Swalwell, hardly so massive in body, but good length, nice showy carriage, well centred, broad fronted coppy which lies well; 3, Adams, big massive ticked, plenty of substance and feather, rare coppy, carries wings somewhat slackly, which no doubt kept him back, otherwise a beauty; 4, c, Tottle, stout body, well carried, plenty of feather, good neck and shoulders, coppy well centred, plenty of length, it droops somewhat and does not break away behind eye quite as we like, just a shade too Crest-like; 5, vhc, Green, 5th splendid body, plenty of length and substance, well carried, not so broad in skull or finished in coppy, vhc, good stout, well carried, heavily feathered body, better coppy than 5th, but does not carry his wings so well; hc, Fitton. P.H. YELL. (11): 1, spl best Lancashire, 2, Lowe, slashing big ticked, fine noble skull, heavily feathered and well lashed, grand shape, length and substance of body, plenty of feather of good quality, a real good bird and wins well, 2nd cl., full of good Lancashire properties, stands up well, grand shaped skull, plenty of feather, but hardly so stout, grand pair; 3, Crossley, stout, well shaped, nicely feathered skull, hardly so massive in neck, plenty of body substance and feather, stands well, had damaged his tail; 4, c, Garner, ticked, of good skull properties and plenty of body feather of nice quality, not so massive in body; 5, vhc, Green, long sided bird, good body substance, plenty of feather, stands well, massive skull, but had been spoilt in the washing and looked mean about cheeks and brows in consequence, really grand bird spoilt, vhc, lovely quality, better skull, but not so long in side and does not carry himself so well as his stable companion; hc, Adams. BUFF (8): 1, Garner, plenty of length, capital carriage, good substance, rare body feather, well feathered head and fairly stout, shown in magnificent condition; 2, vhc, Crossley, plenty of feather and substance, stands well, good width and substance of skull, carries wealth of feather, vhc grand all-round Lancashire, full of good properties, if better turned out would have done much better; 4, 5, Green, 4th had rather hard lines, a big slashing bird with plenty of feather and substance, great length of body, which is well carried, broad, well lashed skull, 5th capital shape, style, and size of body, not so much skull substance; hc, Swalwell; c, Fitton.

## The Border Fancy Section.

**Judge, Mr. J. Robson.**

YELL. (19): 1, Blackie, very nicely drawn cl., neat head, neck, and shoulders, good back and tail, really excellent carriage, moves just as smartly as a Palace winner should do, tapers away nicely in body, splendid quality of feather; 2, c, spl, Wilson, grand shape, style and feathers, holds himself up splendidly on perch, and keeps wings and tail as tight as a rush, lovely head, neck, shoulders and back, very silky in feather on body, but his cheeks looked a trifle rough, due possibly to bathing in his drinking water; 3, O'Connell, sweet little bird, full of style and quality, neat and compact in every respect, well shown; 4, Toole, another beautiful bodied bird, grand carriage and body feather, looked a bit harsh in cheeks; 5, Mrs. Evans, neat broad shoulders and flights, tail spreads slightly and spoils the general effect, lovely shape and style; vhc, spl, Simpson, charming shape, feather, and carriage, neat head, good back and tail, but a bit rough in flight edges; hc, Patterson. HEN (20): 1, 4, O'Connell, grand shape and carriage, neat head, tapering well away behind, capital wings and tail, "Pride of Wales," lovely poise, 4th lovely shape, style, and quality, neat and compact throughout, had lost a few feathers in her coverts, which doubtless kept her back; 2, Wilson, a Border indeed, and hard to find fault with, charming head, nice neck, well placed shoulders, level back, wings and tail very compact and well carried, tight as wax in feather, and a carriage worthy of a Royal princess; 3, Brownlie, neat head, well carried wings and tail, lovely quality feather, nice carriage, but hardly the figure which would show well in a Directoire gown; 5, Duncan and Logan, lovely little eye ticked, different type to the last mentioned, one of the slim and graceful sort, any amount of style and swagger, fine head, rare wings and tail; vhc, Roberts, just a wee bit flat in skull, but after that there was not much one could take exception to, carried herself splendidly, garbed in a gown of the most beautiful quality; vhc, Gilchrist, a cheek ticked bird which filled our eye immensely, a little charmer indeed, but just a wee bit shy in displaying her charms before strangers; hc, Hancocks; c, Mrs. Evans. BUFF (22): 1, Duncan and Logan, a gem, full of quality, stands up beautifully and handles well, sweet head, lovely shoulders, wings and tail, clever win; 2, Mrs. Thompson, very handsome neck ticked, lovely quality feather, rare style, neat head, very smart in wings and tail; 3, Gilchrist, bonnie little bird, rare outline, tapering away nicely, full of quality, good in flights and tail; 4, Blackie, regular little picture, tight as wax, carries himself like a soldier, put down in rare form; 5, Shearer, grand little bird for shape and carriage, neat wings and tail, but just a trifle soiled; vhc, c, Wilson, brace of gems, full of quality, lovely heads and necks, tight fitting, well modelled shoulders, grand carriage, former not quite so clever with wings as the latter, which we made as good as any in class, former neck ticked, latter a cl.; vhc, Simpson, lovely quality and style, neat head, grand wings and tail, just a shade inclined to stoutness; hc, spl, Bowes; hc, O'Connell. HEN (16): 1, Blackie, very neat in head, well fitting shoulders, nice level back, well braced wings and tail, lovely quality feather, but hardly so slim as we like them; 2, hc, Gilchrist, magnificent little wing ticked, rare shape and carriage, full of quality, shows for all she is worth; 3, Bowes, grand head, back, wings and tail, rare carriage, very nice silky feather, but looked as though a little soap had been left in round the thighs; 4, 5, Duncan and Logan, two gems for shape and style, for beauty of outline one could not wish for anything better, but hardly so clean as we expected them to be; vhc, Mrs. Evans, beautiful shape, very fine and silky in feather, grand body carriage, does not get her flights up quite so nicely as she might; c, O'Connell. EVEN MKD. (17): 1, 3, Patterson, buff, exquisite quality of feather, grand head, neck and back, well cut away behind, superb carriage, beautifully balanced markings, and in our opinion the best Border staged, well named "Perfection," 3rd yellow cinn. mkd., grand shape and carriage, very nicely balanced wings, hardly so level on eyes, very nice quality; 2, c, Scirnac, very smart and pretty yell., full of quality, slim and stylish, capital eyes and wings; 4, Hocking, another charming yell., grand wings, hardly so well balanced in eyes, very smart in feather, splendid style; 5, Wilson, yell., Border all over in figure and carriage, lovely feather properties, good wings, heavy eye markings; vhc, Gilchrist, another most typical yell., very nicely shown, same stamp as last named, with same fault; hc, McVittie. UNEVEN (19): 1 and two spls best Border, Duncan and Logan, yell., for shape, quality of feather, and carriage, one of the best, put down in excellent form, marked head, winner, only one fault, viz., that it is not the property of the writer; 2, vhc, Wilson, another brace of beauties from this steadfast and old-time breeder, in type, beauty of feather, and gracefulness of carriage they were splendid, former marked neck, eyes, and wings, latter a three-pointed, well deserved their places, even if the latter might not have been a bit closer to its mate; 3, Scirnac, marked head, eyes, and wings, wonderful style, grand feather, neat wings and tail, hardly the shape of head and thinner in neck than leaders; 4, Brown, very pretty yell., marked eyes, cheeks, and wings, full of quality and style, very neatly modelled body, we liked much; 4, Brownlie, yell., almost four-pointed, full of quality, rare shape and style, handles extremely well, sweet indeed; hc, Pennington; c, Shearer. GREEN (22): 1, Middleton, one of the most typical Borders in the show, grandly cut away right through, feathered like glass, full of style, nice, rich, even jonque shade throughout; 2, Hancock, rare shape and carriage, nice even tone of colour, neat head, good wings and tail, gone in neck; 3, c, Richards, very smart in shape and carriage, nice even shade of colour, not quite the feather finish of leaders; 4, Stovin, very sound in colour, grand shape and style, lovely body feather, just a trifle coarse in cheeks, all above were yell.; 5, vhc, Arnot and Jamieson, 5th another grand shapely yell., rather a darker tone of colour than the others, full of style, vhc clinking good buff, and had somewhat hard lines in not getting into the money, for a buff wonderfully rich and level in colour, and in shape and carriage it is a gem; hc, O'Connell. CINN. (18): Taking this class right through there was a lack of depth in the colour, cinn. is cinn., not a pale washed out greenish drab; Border men should watch this point. Cinnamon Borders of the days which are gone were cinnamon in colour, and full of the delicate pencilling which does so much enhance the beauty of a cinn. bird. 1, O'Connell, a gem for shape, feather, and style, rare wings and tail, as a Border a topper, but we should like a little more depth of colour; 2, Hancocks, brighter and richer in colour tone, very neat wings and tail, superb carriage, a Border and a cinn. Border, we liked this bird exceedingly; 3, Brownlie, another charmer, full of style and quality, beautifully modelled, but lacking that rich golden-chocolate hue so much desired; 4, 5, Hamilton, 4th the only buff in the money, and a very sweet neat little bird, too, stands remarkably well, grand shape, feathered to perfection, 5th yell., nice colour, grand in shape and style, but had been horned a bit in the washing; vhc, Hocking, another yell., nice colour, good quality feather, hardly so slim; hc, Middleton; c, Arnott and Jamieson.

## The Belgian Section.

**Judge, Mr. T. Brown.**

The one bright spot about the Belgian section was the splendid class of young birds, in which the competitors numbered one short of a score, but why the adults were a worst on record it would be difficult to say. We missed the grand team which Capt. Philp has been wont to send to Sydenham, but although the Edinburgh team were not present to do battle for Scotia, efficient substitutes were found in the grand string put down by Mr. Fairley, of Coatbridge.

YELL. (2): 1, Grey, neat head, long neck, prominent shoulders, nice back, wings and tail, stands well; 2, Baker, handles well, showing plenty of nerve, gets up well on its legs, good length and substance. BUFF (5): 1, Cobb, lovely head and neck, well filled shoulders, nice back, wings and tail, stands well up on legs, and shows plenty of nerve; 2, Horrill, grand shape and length, nice substance, plenty of shoulder, full of nerve; 3, Fairley, nice racy bird, grand length and style, gets head well down, plenty of shoulder, full of nerve; 4, Hales, hardly so much timber, capital shape and action, stands well, nice wings and tail; 5, R. J. Baker, massive and nice length, good style, plenty of nerve, nice clean run from shoulder downwards. HEN (3): 1, G. S. Baker, smart, clean, and sleek in outline, rare head and neck, well formed shoulders, grand back, wings and tail; 2, Horrill, stout and massive, gets her head down nicely and brings her tail well down to perch, nice length of side; 3, Fairley, full of style and action, fine head and neck, well-set, stout shoulders, nice position, shows well. BRED 1908 (19): 1, 3, 4, hc, Fairley, a clinking team, full of quality and style, all grand in shape and showing plenty of side, they get well down to their work, get a good hold of their perches, and show nice pose of body from the shoulders down; 2, Rugg, rare shape, capital head and neck, stout, well filled shoulders, shapely back, grand wings and tail, very nervy; 5, vhc, Horrill, full of nerve and action, fine head and neck, shapely shoulders stands well, well braced wings and tail; c, Walmsley.

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THE PALACE SHOW—(continued).

## The Scotch Fancy Section.

### Judge, Mr. T. Brown.

The Scots were not numerous, but the quality was splendid, and Mr. Brown, who handled the section, was quite at home amongst the reachy up-to-date specimens which appeared before him. Mr. Harden put down a nice team, and was the most successful exhibitor.

YELL. (8): 1, Harden, long, fine head and neck, rare top end, gets tail well down, and moves freely and easily; 2, 3, Willison, a brace of the right stamp, although one of the veterans, friend Willison keeps well up to present-day requirements, and in length of side, strength of shoulder, and general finish, his exhibits were A1; 4, Lugton, very smart and stylish, fine head and neck, plenty of shoulder, a rare mover; 5, Cobb, grand shape, good length, nice tail, moves well; vhc, hc, Sloan, two useful birds, of nice shape and carriage, hardly the substance; c, Hales. BUFF (8): 1, Davies, plenty of timbre, capital top end and length of side, full of nerve and moves well; 2, Harden, grand shape and length, plenty of substance, handles well; 3, 4, Cobb, very stylish, racy birds, good shape, handle well, nice length of side; 5, Thompson Bros., capital shoulders, good back, flights and tail, moves in nice manner; vhc, Roberts, plenty of nerve and nicely turned, not so massive; hc, Lugton; c, Willison. HEN YELLOW (4): 1, Thompson Bros., rare nerve and action, fine head and neck, gets head well down, and uses her tail nicely; 2, Harden, rare shape and action, plenty of shoulder, nice length of side, uses her tail well; 3, Willison, smart in action, plenty of substance, and nicely modelled; 4, Cobb, nice little hen of good shape and plenty of nerve. BUFF (5): 1, Harden, lovely hen for shape and carriage, nice head and neck, stout shoulders, grips perch well and knows how to use her tail; 2, Cobb, very smart, nervy, stout shoulders, well turned back, handles well; 3, Todd, not one of the heaviest, but a quick active mover, of nice shape; 4, 5, Willison, two heavy shouldered shapely hens, with nice length of side, and travel well.

## The Dutch Frill Class.

### Judge Mr. J. Robson.

These peculiar specimens of the Canary family made up a grand class, quite the best we have ever seen, not only in numbers, but also in shape, size, and feather properties. Nineteen exhibits in one class should encourage the executive and lead to a division of the sexes next year.

1, vhc, spl, Young, variegated buff of tremendous length and substance, rare shoulders, plenty of side, good tail, wonderful profusion of feather, vhc a clear, hardly so massive, but full of feather; 2, 5, Minty, 2nd another variegated bird, great length, full of feather of splendid width and length, hardly so stout in body, 5th big massive bodied cl., rare shoulders, but not so long in side or tail, plenty of body feather, well arranged; 3, 4, Docherty, two massive, long sided, heavily feathered clears, but being shown in box cages could not be seen to the best advantage; vhc, hc, c, Williams, nice showy team, variegated, ticked, and a cl., all possess plenty of feather, but not so massive in body.

## The Roller Section.

### Judge, Mr. F. A. Lester.

OPEN CLASS: 1 and 3 spls, Roehl, 30 points, free and melodious, possessing some of the most select tours, including the Koller and Gluck tours, which gave a brilliant effect to the song throughout. This bird was at once claimed by Mr. Randall, who is now the owner. Double the money was offered for this bird three times, but the owner, we understand, declined all offers; 2, Randall, 29 points, evidently a bird of the same strain, full of good tours and very steady in song, but without singing the Koller roll; 3, Kremmer, 28 points, good all round bird, especially in hollow roll; 4, Randall, 27 points, the song of this bird very much resembles that of the first prize bird, and is evidently of the same strain; 5, Whittaker, 25 points, good, full, and deep bird; ex. 5, Roehl, 22 points, bird with great variety of song, but rather shy; vhc, Kremner, 23 points, less 1 point aufzug; vhc, Roehl, 21 points; hc, Roberts, 19 points; hc, Hesling, 18 points; c, Foulds, 17 points; c, Willows, 1 7points. BIRDS BRED BY EXHIBITOR (wearing B.R.C.C. closed ring): 1, Randall, 24 points, well-known bird, last club show cup winner, has retained his beautiful song; 2, Fisher, 23 points, lovely deep and steady songster, with really good and pleasing tours; 3, Cole, 22 points, an exceptionally good bird, but no doubt when judged did not sing his Gluck tour; 4, Randall, 22 points, bird with a variety of tours, singing in splendid style; 5, Wareing, 21 points, exceptionally good bird, particularly in hollow roll; ex. 5, Percival, 21 points, splendid bird, with grand song; vhc, Roehl, 21 points, also a good bird with exceptionally fine hollow and Gluck tour; vhc, Lyons, 20 points, good all round bird with wonderful variety of tours; vbc, Norris, 19 points, very nice bird with some fine tours and rolls; hc, Whittaker, 17 points; hc, Randall, 18 points; c, Pattison, 17 points; c, Wirth, 17 points. LIMIT CLASS: 1, Gostling, 24 points; 2, Gladwin, 22 points; 3, Gostling, 21 points; 4, Schluter, 20 points; 5, Stokes, 20 points; vhc, Kremner, 19 points; vbc, Norris, 19 points; hc, Schluter, 16 points; hc, Robbins, 14 points; c, Burton, 13 points.


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## The London Fancy Class.

### Judge, Mr. J. Robson.

A quintet was all this grand old breed could muster, and four of these came from one stud.

1, 2, 3, 4, Filby, 1st very nice shaped, close feathered buff, good wings and tail, the soundest in body colour, 2nd neat, shapely yell., nice wings, grizzled in neck, good back, pied tail, 3rd buff, good wings and tail, shows a lot of spangling on back, 4th another shapely, close feathered mealy, carries a lot of spangle; 5, Miss Gibbons, again a mealy, where it was clear it was clearer than any in class, nice wings and tail, but is spoilt by a patch on head and neck, possibly due to an introduction of Norwich blood.

## The A.O.V. Class.

### Judge, Mr. J. Dobson.

This class received a lot of attention because of the presence in it of a white Canary, which was bred, we believe, from two ordinary Yorkshires. Excepting its abnormal colour, it is a very ordinary bird, and of course is a freak pure and simple. It is certainly an extraordinary-looking bird, and acted like a magnet in drawing the fanciers and visitors round its cage. There were some splendid exhibits in the class, however, and the owners of these let out a few grumbles in having, as they termed it, the "results of years of breeding placed behind a sport." There were eight birds in the class.

1, Kiesel, the white Canary; 2, King, about the best even marked cinn. Crest we have yet seen, full of feather on body, nicely centred, well radiated, neatly drooped crest of good length and density; 3, Helliwell, very nicely balanced, evenly marked yell. Yorks., full of quality, nice length and carriage; 4, Thompson, colour-fed buff Border, bonny bird, grand shape and quality; 5, Gibbs, very stout chubby bodied, grand quality, four-pointed buff Nor.; vhc, Fawcett, another good evenly marked yell. Yorkie, rare style and shape; hc, Heigh and Son; c, Brooks.

## The Novice Section.

### Judge, Mr. J. H. Roe.

NOR. CL. YELL. (13): 1, Mrs. Martin, full of rich colour, short in body, nice head, neat beak, teeming with quality, well shown; 2, Cooper, scarcely so stout as winner, silky feather, great depth of colour, nice head, bonny bird; 3, Crossley, typical bird, fine quality feather, well up in colour, takes perches well, nicely cleaned out; 4, 5, Snowden, former short-bodied bird, lovely tone of colour, neatly built; latter possesses colour and good body, but is just a trifle slacker in feather; vhc, Isom, another of rich colour and quality, close on heels of leaders; hc, Fenwick, nice shape, but scarcely so rich in colour or close in feather; c, Lee and Kearney, taken all in all a bird we liked. BUFF (17): 1, Felce, thick-set body, rich undercolour and bloom, nice short flights, wings and tail, sweetly pretty beak; 2, Hill, very full body, clean at chest, hardly so rich in colour but short flights, neck and beak, grand head, feather, and bloom; 3, Cooper, rich in quality and colour, trifle square behind, very bloomy, just a wee bit soiled around beak; 4, Fenwick, very fine texture of feather, nice colour, under and over, stands just a little upright, neat head and beak; 5, Bellinger, beautiful rich colour, not so much bloom as some, but very short wings and tail, "one of the old type"; vhc, Welch, round at chest and clean cut, grand quality head and neck, fails only in colour; hc, Cadman, full of undercolour, rattling quality; No. 957, Hart, bonny bird, grand type, rich colour. TKD., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, Cooper, varieg., overflowing with colour, none too much chest for a Nor. perhaps, and just a trifle weak on head, but magnificent quality of feather; 2, Handscombe, grand body, just a shade thin in neck and head, lovely quality, well posted; 3, Billington, lovely colour, shade long in flights, which tip occasionally, full of colour and quality; 4, Stevenson, ticked, grand shape, just a little open in feather at neck, else a bouny bird; vhc, Bellinger, ticked, fine body, rare quality, might be a little tighter in feather perhaps; hc, Johnson, varieg., full of quality and colour; c, Spooner, rare feather, not quite so hot in colour. BUFF (15): 1, 3, Havenhand, leader real topper, ticked on eyes and one wing, close in feather, neat head, nice wing carriage, rich undercolour; 3rd, very good type, frosty feather, short body, wings, and tail, tkd. neck; 2, Hill, dark tailed bird with lightly variegated body, close as wax in feather, nice colour; 4, Burgess, varieg., very shapely, nice colour, topping feather; 5, Snowden, tkd. on head, lovely quality and bloom, fine chest and body, a good one; vhc, Robinson, grand type and quality, shade open in feather; hc, Cooper, teems with quality, loses in colour and chubbiness; c, Stock, close in feather and type. HENS (39): 1, Hill, buff, a rattler for type, having short wings and tail, nice firm short legs, stands well across perch, plenty of quality, rare hen; 2, 5, vhc, Havenhand, former bird of grand type, rare chest, wings and tail, good one; 5th, yell., not so well packed perhaps, but rare quality and colour; vhc, buff, rare type, fails a little in colour, nice quality; 3, Gibson, yell., short and shapely, not quite so rich in colour as some, neat head, nice chest; 4, Hill, good ticked yell., fine shape, quality and colour; equal 5, Thomas, varieg. buff, hot colour, high quality, good size and very typical; vhc, Gardner, tkd. buff, nice bloomy feather; vhc, Simpson, varieg., grand shape, just a little open in feather; vhc, Bellinger, grand quality, rich colour; hc, Snowden, yellow, colour and quality; hc, Bellinger, buff, scarcely compact enough; hc, Barratt, sweet yell., possessing colour, quality, and shape, we liked much; hc, Lee and Kearney, varieg., fine quality, good type, bit feathery; c, Billington, yell., rather open feather, nice shape; hc, Johnson, rich colour, good quality; c, Mrs. Litchfield, buff, needs a little more colour, very shapely; c, Welch, best of quality and shape. UNFLI. (37): 1, Vart, varieg. yell., very short wings and tail, well in front of perch, teems with colour and quality, one of the sort to produce good stock from; 2, vhc, Mrs. A. Martin, former very good one, full of colour, well up for quality and shape; 3, Havenhand, buff, the correct texture of feather, rich colour, neat head, good back and wing covering, sweet; 4, Jeyes, yell., rare type, quality and colour, clean cut; 5, Billington, tkd. buff, full of quality, rich colour, crosses wings a little at times; hc, Stock, buff, has good quality and undercolour, nice shape; c, Johnson, really grand-coloured varieg. buff, nice type.

### Judge, Mr. S. R. Compston.

LANCS. P.H. (3): 1, Fitton, yell., massive body, bold front, rare skull and clothing thereto, stands in a good position; 2, 3, Risley, yell. and a buff, former good skull, hardly so massive as leader, latter buff, very nice, but again lacks massive build all round of 1st. COPPY (3): 1, Fitton, fine body, nice coppy, well formed; 2, 3, Risley, 2nd neat coppy, not so much of it as winner had, but good length and substance of body; 3rd, stouter but shorter, shows a suspicion of the Norwich crest cross, still good bird.

### Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye.

YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (17): 1, Furniss, racer, lovely quality, fine whip, nice waist and length behind leg, good back, gets up well, pretty, stands well; 2, Haigh, very similar to 1st, has good position, nervy, clean waist, plenty behind leg, teems with quality; 3, Humphries, little stouter, but shows its breed points well, has quality to boot; 4, Moss, smart bird, not quite so well finished as leaders, but a credit to its owner; 5, Neal, goes into position well, neat head, silky feather; vhc, Hill, stylish, stands well up, clever; hc, Snowden, not so rich in colour as some, trifle stronger across shoulders, nicely folded tail; c, Harrington, grand feather, just a little open in tail and thin in neck. BUFF (22): 1, Angear, stands well on good legs, clean cut and finished, nervy, neat head, plenty of quality; 2, Jeffreys, slim and full of quality, travels well, goes up quickly, neat head, beak, and tail; 3, Schofield, fine drawn, excellent quality, shows its breed well; 4, Fleming, quick into position, well off the perch, clean thighs, good head, back, and taper, fine quality; 5, Jefferies, sweetly pretty when roused, well up on leg, just a trifle open in feather; vhc, Stout, Whittome, both birds of quality, good in position; hc, Hutton, Potter, former not so long as some, but pretty in action, and good quality; latter not quite so well finished behind leg, but full of quality; c, Franks, possesses some good qualities of the breed. YELL. MKD., ETC. (5): 1, Haigh, varieg., plenty of style, quality, and colour, well finished behind leg, stands up gallantly, good one; 2, Fowle, varieg., silky feather, stands well on leg, nice head, good length; 3, Downing, cinn. marked, overflowing with quality, travels well; 4, Thomson, varieg., full of life, colour and quality; 5, Couzens, quality again, stands well. BUFF (11): 1, Clegg, stylish varieg., dances along its perch gaily, well up on leg, a very taking bird; 2, Forse, very similar to 1st in most points, little to choose; 3, Moss, full of nerve, gets up well, knows its drill, and in fine dress; 4, Cowley, moves well, nicely finished, pretty; 5, Jeffries, varieg., of fine breed points; vhc, Franks, heavily varieg., very acceptable to any breeder for style; hc, Couzens, possesses quality and is stylish, fails just a trifle behind leg; c, Mrs. Abrahams, neat, nice feather. UNFLI. (40): 1, Beaumont, gives evidence of the district from whence he hailed, fine position, feather, and colour, high up on leg, full of nerve, and highly finished in breed points; 2, Schofield, full of Yorkie properties as to position, nerve, etc., teems with quality; 3, Cowley, well finished bird, beautifully drawn, overflowing with quality, rare action; 4, Humphries, smart, good length, finely drawn, possesses quality and of generally high merit; 5, Stamford, buff of lovely feather, nervy, nice tail, rich tone; 5, Hutton, very slim and racy, topping quality; vbc, Snowden, lovely quality, hardly so well finished behind leg; vhc, Dewsnap, a beautiful bird in most points, we liked much; vhc, Whittome, smart stand and quality; hc, Leigh, full of nerve; hc, Angear, has breed points, but just a wee bit open in feather; hc, Stout, typical, but a little slack in Fleming, Pickard, Richmond, all three have breed points, but not one quite the finish of leaders. HEN, YELL. (20): 1, Ferguson, quite a Yorks. lass, from the point of view of the breed, dainty dress, elegant mien; 2, Schofield, nearly the equal of 1st, clung as tenaciously to her in the struggle for position as policemen do to suffragettes; 3, Clegg, trifle stronger in build, full of nerve and quality, sweet bird; 4, Jeffries, also very pretty, nicely cleaned off in all respects, and stands well, neat head; 5, Hutton, carries itself sweetly, full of quality, and nice colour; vhc, Stamford, gayer in colour, good style, nicely finished; vhc, Fleming, stylish, rare tone of feather; hc, Atkinson, possesses style, but just a bit weak in head and neck; c, Farrer, a very useful hen of high merit. BUFF (19): 1, Moss, a very stylish dainty lady, carried herself like a queen, in a dress of the first quality; 2, Richmond, vied with the winner keenly for the title to be called the belle of the class, rare style, quality of feather, and action; 3, Fleming, grand action, back, wings, and whip, overflowing with quality; 4, Leigh, very little behind 3rd, if any, typical hen of high merit; vhc, Forse, lovely feather, finely drawn, good head, back, and tail; hc, Buckingham, not quite so rich in quality as some, but very typical; c, Franks, very pretty hen, having fine quality and good in position.

### Judge, Mr. J. Dobson.

CRESTS (12): 1, hc, Burgess, leader wing-marked dark crest, with veiny feather to crest, nice in droop, colour and density, neat centre, good frontal, rare body and quality; 2, 3, Mrs. Litchfield, former grizzle, very neat in centre, well filled in back, good frontal; 3rd, one wing marked, rattling body, nice quality crest, a bit weak one side; 4, c, Hoar, leader varieg., neat crest on good body, rare quality of feather; 5, Salisbury, very neat crest, well centred, might be little longer at sides; vhc, Ashby, well groomed, very neat lay and centre, smaller. C.B. (17): 1, Bellman, big-bodied bird, with noble head, dense and long in feather, nice cushion, very long turn-back; 2, Mugford, green, fine head, well clothed with long dense feather, nice dome, good back skull; 8, Mrs. Letchfield, very well formed skull, lovely quality feather all through, wide entrance, plenty of dome, short beak, long head feather, grand body shape; 4, Taylor, lightly varieg., very long and free in body feather, scarcely so dense and plentiful but long in head feather; 5, Slade, green, good quality of feather, rare rise of skull, dense, and lengthy in head feather, all round a neat one; vhc, Archer, varieg., not so good in entrance quite, but a useful bird notwithstanding; hc, Burgess, varieg., fairly good entrance, lashing, and length of head feather; c, Mrs. L. Knapp, varieg., not quite so dense or good in entrance. CINN. YELL. (5): 1, 2, 4, Roberts, nice team from one room, winner good shape, fine in feather and silky, very shiny, lovely sound colour, well burnished, not too heavy in head gear; 2nd, thinner, but very rich in colour, and glossy; 4th, more shapely than 2nd, but not so pure in colour; 3, Smith, good colour again, chief fault a weak head. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 4, Roberts, again a good team. The two first were very much alike in most points, the leader being slightly the purest in colour, both good shape and quality; 4th, as rich in colour as any, but a trifle out in neck feather; 3, Bevan, bonny shape, nice colour and quality, just a trifle light at throat; vhc, Bevan, grand shape, nice feather, hardly so pure in colour. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (11): 1, Houghton, wing mkd. Goldfinch Can. Mule, shown in beautiful feather, not over large, but very shapely and in lovely condition; 2, Mrs. Fisher, Lizard, good ground colour and cap, well rowed, and good size; 3, Davies, very good Belgian, stands at a good angle, well filled in shoulders, nice reach, head well down; 4, Gerry and Davis, large and nice-coloured, well-feathered Greenfinch-Can. Mule; 5, Sokell and Binks, Greenie-Bullie, nice exhibit, good size and colour, fine shape, snapped up quickly at catalogue price. £1, cheap; vhc, Houghton, Linnet-Bullie, good colour, fails only in condition; hc, Gerry and Davis; c, Mrs. Fisher, Golden Lizard, nice ground colour.

## The Limit Section.

### Judge, Mr. J. H Roe.

NOR. CK. (30/-) (61): 1, Hall, vgtd. yellow, perfect blaze of colour and grand silky feather, if it had a little more chest would be a banger; 2, Cleminson and Taylor, vgtd. buff, topper for quality and bloom, nice type, good one all over; 3, Cullington, hot fed buff, rich in undercolour, teeming with quality; 4, Yates, buff, bonny shape, rich under-colour, silky feather; extra 4, Owen, tkd. yell., rare type, grand feather texture, but a little slack; 5, Godley, sweet bird, just a trifle small, but full of quality; extra 5, Rev. T. W. Miller, red hot yell., possesses high quality; vhc, (2), Axe, couple of trim Nor., rare feather and colour; vhc, Hall, yell., vgtd., rich colour; vhc, Gentle, very neat exhibit; hc, Jones, has colour, shape and quality, buff vgtd.; hc, Winter, buff, nice quality; hc, Keech, buff, beautiful quality, not so hot as some, but a sweet bird; hc, Jones, good shape, nice feather; hc, Lawson, neat all through; hc, Lee and Kearney, rich in quality; c, Bateman, buff, has many good qualities; c, Rev. T. Miller, yellow, silky in feather, and very neat; c, Jeffs, very good shape and feather; spl, Howe, yell., rare colour, good quality. HEN (20/-) (28): 1, Payne and Son, best of type and quality, sweet head, a good one; 2, H. W. Axe, comes well after the leader for shape, colour and quality, combined; 3, Miles, very typical, possesses colour, is of fine quality; 4, Winter, beautiful feather, rare type, not so much colour as some; 5, Gilbert, chubby, fine texture of feather; vhc, Richardson, typical, well made hen; vhc, Bellinger, yellow, shapely and silky feather; vhc, Cullington, buff, just a trifle weak in head, else good; hc, Parrott, buff, typical; hc, Lawson, ticked buff, good shape and feather; c, Jefferies, smart yell., shapely and silky in feather; c, Lawson, a neat buff.

### Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye.

CRESTS (£3) (21): 1, spl, Ryder, varieg. buff, dark crest, neat in crest on a good body, fine quality of feather; 2, Cowperwaite, neat and nicely formed crest, a trifle thin in lay, but withal a cheap bird; 3, Greenwood and Burson, neat crest again, good formation, not so stout in body as some; 4, Wigginton, good head, gem for density, fails at sides just a little, heavily vgtd.; 5, Edwards, veiny crest, not quite so large as some, but excellent quality; vhc, Oldaker, very taking bird, nearly green, good body, neat crest; vhc, Wigginton, vgtd., with dark tail, dense in colour of crest feather; hc, Lazarus, neat, not quite long enough in frontal crest; hc, Edwards, varieg. C.B. (30/-) (23): 1, Payne and Son, vgtd. buff, noble head, wide entrance and fairly good cushion, dense and long in head feather; 2, Wigginton, green, neatly formed head, rising nicely over beak, lashing good, also length and density; 3, Aless, varieg., wide head and entrance, good dome, long in turn-back; 4, Cowpergate, varieg. yell., we liked much, stout body, wide head, dense and long head feather for a yell.; 5, Bloomfield and Rose, another well lashed, rare skulled bird; vhc, Parsons, good and cheap at catalogue price; vhc, Gilbert, varieg., well lashed; hc, Oldaker, green, of lovely shiny feather, rich body colour, correct head formation; hc, Tope, variegated, good in many points; c, Greenwood; Goodrum and Tompkins, two Crest-breds that would be valuable in any beginners' room. YORKS. (30/-) (41): 1, 4, Green, a soldierly Yorkshire, fine whip, back, waist, and finish; 2, Binns, bird of excellent quality, typical, well up on leg, nervy; 3, Watmuff, stylish, silky in feather, gets into position quickly, stands up well; 4, Harries, huff, varieg., lovely feather and stand, clean cut and full of style; 5, Pattrick, grand length and shape, full of life, quality and actiou; 5, Edwards, vgt., yell., slashing bird for size, good colour and quality; vhc, Farrer, has style and position, trifle square behind leg; vhc, Pattrick, cinn., tick, of fine quality of feather, typical; vhc, Walsh, varieg. yell., lengthy and quick to the call; hc, Walsh, huff, neat; hc, Fawcett, very pretty, and stands up well; hc, Mason, buff, full of quality and style; c, Gibbs, Putner, Edwards, Sutcliffe and Son, all smart Yorkies, well worth the catalogue price. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (30/-) (20): 1, Yates, a spanking buff cinnamon, of the regulation type, pure in colour, a bargain; 2, Rees, a dark linnet Canary Mule, deep colour, good size; 3, Richards, smart Greenie-Can. Mule, close in feather; 4, Mason, Cinnamon, shapely, with quality, hardly so rich as 1st in pure cinny colour; 5, Brownlie, a neat and sprightly Border Fancy, in rare feather; vhc, Talbot, smart exhibit; vhc, Dormer, cheap cinn.; vhc, Hampshire, sweetly pretty Lizard, good ground colour; hc, Clarke and Hodge, light Mule; c, Storm, Goldfinch Mule; c, Gerry and Davis. PAIRS (70); Many very cheap pairs amongst them: 1, Winter, yell. Nor. cock, buff hen, a blending of colour, type and quality; 2, vhc, hc, Lawson, the leader yell. Nor. ck., buff hen, typical, grand in colour, beautiful feather; 3, Fawcett, a rattling pair of Yorkies that could hold their own in good competition; 4, Richardson, a pretty pair of Nor., equally yell. cock and buff hen; 4, Brownlie, an equally sweet pair of Borders; 5, vhc, Yates, Yorkies, of rare style in the first place, and spanking good cinnies in the other; vhc, Holmes, Hodder, Jones, Tope, Midgley, Coulson, Owen, all showing birds that were in at a ridiculously low price, including some rattling pairs of Norwich; hc, Massey, Yorkshire; Christian, Lizards; Hills, Norwich Plainheads; Hodder, Handscombe, and Rexson, Gilbert and Howe, Norwich Plainheads; Haigh and Son, Yorkshires; Hollands, Howe, Cinnies.


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## The Mule and Hybrid Section.

### Judge, Mr. J. F. Dewar.

CAN. MULES, CL., ETC. (10): 1, 3, 4, and three spls, Galloway, wonderful trio, cl. Siskin, cl. Greenfinch, and ticked Twite, such a hand as no other exhibitor has ever held, for quality, colour, style, and general finish all three would be hard to beat, put down in the best Aberdeen form; 2, Arrighi, large, stout bodied, eye ticked buff, magnificent specimen for size, colour, and quality, but we thought somewhat lucky to get so high up; 5, hc, Lamb, very handsome four-pointed yell., young bird, lovely colour and feather, fine face and bars, very nicely balanced in marking, especially in eyes, bird with a future; vhc, Colton and Dawn, well-known cl. buff, very cobbily built, grand colour and feather; c, Edwards. VARIEG. GOLDIE (18): 1, Arrighi, very handsome, three-pointed buff, full of colour and quality, plenty of size, good shape, shown in rare form; 2, Lewis and Dymoud, very large yell., mkd. eyes, neck, and wings, splendid rich colour, grand quality feather; 3, Galloway, eye and vent marked buff, not one of the largest, but a gem for colour, quality, and style; 4, Lamb, well-known five-pointed yell., hero of many a battle, looking well in spite of age and work done; 5, Beatty, very large varieg. buff, awfully near being a six-pointed, splendid shape and quality of feather, nice colour and finish; vhc, Duncan and Logan, varieg. yell., very rich deep tone of colour right through, nice size, splendid shape, tight as wax, very showy, really high-class specimen; hc, Talbot; c, Williams. VARIEG. LINNET OR GREENIE (6): This was not only the smallest class in the section, but the quality was not of the high standard which generally prevailed. 1, Lawrence, lightly varieg. buff Linnet, capital shape and feather, nice size, put down in good form; 2, Colton and Dawn, big buff varieg. Greenfinch, fine bold bird, plenty of colour, nice feather; 3, Edwards, rather heavily varieg. Linnet, nice shape and style, good feather properties; 4, vhc, Meadows and Bradley, two rich coloured varieg. Greenies, capital feather; 5, Fulbrook, varieg. yell. Greenie, grand colour and quality of feather and nice size. DK. YELL. GOLDIE (19): 1, Taylor, fine big bird, wonderfully rich deep colour throughout, magnificent face and bars, as tight as wax; 2, Coffey, fine big fellow, nice shape, full of colour, but lacks the extra little bit of polish which the leader possesses; 3, Lewis and Dymond, very sleek and smart, rare colour and shape, grand feather, hardly so sound in throat, but a really fine Mule; 4, Arrighi, grand shape and colour, nice size, capital face, splendid style and feather; 5, Duncan and Logan, not quite so large as some, but brimful of rich bright colour and as tight as wax; vhc, Longden, a rare big bird of good shape and feather, but hardly so rich in colour; vhc, Jones, nice face, capital body colour and feather, hardly so smart in carriage; yet a good one; hc, Lashbrook; c, Pierce-Williams. BUFF (14): 1, Arrighi, magnificent colour, plenty of size, grand shape and style, very nicely finished, wins well; 2, Thomson, hardly so large, but hot and brilliant in colour right through, rare finish of feather; 3, Bald, another bird of grand shape, size, and colour, another run over with the polishing brush would have improved him; 4, McVittie, very shapely and nice size, capital feather, good face; 5, Francis, slashing big fellow, nice shape, good body feather, looked as though some of the soap had been left in round the thighs; hc, Best; c, Hingley. DARK GREENIE (17): 1, spl, Scrine, very large jonque, beautiful rich even colour throughout, grandly feathered, nice shape and grandly finished; 2, Leigh, another most charming jonque, full of colour and quality, very shapely, built on smaller lines; 3, Arrighi, yell. of cinnamon hue, very neat in feather, grand shape and size, and a nice level colour throughout; 4, Somerfield, rattling good bird full of colour, but hardly so bright, nice shape and size, splendid quality of feather; 4, Jones, grand in colour, shape, feather, and style, not so taking in head; vhc, Parsons, buff of cinnamon hue, nice level colour, good shape and size, hardly so fit; hc, Rowe; c, Edwards. DARK LINNET (20): 1, Jones, a jonque brimming over with colour which is deep, bright, and level, grandly pencilled, capital shape and size, and beautifully feathered; 2, Morton, another real tip-top jonque, full of quality and colour and splendidly finished; 3, Duncan and Logan, another jonque, rare shape and colour, beautifully shown, as fit as a fiddle; 4, Dick, big slashing jonque, plenty of colour, nice shape, very neat in feather; 5, Arrighi, bold, shapely buff of grand colour, nicely pencilled, and in good form; vhc, c, Buxton, again a jonque, very nice little bird, but awfully wild; hc, Scrine, DARK CAN.-SISKIN, ETC. (16): 1, Bishop, large bold Siskin of grand shape, beautifully marked, rare colour and quality; 2, Todd, very handsome Siskin, possesses a wealth of colour, is very fine and tight in feather, has nice shape and style; 3, 5, Lamb, fine bold Twite, good shape, plenty of size, nice feather, shows well, 5th buff Siskin of cinnamon hue, pretty little bird in nice form; 4, Scrine, slashing Siskin, grand shape and colour, beautifully feathered; vhc, Maxwell, very shapely, stylish Siskin, nice colour, hardly so well marked; hc, Thomson; c, Leigh. A.O.V. CAN. (12): 1, Duncan and Logan, slashing Canary-Buffie, splendid shape, beautifully feathered, very rich in colour, and grandly marked; 2, Lawrence, another of the same cross, plenty of size, capital shape and feather, not quite so hot, very nicely marked; 3, vhc, Galloway, varieg. Twite and varieg. Siskin-Canary, two lovely little birds of exquisite shape, feather, and colour; 4, spl, Mrs. Askham, very smart, high quality Canary-Buffie, hardly the size of leaders, but more colour and feather; hc, Riley, Mascall. A.O.V. BULLFINCH HYB. (20): 1, 4, Colton and Dawn, very handsome Redpoll-Buffie, wonderfully rich and bright in colour, beautiful feather and marking, and as steady as a judge, 4th good big Greenie-Buffie, capital shape, size, and feather, nice even colour of good tone; 2, 4, Ward, the celebrated Linnet-Buffie "Unique II." and Redpoll-Buffie "Excelsior," two lovely specimens, full of colour, grandly marked and in good form; 3, Arrighi, rare coloured Goldie-Buffie, beautifully marked, nice shape and size, full of colour and quality, in splendid form, and singing most brilliantly and sweetly, a homble exhibit, at the Scottish National he beat Mr. Ward's pair, here he splits them, a close thing and quite a matter of fancy, they are a two of gems; vhc, Fulbrook, very handsome Goldie-Buffie, beautifully marked, nice shape and size, hardly so well finished; vhc, Edwards, beautifully feathered, richly coloured, nice shaped Greenie-Buffie; hc, Jones; c, Thomson. A.O.V. BRIT. HYB. (22): 1, Lamb, the noted Redpoll-Goldfinch, beautiful colour and feather, grandly marked, scores his third premier award at the Palace; 2, McQuiston, a charming Goldie-Greenie, fine big bird, splendid shape, lovely quality of feather and beautiful colour; 3, Coffey, very rich coloured, nicely marked, tight feathered Chaffinch-Bramble; 4, Taylor, fine big Greenie-Siskin, capital colour and feather, nicely marked; 5, hc, McLeod, Goldie-Siskin, capital shape, feather, and colour, neatly marked; vhc, Whiteford, fine showy Goldie-Greenie, capital colour and feather; vhc, Barclay, charming little Redpoll-Siskin, beautiful colour and feather, grandly marked; hc, Wickham; c, Mrs. Kirkham.

## The British Bird Section.

### Judge, Mr. G. E. Weston.

BULLFINCH CK. (42), A remarkable class in numbers, and equally remarkable from the point of view of quality, many birds of the highest class being staged, and there was not a single one which could justly be stigmatised a "Foreigner," though some of those labelled "hand-reared" seemed to speak broken English: 1, S. H. Mays, a veteran exhibitor to the fore with a perfect gem, grand size, the ideal, thick-set type, stylish, jaunty carriage, perfect cap, deep back colour, well-defined wing-bars, very rich, solid and even breast colour, plumage shining like silk, not a feather out of place, put down in lovely trim, and wins with something to spare; 2, Thomson, another beautiful house-moulted specimen, grand type, though hardly so well cut up as the leader, bold, rounded cap, fine, deep breast colour, very lustrous all over, staged in excellent style, another truly beautiful Bullie; 3, vhc, Lewis and Dymond, apparently in field plumage, should moult out a clinker, in style, shape and substance a fine example, splendid head and back, grand bars, very deep, even colour on breast, hardly so polished all over as leaders, and a trifle lacking in confidence as yet; 4, F. Jones, we liked immensely, for beauty of colour and bloom equal to anything in class, wonderful solid breast, fine cap, back and bars, gem for type, style, quality and tightness of feather, some flights missing from one wing, or would have made the winner gallop; extra 4, Coffey, a size smaller than leaders, but a bird of wonderful type, broad in chest, with grand, thick-set neck and head, very steady and stylish, not a feather out of place, we believe took the special for best British bird at the Scottish National Show, but is beaten in breast colour to-day, and lacks that lovely bloom carried by the leaders; 5, Hunter yet another typical bird of grand colour, lovely head, smart and stylish, better polished than the extra 4th, but inclined to be a trifle loose at times on breast, or would have changed places; extra 5, Dunsmuir, bot one for colour, very thick-set and shapely, should moult a warm customer, little frayed on wing-flights to-day; best, vhc, Dickie and Smitb, rare headed bird, fine back and bars, rich even breast, very typical; vhc, Harrison, beautiful Bullie, noted winner, loses a trifle in intensity of breast colour; vhc, Roddie, grand stamp of bird; best, hc, Francis, rare type and condition, well staged; hc, Walsh, lovely colour and condition, shade weak in head; hc, Cullen; c, Rome, Vart, Gunnell. BULLFINCH HEN (21): 1, Lewis and Dymond, charming hen for style and type, very sound and rich in colour, perfect markings, staged in great form, carries a "dress" like silk; 2, 3, Livingstoue and Sharp, two very taking damsels, rare rich colour, fine shape, size and carriage, leader has the best cap and carries the best bloom; 4, Dale, very dense, rich colour, finely marked, good head, nice chubby body, excellent condition, trifle smaller than 3rd, but runs her closely; 5, Alton, fine big hen, grandly built, good condition, paler tone of colour; vhc, Arnott, clinking good one, lost a few flights, very hard lines; vhc, Withers Bros., hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins; c, Frostick, absent, Howe. GOLDFINCH (53), a great class, and a difficult one to judge, several birds being very dull when adjudicated upon, which did not add to the judge's happiness, while quite a dozen birds were so close in order of merit as to be very hard to separate; 1, hc, Prior, another "old hand" scores here, and owes the victory largely to the charming condition in which his bird was put down, tight as wax in feather, and polished like marble, this Finch was a treat to look upon, his greatest failing is a rather pronounced lightness in ground colour, but he is a bird of rare silky quality for a buff, and has many good points, a wonderful expanse of blaze, well-cut, and clean and rich in crimson, being one of the best, and perfection of shape and style far from the least, well-defined bnttons, and grand markings generally, complete a most taking Goldie; 2, Clark and Hodge, very good jonque, excels in chestnut of back and breast, big, grand coloured blaze, very square-cut and free from blemish, though hardly the width of leader's, splendid shape and carriage, shows for all he is worth, carries a lovely bloom, hard as nails in condition which put him above the many fine birds which follow; 3, Jupe, the magnificent Finch which has won so many firsts down south this season (late Harris), slack and "tired" looking to-day, in the form we have seen him at some shows he would probably have won, has a blaze of remarkable width, very correctly cut and rich in colour, rare sized, shapely bird for a jonque, hard luck; 4, 5, Hurst, two more noted Finches, which failed to get on terms with the leaders in tightness of plumage and sprightliness, the "Pride of Liverpool" (4th) is always near the top, he is a wonder for richness of colour and silky feathers, and has a fine face, his companion, "Fighting Mac," has the pull in blaze, which is remarkably expansive and clean-cut, but somewhat pale, while for shape and quality he is hard to beat, might moult a stormer next season; extra 4, Maxwell, very close on the heels of the others, a shade paler in tanning, but has a rare big square-cut blaze, very stylish, shapely, in excellent feather, well staged; extra 5, Carrier, lovely, stylish Goldie, excels in colour and polish, blaze of nice size and shape, in fine form; best, vhc, Hutchison, big, stylish Finch, with a wonderfully large face, but a little "brassy" in colour; vhc, Beatty, lovely coloured bird; vhc, Crompton, rare big blaze, shade rounded, but a fine Finch; vhc, Mitchell, good all round, excels in condition; best hc, Henderson, lovely deep colour, nice face, trifle twisted in neck feather; hc, McMurdo, Francis; c, Lewis and Dymond, we heard was the old champion, but only a shadow of his former self; c, Towers, Axe, Gunnell; wrong class, Best, a Peatbroat, should have been in class 123. LINNET (41), another stinging class, all in the cards being gems, the best lot for all-round merit we have seen for many years: 1, Parlett, "The Unbeaten," and seems to be well named, a Linnet of remarkable colour, rich and nutty, yet not cloudy, wonderfully silky feather for a bird of such great size, splendid shape and style, steady as a rock, well pencilled on flanks, and full of work all over, shows whites well, sound as a bell on breast, a beauty, takes the special prize for best in classes 106 to 114; 2, McLeod, if in the same lovely condition as the winner would probably turn the tables, good as is the other bird, very sound in colour (darker tone than leader), and just about the best pencilled cock Linnet we ever set eyes on, rare size and shape, very steady and stylish, was quickly claimed at catalogue price, £3 10s., and if he should moult well the purchaser got a bargain, to-day is short of bloom, and has the outer flight of one wing frayed; 3, Arrighi, another Linnet bang out of the ordinary, great size, lovely shape and carriage, carries a nice amount of work, rich, sound colour, in good form, though dull in coat compared with the winner; 4, Coffey, in fine trim, very taking bird for colour and quality, nicely marked, good style, steady, big and shapely in build; extra 4, Marley, excellent size and style, lovely width of chest, fine head, sound in colour, very tight in plumage, not so distinct in work as some above it, and minus one or two minor flight feathers to-day; 5, Hurst, well-known winner, good, big, cone-shaped bird, full of colour and bloom, nicely marked, lovely writes, trifle "ditched" in neck feather; extra 5, Maxwell, sweet bird for shape, well built, very sound in colour and tight in feather, a little lacking in work, good in other points; best vhc, Erskine, grand size and shape, fine colour, nice markings, very close up; vhc, Prosser, grand bird, trifle light in front; vhc, Nicholson, great size, finely moulded, also a trifle pale down centre; best hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins, lovely colour, size and shape, indistinct in pencilling; hc, McMurdo, Stamp (the latter in wretched style of cage, impossible for bird to stand up and show itself); c, Mays, Fellows, Askew. CHAFFINCH (23): 1, Hurst, we presume the well-known winner, bird of great size and lovely shape, full of quality, plumage, beautifully polished, grand colour throughout, and plenty of contrast, in very forward condition, steady, stylish, shown to perfection, not a feather out of place; 2, Livingstone and Sharp, another beauty, a noted Scotchman, fine size, splendid shape and carriage, bold head, good blue cap, nice bar, excellent wings; lovely tone of colour, close on winner's heels; 3, 4, R. J. Howe, leader grand chested bird, full of colour throughout, fine head and wings, in very beautiful condition, 4th a bird we liked much, charming silky feather, carrying a peach-like bloom, good size, grand shape and style, though when judging was on this Chaffie was in a curiously dazed state, which we put down to the delay we heard its owner's birds had experienced on the railway; 5, Henderson, beautiful shape and style, big, bold, well-marked bird, nice condition, loses a little for colour; vhc, Wilkinson and Danby, good one, grand condition; vhc, Mrs. Page, spanking size and shape, good bloom, lacks colour contrasts; hc, Coffey, Francis; c, Gerrey and Davis.

### Judge, Mr. A. Silver.

LESSER REDPOLL OR TWITE (31): 1, Maxwell, Twite, of good size and nice cobby shape, deep, sound colour, well pencilled, good whites, fine head, has both quality and bloom, soon claimed at catalogue price, £2 2s.; 2, Mrs. Clark, wonderfully big Lesser Redpoll, rare substance and shape, rich, sound colour for house-moulted bird, well polished, good bib and pencilling, perfect feather, claimed at catalogue price, £5 5s.; 3, Dickie and Smitb, Twite, longer than leader, grand head and chest, well coned shape, very bright and rich in colour, lovely bloom, full of work all over, a real beauty, a slight twist in neck feather may have told against him, but he was our choice to win; 4, E. W. Smith, very good Redpoll, bit unsteady, but not house-moulted, rare good bib, fine build and shape, full of work, should make a grand one; 5, McQuiston, very big, sound-coloured Twite, splendid head, grandly pencilled, good whites, close up; best vhc, Lewis and Dymond, another really excellent Redpoll, A1 shape, colour and markings; vhc, Coffey, Caunt; best hc, Marlin; hc, Botting, Henshaw; c, Crundley and Rowley, Bancroft, Cook. SISKIN (16): 1, McDougall, a gem, taken all-round, wonderful size and shape, rich, even colour (slightly fed), very distinct flank markings, beautiful condition, solid in cap and lacking in bib; 2, Russell, lovely non-fed bird, grand tone of colour, coat shines like satin, loses only in size, like winner, fails in bib, these, however, being but small faults in two such good birds otherwise; 3, Bishop, good one for size and shape, fair bib, very hot in colour, nicely laced, in good form; 4, c, Francis, big one, well-laced cap, good colour and bloom; 5, Howe, fine stamp of bird, good colour and condition, close up; vhc, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Waters; hc, Hutchison, Roddie; c, Hunter. BRAMBLEFINCH (20): 1, Longden, the old champion, adds yet another win at the Palace to his long list, a bird of wonderful size and shape, combined with really beautiful quality, while for richness of colour he is an eye-opener, grandly marked and spangled, lustrous, clean-cut hood, to-day is slightly broken in neck feather, yet we think wins deservedly; 2, Carter, a wee bit smaller, but equally well marked, and spangled, splendid colour throughout, very lustrous and tight in plumage, grand hood, well staged, steady, stylish, a credit to its owner; 3, Hurst, close on leaders, perhaps hardly so well contrasted in colours, but equal in markings, shape and style, a gem for condition; 4, Beatty, remarkably hot colour, excellent size and shape, good carriage, hardly so well polished; 5, Coffey, close up, big, nice built bird, splendid colour and bloom; vhc, Axe, wbopper, grand shape and condition, trifle browner on head and back; vhc, Henderson, grand bird, little pale centre of breast; hc, Prosser, Bell, and Fisher; c, Mrs. Page, Livingstone and Sharp. GREENFINCH (27): 1, Hurst, another old champion, a grand, big, bouncing bird, very rich and even in colour (non-fed), lovely quality, bold head, nice wings and tail, claimed at £2 10s.; 2, Coffey, well-built, very stylish bird, rich, even tone of colour, grand feather and bloom, lovely quality, very close on winner's heels; 3, Lewis and Dymond, another rattling, good, non-fed bird, finely built, grand head and chest, excellent wings and tail, in fine form; 4, Bald, red-hot colour, and a grand one for substance and shape, very fine bird, a noted winner, but lucky to-day, as it is off in plumage in the region of both eyes; 5, Bancroft, very big, grand shape, in good trim, rare head, fine tone of colour; best vhc, Maxwell, taking, stylish specimen, fed; vhc, Axe, real fine, damaged feather in tail; vhc, Eales Bros., lovely quality; best hc, c, Marley, good one leading; hc, Hobden, Wickham; c, Francis, Beatty. No. 2078, Howe, very high-class one, both for size, sbape, style, colour and bloom, we thought should have been well in the money. ALBINO, ETC. (16): 1, Johnson, Sparrow, all white except for slight grizzle here and there, pretty, tame, bird, good condition; 2, Lamb, cinnamon-coloured Redpoll, little beauty; 3, Hakes, the noted white Blackbird, a lovely specimen, very pure in colour, pink-eyed, grand size, must have pressed hard; 4, Mulligan, real good black Bullfinch, very dense in colour, good size blaze; 5, Handscombe, pretty pied Goldfinch; vhc, Jones, black Goldfinch; hc, Wyse, pied Linnet; hc, Mrs. Frostick, cream-coloured Blackbird; c, Edwards, pied Bullfinch. HENS—FINCH (18): 1, Chick, the well-known ben Hawfinch, very large, goeal colour, won easily on condition; 2, Wynn, Lapland Bunting, a rarity tbis, in nice condition; 3, Rowles, another very fine hen Hawfinch, well marked, hardly carries the bloom of winner; 4, Mrs. Clark, charming Siskin, finely pencilled; 5, McQuiston, excellent Corn Bunting, steady, good quality; vhc, Bancroft, very good Yellow Bunting; hc, Taylor, Howe; c, Seal.

### Mr. J. F. Hill's Classes.

HAWFINCH (16): 1, Chick, tbe noted "Midland Chief," a bird of wonderful body properties, grandly built, very rich, sound colour, nicely contrasted, sleek and silky in plumage, excellent bib and wings, very steady and stylish, a bad one to beat, although its head is hardly bold enough for its immense body; 2, Watson, another topper for size, rare width of chest, nice tone of colour, sound all over, very nice head and bib, fine carriage, real good one, but minus a claw and had damaged its tail feathers; 3, Jupe, splendid big bird, grand chest and head, very sound in colour, good wings and bib, a little "chipped" over tbe beak; 4, Hakes, a size smaller, but a bot one for colour and markings, excellent bib of good shape, in very pleasing condition, claimed at £3 10s.; 5, Prior, really good, though it loses a trifle in colour, fine size and shape, very dense markings, splendid bib; vhc, Maxwell, good bold-fronted bird, nice tone of colour, well marked, hardly so sleek in plumage; hc, Simpson, grand colour and shape; c, Mrs. Cotton; one or two grand ones cardless. YELLOWHAMMER (16): 1, Goodc, shapely and stylish, medium size, nice deep tone of colour, excels in density of markings, grand V head, full of work throughout, with another moult might make a topper; 2, Axe, well-known, beautiful non-fed specimen, grand colour and quality, shines like silk, excellent markings, not one of the biggest, but a real beauty; 3, Arrighi, a whopper, and a splendid bird all through, very deep rich colour (fed) well pencilled, nice chest and head marks, though beaten here by leaders, bold, grandly built, steady, tight as wax, close up; 4, Marlin, fine size and shape, beautiful condition, nicely marked, staged in good style; 5, Johnson, little duller in coat, but a fine Hammer for substance and shape, well marked; vhc, Cleminson and Taylor; hc, Pearce; c, Curry. A.O.S. BUNTING (20): 1, Botting, Corn Bunting, monster, about the biggest we ever saw, shapely, too, and good in feather, very steady, a very fine example, though inferior in colour, polish, and markings to the tbird bird; 2, 5, Henderson, leader a rattling good Snow, very large and well built, nicely marked, excellent tone of colour, steady, good carriage, in very fit condition; 5th, a pretty Black-headed Bunting, big and shapely, very nice colour and condition, good head; 3, Milne Bros., real grand Meadow, splendid size and colour, very bold, well marked head, in the pink of condition, a gem; 4, Arrighi, smart Cirl, very rich tone of colour, clean cut head markings, good size and shape, in excellent condition; vhc (2), Chick, the well-known Corn, splendid size and shape, full of dense, well-defined markings, very steady, marvel for colour and polish, and a good Meadow; hc, Wynn; c, Longden; No. 2119, McVittie, real fine Lapland, grand colour, should have got into the prize-list. BLACKBIRD (14): 1, Ford, real flyer, lovely dense jet-black plumage, set off by the richest eye eeres and beak we remember seeing, very big and shapely bird, grand chest, good neck and head, in charming condition; 2, Maxwell, another very fine specimen, excellent beak and eeres, though losing to winner in this respect, in other points very close up, beautiful condition and ebony colour, steady as a rock, well built all through; 3, 4, hc, Howe, trio of grand birds, 3rd runs a shade thin in neck, otherwise just about perfection, lovely colour, quality, and style; 4th bit nervous when approached, again grand colour and shape; 5, Lee, shade smaller, but a beauty for shape and style, takes the perches grandly, splendid condition; vhc, Lean and Son, good, but has very bad scales on its legs; c, Alton: No. 2141, Axe, beautiful Blackie, in fine condition, well worthy of a card. SONG THRUSH (13): 1 Bruce, that celebrated lady, "Border Queen," won here last


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### THE PALACE SHOW—continued.

yenr, but was left cardless at the recent Scottish National Show, a very beautiful Thrusb, great size, grand chest, bold head and neck, rich ground colour, very dense and distinct in moon-ing on breast and flanks, condition simply lovely, wins with something to spare; 2, Dale, runs a little thinner at neck, a grand allround bird, very deep, sound colour, beautifully marked, fine size, in the pink of condition; 3, Askew, beauty for condition, shines like silk, grand chest and bead, markings very dense, but appreciably broken at the front, ground colour A1; 4, Mays, clinker for size and shape, excellent colour, very tight and silky in feathers, good moonings, just beaten at throat; 5, Acland, fine chested bird, good carriage and condition, little thin in neck, capital colour and mark-ings; vhc, Price, a Thrush was liked much, very thick-set and shapely, finely marked, but looked pale, is not improved by the bad colour of the cage back and wires; hc, Mrs. Frostick; c, Hexter. STARLING (12): 1, Alton, fine bird for size and shape, steady, lovely sheen, mass of pencilling on head and body, runs somewhat indistinct on wings and back, put down in good style; 2, 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, grand one for size, and lustrous plumage, finely spangled from top to toe, good head, neck and chest, carries wings well, 3rd another grand bird, beautifully marked, very lustrous jacket, big, shapely, good carriage, shows well; 4, Lean and Son, inclined to be a little soft when we saw him, but evidently a grand bird, full of work, very lus-trous, splendid size; 5, Griffin, lovely bird for con-dition and polish, very well spangled, though a trifle faint about neck, fine size and shape; vhc, Thomson, very heavily spotted, good size and shape, but lacks brilliance; hc, S. E. Jones, the noted "Sunshine," and a bird we preferred for high honours, all there for size and shape, carries a lovely sheen, full of distinct spangling all over, etc, clean on wings and back, not brown, like so many above it; c, Francis. CHOUGH (4): 1, Maxwell, one of the best we have seen, great size and sub-stance, wonderful depth and brilliancy of body colour very deep red bill and legs, beautifully staged, must have gone close for the special for best British; 2, Victor Williams, another very fine example for size and shape, grand blue-black glossy plumage, well beaten in bill and legs; 3, Bond Bros., rare size and shape, but lacks the lovely polish of leaders, and pale in colour of beak and legs. MAGPIE, etc. (9): 1, Kilbury Bros,, truly a beautiful Jay, very tight in feather and deep in colour, lovely wings, steady, in spotless condition and not a feather out of place, claimed at the low price of £1; 2, 3, Max-well, former champion Magpie, for purity of white and depth of black has never been beaten, grandly marked, great size, fine shape, quite perfect in feather, a gem, must have given the Jay a race for premier place, 3rd another lovely Jay, not quite so tigbt and shapely as the winner, but equal in other respects; 4, Vale, Magpie, remarkable size, grand shape and style, fine bird, not in the spotless condition of 2nd; 5, Bussey, Jay, rare size, fine wings, good in colour, loses a little to quality and condition; vhc, Milne Bros., big Magpie, bit un-steady; hc, Richards; c, Hughes. Where, oh, where, were the Jackdaws? Surely some exhibitor has one which could pick up a prize in this class.

### Judge, Mr. W. Swaysland.

NIGHTINGALE or BLACKCAP (11): 1, Lean and Son, gem of a Nightingale, big, bold, very shapely, lovely tone of colour, tight as wax in plumage, very nicely shown; 2, vhc, Mrs. Frostick, another beauty, close on winner's heels, fine size and shape, charming condition, deep colour, shown to perfec-tion; 3, Chick, one of the best Blackcaps out, rare size and shape, rich colour, bold dense cap, perfect condition, put down in excellent style; 4, Miss Watts, fine tone of colour, very beautiful condition, good size and shape, well shown; 5, Burrows, yet another 'Gale, paler in colour, but a fine allround bird, excellent shape and condition; hc, Baker; c, Miss Hopwood. LARK or PIPIT (13): 1, P. Walsh, an extra good Skylark, big and bold, grand chest and head, very good quality and very tight in feather, full of pencilling on head, back, and breast, sound rich colour, well put down; 2, hc, Paton, another grand Lark, magnificent size and shape, splendidly marked all over, put down in grand condition; 3, Shirley, beautiful Tree Pipit, well-known winner, grand size and shape, lovely quality and colour, tight as wax in feather; 4, Watson; 5, McVay, two more splendid Larks, full of quality, colour, and pencilling, fine size; vhc, Potts, another splendidly marked; c, Mrs. Frostick. No. 2236, McVay, was an interesting and uncommon exhibit, a Calandra (catalogued as "Galarden") Lark, a very fair specimen, in good condition. A.O.S. RESIDENT (not larger than Grey Wagtail) (19): 1 and spl., best British, S. H. Mays, Tree Creeper, perfect gem, big and good in shape, very rich, well marked back, exceptionally pure in breast, good eye-streaks, an object lesson in perfection of condition and staging; 2, Maxwell, cbarming Gold Crest, big one, lovely head, very rich-coloured crest, very tight and sleek in feather and beautifully staged, deserves its place; 3, Mrs. Frostick, extra large and taking "Jenny" Wren, like wax in plumage, fine rich colour, very tame and perky, shown in most attractive manner; 4, Taylor, fine Crested Tit, another beauti-fully staged exhibit, big bird, very cleanly marked, nice colour, lovely head, A1 condition; 5, Fulbrook, fine Long-tailed Tit, very lively, in good health; vhc, Chick, another very high-class Creeper; vhc, Meadows, also a very fine Gold Crest; hc, McDiarmid, about the biggest and best Pied Wagtail we have seen, could have gone up a place or two, grand condition; c, Cushney, nice Nuthatch; a good mealy Redpoll failed to catch the judge's eye, and looked quite out of place in this class. A.O.S. MIGRANT (not larger than Wheatcar) (14): 1, 2, Maxwell, leader a very beautiful Black Redstart, quite the best we have seen, grand size and shape, wonderful colour and bloom, perfect in every detail, claimed, we heard, at catalogue price £5, another close candidate for the best British bird special, 2nd the well-known Yellow Wagtail, a scorcher for colour (takes Ramsden's pepper special), but hardly look-ing so well as we have seen him, a wonderful bird, however, and deserving of his place; 3, Chick, Red-start, excels in colour and bloom, splendidly marked, rich breast, not too heavily frosted, good white forehead, very dense black gorget, grand specimen; 4, F. D. Jones, Whinchat, smart little thing, tight as wax in feather, well marked and good in colour for a hen, which we took it to be, shown in nice style; 5, Pearce, pretty Lesser Whitethroat, nice silvery throat and breast, in pleasing condition; vhc, Mays; hc, Walsh; c, Francis. A Sedge Warbler was exhibited, but unfortunately was some-what down in condition. A.O.S. LARGE (15): 1, Cook, grand Great Grey Shrike, very steady, per-fect in plumage, nice tone of colour, dense mark-ings, in rare good condition, fine exhibit, run very hard however, by 2, Crockett, a very beautiful Waxwing marvellous colour, very tight and sleek in plumage, lovely headed bird, exceptionally good wing and tail appendages, striking exhibit; 3, Max-well, high-class Wryneck, great size, very shapely, A1 condition, nice rich colour, mottled and marked in excellent style; 4, Ross Bros., grand Fieldfare, splendid colour and markings, very big and good in shape, A1 condition, steady; 5, Poole, very good Ring Ouzel, big, lovely shape and style, in fine con-dition, good body colour, nice distinct crescent; vhc, Underwood, another truly beautiful Waxwing; hc, Waisb; c, Francis. There was also exhibited in this class a Wood Pigeon (or "Ring Dove"), No. 2278 Baggally, which the judge possibly did not consider a "cage-bird." It was n remarkably fine specimen, a credit to its owner. No. 2283, Shad-dock, entered as the "Greater," is in reality the Middle Spotted Woodpecker, and ineligible to com-pete as a British bird.

### Judge, Mr. S. Cook.

LIMIT, 20/- (26): 1, Henderson, Siberian cock Bullfinch, grand big, bold bird, fine colour, could have competed successfully in the open Foreign class; 2, Swingler and Blackwell, bouncing Haw-finch, good colour and markings, soon found an owner; 3, best vhc, Frostick, Pine Grosbeak, bonny bird, fair colour, beautiful condition, latter good hand-reared Bullfinch; 4, Cook, nice British Gold-finch, good tan and blaze; vho and best hc, Prior, two cheap birds; hc, Francis; c, White, Crompton. FOREIGN GOLD or BULLFINCH (14): 1, McDonald, whopping big Bullfo, plenty of suostance, carries feather well, very nice colour throughout, grand cap, back, and bars; 2, Seal, grand Goldfinch for colour and quality, lovely condition, expansive rich blaze, well tanned, good buttons, a trifle chipped over the beak; 3, Telfer, pressed second very hard, lovely rich square-cut face, of good size, excellent tan and markings, big, well-built, stylish Finch; 4, Mrs. Southcombe, big fine Bullfie, fair colour, looked a little soft when we took our notes; 5, Arrighi, lovely tan and condition, fine blaze, loses underneath; vhc, Robbins, novelty, a piping Bullfie; hc, McGurk; c, Morton.

CRYSTAL PALACE EMPLOYEES (Any Variety Bird) (12): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Wilson, a very smart Missel Thrush, big bold bird, well marked, a good Mule, and a very fair Yorkshire; 3, Woodley, Yorks, very decent type indeed, full of quality; c, Mrs. Drew.

## The Foreign Section.

### Judges, Messrs. H. T. Camps, F.Z.S., and Russell Humphrys.

BUDGERIGARS, LOVEBIRDS, ETC. (12): An interesting class, remarkable for the fact that Black-cheeked Lovebirds, which were a first appearance on the show bench this season, numbered no less than five out of the 12 entrants, having become in a few months almost common. One regrets to see so few of the ubiquitous Budgerigars; surely with so freely a kept species there should be no diffi-culty in securing entries if a class for Budgerigars were provided. 1, Cook, Black-cheeked Lovebirds, in perfect condition and well staged; 2, Watts, Blue-crowned Hanging Parrakeets, very fine, but still in immature plumage; 3, Maxwell, good Black-cheeked Lovebirds; 4, Miss Greeven, Red-faced Love-bird, good colour and condition; 5, Cushney, Love-birds; vhc, Millsum, good Black-cheeked Love-birds; hc, Maxwell, Blue-crowned Hanging Parra-keet; c, Robbins, good Green Budgerigars. PARRA-KEETS, LORIES, ETC. (17): A good class con-taining several rare and interesting exhibits, not-ably Mr. Maxwell's Black-throated Lorikeet and Mr. Millsum's Black-winged Lory, both of which have, however, graced the bench before; 1, Max-well, Black-throated Lorikeet, an exquisite exhibit, tight as wax, having the general appearance of a Swainson or Red-collar, but has the head bronze and a light green collar round the back of the neck; 2, 4, 5, Millsum, Black-wing Lory, very rare (we only know of one other specimen being in this country at the present time), and in finest condi-tion; 4th, Stanley Parrakeets, good colour and very tight; 5th, Purple-cap Lory, a perfect blaze of colour, very tame and good talker, a beautiful team; 3, Beaty, good pair Pileated Parrakeets; vhc, hc, Maxwell, good Rock Grass Parrakeet, an uncommon exhibit, but a species which usually seems to be hardly treated by the judge; hc, good Stanley Parrakeet; c, Watts, nice young Lineolated Parrakeet, also exhibited, good specimens of Violet-necked Lory, not yet in full mature plumage, very fine Ring-necked Parrakeet, Australian King Parra-keet (an exquisite specimen, one of the best we have ever seen), Redrump and Rosella Parrakeets, and a pair of Cockatiels. PARROTS, MACAWS, ETC. (10): This class is always a great attraction, and on the present occasion several talented birds were a source of interest and entertainment. The rarer and more uncommon species were not so numerous as usual, the most notable being the Rev. C. H. Raynor's Meyer's Parrot, a beautiful but not brilliantly clad species, which, if not new to the show beuch, has not been seen for many years (see picture and description in another part of this issue). 1, Ray-nor, Meyer's Parrot, a beautiful, rare and unique exhibit, in finest condition; 2, Mrs. S. Bury, very fine Grey Parrot; 3, Mrs. C. Cooper, good Black-headed Calque; 4, Archer, another good Grey; 5, Cook, nice pair of Red-vented Parrots, but looking a wee bit soft when these notes were taken; vhc, Miss M. Richardson, Blue-fronted Amazon; hc, c, Robbins, Grey Parrot and Blue-fronted Amazon. WAXBILLS, WEAVERS, ETC. (11): Again one is forced to remark on the smallness of the entry for what ought to be the largest class of the show, and if the one class provided for freely imported species does not fill, how can exhibitors expect the classification extended? 1, Townsend, Golden-breasted Waxbills, rich colour, absolutely faultless; 2, Hadley, good pair Diamond Sparrows; 3, 4, Row, Orange-cheeked Waxbills and Parson Finches, both in faultless condition; 5, 6, Botting, good pair of Zebra Finches and Diamond Sparrow, the latter being a large, well-coloured and tightly-feathered bird, very hardly treated; vhc, Babb, richly-coloured pair of Common Avadavats; hc, Maxwell, also ex-hibited a charming Green Avadavat and perfect pair of St. Helena Waxbills. Though small in num-bers, this class amply illustrates how beautiful and attractive many of the common or freely-imported species are. GRASSFINCHES, ETC. (14): A very interesting class of beautiful exhibits of which the more notable were: Painted Finches, Australian Fire-tailed Finches (Beautiful Finch: Zoo list), and Gaboon or Silver-billed Weaver, none of which, how-ever, is new to the bench. 1, 2, 4, 5, vhc, Maxwell, 1st Painted Finch, a lovely pair of an exquisite species (see picture and notes elsewhere in issue); 2nd, Gaboon Weaver, a beautiful bird of the well-known Weaver type with upper parts of rich vel-vety-black and undersurface of rosy-carmine; 4th, Melba Finches, beautiful and richly-coloured, and in faultless condition; 5th, Violet-eared Waxbills, very richly coloured; vhc, a lovely pair of Aus-tralian Fire-tailed Finches, a beautiful species with finely undulated plumage, crimson tail, and a pair of spectacles, a grand team; 3, Mrs. E. Galloway, an exquisite pair of Scaly-crowned Finches without a flaw; hc, c, Row, good pair of Parrot and Gouldian Finches. Also exhibited good specimens of Crimson and Rufous-tailed Grassfinches. GROS-BEAKS, ETC. (12): An interesting class with two species, probably on exhibit for the first time, viz., the Slatey Grey Finch (*Spermophila analis*), and Yellow-browed Buntings, neither of which we remem-ber to have seen previously on the bench, but we have not looked up records. 1, Mrs. E. Galloway, Black-faced Serin, an exquisite exhibit, rare, with-out a flaw, undoubtedly one of the most beautiful of the genus *Serinus*; 2, Maxwell, a faultless pair of Cuba Finches; 3, Cook, good pair of Indigo Bunt-ings (in winter plumage); 4, Sutcliffe, Slatey Grey Finch, rather rough, or would have been higher, this we believe to be the first time living specimens have reached this country; 5, Miss St. A. Wait, nice White-throated Finch; vhc, hc, Townsend, with his well-known Cape Rock Bunting and Dinca Finch; c, Robbins, Yellow-browed Bunting, an uncommon and beautiful Bunting. Also exhibited Japanese Hawfinches, Green Cardinals, and Olive Cuba Finch. TANAGERS (11): For resplendent beauty and tropi-cal colouring, this and the following class is always an easy first, and though the entries were less numerous than usual, there were several very rare exhibits, and one first appearance, viz., the Black-cheeked Tanager (*Calliste cayana*), which we believe to be the only living specimen in Europe, but not having completed its moult had to be content with a card (c). While the exquisite Black-throated Spotted Emerald and Rufous-throated Blue Tana-gers, though having made several appearances, are yet all new to the show bench this season. The Olivaceous Tanager, W.C. at Westminster show, was present under new ownership (W. Cook), and the question of its identity is still an open one, the aisles being so crowded when these notes were made gave us no opportunity for long and close observa-tion, but it is possible it may prove a Tanager after all. 1, 2, 3, Maxwell, Black-throated Tanager, tight as wax, a glowing mass of iridescent colour-ing; 2nd, Rufous-throated Blue Tanager, not so gorgeous as most Tanagers, but a beautiful bird and in faultless condition; 3rd, Spotted Emerald Tanager, one of the most chastely beautiful of the genus *Calliste*, and, like the preceding couple, fault-less, a grand team; 4, 5, Townsend, Magpie and Tricolour Tanagers, both well known and beautiful species, and as is usual with this exhibitor, both in finest condition; vhc, Mrs. P. Smith, Magpie Tanager; hc, Watts, Archbishop Tanager; c, Mill-sum, Black-cheeked Tanager, still in moult, and though a little rough, was certainly hardly treated, very rare, a first appearance. Also exhibited, good specimens of Olivaceous (?), Superb, and Scarlet Tanagers. SUGAR BIRDS, ETC. (8): Another class in which the exquisite beauty of the exhibits simply beggars description. 1, 2, Townsend, Black-headed Sugar Birds, not quite so fit as when at Westminster, and some thought should have given way to the second prize winner, one of the best Yellow-winged Sugar Birds I have ever seen, for rich colouring, tight and silken plumage it certainly has never been surpassed; 3, 5, Millsum, very good Blue Sugar Birds, which, after another moult, will be much richer in colour; 4 Maxwell, good Yellow-winged Sugar Bird; vhc, Mrs. E. Galloway, Blue Sugar Bird; hc, Mrs. Hodgson, Gold-fronted Fruitsucker. A.O.S. (21): Always an interesting class, because of the variety and frequent rarities it contains. Among the rare or uncommon exhibits must be men-tioned the Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler Slatey-headed Scimitar Babbler, Yellow-eyed Babbler, Blue-winger Siva, White-spotted and Rufous-chinned Laughing Thrushes, King Bird of Paradise, Rufous-bellied Niltava, Laughing Jackass, and Touracou. 1, 4, hc, Maxwell, King Bird of Paradise, truly a regal bird, and looking better than ever, despite its two seasons on the show bench; 4, Rufous-bellied Niltava, an exquisite bird in faultless con-dition, with upper surface of black and glistening blue, and undersurface of rich rufous-chestnut; 4th, a typical Flycatcher, in form; hc, Blue-winged Siva, a very rare and uncommon exhibit, with plumage of soft browns above and ashy-whitish below, with larger wing feathers rich blue, a rare and interesting trio; 2, Burrows, the well-known Touracou, must be getting quite a veteran, plum-age very tight and silken; 3, 5, Millsum, Slaty-headed Babblers, we believe first appearance, hand-some and interesting, but needing a larger cage in which to display their activities. White-spotted Laughing Thrushes—these interesting and quaint birds look almost out of place in a show cage, but even under these conditions are very handsome in their garment of browns and chestnut, relieved with white triangular spots at the tips of most of the feathers, very uncommon; vhc, Cushney, Pitta, an uncommon exhibit, which in a cage does not show the richer lines of its plumage, this speci-men however was not in full adult plumage; vhc, Mrs. J. Frostick, Sulphur-breasted Toucan, in splen-did condition, tight plumage and rich colour; hc, c, Cook, a nice young Yellow-eyed Babbler, very un common, and makes one of the nicest cage pets imaginable; c, Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler, an-other interesting and very uncommon bird, with a curved bill fully 1½ inch long, and a pleasingly-arranged garment of brown, rusty-brown and white. Also exhibited Shama, Painted Quail, Laughing Kingfisher, Coleys, Black-headed Sibia, Mexican Green Jays (very beautiful, but evidently odd birds of two species), Glossy Starling (one of the finest ever staged), Rufous-chinned Laughing Thrush (very rare, a beautiful but quietly clad bird), and a Gold-fronted Fruitsucker in its wrong class. In many respects the most interesting class in the show.


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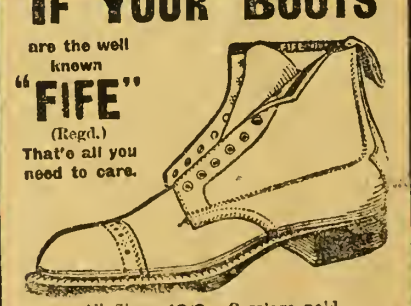


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## The Cage Section.

### Judge Mr. S. Cook.

A collection of 36 show cages was on view—cages which were suitable for nearly all varieties of Canaries, and all species of British and Foreign birds, although when going through them carefully we noticed no cage for Lancastures, Scotch Fan-cies, or Belgians, and only one for Borders (and this, curiously enough, came from the West and not the North). A good show cage should be light, strong and well made, and the first point should certainly have first consideration, because, unfor-tunately for exhibitors, the railway companies in-sist upon charging wood and wire as "live birds." The two latter points are almost identical, as one can hardly have a cage strong unless it is well put together. Messrs. C. Palmer and Son, of Shore-ditch, were first, second, and fourth, in the class, which was a very creditable performance, con-sidering the number of entries. The leading cage was one for a Blackbird or Thrush, with an oval front of bent wire. It was 20 inches long, and 10 inches deep, which is rather more than usual. It is very nice, no doubt, for the bird, but it might occa-sionally prove somewhat inconvenient at shows where the staging was narrow. This cage was beau-tifully made, with good stout wires, and the feed-ing receptacles easily managed. It struck us, how-ever, that the round perches appeared just a little large, and clumsy for the size of the cage, and the bird it was intended for. The next cage was a Crest show cage, which was absolutely faultless. It combined all the qualities necessary for the ex-hibition of a tip-top bird. The price of this cage, considering the finish, was very low. Fourth was designed for small Foreign Birds, with the wires barely half an inch apart, and just sufficient turn back of the front to give a good view of the in-mates. This was catalogued as a Redstart cage, which we think must have been an error, as the wires could be a shade wider for that bird. A stock cage for a Blackbird or Thrush shown by Messrs. Palmer and Son, secured vhc. This cage is nicely designed for the purpose. It has a sloping roof, wire front, and partly wire sides, the re-mainder being covered in as protection from the weather. Another lightly made Wagtail cage se-cured like honours. Mr. Reece, of Bristol, was vhc, with two exhibits, one a neat little Border cage, put together in a more substantial manner than is usual with this kind of cage, but was exceedingly light and easily handled. The other was for a small British bird. The other awards were: hc, Newley, Palmer, Reece; c, Palmer, Reece, Millsum, who exhibited a combination show and travelling cage, which is undoubtedly a capital idea for a single exhibit. With just a little more ingenuity the case part of it could be made for use as a stock cage, when required; it would then serve a double purpose.

In the breeding cage section it was apparent that cage makers have made big strides from time to time, bringing out new improvements. But even yet there is room for a few new and original ideas. An entry of 31 is distinctly good, and among the exhibits were some fit to grace the staging of the very best appointed bird rooms. Messrs. Palmer and Sons were again to the front, securing all the prizes. The first was a double breeder 36 inches long, to which was attached a nursery and bath. This was a distinctly good idea, and in a sense showed the whole in working condition. By means of a sliding partition, it could be quickly made into two single breeders. The nursery is easily fixed, and kept in position by a wire hook; one suggestion we would make as an improvement to the nursery is that the door be somewhat larger, and the woodwork carried higher at the feeding end. This latter alteration would prevent pluck-ing of tail feathers. The second cage was an exactly similar one and needs no description. The third was a capital single breeder 18 in. by 16 in. by 11 in. It was well made, had the usual fittings, but no front perch; the front, however, was only some 2 inches high, so that a front perch was hardly necessary, although we must say we prefer to keep the birds from the floor of the cage if possible, as they keep so much cleaner, especially about the feet. Dirt of any kind carried to the nest is "matter in the wrong place." The fourth cage was similar to the first and second; vhc, Palmer, a 20 inch cage, fitted complete at the low figure of 3/6, which we consider exceedingly cheap, being well made and strong; vhc, Newley, a good double Norwich cage; hc, Palmer, very smart 20 in. cage nicely finished, cheap; hc, Strong, 20 in. Norwich. A very ingenious cage was exhibited by Mr. Cooper, of West Ham, but did not meet with the approval of the judges. It was very strongly made, and well finished. About two-thirds of the space was given up to the breeding birds, the remainder, by means of a slide, being used as a nursery. The perches can be fitted in any part of the cage in a few seconds, and the inventor claims that they are insect proof, as they do not touch the back of the cage. The seed-box is the best we have seen, as it is impossible for the birds to waste even a grain of seed, which is an impor-tant matter where many are kept.

In the A.O.V. class there were cages of various designs, but mostly for Parrots and pet birds. The 1st went to Stelling and Son, a very swell Parrot cage, quite suited to the mansion, splendidly finished in brass; 2nd, Newley, a fine show cage for a Thrush or Macaw, very strong and not par-ticularly heavy considering its size; 3, Palmer, another Parrot cage, quickly claimed at the price, which is the best criterion of its merits; 4, Stel-ling, an all wire cage, for Finches, the wires about 3-8 in. apart, had moveable bottom and divisions, vhc, Burnett, clean dining cage with 4 partitions, very useful for placing the birds in, as soon as they can perch. There are doors in each partition, but these are hardly necessary, as birds seldom interfere with each other when dining; vhc, Palmer, store cage for Magpie or Jay, made on the same principle as the store cage for Thrush in the pre-vious class; hc, Reece, large strongly made wire cage for big bird, suitable for hall or conservatory; hc, Palmer, dressing-room cage, for small Foreign birds, very neat and strongly put together; c, Newly


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## Some Notable Foreign Birds at the Jubilee Palace Show.

King Bird of Paradise. (C. T. Maxwell).
Black-Faced Serin Finch. (Mrs. E. Galloway)
Meyer's Parrot. (Rev. G. H. Raynor).

Black-cheeked Love Birds. (W. Cook).
Black-throated Tanager. (C. T. Maxwell).
Painted Finches. (C. T. Maxwell).

# CORRESPONDENCE.

## PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR KINGS CROSS, HALIFAX.

SIR,—A meeting of Canary fanciers will be held at the Trafalgar Inn, on Thursday, February 18th, at 7.30 o'clock, to try and form a new society for King's Cross and district. A good attendance of fanciers is earnestly requested.

W. MORTON.

## PRIZE MONEY AT THE DULWICH O.S. SHOW.

SIR,—As Mr. Sandy seems in such urgent need of the 5s. his wife won at Dulwich Show if he will put his address in next week's CAGE BIRDS, I shall be pleased to send it to him as a slight appreciation of the management of that show.

JOSEPH FOSTER.

Thornton Heath.

## ROBBERIES OF BIRDS AT PETERBOROUGH.

SIR.—May I ask through your valuable columns if any Fancier has purchased any cage birds from Peterborough this week, and, if so, whether they will let me know the particulars of same, as eleven were stolen from the outdoor aviary belonging to the Rev. Mandel, New Road, Peterborough, on February 7th, comprising eight Canaries, a pair of Bullfinches, and one Goldfinch. Of course we should guarantee to free anyone from loss who acquired them honestly, as we only want to put a stop to the continual robberies going on.

SYDNEY L. COCKS.

3, Huntly Grove, Peterborough.

## THE MARSH TIT IN CAPTIVITY.

SIR,—I have had a Marsh Tit about six months. He sang so sweetly for a Tit, and like them, had any amount of call notes, which he was never tired of uttering. The poor little fellow was let out in mother's greenhouse for a treat, and had such a jolly time with the insects, but being fond of bathing, he got in the water tub. It was nearly empty, but when I went to look at him again, to my great sorrow I found him drowned. He was always on the move, and had been kept in a large cage, and fed on Trowers' Improved "Cecto," which he was very fond of. He also had sunflower and hemp, as well as insects daily. He really was the happiest British bird I have ever seen caged, and so tame. He always had a spray for perches, and a cocoanut to sleep in. I must also thank you for CAGE BIRDS. I have taken it in for over two years, and think it A1, especially the coloured plates. My sister and I, although still in our "teens," are very fond of birds, and last year, thanks to CAGE BIRDS, we bred some nice stock birds, as well as a beautiful Norwich Cock, which we hope to put on the show bench this year.

E. E.

## THE ALLEGED STAINED LINNET AT BRISTOL F.A. SHOW.

SIR,—I know nothing of the above matter beyond what I have seen referred to in CAGE BIRDS, and I shouldn't have had anything to say about it had not Mr. Birchley condemned the C.B.U. I have noticed in one or two cases before, that certain parties have had nothing but good to say of the C.B.U.; some have even taken up the cudgels in its defence, and eulogised the Union to the skies; but directly it has trodden on the said parties' toes, they have turned round and abused it. What is the C.B.U. for? Haven't we made the Union to put these malpractices down? Yes! Then we as exhibitors would have something to grumble at if the C.B.U. didn't do their duty. That is what they are there for. Mr. Birchley must understand he has not been suspended for staining the Linnet, but for exhibiting the Linnet stained. Which is a different thing altogether. The C.B.U. have nothing to do with the person who stained the Linnet. As a matter of fact they can't stop anyone from painting a bird either black, blue, or green; it is not within their jurisdiction; but they can stop him from exhibiting it. Therefore, unlike Mr. Birchley, I think it shows the absolute usefulness of such a society as the C.B.U. Anyhow, they have done some good work, and no doubt they would do more if it were brought to their notice; and I congratulate the Council, or district committee, for their stability in condemning and suspending their backsliders. If my advice is of any use to Mr. Birchley, I should advise him not to take the barrister's advice. This, I know, sounds Irish, but it's cheap; and if Mr. B. took the barrister's advice, no one but the barrister would gain in the end. No doubt Mr. B. knows the old proverb about a fool and his money. With regard to Mr. Birchley's threat to get up a petition for the condemnation of the C.B.U., I should think the council of the C.B.U. are trembling even now. Talk about staggering humanity, I should think there would be a regular earthquake when Mr. B. gives up some of his valuable time to it. The various societies that are blessed with the patronage of Mr B. will no doubt receive a severe shock when they read his letter; but I should think that 50s. a year would come in useful for a lot of things. If he is anything of a philanthropist, he might send a cheque down to CAGE BIRDS Office, care of the Editor, and made payable to UNIONITE.

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SIR,—After reading in CAGE BIRDS the correspondence re the above, it makes me smile to see the C.B.U. come down on a prominent exhibitor for not knowing and for buying a stained bird, when he is posing as a judge of other people's birds. Instead of "S.W.B." talking of taking action against the man he bought it off, it would be best to own up he does not know a stained bird when he sees one. If he does why did he show this one? If he can convince the court he did not stain the Linnet the seller might bring the same plea. However, success to the C.B.U. and to the judges who have the conrage of their convictions.

THOS. WILLIAMS.

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SIR,—After reading Mr. S. W. Birchley's two letters upon this subject, there are one or two little matters in them that puzzle me, and I should like Mr. B. to let us know whether the said Linnet and Yellowhammer were his own bona-fide property at the time of his entering them for Leicester Show? I see they were purchased on November 5th, and sent to Leicester on the 6th; it did not leave very much time for entering. Further was Mr. B. pulled up for staining the bird, or was it for exhibiting a bird that was stained? Again, why should the C.B.U. accept an appeal from him without the deposit (thereby breaking their rules), any more than from the ordinary working man fancier? Mr. B. seems to have taken a sudden idea that the C.B.U. is a useless organisation, but he must remember that it is their duty to make examples of these very cases; and as Mr. B.'s case is not tho first, there is no excuse for anyone who is caught. While sympathising with Mr. B., one hardly knows what the sympathy is for, (1) whether for the idea of a specialist British judge, with a life experience buying a stained bird and exhibiting the same twice and not knowing or being able to find out that it is stained, until found out by one who at any rate does not claim to be a British bird specialist, or (2) the weakness displayed in his second letter, re the smashing up of the C.B.U. In conclusion, I would say to Mr. Birchley, "take your punishment like a man," and thereby deserve the sympathy you would get, or else take the specialist sign off its hooks and let it rest another four years.

SYDNEY L. COCKS.

## THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

SIR,—Having been appointed to the office of secretary to the Cage Bird Union, I have decided to resign the office of secretary to the above club, as I think it would be best for both parties. But before doing so should like to make an appeal to those members whom I have written to, to forward their subscriptions for the past year at once, so that I can make up the books for the past year; those not complying will have their names struck off the list of members, much to my regret. Any new members wishing to join the club may do so now on forwarding their names and addresses along with the subscription of 2s. 6d. for the year to me not later than February 27th, so that their names may be included in the revised list of members. The following is a list of winners of specials given by the Club for the past year:—Champion Section, the Challenge Cup (value £10) for most points at five shows, 1st, Cup, and Gold Medal, Mr. S. Cook, 86 points; 2nd, Gold Medal, Mr. T. Seed, 83 points; Club Show (Accrington), Gold Medal for best bird, J. Trengove; best second, J. Trengove; best third, T. Seed; best fourth, W. N. Midgley; best fifth, J. Raynes; best sixth, T. H. Dent. Amateur Section: Gold Medal for best bird, W. T. Hill; best second, E. Sutton; best third and fifth, C. Oliver; best fourth, Leeming Bros.; best sixth, J. Smith; most points during the season: 1st (teapot), T. Crimes, 34 points; 2nd (coffee-pot), C. Oliver, 20; 3rd (cream jug), A. Huggins, 19; Special most points open to all: 1st prize-winners debarred. Bolton: J. Trengove; Manchester: G. H. Massey; Liverpool: C. Blackhurst; Westminster: S. Cook. Scottish Contest Specials, No. 32, 38, 40, and 54, J. Trengove; No. 27, W. Vardy; No. 47, T. Irons. The following unsolicited specials have kindly been promised for next year's competition: A tea urn, by Mr. J. E. Davies (Stockport) for Champion Section, while Mr. W. T. Hill (Levenshulme) gives 10s. cash to the Amateurs. I should be glad to hear of other gentlemen offering similar prizes, or sending a donation to the special fund to wipe off the deficit on the club before I leave it

J. RAYNES, Hon. Sec.

9, Richmond Road, Chorlton.

## PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR STOCKSBRIDGE, DEEPCAR AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—With a view to the formation of a society of cage bird fanciers for the above-mentioned and surrounding district, I am pleased to state that a meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13th, in the National Schoolroom, Stockbridge, at 7.30 p.m. I have already twelve names of fanciers who have expressed their willingness to be enrolled as members of a society. Shall be pleased to hear from any fancier unable to attend.

HARRY E. WILKINSON.

Wood Willows, Stocksbridge, nr. Sheffield.

## ROLLER CANARIES AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

### A £10 Challenge.

SIR,—Being thoroughly satisfied that my bird exhibited in the Roller Classes of the Jubilee Palace Show can surpass all others exhibited at that show, especially the prize winners,—I, R. Kremner, 104, Tib Street, Manchester, am desirous of issuing the above challenge. I will undertake that if any exhibitor accepts this challenge within seven days from date of issue of this paper, to submit my bird to any two recognised judges, one to be selected by myself, and the other by my opponent. And in the event of a disagreement, the two judges to appoint an arbitrator. The match to take place within fourteen days from issue of paper. In support of this challenge, I have deposited the sum of £10 with the Editor of CAGE BIRDS this day, February 9th, 1909.

R. KREMNER (signed).

ARTHUR FOULDS (witness).

## THE CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

### A Testimonial to Mr. J. Tyson.

SIR,—In recognition of his services as hon. secretary to the Crested Canary Club, extending over a period of six years, it has been decided to present a testimonial to Mr. J. Tyson. The following amounts have been already subscribed: Mr. R. Rhodes, president, C.C.C., £1, Messrs. F. W. Barnett 10s., R. L. Crisp 10s., G C. Ley 10s., Jesse Braund 5s., John Broad 5s., J. S. Clarke 5s., J. Dobson 5s., J. Franz 5s., T. Heath 5s., H. Horton 5s., G. Peters 5s., John Robson 5s., T. Taylor 5s., J. Turner 5s., J. Brotherton 2s. 6d., Burns 2s. 6d. A. W. Curtis 2s. 6d. A. W. Hart 2s. 6d., J. Howard 2s. 6d., F. Johnson 2s. 6d., E. Jones 2s. 6d., H. Mills 2s. 6d., W. H. Mugford 2s. 6d., J. Pooley 2s. 6d., W. Prance 2s. 6d., J. Ryder 2s. 6d., Mrs. Litchfield 2s. 6d., A. Lazarus 2s., J. Wright 2s., Maxwell 1s., Sadd 1s.; total £7 4s. 6d. This amount was subscribed very readily at the annual general meeting and I trust the members of the C.C.C. and friends interested in the variety who were absent therefrom will testify their appreciation of the man who has served them for a lengthy period so loyally and well. Contributions will be gladly received by

J. S. CLARKE,

Sunnyside, Prospect Road, Woodford Green, Essex.

## IS IT CRUEL TO KEEP BRITISHERS IN CAPTIVITY?

SIR,—In my opinion, most decidedly not; as my experiences, like Mr. Despard's, will show to anyone but an out-and-out crank. I have had lots of birds escape from my aviary, but have very rarely lost one. Only last Sunday I noticed a Bullie hen had escaped, as I found afterwards, through a small hole in a weak place in the wirework. I caught her again in a small trap I have attached to the aviary, and turned her in again. In less than an hour she was out again. Try as I would, I couldn't get her in the trap again that day; but she didn't go away. She still kept about in the trees round about the aviary, and at dark I gave it up as a bad job. I thought I should never see her again; perhaps the cats might get her. Anyhow, I hoped not. But being at work early in the morning, and coming home after dark, I didn't see her again till to-day (Feb. 7th), when I again caught her and returned her to the aviary. But the curious thing about this incident is that this bird hadn't been caught more than six weeks at the most. And she had had a whole week in which to fly "over the hills and far away." How happy she looked, too, when again in the company of her companions; and what a fuss her sister Bullies made over her with their curious tail twisting when she returned to the fold! It quite reminded me of the parable of the lost sheep—even if I had stopped away from church to catch her. But that is only one of many similar incidents that have been my own personal experience. How do the cruelty cranks account for incidents such as this, and those of Mr. Despard's? Why shouldn't a bird be happy and contented when it has plenty of wholesome food and fresh water? I'm sure I can't see why. I should say that I have upwards of a hundred British birds in my aviary; yet I do believe, that were they all to be set at liberty, quite 90 per cent. would return. A great many of these have been out at one time or another. I once had a Greenfinch cock escape during the breeding season, which had previously paired to a Greenie hen. Well, it so happened that he wasn't such a particularly good specimen, and I didn't bother to catch him again. But would he go away? Not a bit. I don't think you could have driven him away with a shot gun. No; he simply wouldn't leave; so at last I caught and returned him to the aviary. I remember once though I had a rare good singing Linnet that I thought a lot about, it being a special favourite of mine. One day, when in the garden, I thought I heard a Linnet's chirp in the trees; when, behold, Mr. Linnet had escaped. I was just fixing the trap to catch him whon I thought I heard a song that sounded to me like "There is a green hill far away." I at once turned round, and there was Master Linnet just flying past the building singing "Beyond the city wall." And that was the last I ever saw (or heard) of him.

ANTI-CRANK.

## REVIVAL OF THE FANCY IN DALTON AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—The bird fanciers of Dalton and district, after a lapse of several years, have revived the interest in cage birds by opening a club to be called the Dalton and District Cage Birds Association. It is open to fanciers throughout the world. The opening meeting took place at headquarters, 189, Chapel-st., Dalton-in-Furness. A splendid assembly of gentlemen was ably presided over by Mr. S. Hanna, who has been elected chairman for the ensuing year. He was ably assisted by the vice-chairman, Mr. J. Parks, who referred to the desire of all present to try and revive the interest of fanciers in cage birds and bring the club up to the state of perfection enjoyed by its predecessor. A very able committee was also formed, and one and all pledged themselves to do all in their power to further the objects of the society. The secretary, Mr. E. Shelly, will be glad to get into communication with any gentlemen interested in the rearing and breeding of birds with a view to membership.

E. SHELLY, Hon. Sec.

37, Cobden-street, Dalton-in-Furness.

## THE MEYER'S PARROT AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—My Meyer's Parrot, which was first at the "Jubilee" Palace Show, is a rare species of *Pœocephalus*, indigenous to the Transvaal, and perhaps not more than half a dozen specimens have existed in England during the last ten years. It was about the year 1900 (possibly a little earlier) that I obtained the present specimen from Mr. H. J. Fulljames, who was then disposing of his foreigners, which, among other choice specics, included a Hyacinthine Macaw, a Princess of Wales' Parrakeet (which he valued at £40), and a unique pair of Brown's Parrakeets—the Regent bird of Australia. *P. Meyeri* is not a large bird, and has a ground-colour of dull-blackish-brown. The breast, however, is of a beautiful irridescent blue-green, and the yellow markings on the wings and head are intense and striking. The female (to which sex my bird belongs) has much less yellow on the head, but is, nevertheless, quite good-looking. "Bessie" is chiefly a seed-eater, not caring much for nuts or fruit, but she is a persistent bather, to which fact I largely attribute the splendid condition which she has maintained since she came into my possession. She is a quiet bird, occasionally uttering a thrice-repeated plaintive note (by no means loud), and is greatly devoted to her master, on whose shoulder she will sit for an hour at a time, occasionally pulling his ear when she considers herself entitled to the little piece of sugar which she succeeds in obtaining three or four times a day.

G. H. RAYNOR.


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### PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR DEWSBURY AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—A meeting of Canary fanciers interested in the forming of the new society was held at the Little Saddle Hotel on Feb. 6, when there was an excellent attendance of intending members. We decided to leave over the election of officers till next meeting, when any fancier who would like to join may attend and take part in their election. Or I should like to hear from any Canary fancier who would like to join and I will give any information he may require. I might say that one or two of the new members knew nothing about the forming of a new society till they saw it in CAGE BIRDS, which speaks well for your widely read paper. Wishing the paper all the success it deserves.

G. G. STAFFORD.
35, South Woodbine-st. Flats, Dewsbury.

### THE CINNAMON DIPLOMA AT THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—I would like to know the reason why the judging for Diploma for the Cinnamon classes at the Palace Show should have been left over until Saturday. Further, why the Palace Committee should allow, or why any judge should entertain, such a system. Seeing that they are men who profess to have had many years' experience as exhibitors, they must know the changes that often come over a bird in 24 hours' time through confinement in show rooms, different temperature, and other causes. Therefore, in leaving this over until Saturday it was unfair and unjust to exhibitors. I think the judging for all specials should have commenced directly after the judging of each section, as then, and then only, is the best time for any judge to follow correctly the awards he has previously given. An answer through the medium of your paper will greatly oblige,

ALBERT BENTLEY.

### A CANADIAN SHOW FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF A VISITOR.

SIR,—I see in your issue of January 16th notes on a Canadian Show. It is a very clever letter, indeed; but I must say he is no fancier. On enquiries, I find that three years in succession he paid his 15 cents admission, and he has always had the same cry—the cages, the birds, and now their was no catalogue. Nothing seems to have pleased him except the Scotch. He seems to be a guid judge. Now, Mr. Sharp, why did you not come into the fold as I did? I have not been here three years yet, and that fine display of Scotch Fancies you speak about are nearly all the offspring of two pairs of birds that I brought out from Scotland. You say you are a Yorkshire breeder, so you see, had you done as much for your fancy, what a grand show we might have had! I admit the Yorkshires are not what they should be; still, considering their shows have only been in existence, say five years, it is wonderful the progress that has been made. You also say the birds needed tubbing. Well, I advise you to behave yourself at our next show, or else its you that will be tubbed.

Montreal. DAVID BRUCE.

### BORDER FANCY CANARY.

SIR,—I was glad to see my friend, Mr. Cubly, of Carlisle, had sent a letter to the B.F.C. Club concerning the medals that are being awarded year by year to the best Borders at our shows, and calling attention to the fact that they are nearly always awarded to the clear or ticked birds. Why this should be I am at a loss to understand, but the fact remains that it is the clear bird that gets it. Now, as a breeder and exhibitor of green and cinnamon Borders, I would just like to put in a plea for these two beautiful varieties, and ask our judges to give them consideration. I think now we have got the green Border to a perfect type. I have seen some that could not be beaten for type and colour. They are as green as grass, what else do we want? From my own experience it is no soft thing to breed an ideal green, and when it is done, I think that the bird that possesses these qualities ought to have careful handling. I have been at several shows where the classes of greens put down by our breeders have been the acme of type, quality, and colour, classes that have numbered 21, 25, 17, 18, and 30, but none of these birds won the medal. I don't say that they were not judged for it; but had that careful consideration been given above-mentioned for the trouble and pains that it must have taken to stage such a bird as I have described? I am a breeder of greens, yet write from no selfish motive, but purely from the love of the wee gems. I trust more able pens than mine will contribute to this correspondence, and see if we cannot get the green and cinnamon Border put on an equality with its clear and ticked brethren, when the medals are doled out.

JOHN HOCKING.

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### PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR ARDWICK AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—A meeting was held at the Blacksmith's Arms, Viaduct Street, Ashton Old Road, Ardwick, on Feb. 1st, when there was a large attendance. Eighteen were enrolled as members. It was unanimously agreed to form a society, to be named "The Ardwick and District Cage Bird Society." It was decided that the yearly subscription be 4s., and that meetings be held at the above place on the first and third Tuesday in each month. The following gentlemen were elected officers: President and treasurer, Mr. Joseph Mitchell; chairman, Mr. J. Coulson; secretary (pro tem.), Mr. J. Spencer, 80, Hillkirk Street, Beswick, Manchester; committee: Messrs. H. Harding, W. Robinson, T. Hudson, L. Crabtree, F. Washbourne, G. F. Henson, and Crossley; auditors, Messrs. McLoughlin and Fittes. The secretary will be pleased to hear from fanciers wishing to join, and will forward any further particulars on application.

JOSEPH SPENCER, Secretary (pro tem.).

### A DEAL IN YORKSHIRES.

SIR,—You will be pleased to hear that as a result of my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, I have had a splendid sale, three pairs of my Yorkshires going for £14 10s. The best of the two buffs, depicted on the front page a few weeks ago, went to a gentleman in Glasgow for a high figure. I had many amusing offers for those two buffs, and one would think from the many enquiries sent, that winning Yorkshires "grew upon trees." I am forwarding a sample letter to you which, without mentioning names, you may publish, and if the reading of it causes as much laughter as it did at our meeting the other night, there will be some fun had out of next week's C.B.

E. J. BANKS.

COPY.

MR. BANKS,

SIR,—I see you are advertising Yorkshires. I require a good Yorkshire yellow, or ticked yellow, cock, 7 inches long, fine feather, pipe tail, well up on leg, showing a bit of breed, nice round head, plenty of thigh, tail straight in line with its body, nice and round in back, no hinge tail, or gutter down its back, slim, with short beak, and price 15s. A good, all-round bird, or no use, as I keep Yorkshires, and I do not want one to throw my birds all wrong. I enclose stamp for reply. I want fresh blood. On approval.

### TYPE OF THE PRESENT DAY WINNING NORWICH PLAINHEAD.

SIR,—As a lover of the real Norwich Canary, I think Mr. Bertie, in your issue of Jan. 23rd, hits out from the shoulder in its defence, and fanciers ought to be thankful to him for his courage. Although I have not exhibited for many years, I attend a few good shows each season, and, with few exceptions, can quite fully endorse what Mr. B. says. In last week's issue "Exhibitor" attacks him in a most sarcastic manner. We all like our own opinions, but that does not prove our opinions are always right. I don't suppose Mr. B. is conceited enough to think no one knows a bird except himself. I once remember a very prominent judge awarding a prize to an inferior bird. When asked why he did it, he replied, "I always had a fancy for that kind." So, perhaps if exhibitors studied what the judges fancied "as their decision is final," there might not be so many disappointed exhibitors. For example, about three years ago I was at an All-England show, where the judge was inclined to award the prizes for type, instead of for size and colour; result—one exhibitor who, like our friend last week, believed in the cross-winged, coarse-feathered birds, and who had been winning with such, gave up the Fancy in disgust, because type was put before size and colour. Another exhibitor I know, who has been trying for type, according to Mr. B.'s ideas, was so disappointed last November to find the Crest-breds sweeping the decks in Norwich classes, that he foolishly sold out, and said, "Size for me in future; never mind if the feathers are as long as chickens, and tails like Yokohama fowls, they are what the judges go for." I don't think Mr. B. said a duck was the same size all the way up. Again, Mr. B. no doubt has seen some Crest-breds with long, snaky heads, as well as some with flat heads, and if "Exhibitor" has not, it is no proof such birds do not exist. Then "Exhibitor" asks Mr. B. if he has seen four winners. Probably he has, and hundreds besides, and no doubt the majority have been the big Crest-breds, with nothing save size and colour to recommend them. "Exhibitor" concludes his attack, saying, "Judges will never please Mr. B. unless they bring his type of bird to the front." How will "Exhibitor" feel, if judges wake themselves up to type, and put it before size and colour? To my mind, when a standard is fixed, judges should award the prizes to those birds which come nearest to it, and if it were possible to poll all fanciers whether we shall adhere to type in preference to size and colour, I think the verdict would be for Mr. Bertie, leaving "Exhibitor" in the minority.

LOVER OF TYPE.

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SIR,—What is the matter with "Exhibitor?" Hello, I see the cap fits him. Well, Mr. "Exhibitor," you can wear it. But why don't you give us your name, or sign yourself judge? Then we should have some idea of what type you are yourself—Tom Tit or Jenny Wren. What's your little game? You seem to be making a lot of fuss about my letter. However, I am pleased the cap has fit someone. That is what we want. Let it be thrashed out thoroughly. That is the only way to settle the question. Let any fancier give his view or idea as to what he thinks of the birds that have been winning of late; but let the discussion be carried on in a friendly way. "Exhibitor" says: "Does Mr. Bertie want to introduce his own model?" No, Sir, I don't, but I wish to see Norwich birds win in Norwich classes. He also says it would take something off my load of trouble if I could only breed a few like some of the winners. Well, that depends what winners he means. Some of them I have seen I would be ashamed to own. Again, he says I am banging the drum about the Crest-bred characteristics shown by the Norwich Plainhead winners, vide their snaky heads. Yes, Sir, again I say that I do connect the long, snaky heads with Crest-breds; it is an evidence of his acute observation if "Exhibitor" has not seen this kind of head on a Crest-bred! Take another look, and I think you will find them. No, Sir, I do not profess to know all about the Norwich Plainhead; there are others, I am well aware. But if I do not know as much as some of the judges, then I don't know very much. Now about the duck. I said that the majority of winners carried as much behind as a duck, referring, of course, to the back part being long and heavy in feather, the same as does a duck. That is where the duck comes in. Quack! quack!! So I don't see that any ordinary imagination needs any prompting to understand this. Yes, it is the judges (some of them) whom I am not pleased with, and, as "Exhibitor" says, it is quite time they reformed their ways. There is a lot of room for it. And when they do mend their ways they will please me and thousands more. That is a fact. Do open your eyes, Mr. "Exhibitor," and take another look at some of the so-called winners that have graced (? disgraced) the show bench of late. Yes, I have seen Mr. Rennie's winning yellow, Mr. Midgley's yellow ticked (and the same gentleman's unflighted yellow for the first time) at the Palace Show last week, and I must confess that they are the best three yellow birds that I have ever seen at any one show. They are the kind wo want—no "Tom Tits" and "Jenny Wrens" about these. Big but good ones are these. These are the "Bertie type" if you like, but where has "Exhibitor" seen birds that have in any way approached these three birds of late? No, I am no advocate of "Tom Tits" and "Jenny Wrens." Such are quite as big an eye-sore to me as those big nondescripts that have been winning of late.

J. BERTIE.

### A SKYLARK TWENTY YEARS IN A CAGE.

SIR,—I wonder if any of your readers can give me an answer to a very interesting question? I have a Skylark which has been in his cage 20 years last November. I don't know what his right age is, as he was a netted bird caught on the Downs near Brighton. I have plenty of witnesses to prove my statement as to the length of time I have had him. He is a lovely songster, and is just coming on in song again, going through his notes quietly. I have had people from London and other parts call in during the summer to inquire if I have still got the lark. He has only one wing. He broke the other one some 13 years since; he must have got it through the wire of the cage. I thought of destroying him at the time, but then I thought they meet with mishaps of a similar kind in the fields, and I supposed instinct told them what to do. On the third day after, when taking him down to feed, he fluttered about and the piece of wing dropped off. It didn't seem to affect him in any way. What I want to know is, has anyone any record of a Lark being in a cage twenty or more years? I have been asked this by a great many people, and if any of your readers can kindly answer this through your valuable paper, I should esteem it a great favour.

HARRY FORD.

**Several letters unavoidably held over.**

## UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

THE great Crystal Palace Show is now a memory of the past, and as befits a "Jubilee" event, a record entry was obtained. Of course, in the County of Broad Acres, most of the interest was centred in the section named after it, viz., the Yorkshires, and the cracks, with the valuable aid of the novices, succeeded in once more upholding the prestige of their county. This show is the deciding ground for the trophies of the Y.C.C. and the C.M.Y.C.C., and in another column will probably be found the result of the competitions.

WAKEFIELD Show, which is held to-day (Saturday), closes the competitions of the Yorkshire Union and the Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C., and the latter society are holding a meeting at the show to make arrangements for the prize distribution, which is to take place on March 6th (in conjunction with other societies). It is hoped that as many as can make it convenient will attend; trips are run for 1s. 6d. from Bradford, so that the journey will not be expensive.

GREAT Horton O.S. held their annual Pie Supper and Social on Saturday last, the 6th inst., a good muster putting in an appearance to partake of the fare provided, and in justice to the hostess, Mrs. Mitchell, I must say that the Pie was splendid. I know, for I had some, and was ready for it, having spent a few hours during the afternoon on the "wilds of Wibsey" in anticipation of the event. After supper the time was spent "midst song and smoke." Plenty of volunteers were forthcoming, and somebody said one or two would do with a little egg food, or mixed seed, to bring them up into full song! Altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.

THE Y.C.C. challenge trophy now becomes the property of Messrs. Bailey and Swanger, who secured their third win this season. It is expected that next season a cup to be won outright in one season will be put up for competition.

IT pleases us to hear that those societies whose meeting falls on March 6th, the day selected for the amalgamated prize distribution, are making arrangements to leave that date open, so that all members will be at liberty to attend the social. This is as it should be.

MORLEY and District Society have under consideration the advisability of joining the Yorkshire Union, and it is expected that they will arrive at some decision in regard to the matter early in March. On February 27th, they have a lecture arranged, with Mr. S. Dean the Union secretary, and no doubt will be asking for a little information on Union matters.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

# The Crystal Palace Bird Show of Fifty Years Ago.

**Some Highly Interesting Notes concerning the first of the Crystal Palace Shows; also on the exhibition held 17 years later.**

In this "year of Jubilee" it is a matter of considerable interest to look back over the half-century which separates us from the first recorded exhibition of cage birds at the Crystal Palace, and see what manner of show they had in those days, and in what particulars it differs from the shows of to-day. For the notes we are able to give below we have to acknowledge our indobtedness to Mr. T. Heath, a gentleman well-known in the Fancy to-day as a keen and fearless judge, and in the past a highly successful exhibitor, and a one-time manager of the shows held in the Sydenham "Glass House." With his usual courtesy Mr. Heath has gone through the catalogue of the 1859 exhibition, and this is his account of that show, compiled therefrom:—

### In the Beginning.

These notes, writes Mr. Heath, were copied from the catalogue of the first Crystal Palace Show of Canaries and British Foreign Cage Birds held at the Crystal Palace on Nov. 19, 21, 22, and 23, 1859. Personally, I do not believe this was the first held, but it is the first show of which we have any record; in fact, the C.P. authorities called the last show they held (in 1897) the 34th annual, when it really was the 38th. I was the show manager for the L. and P. O.S. in 1898, and rectified this, and called it, as it should be, the 39th.

The classification for this first show comprised 14 classes for Canaries, 5 for Mules and Any Other Variety of Canary or Mule, 30 for British, and 45 for Foreign, making a total of 94 classes. The entry fee was 2s., with two prizes in the Canary and Mule classes of £1 and 10s., except in the two classes for London Fancy, which had three prizes of £2, £1, and 10s. British birds had to be content with one prize of 10s., and Foreign birds one prize only, of £1 in some classes, and 10s. in others.

The 11 classes of Canaries had 145 entries, the 4 classes of Mules had 31 entries, one class of Any Other Variety Canary or Mule 49 entries, the 30 classes of British 37 entries, the 44 classes of Foreign had 77 entries, and one extra class "too late for competition," 22, a total of 411. There were three judges, Messrs. A. Willmore and T. Moore, Canaries and Mules, and W. Goodwin, British and Foreign. They did not give the names of the judges in the schedule, but only in the catalogue.

The prices of the Norwich ranged from £2 5s. the highest, to 15s. The winner in the Clear Yellow class stood at 35s., and the Clear Buff 30s. In Belgians prices ranged from £5 to 28s. The winners in the two Crested classes could be bought for 32s. and £3 5s., and the two best Mules for 35s. and 30s. each. In the British birds the prices of the winners went from 12s. 6d. to 35s. In the Foreign birds several good talking Parrots had prohibitive prices, viz., £100 and £50 each.

Readers will not fail to notice that there was not any class for Yorkshires, neither was there a single one in the show. The first time a bird of this variety appeared at the Palace Show was in 1863, one or two specimens being shown in the Any Other Variety Class. They did not include a class for Yorkshires until 1873, when there was one class given for marked or variegated Yorkshires, and it had 11 entries. The Clear Yorkshires had to compete in the A.O.V. class. I cannot find any of the winning exhibitors in this show whose name is, or has been, known in the Fancy during the last 30 years (so far I know) with the exception of the late Mr. G. J. Barnesby, of Derby, who officiated as one of the judges at the Palace for many years.

The Cage Bird Show in these days used to be held in November, and the Poultry and Pigeon Show in February; but this was changed about in 1860, viz., the P. and P. Show in November, 1860, and the Cage Bird Show in February, 1861.

### Schedule and Number of Entries.

The numbers given in the margin are the number of entries in each class.

| Class. | Entries. |
|---|---|
| 1. Clear Yellow Norwich | 25 |
| 2. Clear Buff Norwich | 11 |
| 3. Clear Yellow Belgium | 21 |
| 4. Clear Buff Belgium | 24 |
| 5. Variegated Yellow Belgium | 7 |
| 6. Variegated Buff Belgium | 5 |
| 7. Marked Yellow Belgium | 4 |
| 8. Marked Buff Belgium | 4 |
| 9. Clear Yellow Crested | 5 |
| 10. Clear Mealy Crested | 6 |
| 11. Silver Spangled Lizard | 14 |
| 12. Golden Spangled Lizard | 12 |
| 13. Mealy London Fancy | 10 |
| 14. Jonque London Fancy | 7 |
| 15. Mealy Goldfinch Mule | 20 |
| 16. Jonque Goldfinch Mule | 8 |
| 17. Mealy Linnet Mule | 3 |
| 18. Jonque Linnet Mule | 0 |
| 19. Any Other Variety of Canaries or their Mules | 49 |
| **BRITISH BIRDS.** | |
| 20. Bullfinch | 6 |
| 21. Chaffinch | 3 |
| 22. Goldfinch | 12 |
| 23. Hawfinch | 2 |
| 24. Crossbill | 3 |
| 25. Linnet | 5 |
| 26. Skylark | 3 |
| 27. Woodlark | 1 |
| 28. Robin | 2 |
| 29. Blackbird | 5 |
| 30. Song Thrush | 0 |
| 31. Thrushes of Any Other Variety | 5 |
| 32. Starling | 1 |
| 33. Jay | 1 |
| 34. Magpie | 0 |
| 35. Jackdaw | 7 |
| 36. Any Other Variety of British Birds | |
| 37. Hybrids or Mule Birds of Any Variety except Canary Mules | 5 |
| 38. For the Best Group of British Birds in one Cage or Aviary | 3 |
| **BIRDS OF PASSAGE AND MIGRATORY BIRDS.** | |
| 39. Blackcap | 2 |
| 40. Garden Warbler | 0 |
| 41. Golden Oriole | 0 |
| 42. Nightingale | 2 |
| 43. Redstart | 1 |
| 44. Siskin or Aberdevine | 5 |
| 45. Titlark or Tree Pipit | 0 |
| 46. White Throat | 0 |
| 47. Golden Crested Wren | 0 |
| 48. Any Other Variety | 10 |
| 49. For the Best Group of Birds of Passage and Migration in one Cage or Aviary | 1 |
| **FOREIGN BIRDS.** | |
| 50. Grey Parrots | 10 |
| 51. Green Parrots | 9 |
| 52. Any Other Variety of Large Parrot | 3 |
| 53. Love Birds in Pairs | 1 |
| 54. Australian Grass Parakeets in Pairs | 4 |
| 55. Ringnecked or Bengal Parakeets | 5 |
| 56. And Other Variety of Small Parrots in Pairs | 1 |
| 57. King Parrots | 0 |
| 58. Rosehill Parrakeets | 1 |
| 59. Pennants Parakeets | 0 |
| 60. Bloodwing Parakeets | 1 |
| 61. Green Leeks | 1 |
| 62. Mountain Lories | 0 |
| 63. Yellow Winged Parakeets | 0 |
| 64. Red Rumped Parakeets in Pairs | 2 |
| 65. Cockatcels in Pairs | 1 |
| 66. Rosebreasted Cockatoos | 1 |
| 67. Sulphur or Lemon Crested Cockatoos | 4 |
| 68. Rose-Salmon or Orange Crested Cockatoos | 3 |
| 69. Leadbeaters Cockatoo | 2 |
| 70. Black or Any Other Variety of Cockatoo | 0 |
| 71. Green Chinese Lories | 0 |
| 72. Grand Chinese Lories | 0 |
| 73. Any Other Variety of Lory | 0 |
| 74. Blue and Buff Macaw | 0 |
| 75. Blue and Scarlet Macaw | 0 |
| 76. Crimson and Green Macaw | 0 |
| 77. Any Other Variety of Macaw | 1 |
| 78. Diamond Sparrows in Pairs | 1 |
| 79. Coral Necked Sparrows in Pairs | 1 |
| 80. Java Sparrows in Pairs | 3 |
| 81. Nonpariels | 1 |
| 82. Indigo Blue Birds | 1 |
| 83. Bishop Birds | 1 |
| 84. Zebra Waxbills in Pairs | 1 |
| 85. Any Other Variety of Waxbills in Pairs | 2 |
| 86. Virginian Nightingales | 1 |
| 87. Cardinals | 5 |
| 88. Wydah Birds | 1 |
| 89. Crested or Any Other Variety of Foreign Larks | 0 |
| 90. Mocking Birds | 0 |
| 91. Piping Crows of Australia | 1 |
| 92. Fire Finches | 0 |
| 93. For Any Other Variety of Foreign Birds | 7 |
| 94. For the Best Group of Foreign Birds in one Cage or Aviary | 1 |
| 95. Extra Class (too late for competition) | 8 |

This class was not given in the schedule, but is in the catalogue, and contained various kinds of foreign birds.

### The Exhibition of 1875.

Seventeen years later, in 1875, to wit, the "Illustrated London News" gave several drawings of the birds exhibited at the show of that year, from the pencil of the late Harrison Weir, and also gave details of the exhibition itself, from which we extract the following:—

The twelfth—[It would seem as though this should really be called the seventeenth. —Ed. "C.B."]—annual exhibition of Canaries and British and foreign cage birds was open at the northern end of the nave of the Crystal Palace, from Saturday till Thursday. The bird show at the Crystal Palace has long been favourably known. But though the numbers of entries have been increasing year after year, the present exhibition was most successful, exceeding the last by as many as 300, the number of entries being nearly 1,450. It was no less remarkable for the quality of the birds exhibited. This was shown by numerous tickets appended to the cages bearing the words "Special Prize," "Special Second Prize," "Special Third Prize," and so on. In several of the classes the judges found it extremely difficult to award the prizes, owing to the excellence of the birds shown. Of Norwich Canaries 460 specimens were entered in thirteen classes, each of which afforded good opportunities of studying the points of excellence of those birds. The Belgians were forty-five in number; after these came the London Fancy, Spangled Lizards, Yorkshire, Cinnamon, and others, the total number of single Canaries being 733. Among them was a talking Canary, valued by its owner at 100 guineas, besides a Cape Canary, and an original wild Canary, as well as some rare varieties, such as the Lancashire Crested Coppy, Plainhead, and others. Mules were 207 in number, Class 41 containing many rare specimens. There were many cages of Canaries and Mules, six in each cage, the total number of entries for Canaries and Mules being 873. The Bullfinches and Goldfinches were very fine; among these last was a fine cock cheverel (No. 905). The Chaffinches and Linnets, though not very numerous were excellent; the class of Redpoll or Siskin was exceptionally fine. A white Linnet was shown (No. 962). The Skylarks were excellent; and the Robins, thirteen in number, were in first-rate condition. Blackbirds, Song Thrushes, and Starlings were also good. The Magpie and the Jay were represented by a single bird in each class. Among the peculiar British birds were a cock Blackbird of light-brown plumage, a white cock Goldfinch, a yellow-breasted Wagtail—a bird most difficult to keep caged—a capital Cuckoo, a Nuthatch, two pairs of Blue Titmice, two pairs of Bearded Tits, Snow Buntings, and other interesting specimens. There were six Nightingales in good condition. The entire collection of British birds, including Canaries, occupied 1,085 numbers. Among the foreign birds shown were those in the collection of Mr. A. F. Wiener, who sent thirty-one cages of rare birds to be exhibited, but not for sale or competition. One of these was the Abyssinian helmet-bird (*i.e.*, the Touracco—Ed. "C.B."), the red feather of whose wing, when placed in water, gives off a portion of its pigment. This bird erects and depresses his crest very frequently. There were two Short-tailed Glossy Starlings, a Long-tailed Glossy Starling, Brazilian Hangnests, Brazilian Magpies, a Japanese Mocking-bird, and a marvellous cage containing thirty or forty Australian Zebra Finches or Waxbills, all bred from one pair, during the year 1874, by Mr. Wiener; also Australian Nightingales, American Blue Nightingales, Indian Pagoda Starlings, Tanagers, red and black, and other rare foreign birds. Special prizes were offered for show cages; and some excellent designs, at very moderate prices, were sent in.

On page 144 we are able to give an illustration of the 1865 Crystal Palace Show, together with a few details of the exhibition itself.

## THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given each week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.

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### *Nest-Making Tragedy.

Not long ago, while I was walking in my uncle's garden I came across a dead bird hanging from a piece of string, which was tied to a drain pipe. Not far off I saw a half-made nest, and on close inspection I discovered that the bird was a Sparrow, which had endeavoured to add to its nest this piece of string, but had somehow got the string entangled round its neck, thus bringing its life to an untimely end.—Sent by C. B. V. Hodgson (age 15), Heathfield, Morden, Surrey.

### **Concerning Auks.

The Great Auk, a diving bird, unable to fly, was, till the present century, abundant on the shores of Iceland, Labrador, and Greenland, and even in the Orkneys. It was a very large bird, with black and white feathers, and had short legs, broad, webbed feet, and very small wings. As Auks were good to eat, large numbers of them were killed. There should have been a law to protect them while they were raising their young. As there was no such law the birds were killed at any time, and their eggs taken. Thus year by year they perished, until none were left.—Cutting, sent by Willie Allen (age 11), 26, Mount Street, Cleckheaton, Yorkshire.

### *Address to the Robin.

I like to stand upon a stone
And peep into your nest,
Where pretty eggs lie snug and warm
Beneath their mother's breast.

The little birds will break the shells,
And hop out by and by:
And I shall watch you bring them food,
And teach them how to fly.

Sent by Charles Roberts (age 8), 52, Longfield Street, New Springs, near Wigan.

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## WILD BIRD LIFE.

### Winter Migrants.

The longing to return to their ancestral home (although a cold one) is just as keen in these birds of the north as the sickness of the Swallow in the spring-time to again re-visit our English villages. Directly the weather permits, many return north, only to be driven south again by severe frost or heavy snow storms. Such birds as the Snow Bunting and Shore Lark are constantly trying to get back to their old homes, never going further south than they are absolutely obliged to. They keep daily on the verge of the snow line, feeding upon any seeds or berries visible above the white covering. They are the gypsies of the bird tribe, for ever on the move, restless and dissatisfied, until they finally settle down on the very edge of the snow fields of the arctic circle. Year after year we get a few of these pretty birds driven south by severe weather. They are to be seen upon the wild rough ground by the sea, the salt marshes, extensive sand dunes and other reclaimed lands, by the margin of the waves. They are seldom seen inland, the sea coast is their home, and the edges of the waves their favourite haunts. I once followed a small flock along the shingly beach for some time; it was a dull, dreary day, with a cold north wind that threatened to bring snow with it at times. The birds crouched among the pebbles and hillocks for shelter from the weather. To see them on the wing is one of the prettiest sights imaginable. At times their black and white plumage shows up distinctly, and at others is merged in the greyness of the lowering sky. The wildness of the scene led one to think of the life of these northern strangers, who were probably hatched and reared within a few feet of perpetual snow, far beyond the homes of the most hardy of the human race. So far as one can tell, these birds are identical in structure with some of our birds reared under sunny skies, and yet they appear to be able to withstand any degree of cold, providing they can obtain food. Although they are great feeders when kept in captivity, and get exceedingly fat, yet no doubt when at liberty they are able to exist and do well upon such food as other less hardy species would find quite insufficient to sustain life. With Thrushes, Bramblings, Bluethroats, Goldcrests, Siskins, and a host of wildfowl and waders, our bird population is quite as large during the winter as in the summer months. But as the majority of these frequent the sea shore and wilder stretches of land throughout the country, they are only noticeable to the few who roam these districts during the dull winter months. The presence of the Chats and Warblers which crowd our hedgerows during the spring and summer is made evident to country dwellers by their cheery songs and sprightly ways.

### A Swift Plover.

All the Plovers are swift upon the wing, but the Golden Plover is the swiftest of them all. He is also very shy and wary, which he need be to exist at all, as he is much sought after as a table delicacy.

### Herons in London Park.

The Heron has taken possession of the enclosure in St. James's Park, vacated by the Cormorants. This bird was at one time protected as a quarry for hawking, the penalty for killing in any other manner being very heavy. This Act was repealed under the game laws of George IV.

### Redwings and Fieldfares.

The Redwings and Fieldfares are with us in fairly large numbers this year. Unlike our own Thrushes these birds are gregarious and remain in flocks throughout the year, or nearly so. Both come from the north, although the Redwing has a more northern range than its companion. This extends even to Greenland. The birds nest largely in the Scandinavian forests.

### On the Marshes.

There is abundance of bird life now on the marshes and foreshore, for the waders and wild ones have deserted their breeding quarters on the higher ground, and frequent the soft grass land and mudflats where food is plentiful. The cry of the Plover is mingled with the whistle of the Curlew and the alarming call of the wild Drake, as he flaps the water and dashes through the reed tops to safety. A few Golden Plovers join with the Lapwings and circle round in swift flight, their ariel evolutions revealing at times the golden speckled plumage of the back, and then, after a quick turn exposing nothing but the white underparts. In the distance a big Heron flaps away to safety. He is shy and wary, and shuns a closer acquaintance.

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## BRITISH ROLLER C.C.

There was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the British Roller Canary Club, held at the Crystal Palace on February 6th. Mr. F. A. Lester was elected chairman. The names of the officials for the ensuing year were read, and their election confirmed. They are as follows:—President, Mr. H. R. B. Tweed; vice-president, Mr. A. Merrick; committee, Messrs. E. Fisher, F. Hughes, T. Kerr, T. J. Lester, F. A. Lester, G. Mooney, T. J. Randall, C. Roebl, J. Schluter, J. Steigart, and G. A. Tear; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. W. Norris, 31, Seylla Road, Peckham Rye, London, S.E. Several new members were elected, and in the course of a few remarks the Chairman stated that the past year had been one of the most satisfactory the club had ever had. On the motion of Mr. Gostling (Bolton), seconded by Mr. Roehl (London, W.), Mr. Corkindale was re-instated a member of the club.

The next business was the confirmation of the present show cage as the recognised club show cage. The Chairman stated that it seemed to be the wish of the bulk of the members that the club should have a fixed type of show cage. Otherwise there were many disadvantages. Under existing circumstances certain boxes and cages were known to belong to certain exhibitors, and the suggestion now was to remove that disadvantage by the adoption of a recognised club show cage, which it should be compulsory upon exhibitors to use.

Mr. PERCIVAL (Smithy Bridge): My objection to the proposal is that I have only recently spent a considerable sum in purchasing new cages, and I will not buy any more.—Mr. WHITTAKER (Bolton): I have five cages here at the show, which I consider far better than the club show cage which it is suggested we should adopt. Besides, all my cages will be absolutely worthless if this proposal is adopted.

Mr. FOULN'S (Manchester) only objection was that the drinkers in the present cage were of zinc, and he had it on the authority of a leading City analyst that zinc was poisonous, and therefore harmless to the birds.—Mr. GOSTLING said that the Yorkshire Canary Club had been considering that question, and were of the same opinion.—Mr. ROEHL stated that he had used zinc drinkers for years, and had never found any harm resulting therefrom.—The CHAIRMAN stated that it did not do to think too much of what analysts said. For instance, he said, we were told of the microbes in the air we breathe, the food we ate, and the water we drank, and if it were all true, then the sooner they closed that meeting and left the room the better. (Laughter.) That minor question was then passed over.—Mr. PERCIVAL stated that he would be prepared to fall in with the wishes of the majority on the larger issue, and his statement was warmly received. After some further discussion, Mr. SCHLUTER (London, S.W.) proposed, and Mr. LYONS (Blackburn) seconded, "that all members should show their birds in the show cage adopted by the club." The motion was carried unanimously.

On the question of the definition of the terms "novice" and "amateur," the secretary read a number of opinions by country members. He afterwards said that this "novice" question was getting a bit of a nuisance, and it was time it was settled once and for all.—Mr. WHITTAKER suggested that the novice and amateur classes should be merged into one, and called "novice." He did not see the need, he said, for "amateur" classes.—The proposition before the meeting was one by Mr. J. W. Norris, and was to the effect that the "novice" definition be "one who has not won three first prizes at any show." On the suggestion of several of the members, he agreed to alter the word "three" to "two," with a similar correction in the "amateur" definition. The motion to amend the rule having been seconded by Mr. Randall (Wimbledon), was carried unanimously, on the understanding that the rule be retrospective in its application.—A heated discussion arose out of an accusation made by Mr. Lyons against the secretary of a certain society. After some considerable discussion, it was agreed that the matter be referred to committee.

On the motion of Mr. LYONS, seconded by Mr. ROEHL, it was unanimously decided to grant Mr. J. W. Norris, the sum of £2 2s. as some small token of the members' appreciation of his valuable services as secretary of the club. Coupled with this was a hearty vote of thanks. Another vote of thanks to Mr. F. A. Lester for presiding brought the meeting to a close.

The members present at the meeting were: Messrs. Cole, Fisher, Randall, Schlüter, Roehl, Mooney, Percival, Whittaker, Foulds, Lyons, Gostling, Ives, Lester, and Norris.

## NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Annual General Meeting, held at the Crystal Palace, on February 6th, Mr. J. Robson in the chair. Present: Messrs. Plumbridge, Carr, Swaysland, Lott, Wyse, Trower, Cooper, Goodchild, Maxwell, Bentley, Dewhurst, Hurst, Thurling, Hills, Fulljames, Vale, Frostick, Shirley, Fullbrook, Withers, Askew, and Norman. The minutes of the last general meeting were read, and confirmed, also a report of the last year's work, the most important items of which are appended.

### Annual Report, 1908-1909.

The report of this year's club work will, I am afraid be poor reading. We seem to have got in a "rut," and something must be done if we are to "buck up" and make things move. Not that I am going to cry over our year's work; far from it. In many respects we have broken records, and I am sure the N.B.B. and M.C., in spite of some of our very wise prophets and critics, is now a more firmly established club than ever. The additional birds added to the list last year met with very little favour from our members, so on a vote most of the birds were cancelled, the only additions to the previous list being the Crested Tit, Golden Oriole and Hoopoe. Our next move was in the direction of obtaining ideal show cages for the respective British birds. In this our thanks are due to several expert cage makers, who sent in many different samples, but the Committee finally settled the different sizes and shapes, and published this in the Fancy Press. This ideal cage, if adopted by British bird men, will go to make the desired uniformity at shows, and will be unrivalled both for the health of the birds, and for judging purposes. We have to thank our friend, Mr. H. J. Fulljames, who so kindly took a photograph of the cage, which was also reproduced in the Fancy press. We have this year supported twenty club shows in all parts of the British Isles, giving gold, silver and bronze medals, besides our valuable cups. The competition has on the whole been very good. My co-worker, Mr. Carr, gives me to understand it has been a great pleasure to go through the points this year. No doubt this is due to our new medals, which are of better value than ever. I am very sorry indeed to say that through the non-payment of subscriptions, one or two members have had their medals withheld. Our best thanks are due to Messrs. Trower, Maxwell, Weston, and Vale, also to Mr. Wesley, T. Page, for gifts of medals during the year. Our outing, which was favoured this year by fine weather, was to Oxshott, and greatly interested us.

We are glad to be able to report that in our new headquarters, we are more than satisfied. We have a spacious room at our disposal, with every convenience, at the "Feathers Hotel," We are pleased to say our membership still increases, although not at such a rate as we should have liked, seeing the advantages all British bird men gain by joining our club. Sixteen new members have been added, five members only have resigned, thus leaving us in a position for congratulation. Our club show must once again be put down as a great success, showing very plainly that our members have the right sort of birds to make the British Bird Classes one of the most interesting as well as profitable sections of a show. Our only regret in the past year has been the absence of lectures. Our good friend, Mr. G. E. Weston opened a very interesting debate on the Feeding and Meating-off of Insectivorous Birds, and mentioned several fresh experiments which in his hands had been very successful. We have tried to arrange other lectures, but with such expert men attending our meetings, we find it most difficult to get something fresh to place before them. I am sure after hearing our Hon. Treasurer's report, you will quite agree with me in saying it is a record. I think in all our history, no better financial statement has ever been laid before you. Our warmest thanks are due to Mr. Trower. I feel that our report would not be complete without due thanks being given to the Fancy press, for the great service rendered in always being so ready to find us space. To our chairman, committee and officers, we, your secretaries, give hearty thanks for the help rendered to us in carrying on this work, and we are looking forward with every hope to a greater future.—PLUMBRIDGE AND CARR, Hon. Secs.

A letter was read from Mr. Arrighi re the disqualification of members at two shows, which matter the meeting decided to leave to the committee. A discussion took place following a proposal that members winning several medals could, if they chose, exchange them for a gold one. Upon the matter being put to the vote, the majority were against such an exchange. The Treasurer then read the balance sheet, showing a satisfactory cash balance of £12 11s. 5d., which, added to the value of medals, etc., made a total of nearly £30 assets. Thirty-one voting papers were sent in for the election of committee for the ensuing year. The following were elected:—

LONNON: Dewhurst, Cooper, Carr, Weston, Wyse, Silver, Hathaway, Dobson, Cook, Newley, Francis, Best, Rouse, Cutting, Carter, Crabb. PROVINCIAL: Galloway, Swaysland, Hills, Dewar, Norman, and Plumbridge. A discussion took place respecting the programme for the year. The work of the club appears to be so heavy that the members have no time to spare for lectures, but it was suggested that a separate meeting night should be arranged if possible for the purpose.

The medal winners during the year were as follows:—Clapham: Maxwell (2), Cooper, Best. Cambridge: Mays. Newcastle: Walsh. Derby: Fulbrook. Manchester: Birchley, Walsh. Morecambe: Hurst. Dulwich and Peckham: Howe, Francis. Glasgow: McQuiston, Arrighi. Nottingham: Chick. Dulwich O.S.: Maxwell. Horticultural Hall: Coffey (2), Lamb, Fulbrook, Howe, Hurst, Maxwell, Francis, Cook, Wyse, St. Helens: Hurst, Howe. Scottish National: Howe, Arrighi, McQuiston, Watson. At the Crystal Palace itself the gold medal went to L. J. Arrighi; silver, A. Coffey; bronze, A. P. Hurst. Silver medal, presented by G. E. Weston, won by R. Carter. Gold medal, presented by W. Page for the member proposing the most new members, won by T. R. Trower. The Hybrid Cup was won by A. Coffey; Hardbill Cup by R. J. Howe; Insectivorous Cup by C. T. Maxwell, the latter having now won it outright. The Hardbill Cup for nominated birds was won by A. P. Hurst. A vote of thanks to the officials closed the meeting.

## CINNAMON-MARKED Y.C.C.

Committee meeting held January 16th, 1909, at Blue Bell Hotel, Windhill, Mr. W. Gledhill (Huddersfield), president, in the chair. The balance-sheet for whist drive was passed, and it was agreed that each member of the committee do his utmost to raise funds for the club. The question of Novice Classes will be further considered at the next meeting. Resolved that the club join with other specialist clubs and the Yorkshire Union for a united demonstration, and prize distribution. A sub-committee was chosen as follows, to arrange for the purchase of prizes, etc.: Messrs. Crabtree, Ogden, Greaves, and the hon. secretary. Next meeting February 20th, at Market Tavern, Bradford, at 4.30 p.m. It was decided to exchange medals with the Toronto C.B.S. Whilst the club is in a most flourishing condition, it is felt that the committee in their desire to make the special list as attractive as possible, have really given more than the funds of the club will allow. It is therefore hoped that previous contributors to the specials fund, who have not yet done so again, will come forward and assist us in having a balance on the right side at the close of the season. The membership fee at present is only 1s. 6d., for the many advantages to be derived, and it is earnestly desired that the members who have not yet paid their fees will kindly do so at once. Fanciers will please not forget the Palace trip. The train leaves Bradford (M.R. Co.), at 7.30, and Shipley at 7.38 a.m. on Saturday morning. Engaged corridor carriages, all welcome.—H. H. TOWERS, Acting Secretary.

## Y.C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Annual general meeting, held Jan. 26th in the Co-operative Hall, Glasgow. The financial report and balance sheet showed an income of £8 9s. 6d., and expenditure £7 14s. 6d., leaving a balance in hand of 15s. The entries have come out exceedingly well at open shows under club patronage, 13 classes having 185 entries, or an average of over 14 per class. Considering this is the first season of the club, there should be no difficulty in getting open shows in Scotland to accept its patronage in future. Mr. J. B. Paterson (Ayr), with 75 points, wins the challenge bowl and gold medal. The gold medal for second most points was won by Mr. W. H. McDougall (Fort-William) with 54 points; and Mr. W. Fortune's special was won by Mr. Bowman with 37 points. Mr. John McQueen's cheque for £2 was divided between Mr. C. Martin and Mr. J. B. Paterson, who tied for most points with birds fed on his red pepper. The following office-bearers were elected for the coming season: President, Mr. R. B. Gibb; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. B. Paterson and H. Jamieson; secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. Bowman, 5, Parkview Gardens, Tollcross; committee, Messrs. Penman, Martin, Hendry, Mitchell, Cooper, and Marr (Glasgow), Fortune (Edinburgh), McDougall (Fort-William), Baird (Paisley), and Shewan (Fraserburgh); auditors and scrutineers, Messrs. D. F. Webster and J. Smith. It was decided to have a table pair show at next meeting, each member being limited to show one pair only; entry fee, 6d. per pair. Several proposals were left over till the next meeting, including one by Mr. Ford (Keity) re classification to gain the patronage of the club for the coming season. A vote of thanks to the chairman, Mr. R. B. Gibb, terminated the meeting.—F. BOWMAN, Hon. Sec.

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WANTED, your surplus stock you don't want; will buy or exchange for stock you do.—The one and only, Pearson, Greenwich Market.

WANTED, good pair of Norwich cinnamons or Greens; will give gent's stylish coat and vest, value £2.—Cowan, Tailor, 9, Loscoe-rd., Heanor.

WANTED good Norwich or Yorkshire cock, singing, for 21-piece china tea-set, good quality.—Simpson, 404, Bethnal Green-rd., London.

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshires; also common cocks, in full song; state lowest prices.—Andw. Dawson, Eastman's-rd., Garngad-rd., Glasgow.

LARGE yellow hens wanted; also buff and variegated; also good cock Canaries; cheap for cash.—R. Bowie, junr., Bothwell-pl., Dunfermline.

WANTED, Goldfinch Siskin Linnet cocks, or small Foreigners, in exchange for Canaries; offers.—Roe, Optician, Whittington Moor, Chesterfield.

TO catcher. Wanted Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linuets, etc.; picked birds, to moult out winners; no rubbish.—W. Mullins, Bailey-rd., Doncaster.

WANTED fowls, rabbits, common; will exchange handsome Larks, breeding cages, Bassinette, one pair of Yorkshires.—Long, 18, Prout-rd., Clapton.

WANTED Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries; good exchange given in all kinds of silver plate or cutlery; approval both ways.—32, Pearl-st., Sheffield.

WANTED, Yorkshire Canaries, large or small quantities; will deposit cash with Editor.—Marsh, 22, Thoydon-rd., Grove-rd., Bethnal Green, London.

GOOD big variegated or clear Buff Yorkshire hen, will exchange two Goldfinch-Canary cock Mules; hen first.—Richardson, 28, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

DOUBLE breeders, 36 by 18 by 10, or singles, secondhand, cheap for cash; or exchange Tumblers or Dragoons.—Bamber, 78, Whitestile-rd., Brentford.

WANTED, good singing Canary, Norwich preferred; will exchange Krauss razor, cost 5/- little used.—J. Beaman, 280, Newport-rd., Middlesbrough.

WANTED, stout, 1908 yellow Norwich Cinnamon hen, for cash; or exchange Canary-reared cock Goldfinch.—Giddings, Kitshury-rd., Berkhamsted, Herts.

WANTED all the surplus live stock you do not require; will exchange for other fancy you require.—Barlow's Aviaries, 33 and 35, Woolwich-rd., Greenwich.

WANTED, large clear or variegated Crest-bred hen; must have good skull and head feather; will exchange prize-bred Borders; approval both ways.—Leach, Westbank-place, Portobello, N.B.

WANTED Yellow Norwich cock; exchange Bullfinch, Yellowhammer, two Chaffinches, two Greenfinches, two Linnets, all cocks.—H. Pinnell, Warminster.

OFFERS for Kestrel Hawk, Redwing, Bramblefinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, Yellowhammer, 5/-; lot or separate; exchange entertained.—Frith, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

WANTED, good, stout buff Norwich, unflighted cock; exchange good timekeeper, English lever watch, £1; approval.—35, Stevens-crescent, Totterdown, Bristol.

NOTICE, will give 4/- each for cock Canaries; 1/6 and 2/- hens; Norwich and Yorkshire; also Linnets and Goldfinches wanted.—J. Thorn, 37, Plumstead-rd., Woolwich.

YORKSHIRES, Norwich, Crests, Goldfinches, Linnets, Bullfinches, all kinds of birds wanted, cheap.—T. Morgans, Constitutional Club, Penirebach, Merthyr Tydfil.

WANTED, strong, healthy Norwich, Yorkshire and Crested cock Canaries, must be in full song; approval, deposit, cash.—Trafford, 137, High-st., Camden Town, N.W.

NOTICE, wanted clear, typical Norwich Canaries, 1908 birds, must he on approval, for Bovril pictures "Home of Swan," "Tempting Bait," or sell.—Blower, Vicker's-rd., Erith.

WANTED, 1908 yellow hen; Lancashire Plainhead; Norwich cross; must be very large bird; on approval, deposit.—William McLaren, Church-st., Broxburn, Linlithgowshire.

WANTED, offers in Norwich hens, for two new double breeding cages, complete; or sell 5/- each: three new British show cages, 4/6.—John Pennington, Castle-st., Kendal.

WANTED Yorkshires or Rollers; exchange pure-bred Retriever hitch, two years, good guard, clean habits, lovely wavy coat, or sell 25/-; approval.—Saxby, 166, Effra-rd., Wimbledon.

WANTED, one pair buff Crested, for breeding, and four Norwich hens, must be good; in exchange for ½-plate Lancaster Omnagraph, hand camera, cost two guineas.—E. G. Reeves, Clevedon.

WANTED, Yellow Crest-bred hen, large and well browed, also big Buff Plainhead hen, also Golden Lizard cock; exchange winning Borders.—Newbigging, Currie-st., Duns, Berwickshire.

CANARIES (Crests preferred) for Collie hitch, 2 years, sire Ch. Ormskirk Artist, sold for £500; dam by Ch. Wishaw, clinker, sold for £700; genuine.—Particulars, Mullett, 11 Firs-st., Dudley.

WANTED young untried Yellow Scotch Fancy hen; would exchange splendid liver and white Spaniel dog, five months, Retriever, good guard on chain.—J. Heavens, Hitcham Vale, Taplow.

WANTED, large pair Norwich Cinnamons, exchange new gramophone and records and cash; wanted, cinnamon hen; exchange large Norwich cock.—Kirk, Waterloo-yard, Southwell, Notts.

BUYER of all kinds of birds; good price given; bird catchers wanted to serve weekly; tip-top price given; must have bird catchers; to serve abroad.—Hardy-Barron, 3, Ainsworth-st., Shoreditch, E.

WANTED, large typical pair Norwich Plainheads, in exchange for 6 bound vols. Modern Plumber and Sanitary Engineer, recently cost 36/-; approval, no rubbish.—S. England, Rose Ville, Deganwy, North Wales.

WANTED to sell six improved hand garden frames, new, well made, size 24 in by 18, with sliding top, painted two coats of white, 4/- each, 21/- half-dozen; packing free.—A. E. Jones, 5, Collis-st., Reading.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldfinches, hen Bullfics or Canaries, for Brownie camera, complete, ½ to whole plate, daylight enlarger, and gent's 9 carat gold ring; offers.—Herbert Woodhead, Jug and Glass, Edwinstowe.

MAYNARD'S Aviaries, Bethnal Green, buys your surplus birds, all descriptions; exchanges Canaries, Parrots, British Birds, Pigeons, Poultry; any for sale or exchange; approval; same address 34 years.—Postal address, Maynard, Bethnal Green.

WANTED two good large 1908 stock Yellow Norwich hens, winning strain; exchange field or marine glasses, in leather case, cost 10/6; also D piccolo, four half notes, cost 16/-, in good order; the two value 25/-; hens first; on approval.—Binks, 62, Farady-st., Deanbank, Ferryhill.

## NATURAL HISTORY.

252 BIRDS' skins, 6d. each.—29, Charles-st., Berkeley-sq., London.

BIRDS, animals post-mortemed, stuffed and mounted, in case cheaply.—English, Dunvant, Swansea.

BIRD and animal preserving done cheaply by practical hands. Latest improvements.—F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

MESSRS. DAVIS, London, show-rooms for entomological apparatus, naturalist's requisites, books.—29, Paternoster-row. Inspection invited. Illustrated catalogue, 2d.

ALL kinds of birds, animals and fish preserved and mounted by the latest methods; moderate charges; all work guaranteed.—G. J. Popplewell, B.F.N.C., Naturalist and Taxidermist, 143, Palace-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

## SALE OR EXCHANGE.

### Mainly British
**To be Sold or Exchanged.**

GENUINE cock Linnet, 1/6; or exchange.—Willson, 140, Skidmore-st., Stepney, London.

EXCHANGE for British, two shaped iron arms and 14 feet rod for outside blind, cost 8/6.—Gibbs, Sandy.

THREE good cock Linnets, 2/- each; or exchange Siskins or hen Canaries.—Wallan, 17, Park-st., Cambridge.

CANARY-REARED cock Goldfinch, sell or exchange, cock or hen Canaries. —J. Lyes, Thetford, Norfolk.

COCK Goldfinch Canary Mule, cock Linnet and cages; exchange Canaries.—Dunning, 62, Talbot-st., Chester.

EXCHANGE two cock Bullfinches, show birds, for hen Canaries.—R. Bevan, Pentrepoth School, Carmarthen.

EXCHANGE Goldfinch Mule in full song, for Roller cocks, or sell 8/6.—Turner, Wilson-st., Clitheroe.

PAIR fine steady Bullfinches, 5/6; approval; exchange.—William Manders, Fairfield, Machen, Newport, Mon.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch Mule for housemoulted cock Goldfinch or Siskin.—Gregory, 7, Wood-st., Ilkeston.

EXCHANGE 1008 Dark Linnet Mule, splendid songster, for young Norwich hen.—S. Wilson, Hall-rd., Ecclefechan.

WILL give good cock Goldfinch and hen Canary for yellow Norwich cock.—John Leaver, 54, Newton-st., Blackburn.

LARGE Goldfinch muler, 15/-; another, 10/-; hand-reared Lark and cage, 15/-; exchange pullets.—40, Harper-st., S.E.

THREE exhibition cocks, Bullfinches, 3/- each; exchange Norwich cock or offers. — Stubbs, 22b, Well-st., Winsford.

WHAT offers in Norwich hens for two cock Goldfinches, caged October; hens first.—Freshwater, Llangennech, Llanelly.

HOUSE-MOULTED Goldfinch, buff Sih-bred hen, ½-plate hand camera; exchange mandoline.—James Flanighan, Kirkcudhright.

PATENT spring cage traps, any size, 1/6, free; or exchange for Bullfinch or Goldfinch cocks.—Tough, Rambodde, Forres.

ONE 1908 grand young cock Magpie; what offers in Canaries, young and healthy?—Mr. T. Grant, 13, North Bar, Banbury, Oxon.

TWO good house-moulted cock Linnets, for muling, 10/-; or exchange unflighted Buff Norwich cock.—Jobson, Grovehill-rd., Beverley.

EXHIBITION cock Hawfinch, good bib and wing bar, perfect in feather, 10/-; or exchange.—H. Sayward, Mount Pleasant, Halstead.

GRAND cock Bullfinch, vhc, first time shown; exchange for pair of Yorkshires; or sell, 7/6.—Webb, Crown-st., Highfield, Southampton.

EXCHANGE splendid hand-reared Hawfinch, six months, for good yellow Norwich cock.—Bunce, 21, Gascony-avenue, West Hampstead.

EXCHANGE (approval) cock Greenfinch, bred Bullfinch and Canary Mules last year, for cock Canary —Bartlett, Tailor, Woodstock, Oxon.

HAND-REARED 1908 Magpie, home-made cage, soon talk, sale 6/-; exchange, 7/6 Canaries.—Mayo, Albury Hall, Little Hadham, Ware.

CRYSTAL Palace aviary or cock Canaries; wanted in exchange for Goldfinches white-legged mulers; cage first.—J. W. Roose, Grocer, Rhyl.

TWELVE splendid cock Greenfinches, nine hens, caged months, 5/-; exchange coat and vest fit tall person.—Panther, 42, Fuller-st., Kettering.

FOUR light variegated hen Goldfinch Mules. 1 cock Bullfinch, exchange anything; offers.—Winstone, 2, Soundwell-rd., Staplehill, Bristol.

ONE muling Goldfinch, one muling Brown Linnet, house-moulted; will exchange for Roller or any good songster Canaries.—J. Miller, 36, Queen-st., Rhyl.

COCK Goldfinch, two cock Siskins, one housemoulted, two cock Linnets; exchange common hen Canaries.—Hutton, 118, Stambermill, Stourbridge.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch for two Yellow Norwich hens, good-sized cock Bramblefinch, for Norwich Yellow hen.—Fulton, 68, Railway-st., Nelson.

HAND-REARED cock Thrush, 1907, and cage, healthy bird, in tip-top feather, full song; exchange Norwich Canaries.—Withers, 5, Greengate, Stafford.

THREE aviary moulted hens, Bullfinches, three cocks, Redpolls, 3/- pair; exchange Norwich cock or cock Goldfinches.—Stubbs, 22b, Well-st., Winsford.

EXCHANGE three cock Bullfinches, one cock Goldfinch, good room fender, steel top, good lamp, 9 ft. 6 in. fishing rod, reel complete, for gramophone, Canaries, or good whippet.—Stevenson, Denton, Grantham.

GENUINE Hawfinch, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Chaffinch; also Goldfinch-Canary Mule, all extra fine, house-moulted cocks; sell or exchange Seiferts.—T. Linney, Rookery, Longdon, Rugeley, Staffs.

COCK Bullfinch, house-moulted cock Goldfinch, Buff Yorkshire cock; exchange for house-moulted cock Siberian Goldfinch or large bold 1907 Yellow Yorkshire or Norwich cock.—F. Mascall, Stansted, Essex.

EXCHANGE for Norwich hens, exhibition Ortolan Bunting, great winner, 15/-; Bullfinch, 5/-; Bramblefinch, 5/-; Chaffinch, 5/-; Scarlet Weaver, 7/6; house-moulted cock; mutual approval.—Wilson, Solicitor, Workington.

GOLDFINCH, twice house moulted, three hen Linnets and Greenfinch, caged three months; what offers, hen Canaries; Good football, what offers, hen Canaries, or Foreign Birds?—Finn, Overstream House, Victoria-avenue, Cambridge.

SPLENDID, twice house-moulted Siberian cock Goldfinch, guaranteed genuine, and proved muler, 20/-; exchange high-class Canaries; no rubbish required; offers; approval; yours first.—John Hill, High-st., Swineficet, S.O., Yorkshire.

COCK Goldfinch, cock Siskin, both house-moulted and mulers, 7/6 each; cash; three pair Canaries, two cock Bullfinches; exchange.—Watson, 10, West Abbey-st., Arbroath.

EXHIBITORS, grand cock Bullfinch, 2nd at Over, 16 in class; see report in CAGE BIRDS, January 2nd, 8/6; or exchange clear Norwich cock.—J. Davies, 381, Station-rd., Winsford, Cheshire.

TWO grand Bullfinch cocks, 2/- each; few ozs. dandelion, 4d.; thistle, 5d.; plantain seed, 2d. per oz.; exchange any above or all for Goldfinches or Siskins; offers.—Thwaytes, Great Corby, Wetheral.

### Mainly Canaries.
**To be Sold or Exchanged**

SEIFERT Rollers; exchange good Galatea or Serge.—Rix, 75, Stanley-rd., Ilford.

PAIR really good Yorkshires, 12/6; exchange other breeds.—Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering.

TWO Seifert Roller hens; exchange Flemish Giant Buck or Belgian.—Rix, 75, Stanley-rd., Ilford.

STOUT yellow tick Norwich cock, 10/-, for slightly marked buff Border cock.—Constable Gardiner, Canonbie.

ONE variegated Crest-bred cock for two muling hens, or sell at 10/-.—Donnan, Garvaba-place, Uddingston.

EXCHANGE good ½-plate camera for good pair Yorkshires; no rubbish.—Bramley, Townsend-st., Cheltenham.

FOR sale or exchange, four Borders, one Norwich, nine Yorkshires.—Middleton, 137, Haverigg, Millom, Cumberland.

EXCHANGE two Norwich songsters for good Crest-bred hen.—Eite, Hamilton Drive, The Park, Nottingham.

BORDER hen, 3/6; Yorkshire cock, 7/6; Roller, singing, 7/6; approval, deposit; exchange.—Sanders. See "British."

HEN Canaries, 1/6; cocks, 4/-; hen Mules, 10d. each; cold-room bred.—Frank Smith, High-st., Studley, Warwickshire.

LARGE Yellow cock Norwich, healthy, cold-room, 7/6; Yellow hen, 4/-; both massive birds.—Mills, 34, Sutton-rd., Liscard.

OWING to removal 6 Yorkshire cocks, related my winners, sell cheap, or useful exchange.—Rand, Hanson-st., Redcar.

TWO large Norwich Crest cocks, Crest-bred hen, 10/- each; exchange British, anything useful.—Fox, Albert-st., Penzance.

TWO pair Crests, four pair Yorkshires, one pair cinnamons; sell or exchange.—Garbutt, 16, Bellevue-parade, Scarborough.

GOOD Crested cock and Crested-bred hen, 20/-; or good exchange; also two Crest-bred cocks.—383, Berridge-rd., Nottingham.

OFFER in clear 1908 Norwich hens, for four cock Goldies, in song; hens first.—E. Bayliss, 3, Princes-st., St. Ebbes, Oxford.

1908 YORKSHIRE cock, 1908 Norwich cock, for two Hartz Roller cocks (first).—Cornwall, 339, Gladstone-st., Peterborough.

EXCHANGE for pair clear Norwich Canaries, pure bred Schipperke bitch, or sell £1.—Jamieson, 9, Rennie-st., Kilmarnock.

ITALIAN mandoline and case, fine tone, correctly fretted, 15/-, cost 30/-; or exchange Canaries.—80, Princess-st., Luton, Beds.

NEW match air-gun, Bell target, pellets, value 16/-, or more; exchange Canaries.—Darby, 62, Barrows-st., West Bromwich.

WHAT offers in Norwich (cold room) for gents' brown leather dressing case, new, cost 17/6.—Rogers, 43, Cromer-rd., Nottingham.

GOOD Crested Canaries, 30/- a pair; approval; cold-room; offers, no live stock.—Joseph Maddocks, Cowley Manor, Cheltenham.

PAIR Yorkshires, hen 1st Malton, 2nd Bradford, sell £1; exchange winning Norwich.—A Booth, Robinson-st., Allerton, Castleford.

WANTED good Yellow Yorkshire cock; exchange pair Yorkshires and cash; approval, offers. Fothergill, 85, Fir-st., Nelson, Lancs.

TWO buff Norwich hens, Chaffinch cock, winner; exchange small foreign birds; birds first.—Lawrie, Anderson-lane, Buckhaven, Fife.

WILL exchange two good Norwich hens for good Roller cock; approval both ways.—Tom Purnell, 12, Chapel of Ease, Abercarn, Mon.

THREE good Border hen Canaries, breeding condition, 9/6; exchange silver watch, or offers.—Manning, 19, Hambro-rd., Streatham.

UNFLIGHTED buff Yorkshire cock, bred from winners, 7/6; exchange good Goldfinch, or Hawfinch.—Perry, 249, Station-rd., Winsford.

GRAND clear yellow Norwich cock, colour-fed, winner, sell £1; or exchange cock Goldfinches.—Outram, Riber Cottage, Heanor.

A PAIR of good Yorkshires, value £1; or will exchange best Canary seed to value.—T. Brown, Ivy Cottage, Foxhouses, Whitehaven.

EXCHANGE Roller cock and three Yorkshire cross hens, for good yellow Yorkshire hen; or sell, 10/-.—116, Popy's-rd., New Cross, London, S.E.

EXCHANGE six coloured plates, beautifully framed, Birds and Poultry, for pair Canaries.—Young, 10, Villiers-rd., Willesden Green.

FIVE Crested cocks; exchange for one pair good Plainheads, or something useful, sell 10/- each.—H. J. Munford, 21, Surrey-st., Lowestoft.

EXCHANGE stout Norwich Plainhead yellow cock, for yellow green cock; yellow green first; or sell 5/-.—Speed, Crossgate, Cupar, Fife.

TWO pairs Yorkshires, two show cages, one breeding cage, as new, 18/- lot; or exchange poultry to £1.—A Robinson, 417, Skipton-rd., Keighley.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires; cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; or exchange groceries and provisions.—Mrs. Blauchflower, Fairholme, Upper Colfe-rd., Forest Hill.

EXCHANGE new two guinea Holborn camera, for pair of cinnamons, 1908 bred, no rubbish; wanted, approval.—E. Tew, St. Peter's-st., Carmarthen.

EXCHANGE secondhand tapestry carpet, for two hens; doll's house and cradle, three hens; traveller's bag, four hens.—George, 89, Lewes-rd., Brighton.

ROLLER cock, singing day and night, with changes and rolling notes, sell 12/6; or exchange common Canaries.—Inkpen, Queen-st., Gravesend.

MONSTER clear buff Norwich cock, eye and tail marked yellow hen, 25/-; or exchange set Border Fancies.—F. Broadbent, 77, Barton-st., Macclesfield.

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshires, for two large, clear yellow Norwich hens; or sell 14/- pair; hens first.—7c Block, Rye Buildings, Peckham Rye, London, S.E.

WILL exchange clear yellow Border cock for 1908 Norwich hens, clear yellow, clear bred, or sell 15/-; approval both ways.—John Lind, Newby, Peebles, N.B.

EXCHANGE few good Yorkshire hens, for good British Goldfinches, or Goldfinch show cages and case; approval.—Lunt, 21, Hope-st. West, Macclesfield.

GIVING up, one Seifert Roller cock, 7/6; four hens, same strain, 7/6; eight-compartment singing cage, 8/-; six-compartment singing cage, 8/-; one large flight, 7/6; one small flight, 3/6; exchanges entertained.—Particulars, Apply Bennett, Fountain-terrace, Bacup.

NORWICH Canaries (60), cold-room bred, grand Bullie and Goldfinch, twice house-moulted; breeding also flight cages.—Harding, Outfitter, Birmingham.

EXCHANGE, one yellow and one buff, prize-bred, 1908, Plainhead cocks, for 1908 Crested cock and Crested hen, good quality.—Veitch, Paris-st., Grange-mouth.

LANCASHIRE Plainhead ,cock, 12/-; exhibition cock Goldie, 5/-; buff Norwich hen, 3/6, 19/- lot; singing cock Canaries wanted.—Cockerill, see "Greens."

YORKSHIRES, 1908, long, typical cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/6; colour-fed, cold-room bred; exchange offers entertained; sale.—115, Victoria-st., Hartshill, Stoke-on-Trent.

PAIR Yorkshires, 1908 birds, bred from winners, good thighs and reach, full of go, for pair clear Norwich, 1908 birds.—E. Bonney, Clift Park, Wadebridge, Cornwall.

LARGE pink-breasted Parrot, tame, laughs, talks, and whistles; cage, complete, in good condition; exchange common Canaries.—Bassett, 8, Queen-street, Gravesend.

NORWICH and Yorkshire cocks, singing, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-; 110 phonograph records, 50/-; exchange offers; wanted good Parrot cage.—Banks, 11, Atlingworth-st., Brighton.

EXCHANGE three singing Buff Norwich cocks, good birds, for two 1908 good large Norwich Yellow hens; approval; hens first.—Binks, 62, Farady-st., Deanbank, Ferryhill.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires, not rubbish, Bailey's strain; sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, or anything useful; stamp reply.—M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

COCKS, clear, yellow, variegated, yellow Norwich, 10/6 each; monster clear, dark Crest, 12/6; wanted Hybrid or Hawfinch, Goldfinches, Siskins.—Thring, 60, Hartley-rd., Luton.

EXCHANGE for ½-plate stand camera, a pair of Norwich Canaries, same strain as my winners; also one pair for sale, £2.—Ivens, 267, Malmesbury-rd., Smallheath, Birmingham.

SMART Border cocks, 10/-; pairs, 12/-; bred from winners, splendid condition, useful exchange, or yellow Norwich, or buff Yorkshire hens.—Salter, 34, Offord-rd., Barnsbury, N.

TWO yellow Crested cocks, 10/- and 12/-, variegated, 12/-; yellows, buff, 8/-; yell. hens, 6/-, 12/-; Crests, songsters, 6/-; offers, exchange.—20, Florence-avenue, Queen's-rd., Hull.

EXCHANGE Green Crest-bred hen, Green Crest hen, both big birds, for a 5 by 4 or P.C. camera and accessories; camera first; or fowling piece.—Boyd, 1, Lochview, Newmains, Lanarkshire, N.B.

TEN grand racing Homers, £1; grand black Pouter hen, 3/6; Blue Dragoon cock, 3/-; pair of black Tumblers (Williment's), 15/-; exchange birds.—Westrope, Jeweller, Chesterton, Cambridge.

COCK Canaries, 6/-; large Greenfinch Mule, 7/6; variegated Linnet Mule, 7/6; Siskin Mule, 6/6, from outdoor aviary; exchange Lizards, or Yorkshires.—Bridger, Confectioner, Station-rd. Horsham.

TWO grand, large, stout typical Norwich cocks, good exhibition or stock birds, splendid loud songsters, sell 10/6 each; or exchange large Norwich hens.—F. Simonds, High-st. North, Dunstable.

MUST sell, Crest-bred hen, winner 2nd and 3rd, 30/-; massive Crested cock, 20/-; three Crested, '08, hens, 10/- each; Crested cock, 12/-; lot, £4; exchange entertained.—Bickness, Downend, Handhead, Surrey.

TWO pairs of Yorkshires, buff cocks, yellow hens, £1 per pair, or exchange cutlery, china, or anything for house, 10 Norwich cocks, 5/- each; exchange first.—Underwood, 19, Vivian-rd., Wellingborough.

THREE clear Norwich hens, 1908 birds, good health and feather, 2/6 each, 7/- the three; ready for nesting, young Crested cocks and Plainhead Canaries, full song, 6/- each.—Nicholls, Original Aviaries, Whitstable.

EXCHANGE winning Yorkshires, for good type yellow Norwich heus; also what offers for cornet and case, cost 45/-, good as new; exchange Canaries or winning British.—Benj. Bullough, 161, Portland-st., Southport.

EXCHANGE good Buff Norwich cock or three Bullfinch hens, caged September, for good cock Goldfinch, big square blaze; also good Buff and variegated Norwich cock, big birds, 7/6 to 10/6.—Cheesman, Howard-rd., Dorking.

EXCHANGE two 1908 buff Norwich cocks for 1908 yellow Norwich hen, or sell 20/-; hen first; housemoulted Linnets and hen Canary, bred Mules, 6/-; exchange cock Goldfinch and two hen Bullfinches.—Harte, 9, Harbour-rd., Larne, Harbour.

FIVE good Norwich cocks for sale and two hens, including a Goldfinch Mule, all 1908 birds, in full song; cock, 5/-; hens, 2/6; exchange any one for good Yellow Norwich hen or Black Orpington cockerel.—Malton, 196, Belsize-avenue, Woodstone.

GOOD fox terrier dog, 10 months, exchange Norwich Canaries, or house-moulted Goldfinches; three nice Chaffinches and Yellowhammer, cocks, exchange hen Canaries; offers, approval.—H. Woodhead, Jug and Glass Hotel, Edwinstowe.

### Mainly Foreign.
**To be Sold or Exchanged**

EXCHANGE Amazon Parrot for pair winning Norwich; or sell £1; approval; birds first.—B. Harland, Bagdale, Yhitby.

BEAUTIFUL rare small green Parakeet, fit to show, 12/-; exchange cinnamon Canaries, or offers.—Blair, Hill Place, Arbroath.

GOOD Amazon Parrot and cage, sell 50/-, or exchange; perfect health, beginning to talk.—Robinson, 36, Northumberland-street, Sunderland.

RED Rosey Cockatoo, with cage, 21/-; finger tame, 21/-; exchange cock Canaries, to value of 25/-.—Mellor, 52, Norfolk-st., Brighton.

LARGE Bullfinch cock 5/-, cock Linnet muler, 5/-; both house-moulted buff Norwich cock 6/6; exchange Budgerigars, offers, others.—33, Aldren-rd., Tooting.

EXCHANGE pair Cutthroats, house-moulted, and breeding cage, for big Norwich hen; hen first.—Jesse Edwards, 7, Quarry Cottages, Threlkeld, Penrith, Cumberland.

EXCHANGE pair green breeding Budgerigars, gent's nearly new overcoat, two good hand cameras for singing cock Canaries.—Mackett, 108, Capstone-rd., Bournemouth.

FOUR green Budgerigars, hens, bred from yellow cock, 3/6 each; very fine cock Blossom Head, 10/-; or exchange for hen; all outdoor, talking Magpie, 1908, 4/6.—Geo. Denney, Beaconsfield, Norton-on-Tees, Durham.

### Miscellaneous
**Sale or Exchange**

FREE wheel cycle, gent's; exchange, or sell 20/-.—J. Oghorn, 58, Colwyn-st., Oldham.

170 HOBBIES, 100 Designs; what offers Canaries? —Smith, 58, Mitylene-st., Liverpool.

FIVE-CHAMBER revolver for cock Canaries, sell 14/-.—Bowden, Avenue-rd., Torquay.

ORPINGTON cock, value £1; exchange anything useful; what offers?—Potton Gray's.

GRAND Dutch Rabbits, 6/6; offers, exchange.—G. Moore, 136, Middlewich-rd., Northwich.

SCOTCH Terrier bitch pup, champion bred, 15/-; exchange offers.—Grantham, Fruiterer, Wembley.

EXCHANGE new cricket shoes, dyed black, for singing cock Canary.—Beaver, Denton, Grantham.

EXCHANGE, six working Homers, flown 120 miles, for Canarics.—Mrs. Hardin, 120, West-st., Bridgewater.

STEAM locomotive, reversing 10 in. long; exchange Budgerigars or Canaries.—Bushen, 10, Fort-st., Barnstaple.

EXCHANGE half Persian kitten, white, for pair of Yorkshires.—Wm. Nevin, Crossgar, Co. Down, Ireland.

EXCHANGE homing Pigeons, good flyers, for sheets, or anything useful.—Nash, Aleston, Meen, Lydney.

EXCHANGE, ladies' and gent's rolled gold watches for Canaries; sell 15/- the two.—Baker, 76, Lillian-rd., Barnes.

YOUNG Fox Terrier dog; exchange Canaries or cock Goldfinches, or sell, 15/-.—France, 98, Twynradyn, Merthyr.

EXCHANGE bull terrier dog, 5 months, for Yorkshires, or sell 15/-.—J. Govier, South Hiendley, Barnsley, York.

GRAND mandoline harp, like new; exchange for Roller Canaries in full song; birds first.—143, Freeman-st., Grimsby

VALUABLE old book, entitled Newgate Calendar, 15/-; or exchange Goldfinches.—Inskip, Broad-st., Newcastle, Staffs.

DUTCH buck, first special only time shown; sell 6/-.; exchange good cock Canary, Norwich.—Beach, Raunds, Northants.

SHOW Homer hen, winners, 10/-; or exchange Budgerigars or Yellowbunting cocks.—McVittie, 20, John-st., Langholm.

A GENT'S silver lever watch, by Bennett, value 30/-; exchange Canaries.—J. Simmonds, Crescent-rd., Cowley, Oxford.

EXCHANGE, Sandow Developer, new, for green Yorkshire cock Canary, good condition.—Fowler, 25, Airlie-avenue, Leeds.

GOOD English bull dog, 7 months, good house dog, kind to children; accept two pair Canaries.—Pizey, Rupert-rd., Holloway.

FLEMISH rabbits, two does, one buck, seven months, good strain, 17/-; exchange offers.—Manning, 19, Hambro-rd., Streatham.

WANTED to exchange, incubators and 65 CAGE BIRDS, for good yellow hen Canary.—West Bank, Adderbury, Banbury.

TWO Retriever pups, 6 week's old, sell 10/-; exchange poultry.—Thomas Rimmer, 73, Lytham-rd., Marshside, Southport.

FOR Sale or exchange, quantity of breeding and flight cages, with all accessories.—Shawcriss, 20, Chapel-st., Didsbury

EXCHANGE eight good records for one or two good Roller hens.—Nightingale, 11, Sutcliffe-st., Harle Syke, Burnley.

EXCHANGE O.E. Sp. Bantam cock, two hens, for brass hanging cage; or sell £1.—Couch, Aviaries, Pontnewynydd, Mon.

EXCHANGE 24-egg incubator, all complete, warranted good hatcher, or sell 30/-.—Walker, 53, Bingfield-st., King's Cross.

EXCHANGE good Irish Terrier dog pup for Canaries or cycle frame; anything.—Oates, 10c, 5h, Portland-st., Sheffield.

NO. 2 new bull's-eye Kodak camera, cost £1 12s., sell £1; or exchange Canaries or British.—Burgess, Norton Malton, Yorks.

TWO brown cocks, thrice cage-moulted, pair Bloudinettes; exchange Canary; offers.—Goodacre, Brothertoft-rd., Boston.

EXCHANGE English concertina, cost £3 3s., practically new, for pair Norwich (plain).—G. Baxter, 64, Jackson-st., Stretford.

DULCIMER, in case, grand tone, will sell 17/-; or exchange for pair of Yorkshires.—Green, 5, Buckland-st., Hoxton, London.

EXCHANGE good hand camera for young Yorkshire cock, singing; or sell 5/6.—242, Palmerston-st., Beswick, Manchester.

TWENTY phonograph records, mostly new, 10/-; exchange Canaries, birds first.—Muscott, 2, Boundary-terrace, Llandrindod

COMPLETE set Sandow's developers, new; exchange for pullets or anything useful.—Llewellyn, Kingston-place, Cwmbran.

PIGEONS, 16 Flying Homers, 2/3 pair; exchange Canaries, or British; stamp reply.—Hunt, Alexandra-rd., Six Bells, Abertillery.

WILL exchange a gramophone and 24 records for Budgerigars, or Roller cocks.—Newby, 97, Elthorne-rd., Upper Holloway.

EXCHANGE lady's gold watch for common Canaries, and cages, or anything useful.—Morton, 11, Main Place, Hunslet, Leeds.

PEN black Minorcas (4 hens, 1 Cockerel), laying —30/-; exchange for birds (Canaries preferred).—W. Eve, East-st., Colchester.

POM. bitch, black and white, 10/-; skye terrier dog, 10/-; brindle bull terrier dog, 10/-; or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

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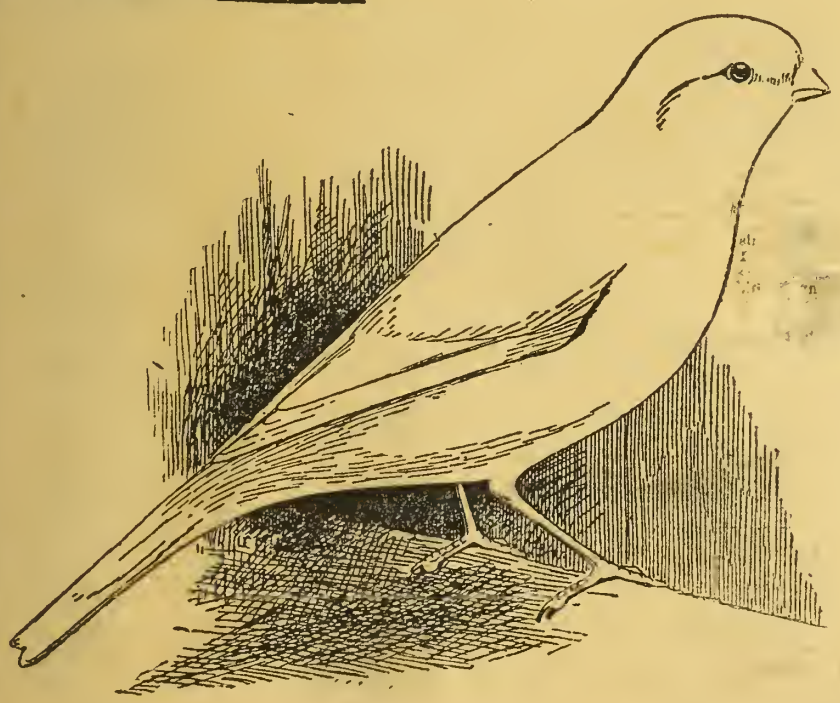

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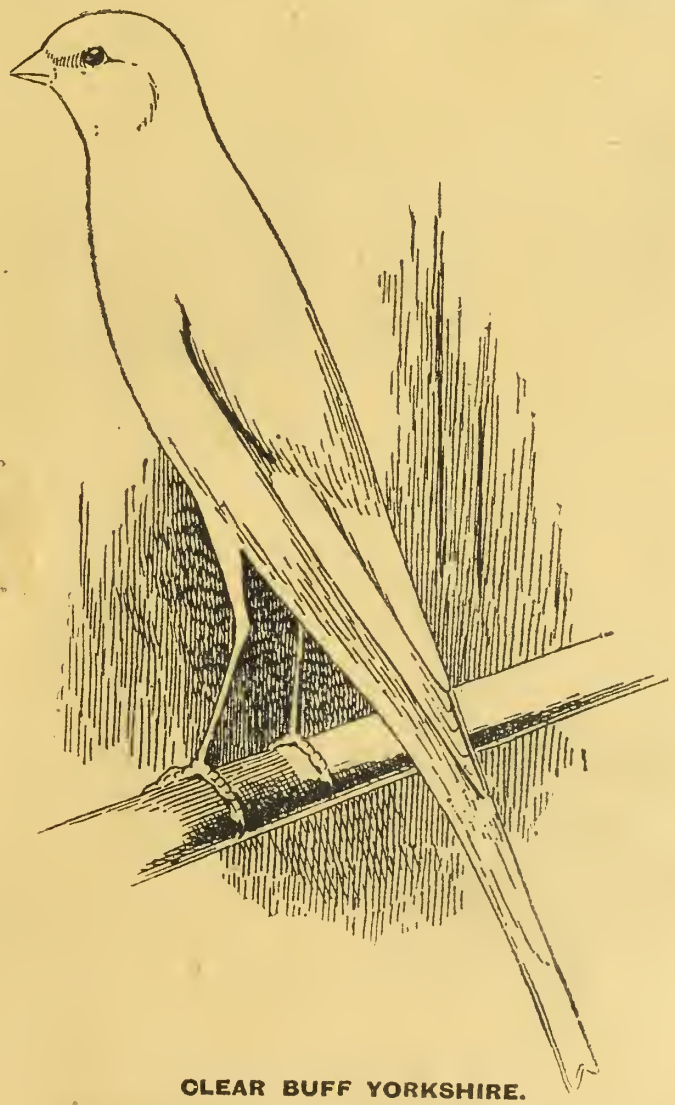

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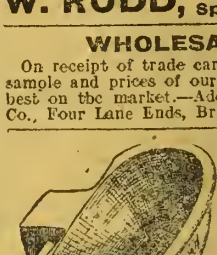

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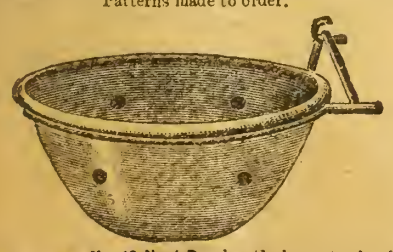

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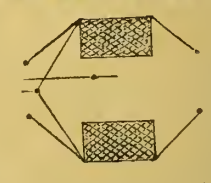

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LINNETS, Bramblefinches, Chaffinches, Larks, Greenfinches, 1/-; hens, 6d.; Redpolls, 6d.; grey Java Sparrows and Bishops, 2/6 pair; from outdoor aviaries; Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries; particulars free.—L. Trewhitt, Shotley Bridge.

TWO stout singing cock Goldfinches, 4/- each, house-moulted cock Linnet, 4/6, make Mule breeder; Bramblefinch, 2/-; pair Greenfinches, laid in aviary, 2/6, Norwich hen Canary, 2/6; pair Ringdoves, 1/6; Blackbird and cage, 2/6; what offers in Budgerigars?—Thomas, 23, Shrubland-grove, Dalston.

BLACKBIRDS, Song Thrushes, Missel Thrushes, Starlings in song, 1/- each; hand-reared, 2/-; Bramblefinches, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Linnets, Redpolls, Tree Sparrow, Hedge Warblers, Twites, Reed Buntings, Blue Tits, Oxeye Tits, Robins, 1/- pair; 12 mixed aviary birds, 1/-; exchange.—George Fenn, near Pit Isleham, Cambs.

ALL by British for sale cheap, with their cages (all cocks), rare chance, two grand Linnets, 3/6 each; two other good ones, 2/6 each; hand-reared Redpoll, 3/-; grand Greenfinch, 2/6; tame, 1908, Goldfinch (full song), 5/-; Blackbird, 4/6; Chaffinch, 2/-; Thrush, 4/-; also Blackbird and Thrush, without cages, 2/6 each.—Wakefield, Taxidermist, Bluest., Boston, Lincolnshire.

COCK Siskins, 3/6 each; Norfolk cock Linnets, brown backs, red breasts, 9d., three 2/-, six 3/-, dozen 5/-; old, cage-moulted singing, 2/6; seven hen Mules, 1/- each; cock Linnet Mule, 6/-; Goldfinch cock, Canary hen, Mule breeders, 5/- pair; Larks, Twites, cocks, 6d. each; cock Greenfinches, 6d each, 2/- dozen; Norwich hen Canary, 2/6; cocks, 6/6.—Johnson, 127, Nelson road, Yarmouth.

**GENUINE ENTIRE CLEARANCE.**

I have decided to clear the whole of my valuable stock of birds and cages, crates, etc., regardless of cost, including winners at Salford, Manchester, Rochdale, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Worcester, Crook, Accrington, Altrincham, Sale, Leicester, Newcastle, Nottingham, Cirencester, Swindon, Bristol etc., etc., all genuine young stock, and some of the finest in the country; next September will soon be round, and they won't be bought for twice the money then, they include Linnets, Chaffinches Bramblefinches Siskins, Twites, Bullies, Greenies, Wagtails, Pipits, Whinchat, Redstarts, etc. etc.; 20 special stock cages, mostly with zinc bath at end, my special design, sizes from 24 to 18 in. long, 9 in. broad, about 20 grand show cages at half cost; three patent travelling crates, as light as vanity and as strong as steel, half price equal to new.—S. W. Birchley, 62, Brown-st., Altrincham.

## CANARIES.

## Belgians.

JOHN D. HORRILL, Barnstaple, has a few good birds for sale, from my Palace and other winners; reasonable prices; approval.

BELGIANS, George Baker, offers grand pairs, few choice, hens, reasonable; several yellow and buff cocks, great bargains; approval.—24, Reform-st, Barnstaple.

SEVERAL grand birds for disposal; cocks, hens, almost giving away; clear for breeding; best possible blood; approval anywhere.—Baker, 6, Groverd., Chichester.

HIGH-CLASS Belgians, 1908, massive high-shouldered birds, from my winners; moderate price.—Address Jos. Coenen, 11, Oudaen, Antwerp, Belgium. Stamp 2½d.

## Border Fancy.

FOUR 1908 yellow Green Border cocks, 30/- lot; approval.—Walker (see Greens).

HIGH-CLASS Borders, yellow and buff cocks, 1908, 6/-.—Riseborough. See "Norwich."

FOUR good typical hens left, from winners, 3/- each.—Nixon, 76, Denton-st., Carlisle.

GOOD Borders, cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/- upwards.—Poole, 27, Frostom's-rd., Workington.

PRIZE-BRED clear yellow and buff cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/-.—J. Logie, City-rd., Brechin.

BARGAIN, pair of high-class Borders, 10/-, to clear.—Inskip, Broad-st., Newcastle, Staffordshire.

GOOD Border cocks from 5/-; hens, mostly Yellow, from 3/-.—Peter Christison, 125, Montrose-st., Brechin.

ONE only left; Buff foul cock, winner every time out, a gift at 10/6; approval.—Lawson, Public Park, Biggar, N.B.

PRIZE-BRED Borders, cheap to clear; Yellow cocks from 5/-; two variegated hens, 3/- each.—Chisholm, Wooler.

BORDERS. Cocks 5/-, hens 2/6; all colours; 4-pointed, 3-pointed cocks 6/-.—Douglas, 178, Montrose-street, Brechin.

BORDER Fancies, Yellow cocks from 5/-; Yellow and Buff hens from 3/6.—Halliday, Loan-view, Lander, Berwickshire.

YELLOW green cock wanted, 1908 bred; state lowest price, or would exchange Crests.—Glover, 26, Water-st., St. Helens.

BORDERS, grand clears, even, and uneven marked, reasonable; splendid match pairs, 10/6 upwards; stamp.—Craig, High-st., Brechin.

BORDERS, cold-room clear yellow cocks 5/-, hens 3/-, all colours, 1908 bred; or exchange, approval.—Cairns, Sandridge, Innerleithen.

HIGH-CLASS Borders, from the best strains, clears, marks, and Greens, from 5/-; matched pairs from 10/-.—John Pringle, West Port, Selkirk.

BORDERS, even-marked strain; cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-; Yellow even-marked hen, 10/-; cold-room bred.—George Walker, 46, Bridge-st., Brechin.

EVEN buff hen, 3rd Carlisle, 4th Westminster; also even yellow hen; good stock pairs; prices reasonable.—G. Meekley, Maryport Cottages, Carlisle.

THREE-POINTED yellow hen, 2nd Carlisle, 7/6; rich yellow green cock, 7/6; very stout buff Norwich cock, 12/6; stamp.—Cannon, Shoemaker Kendal.

BORDERS, cocks and hens, all colours; cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-; Yellow cinnamon-mark sixpointed hen, ditto Buff.—Lyall, 31, Montrose-st., Brechin.

BORDERS, few good singles or pairs for sale, absolutely bred from my winners at Pendleton, Dulwich, etc.—A. Buskey, 10, Clifton-avenue, Stockport-rd., Altrincham.

OVERSTOCKED, still some grand birds for disposal, all colours, reasonable; see reports, Bolton, Manchester, Dulwich, Palace, etc.—Hancock's, Border Fancy Aviaries, Liverpool-terrace, Crewe.

HAVE few pairs Borders for disposal, 10/- to £1 pair; also cocks, winners, the right sort to breed winners, from 12/6 to 25/- each; approval, deposit.—Roberts, Gwyddford, Penygroes, S.O., North Wales.

NINE pairs of grand Borders, nothing better bred in the Fancy, cheap to clear, 7/- per pair, or the lot £3, as I am clearing out all Borders; approval.—W. Vardy, The Aviaries, Huckmall, Huthwaite, Notts.

SPLENDID Border cocks, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 3/- and 4/- each; good; never mind the low price; they are equal to plenty sold at double; cage, 3d. extra; approval.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

SCOTTISH National and Crystal Palace winners, having decided to put up only half our usual number of pairs, we have six pairs to offer, amongst them several of our very best birds; full particulars on application.—Duncau and Logan, Coldstream.

I HAVE for disposal a few high-class winning Borders, clears and marks, yellow and bulls, winner of 19 1sts. 13 2nds, 9 3rds, 6 4ths; 23 specials this season; see latest show reports Bolton, Manchester Liverpool, Preston, Sale, Altrincham, St. Helens, Pendleton, Widness, Liverpool C.C.A.; stamp reply.—W. Bayley, Fire Station, Altrincham, Cheshire.

BORDERS. Dan Hamilton has still a few of his champion strain to spare, mostly Cinnamons, cocks and hens, Cinnamon cocks from 25/-; hens, from 10/-; four green hens, 10/- to 12/-; clear buff hen, 10/-; same as my Brechin, Hamilton, Palace, etc., winners; I have bred and sold the winning Cinnamon Border at the Palace; approval, deposit.—10, Selkirk-st., Hamilton.

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3, Green Terrace, Hawick, N.B., having made up their stock for breeding purposes, have a few buff hens to dispose of, all bred from marked strain, cheap to clear. Stamp.


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CINNAMONS, good breeding pairs, 10/6; cocks 7/6; hens, 3/6.—Gurteen, Mount, Haverhill.

HIGH-CLASS Cinnamons, Yellow and Buff, cheap; stamp reply.—Johnson, 40, Cobden-st., Leicester.

J. DONNE, 120, St. James-st., Brighton, has some good Cinnamons; reasonable prices, on approval.

HIGH-CLASS Cinnamons, winners, bred from winners; approval.—T. Searle, 7, Marketgate, Lancaster.

J. DOBSON has some good Cinnamons for sale; reasonable prices; on approval.—14, East-rd., London, N.

CHAMPION cinnamons, related to my winners, cheap to clear; approval; stamp reply.—W. Yates, London-rd., Chesterton, Staffs.

TWO unflighted yellow cocks, 16/- each; good colour and quality, full song; approval.—F. Wood, 26, George-st. West, Stockport.

CINNAMON cock, Yorkshire hen, guaranteed reared 14 young last year, 10/6 or offers; no birds.—Day, 10, Horton-place, Sheffield.

LARGE buff cinnamon cock, 10/-; 2 buff cinnamon green hens, 5/- each; 1908 Norwich type.—J. W. Routh, 14, Chalon-st., Ipswich.

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PAIRS of well-bred Cinnamons from 12/6; few Buff cocks, will sell 6/- each, worth double; approval, deposit.—Hawke, Ada Villa, Perryman's Farm-rd., Ilford.

GOOD Norwich type, from Crystal Palace winners; cold-room bred; deposit; approval; yellow cocks 17/6; buffs, 15/6; hens, 10/6, 7/6.—Morgan, Haylott House, Kingston, Surrey. See "Norwich."

J. BERTIE, cage bird judge, has high-class cinnamons, real toppers, large and typical, for show and stock; best blood obtainable; inspection invited.—The Cottage, Steedman-avenue, Mapperley, Notts.

PAIR Cinnamons, yellow cock, buff hen, 20/-; exchange pair good Yorkshires; also two good buff cocks, 1908, 15/- each; exchange good, large yellow hen; buff hen, 1907, 17/6.—Riseborough. See "Norwich."

REAL good young Brindle bulldog, good companion, fit to show, bred from the very best blood, perfectly sound and healthy; 6 guineas; exchange cinnamons, mutual approval.—Londeryou, Berkeley Vale, Falmouth.

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LARGE Cinnamons, good Norwich type, cold-room bred, best blood obtainable; perfectly matched pair, yellow cock, buff hen, 30/- pair; buff cock 12/6; yellow cock, 10/-; two yellow hens, 6/- each; 2 buff hens, 5/- each; approval.—Walsh, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.

YELLOW cock and buff hen, 20/-, the pair, 1907 and 1908 bred; another pair, 1908 bred, yellow cock, buff hen, 18/-; sound colour, good type, and quality; approval, deposit.—Saunders, Sunnybank, Worcester-rd., Sutton, Surrey.

PRIZE BRED cinnamons (owner going abroad); 1 buff cock, 2 yellow hens, 3 buff hens (sold 1 bird for £8, which won twice at Crystal Palace); breeding cages, 17 compartments; 9 show cages, nest pans, and all accessories of well-appointed bird room; good chance for beginner; £4 the lot.—Jas. Naylor, 7, Arnold-place, Whitley Hill, Bradford

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Large quantity, splendid value in cocks 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-; hens, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 to 20/-; pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; cages 3d. extra; approval with pleasure and I pay carriage back.—W. Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

## Crests and Crestbreds.

**BREEDER'S CARD.**

**T. J. KING,** Ingogo, Cheltenham. Champion Crests, Cinnamon Crests, Cinnamon Plainheads. Holder Roberts' Crest Cup.

CRESTS and C.B. from 5/-; extra cheap.—J. H., 435, Old Kent-rd.

CRESTS and Crest-breds, a few for sale cheap.—E. E. Preston, Market-st., Torquay.

TWO very good variegated crest hens, 15/- each.—Winton, 25, Nethergate, Dundee.

CRESTED cock, first cross Lancashire, good stock bird, 15/-; grand frontal.—C. Stenger, 19, John-st., Leek, Staffs.

NORWICH, Crest, and crest-bred cocks, 10/-, and hens 3/-; splendid condition.—Appleshaw, Friends rd., Croydon.

CRESTED and crest-bred, all cocks; cheap to clear; approval; stamp reply.—Welsh, Airlie Lodge, Broughty Ferry.

CREST and Crest-Bred cocks, from 7/6 to 15/- each; or exchange for hens.—Yeates, Norton-rd., Stockton-on-Tees.

GOOD Crest-bred hens, from 6/-; cocks from 6/0; dark Crested hens, 7/6, 8/6 each.—Roberts, South Creake, Fakenham.

CRESTS and Crest-breds, feather to end of beak, giving up, cheap to clear.—Keely, 87, Waterloo crescent, Nottingham.

THREE pairs Crested Canaries, 15/-, 17/6, and 25/- pair; approval, cash or deposit.—Guthrie, 8, Burton-st., Lowestoft.

GOOD Crested cock Canaries, 1908, full song, 7/6 each; hens, 3/6; worth double.—Haves, Bottisham Hall Gardens, Cambs.

I HAVE some good Crest hens and Crest-bred cocks for sale cheap, to clear.—McColl, 2, Park-terrace, Wallsend-on-Tyne.

NOW'S your time; Crest pairs from 15/-; own breeding; approval; see Sheffield Show.—Moore, 353 Abbeydale-rd., Sheffield.

GREEN Crest cock, good stock bird, 9/6; Crest-bred hens, 6/- each; cash or deposit.—Wm. Sanger, Hele, Cullompton, Devon.

CREST and Crest-bred from 7/6 to 13/-; overstocked; stamp reply.—W. G. Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., Kilburn, London.

SEVERAL Crest and Crest-breds; also some cages; cheap to clear.—Apply Thomas Gibson, 12, Marsh-st., Middlesbrough.

TWO crested cocks 12/6 each; green crestbred hen 10/-; approval, deposit, exchange.—A. Naden, Brunswick-st., Leek, Staffs.

BURGESS AND SON, Eastover, Bridgwater, Crest, Crest-bred cocks, best winning blood, 10/- to 50/-; approval; exchange good hen.

GREEN Crest-bred cock, 12/6; dark Crest cock, 8/6; dark hen, 6/6; Mills' strain; approval.—Gillies, Hill of Beath, Crossgates, Fife.

TWO 1908 Crest-bred cocks, one winner of two 1sts one 2nd; approval, stamp.—Wm. Griffiths, 25, Avenue-rd., Springburn, Glasgow.

SEVERAL pairs Crests at 20/- pair, including grey Crest cock, green Crest-bred hen; approval.—Goulden, Edenhall, Langwathby, Cumberland.

BARNETT'S direct; Crests and Crest-breds; good stock pairs; also single birds cheap; approval.—Bushell and Dewing, 56, Wodehouse-st., Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crest-breds, pairs also single birds reasonable; on approval; enquiries invited.—Alex. Onion, Old Robin Hood, Hockley, Nottingham.

WALLACE, winner Palace Bronze Medal (Points), can supply stock birds same blood from 15/- upwards, own breeding, approval.—115, Rosemount-place, Aberdeen.

WANTED Crest-bred hen; exchange small Yorkshire Terrier bitch, or sell £3 3s.—Gutteridge, Grocer, Haliburton-rd., St. Margarets, Twickenham.

FEW good Crests and crest-breds, yellow and buff; good stock birds; bred from winners; approval, deposit.—H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham.

LARGE variegated Crest-bred cock, last year's bird, plenty of feather, 30/-; also few good hens to part with, Crest and Crest-bred.—Fairweather, Dudley House, Dawlish.

CHAMPION Crest and Crest-breds; clearing out owing to illness; pairs from 35/- to £20; bred from and including winners.—Pool, 37, Manor-rd., Bishopston, Bristol. On approval.

A. BROWN having selected breeding stock, grand Crests, Crest-bred cocks from 10/-, Barnett, Joyce's strain; exchange hens, first; approval.—7, Normanavenue West, Wood Green.

FOR sale, one high-class, dark crested cock, 15/-; two dark crested hens, clear bodies, 12/- each. 1908 birds; three days' approval; deposit.—T. Wilkinson, 169, West-lane, Keighley, Yorks.

LARGE buff, saddle marked, dark cap, C.B. cock, 15/-; even wing marked neck, 10/6; or exchange yellow or buff cinnamon hens; approval.—J. Green, 256, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs.

JOHN CORKE, 300, London-rd., Lowestoft, amateur Crest breeder, exhibitor; Norwich open shows, 12 prizes, eight cards; Lowestoft, 10 prizes, cup best in show, seven cards; few to spare; approval.

GREEN Crest-bred cock, wing marked Crest hen, both winners, 35/- pair; also wing marked Crest cock, 12/6, and two Crest hens, 7/6 each; cheap.—Bizley, 368, Southwark Park rd., Bermondsey.

LARGE-SKULLED green Crest-bred cock, 1907, feather to book end, 4th £2 limit Westminster, good breeder, 20/-, dirt cheap; approval.—Walter Radley Paradise-square, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

EXTRA large crested cocks, buff darks, and buff greys, heaps of feather, make grand stock birds, from 15/- each, Barnett's strain; approval or deposit.—Twine, 3, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

BUY from the breeder, and save dealers' profits; Crests and Crest-breds, matched for breeding, from 30/- pair. Barnett's strain cold-room bred; approval.—Inspector Storey, Police Station, St. Neots, Hunts.

GOOD pair Cinnamons, 15/-; large wing-marked C B. cock, clinker, 35/-; twenty other cocks and hens, large, strong, healthy birds all 1908, cold-room; approval.—Richards, 36, New-st., Exmouth.

MONSTER 1907 Yellow Green Crest-bred cock, 3rd only time showing, Cambridge, cheap 25/-; son of same, Yellow variegated, 15/-, take 30/-, or offer; room wanted for breeding.—H. Mayhew, Bury St. Edmunds.

BARGAINS. Bargains to clear; Crests and Crest-breds, cocks, from 8/6, less than half value; all bred from winners; see show report; approval, stamp reply.—William Watt, 108, Oppin-crescent, Dunfermline.

I HAVE a few dark Crested cocks from 20/-; and Crest-bred cock, feather beak end, from 12/6; they are from some best blood, cold-room bred; willingly sent on approval; deposit.—Tetin, 130, St. Mary's-rd., Plaistow, Essex.

CHAMPION Crests, matched pairs, 30/-, 40/-, 50/- each; I am clearing out most of stock through sickness; great bargains for quick clearance; single birds from 15/6; state wants; approval.—C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool.

MASSIVE green Crest-bred cock, commended Palace 30 limit (see CAGE BIRDS report), 25/-; also 4 Crest-bred hens, 5/- each; 2 Crest-bred hens, £1 each; approval, deposit.—Greenwood and Burson, 28, Hayden-st., Swindon.

J. and J. SYMONS, 2, Melbourne-terrace, Liskeard, Cornwall, can spare a few of the largest Crests and Crest-breds in the fancy, stock birds from 10/- upwards, same strain as our well-known winners; can be seen any time, or sent approval.

BARGAINS, large Crested cock, green Crest-bred hen, 30/-; variegated Crest-bred cock, with dark Crested hen, 25/-; marked Crest-bred hen, real monster, 20/-; these are all 1908, are bred from my winners; approval.—Palmer, Newby-st., Ripon.

HAVING decided to greatly reduce my stud of Crests, Crest-breds, I am offering matched pairs from 10/6; single birds, both sexes from 6/-; to effect a quick clearance; approval, deposit.—Gutteridge, Grocer, Haleburton-rd., St. Margarets, Twickenham.

EVEN marked wings, dark Crest cock, green Crest-bred hen, 25/-; variegated Crest cock, clear Crest-bred hen, 25/-; also several others, cocks and hens, singly or in pairs; seen by appointment only; approval, deposit.—Alfred Savage, 8, Darenth-rd., Stamford Hill, London, N.

YELLOW green Crested cock, 12/6; yellow cock, Dark Crest, wings, 10/-; Plainhead, variegated, 7/6; beautiful singers; one green hen, plain, 3/-; buff ditto, ticked bead, 3/-; Crested buff hen, 5/-; very healthy birds, cold-room reared.—19, Woodstock-dr., Merrylee, Glasgow.

G. F. ADAMSON, 23, W. Netherton-st., Kilmarnock, has a few 1908 Crest-breds to spare, bred from same blood as produced winner of Scottish Crest Club's gold medal for best young Crest, 1906 and 1908; cocks, 10/- to 35/-; two hens, 15/- and 30/-; approval; Crests all sold.

CRESTS. Wanted, Crest cock and Crest-bred hen; must be good birds; exchange brace of cocker spaniel pups, black and white, from first-class working parents; also Irish terrier bitch, good, for pair of Norwich Plainheads.—A. Brown, 14, Albert-place, Armagh, Ireland.

GREAT reductions, to clear, immediately, variegated crestbred hen 20/-, grey crested cock 25/-; capped variegated crestbred cock 25-; grey crested hen 25/-; ticked crestbred cock (good turnover), 30/-; dark crested cock 40/-; variegated crestbred hen, 40/-.—T. Nash King, Jubilee Villa, Prestbury, Cheltenham.

FAMOUS Crests; have still left one grand young even marked dark Crested cock, 40/-; one slashing big clear Crest-bred cock, immense feather and skull, 30/-; also grand Green Crest-bred cock, giant, 30/-; genuine honest bargains; approval willingly.—A. E. Silk, Whitstable.

SPECIAL!! Special!! Healthy typical Crests and crestbreds, cold room bred and of first class strains, odd cocks or hens, either variety, enquiries invited; properly matched breeding pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- upwards; approval anywhere; highest satisfaction guaranteed.—H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

DARK or light Crested cocks, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each; Crested hens, 4/6, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; Crest-bred cocks, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/- each; Crest-bred hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; pairs, matched for breeding, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- pair; money returned if not approved.—Stewart Brothers, Surrey-st., Norwich. Stamp reply.

CRESTS and Crest-breds, best blood; champion bowls Barnstaple, Bristol (three), Plymouth, Sidmouth, etc.; all with birds bred by myself; among latest wins, four specials, including Crest club for best Crest, and best bird in show at Exeter, C.C.C. best at Swindon; a few to spare from 30/-; state price prepared to give; stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

FOR SALE, green hen and buff cock, good round grey crest well over beak, 35/-; also wing marked Dark Crested cock and variegated Crest-bred hen, 20/-; wing marked Dark Crested cock, won 2nd Bolton young class, 50/-; clear bodied cock, dark crest, 3rd at Bolton, 40/-; all champion birds; on approval.—Wm. Wilkinson, 9, Grafton-st., Clitheroe, Lancs.

NOTICE. Birds advertised in CAGE BIRDS last week all sold; can still part with two pairs at £3 and £4 per pair; also two good Crest cocks, £2 each; I bought the parents of these from that celebrated breeder, Mr. A. A. Pool, of Bristol, cost £20; one a pure brother to his champion Green Crest-bred; also a Grey Crest from Mr. G. Colledge, of Derby, by his noted Grey Crest winner; only started two years ago, and have won over sixty prices; cold-room.—D. Cory, 14, Osborne-rd., Birkenhead.

OWING to illness and removal must sell all my birds, two dark and two variegated Mules, 16/-; 4 clear double grey crested cocks, 2 ditto hens, 6/- each; two yellow crested hens 6/-; 1 green crest-bred cock 10/-, 1 clear body dark crest 10/6; 1 variegated crested cock 15/-, 1 green crested cock, claw short, 15/-; 2 variegated crestbred hens, 10/-; two variegated Norwich cocks 10/- each; 5 cock Goldfinches, house moulted, 5/- each; several muling hens and hand-reared cock Linnets and Greenfinches, cheap; approval, deposit. — Ireland, Smugglers' Croft, Storrington, Sussex.

HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in highest-class Crests, Crest-breds, Barnett and Joyce's strains; monster wing-marked dark Crest cock, perfect crest, 16/6; monster variegated ditto, 15/-; massive heavy-feathered Green ditto, grand crest, 15/-; massive heavy-feathered variegated dark Crest hen, 11/6; massive feathery Green ditto, 11/6; monster variegated Crest-bred cock, £1; monster Green ditto, 16/-; massive heavy-feathered Yellow ticked ditto, 10/-; massive feathery Buff variegated ditto, 14/-; monster variegated Crest-bred hen, 16/-; massive heavy-feathered ditto, 14/-; massive feathery Green ditto, 10/6; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

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Test it by having on approval Crested cocks 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- 30/-, 40/-, 60/-, 80/-, 100/- upwards. Crested hens, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, to 60/- upwards. Crested-bred cocks, clear yellow, 15/-, 20/-; clear buff 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 20/-, 30/-; ticked or variegated, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Crested-bred Hens, ticked or variegated, 4/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards; clear, 8/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-; green 5/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; pairs matched for crest breeding, one crested and one crested bred, 12/6, 15/-, 23/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-; 100/- per pair. Cages 3d extra. The above are simply marvels at the price and no other person—dealer, so-called private breeder, or firm, can possibly give it.

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MASSIVE heavy-feathered variegated dark Crest cock, 10/0; massive even-marked ditto, 10/6; variegated ditto, 6/6; feathery variegated dark Crest hen, 7/6; ditto gem, 6/6; clear ditto, 6/6; massive variegated Crest-bred cock, 9/6; feathery Green, ditto, 10/6; feathery variegated Crest-bred hen, 8/6; ditto, 6/6; massive feathery Green ditto, 10/-; all large healthy birds; Barnett's strain; approval. —Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

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I have spent £200 this last two seasons on my stock, and I don't believe the same class of bird can be got from any other fancier, only at a very long price, and only very few have them. I have some grand Crests and Crest-breds to part with, and reasonable and on approval; no single Crested hens.—T. Searle, 7, Marketgate, Lancaster.

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## Greens.

LEGGY yellow-green, slim Yorkshire cock, 10/6 — Eastoe, 183, Thorold-rd., Ilford.

GRAND young buff-green hen, good size, Norwich type, 1908 bred, 7/6; approval.—Walsh, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.

FEW good stock birds left, bred from winners; on approval; best blood obtainable.—Metcalfe Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield-rd., Liverpool.

TWO buff and one yellow Norwich Greens, 15/- each; variegated buff hens cheap, also few Yorkshires, reasonable; approval.—Walker, 197, Great Homer-street, Liverpool.

H. HUGHES, 6, Argyle-st., South Birkenhead, has few pair of Yorkshire Greens for sale; also single cocks; same strain as my Palace winners; approval, deposit; stamp.

V. H. DEACON, 62, Ampthill-rd., Liverpool, has high-class Norwich Greens for sale, for show or stock, no single hens for sale, all bred from my winners, at all the leading shows; approval, stamp.

NORWICH Greens for sale; for type, quality, and colour cannot be beaten; buff cocks from 10/-, yellow cocks from 12/6, matched pair from 20/-; approval, stamp.—W. Hales, 40, Canterbury-st., Liverpool.

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GREEN Yorkshires, cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, upwards; hens, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-, upwards; pairs matched at any price; approval.—6, Ash Mount, Great Horton, Bradford.

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PAIR Lizards, gold cock, silver hen, 20/-; exchange large buff Cinnamon hen.—Riseborough. See "Norwich."

HIGH-CLASS Lizards, guaranteed from best winning strains, cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; hens, 4/-, 5/6, 6/-, 7/6; pairs, 10/9, 12/6 15/-, 20/-; cages 3d.; approval.—W. Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

BEST birds do not always win, but get best to breed from; my 1908 prize winners for sale, clear or broken, gold or silvers, 15/- to 35/- each; others 7/6 upwards.—Hampshire, 7, Cowper-st., Oldham.

CHAMPION Lizards. John Dewsnap, 68, Princess-st., Glossop, winner of Lizard Challenge Cup two years in succession and Palace diploma for best Lizard, has some good birds for sale; all his own breeding; approval, stamp reply; inspection invited.

THE Lizard Prince, Lizard challenge cup, 1907, Crystal Palace championship diplomas, 1907, and 1908, won all 1st prizes Crystal Palace, 1907, winners and stock birds; reasonable prices; approval; inspection invited.—Rukin, Hall Carr-rd., Rawtenstall, Lincolnshire.

## Lancashires.

BUFF cocks at 7/6 each.—Broadbent, 23, Langsett-road, Sheffield.

FEW good Lancashires for sale, cocks and hens, yellows and buffs, approval, stamped.—Lowe, 4, Grange-st., Oldham.

GIVING up. To sell, clear yellow coppy cock, two buff Plainhead hens, show birds.—Hughes, tailor, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

1908 LANCASHIRES, buffs, coppies and Plainheads, cock and hens, cheap; approval; stamp reply.—Turner, 88, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

LANCASHIRES for sale, buff Plainhead cocks, 15/- and 10/-; yellow Plainhead cock, 2/-; buff coppy cock, 12/-; buff coppy hen, 12/-; approval, deposit.—J. Swadwell, 146, Middleton-rd., Oldham.

LANCASHIRES, Coppy and Plainhead, including a lot of good yellows; state requirements, or send for list.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

THREE buff coppy hens 15/- each, three 12/6 each; yellow Plainhead cock and buff coppy hen, 30/-; buff Plainhead cock and coppy hen 25/-, ditto 30/-; yellow coppy cock and buff hen, £2.—West, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

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LANCASHIRES, yellows, or buffs, pairs, 30/- to 40/-; buff coppy cocks, one 4th Nottingham, 40/-; ditto 25/-; yellow coppy cocks 20/-, 25/-; yellow Plainhead cocks 15/-, 20/-, 40/-; approval.—Whipp, 13, Rusbcroft-rd., High Crompton, Shaw, near Oldham.

HIGH-CLASS Lancashires for sale; yellow coppy hen, buff Plainhead cock, 20/-; buff coppy cock, yellow Plainhead hen, 25/-; two buff Plainhead cocks, 10/- each; two buff Plainhead hens, 10/- and 12/6; these are the best quality from good stock; good opportunity for new beginners; approval, stamp; inspection invited.—Broadhead, Grocer, Derby-st., Macclesfield.

## Norwich.

**BREEDER'S CARD.**

**ALBERT HIRST,** Breeder and Exhibitor of champion Norwich, few for sale; note new address, 17, Ramsbottom-st., Accrington.

PEARSON, Greenwich Market, wants Norwich; cash or exchange.

FEW Norwich hens to clear, 2/- each.—Willetts, 33, Baldwin-st., Smethwick.

TWO buff Norwich hens, large, 6/- each; yellow cock, 15/-.—Riley, Stowmarket.

NORWICH yellow hen, 8/-; approval before payment.—Broxup, Naturalist, Burnley.

EXTRA large stock birds, from winners; approval. —W. Growdridge, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley.

NORWICH, two pairs, 12/6 pair; cold room 1908; approval.—Hall, Brandisburton, Hull.

FOUR pair of high-class Norwich for sale, 12/6 pair.—Toplass, 17, Broom-st., Hanley, Staffs.

FEW good Norwich for sale; cocks from 6/-; hens from 2/6.—Papworth, 127, High-rd., Chiswick.

FIVE large Norwich cocks, Irons' strain, must sell; what offers?—Thompson, Dustpan, Deal.

CLEAR yellow hen, 1908, 4/6; buff ditto, 3/6; good size; approval.—H. R. Boby, Stowmarket.

YELLOW Green cock, Buff hen, 10/- pair; four hens, 2/6 each; approval.—McCallum, Kingussie.

SIX good large cocks, 7/6 each; offers for lot; approval.—Garrett, 6, Urban-terrace, Brentwood.

PAIRS, 11/6, cocks 8/6, yellow and buff, cold room.—Miss A. Fooks, Knowle House, Brentwood.

ONE yellow one buff Norwich cocks, good stock birds, 9/6 each; approval.—Holah, Foggathrope, Selby.

CLEAR buff Plainhead, Norwich cock, good stock bird, 10/-; bargain; approval.—A. Buswell, Lutterworth.

TWO pairs, also few Buff cocks, for disposal, in pink of condition.—Yeats, jun., Linthorpe, Fraserburgh.

NORWICH, five young hens, cold room bred, 3/- each, 13/- the lot.—T. Giles, 19, Donnington-rd., Reading.

NORWICH, three young yellow cocks (full song), 5/- each; approval.—Allen, 36, Poplar-st., Wellingborough.

S. WARD, 10, St. Paul's, Norwich, has a few variegated Yellow hens, also clear Yellows, from 5/6 each.

TEN pairs Norwich Canaries; Yellow cocks, 7/6; Yellow hens, 3/6; 70/- lot.—M. Cave, 65, Benford-st., Leicester.

HENS, can spare a few more good hens, at 5/-, 7/6, and 10/- each.—J. C. Wilmot, 17, Sandhurst-rd, Bedford.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks and hens, from 6/-; also a few greens; approval, stamp.—Dixon, Edgell-st., Kettering.

GRAND stock birds, cocks 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; hens 2/6, 3/6; pairs 7/6.—Broadbent, decorator, 23, Langsett-road, Sheffield.

H. BAILEY, Tower-street, Launceston, has 25 of his Norwich left for disposal; several nice birds amongst them.

SIX yellow, one buff Norwich cocks, 1908, 10/- each; stamp reply.—J. Riseborough, 33, Amberley-st., Sunderland.

WANTED, couple good 1908 yellow or variegated Norwich hens; exchange Yorkshires.—James Thomas, Bugle, Cornwall.

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NORWICH Canaries, the best and cheapest in England; send for catalogue, post free.—Northern Aviaries, Preston.

NORWICH Canaries, from outdoor aviary; cocks, 6/6, 8/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6; approval.—Hedges, Baker, Maidenhead, Berks.

WANTED, two short, stout yellow Norwich hens, variegated preferred, 1908; give two house-moulted cock Goldies; sell 10/- each; no rubbish wanted.—Marshall, Wierton, Bromley-cres., Shortlands, Kent.

YOUNG cocks and hens, also stock birds, in fine condition, cheap.—Grewcock, 10, Kildoran-rd., Lyham-rd., Brixton.

THOS. BROWN, Scott-st., Brechin, has for sale some good large stock birds, cheap to clear; on approval, stamp reply.

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SEVERAL unflighted Buffs and Buff variegated, cocks and hens, cheap to clear.—Pringle, 64, Cambridge-drive, Glasgow.

MRS. LITCHFIELD has some grand pairs from 25/-; cocks, 10/-; see winnings.—2, Ribblesdale-rd., Thrale-rd., Streatham.

LARGE buff cock, 1908, winner 1st prize, 14/-; three typical buff hens, 10/- each.—L. Rogerson, Fleurville, Cheltenham.

G. W. SAUNDERS, Sunnybank, Worcester-rd., Sutton, has a few buff hens to dispose of cheap to clear; approval, deposit

NORWICH hens, yellow or variegated, 3/-, 4/- each; approval, deposit.—McCann, 15, North-st., Lurgan, Armagh, Ireland.

VARIEGATED Yellow cock, Buff hen, big birds, 12/6; two Yellow variegated hens, 3/- each.—L. King, Fakenham, Norfolk.

TYPICAL Norwich buff cock, 15/6; yellow variegated cock, 15/6; buff variegated hen, 12/6.—Skinner, High-st., Brechin.

W. N. TURNER, 18, Percival-st., Hightown, Manchester, has for sale a few grand Norwich, cheap to clear; inspection invited.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, from 7/6, cold room; same strain as my winners; approval, deposit.—Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne.

FEW really good Norwich for sale, hens, 5/6 upwards; cocks, from 7/6.—Simpson, 54, Whittington-rd., Bowes Park, London, N.

LARGE clear yellow cock, 1907, vhc, Norwich All England Show, 28 in class, 10/6; approval, deposit.—Wright's, Tunn-st., Fakenham.

EVENLY marked Norwich cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; hens, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; cages, 3d.—W. Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

SEVERAL good yellow and buff marked cocks, type, quality, and condition, inspection invited.—Harris, 9, Phelp-st., Walworth.

WILL RICHINSON has some good Norwich for sale; inspection invited.—2, Court, 1, House, Brackley-st., Pitsmoor, Sheffield.

FIFTY Norwich hens, young, healthy, ready for breeding; Buff, 2/-, 2/6; Yellow, 3/- each.—Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

THREE young Norwich cocks, clear, buff, ticked, yellow, buff, marked, 6/- each; approval.—John Starling, Barney, Guist, Norfolk.

A FEW grand cocks, green and variegated, all 1908 birds, from 7/6 upwards; exchange entertained. —J. Shopland, Llandrindod Wells.

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CLEAR yellow cock, unflighted, 15/-; variegated buff, 6/6 yellow hen, 4/-; two buffs, 2/- each.—Miss Gibbons, Boddington, Cheltenham.

CANARIES, Canaries, Plainheads, and Crested, on easy terms; state wants; stamp reply.—Ralfs, Highmell-rd., Southtown, Great Yarmouth.

GRAND buff cocks, 1908, from 6/-; Cinnamon ditto, 10/-; satisfaction guaranteed; own breeding. —Doughty, King-st., Great Yarmouth.

FIVE Norwich Canaries, five double breeding cages, etc., for sale.—W. Evans, Gardener's Arms, Edge-lane, or 411, M/C-rd., Droydsden.

LARGE typical Yellow cock, Buff hen, matched for breeding, 12/6: one pair, not quite so good, 10/6; approval.—L. King, Fakenham, Norfolk.

NORWICH, good healthy cocks, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 3/-, 4/-; Goldfinch Mules, cocks 7/6, hens 1/-.—Thorpe, Tobacconist, Wellington, Salop.

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NORWICH Plainheads, in splendid condition, cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; buff hens, 4/6 each; approval, deposit.—W. Pinner, Gordon Hill, Enfield.

FOR sale, Norwich Canaries, hens 2/-, cocks 4/-; yellow, buff, variegated; large birds.—Hall, Britannia-street, Shepsbed, Leicestershire.

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FOR sale, Norwich Canaries (Mackley's strain), dark green, cinnamon, crested, etc., splendid songsters.—Mrs. Johnstone, Outram-rd., Southsea.

FINE lot of large, typical Norwich, cocks from 7/6; hens, from 5/-; approval, deposit.—F. Tesseyman, St. Matthews Schools, Camp-rd., Leeds.

NORWICH buff cocks, 6/6 upwards; few hens, 3/6 upwards; own breeding; approval.—Robinson, 6, Barton-st., Egerton-st., Hulme, Manchester.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks and hens, unflighted, from 7/6 upwards; approval, stamp reply. —Waddington, Edge End, Gt. Harwood, Lancs.

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THREE grand typical Buff cocks, 10/6 each; three good Buff hens, 10/6 each; five Buff hens, 5/- each to clear.—Beaumont, 62, Long-lane, Dalton, Huddersfield.

A FEW good Norwich for sale; yellow and buff cocks, 5/- to 7/6; hens, 3/- each; approval.—Thomas Bussey, 2, Parkin-row, Middleton-in-Teesdale.

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FOR Sale, buff and splashed Norwich, 1908, Walton and Noakes strain, cold room, Sandiford's fed, cocks 7/-; hens 4/6.—Pell, Riseholme, Wellingborough.

FINE healthy Norwich cocks, 0/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens, 3/0, 4/-; cold-room; approval, deposit.—Wall, Tankersley-lane, Hoyland Common, near Barnsley, Yorkshire.

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SEVEN Norwich hens, 5/- each; five cocks, 7/6 each; Buff Yellows, colour-fed.—Parkins, 36, Park-terrace, Chelmsford.

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In reply to many customers inquiring about birds being ready, all my birds are hard and fit for breeding, and in good condition, and I can recommend to them who want to breed own winners, as they are all bred from or related to winners at all leading shows: Shipley, Windhill, Bingley, Baildon, Bradford, and others too numerous to mention, including Palace. And remember, I want no man's money who does not purchase satisfactory. My stock includes clears, ticked, Greens, marked, and few cinnamon-marked. Long, raking Yellow cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; long, raking Buff cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; few songsters, 6/- each; long Yellow hens, 6/-, 8/-, 10/- each; long Buff hens, 6/-, 8/-, 10/- each; my special matched pairs cannot be beaten by them who have all the bounce; pairs, 10/0, 12/6, 15/-, £1, £1 5s.; all on four days' approval; cash or deposit; stamp reply.—Hudson, Confectioner, Thackley, Bradford.

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COCK Canaries, 5/- each, 48/- a dozen.—Jarvis, 11, Mitford-buildings, Walham Green.

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TWENTY pairs good Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, £5; ten pairs, £2 15s.—Reeves, 5, Grange st., Birkenhead.

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NORWICH and Yorkshire Canaries, cocks, 5/-; hens 2/6; dark crested cocks, 6/-; hens 3/6.—Balten, 105, Blackman-lane, Leeds.

MUST sell 10 good cock Canaries, two Crest-bred, eight Yorkshires, 45/- lot; cash or deposit.—Burborough, Asylum, Littlemore, Oxon.

HEALTHY Canaries, own rearing in cold-room, ready for breeding; cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/6.—Brown, 27, Napoleon-rd., St. Margarets, Twickenham.

TWO Norwich cocks, in full song, 7/6 and 6/6; also a few Borders, cocks, in full song, 5/- each; hens from 2/-.—Macadam, Cowam-st., Stirling.

SEIFERT Rollers for sale; cocks, 7/6; hens from 2/-; also Norwich cocks and hens.—A. Lamb, 610, Kingston-rd., Raynes Park, Wimbledon, Surrey.

MRS. WHITEHEAD, 4, Owens-row, Horwich, has a few good Norwich and Yorkshire stock birds for sale; no reasonable offer refused; inspection invited.

FOUR pair Canaries, 7/6 pair; house-moulted cock Goldfinch, 6/-; ditto Linnet, 5/-; wanted good white Wyandotte cockerel.—Dudley, 56, Occupation-st., Dudley.

YORKSHIRES, Norwich, Borders, good type cocks 3/3, 4/6, hens 2/-, 3/-; Muling cock Goldfinch, 3/6; ditto, 6/6; piping Bullfinches.—Reeves, 5, Grange-st., Birkenhead.

THREE buff Yorkshire cocks, 10/- each; one yellow Yorkshire cock, 15/-; two yellow Yorkshire hens, green, 8/- each; Norwich greens, three buff cocks, 15/- each; three buff hens, 10/- each.—Hodgson, 406 Hollingwood-lane, Horton, Bradford.

BORDERS, grand clear yellow green, 10/-; two greenie-yellows, 8/- each; buffs, 6/-; hens, buff, 2/6; large Norwich greens, yellow-green, 10/-; buffs, 8/-; two 4-pointed Norwich cocks, large birds, 12/- each.—Hall, 5, Holly-terrace, Whetstone, London.

NOTICE, if you want good, reliable birds, send to me; Norwich cocks, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6; Norwich hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6 upwards; Crested and Crest-bred, equally cheap; good Cinnamon Crested hen, 10/-; state wants; stamp reply.—Ralfs, Highmill-rd., Southtown, Great Yarmouth.

CANARIES, clear, yellows and lightly marked cocks, cross between Hartz and Norwich, excellent songsters, 8/6; hens, same strain, 2/6; one large Norwich hen, 5/6; one Hartz Roller, full song, 8/6; strong, healthy birds; approval, deposit.—T. L. Plum, 102, Richmond-rd., Earl's Court.

VARIEGATED Norwich cock, full song, colour-fed, 5/6; 1907 buff Yorkshire cock, full song, 7/-; cock Saskin-Canary Mule, singing, 5/6; hand-reared cock Greenfinch, finger tame, 2/6; healthy, typical buff Norwich hens, 3/6 and 3/- each; every bird in breeding form.—Cooper, 52, Wembury-st., Harpurhey, Manchester.

CANARIES, Norwich and Andreasberg, natural colour green, clear ticked and variegated; cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/-; double breeding cages, aviary to divide into four compartments, Crystal Palace aviary, and several small cages; wire haired fox terrier dog, seven months, good pedigree, evenly marked head, 15/-.—R. Morton, 15, Francis-rd., South Ashford, Kent.

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TWO pairs Crests, 15/- pair; few yellow Norwich hens, 5/- each; five yellow Yorkshire hens, 4/- each; one yellow Yorkshire cock, 6/-; approval, deposit.—J. Green, 9, West-st., Wisbech.

THREE good pairs of Yorkshires, and three double breeders, £2 or nearest offer; twice cage-moulted Goldie, 6/-; Lancashire Plainhead cock, 1907, 8/-.—Starck, 62, Thurlestone-rd., West Norwood.

FOR sale, high-class Norwich and Yorkshires, 12/0 and 15/- a pair; also double and single breeding cages from 1/6 to 5/6, complete; giving up the Fancy.—A. Unett, 96, Campbell-rd., Stoke-on-Trent.

BARGAIN, joiner-made breeding cage, all complete, with magnificent pair of Canaries, cock bird excellent day and gas light songster, only 10/6, worth double; approval.—Wressell, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

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has grand lot of Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries for song and breeding; cocks from 4/6; hens from 2/6.—J. Thorn, 87, Plumstead-rd., Woolwich, and 311, High-st., Plumstead

## Yorkshires, Norwich & Crests.

I challenge to have finest strain in West England, and sold many winners out my bird-rooms as anyone advertising. Here I give names of few towns where I have recently sent birds that have won numerous prizes, including cups and medals: Hull, Birkenhead, Bristol, Coventry, Stalybridge, Stockton, Bolton, Cheshire, Newcastle-on-Tyne, London, Northumberland, Liverpool, Gateshead, Yorkshire, Staff., South Africa, Canada, Australia, India; names and address given on application. Yorkshire cocks, standard length, feather like silk, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 17/6, 20/-; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 17/6, 20/-. Winners cups and medals. Crest and Crest-breds, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 17/6, 20/-; hens, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 17/6, 20/-; Lancashires, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 17/6, 20/-; hens, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 15/6, 17/6, 20/-. Border Fancies, same prices as Yorkshires. Norwich cocks, Bullfinch type, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 17/6, 20/-; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 20/-. Have you tried my special pairs of prize-bred, in breeding cage, 12/6, 15/6, 20/-; cock Canaries, full song, in grand cage, fit for any lady's parlour, with glass shades, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; wall cages for cock Canaries, 1/6 each; cock Linnet Mules, Goldfinch Mules, Siskin Mules, 4/6; extra selected, for show bench, 7/6; cock Goldfinches, last season Mule breeders, 8/6, 10/6; muling pink-eyed Sib hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6; feeding hens, 2/6, 3/-; single breeding cage, 3/6; double, 4/6, 5/6; talking Parrots, month's approval, been in England three to six years, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, to £5; weekly payments taken; week's approval.—Baker, Bird Specialist, Bedminster.

## MULES—HYBRIDS.

PEARSON, Greenwich, wants Mules; cash or exchange.

1908 CANARY and Goldfinch Mules, cocks 5/6, hens 1/-.—Taylor, Sawmills, Ambergate.

THREE months' approval, hen Goldfinch, laid in cage; offers.—Curtis, Summerleigh, Warminster.

TWO YEAR house-moulted cock Goldfinch, splendid condition, 7/-.—Thorn, Rocquaine, Horsham.

GENUINE Muling Finch, perfect condition; best offer accepted.—Malpass, Richmond-rd., Newport, Mon.

TWO Sib Norwich and Yorkshire hens for sale, 5/- each; approval, deposit.—Bishop, 14, Barry-st., Worcester.

LARGE clear buff hen and cock Linnet, 8/6; approval willingly.—W. Richardson, Westwood, Ebchester.

GRAND muling pair, Siberian Goldfinch, Yorkshire hen, 12/6.—Bunting, Baker, Cromford, Matlock, Bath.

SEVERAL choice Sib-bred cocks, cheap, or exchange muling Finches.—Geo. Dale, Wenden, Saffron Walden.

SOME very fine Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets for sale, half price; some house-moulted.—Hayward, Church-st., Chard.

LARGE brown Linnet, bred Mules two seasons, full song, 8/-; bargain; week's approval.—Fisher, 3, New-st., Luton.

THREE splendid cock Goldfinch Mules, full song, 6/- each, or 15/- the lot.—E. Baldwin, Brooke Cottage, Felixstowe.

FOUR Goldfinch-Canary Mules, two light, two dark; all splendid singers, 5/- each.—West Bank, Adderbury, Banbury.

MULING Goldfinch and Muling Linnet, also two Mules, full song, hen Canary, lot, 25/-.—Palmer, 74, Bellevue, Shrewsbury.

CANARY-HATCHED cock Greenfinch, large, yellow ticked Norwich hen, 6/6.—C. Leventon, 123, Thorpe-rd., Melton Mowbray.

BRITISH cock Goldfinch, breeder of light Mules; a winner; approval willingly; 40/-.—Roberts, Junr., 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool.

DARK cock Goldfinch-Canary Mule, full song, with cage complete, 10/6; ditto Linnet Mule.—W. Growdridge, Clarendon-rd., Buckley.

GRAND young six-pointed Goldfinch-Canary Mule, songster, winner, with show cage, 30/-; approval.—Lewin, 58, Marlborough-rd., Oxford.

WHAT offers six dark cock Mules, full song, some winners, Goldfinch, Siskin, Linnet, Greenfinch?—Wright, Hosier, Tunbridge Wells.

LIGHT Muling hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; cold-room bred, 1908; yellow or buffs; state wants.—Fred Heathcote, 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

THREE light Mules, brothers to the 2nd Crystal Palace, unshown; also two Sib-bred hens; particulars stamp.—Andrews, Weston, Olney.

COCK Goldfinch-Canary Mule, pure wild Goldfinch notes, incessant songster, 8/6; approval.—Chemist, 203, Gloucester-rd., Bishopston, Bristol.

FOR SALE, 4 Linnet Mules, cocks, 5/- each; also cock Linnet and hen Canary, parents of above, 6/- pair.—Wragg, Rocket-st., Darlington.

HOUSE-MOULTED hen Bullfinch and large, clear yellow cock Canary, been together five months, 15/-.—Brooks, 3, Trinity-rd., Wood Green, N.

HYBRIDISERS, five 1908 hand-reared hen Greenfinches, perfectly steady; anxious mate, 2/- each.—A, "Glenmoor," Glencathara-rd., Bognor.

J. DONNE, 120, St. James-st., Brighton, has buff Linnet Mule cock, 1908 bred, 5/-; also yellow Goldfinch Mule cock, 8/-; approval.

SPLENDID house-moulted Siberian Goldfinch on full song, paired with Sib. hen, 7/6 the pair.—Miss Bruce, 162, John Bright-st., Birmingham.

GOLDFINCH-Canary Mules, in full song, from 6/-; few yellow hen Canaries, clear and cinnamon-variegated, from 5/-.—Hawke. See "Cinnamons."

COCK Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch, 4/6; cock Canary, hen Bullfinch 6/6; grand cock Bullfinch, 2/-; bargains, to clear. — Dawson, Blyburgate, Beccles.

CHAFFINCH hen, 1st Kilsyth, 3rd Auchterarder, 5/-; also a few Goldfinch Canary Mules, cocks from 7/0 each.—Apply Parker, Nellfield-place, Head of Muir, Denny.

INBRED hens, for light muling, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; Yellow or Buffs; large variegated cock Goldfinch Mules, 7/6, 10/- each; cold-room.—Fred. Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

COCK Goldfinch, hen Canary, selected for muling, splendid pair, 7/-; Goldfinch-Canary Mules, three variegated, three Buffs, 7/6 the lot; approval, deposit.—Nile, Fowey, Cornwall.

ONE cock and two hen Goldfinches, one cock and hen Bullfinch, four cock Greenfinches, one Redpoll, been in aviary since October, 10/-; cash or deposit.—Jackson, 46, Alford-st., Grantham.

OUTDOOR aviary reared Sib-bred Canaries (Yorkshire type), same strain outdoors for years, cocks (full song) 7/6; hens, 5/6; pairs 12/-.—Frank Holloway, Andrew-st., Wells, Somerset.

GRAND Siskin-Greenfinch Hybrid, Greenfinch-Canary, colour-fed, Buff Goldfinch-Canary, fed, all steady and show condition, all 1908 bred, 8/6 each; cash or deposit.—Perkins, Wincolmlee, Hull.

HYBRID breeders, four cock Goldfinches, 2/- and 2/6 each; two hen Greenates, 1/6 each; three large hens and two cock Bullfinches, 2/6 each; caged October.—Scarth, 14, Derby-st., Stockton-on-Tees.

BIG young Hawfinch, grand colour and bib, 12/6; big hen Bullie, bred with anything, 5/-, worth 10/-; four hand-reared cock Greenies, 2/6 each, magnificent condition.—Marshall, South-st., Binnington, Rotherham.

LINNET Mule, brilliant songster, treat to hear, 7/6 worth guinea; breeding linnet, muling hen canary, 6/-; certain light muling yellow hen, 7/6; buff hen, 5/-; week's approval.—Thomas Crossley, Meal Bank, Kendal.

WARRANTED cocks, Goldfinch Mules, 4/6, three 12/-; yellows or clears, selected for show bench, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; father of Mules, 8/6; mother, Sib-bred hen, 3/6, or 10/6 pair; week's approval.—Baker, Maltsters' Arms, Philip-st., Bedminster.

NOTICE, what offers for cock Twite, father of the wonderful Twite-canary Mules exhibited at the Crystal Palace; also at the National and Glasgow shows, would accept offers in self-green Yorkshires, winners, or cash; letters only, to Gavin, Fancier, Fraserburgh.

VERY LARGE splendid coloured British Goldfinch, steady, 10/6; extra large house-moulted bird, fine blaze, 15/-; one of the biggest and best coloured muling Linnets living, 25/-; grand muling birds; overstocked and must clear.—G. E. Weston, 46, Clevedon Mansions, London, N.W.

WARRANTED real giant Siberian cock Goldfinches, 7/6 each; giant hen Siberian Goldfinches, 4/- each; some large Sib hen Canaries, 4/6 each; house-moulted hen Bullfinches, 2/6 each; house-moulted cock Bullfinches, 3/6 each.—Merrington Mule Breeder, 40 Bessen-st., New Cross, London.

LARGE pink-eyed Sib. bred hens, sure light Mule breeders; Yellows, 7/6; Buffs, 5/6 each; Goldfinch and Linnet Canary Mules, in full song, 7/6; winners, clear and even-marked, gems, 50/- each; cock Goldfinch, 7/6; cock Linnet, very large Mule Breeders last season, 5/6; ten days approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

HAVING too many birds for time at my disposal, must reduce splendid muling stock, Lancashire, Norwich cross, yellow cock, buff hen, 1908, 12/6 pair; four large buff cocks, 7/6 each; large clear buff hens, 6/6 each; two young feeding hens 3/6 each; yellow Norwich cock, and clear buff hen 10/6 pair; large hen Goldfinch 3/6; approval, CAGE BIRDS.—E. Ridley, 14, Lincroft-st., Moss Side, Manchester.

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## JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

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**S. W. BIRCHLEY,** Altrincham, Cheshire, Specialist Judge British birds and Mules; life experience; terms moderate.

**J. W. BRUCE,** Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

**W. G. BULL,** , Victoria Road. Redfield, Bristol Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

**W. A. COWGILL,** 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

**A. G. DAVIS,** Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.

**J. DIXON,** 58, King Street, Wigton, Cumberland. Judge o all varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist in Mules and Hybrids.

**J. DOBSON,** 14, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds of Cage Birds.

**GEO. GARDNER,** 11, Haverstock Road London, N W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds

**C. A. HOUSE,** 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

**R. LAMBIE,** 29 and 31, East Main-street, Whitburn, N.B. Judge of all varieties cage birds; specialist in Borders, Crests, and Crest-breds; 20 years' experience

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**F. MARWOOD,** 1, Barnard Street, Thornaby-on-Tees Mules, British and Foreign; British a speciality. 18 years exhibitor. Terms moderate.

**W. R. MILES,** The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds. Life experience.

**W. MUNDELL,** 6, Car isle Place, Mannmgham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

**J. NORTH,** 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, Britis and Foreign Birds.

**H. NORMAN,** The Eyrie, Salisbury-rd., Carshalton, Surrey. A.V. cage birds; specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

**J. PATTERSON,** Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

**J. H. PAYNE,** 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

**C. E. SILK,** The Aviaries, Emsworth, ants. Judge of Canaries and all Cage Birds. Life experience.

**HENRY TAMS,** Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

**B. TICKELL,** 22, Honey-st., Bodmin. Judge cage birds, all varieties, rabbits, cats, and cavies. Specialist in Norwich, Cinnamon, and Lizards. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

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## TWITTERINGS.

The annual show of the Consett, Blackhill and Dis. P.P.R. and C.B.S. will, we hear, be held on November 13th.

Mr. H. W. Battye has been elected to judge at our annual show, writes Mr. J. Butterworth, secretary of the Rochdale O.C.

The show of the City of Birmingham Cage Bird Society is to be held on December 1st and 2nd. The judge-elect is Mr. C. A. House.

Kindly thank all who replied to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. W. Lee (Norton Malton). I can only answer those who sent stamps.

Class 33 in the schedule of the Tibshelf Show to be held on February 27th, should read "British bird smaller than a Cardinal.—JOS. HILL, hon. secretary.

Although our show resulted in a loss, writes Mr. Daniel John, secretary of the Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S., all prize money has, nevertheless, been sent out.

Kindly note that I am changing my address from Bedford Cottage, Norwich Road, to St. Aubyn's, Tregonwell Road, Bournemouth West, writes Mr. M. Cook.

The 2nd annual show of the Yarm, Eaglescliffe and Dis. C.B.S., write Messrs. Wilkinson and Danby the hon. secretaries, will be held on January 8th, 1910.

We hear that Mr. J. O. Williams (Bangor), is adding a few good Lizards (a variety that is somewhat scarce in N. Wales), to his well-known stud of Yorkshires.

We are, on February 20th, having a table show of matched pairs in the carnival committee rooms, writes Mr. Alf. Tate, hon. secretary of the Bramley and Dis. O.S.

Kindly note, writes Mr. F. Fawcett, that I have removed from Gilderoome to 26, Hetherton Street, Marygate, York, to which address all communications should be sent.

The Crystal Palace Show report, writes Mr. Wm. Hy. Vart (Kendal), in the novice section, Norwich clear buff cock class, gives No. 957 as Hart; this should be Vart, as it was my bird.

I have sold my best exhibition birds to Mr. F. W. Merrin, of Bedale, writes Mr. Frank Stevens (Great Ayton), and I hope they will be as successful for him as they have been for me.

The next open show of the Vale of Conway and Dis. F.A., writes Mr. A. T. Johnson, the secretary, is fixed for July 21st (the day before Colwyn Bay Show), to be held at Llandudno.

Mr. T. H. Dent, of Preston, is engaged to judge the second annual show of breeding pairs of the Ormskirk and Dis. C.B.S., on February 22nd, writes Mr. T. H. Tiffen, the secretary.

The Stockton-on-Tees and Dis. C.B.S. next open show will be held on November 6th, when Mr. H. W. Battye will judge the Canaries, and Mr. C. Houlton the British and foreign birds.—J. W. LOWES, show secetary.

I have just had a dead specimen of a "white" Linnet sent m to be stuffed, writes Mr. B. Hollins (Hull). It is the same size as a Linnet, and pure white, except for just two or three brown bars on wings' coverts.

Kindly thank through your valuable columns all who inquired for my Canaries, which I advertised in CAGE BIRDS last week writes Mr. A. Robinson (Keighley). The applications were too numerous for me to reply to singly.

In the novice section of the Crystal Palace Show report—the unflighted Norwich class—writes Mr. Jas. R. Crossley (Blackpool), Mr. Billington is credited with winning 5th prize, whereas my bird stood fifth in that class.

I am shipping five Crests, etc., to Cape Town, South Africa, per ss. "Beira," writes Mr. J. A. Taylor (Bradford). This order is through my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, which proves its circulation abroad as well as here at home.

Permit me to state what a boon your paper is to novices. I owe much to it myself, and if novices would only just read one copy of CAGE BIRDS, they would continue reading it.—ROBERT BALLOCH secretary, Lochcraig F. and F.A.

The Crystal Palace Show report credits me with having won 1st and 3rd in class 94 (Rollers), writes Mr. J. Gostling (Bolton), but omits to mention that I won extra 5th in the same class. I had two birds claimed at catalogue prices.

My last advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. A. T. Johnson (Southport), brought over 30 replies. Will you please mention that I could only reply to those who sent stamps; and that I thank all who answered my advertisement.

At the last meeting of the Edinburgh Northern O.S., writes Mr. Thos. Purdie, the secretary, it was agreed that we obtain a new hall for our show this year, which is to be held a week earlier, i.e., the first Saturday in November. Anyone wishing to join can be enrolled at the next meeting, March 1st.

The Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S. have issued an excellent programme of events for 1909. The syllabus includes lectures by Messrs. G. Browning (on "Breeding and Rearing"), and T. Hemmings (on "Colour Feeding"); a question (by ballot) night; a members' judging competition; and several shows. The secretaries are Messrs. Lindsay and Bingham, 202, King James' Street, Walkley, Sheffield, and the membership radius is 20 miles.

A members' matched pair and single class show is to be held on February 27th, in connection with the Bristol C.B.S., at headquarters, the City Hotel, Wine Street, when Mr. J. H. Payne will judge. The schedule comprises 24 classes, and since its issue five silver medals have, we understand from the secretary, Mr. W. H. Manley, been promised for competition. The show will be opened at 4 o'clock.

I am sorry to inform Lancashire fanciers, writes J. Hampshire (Oldham), of the death of Mr. E. Lowe's old Yellow Plainhead cock. He was a bird that had been a great credit to Mr. Lowe, for he generally stood at the "top of the table," and finished up with first and special for best Lancashire at the Palace Jubilee Show.

The balance-sheet for 1908 of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S., of which Messrs. Curry and Hutchinson are the secretaries and treasurers, shows the cash in bank (the "reserve fund") at £15, against £10 at the end of the previous year. The assets are valued at £18. The society is to be congratulated on this successful result.

The Great Horton Good Intent O.S., have secured the following judges for their members' shows, writes Mr. H. Schofield, the hon. secretary:—Mr. Wm. Cruise, February 27th; Mr. Fred. Self, June 26th; Mr. James Bailey, September 26th; Mr. James Wilson, December 11th. Will all intending members please hurry up with their names?

Mr. H. J. Chittenden, of Bolton Woods, will give a lecture on the pairing and breeding of Yorkshire Canaries at the headquarters of the Sandy Lane and Dis. C.B.A., on Tuesday, February 23rd, writes Mr. B. Buckle, the secretary. All members and friends are cordially invited. The chair is to be taken at 7.30 by the president, Mr. P. Drake.

## OBITUARY

**Mrs. W. SHAKESPEARE (Kentish Town).**

We regret to learn of the sad loss sustained by that old and respected London fancier, Mr. W. Shakespeare (Kentish Town), whose wife passed away on February 11th, at the of 64. She had been ailing for a number of years. Mr. Shakespeare will have the sympathy of all bird-lovers.

**Mr. JAMES COLLINGE (Rochdale).**

It is with sincere regret, writes Mr. John Lees (Rochdale), that I have to announce the death of Mr. James Collinge, of Bunsie Villas, Rochdale, one of Lancashire's oldest breeders of Lancashires and Crests. He had been ailing for some time, but only took to his bed on Sunday, January 31st and died on Friday, February 5th, at the age of 72. The funeral took place on February 9th, at Heywood cemetery. "Old James," as he was always spoken of, was a fancier to the last, ever willing to assist the Fancy with his advice or with financial help, and at the time of his death his stock consisted of 65 of the two varieties, which, I am informed by the family, are to be sold in one lot—breeding, stock, and show cages, and all utensils. He was a gentleman who will be very much missed in the Fancy; and to his wife and family we tender the fanciers' sympathy.

Mr. A. West (Rochdale), also sends a sympathetic letter respecting the death of Mr. Collinge.

The undernoted gentlemen have very kindly consented to act as judges at our annual exhibition on December 11th, 1909, writes Mr. J. R. Meikle, secretary of the Edinburgh O. (Open) S.:—Messrs. A. Nisbet (Galston), J. Hogg (Oakley), G. Fulton (Partick), and J. Watson (Glasgow), for the Scotch Fancy section; and Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh), for the Belgian section.

The Bolton and Dis. O.S. are promised a very interesting lecture on February 24th, by Mr. J. W. Cleminson (Preston), who is going to speak of his experience with the Norwich, their pairing, etc., writes Mr. H. Parkinson, secretary. He has kindly promised to fetch some birds to demonstrate with, and we are hoping to have a good muster of members and friends. The meeting commences at 8 p.m.

My business arrangements, writes Mr. W. Hodson, hon. secretary Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., compel me to sell the whole of my stock of Norwich and British birds, which I am advertising in CAGE BIRDS. I have no intention of entirely leaving the Fancy, and I hope to be able to continue the work in connection with the several societies with which my name is associated. At some future time I hope to be able to take up the birds again.

Members and fanciers are requested not to forget that our Pair and Finch Show is to be held at the Landor Hotel, Landor Road, on February 20th, writes Mr. A. C. Askew, secretary of the Clapham and Dis. C.B.A. We shall have some good birds on exhibition. The owner of the rare King Bird of Paradise, Mr. Maxwell, will be the judge in the British bird section, while Mr. Easterling judges the Canary sections. The show opens at 5.30.

The Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., annual show of pairs and of British birds, will, we hear from "A Member," be held on Thursday, March 4th, at the Peckham Public Hall, and the young bird show on Tuesday, July 1st, the judge for both being Mr. J. Robson. The annual open show has been fixed for Thursday and Friday, November 4th and 5th, and the committee are negotiating for the most magnificent hall in the district. An excellent programme of lectures and competitions is in course of arrangement, and everything is being done to ensure a successful year's work for the society. Mr. A. R. Jay has been appointed assistant secretary, Mr. Hodson having consented to continue in the office of secretary for a further year.


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## WHAT THEY THINK OF IT.

### Some Opinions on "Cage Birds' Annual" for 1909.

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CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL to hand, for which I thank you. It is better than ever. "Dont's," by the Rev. C. D. Farrar, is a treat. I think every genuine fancier should have a copy of the ANNUAL. It would be cheap at double the money.—WM NISBET (Musselburgh).

CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL is to hand. Our members are pleased to find a good specimen of their favourite, and they say it is perfect. I don't know what we secretaries would do without the ANNUAL; it is indispensable.—J. BUTTERWORTH, secretary of the Rochdale O.C.

I have just received my copy of the ANNUAL, and I cannot express how pleased I am with it. It seems even better than last year's, and no fancier should be without it. I find it of very great value to me, although, of course, I am only a young beginner in the Fancy. The plates alone in the ANNUAL are worth far more than the price of the whole book.—WILLIAM C. MCINTOSH (Glasgow).

My copy of the ANNUAL came to hand a few days ago for the seventh successive year. It is thoroughly up-to-date in every respect, and no bird keeper should be without it. The information therein contained is alike helpful and instructive to both novices and those who are more experienced in the Fancy. I am sure it will meet with general appreciation, and cannot fail to give pleasure to its readers.—E. L. A. CROW (Lowestoft).

My CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL is again to hand, for which please kindly accept my best thanks. I have carefully gone over it. Nothing could be finer. It is crammed full of very useful information, which ought to be a great help to fanciers during the forthcoming breeding season. No fanciers should be without a copy of the ANNUAL, as it is indispensable in the bird-room. It is worth double the amount charged for it—a wonderful sixpennyworth, and a useful book for everyday reference. I hope the ANNUAL will have a record sale.—J. S. NAPIER, secretary Arbroath Scotch Fancy Club.

Kindly accept my best thanks for CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL, just to hand. It is a marvelous sixpennyworth, as, in addition to being brimful of useful information to the budding aviarist, veteran fanciers will find many invaluable hints in its 160 pages. The plates are indeed works of art, and reflect the greatest credit upon yur able staff of artists. I think the glossary of bird names a splendid new feature, and one which will without doubt fill a long-felt want. It was curious to note how easily the footballers could be distinguished from the fanciers on board the northern-bound trains from the Palace on Saturday night, as, while the Burnley boys were mostly engaged in games of whist and nap, or in conversation anent "that blessed coop" the birdy men could be seen snugly ensconced in the corners of the carriages deeply engrossed in the fascinating pages of the just-acquired ANNUAL. May your praiseworthy enterprise reap the reward it so justly deserves is the wish of—JOHN B. WATERMAN (East Dulwich).

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Will Kent secretaries please note that the Deal, Walmer, and District Fanciers' Association, writes Mr. W. Wadhams, the secretary, are holding their annual show on November 17th and 18th.

### The Dipper in Kent.

Mr. A. H. Hardy has recorded the fact that he saw a Dipper in December, by the river Stour, in Kent. The bird is common enough along the banks of the streams in the west, but we have never heard of its appearance in Kent.

### A Thirsty Starling.

A correspondent to a Manchester paper records the catching of a Starling which unfortunately got into his chimney. He offered it food and water before liberating it, and to his surprise it took water only. He says he has watched thousands of Starlings in all sorts of situations and conditions but has never before seen a Starling drink. Who has, we may ask?

### The Northern Marsh Tit.

A specimen of the Northern Marsh Titmouse (*Parus borealis*), was shot at Tetbury, Gloucestershire, by Mr. J. H. Paddock, who presented it to the British Museum, this being the first recorded occurrence of this race in the British Islands. It is difficult to account for the occurrence of this bird in Great Britain, since, so far as is known, it is not a migratory species.

# My Experiences as a Mule Breeder.

By F. G. SAVAGE.

Perhaps the most interesting hobby or study in connection with cage birds is the breeding of what are usually referred to as Mules, bred by the crossing of the various wild Finches with the domesticated Canary. To be a successful breeder the owner must be possessed of a fair amount of tact and unlimited patience, coupled with a familiar acquaintance with the feeding, housing, breeding, etc., of the birds he has made up his mind to experiment with. It is true that a novice may by chance breed a nest of young ones even in his first season, containing one or more of the highly prized light Mules, but as a rule these come only to the breeder who has given years of study to the question and knows intimately the strain or history of the Canary hens he is using, and also the points which go to make good Finches, and which he aims at getting transmitted to the offspring.

### Some Mules I Have Bred.

It is with a view to stimulating fanciers in this most interesting and profitable hobby that I pen the following remarks, based on my experience extending over more than a dozen years. Up to the present I have succeeded in breeding the following Mules, in each case when paired with a hen Canary:—Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite. By far the prettiest birds for colour are those of the Goldfinch cross, while their engaging habits and sweet song (which I consider unsurpassed by that of any other bird, either in a wild or domestic state), enable the owner to find a ready sale for them at a good price. The only drawback is that the hens, unless of a good size and colour, are not so saleable, being only worth about 1s. 6d. or 2s. each, unless you should happen to breed the coveted light ones, in which case they would be equally valuable with the male birds as show specimens. The best price I have as yet obtained was for a big light variegated hen bird.

My experience points to the fact that the greater proportion of light Mules are females. The breeder should use the largest and best coloured Goldfinch obtainable; whether British or foreign is immaterial, so long as the bird is fairly steady and has plenty of "swagger" about it. I prefer large yellow hens of the Norwich type, but have bred some equally good Mules from very dark greenish-coloured ones.

### Concerning Various Mules.

Next in the order of merit to the Goldfinch ranks the Linnet Mule, and very engaging birds they are, too, while their song, especially if it partakes of the true Linnet note, is very sweet and enjoyable. They are usually dark in colour; in fact, most of them are hardly distinguishable from the Linnet, pure and simple, except ing that they usually have a glow of yellow under-feather on the breast. I have always found a ready market for the cock birds at a remunerative figure, but the females are very unsaleable, except the light, evenly-marked or pied ones, which sell well as show specimens.

The Greenfinch Mules, when bred from a large, good-coloured bird, are often handsome specimens, especially when crossed with a fairly stout but long Yorkshire hen, which I prefer to the Norwich, which I consider too heavy and lumpy, while the Yorkshire adds grace and dignity to this particular cross by counteracting the lumpy effect of the Greenfinch. The cock birds are very fair and incessant songsters, but their sweetness is marred by the rather frequent harsh and unmusical note of the Greenfinch. They are fairly saleable, but do not fetch such good prices as the Goldfinch or Linnet Mules. The hens, however, are practically useless, except the light ones, which are very rare in this cross on account of the predominant vigour and colour of the Greenfinch.

The Siskin cross produces pretty little Mules, which have lively dispositions and most engaging ways, while the song of the male is very sweet and low, if of little variation. I find them very suitable for an invalid's room, where the louder song of the Canary is objected to.

The Redpoll and Twite crosses with Canary hens are not, in my estimation, worth the trouble and expense of breeding, as they usually follow the male birds, being very dark in colour and indifferent in song, which is scarcely audible. The four last crosses mentioned I have now given up breeding, as I find them very unsatisfactory in comparison with the Goldfinch and Linnet Mules, while they are equally as difficult to breed and require quite as much attention.

All the varieties of Mules I find are very hardy, and do well in the bitterest of cold weather, even in fairly exposed outdoor aviaries, while their long life is well known. I have known a Goldfinch Canary Mule to reach the age of twelve years, and a Greenfinch-Canary Mule fifteen years, both of which kept in good health and song, and this while housed in small ordinary wire cages.

### Cage versus Aviary.

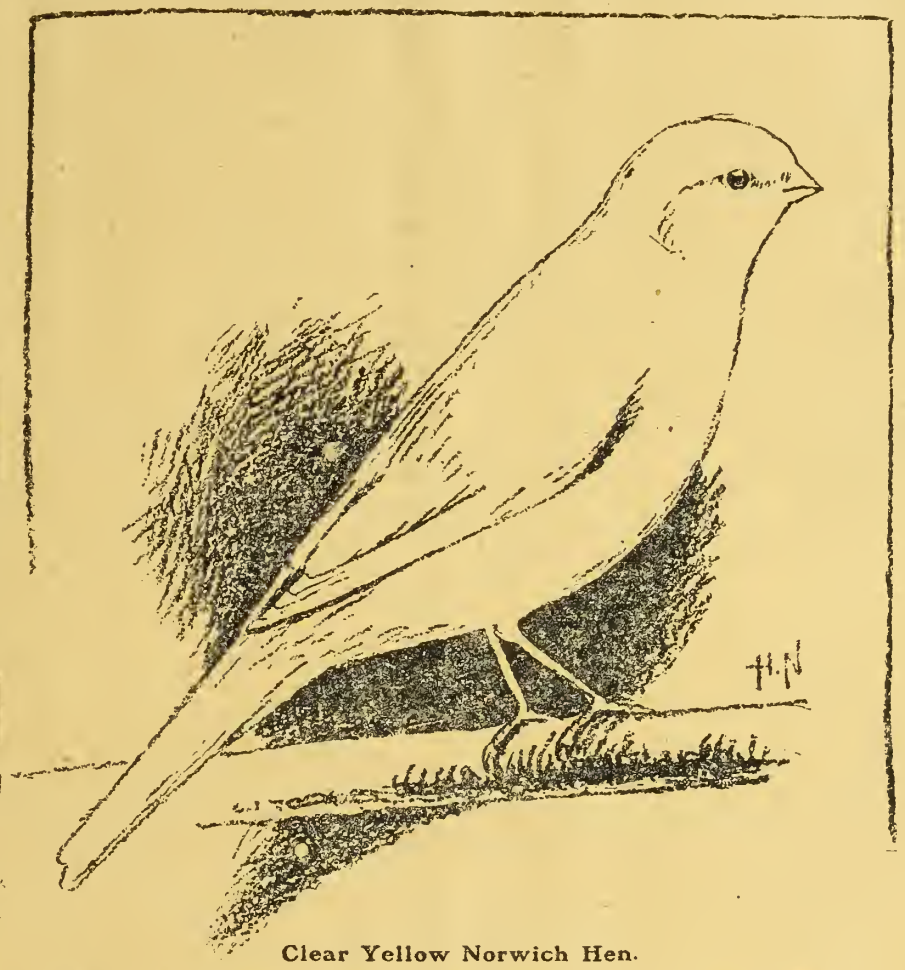
Mules may be bred either in a cage or an aviary. If in a cage, it should be a fairly large, double one, with a sliding partition in the centre, so as enable you to shut the birds apart if necessary, as in the pairing and breeding season Finches are very inquisitive, and sometimes even vicious, maltreating the hens by plucking their feathers, also pulling the nests out, breaking the eggs, and other tricks. After having given the cage method a fair trial, I have discarded it in favour of aviary breeding, as I find it takes up far less time and trouble, while the breeding results are equally satisfactory, if not better.

### The Aviary Described.

The aviary I use is 9ft. long, 4½ft. high, and 3ft. wide, constructed of well-seasoned ¾in. deal wood well painted, with a corrugated iron roof resting on a rough under-roof of boards, as I find iron by itself is too cold in winter, and hot in the summer. A wooden roof covered with a patent smooth felting would be equally as serviceable, while the cost would be considerably lowered. One end of the aviary is entirely boarded up, as is also 3ft. of the front reaching from the floor to roof. This forms a secluded place for the birds to roost in, and a protection in bad weather. In this end is a 1ft. square opening covered with wire from the inside, and a shutter protection outside. This opening admits air when necessary, and also allows me to watch the various nesting operations without disturbing the birds. The opposite end is also boarded up with the exception of an 18in. doorway, extending from top to bottom. This allows free movement for getting in and out, while the opening is protected inside by a wire frame door reaching to within 1ft. of the floor, so as to stop the birds from flying out while feeding. There is a weather board, 18ins. high, along the whole wire front, resting on bricks flush with the ground. The wire is of ½in. mesh, best quality, which is strong enough to completely baffle the cats. At night I fix a light wooden shutter with iron turn fasteners to the wooden uprights over half the wire front. I use branches of trees of varying thickness for perches, preferring them because they give a greater amount of exercise to the birds flying in and out among them, and because they are more natural than straight smooth perches. I fix them to the wall back of the aviary, so as to keep the birds as much as possible off the wire front.

The floor of the aviary is of earth, covered with about two inches of fine gritty red sand, and finely powdered old mortar. I use plenty of boxes for nesting purposes, also small flower pots, which may be wired round the top and hung on nails or stood on small shelves. It is best to fix the boxes or pots at varying heights and always a good distance from each other, but where they can be easily watched from the outside, this plan does away with entering the aviary so often, and thus frightening the occupants. For nesting materials, I give plenty of moss obtained from the banks and hedgerows, which I always scald with a view to killing any insect life there may be in it. This I mix with short cow hair, such as is used by plasterers and builders.

*(To be continued.)*



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## THE YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

### Results of the Season's Competitions.

Wakefield Show, held on Saturday last, the 13th inst., brought to a close the series of eighteen shows, arranged by, and held under the rules of, the Yorkshire Union of Cage Bird Societies. The following is the result of the various competitions in connection therewith.

The "W. H. Shackleton" Challenge Trophy, value 30 guineas (second year of competition): 1st, and medal value £1, Mr. W. H. Shackleton, 328 points; 2nd, and medal value 15s., Messrs. Ogden Bros., 326 points; 3rd, and medal value 10s., Messrs. Bailey and Swanger, 246 points; 4th, and medal value 7s. 6d., Mr. J. Wilcock, 222 points. This competition runs until the trophy has been won three times (not necessarily in succession) before it becomes the absolute property of any exhibitor. When the first prize (value £15) has been won outright, the second prize £10, third prize £5, and 4th prize medal value £1 10s., will be awarded to those competitors who have scored first, second, and third most points respectively (apart from the actual winner of the first prize), during the time the competition has been open.

The "H. W. Naylor" Challenge Cup, value £5 5s.: 1st, and medal value £1 1s., Mr. W. E. Shackleton, 264 points; runners-up, Messrs. Ogden Bros. with 221 points.

Silver plated cruet, for most points, and silver plated preserve dish, for second most points, presented by Mr. J. W. Ramsden (for birds moulted on Ramsden's Pure Peppers: 1st, Messrs. Ogden Bros., 326 points; 2nd, Mr. W. H. Shackleton, 313 points.

Novice Competition. Prize value £1 1s., presented by Mr. H. H. Towers, of Windhill, to exhibitor gaining most points throughout the season, won by Mr. W. Beaumont, of Skelmanthorpe. Prize 10s. 6d., also presented by Mr. H. H. Towers, for most points in Norwich novice classes, won by Mr. F. Hammond. Union novice medals, value £1 1s. each, 16 medals, 12 for Yorkshire section and four for Norwich section, awarded for most points throughout the season. Yorkshire section: 1st, W. Beaumont, 205 points; 2nd, G. White, 173; 3rd, J. Lane, 151; 4th, W. Laycock, 143; 5th, E. Clegg, 133; 6th, E. Lumb, 109; 7th, A. Livesey, 103; 8th, A. Gill, 102; 9th, H. Kaye, 98; 10th, W. Sowden, 94; 11th, T. W. Wilson, 87; 12th, A. Radley, 87. Runners-up, J. J. Dunn, 83; S. Varley, 78. Norwich section: 1st, F. Hammond, 280; 2nd. W. Markwell, 147; 3rd, T. Fortnam, 116; 4th, J. H. Greenwood, 105.

"Ramsden" Novice Specials. Silver plated preserve dish, for most points, and a miniature goblet for second most points, for birds moulted on Ramsden's Peppers: 1st, F. Hammond, 228 points; 2nd, W. Beaumont, 183 points.

CAGE BIRDS Prizes for the Amateurs of Yorkshire. Three prizes, value 25s. for 1st, 20s. for 2nd, and 15s. for 3rd, to members having gained first, second and third most points during the season. 1st, Mr. H. H. Towers, 149 points; 2nd, Messrs. P. Drake and Son, 96; 3rd, Messrs. Shaw Bros., 95. CAGE BIRDS weekly cash prizes: Mr. H. H. Towers 10s., Drake and Son 10s., Shaw Bros. 10s., J. Hellewell 10s., T. Slater 10s., F. Townsend 10s., L. Briggs 10s., J. Mottram 10s., Backburn and Mitchell 10s., T. Wood 10s., F. Fawcott 10s., J. Chippendale 10s., O. Mitchell 8s., T. H. Inman 8s., J. Ledge 6s., W. Wright 6s., A. Wright and Son 6s., C. and C. T. Parkes 6s., H. Lodge 6s., H. Kaye 4s., W. Blakey 4s., H. Coates 4s., and Ackroyd Bros. 2s.

All prizes will be distributed at the annual social of the amalgamated societies on Saturday, March 6th, from 6 to 11 p.m., and all interested are cordially invited to attend. For the benefit of those who may come from a distance, I might say that a dinner will be provided at 1s. 6d. per head, at the headquarters, the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, at 4.30 p.m. prompt, and I shall be pleased to book the names of intending visitors.

The points have been taken from the various catalogues, and I shall be glad if any person or persons will communicate with me at once should they find the number of points given differing from their own reckoning.—SAMUEL DEAN, secretary.


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# A Chat with a Noted Breeder of Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries.

**Mr. J. C. BARNES, of Sheffield, well-known as a judge and a highly successful breeder and exhibitor of Norwich Plainheads and Yorkshires, tells of his methods of breeding and management.**

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In our recent Birthday Number we published the first part of an interview which a representative of CAGE BIRDS had with Mr. J. C. Barnes, of Sheffield, and in which Mr. B. gave some useful information regarding the methods he pursues in his breeding room.

Following on the question as to his manner of feeding, we asked—

"How do you proceed when weaning the young? It is a point over which many young fanciers come to the ground."

**Weaning Young Birds.**

"When the youngsters are about 14 to 18 days old," replied Mr. Barnes, "it is well to keep one's eyes open, as they will then be on the point of leaving the nest (or may have already done so), and should they be knocking about the bottom of the breeding cage, or even on the perches, many parent birds (especially the hens), are apt to pluck them to utilise their feathers for future building operations. Besides spoiling the plumage of the youngsters for nest feather shows (should you think of exhibiting at all) this greatly weakens them. I always makes a practice of taking the young ones out of the large cage, and placing them in a Yorkshire show cage (which makes a capital "nursery"), hanging same on the front of the breeding cage by means of a small S hook. Leave the door of the breeding cage open, and the parent birds will feed alright through the wires. This does away with a lot of plucking, and pays one well for the little trouble incurred. By the time the youngsters have attained the age of 21 to 24 days, they usually are on the forage for themselves, and can with confidence be taken right away from their parents, and be placed in cages by themselves. The larger the cages the better it is for the birds, as there is nothing like plenty of room for exercise, this assisting their development.

Provide the young birds, with the usual egg and bread crumb (rather more crumb than egg when mixing, making it better for digestive purposes), also a little crushed seed composed of hemp German summer rape, maw, and Spanish Canary, in the following proportions, three parts canary, two parts hemp, one part rape, with a sprinkling of maw. Once a day you can give with advantage a little bread that had been steeped in hot milk, and well squeezed out, sprinkled with a little sugar on top. This assists greatly to obviate bowel trouble in the youngsters. Give no green food until after they have moulted. Green food is rather dangerous, as young birds are apt to gorge upon it, and so upset themselves by bringing on inflammation and diarrhœa.

Some fanciers are very much against giving water to young birds at first, but I always do so, mixing a little Parrish's Chemical Food with it. By way of a change, I sometimes given Allan and Hanbury's Byno-Phosphates mixed with the water. Should you use the chemical food, add just enough to turn the water port wine colour; if you use the phosphates, add one teaspoonful to about half a small teacupful of water.

**The Loss of Young Birds.**

Mr. Barnes strongly believes that the cause of the mortality amongst young birds is the fanciers' own carelessness, in the majority of cases. Sour food plays havoc, impure water is like poison, while draughts cause death, and rushing the birds on to hard seed too quickly will lead to wholesale destruction. He strongly advises fanciers to use discretion at this critical period, and move slowly. Keep all cages or flights, whichever the birds may be in, scrupulously clean, with nice gritty sand on the bottom (or in receptacles). Once the birds are on to hard seed, little trouble will they be until the moulting season approaches.

Mr. B. does not believe in abusing his stock by over-breeding, as this reduces vitality and leads to weakly youngsters. His old birds he allows to have three nests, generally speaking, and his unflighted birds two nests. The reason Mr. B. restricts his young birds is that he does not care to take too much out of them the first season, preferring to "nurse" them to assist their second-year development. A young bird allowed to breed very hard rarely gains the substance required in present-day competition. In a few cases heavy work during the breeding season may not interfere much with the young birds' growth, he admits, but in majority of cases he holds that it decidedly does; therefore he believes in discretion.

To keep up substance in the stock, Mr. Barnes advises running one cock with one hen. He has always followed this method, and found it pay. He considers that the running of one cock with two or more hens has a tendency to result in loss of size. By keeping one cock to one hen, both birds are on hand when the youngsters appear, and two feeders are better than one, he holds, they dividing the work. A young bird well fed during the first few days of its existence lays the foundation of substance.

**A Mixture.**

"Are there any other points bearing on the breeding operations you could give a hint on? What nesting material do you use?"

"For nesting purposes I use the ordinary bags of moss and cow hair, sold by seed-dealers and bird-shops. Cuttlefish bone is placed between the wires for the birds to peck at. White earthenware nest-pans are used for building in, as I consider they are far better than wooden nest-boxes, being cooler, and not harbouring red mite so.

As each egg is laid it is taken away and replaced by a dummy pot egg, until the third is laid, then they are all put back, and booked to hatch 14 days hence. Each of my pairs is numbered (on the cage front) so as to correspond with my pedigree diary. As the eggs are taken out of the nest, each one is placed in a box partitioned in squares, and each square numbered to correspond with the cages. All my young birds are marked, so that I know exactly how they have been bred, by referring to the stud book.

When pairing my birds I always book up full particulars regarding strong and weak points, age and colour, and whether clear or marked. During the breeding season I feed morning, noon and night, giving the food fresh every time."

**Some Observations on the Fancy.**

"How do you think the Fancy stands today, Mr. Barnes? You get about the country a good deal in your capacity as judge. Do you consider fanciers stage their exhibits to better advantage now than they used to do?"

"I can speak in a highly complimentary manner of the way shows are managed," replied Mr. B.; "all I have been to have been excellently carried out. The staging of the exhibits has been greatly improved, and the display rendered more pleasing still by the ferns, palms, etc., used at many of the functions. The fanciers have been, on the whole, very amicable with each other, which is always a very healthy sign. The leading ladies and gentlemen of the various towns and cities have officiated at the opening ceremonies of their local exhibitions with pleasing frequency, and this must be very beneficial to the Hobby.

Sharp practices, and items of a none too straightforward character, have been very few and far between, clean methods having been pursued. Possibly the oft-abused Cage Bird Union has had something to do with this.

In the exhibits, quality and type have predominated, coarseness having had to take a back seat. The greater uniformity of show cages has also tended to beautify our exhibitions.

My advice to young exhibitors is to show their birds perfectly clean, and in clean cages with perches to match. Good birds deserve to be staged well. To win, a man should never be 'sure of winning'; over-confidence very often leads to defeat. Always stage the birds spic and span; leave nothing to chance. Forward the birds the night previous to the show, when possible, so as to give them time to settle down previous to the judging. Also, attend shows whenever possible, as many valuable hints are picked up from the various fanciers. Don't overshow your birds; from six to eight times in a season is quite sufficient, should you require them to do you some service in the breeding season."

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# A Working Man's Aviary and Small Group of Foreign Birds.

By JOHN THOMPSON.

My purpose in this article is to give a few hints on a working-man's aviary and a few inexpensive birds sufficient to make a fairly attractive and profitable hobby.

**Constructing an Aviary.**

The first thing to be considered is a suitable position in which to build our aviary. Due south is the most favourable one. If this is not available (and I know that we cannot always get "front view"), we must shelter those sides that are the most exposed to wind and cold, making the open pen to face as near the south as possible.

Two-inch square quartering would be plenty strong enough for the framework of both open pen and shed, that is if you are building both. Be sure you have your aviary of good height, so that you will be able to move about amongst your birds with ease. Make it in squares or sections, using bolts and screws to secure them together. This will involve very little more expense, and will be found to pay you double, if you should wish to remove your aviary.

I prefer a span-roof shaped aviary with a portion of one end boarded, with felted sides and top, and with a good skylight protected with half-inch mesh wire netting. And if the position is in any way dark, I should put another light in one of the ends or sides.

**The Furnishing of the Aviary.**

Double-net the outside or open half of your aviary, putting half-inch mesh wire-netting inside the framework; inch mesh will also be small enough for the outside of the framework. If you put the netting on this you will find that you will have a space of two inches between the two nettings, and this will make a good and effective safeguard against cats—the terror of birds at night. Be sure that you let your netting into the ground about a foot or fifteen inches, turning outwards at the bottom a few inches, L shape. This will act as a preventive against rats and mice. If you do not adopt this precaution, these pests may be more disastrous than cats.

Fix in the aviary an abundance of natural branches of all sizes (pea sticks answer very well), and also a few old logs with holes in them, if you can procure them; if not procurable, get some Virginian bark, obtainable at any seedsman's or chemist's, and fasten it in various positions, making nesting places of different sizes, and cutting holes for the birds to go in and out by. You will find this to have a pleasing effect. I have this bark in tiers about half a yard apart, rising up or down about the same distance in my aviary, which makes it look very much like a wood. It also looks very artistic, showing off the birds, too, to perfection.

Hang up an abundance of cokernut husks, providing at least two for each pair of birds. Also make a few boxes about fifteen inches square, with a hole cut in one end at the top about four inches across; make the top of the box so that it may be easily lifted off to allow you to clean the box out when the young have left it.

The bottom of the box must be well covered with sawdust, to prevent the eggs getting broken. The birds that we propose to keep do not build nests, so it will be seen that we have been catering for such.

**The Selection of Birds.**

Now for the selection of our birds. We will take first of all that handsome and popular bird the Budgerigar, with its beautiful green and yellow markings. The species is so well known that it is almost needless for me to describe it.

There are two kinds of Budgerigars, the Greens and Yellows, which make a pleasant contrast when flying together in an aviary. You could purchase good, strong, cold aviary-bred Green Budgerigars for 6s. 6d. per pair, the Yellows fetching 10s. 6d. or thereabouts per pair. The reason I recommend English aviary-bred birds is that they breed very much more freely than imported birds, and will settle down to breeding almost immediately, rearing brood after brood with little else but seed and green food.

White millet, with good sound Canary seed, and a little white oats about once a week when the birds are breeding, also a little in the winter months, together with plenty of grass in flower, chickweed well filled with seed, groundsel, etc., constitute their staple diet. Some fanciers advocate soaked stale bread for the feeding of the young, but I prefer the former treatment, and have used it with very good results.

These birds seldom bathe, but they must have good fresh water given daily in a glass vessel. I prefer glass, as it cannot spoil the water.

The Budgerigar is a very pugnacious bird during breeding operations, And it is not to be trusted with smaller birds at any time, or sooner or later there will surely be some birdie tragedy or other The hens will often fight to the death over one particular husk, so I advise at least two husks for each pair of birds. I have known a hen to clear a whole brood of young out of a nest after a pitched battle with the parent bird, and afterwards take to the husk and breed in it with as little concern as if she and her mate were the rightful owners of the husk.

The Yellow Budgerigars do not breed quite so freely as the Greens, but considering the difference in the price of the birds they are even more profitable. They lay from four to eight white eggs, laying one every alternate day, beginning to sit with the advent of the first eggs. This makes a difference of a few days in the ages of the young; but this is no trouble, the youngest often making the best bird of the brood. The young take about fourteen days to hatch out, and leave the nest when about five weeks old. The above applies to both Green and Yellow Budgerigars.

**Introducing Cockatiels.**

When we have got these birds settled we may introduce a pair of Cockatiels. These can be procured at about 12/6 per pair. One of these is a little larger than an English Storm-Cock, with a slaty coloured body and a little patch of white on the shoulder butts.

It has a yellow face and crest with a reddish round patch on each cheek. The colouring is more pronounced in the case of the cock than in that of the hen. The Cockatiel is a very docile and inoffensive bird, but it seldom breeds and rears healthy young until two years old, when the pairs are accustomed to their quarters.

They lay from three to seven white eggs the incubation taking about eighteen days. Both birds share in the task of incubation, the cock generally taking his turn in the afternoon.

These birds I find resent interference, and will desert their young if too often meddled with. Otherwise they are affectionate parents and will very seldom allow their young to die. They will often make use of the boxes already described. Cockatiels will also be found to make a fine addition to one's collection.

With birds such as are here described, you will find the hobby an interesting one. Of course, we could add a few other species of Parrakeets. Red and Mealy Rosellas would make a glowing contrast, but these are a little more expensive. White-eared Conures also are good, but as I am representing the more humble fancier, we must be content, and 'bide our time.

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# How I Manage My British Finches

By WILLIAM LLOYD.

(*Continued from page* 111).

### The Bullfinch.

The Bullfinch, to my mind, comes next as a very pretty bird. He is a great favourite with the ladies, on account of his pretty red breast and his tameness (they become very tame if handled gently).

I am reminded of catching a hen with two young cocks. I took great care with the young ones, and in less than a fortnight they would come out of their cage on to my hand and off it. They became so tame they would sit on my shoulder and remain their while I attended to all the other birds which I had at that time (about seventy-six in all). The other birds were very jealous, so I had to fetch the young Bullies downstairs and let them fly out when they wanted to do so. I also let them out of doors very often, but they would return, and as soon as I got home from work would come on to my shoulder and go upstairs with me into the birdroom. They would also play with baby, but would keep out of the way of any harm. A friend of mine who had a doctor friend to whom he wished to make a present of a bird, when he saw these two of mine offered me a good sum for them, with the result that he took them straight off to his friend and received an order for six more like them at 15s. each.

Bullfinches choose the deepest thicket or wood to breed in. They like hawthorn bushes to build their nests in, especially those close by a stream of water. I have seen the hen birds, when sitting, come and bathe every day while I watched for four days. The nest is made very roughly of roots of grass, and of any trees they may find, and is lined in a way with horse and cow hair.

The hen lays from four to five eggs, which are light with yellow spots on. During the incubation of this species I have known the cocks to sit as many as five times a day, when I have gone to find out what I could about them.

When the young ones are hatched, they are dark in colour. When they leave the nest they are light-brown, except on the wings and tail, which are black. I may say that when the birds are in their nest feathers I cannot tell the difference between the cock and the hen, as they are both alike. When the young are first caught they are very wild for a few days, but with patience and small tit-bits they will soon be found to make the tamest of birds.

If you want a pet to follow you about the house or the bird-room, choose a young Bullie. If trained properly, it is a good musician. The way to train Bullies is to place them in a dark quarter first thing in the morning, before they have had any food. Then play whatever musical instrument you like, three or four times over. When this is done, take him out of his dark place and give him a few hemp or sunflower seeds. Personally, I choose ivy berries, as they seem to cheer the birds up. Continue this each morning until you hear Mr. Bullfinch start to imitate your voice, which he will do in a very low tone.

If you keep on every day in this way, I am sure you will be amply rewarded. The trainer must choose his or her own comic or sentimental song (or even hymns). When it is a learned bird, you can readily get a sale for it, and a good one has been known to fetch as much as fifty pounds.

There are many ways of catching Bullfinches. I will describe my way. The Bullfinch is an easily-caught bird. I get a good call-bird (the Bullies do not require any singing), and I place it on a low hedge close to a wood near where there are plenty of ripe red docks in seed. If there are no docks there, I search about till I find some, and on these I place a stick of lime, setting both dock and lime on the hedge. Lean both the docks and stick nearly flat on the hedge, for if you place them straight up, the birds will not drop on to it. Before I found this out, I used to be out sometimes a week, never catching one bird, though there were plenty of them around. I place a stick or two over the cage and on the lower boughs of the hedge. Have plenty of raw linseed oil with you, for the Bullie when caught makes a mess of itself, through being, as I said, very wild. I clean them well and put them into a store cage similar to that I use when Goldfinch catching. I gather some blackberries and throw them in the store cage; these they will readily eat.

Should I want a few big Bullies I go to where there are plenty of yew trees. Why this is so I cannot say. Last year I caught five of the largest Bullies I ever had, and these were feeding on yew tree berries. I sold them all, and in less than three weeks three of them had taken first prizes.

When I get home, I treat my freshly-caught Bullies the same as Goldfinches as regards water. I then crush a few hemp seeds and throw Canary seed in also, with plenty of crushed sunflower seeds, and from fourteen to sixteen blackberries per day for each dozen birds. On these I find they do well.

In selecting exhibition birds, I like a good big one. I like as broad a head as can be got, with a good jet-black cap and a pure black running well down the side of the beak, forming a bib under the beak. I also like them with a broad chest, with the red as deep as possible. Mind and see that the black is not broken at the sides of the red; the red should run well down and as far under the legs as possible. Mind, too, that they are not loose feathered at the thighs, also that they have a good blue back with red tips just on the top of the coverlets. See, too, that they have good wing and tail feathers, black in colour and well carried, and that they are not open-tailed.

When the birds are feeding, and while they are passing through the moult, I give the following seeds:—Canary, 1lb.; German rape, 1lb.; teazle, ½lb.; and hemp, 2ozs. I give this as a staple food, together with sunflower, ivy berries, blackberries, yew tree berries, docks in seed, elder berries, and plenty of water to bathe in. I may say that I moulted a Bullie myself and showed it, and the judge put it down as a field-moulted bird. I sold it and it has won eleven first prizes for its owner as a house-moulted bird. If any one gets newly-caught Bullfinches, which afterwards seem dull in breast colour, don't be disheartened, for if you fed them on blackberries this will fetch the bloom back. Every newly-caught bird loses its bloom. I was a long time in finding this out. When I caught them they looked so red, but in three or four days I used to find they were very dull. Always handle the birds gently and you will be pleased with the result, and don't forget to give them the bath.

### The Chaffinch.

The Chaffinch is another very beautiful bird, with his wonderful markings. He is rather a rough gentleman when first caught, but when flying wild, Chaffinches look grand. Their nesting place is found high up in elm or poplar trees, and are very often found in elderberry hedges, and are nearly always between the forks of the trees or branches. I have tried many times to rear young Chaffinches under Canaries, but have never succeeded.

The nest is made from thistle down, coltsfoot leaves, and dandelion down. These birds, I think, make the best nests of all our British species. The hen lays four or five eggs of a light-ground colour, with dark and yellowish spots on them. I have found many nests, but have never seen the cock sitting. The cock is a grand gentleman, and is very proud with his yellowish-brown breast and his blue cap, which shines like a piece of silk. His white coverlets show up well, and his flights are tinged with yellow. The hen is of a very poor colour, being nearly brown all over. The young are dark and look well with their mouths wide open.

The Chaffinch is a very destructive bird so far as fruit and certain vegetables are concerned. They will pull up the radish seeds and turnip seedlings out of the ground. For this reason the market gardeners shoot a lot of them. The birds, however, are very foud of insects—spiders, wire worms, ants (alive), meal worms, and others.

In selecting exhibition birds I choose the largest I can find. The birds must also have good rich-coloured breasts, with sound colour over the beak and round the eyes, and good blue caps extending down the back. The back of the Chaffinch must be of a very dark-brown and the wings black with yellow tinged bars and good white coverlets. The bird must also be clean white in its tail feathers.

### A Menu.

I feed the Chaffinch with Canary seed, ½lb.; German rape, ½lb.; Winter rape, ¼lb.; turnip seed, ½lb.; radish seed, ½lb.; teazel, ½lb.; and hemp, ½lb. These mixed together make a good mixture. I also give live insects, such as spiders, meal worms, and live ants. I usually give soaked radish and turnip seeds that have been split and are shooting. Be sure and give plenty of water for the birds to bathe in, as they are very found of it. Given a good large cage and plenty of wild seed (as I mentioned in the Bullfinch list), I have had them look like fighting cocks with their blue caps reared up on end.

(*To be continued.*)


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# Two Wee Gems.

By J. PATTERSON.

**A very interesting and practical article written to accompany the coloured plate of Border Fancy Canaries given with the Recent Birthday Number.**

(*Continued from page* 120.)

When interbreeding, one must always keep the eye open for the least sign of ill-health in his birds, and never pair up any (but the most robust and sprightly of them) that are even slightly related to one another. Further one must see that each bird is typical in shape, showing no defect in either the head, the wing, or the tail carriage, because by having such birds with their relations, one only helps to render those defects more pronounced in the progeny, and these defects will take many years to breed out. Therefore, when you think of inbreeding, select the most perfect in every point, and always bear in mind that each point wherein any defect may be seen in any one bird, has to be strengthened and corrected by a bird making up for the defect just where it may occur.

For instance, when inbreeding with my birds I find that most birds are either inclined to hang or tip their wings; mostly the former may be looked for. Now; say you have a hen that lets her wings drop a little down, and, perhaps, carries her tail a little poorly; this is when to find the happy medium by pairing up to her a cock, which is either perfect in wing carriage, or slightly tipped. The same applies with regard to other points, always keeping in mind that you are breeding for type first, and quality second; these to be fully balanced by sound markings, also remember never to pair any stock nearer than cousins oftener than once in three years.

I find I get the best results by pairing father to daughter, or vice-versa, and then return to any of the same strain I have in my room. And if you make a proper selection, you will have much benefit from your experience.

I trust my readers will be clear on this point, or they may find many hard rocks ahead. There is no reason for going in for closely related pairs; just have the same blend of blood running through both your cock and hen, however distant. To be sure of this, you must keep a pedigree of each pair, to which you can refer when in need of any information, either as to how they are related to one another, or, as to how you lost markings or gained them by the pairings.

But, as our ain Bobby Burns said, "the best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft agley," and this applies very strongly in the case of even-marked breeding. Many a time you may be thinking you are sure of a champion from a special pair, but the blood does not blend, and the crossing has thrown out the markings, just when you wanted to build up the strain, and the results from the pair are far more variegated and clear birds than marks. But when breeding from a number of pairs, we may find that another pair on which we did not place so much reliance, has given us the ideal, and this will help to cheer one along the road.

When once you find birds throwing a few good marks in each nest, stick to this pair as long as they live, although I am a firm believer in having a young cock put with any hen after she is over the second season's breeding, as the young from such you will find to be higher in colour, and at the same time more sprightly than when both birds are getting old.

Now we will say you have got one or two evens, or perhaps, good unevens, such birds being marked alike on some other point, such as the point of shoulder, a slight tick on neck, or even down at vent, along with the eyes and wings. Always remember that ideal, even-marked birds should only have the eyes and wings dark, which makes them four-pointed. The uneven bird must have either three, five, or more marks. The better the eyes are in shape, the more chance you stand of winning a prize. This point also enhances the value of your bird as a stock bird, as the eyes at all times will need all your careful attention, and you cannot watch the shape of them too closely.

Now, don't pair each year birds that are both marked, or your stock will go rapidly back to the green. This is when the clear bird, bred from good marked stock, comes handy. Always remember to tone down your marking by a clear, or a bird only foul on eyes, and if the strain is running too light, don't be afraid to use one of the variegated birds for one of your pairs.

To be successful, you must have at least four pairs, so as to keep each point, as I have already said, just in its proper place. The same points apply to their more handsome cousins, the cinnamon even-marked, which I admire even more than those handsome, dark-marked birds.


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# CLUB REPORTS.

## BOLTON AND DISTRICT O.S.

A very successful meeting was held at Joiners Arm Hotel, on January 27th, when there was a good muster of members and friends to watch Mr. F. Proctor's exhibition of Canary washing. Many questions were asked, and all of them were ably answered by Mr. Proctor. Messrs. Mitchell, Cooper, and S. Smith showed their different methods. We have decided to hold a social evening on February 10th at headquarters, Joiners Arm Hotel, commencing at 7 p.m.—H. PARKINSON, Secretary.

## WHITBURN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual meeting held in the Lesser Town Hall on Feb. 1, Mr C. Anderson presiding. The secretary submitted the financial statement, which shows an income of £45 6s. 1d. and expenditure of £41 18s., leaving a balance of £3 8s. 1d. This was considered satisfactory, and the report was unanimously adopted. The office-bearers were re-appointed. The date of our open show is fixed for Saturday, Dec. 11, when we hope for a yet bigger success. It was also unanimously agreed upon to start a club show confined to a 4-mile radius, and we wish to have the support of the fanciers within the limit. All intending members are requested to notify the secretary. Membership fees, 2s. 6d. per annum, payable to the secretary. Show to be held on Oct. 2.—JOHN FORREST, Scc., 109, West Main-st., Whitburn.

## PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Jan. 21 at headquarters. It was decided to let the letter from the C.B.U. stand over. Three members resigned owing to leaving the district. Messrs. Shirvell, Bayssu, Rogers, Brett, and Maclellan were elected members. It was decided to hold the pair show on Feb. 18, Mr. Robson to judge. The officers for 1909 were elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. Meades; vice-chairman Mr. Best; treasurer, Mr. Collins; committee, Messrs. Borlase, Hall, Hawkes, Hartland, Miller, Maclellan, Putner, Smith, and Wood; secretaries, Messrs. Pawley and Newnham. It was agreed that "a member's wife be admitted at 2s. per year" be added to Rule 3. It was decided to hold Finch show in March. A rough programme for the year was drawn up for the secretaries' guidance. It was decided to again hold an open show, the date to be Jan. 6 and 7. A vote of thanks to the officers for the past year was passed, this closing the long evening's work.—W. PAWLEY, Joint Sec.

## HYSON GREEN (Notts) C.B.S.

A capital meeting was held on February 2nd. The large room was packed with members and friends to witness a washing exhibition by Mr. J. T. Birch in connection with a table show of Norwich stock pairs. The washing exhibition was, it is almost needless to say, carried out in a practical way, Johnny being an adept at the job. He quickly and carefully put the birds through the suds, which gave one the impression that Jack had been there before many a time. Mr. T. Barker was also asked to put one bird through the wash, and he kindly consented. He also demonstrated that it was not the first time he had used the brush and lather upon the wee little Canary. While the washing exhibition was taking place, sixteen pairs of Norwich Plainheads were being judged, and some capital pairs were staged. The prize winners especially looked capable of turning out short cobby ones. The hens were also good in type, short and cobby, with rare head and well-filled neck. The awards were as follows:—1, Birch; 2, Sharp; 3, Alton; vhc, he, Hill. Mr. J. Bertie judged. It was decided to hold a washing competition on February 16th for novices. Mr. R. Rhodes and other gentlemen kindly offered prizes to be competed for. Several new members were made, and the society is going ahead.

## LEEDS ROLLER CANARY CLUB.

Usual monthly meeting, held on Feb. 6th, at Lockhart's Rooms, 55, Briggate. There were a nice few present, Mr. C. Towes presiding. Arrangements were made for a members' show, to be held on Feb. 20, at Lockhart's Rooms. It was decided to have three classes—1 open, 1 novice,, and a £1 limit (without cage). Mr. F. Oldroyd (Wakefield) has kindly consented to judge. It is to be hoped members will turn up in good numbers, and bring their birds along with them. Entries can be made at the show; all birds are to be staged at 3 p.m. prompt. Members are invited to bring their wives, as arrangements have also been made for a tea to be held in connection with the show. If the show is a success, it is the intention of the committee to have a series of members' shows. Amateur judging competitions are also to be arranged to help educate the members as to how the Roller's song should be produced, the names of tours, trills, etc., and render every assistance in the breeding and training of these charming songsters. We wish to make the acquaintance of all Roller fanciers possible. It is to be understood that none are debarred from coming. Those who wish to be educated in the song, etc., should join at once. Four new members were made, so that is a start in the right direction.—THOS. W. WALTON.

## SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual meeting held Jan. 30th in the Fawcett-st. Cafe, Mr. J. Farrar presiding over a large attendance. We decided upon the inscription for the silver cup which has been presented for competition amongst members by the president, Mr. C. E. Thompson. As the cup which was presented by Mr. T. Davison has to be won by most points gained by five nominated birds, it was agreed that Mr. Thompson's cup be given for most points throughout members' classes, and must be won three times in succession, or four times in all. The preliminary arrangements for the election of judges for our annual open show, to be held Nov. 19th and 20th, were then proceeded with, and several gentlemen having been nominated, the secretary was instructed to write for terms, etc. The secretary intimated that as the particular branch of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers to which both he and the assistant secretary belonged held their branch meetings on the nights we held ours, they would be obliged if the members would consent to advance the dates of meeting by one week. It was agreed that our next meeting be held on February 6th, at 7.30 p.m., and every fortnight afterwards. The secretary moved that society business be conducted at every other meeting only, except in the case of very urgent business, which would be attended to at any time, and that the intervening meetings be devoted mainly to table shows, lectures, washing exhibitions, discussions, or anything which would be likely to help our novice members, and promote the welfare of our hobby. This was carried unanimously. Fanciers and friends are invited to attend our meetings. A long discussion ensued regarding the various methods of washing birds, which was

## GOVAN & DIST. (Confined) O.S.

Usual monthly meeting held in Boilermakers' Hall, Feb. 2. President J. Fraser presided. Some discussion took place regarding judging for special prizes, but this matter was left over till next meeting, March 2, which all members are invited to attend. New members are cordially invited.—ROBERT FERNIE, Sec.

## KEIGHLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

At the meeting, held Jan. 22, the following were elected: President, Z. Booth; Vice-Presidents, F. Judson, L. Varley, C. Binns, B. Holmes, and W. H. Berry; Treasurer, G. Foster; Secretary, Wm. Wright, 15, Ada Street, Keighley. The headquarters are the King's Head Hotel, and the subscriptions 3/- per year. Meetings are held on the last Tuesday in each month.—WM. WRIGHT, Sec.

## EDINBURGH WESTERN O.S.

Monthly meeting, held in Reigo Street Hall, on Feb. 4th, when there was a large turn out of members. A cup was presented to the Scotch Fancy section of the club by Kenneth McLennan, to be known as the McLennan Cup. It is to be won three times on points before becoming the winner's absolute property. The same gentleman promised a medal, to go with the cup, each year. A good number of new members were enrolled. Others will be welcomed.—ROBERT LILE, Sec.

## CHESTER C.B.A.

Monthly meeting, held Feb. 2nd, at the Nag's Head Cocoa House, Mr. Bracegirdle presiding over a good attendance. The hon. treas. presented the balance sheet of the past year, which, after a few remarks by the hon. auditor, Mr. R. N. Williams, was accepted and passed. Seven new members have been made since Jan. 1st. Rules for the society as now constituted were brought forward and adopted. With the extension of the radius, it is confidently expected there will be a great increase in the membership. The members unanimously decided to continue their affiliation to the C.B.U.—JAS. SWINDLEY, Hon. Sec.

## WATFORD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held at the Conservative Hall on January 28th, Mr. R. J. Pretty in the chair. The secretary read his annual report. The balance-sheets of pair, young bird, and annual shows, also the balance-sheet for the year were passed. Owing to a heavy loss on the annual show it was decided to hold one for members only in 1909. The followiug officers were then elected:—President, Lord Hyde; vice-presidents, Messrs. C. Challands, R. A. Thorpe, E. R. Oxley; chairman, Mr. R. J. Pretty; vice-chairman, Mr. R. J. Watts; committee, Messrs. J. Goodall, W. Buckingham, A. G. Frost, E. Field, G. Fern, G. W. Swain, W. Shirley, A. T. Sears, A. Tucker, R. J. Withers, T. Wright, P. Hedgeman; auditors, Mr. H. B. Withers and Mr. E. F. Bailey; hon. sec. and treasurer, Mr. W. Quantrell. A vote of thanks to the retiring officers was carried with applause, special reference being made to the chairman and to the hon. sec. and treasurer. Several members said they were of opinion that the society derived no benefit from the C.B.U., and a vote of the meeting was taken which resulted in a large majority against renewing the subscription. Thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.—R. J. WATTS.

## HARTLEPOOLS C.B.S.

Annual general meeting and election of officers took place at the Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Whitby-st., West Hartlepool, on Feb. 3, Mr. J. Robinson in the chair. The secretary, Mr. Williams, gave an excellent report on the year's work, but was sorry to say that owing to the depression we had lost a few members. There was also a balance on the wrong side which the society hopes to put right by holding a prize draw. We are sorry to have to appeal to fanciers, but owing to so many being out of work we could not do otherwise. Mr. H. J. L. Williams, 30 Lister-st., West Hartlepool, was re-elected hon. secretary; Mr. J. W. Popple, hon. treasurer; Mr. J. Robinson, chairman; Mr. J. Ronald, vice-chairman; and all members form committee. It was decided to leave the Cage Bird Union if the Union did not delete rule 17 at their meeting on the 6th inst. We also decided to hold our open show on Oct. 30, 1909. Secretaries will please note this date. We will hold our annual general meeting in future in January so as to enable us to give details of society's officers to be published in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. We added some new members to our list, and if trade revives we will get all our old members back, and no doubt some others with them.—H. J. L. WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.

## KILMARNOCK C.B.F.C.

Annual general meeting held in No. 3 Room, Temperance Hall, on Feb. 4. President W. Guthrie presided over a good attendance. The balance sheet for the past year was considered. Although there has been a deficiency on the year's working, there is still a creditable balance to the good. Mr. J. Murdoch moved that it be passed as printed, which was seconded by Mr. J. Johnstone and agreed to. The following are the office-bearers for the ensuing year: Hon. president, Mr. W. Munro; hon. vice-presidents, Messrs. King and Clark; chairman, Mr. W. Guthrie; vice-chairmen, Messrs. J. Noble and A. Mackie; committee, Messrs. G. Adamson, W. Smith, G. Blair, J. Murdoch, J. Dick, H. Train, W. Strathearn, D. Fisher, A. Bowie, W. Thornton, and J. Jones; auditors, Messrs. W. Cowan and J. Latta. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.—ROBERT M'CAW, Sec., 7, North Hamilton-st., Kilmarnock.


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## WARRINGTON C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held on Feb. 4 at the Blue Bell Sale Rooms. Mr. W. R. Knowles presided. The following officers were elected: Mr. W. R. Knowles, chairman; Mr. J. Emmett, treasurer; Mr. C. Dukes, 26, Dundonald-avenue, Stockton Heath, near Warrington, secretary. A good lot of special prizes have been given for our show to be held Feb. 20, which should draw a good entry. Mr. J. Hampson gave a washing exhibition, and the information gained by the members ought to prove useful to them. At our next meeting Mr. A. Stout will show members how to make cage fronts. Fanciers wishing to become members of this society should write to me.—C. DUKES, Hon. Sec.

## LEEDS C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held at Lockhart's Restaurant, Briggate, on Feb. 6. Mr. Chambers in the chair. The auditors' report for 1908 was discussed and passed. F. Somers, Esq., M.R.C.V.S., was unanimously elected President for the ensuing year. The novice medals for 1908 were presented to the winners, Messrs. Triffit and Seth Fowler. Ten new members were enrolled, which is a record number for years. Schedules of the Members' Pair Show, to be held on March 6th, were handed out, and all seemed eager for it to be a success. Mr. S. Fowler added another special prize to be competed for. This concluded a most interesting meeting.—W. TOSE, Hon. Sec.

## KIRKSTALL & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual meeting held at headquarters, Jan. 30, Mr. Chew in the chair. The following officers were elected for 1909: President, Dr. Lyall; vice-presidents, Messrs. Chew, Hollingworth, Joel, and Wainwright; hon. treasurer, Mr. Shammers; committee to be drawn from members at such times as required; hon. secretary, Mr. Whiteley; assistant secretary, W. Hornby; auditors, Messrs. Bracken and Yelland. We decided to adopt a syllabus for 1909, and an interesting one was drawn up which will be published in due course. We shall be glad to forward one to any intending members when they are ready. Two new members were proposed, viz., Messrs. Smith and Buckley. It was decided not to hold an open show but two or three members' shows, for which some good specials have already been promised. Mr. Yelland kindly offered to give a cup and Vice-president Hollingworth a set of earvers. Mr. Hornby proposed that the surrounding districts be notified through a local medium of our meeting nights, and also that an invitation be sent to all fanciers concerned. The meeting then terminated.—W. HORNBY, Assistant Secretary.

## GLASGOW & WEST OF SCOTLAND CAGE BIRD CLUB.

Annual general meeting held Jan. 10 and on Jan. 28 at 122, Ingram-st., Glasgow. The secretary's report was submitted to the members and showed a decided improvement in every department of the club's work except in the open show, which was a serious financial failure, although in other respects an exhibition to be proud of. The membership stands at 95, an increase of 18 over last year's, and the entries for summer monthly shows give an aggregate of 313, or an average of 32.16 for each show. The meetings were very well attended, and the annual outing of the club in July was a great success. The annual members' show in December was the best in the history of the club, 624 birds being staged, and a record number of visitors being present. The balance sheet, which had been posted to all members, was discussed and adopted, and the officials congratulated on coming out so well from the heavy loss on the open show. The thanks of the club are due to all the kind friends who came forward so readily with contributions to help us clear our feet, and also to the press for their kind remarks and condemnation of the tacties adopted with intent to ruin our show. The balance in hand of £4 19s. 0½d., which does not include the staging, tables, and other properties value about £25, shows the strength of the society. The retiring officers were awarded a hearty vote of thanks, and nominations for next year's officials taken, which resulted in the following appointments:—President, Mr R. B. Jarvie; vice-president, Mr. J. Brown; secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. A. Brown, 102, Roslea Drive, Dennistouu, Glasgow; committee, Messrs. J. MacLay, J. Ferguson, M. Craig, H. Jamieson, F. Taylor, J McLeod, M. Donaghy, A. Sloan, G. McPhail, C. Martin, John L. Burnett, F. Bowman, R. Watson, A. Henderson, C. Fyfe, G. Scott, A. McCallum, R. Thomson, A. McLintock, D. Brown, D. S. Gowans, A. Smith, and T. Ferguson; finance committee, Messrs. J. Ferguson and A. K. Chalmers; auditors, Messrs. E. Barron and R. V. Raine. It was agreed that the medals won at club show should be presented at the annual smoker on Feb 18. The winners are: Novice Cup and Young Bird up. Mr. G. Stewart; best old bird, Mr. J. MacLay; best British or foreign, Mr. T. Erskine. The matter of the "Notorious Circular" was reported on by the committee, and it was stated that legal opiuion had been taken, but the advice given practically meant that it would take a large sum to bring the matter home and with no prospect of any return to the club. In these circumstances it was agreed to let the matter drop meantime. The committee were instructed to prepare a series of fixtures for the coming season, and this being all the business, a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, Mr. M. Craig, terminated an enthusiastic and enjoyable meeting.—R. A. BROWN, Sec.

## HAMILTON CADZOW OAKS O.S.

Public meeting, on Feb. 6th, in the Lesser Hall, Victoria Halls, Hamilton, Mr. D. Johnston, vice-president, in the chair. In stating why the meeting was called, the secretary said that it had come to their knowledge that there was a strong body of fanciers resident in Hamilton and District who objected to attend their meetings on account of their being held in licensed premises. As the society was desirous of falling in with the wishes of the majority this meeting had been called to ascertain whether, in the event of it changing its headquarters to unlicensed premises, the society would meet with increased support to enable it to carry out the change. It was no light matter and it would all depend on the members whether it would be possible to move or not. He appealed to all to help the society to lift their hobby to a higher level than heretofore. A friendly discussion then ensued, in the course of which Mr. Braidwood (Burnbank) asked if these were the sentiments of the society as a whole? He was assured that all present members (tectotal and non-tectotal) thoroughly approved of the change if it was possible to carry it out. On a show of hands it was seen that with only three exceptions all present were willing to be members if the change took place. Mr. Braidwood moved "that the meetings be held in a temperance hall for one year." On being seconded by Mr. Shearer, the motion was carried by 14 votes. The secretary then intimated that the annual subscription to the society was 2/6, payable at or before the May meeting. Seven new members were elected: Messrs. J. Braidwood (Burnbank), W. Hamilton, W. Shearer, Senr., W. Shearer, Junr., J. Orr (Hamilton), and J. Docherty. We are negotiating for a room in the Victoria Halls, to hold our meetings in, but our meeting-place will be announced through the Fancy Press later. The annual business meeting was presided over by Mr. W. Haddow (President). The treasurer read the balance sheet, which showed a substantial balance of over £8. The election of office bearers took place and resulted as follows:—President, Mr. W. Haddow; vice-president, Mr. D. Johnston; Treasurer, Sgt. E. J. Smith; Secretary, S.Q.M. Sgt. A. Cant, all re-elected. Working Committee: Messrs. Menzies, Braidwood, W. Shearer, Junr., and D. Hamilton. Auditors: Messrs. G. Marlin and J. B. Smith. Mr. Marlin gave a short speech, in the course of which he complimented both the Secretary and the Treasurer on the manner in which they carried out their duties during the past year, and moved that these officials be granted a donation from the funds. This was seconded by Mr. J. B. Smith. It was decided to print the balance sheet and distribute copies to all donors and members. It was unanimously agreed to bank £4 of the balance, and Messrs. Wm. Haddow and J. B. Smith were appointed to act as trustees for this amount. The discussion on the annual show was deferred till next meeting. The Secretary intimated that they had fixed their social evening for the 20th Feb., in the Lesser Town Hall. It will take the form of a pie tea with fruit; tickets 1/6 each; tea on the table at 6.30 p.m. After the tea there will be songs, etc., and the secretary will give a resume of the year's work. Fanciers and friends, both ladies and gentlemen, are invited. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to our worthy chairman.—A. CANT, Hon. Sec.

## WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

### Presentation to the Secretary.

There was a very large attendance at the annual meeting held 6, The Broadway, on Feb. 1. Mr. W. H. Stoakley presided. The secretary, Mr. H. Smith, reported that he had engaged the room for the pair show on 15th February. It was decided to add two more classes, one for Finches and a selling class, and that entries close on February 13th; all birds must be at the room by 6 o'clock on evening of show. One new member was elected, and one nominated. The secretary announced a Norwich judging competition at the March meeting. The annual report and the statement of accounts showed that, in the judging competitions, Mr. Jordan had taken the chairman's prize with 18 points, that Mr. Dell was second with 12 points, and Mr. Griffiths third with 10. The average attendance at committee meetings had been 8, and at members' meetings 23, while the total membership was 65. The accounts showed there was a balance to the good of £5 5s. 8d. The chairman, in moving the adoption of the accounts, said it was something quite new to have a balance to the good on all their accounts. It was a most satisfactory state of affairs, and they had to thank their hard-working secretary for this, and for the valuable services he had given the society. They all knew the vast amount of work entailed, especially at show times, and were grateful to Mr. Smith for what he had done for them. Mr. F. Piper (the president) also spoke. The chairman said he had to ask Mr. Smith to accept from the officers and members a handsome marble clock, suitably inscribed, as a small and inadequate token of their regard, and of their appreciation of the many services he had performed on their behalf. The time piece was inscribed:—"Presented to Mr. H. Smith by the committee and members of the Wimbledon and District Cage Bird Society, in recognition of his valuable services as secretary, February 1st, 1909." Mr. Smith said it was indeed most kind of the chairman to have made such flattering remarks. When he took the office he did so with great diffidence, since he had the feeling that he would be a failure, but he had pulled through all right, for the simple reason that, from the president to the youngest member of the society, he had received the heartiest of support. The election of officers took place as follows:—President, F. Piper; vice-president, H. W. Birch, E. J. Lamb; G. J. Warley, and Dr. G. Walker; chairman, W. H Stoakley; hon. secretary, H Smith; delegate to the C.B.U., G. J. Warley; delegates to the Federation of London C.B. Societies, J. Carson and H. Smith; committee, J. Carson and A. H. Dyke, P. Rorke, E. W. Dell, G. Griffiths, E. J. Whittome and F. P. Found.


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Oct, 1 & 2—**Burnley & Dis. C.B.S.**—(W. Clarkson, 30 Pine Street.)

Oct. 9—**Longton.**—(E. Tams, Church Street.)

Oct. 13 and 14—**Caterham.** (Jas Kilby, Caterham Valle..) J.R.

Oct. 15 and 16—**Bolton** (H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove).

Oct. 16.—**Darlington C. & C.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace.

Oct. 16—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage.) W.P.B. & A.B.

Oct. 19 and 20—**Western Counties (Plymouth)**—(Thos. Pope, 98 Embankment Road.)

*Oct. 20 and 21—**Grimsby & Dis. O.S.**—(W. H. Moore, 39, Lord Street). J.H.R. & F.M.

Oct. 20 and 21 **Battersea, Open.**—(Easterling and Allin, 340, Battersea Park Road.)

Oct. 22 and 23—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Philpott, 28, Jubilee St., Oswaldtwistle).

Oct. 22 and 23—**Newcastle-on-Tyne**—(Curry and Hutchinson, 60, Grosvenor Gardens.) J.R., W.V., W.M. and W.C.D.

Oct. 22 and 23—**Hinckley**—(W. Warner, Upper Bond Street)

Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford, Normand Place, Kelty, N.B.)

Oct. 23—**City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 6, St. Catherine's Road.

*Oct. 27—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery Sargent House, Winner Street.)

Oct. 27 & 28 **Gloucester C.B.S.** (J. R. Houghton, Dargai, Hatherley Road.

*Oct 29 and 30—**Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.**—H. Marshall, 1 Forman St., W.V. & R.R.

Oct. 29 and 30—**Manchester.**—(G. W. F. Lythgoe, 25, Stamford Street, Old Trafford.)

Oct. 2 and 30—**York** (A. Waud, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road).

Oct. 30 **Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan, 23, High Street.

Nov. 3.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idalhoe, Oakland Av.

Nov. 5 and 6—**Blackburn** (J. W. Marsden, 44, Troop Street).

Nov. 5 and 6—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.) J.R., & H.W.B.

Nov. 5 and 6—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 35, Whitefield Road, Everton.)

Nov. 5 & 6—**Sheffield**—(Lindsay & Bingham. 262, King James Street, Walkley.)

Nov. 6—**Rochdale Good Intent**—(F. Rayner, 312, Halifax Road).

Nov. 6—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). H., W.B. and C.H.

Nov, 6 and 8—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(C. Draper, 105, Belgrave Street)

Nov. 9 and 10—**Hastings United**—(A. E. Godden, 50, Harold Road, Clive Vale). J.R.

Nov. 10 and 11—**Cambridge**—T. S. Moore, 126 Newmarket Road

Nov. 10 and 11 **Swansea.**—(A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, nr. Swansea.)

Nov. 13—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.**—(Bagshaw and Flint, Tideswell, nr. Buxton).

Nov. 13 and 14—**Nottingham**—G. E. Wilkinson 9, Wellington Square, Parkside.

Nov. 13—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.)

Nov. 17—**Reading**—(G. A. Charles, 4, Taltourd, Avenue, Earley, Reading)

Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—(H. J. Niblock, Seatown Place.)

Nov. 19 and 20 **Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19 Lambton Street).

Nov. 19 and 20—**Sunderland**—(W. Reid, 2, Plantation Road, Pallion.)

Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.)

Nov. 24 & 25—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze Road, Horfield.)

Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.)

Nov. 27.—**Darlington C.B.S.** — (E. Brunskill, 2, Danesbury Terrace).

Nov. 30 and Dec. —**Morecambe** (J. H. Ireland, Parliament Street).

Dec. 1 and 2—**City of Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 12, Somerville Road, Small Heath.)

Dec. 1 and 2—**Cardiff.**—W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland Road.) J.H.P., & J.R.

Dec. 8 **Luton**—(E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street). J.R. and A.S.

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Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,)

Jan. 6 & 7—**Plumstead & Woolwich**—(Pawley & Newnham, 13, Olven Road.)

Jan. 8 — **Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby High Street, Yarm-on-Tees).

Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

## ENTRIES CLOSE.

**Feb. 20—Tibshelf**—J. Hill, 16, Addison Street, Tibshelf, Alfreton.

„ **20—Gorseinon**—G. Clarke, Gorseinon, Glam.

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## REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

**Gorseinon** (C.B.U.).—Feb. 25, in the Drill Hall and the Institute.—Judges, Messrs. T. Gamage and R. W. Jones. 24 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 4, Borders 4, Mules 3, Brit. 8, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 and spls. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Feb. 20, to GORDON CLARKE, High-st., Gorseinon.

**Tibshelf.**—Feb. 27, Coronation Hall. Judge, Mr. W. Vardy. 6 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Feb. 20, to JOSEPH HILL, 16, Addison-st., Tibshelf, Alfreton.

Through a mistake in the Palace Show catalogue, writes Mr. J. Lees (Rochdale), your report reads in the Limit A.O.V.: 2nd, Rees, whereas I won this honour. The report also says dark Linnet Mule, but should have been dark Greenfinch Mule.

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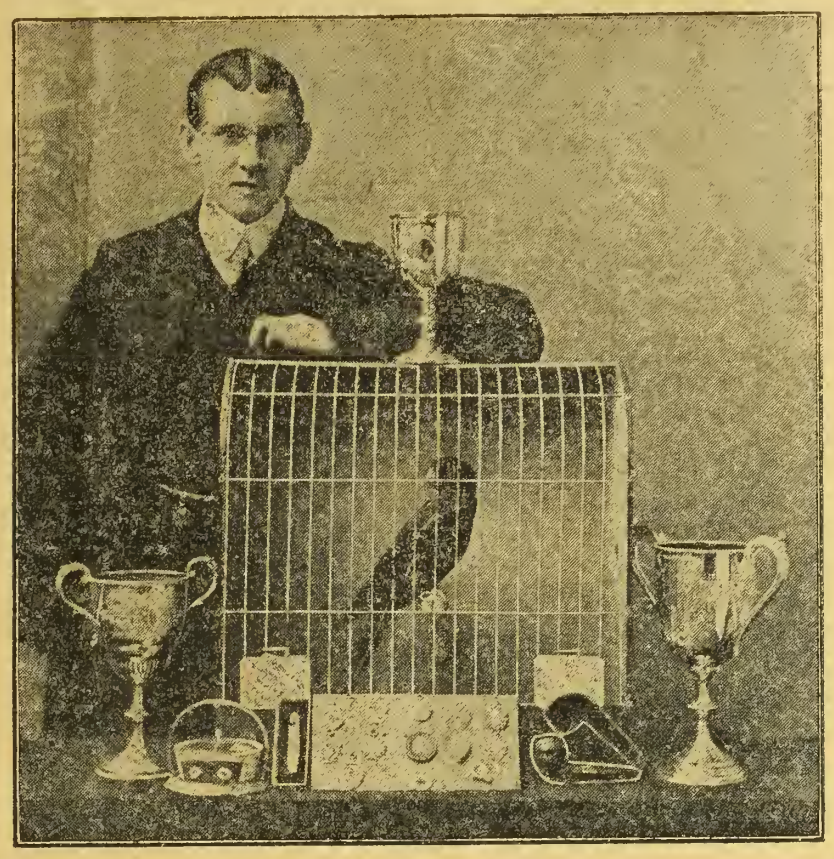

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We were amused at one competitor who, when sending in his solution, attached a note to it, which read: "I am sorry you made it so easy—a child could do it." Yet his own version of the puzzle turned out to be hopelessly wrong! Several others seemed to look upon the prize as somewhat in the nature of a gift, yet it remains to be recorded that

**Not One Single Solution Proved to be Correct.**

A high percentage of those who competed succeeded in accurately placing the squares which go to make up the three birds, but one and all failed to place the BLANK squares in the positions allotted to them on our artist's key-picture. We rather anticipated such would be the case. However, one competitor—a lady—had the good fortune to get very near indeed, and to

Miss K. JEAKINS,
46, Cobham Road,
Westbury Avenue,
Wood Green, N.,

we have decided to award the prize of half-a-guinea. This lady was quite correct in "pasting up" the birds, and actually had three of the four "missing" squares from the top-left-hand corner in their correct places. Three of the other blank (white) squares in her attempt were not in their proper places. But this was much better than the achievement of any other competitor; further, this lady's solution was very neatly put together. On the latter score, however, many competitors are to be congratulated.

We shall hope to put another competition, on somewhat similar lines, before readers in the near future.

### Birds and Agriculture.

In an article on agricultural affairs a Northern journal, speaking of birds, says: "Happily, the beneficial or harmless group is much the largest of all." A large number of birds are grouped as species which are occasionally injurious, but with the balance of utility largely in their favour. These include the Robin, Linnet, Yellowhammer, Corn Bunting, Skylark, Starling, Woodpecker, Barn, Tawny, and Short-eared Owls, Kestrel, Heron, etc. The Jay, Magpie, Jackdaw, Owls, and certain Hawks are undoubtedly beneficial to agriculture but are destructive to game, and are consequently destroyed when met.

Your Crystal Palace number is simply a "stunner."—C. PRIEST (Aylsham).

I am delighted with this week's number of CAGE BIRDS.—C. T. HUMPHREY (Dublin).

I think the Crystal Palace Show number of CAGE BIRDS was A1, as also was the plate.—R. HANFORD (Derby).

Your Jubilee Palace number and report are really grand, far the best of any I have seen.—W. BAGSHAW (London, N.)

I beg to thank you for the grand plate issued with the Crystal Palace Show number of CAGE BIRDS.—M. COOK (Bournemouth West).

I should like to thank you for the grand Palace number with its magnificent coloured plate.—W. H. HOBBS (North Walsham).

I read your "Jubilee" number with great pleasure. It was most interesting, and the report a very full and grand one.—W. BENT (Liverpool).

Your Crystal Palace Show number was a spendid issue, and the coloured plate was excellent, thanks to H. N.—J. ROBERTSON (High Harrington).

I would like to congratulate you on your Crystal Palace number, as it is a perfect treat. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success and prosperity.—J. GALLACHER (Bellshill).

I think the Palace number the best report of a show you have printed, or anyone else. The notes on the old shows were entertaining, while the "Gossip" was extra.—A. MACDONALD (Glasgow).

Your Crystal Palace Show number was a beauty, and must have caused you an anxious time in its production. It was excellent in every way. I wish CAGE BIRDS continued success.—H. W. COOK (London, E.C.)

I must thank you most heartily for the magnificent coloured plate of one of my winning Greens, writes Mr. Tom Harrison (Altrincham). It is most kind of you to issue such beautiful works of art for the benefit of the Fancy at large. Your Mr. Norman excels his previous work every time.

### CLUB NOTICES (continued).

**Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.**—Feb. 25, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Lecture by Mr. Geo. Gardner, on the Norwich Plainhead, and how to produce colour; visitors cordially invited.—J. C. Birch.

**Reigate F.A. (Cage Bird Section).**—Mar. 1, at Mutton's Hotel, High Street, Redhill. Pair show. Birds to be at show not later than 6 p.m. Annual supper at 8; members and friends cordially invited. Entries close Feb. 27.—A. W. Bacon.

**Rochdale O.C.**—Feb. 22, Club, 8. Committee meeting.—J. Butterworth.

**Seaham Harbour and Dist. C.B.B.A.**—Feb. 20, Station Hotel, 7.—H. Dobson.

**Southampton O.S.**—Feb 24, 273, Shirley Road, 7.30. Special. Bullfinch (table) show.—C. Parmiter.

**South Salford and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 24, Ordsall Old Hall, 8. Special meeting.—G. E. Shaw.

**Tong and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 20, Holme Lane Hotel, 3 p.m. Members' show. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford).—J. Smith.

**Wallsend and Mid Tyne C.B.A.**—Feb. 25, Station Hotel, 7.30. Election of judges for annual show, etc.; prospective members please attend.—J. Johnston.

**Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.** — Feb. 20, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 6. Arrangement of ballot paper for officers, and rules.—S. Dean.

**Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland.**—Feb. 23, Co-operative Hall, Glasgow, 7.45. Classification for open shows, and all other competent business; table pair show; entry fee 6d. per pair.—F. Bowman.

## CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them

**Altrincham.**—Feb. 23, Victoria Restaurant, Oxford Road, 8. Preparation of Syllabus for 1909, and other business.—T. Harrison.

**Bannockburn and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 20, Station Bar, 6.30. To elect judge and classes for show. We hope to have a good turn out.—W. Ritchie.

**Bangor F.S.**—Feb. 23, Wicklow House, 7.30. Election of officers and members and other business; all are welcome.—W. Aitken.

**Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.A.**—March 17, Jolly Gardeners, Rotherhithe New Road, S.E., 8. Arrangements for show and judging competition.—A. Lupton.

**Bolton and Dist. O.S.**—Feb. 24, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8. Experiences with the Nor. P.H., by Mr. J. W. Clemmson (Preston). Fanciers and friends welcome.—H. Parkinson.

**Bonnyrigg and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 20, Forrester's Arms, 7. Election of officers, etc. All intending members invited.—G. Harper.

**Bristol C.B.S.** — Members' Matched Pairs and Single Class Show, City Hotel, Wine Street, Feb. 28th. Mr. J. H. Payne will judge, and also give a lecture upon awards. Entries close Feb. 24.—W. A. Manley.

**Crewe O.S.**—Feb. 23, Burton Hotel, 7.45. Payment of prize money for members' show. Members please bring cash and unsold tickets.—T. L. Hancock.

**City of Wakefield O.S.** — Feb. 20, Crown and Anchor Hotel. First members' show for 1909; birds to be staged by 2 p.m.—Parker and Parkes.

**Cinnamon Mkd. Yorks. C.C.**—Feb. 20, Market Tavern, Bradford, 4.30. Prizes, etc.—H. H. Towers.

**City and Suburban A.C.B.**—Feb. 22, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, 8. Lecture by Mr. C. Prior entitled "Is it necessary to colour-feed British Birds." Bird lovers cordially welcomed.—V. Wynn.

**Derby C.B.C.**—Feb. 27, Victoria Street Congregational Schoolroom, 7.—W. Stevens.

**Dewsbury and District Society.**—Feb. 20, Little Saddle Hotel, 7.30. All intending members of this new society please attend.—G. G. Stafford.

**Dulwich O.S.**—Mar. 4, Herne Tavern, Peckham Rye, S.E., 8. Whist drive; ladies and gentlemen invited. Rogers and Bruty M.C.'s.—S. J. Kent.

**Edinburgh Northern O.S.**—Mar. 1, Tows Rooms, 142, Rose Street, 8.—T. Purdie.

**Green Canary Assn.**—Feb. 25, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool, 8. Nomination papers due; lecture by Mr. Cutmore on "The Diseases of Cage Birds." Fanciers invited.—S. Hadwin.

**Glasgow and Western Counties.**—Feb. 27, Good Templar's Hall, Ingram Street. Pair Show.—T. Drysdale.

**Great Horton Good Intent O.S.**—Feb. 27, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 3. Union business during judging; Members' show, judge Mr. W. Cruise; extra special for this show, fancy teapot.—H. Schofield.

**Glasgow Derby O.A.**—Feb. 24, Grand National Halls.—D. Black.

**Henden Bridge C.B.F.A.**—Feb. 23, Lellas, Market Street, 7.30. Table show of Brit. Birds, open to the district. Pairs for members only.—W. Simpson.

**Hastings United C.B.S.**—Feb. 24, Royal Oak Hotel, 7. Show, pairs matched for breeding. Judge, Mr. J. Stevens.—A. E. Godden.

**Halifax O.S.**—Feb. 20, Talbot Hotel, Yorks. Yorkshire Greens, Norwich, Novice Yorks, Novice Yorkshire Greens and Novice Norwich. Birds to be staged by 3. Judges Messrs. W. Speak and R. E. Hellewell (Halifax).—J. F. Thackray.

**Heywood and Dist. O.S.**—Feb. 23, Rechabite Hall, Pine Street, 7.30. Inter-club show with Bury, Feb. 20. report of inter-club show.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

**Hyde and Dist. C.B.S.** — Feb. 20, St. George's Schools, 7. Monthly business, also table show of Canaries, A.V. and Brit. or Mule, A.V., entrance 6d. per cage, open. Mr. T. Allsop gives a paper on the rearing of young from nest, everybody welcome.—F. Barraclough.

**King's Heath, Moseley and Dist. Soc.** — Feb. 24, Red Lion Hotel, King's Heath, officers and committee, etc., for coming year to be nominated, the following meeting March 31st, being the annual general meeting, at which they are appointed.—H. Y. Cooper.

**Lochcraig F. and F.A.**—Mar. 6, to fix show date and judges, etc.—R. Balloch.

**Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 19, Central Hotel, 7.30. Affairs of late show, and receive outstanding subscriptions.—D. John.

**Larkhall C.B.A.**—Feb. 27, Miners' Hall, 7. Hat night.—J. Pollock.

**Long Eaton and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 25, Co-operative classroom, 7.30.—A. E. Wiggington.

**Leicester C.B.S.**—Feb. 24, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Table show and other important business; A.V. Nor. Buff Hen Open; Ditto Novice A.V. Nor. Nat. Col. Open; Ditto Novice; all interested in cage birds invited.—J. A. Tyler.

**Lancashire C.A.**—Feb. 20, Dinner at Rochdale Pioneer Store, Toad Lane, at 6.15; afterwards meeting at Rochdale O.C. Rooms, York Place. Presentation of medals, etc.; cordial invitation given to all fanciers; new members especially.—W. Adams.

**Maesteg and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 22, Oddfellows' Hotel, 7. To receive balance sheet, etc.—W. Jenkins.

**Metropolitan C.B.A.**—Feb. 25, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, 8. Lecture by an expert re the Great Palace Jubilee. Fanciers invited.—R. Dear.

**Musselburgh O.S.** — Feb. 27, Central Halle, 7. Alteration of rules, nomination of new members.—D. Kay.

**Morriston and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 27, Woodfield Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Change of officers, etc., also to arrange for annual luncheon, and other business of importance.—D. Jeremy.

**Mansfield and Dist. C.B.C.** — Feb. 24, Victoria Hotel. Intending members and fanciers invited.—W. Barwise.

**National B.B. and M.C.**—Feb. 25, "Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8. Election of officers for the ensuing year.—Plumbridge and Carr.

**North Manchester C.B.S.**—Feb. 23, Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 7.30. Washing exhibition, by Mr. J. Norris, to be followed by a washing competition for novices.—J. Davey.

**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** — Feb. 22, Chapel Street Hall, 8. Impromptu debate.—H. Clayton.

**Poplar and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 25, 147, East India Dock Road, E., 7.30. Matched pair show. Judge, Mr. C. A. House.—Fred. Cook.

**Proposed Fifeshire Plainhead Club** — Feb. 20, Penmanse, Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, 6.45. Starting Club. Election of office-bearers, etc.—A. Dickson.

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

# CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

### Mating Crests.

"Guerdon."—No, I do not think that mating Buff Green Crested cocks with good clear yellow Crest-bred hens will be certain to result in producing small inferior Crests if the birds in question are themselves bred from good stock. As a matter of fact it all depends upon how the birds are bred, and if the yellow hens are related to real good stock, with plenty of beadgear, and fit the Greens in all other respects, I would not hesitate to mate them if the necessity arose. Next year the Buffs from such a mating should be used for double-buff mating, and the result should be a good recovery of any loss of size in the bird. Provided your Crest-breds are of the right stamp, the shape and density of the Crests are of quite as much importance and sometimes more so, as mere size. Without knowing the parentage of the birds and their antecedents I cannot tell you more definitely than this whether your choice is a correct one.

### Anomalous.

Guss.—A hen that is bald, and failed to moult last year, and is yet well, and sings and breeds well, must be something of an anomaly. Breeding well last year, and laying eggs right up to Christmas, may perhaps be a predisposing cause of the trouble by overtaxing the bird's energy. Still, as she is to all appearances quite well, I would not advise you to interfere with the moulting or non-moulting now. It is just possible she may drop into moult in the course of a few weeks, in which case all you need do is to protect her from getting chills, add a liberal supply of maw to her diet until the moult is at least half over, and refrain from mating her up until quite over. As the season would probably be getting advanced by that time I should rather advise you to mate her up with a Finch and try for Mules this year. Feed her on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple, give a few grains of inga twice a week, and a half teaspoonful of egg food three times a week, and on one occasion each week dust the soft food very lightly with flowers of sulphur. Give green food freely; keep in a fairly large cage. Offer a bath frequently, and at the time of offering it remove the drinker and spray a few drops of water over the bird, which may encourage her to finish the ablutions. Add twenty drops of chemical food to the drinking water every second day for a month.

### Where There's a Will.

C.N.M.—If you really wish to try the effect of aconite in this case, by all means do so. It will be quite safe to give one drop in the drinkers. Better still, give five drops of tincture of aconite and ten drops of glycerine in the drinker every second day for a week, or you may go for a fortnight if the first week appears to have made an improvement. It will be quite safe to use this quantity, and at the end of the course I shall be interested to hear the result. Candidly, I do not approve of the treatment myself, so please do not bless me inside down if it is unavailing. This will answer your items 1 and 2. (3) It is quite likely the bird may be too near the fire, and so be subject to great fluctuations of temperature, and also that its stoutness may partly cause the wheeziness. Keep it well away from the fire, if it remains in this room, where the temperature is equal, but see it is quite free from draught. Limit the diet to plain Canary, with half a teaspoonful of dry rape (not scalded) twice a week, and the same quantity of crushed sponge cake with two drops of sherry and one drop of cod liver

Give a scrap of green food if obtainable four times a week. Stop bread and milk and all other items of food. In the drinking water give ten drops of glycerine and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence daily for three days, and every second day for the remainder of the week. On the alternate days at the end of the week give four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. In the following week give ten drops of glycerine and six each of syrup of squills and tincture of lobelia every second day. Then you may begin again and repeat the two weeks' treatment in same order. This advice and treatment is, of course, in case the aconite treatment fails. (4) No; it would hardly be wise to take the bird to the other room for a few hours occasionally. But if, as I assume, this room is kept without a fire, I would advise you to take the Yorkshire hen there permanently, taking advantage of a spell of mild weather for the actual removal.

### Age and Cage.

W.H.—The rapid growth of the beak is, in my opinion, sufficient proof that the bird was not wholly a stranger to this mundane sphere prior to 1907. It will frequently happen that a bird's beak becomes overgrown after its second moult, but such rapid reproduction of the overgrowth when it is removed, as happens in the case of your bird, rarely occurs until several more moulting seasons have been passed through, though it is a common occurrence when the birds get older. A piece of lump sugar stuck firmly in the wires will help to keep the beak short, and be quite harmless. A similar cube of pumice-stone saturated with a strong solution of common salt is attractive to many birds, and will serve the same purpose, and be also harmless. But, as a rule, cutting will have to be resorted to occasionally. A narrow strip of smooth sand-paper bound around one end of perch now and again is very effective with those birds which are curious enough to keep nibbling at it. As regards your other question, I do not think there is any danger in stopping the cracks in cages with putty, especially if it is pressed well into the cracks to prevent its dropping out, and when it was covered with hard-drying enamel, the danger, if it did exist, would quite vanish. But if you have any doubts on the point, fill with a mixture of whiting and boiled oil, with just enough turpentine to hasten the drying and hardening process. Or the distempers or water-paints now so largely sold may be used in the unthinned state as filling. Any of these methods would be quite harmless if done previous to enamelling the interior all over.

### Various.

Wingy.—1. Taking it all round, I should say an unglazed earthenware pan, with a round rim, and a back moulded on for hanging it up, so as to dispense with brackets, was the best for general use. Where there is plenty of space for the birds to get about in, I have a weakness for the old-fashioned wood nest-box, which has many things in its favour. But tastes and opinions differ. Next to above, the round earthenware pans, fixed up with a good firm bracket, and lined with down, are best. 2. Two nests a season is sufficient, though no great harm will result from taking three from strong healthy birds if you wish, and have time to do it. 3. From a pair of Cinnamons you will breed only Cinnamons. I do not quite understand the latter part of this question. If you mean which is the best sex to have, yellow or buff, my reply is "both sexes." The question is of little importance when applied to any given pair, but in breeding, as a part of your system you should always endeavour to mate buff hens, bred from a yellow cock and buff hen, to yellow cocks, bred from a buff cock and yellow hen, and vice versa. 4. If the bird is quite well and active, there is no reason why it should not breed successfully. Certainly I should try it if the bird is worth it. The broken wing has doubtless set itself by now. If the stumps were carefully drawn, the bird would probably be quite right by the time to mate it, but unless you are handy at the job, you had better perhaps leave well alone.

### A Roller Triplet.

W.W.—1. It is much too early to mate the birds yet, even though the hen is as forward as you say, and the fact that the cock in the adjoining compartment takes no notice of her, is practically a brief for failure of any project to breed with them. The hen has probably been fed too highly, and should not have been kept [illegible]ar the cock yet awhile. Your best plan would be to remove her out of sight and hearing of the cocks, and feed on a plain diet for the next week or two. 2. You do not say whether this question relates to the same hen as in No. 1, but in any case the above remarks will apply equally to the case. It would be quite useless to turn in the cock now the hen has laid, so you had far better treat her as advised for No. 1, assuming this is another bird. 3. If a cock, you should see a very noticeable swelling and throbbing of the throat when singing, and if you catch the bird and blow up the feathers on the abdomen, the vent will appear much more prominent and pointed than in the case of a hen. Could you not get a more experienced breeder to look at the bird and give you an opinion?

### Scotch Fancy Soft.

I.C.—No, you are not doing right by putting the hen on the seed mixture you mention. Feed her on plain Canary only as a staple, and twice each week give separately half a teaspoonful of hemp, three times a week the same quantity of summer rape, and twice a week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with three or four drops of sherry mixed in it and a few grains of inga sprinkled over it each time for the next fortnight. Give all these extras alternately, and stop all other items of food not named here. Give a bit of banana three times a week instead of green food. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, six of dandelion juice, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for three consecutive days, and every second day for the remainder of the first week, and on the alternate days at the end of week give four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. For another week after this give two drops each of tincture of gentain and tincture of steel every second day. Do not forget to give a regular supply of clean gritty sand. mealworm three or four times a week would do this bird good.

### A Bald and Naked Norwich.

A.J.F.—The diet seems to have been an unsuitable one, both before and after the change, but this, in itself, is hardly sufficient to account for its condition, which is more likely to be due to age, and consequently practically incurable. In any case I do not think you will find much improvement, if any, before the next moult is got through. Meantime, feed on a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple, and give a few grains separately of hemp twice a week and of linseed once a week, and half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake twice a week. Add to the latter a slight dusting of a mixture of two parts chlorate of potash to one part flowers of sulphur each time it is given for the next month. Keep cage quite clean and well supplied with clean gritty sand, and keep it in a comfortable and equable temperature. In the drinking water add twenty drops of Chemical Food every second day for a month. As soon as it is to be had free from frost, give a spray of chickweed or flowering head of groundsel four or five times a week, and continue to use freely throughout the summer, as it will help to put matters right next moult. As yon are sure there are no red mite you may continue to very sparingly anoint the bare place with lanoline or vaseline about once a week, and also add a crystal or two of permanganate of potash to the bathing water about twice a week.

### An Irritable Bird.

M.S.L.—It is difficult to account for the irritable condition of the bird if no form of insect pest is the cause of it. As the bird is in such good health and spirits, it is not likely to be due to any serious ill-health. Feed it on a staple diet of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, and give a pinch of maw seed and a very few grains of linseed twice a week, and every third day a half-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of best salad oil mixed in it each time for a fortnight. Give a bit of banana three times a week, or, when obtainable quite free from frost, a spray of watercress. Twice each week for the first fortnight also slightly dust its soft food with a mixture of two part chlorate of potash and one part flower of sulphur. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, the same amount of chlorate of potash, and six drops of dandelion juice every second day for a week, and on the alternate days give four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. Give plain water the next week, and repeat the above in the third week. Add just enough permanganate of potash to the bathing water to colour it a light pink colour. Shall be glad to hear in a month how this succeeds.

### Something Wrong.

W.J.—It would have been helpful had you said whether the bird was in good or poor condition of body. I am inclined to think it may be quite plump and its mopy habit nothing worse than the laziness of a plethoric habit. Try the following treatment for a fortnight, and if not considerably improved in that time, write again, and say what condition it is in now, and also at the end of the fortnight. Feed on plain Canary seed only as a staple, and give separately, in addition, half a teaspoonful of rape seed three times a week, which should be scalded if the bird will eat it so, and every other day in the first week give a small piece of bread sopped in milk and sprinkled with a few grains of gold of pleasure seed. During the second week, instead of the latter, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure as before. Give no green food, and limit the diet solely to the above for the fortnight. Keep cage very clean and well supplied with clean gritty sand. In the drinking water during the first week give six drops each of dandelion juice and syrup of rhubarb every second day, and on the alternate days four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. In the second week give two drops each of tincture of gentain and tincture of steel every second day.

### A Little Earlier.

Troubled.—Glad to hear there is some improvement in the bird's condition. If you could keep this bird in a slightly warmer temperature it would help her to get through the moult more rapidly—say, about 60 degrees, or between 55 degrees and 60 degrees, neither higher nor lower. Continue to feed her as last advised, except that you may increase the rape seed to half a teaspoonful every second day, and give it alternately with the sponge cake, which, of course, you will continue to give as usual, or you may vary this by substituting the same quantity of egg food occasionally. If you have them available a mealworm a day for a time would be very beneficial. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts again for two days, and after this thirty drops of port wine and two drops of tincture of steel every second day, and on alternate days twenty drops of Chemical Food. Continue for a fortnight, and if the bird is not quite well by then, stop the medicines for a week, during which time give plain water, and then begin with the dose of salts and repeat the same treatment for another fortnight. If she is kept in a little higher unvarying temperature, I think the bird may be quite ready for mating in April, or perhaps at the end of March. But do not be in a hurry to mate her for a time after she seems to be quite well.

### Number of Eggs in Clutch.

An Afterthought.—A correspondent asked this question in a batch of several last week, and I regret I inadvertently omitted to refer to it in reply to the remainder of the batch. Assuming the correspondent sees this reply I must ask him to accept this explanation of its non-appearance last week. The normal clutch consists of five eggs, though four is of very frequent occurrence. Abnormal clutches may contain as little as one egg or as many as eight, but both these extremes are rare, comparatively, and the highest quite as rare, or perhaps rarer, than the lowest. In normal conditions all the eggs should be laid on consecutive days, but here again abnormalities are frequent, and it is not at all uncommon for a hen to miss laying one day and lay again the following day as though nothing had happened at any stage of the clutch.

### A Wheezy Norwich.

B.A.C.—I rather suspect this bird was bred and moulted in a high temperature, and consequently is unable to throw off the effects of a severe chill in your cold room. You should remove him to a room with a comfortable temperature, but be careful to avoid draughts and great variations in heat. What you want is a mild, equable temperature rather than a very high one. Having taken this initial step, feed on plain Canary only as a staple, and give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape three times a week, and every second day the same quantity of crushed sponge cake with two drops of sherry and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and a few grains of inga sprinkled over it twice each week. Give a bit of banana two or three times a week, but no green food at present, and do not give cold baths until it is better. In the drinking water give twenty drops of glycerine and two of eucalyptus oil every second day for a week, and on the alternate days the following decoction instead of water to drink. Put a small teaspoonful of linseed, a piece of liquorice extract the size of a small hazel nut, and half a teaspoonful of honey into a teacup; make three-fourths full with boiling water, stir until liquorice is dissolved, cover over, and allow to stand until cold. Strain it, add ten drops chlorodyne and twenty of syrup of squills, stir together, and give in the drinker instead of water. Do not attempt to mate the bird until it is thoroughly recovered, and it would doubtless be much the best plan to mate it with only one hen this season so as to avoid overtaxing it.

### Moults and Wheezes.

G. Boone.—It is the same old trouble. The bird's illness is undoubtedly due to draughts or extreme fluctuations of temperature. If kept in a kitchen or an ordinary living room, do not keep it too near the fire, where it will have the heat of the fire by day, and lose it at night. Also see it does not hang in a position where it will be exposed to the heat and fumes from a burning lamp, or gas jet in the evening. Finally, see it is perfectly free from draughts. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one summer rape as a staple. Twice a week give separately half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake in which two drops of cod liver oil emulsion have been well mixed every second day. When available quite free from frost, give a spray of green food three times a week; at other times a bit of banana, as a substitute. Keep cage regularly supplied with clean gritty sand. In the drinking water give twenty drops of Chemical Food every second day for a month, and on alternate days in the first and third weeks twenty drops of whiskey, ten each of glycerine and syrup of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together. In the second and fourth weeks, instead of the last named mixture give four drops of tincture of steel on the alternate days.

### Preparing for Breeding.

S. Lewis.—The first thing is to reduce to a minimum the fluctuations of temperature to which you say the birds are subject. To effect this, if the birds are in a kitchen or ordinary living room keep them well away from the fire, but see that draughts are altogether avoided. Keep cages clean and well strewn with clean gritty sand. In addition to their present diet give the cock a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake twice a week, and add two drops of cod liver oil emulsion to it each time for the next fortnight, and twice a week give a pinch of gold of pleasure seed. Do not give more than half a teaspoonful of hemp at a time, and give all these extra items alternately one each day. For the hen give hemp only once each week, and twice a week give the sponge cake as advised for the cock, but add a sprinkling of maw seed to it, and give a pinch of inga twice a week. In the drinking water give both birds a pinch of Epsom salts for one day only, and after this give the cock two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel for a day or two, and give the hen twenty drops of whiskey, ten of syrup of equills, and two of eucalyptus oil every second day for a week, well shaken together, and on the alternate days give the steel and gentian as advised for the cock. Do not give green-food for a time, but substitute a bit of banana three times a week. See that seeds and water are above suspicion of impurity. If any doubt about the latter, boil it before use.

### Yorkshire Unwell.

Perplexed.—See all your seeds and water are quite pure, the latter especially. It would be well to boil this for a week or two before using to make sure of it. Also see the bird and cage are not in a damp position. In addition to the staple diet give separately half a teaspoonful of hemp twice a week, and every second day for a month the same quantity of freshly-made egg food, or crushed sponge cake, in which well mix two drops of cod liver oil emulsion and two of port wine every time for a fortnight. Instead of green-food give a bit of banana three times a week. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, the same quantity of chlorate of potash, and twenty drops of whiskey for two consecutive days, and after this thirty drops of port wine and two of tincture of steel every second day for a week. On the alternate days give the decoction advised to "B.A.C." instead of plain water. Keep cage quite clean and well strewn with clean gritty sand.

### Removing Birds.

Meteor.—1. As your birds are not to be removed until the end of May, according to your letter, there will be very little risk at all in the bare fact of removing them from their present position to a cold room. By that time the weather will be getting very temperate at night, and by removing them in a spell of nice bright weather they will scarcely feel the change provided the new quarters are free from damp. Your chief difficulty will be that by mating the birds at the usual time probably the whole of them will be engaged in some form of parental duties at the time. To try to avoid this, I think you would be well-advised, seeing that your kitchen is warm and equable, to mate up about the first week in March if the weather is at all suitable and the birds are ready, and when the hens have gone to nest remove the cocks and keep them separate until the removal has taken place. The hens will hatch and rear the first broods alone, and they should, with fair luck, be on the perches before the removal takes place, and most of them able to look after themselves. Should any of the old birds have young in the nest, or be sitting at the time, cover the cages over in the evening, make them quite dark, and remove with the least amount of rough and tumble work possible to the new quarters, and place at once in the position they are to occupy. 2. There is no reason why you should not allow breeding pairs to be opposite each other if space and number of birds render it necessary. You would find it advantageous to substitute box cages for your all-wire cages at the end of the present summer.

### When the Trouble Begins.

Gaudy.—If you consistently follow the instructions as to feeding the young given in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which you say you have, I fail to see where your ill-luck originates. I think you go off the track when the birds are somewhere about a month old, as the way you say you feed them after that time is certainly not what I advise. You should give unlimited good sound Canary only as a staple, with a little dry summer rape about three times a week. A small quantity of crushed sponge cake, or egg food should be given daily till the birds are about five weeks old, then give it every second day during the next week, and the week after drop it to twice a week, and add a little bread and milk twice a week. Crushed hemp should be stopped when the birds are a month old, and only a little slightly cracked hemp given about three times in the next fortnight, and afterwards it is best withdrawn altogether and reserved for special use. Do not give green-food for a week or two after they leave their parents, and when you do, give only what they will clear up in an hour or so. A small quantity of scalded rape may be given as a substitute from time to time. When the birds are a couple of months old the soft food should be entirely withdrawn, and a little extra dry rape given instead until the moult is about to commence. Give plenty of space for exercise, and clean gritty sand in cages. Should you still lose birds under this management write us at once, and give us full particulars as possible about treatment and where kept, etc.

## Birds and Nests.

**Novice.**—Tbe hen tbat mopes no doubt is more susceptible to cold than the other inmate of the room, and is perhaps not the youngest of the crowd. Again, it may be in a position where it gets the best "airing" from the open window. You should either place her cage in a snug corner of this room, quite out of reach of draughts, or move it to a little warmer room. You do not say how you feed, but as your other birds do well on the same diet, I suppose tbat is not the cause of this hen's trouble. After attending to above points, give six drops each of syrup of rhubarb and dandelion juice in the water every alternate day for a week, and in the following week thirty drops of port wine and two of tincture of steel every second day. I would not go so far as to say that felt linings are absolutely necessary, but a lining of some kind is certainly most advisable, and helps to prevent many accidents to eggs with slovenly building hens. It is quite possible you may have succeeded without them, but that does not prove tbey are not very useful adjuncts. Sorry I do not know what Scotch nests are. Probably it is some local form of nesting receptacle or material. Nest bags are small bundles of proper materials for nest-making, which you hang in the cage for tbe hen to use when building the nest. Most dealers in birds' specialities now stock them.

## Brevities.

**Samples** (Geo. G. Hay).—Both samples of Canary are good, being nice and clean, bright, and apparently well harvested, and both are quite sweet. No. I is certainly rather small, but is fairly plump, and of fair quality. No. 2 is of very fair size and a really good sample. This is by no means trashy. You may get rather larger seed, but, personally, I should not consider it worth the trouble of looking after so long as a sample of this kind was at hand at a fair price.

**Runs from Beak** (J. W. C.).—The feeding is not quite correct. Remedy this, and feed as advised to "G. Boone" in this issue, except that you give the hemp three times each week for a fortnight, and the sponge cake and oil only twice each week and add to this also two drops of sherry. At the end of a fortnight reduce the hemp to twice a week, and cease the addition to soft food. In the drinking water give ten drops of glycerine and two each of tincture of opium and eucalyptus oil, for two consecutive days. Give a bit of banana instead of green food for the present. Keep cage perfectly clean, well supplied with clean gritty sand, and see the bird is free from all draught.

**Samples of Rape** (Brown).—Both samples sent are of very fair quality, though No. 2 bas an admixture of other seeds which are not rape. No 1 is the best, and is a good sample, which should improve with keeping properly a few months as it appears now to be new. No. 2 is also quite good enough for general use in large aviaries, and the commoner types of Canaries, but will not be so good for your Rollers as the others.

**Breeding in Aviary** (F. Satchwell).—Your aviary will quite well accommodate five hens and the Goldfinch, but as I should consider this number rather too many for him, I would advise you to introduce a second Goldfinch cock, or a cock Siskin. With the latter you would have the chance of breeding two kinds of Mules instead of one. I think you could quite safely allow the Finches to fly loose with the Canaries in this aviary, as, in such a place, their mischievous propensities are almost in abeyance.

# BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

## Hawfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid.

**A. Bryden.**—I see no reason why tbis Hybrid should not be produced; am having a shot at it myself. Have heard of fertile eggs being got. In my opinion it can be tried both ways of the sexes, for both species are very easy to get into rank breeding condition in a cage. Very steady hand-reared Hawfinches are what I myself use, good in colour, but small in size, though, of course, well (proportionately) built. A whopping big hen Greenfinch would be needed, of course. If you cannot try both ways, then for choice by all means take hen Hawfinch to cock Greenfinch, getting a very small hen, of course, and a very large cock bird. I recommend this course because the hand-reared hen Hawfinch is usually ready enough for marriage in captivity, and because my experience leads me to think successful egg-fertilisation much more likely to be achieved this way. The cock Greenfinch is a "desperate" breeder, when in the mood—few hens can resist his ardour, providing they themselves are in high condition. My cock Hawfinches have generally proved ready enough, but seem to "scare to death" whatever hens they endeavour to "feed" and try their amorous moves upon. It is largely a question of good fortune, however; some day I quite expect to hear that someone has been lucky enough to join Mr. and Mrs. Right together in wedlock, and has produced the Greenfinch-Hawfinch Hybrid. May it be yourself.

## Wrong Internally.

**Tynesider.**—It seems obvious that stoppage of the bowels (constipation) was the cause of the death of the Bullfinches. Hard seed alone usually brings this about (or else inflammation and attendant diarrhœa), in the case of fresh-caught Bullies, which require plenty of green food. If only rape seedlings, and a little ripe fruit. The bird must have been very bad which turned blind. You should have given them to drink, until relieved, three tablespoonfuls of water in which had been well stirred half a small teaspoonful of Epsom salts, and a small teaspoonful of good brandy. I do not advise any hemp for Bullfinches, except as a very occasional treat, but have not known it harm either Bramblefinches or Greenfinches given in reasonable quantity. Try the Bramble with citrate of iron, as recommended "Social, Oldham" this week. By the way, the hot milk would only aggravate instead of relieving matters

## In an Aviary.

**Zenobia.**—The chief troubles connected with greenhouses when used as aviaries are (1) the extremes of temperature such places are subject to, and (2) the pronounced moistness of the atmosphere if plants are kept in it. Both things adversely affect birds. There would certainly be a chance of a pair of Bullfinches breeding in such a place as you describe. The presence of the cock bird, however, would be extremely likely to upset your plans for breeding hybrids from the other hen Bullies. You could, of course, turn one or two pairs of other species in along with the Bullies—say, Goldies, Linnets, Siskins, Redpolls, and Greenfinches (have known the latter turn out quarrelsome, however). Or you could stick to half-a-dozen Bullie hens and six cock birds of whatever species you fancy (one of each).

## Greenfinch and Canary Couple.

**Brummer.**—The breeding procedure with Canary hens is the same when muling as when breeding Canaries. You must read a good book dealing with the subject (try "Canary Breeding for Beginners"). If you will question me on any point about which you are in doubt, I shall be pleased to advise. The simplest way to mate muling couples is to use a cage known as the "double-breeder"—not less than 36 inches long (my own are 40 inches). This is divided into two compartments—a wired slide down the centre separating them. Put the hen Canary in one side, and the cock Finch in the other, the slide between. They can see each other, and so get "acquainted." When the Finch is in breeding condition be will be singing stoutly, and no doubt feeding the hen through the wires of the partition and "showing off." When the hen commences carrying nesting material about in her beak, then you can let them run together. Unfortunately you do not say what sort of breeding cage you have (if any). Your good-sized Cinnamon hen ought to make a capital mate for tbe Greenfinch. The feeding I dealt with last week in the reply given "Beginner."

## A Red-backed Shrike.

**Lanius.**—A red-backed Shrike is an unusual bird to buy at this time of the year. In adult plumage (after the first moult) they are easy to sex. The dense black eye streak is sufficient to proclaim a bird a male, to say nothing of the pink-suffused breast (yellowish buff in the hen). These birds improve at their second moult, and I should say a three-year-old bird would be at its best for exhibition purposes, though possibly not a deal in front of a two-year-old specimen. For food they require a good insectivorous mixture of biscuit meal, ants' eggs, dried flies, and meat meal—game meal (without grit) or crushed "Melox" would answer admirably as the basis—moistened with grated raw carrot, etc. The proportions would be game meal, four parts; meat meal, ground silkworm pupae and dried flies, one part each; and as good a sprinkling of ants' eggs as you can afford to put in. The latter, of course, are a more or less expensive item. Finely scraped, or minced, raw lean beef or mutton must be regularly given, especially during tbe moult, also hard-boiled egg. Live ants' eggs are relished, likewise cockroaches ("black beetles"), mealworms, and most other insects (including bees), mice and tiny birds. In captivity the males make really excellent songsters, and will acquire the notes of many other birds. The young of both sexes will "record" (as in many other species), but the females soon discontinue.

## Holly Bird Lime.

**Bob.**—Certainly holly bird-lime is the most esteemed, and expert catchers (especially of delicate species) swear by it. Well made, a tiny smear is astonishingly effective, and it can be used over and over again. I have never tried to make it, personally (only bird lime from linseed oil) and tbe only recipe I know is the following:—"Bird-lime is a viscid substance, prepared from holly bark, which should be boiled for ten or twelve hours, until the outer, or green, coat is entirely separated from the wood. The bark should then be placed in earthenware pots or jars, and covered over with some material, such as calico or brown paper, for a period of fourteen days, when it should be taken out, placed in a strong earthenware vessel, and pounded until formed into a rather tough paste. It should next be thoroughly washed to remove all impurities, and be placed for four or five days on the top of an oven or fireplace, where the heat is not too great—not over 70 deg., or it will be spoilt. During the heating process it should be skimmed frequently, and when sufficiently cooked should be put into a jar and kept in a cool place, free from damp." From this account the making of bird-lime would seem to be a formidable and tedious operation. Possibly some reader or other can give us a better recipe.

## Brevities.

**"Sickness"** (Mrs. Grey).—It is not "sickness"; and there is nothing to be alarmed at. The "feeding" of the feet, or the cage wires, or the perch end, with regurgitated food is simply a sign that the birds doing so are in breeding condition, or very near to it. If the birds are given mates, they will soon be feeding them; providing, of course, the ladies are willing.

**Finch not Singing** (Bad Luck).—It is very odd that a cock Goldfinch should not sing a note, though in good health. Are you sure it is really a cock? I don't understand what you mean by "noise in the throat." Has it a cold, or is it a very old, worn-out bird? It certainly is only waste of time to keep him with a hen Canary. You should make a mixture of equal parts thistle, dandelion, niger, and sesame seeds, and give a small teaspoonful daily, in addition, of course, to his stock mixture, and this ought soon to bring any real cock into song. Yes; May is the month.

**Pairing** (Simplex).—You can safely leave them to choose their own mates. If two of the cock birds should fight seriously for possession of the same hen, remove one for a time, and cage him up, then try to induce him to take to another hen before returning to the aviary. Let them have a spell in the cage together. Probably you will have no trouble at all.

**Skylarks Loose in Bowels** (Social, Oldham).—The food sent looks a very fair sample, though it contains a lot of seed; and personally I should prefer to see some ground silkworm pupae added—say one part of the latter to five or six of the food. Get one ounce of crystals of citrate of iron from a chemist, and dissolve in about three tablespoonfuls of drinking water as much as will lie upon a sixpence. This will tone the birds up, and correct the looseness. The dose can be increased a little if necessary.

**Goldfinch Ailing** (Rex).—Siberian Goldfinches, of course, are just as susceptible to changes of temperature as are Britishers, and if you have taken him from a heated room into a cold room, that may well be the cause of the trouble. I advise you to try the citrate of iron recommended "Social, Oldham" this week. If the blaze goes right up to the hindermost edge of the eye (the *under* blaze), then you can be practically certain it is a cock.

**Sex of Woodlarks** (Woodlark).—It is hopeless for anyone not well acquainted with the species to attempt to determine whether any particular Woodlark is a cock or a hen. The sexes are practically alike. The hen is generally a better looking bird than the cock—deeper in colour, and more heavily (densely) marked (pencilled). Song is the best test of sex, and if your bird does not sing as the bright, sunny days come along, then it must be a hen, seeing the length of time you have had it.

**About a Redpoll** (A. J. Shipton).—I do not understand your question. Is this Redpoll a freak? A red spot on the head is common to all Redpolls. Many, too, are very light (almost white) on the body, especially the Mealy Redpolls—the Lesser Redpolls are usually browner. If your bird is quite white on the body, and with wings partly white and brown, he could be exhibited at shows which provide classes for rare-feathered birds; but not many do so. He will moult the same, I should say.

**A Bare Patch** (Roy Taylor).—Rub the bare patch gently twice daily (morning and evening) with a little sulphur ointment (from a chemist), discontinuing when you feel new quills beginning to push through.

**Breeding with Mules** (W.M.).—It would be a pure experiment, with the odds about 1,000 to 1 against your being successful. Of course, as an experiment, the attempt to breed from Linnet cock—Linnet Mule hen, and Canary cock—Linnet Mule hen would be interesting. That is all which can be said for it, I am afraid. Such matings have never yet been successful, so far as I know.

**Sex of Song Thrush** (H.C.D.).—The only means of sexing Song Thrushes lies in the song; cock and hen are alike in plumage. If your bird was caught only a fortnight ago, it may have been paired up, and possibly this is the cause of it "sulking and moping"; if so, your best plan is to give it its liberty, and get another in the autumn. It seems to be in a pretty bad way, and I doubt whether you will have any success with it.

**Linnet Mule Breeding** (J.L.).—No doubt you noticed that both your questions were fully answered in the replies given "Arthur Whyte" and "Enquirist" last week.

**Waxwing's Flights Awry** (H.B.T.).—They will not come right until the next moult. If any flights are sticking out so as to inconvenience the bird at all, they should be carefully extracted, taking care not to dislocate the wing—hold it firmly. When next moulting I advise you to well mix 9 or 10 drops of Parrish's Chemical Food with the bird's soft food, twice a week at first, and three times towards the conclusion.

**Feeding Siskins** (C. Howard).—Feed your Siskins on exactly the same lines as I recommend for Goldfinches, with this exception: do not give hemp seed in the stock seed mixture, but only once a week as a special treat. If given much hemp, or a great deal of maw, they soon get very fat and, of course, unhealthy.

**Signs of Breeding** (R.T.).—I expect the artificial heat (night and day) has had its effect on your birds, and that they are in breeding form, or very near it. It would appear so, judging from what you write. I should let them go ahead. If you do not do so, I expect the hens will soon commence to drop eggs about the cages. Hints on feeding were given at length in two replies last week. Dandelion seed is good; early dandelion from the fields is better.

**Greenfinches** (J. Carr).—Pleased to know your Blackbird has done so well on the food I recommended. I should certainly think the Greenfinches you have are cock and hen, especially if they agree well. Your feeding is fairly good. The method given "Beginner" last week is preferable, however. It will probably be well into April before they show signs of desiring to breed; it may even be May.

**Hemp and Teazle** (C.L.H.).—I really am not competent to say whether either hemp or teazle in excess would cause "softening of the liver" in a Goldfinch. Only a lengthy series of experiments, conducted by a skilled pathologist, could determine it. If practical experience has any value in your eyes, then I can assure you that my own Goldfinches get both hemp and teazle freely every day of their lives, and thrive splendidly. There is bad hemp seed, however, as well as good.

**Six-Pointed** (Jack).—If your bird is evenly marked on the eyes and wings, and has two dark feathers each side of its tail, with the rest of its body quite clear, then it most certainly is a six-pointed Mule—a very well marked one, too. Dark under-flue, which is invisible on the surface, does not count at all, though it might be a factor when judging Clear Mules. You would have a job if you set out to breed a marked Mule with clear under-flue, don't you think?

**Show-cage for Goldfinch** (W. Pugh).—A photograph of the latest pattern show-cage for Hardbills (that adopted by the N.B.B. and M.C.) was given in our issue of Oct. 24 last. The official size for a Goldfinch is 12 long by 10 high by 5 wide. In a cage without the top bowed, the height should be 11 in. The inside and wires should be enamelled a very dark green—almost black.

**Linnet and Yellowhammer** (A Reader).—I should hesitate to say that a Linnet and a Yellowhammer would be likely to produce Hybrids. To try them, of course, would be to undertake an interesting experiment. I do not think an accepted Linnet Yellowhammer Hybrid has yet been produced anywhere.

# FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

## Cockatoo Bare of Feathers.

**"Ragged."**—Stop at once giving a bit of everything, also bread and milk, and note warning re slops in replies to other correspondents. Give a little boiled maize daily, dust same with flowers of sulphur (note other replies). For one day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water (one ounce), and follow this by making the drinking water the colour of port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food. Lightly annoint any raw place with spermaceti ointment, and as soon as these are healed spray the bird two or three times a week with weak quassia solution. Diet in addition to the boiled maize. Seed mixture, Canary, oats, wheat, dari, hemp, maize, and sunflower seeds, well mix and always keep a supply in cage. Ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuits should also be given; this will give you a varied diet and the bird should thrive on same. Re Gouldian and other Finches, I can help you more satisfactorily if you will send me particulars of your cages, their size and temperature of bird room. In the meanwhile mix a little flowers of sulphur among their seeds; for one day give a little Dinneford's Magnesia—two parts water to 1 of the magnesia. Follow this by lightly colouring the drinking water with the Chemical Food. Examine cages for parasites, and if any of these are present steps must be taken to exterminate them.

## Blossom Headed Parrakeets.

**V. G. P.**—It looks to me as if the hen was about to lay, but to make sure it is not slight indisposition, make the drinking water just saline with Epsom salts and withhold their bath for a day, so as to force them to the drinking water. Afterwards a course of Parrish's Chemical Food would be helpful. Neither of these remedies will harm the cock if he partakes of them. Add oats to your seed mixture, and later supply greenfood ad lib. At present give such ripe fruit as is convenient. Give also a few nuts; those sold as monkey nuts will answer well enough. Supply them with a suitably sized log or nest box with a concave bottom; such are frequently advertised in our columns. You would find "Popular Parrakeets," by Dr. Greene, 1/1 post free, from "C.B." office very useful.

## Tanager Minus Tail, etc.

**E. D. P.**—Cage this bird up separately and stir into its daily supply of soft food one third of a teaspoonful of flowers of sulphur; give Parrish's Chemical Food for a month; and let it have as much fruit as it will eat and three or four mealworms daily. Your diet is very satisfactory, and the bird should improve with the sunny and warm weather, when very probably the feathers will be renewed. Keep it in your warmest room. I am of opinion it caught a chill while moulting, thus checking feather production. The above extras to its diet should improve its condition and strength, and a little later the plumage should be renewed. Supply a leaf of fresh lettuce occasionally. Please report progress in, say, a month hence.

## Avadavat in Poor Plumage.

**"Avadavat."**—I should cage this bird up separately for a time, that is, till it has renewed its plumage, as once these birds get bald patches their companions act as if they had a special mission to keep them so. As grass in flower cannot be obtained at this season, tempt it with a little ripe apple, or in fact any kind of ripe fruit you can induce it to take will form a good substitute. Slightly damp its seed, not to make it wet or sticky, but still sufficient to make flowers of sulphur adhere to it when dusted over same; also keep a millet spray hanging in the cage which has been treated in the same way. When you catch the bird to separate it from its companions, rub a little clean vaseline on the bald patches, but avoid making the plumage greasy. For one day make the drinking water just saline with Epsom salts, and afterwards lightly colour it with Parrish's Chemical Food. Let it have a bath on all sunny genial days.

## Lovebirds and Budgerigars.

**Lovebirds.**—Red-faced, Blue-wing and Madagascar Lovebirds can all be kept together, it is true, but this cannot be done within the compass of, say, a C.P. aviary cage. Providing the birds are not overcrowded, the above-named species can be safely kept out of doors with Budgerigars in the aviary, or loose in a bird-room. In the latter case a room 8 ft. square would accommodate one pair each of the above and two pairs of Budgerigars. In the aviary of suitable depth and height, say, 4 ft. by 6 ft., you could keep one pair of birds to each foot run of the frontage. In both cases, however, you must fix up double the number of nesting logs and husks that you have pairs of birds. If kept in an outdoor aviary, there must be attached thereto a weather-proof and well-lighted shelter to which they can retire during severe weather, the said shelter to be well furnished with logs and husks, and also branches for roosting purposes in the snuggest corners. As regards food and treatment, you will find this given in full in my booklet which you say you possess. The treatment given for Budgerigars will suffice for all the above; let them have such ripe fruit as they will eat.

## Quaker Parrakeets, Etc.

**"Grimston."**—I cannot say the precise age at which Quakers breed, but most Parrakeets and Parrots mature slowly, and the age can be taken as from two to four years. I have known cases where two hens have built, laid, and sat steadily on infertile eggs, but I have never known males to build and occupy a nest. The probability is they are still immature, but as you have now had them a twelvemonth, should say you would meet with success this year. The only thing to hasten Rosellas, Redrumps, or any other Parrakeets in their breeding operations is to get them into finest condition. Sometimes birds from the same nest never make good breeders, but if you have true pairs, and they are in full adult plumage, you should have breeding results this year. However, there is considerable variableness as to the time individual pairs take to settle down to breeding in a new enclosure. Note: When procuring stock, unrelated pairs should always be secured. Seed mixture, ripe fruit, and a liberal supply of green-food, with chemical food in the drinking water if they are at all out of condition.

## Name of a Parrot.

**Ivanhoe.**—You have a male Ring-necked Parrakeet. The value of these birds is variable. A freshly-imported one is worth from 7/6 to 10/-; one in good condition that has been over a few months, 15/- to 20/-. The value of talking specimens varies according to talent. It is a native of India. The temperature of any ordinary living room will be ample. Do not give tea, coffee or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Diet: Seed mixture, Canary, white millet, oats, hemp, maize, wheat and sunflower seeds in about equal parts, well mix, and keep a supply continuously in cage. Ripe fruit, nuts and plain biscuits will suffice to vary the diet. A little of these should be given daily, as also should water; and a piece of cuttlefish should be kept in the cage and the tray covered with gritty sand. If you have been dieting differently to the above, do not make too sudden a change; bring this about gradually. If it has been used to having tea, coffee, etc., stop them at once and give it water well coloured with Parrish's Chemical Food in place of same. Keep it out of draught, and it should thrive and do well.

## What Parrot is It?

**Warrington.**—There is little doubt you have a young African Grey; that is, so far as I can gather from your description. If such is the case, its value is anything from 25/- to 40/-, according to the condition of plumage and general appearance. This latter does not appear to me to be very satisfactory at present, so perhaps the lowest figure would represent its worth. I should give this bird about a tablespoonful of boiled maize daily for a time, at least; boil it till it is soft, drain away all water, and then well dust with flowers of sulphur. Boiled maize only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel must be kept strictly clean. Also well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food for a few weeks. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps or any kind of animal food. The health of a bird that is continually dozey is always open to suspicion. If you repeat query with full details as to diet, etc., I shall then be able to form a definite opinion.

## An Ailing Budgerigar.

**A.N.E.**—Can only suggest in this case, that your diet consist of canary, white and spray millet and oats, with greenfood, leaf of fresh lettuce, grass in flower, or at this season a piece of ripe apple; continue the chemical food for some time, and give the fluid magnesia every third day so long as the voidings do not become watery. If you have ordinary perches in your cage, take them away and substitute a couple of twiggy branches for them, one at each end of the cage; this may induce the bird to be more active, and climb about and chew them up, which will conduce to an improvement in its health. Lightly damp its seeds with water (not to make them wet), and then dust with flowers of sulphur.

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# CORRESPONDENCE.

## NEW SOCIETY FOR CANNOCK.

SIR,—We held our opening meeting on February 9th, in the Mission Room, Heath Hayes, and the number of fanciers who turned up showed clearly the enthusiasm and keen interest they take in the Fancy generally. We nominated a secretary, a treasurer, and a committee to draw up rules, etc., for our next meeting, which will take place in March, when we hope to strengthen our forces by a good muster of members, and so start the Society soundly.

ALF. TROMAN (Hon. Sec.).

## PROPOSED MIDLAND YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

SIR,—When up at the Palace on Monday, Feb 8th, I met Mr. A. E. Bishop, of Worcester, who, like myself, is a keen Yorkshire fancier. He suggested to mo the idea of forming a specialist club for the Midlands, to be run on similar lines to the Southern Y.C.C. Considering the number of Yorkshire fanciers in the Midlands, a score at least of which I know personally, I do not think there should me much, if any, difficulty in making a start. I shall be pleased to hear either directly, or through the Press, from all fanciers interested, with a view to calling a meeting as early as possible. Why cannot we have something in our midst to help and inspire us, without having to go to Bradford or London?

W. C. WELLS.

Helmside, Erdington, Birmingham.

## CATS AND AVIARY BIRDS.

SIR,—Am I to be considered cruel? I am a lover of birds, and desire to keep some in an aviary in the garden. Unfortunately, my garden is the meeting place for other lovers of birds, viz., cats. I have thought of an arrangement which consists of a shelf covered with thin zinc fixed in front of the aviary, and connected to an electric sparking coil, so that should a cat jump up on the shelf it puts the coil in motion, and then if the cat touches the wire of the cage, or even puts her nose within a half-inch, of the wire, she is very forcibly informed that *my* birds, at any rate, are best not interfered with. I tried this plan some years ago on a cat of my own. She had a keen desire to get at a bird of mine, and when she got the shock she was simply terrified, and never went near the cage again. I thought of keeping a dog chained up near the aviary, but think the other plan best, as it is cheapest. My friends think that if I use this arrangement I shall be very cruel, but I do not agree with them, as it does no real harm to the cats.

B. CLARK.

## UNPAID PRIZE MONEY AT DULWICH O.S. SHOW.

SIR.—Your correspondent, Mr. Foster, in your last issue, would, I think be well advised to, in plain English, mind his own business. If he has 5s. he is so anxious to get rid of, and will send it to me, care of CAGE BIRDS, I shall be happy to pay it into the Lord Mayor's Crippled Children's Fund for him. The Dulwich O.S. has already admitted assets sufficient to pay, and there seems no reason for Mr. Foster to be so rash with his money on their account. I have already stated it is not a question of the 5s. owing, but a question of principle, and for that reason I intend to enforce payment in some form or another. Mr. Foster is obviously a friend of the society, and possibly an exhibitor who has been paid; hence his disregard for any question of principle.

S. A. SANDY.

[*This correspondence is now closed.*—EDITOR.]

## THE FANCY IN UDDINGSTON AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—I beg to thank all those exhibitors who helped to make our show the great success it was, and I specially thank Mr. McDonald, the secretary of the City of Glasgow Show, also Mr. Young, for their kindness to us in judging. I can assure them their awards pleased everyone. I must not forget your representative, Mr. Joliffe, for the pains he took to give a good report of our show—strange coincidence, Mr. Editor, that you should send a native of our village (as I learned Mr. Joliffe was) to report on our our first show. The show was well patronised by all classes, rich and poor, and the committee were delighted to see our Hon. President, Mr. Thos Prentice, and his good lady taking such an interest in the venture. I must say that Mr. Prentice is a great admirer of birds. He has a splendid outside aviary, built and fitted up in the latest style, and teeming with all kinds of birds. It is a treat to see them. One Bullfinch cock he has had for some time, which will feed from his hand with the greatest confidence, and perch on his shoulder during his walk round the aviary. Being a business man, Mr. Prentice has very little time for exhibiting his birds, which could hold their own at any show. We are all very proud to have such a gentleman helping us along with our Society. I would just like to mention that a few of the drinkers were taken off the cages at our show, not that it was any loss to the exhibitors, as we supplied new ones in their place. But I think it is the duty of any bird lover who should witness such a mean theft to report same at once to the official in charge, and point out the offender, whether he be a member of the Society or not. If fanciers reported such cases, we would read less of stolen birds and birds being poisonod. etc. I advocate that the handling of cages should not be allowed, except during judging. I noticed that the Glasgow and West of Scotland Show had a rule in their catalogue prohibiting the handling of show cages, which I have no doubt would help to suppress the evil. We intend next season to hold an open show, and I hope exhibitors will look ovor any faults or failures at this, for we will do our best to make everything a great deal better next year.

Jno. KILPATRICK, President.

## THE ELUSIVE BULLFINCH HYBRID.

SIR,—I have been much interested in the recent article by Mr. R. James Cook on "The Elusive Bullfinch Hybrid." I especially noted the cause of the death of his Greenie-Bullio Hybrid. Only the other week I went with a friend to a veterinary surgeon to take a Greenie-Bullie, which he had bred, and which was suffering from tho samo complaint as Mr. Cook's bird, a swelling under the oyo. This the surgeon lanced with a needlo, which let out a lot of matter, and the bird now seems to be making rapid recovery. Could any Hybrid breeders say if any of thoir Greenie-Bullies have suffered from similar trouble? I sincerely hope Mr. Cook will be successful in breeding a good Hybrid in the near futuro.

R. E. SIMPSON.

## CAGE CLASSES AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, then indeed I must feol flattered, as several of the latest pattern cages I have made during the season have been copied to a brad, as it were. Of course, in all competitions of this sort there is bound to be some grumbling done. I do not grumble, as one cannot draw the line at being followed; any successful man in business must oxpect it. But what I do draw the line at is being robbed for the purpose of this imitation. The food and water vessels in the Chough Show cage exhibited by me in Class 146, were stolen by some low-down fellow, who could not be man enough to buy the exhibit to get at the exact pattern of the fittings, so resorted to the mean trick of stealing them. I can, at any time, take a beating like a man, but I bar being robbed for the purpose of being so exactly imitated. I am making inquiries, and I am within a thousand miles of the stolen articles, and if I can fix the actual person taking the things, I shall certainly charge him with the theft.

R. A. NEWLEY.

## TYPE OF THE PRESENT-DAY WINNING NORWICH PLAINHEAD.

SIR,—I am glad to learn that Mr. Bertie is desirous that this question be "thrashed out thoroughly." My Norwich win, but they are not browy, and are particularly clean cut behind. One is a clear yellow unflighted, and out of twelve shows it has taken two firsts, seven seconds, and one third. Its principal fault is that it is a little too narrow in head, due partly to being very short in feather, but yet it has won under eight different judges. I send those out to shows that come nearest to the type illustrated in the 1908 annual report of the Norwich Plainhead Club. The others stay at home, as it is no use a man trying to persuade all the Fancy that his type is "the" type, and ought to win. I do not think Mr. Bertie means to suggest by his letter that the winning yellows at the Crystal Palace are of the "Bertie type." But if so, why did he not send some to the show for the benefit of the Fancy? No judge dare pass such birds. My excuse for not giving my name is that I do not wish anyone to say that I wanted to secure a cheap advertisement, although I have still a largo number of birds to dispose of.

"TYPE."

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SIR,—As a lover of the Norwich Canary, allow me to express my appreciation of Mr. Bertio in writing in defenco of the Norwich Plainhead. Yes, "Exhibitor," let us have the Bertie model, the Norwich Plainhead type; these are the birds that should win in Norwich classes, not those long-sided birds, with nothing else but size to recommend them. I am pleased Mr. B. has seen those birds to which "Exhibitor" referred, and admits they are three of the best he has ever seen at one show. Then "Exhibitor" accuses Mr. B. of banging the drum. I, with scores of others, hope he will keep on banging until he knocks something out of it, if only those long-sided, no-type nondescripts called "Norwich."

NORWICH.

## A NEW SOCIETY FOR BOSTON, U.S.A.

SIR,—At a meeting held on Jan. 24th, of Boston fanciers, it was decided to form a cage bird association, to be known as the New England Cago Bird Association. As the name indicates, membership of this Association is open to any resident of the New England States. Doubtless there are many readers of your paper living within this territory, who are unknown to us, and we desiro to extend to them a hearty invitation to join the new society.

CHAS. A. MURRAY, Secretary.

24, Peters Street, Cambridge, Mass, U.S.A

## IS IT CRUEL TO KEEP BRITISHERS IN CAPTIVITY?

SIR,—I read in this week's issue of CAGE BIRDS your correspondent, Mr. E. R. Despard's remarks on the above subject, and I am of the same opinion myself, that it is not cruel to keep birds in cages, providing theso cages are large and roomy. Given good attention, fresh water and seed daily, green food whenever obtainable (and birds kept like this are undoubtedly happy), in a very short time they forget their "freedom," and they will live their span of life. But to keep them in those so-called back cages, where the little prisoners have barely room to turn, I maintain is cruel.

G. MARGARITIS.

## THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

SIR,—I thank you for the full report of the delegates' annual meeting. A discrepancy appears therein in reference to tho Medals Competition. Your report states that presumably tho medals would be awarded according to my reading of the rules of the competition. A resolution, however, was moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Moore, and carried, that only those exhibitors who had chosen the *four* shows allowed to count for points should compete for the medal. Mr. Raynes' (the new Secretary) address is 9, Richmond Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, near Manchester, and all communications on Cage Bird Union matters should now be addressed to him. I should like to take this opportunity of thanking all who have corresponded with mo for the courtesy which they have shown, even though it has been my duty to write unpleasantly to some of them; and especially would I tender my thanks to the Council, and to the many who have written in appreciation of the way I have carried out the duties of secretary.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE.

## A NEW SOCIETY FOR COWDENBEATH AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—A meeting of cago bird fanciers was held in Forrest Hall on Feb. 13th, for the purpose of forming a society to encourage and assist young fanciers. Mr. D. Duncan was asked to take the chair, which he did, and in his opening remarks said that thore was great need for a society in our town. He had received the names of twenty fanciers who were unablo to be present, but who were anxious that such a society should bo formed. On the motion of Mr. Jas. Simpson, seconded by Mr. James Baxter, it was unanimously agreed to form a society, to be called the Cowdenbeath and District Cage Bird Association. It was agreed, too, that the annual subscription be 2s. 6d. per member. Mr. James Simpson was appointed secretary and treasurer (pro tem.), his address being 34, Park Avenue, and all who would like to join are requested to forward their names to him. A general meeting of the society will be held in Forrest Hall, on Saturday, Feb. 27th, at 7 o'clock, when it is hoped all who can will endeavour to be present.

JAMES SIMPSON, Sec. (pro tem.).

## CINNAMON BORDER FANCIES AND THEIR COLOUR.

SIR,—On looking through your report of the Crystal Palace Show I was rather surprised at the remarks mado by your reporter re the colour of Cinnamon Borders. He says that Cinnamon is Cinnamon, not a washed-out greenish drab. He also sang tho praises of the Cinnamon Borders in tho days that are gone. It was especially a surprise to mo to read these latter remarks, as, in my opinion, it is not many years since the Cinnamon Border first came into existence. It is only some four years ago since I saw a Self Cinnamon cock, and I think that for colour those of to-day are as good, if not superior in colour, as those of four years ago, and as for type, there is no disputing the fact that we are far ahead. I admit there are a lot of different shades of Cinnamon Borders on the show bench just now, and for anyone who is thinking of taking up the variety it will no doubt be a puzzle for them to know what is the right shade, as some judges go in for the pale colour that is produced from the green, hence the pale greenish-drab spoken of by your reporter. Others want the rich chocolate shade favoured by your reporter, as the Cinnamon Border has come to stay, and is one of the most, if not the most, fascinating varieties of the wee gems. I think it is time we had an understanding as to what is the right tone of Cinnamon. I will conclude by saying that we have Cinnamon Borders today that for colour could hardly be improved upon, unless by tho aid of colour food, and if any of the other types of Cinnamon Canaries were moulted out a natural colour, the Border would comparo very favourably with them as regards colour. In case some may think I am wanting a cheap advertisement I will sign myself

CINNAMON BORDER.

## A CURIOUS DEVICE FOR SEXING BIRDS.

SIR,—I feel sure you will have a smile at the contents of this. First, however, I am pleased to inform you that since I last wrote, in October, I have introduced 12 new subscribers to what I consider the best paper of its kind in print. I have taken CAGE BIRDS "from the nest" (first) with others of its kind, but dropped them long ago for CAGE BIRDS. Now, Sir, ono of my friends came to my house the other night in great excitement. I was taking things easy (sitting in my chair reading your paper). After the usual invitation to "come reight in and let's know it" (I could see he had something of importance to disclose), he started, "I've summat important for thee, Frank, lad, wat we ha been wantin wat don't no mich. Its how tho con tell cocks from hens without blowin feethers abart as tho does. Tho gets a piece of cotten two feet lang, an a needle, an a heaf doller, an job's done." "What job's done?" said I. "Look hear," said he, "gie me ta needle, an cotten an I'll fend brass, an tho'll fend burd." So off I went upstairs for a couple of birds (meanwhile my friend had threaded the needlo and laid the coin on the table). "Now then, said he, "tho hods burd e one hond an cotten e tothe, wi needlo flootin abaat 1-32in. above coin, an ef needle tuns rand an rand, it's hen, but ef it goos crossways, weel it's cock." I tried not to laugh, but I could not help it (in fact I laughed till tears came). "Try it fore tho laughs; then tho'l no laugh," said my friend. Well, to satisfy him I took a bird from the cago (a young hen), held it in one hand and the cotton in the other, and behold, the needle began to turn steadily round and round. "See," exclaimed my friend in great excitement, "thet's then" "Quite right," said I, "don't get excited." Well, I put the bird back in the cage, then took the other (a young cock) from the cage, and holding it in one hand, held the cotton in the other, as above. Well, the needle began to turn round and round as before. "Thet's a hen," said my friend. I tried hard to convince him it was a cock, but he would not believe it. I felt right for a bit of fun. "Perhaps I have made a mistake," said I. "Tha has thet," said he, "tha's getten same burd twice." So I slipped the bird back into the cage, and, with my back to my friend, I got hold of our baby's India-rubber doll and held it as though it were a bird, then slowly made the needle move backwards and forwards. "Thet's cock," said my friend, more excited than ever. "I believe it," said I. "Tho mon write to CAGE BIRDS about this descovery," said he. I promised him I would. Tho needle still went swinging backwards and forwards. When I thought he was satisfied (and had grown about 6 inches), I let him see the doll! I am pleased my wife and children were there, or I believe he would have made use of some foreign word. He told me, had he known, he would have saved 6d. in car fare. But he and I have had many a laugh over it since, as we work together, and if my friend cannot get the article he is fitting just to fit (he is a fitter), I have only to tell him to get a needle, a piece of cotton, and a half-dollar, and it reminds us both of the pleasant hour we spent trying to find a new discovery for the paper we think so much of, good old CAGE BIRDS.

F. J. CHILD.


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### ALLEGED EXHIBITING OF JUDGE'S BIRDS AT ARBROATH SHOW.

SIR,—There's an old joker lives not a 100 miles from Arbroath, who has accused me of the loan of the judges' birds to show in my name at the late Arbroath show. I took the thing for a joke. Since then, however, the same old chap has repeated his statement, and believes it to be correct. I asked him to wait till the show season was over, and I would make a public denial through your valuable paper, and the time has now arrived. I never had anything to do with such tactics—never showed any other judge's birds, nor judged my own birds. I may also state I have had the managing of Arbroath show during the time of judging for this past 20 years, and such tactics as giving the judge any hint as to my own birds, etc., I have never resorted to. I have always acted from a sporting point of view. I may say the sporting compliment was not applied to my birds the show previous to the last one, when I had 14 birds poisoned. "Poisoned birds at show," is getting so very common, that I don't care whether I exhibit or not; but I may tell the party who did the poisoning that I was born among the canaries 52 years ago, and all the poisoning he can do will not prevent me from dying among them, and I hope to live to win my old-age pension. Now, my old friend, I will go back to "exhibiting the judges' birds." So far as I know, there was no unfair play in the Scotch fancy section, and I am not hurt by what you have said about me. I heard there was some hard knocking at Montrose show over this exhibiting of judges' birds. That may be true, but I think it's a case for the Cage Bird Union to take up. If any fancier can give me any information regarding the above-mentioned statement, I shall be pleased to bring it up at the first meeting of the society, and shall see that same is not made again

JAMES STRACHAN.

### THE ALLEGED STAINED LINNET AT BRISTOL F.A. SHOW.

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent "Unionite," I would like to see him man enough to sign his own name to whatever he writes, and not hide it under a nom de plume. The reason I condemn the C.B.U. is because it condemns me without first giving me a fair hearing in person. I think I may go further and suggest that your correspondent is probably trying to protect the person who sold the Linnet to me; as in reading between the lines and summing the whole up, written under a nom de plume, it is pretty clear to me that such is the case. However, he may rest assured that I shouldn't ask his advice before taking the action I intend to take, or in any way be guided by his letter. As to the sarcasm at the end, I take no notice of that, but am exceedingly sorry for the writer that he does not know better. In reply to Mr. Williams, I would like to ask him if there is not equally as much excuse for my not noticing the bird was stained as there is for the well-known judges and specialists who judged this bird at previous big shows? These gentlemen passed the bird and awarded it honours, and I think it is quite likely that your correspondent has also seen the bird and not noticed it was faked. I can honestly say, and so can a fancier who was present when it came from the man I bought it off, that we could notice no difference after the alleged staining matter had been removed. I don't suggest it was not stained, for I can't say; I have to abide by Mr. House's decision that such was the case. I don't complain one little bit being pulled up if it was stained, it is quite right it should be, but why punish me any more than the one that showed it before I had it? What I complain about more than anything else is the fact that the C.B.U. do not go into these cases as they should do, and sift them from the bottom; they go haphazard and condemn a man before giving him an interview to explain matters if he desires to do so. In this case, not being the stainer or faker, I consider it right and proper, as a body selected to administer justice, that it should at all times give the offender the chance of making his defence. I wrote four pages of paper to Mr. Pope, and I asked that I might attend a meeting of the C.B.U. to explain the matter and bring railway company receipts, etc. But, no; I was given to understand it would not be allowed; they (the committee) would only accept the case on paper. I think that the bulk of your readers will admit that five minutes' explanation is far better than twenty pages of written testimony. It is on this count particularly that I have a sore feeling against the C.B.U. It is a certain fact that every fancier who has heard the facts of the case right through, admit it to be a very hard case, and I only hope that your correspondents will not be treated at any time in a like manner. In reply to Mr. Cocks (his name is fairly familiar to me), with regard to the bird being eligible for Leicester Show, I thought I clearly explained that I had entered another Linnet and Bunting, but having bought these, I sent them instead. With regard to the deposit with the C.B.U., I was quite willing to comply if I had been given the chance of a hearing before the delegates or committee, but I hadn't the time to write about 20 pages of manuscript, which would have been necessary to have got the witnesses' evidence and my own together. With regard to the latter part of Mr. Cocks' letter, I thank him for his sympathy, though apparently fragile, which would not be the case, I am sure, if he had the facts properly laid before him by verbal explanation. The C.B.U. is doubtless a necessary institution, but it needs to have a different rule in the case of suspension, at least, and it is on this count that I speak as I do of its work. What chance has a young beginner got if he is to be treated in this way? He buys a bird to-day, believing it to be a genuine specimen and is condemned first time out for staining or showing a stained bird. He gets no sympathy or hearing from the C.B.U.; he has been pulled up for showing a faked specimen, and must be suspended because the C.B.U. says so, and I am sure he could not tell a stained Linnet if such well-known judges, that have awarded honours to the bird now under discussion, could not do so. I say this: give every man a chance of coming on the carpet to explain his case and defend himself, and do not allow the real offenders to keep on.

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### A SUGGESTED NEW CLASS FOR HYBRIDS.

SIR,—I should like to make a suggestion to the Crystal Palace Show management. Could not a class be provided at the next Palace Show for Mules and Hybrids whose parentage has been doubted or disputed at any previous shows? The prize-money to be guaranteed by the C.B. Union, or by voluntary subscriptions (I should be willing to give my mite towards same); no entrance fee to be charged. A plain statement as to where shown, and parentage to be made. I think this would be a most interesting class. For instance, if a class of this description had been given this year, that wonder of all wonders, the Yellowhammer-Siskin Hybrid, might have been entered. What an attraction it would have been. All our most able judges could have seen it, and discussed its merits

HYBRID BREEDER.

### A NEW SOCIETY FOR BANNOCKBURN AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—A well-attended meeting of fanciers and those interested in cage birds took place on February 6th, in the station bar, for the purpose of considering the advisability of introducing a cage bird society into Bannockburn. It was ultimately agreed that the objects of such a Society are highly desirable, and straightaway certain preliminary business towards its formation was commenced. It was unanimously decided that all fanciers be eligible for membership who reside within a radius of twenty miles. This new and up-to-date Society gives a cordial invitation to all interested in the advancement of the interesting hobby. It was resolved that the yearly subscription be 3s., and that we close our membership on the first Saturday in July. Judging by the attendance at the meeting, and the enthusiasm displayed by the assembly, this Society promises to be one of the finest in the district.

W. RITCHIE.

### STOCKSBRIDGE AND DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

SIR,—The meeting of cage bird fanciers of Stocksbridge, Deepcar, and district, held in the National Schools on February 13th was well attended. It was unanimously decided to form the above-named Society. Eighteen fanciers were enrolled as members, and we have excellent grounds for assuming that at our next meeting, to be held on March 6th, our membership will be increased to at least 26. The Rev. W. C. Edgington, M.A., was elected president, Mr. A. Moxon and Mr. Jos. Evans (the well known Crest breeder) were elected vice-presidents. The contributions are to be 4s. per year, and the meetings are to be held on the first Saturday in the month at 7.30 p.m., at the Stocksbridge National Schools. We are arranging a splendid list of lectures, table shows, washing and judging competitions, etc., so fanciers and intending members in the district "might go further and fare worse." We shall be pleased to give all information to intending members.

HARRY E. WILKINSON (Hon. Sec.),
Wood Willows, Stocksbridge, near Sheffield.

**Several letters unavoidably held over.**

## UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

AFTER a long run the show season has now come to an end; that is, so far as the Yorkshire Union is concerned. Twenty weeks is a long time, very trying for both the birds and their owners. The birds have shown it by their washed-out appearance about the neck, and if they only knew they were likely to have a few weeks' rest, they would probably flap their wings for joy.

WAKEFIELD closed the season on Saturday last, February 13th, and had a fairly good show. They think the balance-sheet will be just a little on the "good" side, and they well deserve it. They have worked hard, and the result will probably do a great lot towards the securing of a further increase in membership. The competition was very keen. For the "Shackleton Trophy" only three points separated the two top scorers, and each had a good team down, but Messrs. Ogden Bros., the runners up, could only knock one point out of the leader, Mr. W. H. Shackleton, thus leaving him a lead of two points. For CAGE BIRDS specials only two points separated 2nd and 3rd, and here again the runner-up scored one point more, thus leaving the narrow margin of one point between the 2nd and 3rd, Messrs. Drake and Son and Shaw Bros.

BRITISH birls were strong, and must have given the judge a lot of trouble; 75 birds in five classes—a grand finish for the competition of the Y.C.B.B. and M.C. The winner in the variety class came in for a lot of praise and admiration—a splendid specimen of the Waxwing, shown in grand form, its feathering being superb.

THE Open Norwich Plainhead Club is already making headway in securing prizes for next season's competition. They have been fortunate enough to be presented with a £5 5s. cup by P. Illingworth, Esq., M.P. This is already bought, and will probably be on view at the annual social on March 6th, just to try and get a few more converts (and members) to the "thick" variety. The season's working has been very successful, and a good balance in hand is expected at the end of the financial year. By the way this society (the O.N.P.C.) hold their annual general meeting on Saturday, March 6 h, at 3 p.m. This will enable members to attend their meeting, stay to dinner, and be in good time for the distribution of prizes, and the social. The dinner will be served at 4.30 p.m. sharp, to allow the room to be cleared in readiness for the social gathering.

HAVE been trying this week-end to get at the value of the prizes, in cash and kind, to be presented at this gathering, and it must be approaching, if not quite, £200. Should any fancier require to see something to put a little heart into him for the breeding season, let him just come and see them; it will make him dream of future winners and winnings.

"STRAIGHT-UN."

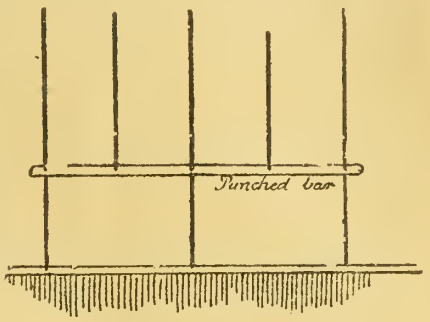
## ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

*Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.*

### No. 284.
### EASILY MADE HEAD HOLES.

**Sent by J. Islip, 7, Finsbury Avenue, Sneinton Dale, Nottingham.**

It is in the making of the head-holes that those who try to make their own cage fronts most often fail. I enclose a sketch of easily made head-holes, which consists simply of a

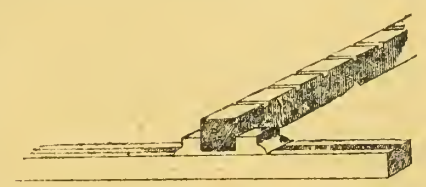



bit of the punched-bar, cut to the length required. The wires of the cage can be soldered to the punch-bar. But for those who cannot use a soldering iron, flatten the wire at one end, and hammer it in one of the holes in the bar. I think the accompanying sketch will explain.—J. ISLIP.

### No. 285.
### A FRAME TO HELP CAGE FRONT MAKERS.

**Sent by Jas. Vickers, Union Street, Wigton, Sunderland.**

I herewith send a sketch of a light frame for holding cage fronts in position when being soldered. The drawing is a corner



section of frame, and will be sufficient to enable the fancier to grasp the idea. The salient features are: instant adjustment for large or small fronts by sliding in any desired direction. The notches hold the cross-bars in position to any required width.—J. VICKERS.

## THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given each week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.

**Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.**

### **Escaped Parrot at Sea.

Capt. Moseley, of the Union Castle S.S. Durham Castle, was once bringing home from South Africa, a Parrot for a friend of his. One day when the ship was in mid-ocean, Polly escaped. The steamer was stopped and a small boat was lowered to attempt to recapture the miscreant, who was now floundering about in the water. After a long chase Polly was once more a captive, and caused much amusement and laughter when restored to her owner by remarking, "What a naughty, naughty Parrot to fly away."—Story told by the captain, and sent by C. B. V. Hodgson (aged 15), Heathfield, Morden, Surrey.

### *A Moveable Nest.

Last year a Swallow built its nest in the cowl of one of our chimneys, and brought up its young brood successfully. The cowl, of course, swung round with its back to the wind, whichever way the wind blew, so that the young birds were always sheltered. The chimney is in connection with a stove that has a fire in only during the winter. This is one of the many instances of the wonderful instinct of birds in providing for the well-being of their young.—Cutting sent by Mary Crompton (age 11), 25, Moor Street, Ormskirk.

### *The Little Robin's Return.

Once a gentleman caught a young Robin, which in a short time became very tame. After some time the bird was lost and was searched for, but he could not be found. One day, however, while the gentleman was walking in the garden he saw a Robin very much like his own hopping about among four others. He went to the house and got some crumbs and cried "Robie." The bird appeared to recognise the name and perched on his finger and was instantly secured.—Sent by S. McKnight (age 15), 41, North Hamilton Street, Kilmarnock, N.B.

QUERIES—continued from page 179.

## An Ailing Grey.

**H.H.**—Whenever the eye trouble occurs, bathe same with a weak zinc and rose-water solution, which any chemist will supply you with. For one day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water (about one ounce) and repeat this as may be necessary to keep the bowels moving freely, but the voidings must not be allowed to become watery. On other days, that is when not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food, and continue treatment till the bird is fairly fit again. For a time give about a tablespoonful of boiled maize daily—boil till soft, drain off all water, and dust with flowers of sulphur before giving to the bird. Diet: Get equal parts Canary seed, oats, wheat, dari, hemp and sunflower seed, well mix and keep a supply continuously in cage; also supply ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, and a little boiled potato (unseasoned). Grit and cuttlefish must also be regularly supplied. Do not give tea, coffee or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. The bird is in a very debilitated condition, and I fear its recovery can only be gradual. Please report progress a few weeks hence.

## Grey Parrot Unwell.

**B.H.**—Do not give any more milk, but well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. Occasionally during the day let it have a few sips of weak brandy and water (chilled). Still supply the seed mixture, also any ripe fruit it will take; the dates also can be given. The following are all wholesome, and can be given with safety: Nuts in variety, plain biscuit, and a little boiled potato (unseasoned). For a time at any rate, give boiled maize. Boil till soft, drain off all water, and then well dust with flowers of sulphur. Note: The boiled maize only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel must be kept strictly clean. Twice a week give it a few sips of the following: Dinneford's magnesia and water, equal parts of each; the bird can be permitted to take half a tablespoonful of it. As the bird occasionally falls from the perch, it would be as well to put a little peat moss litter (from any corn chandler or from our advertisers), under the perch, and mix a little grit among its seeds. The case has been let run on for so long, that I fear improvement can be but slow, at least, I fear recovery is rather doubtful, but I have brought worse cases through, and hope there will soon be an improvement in your bird.

## Brevities.

**Concerning a Woodpecker** (J.S.).—I will give you a reply in our next issue. Your query only came into my hands just as we were going to Press.

**What Species?** (Taxey).—It is a difficult task to name a bird from a written description; if you would send the skin on to me before you set it up, it would simplify matters much, or if this is not possible, can you inform me what country it came from? It read like a Whydah at first, but the colours of its plumage do not correspond with any known species of Whydah. I will keep your query before me, and try to give you a more satisfactory answer next week.

**Identification** (R.L.W.).—I much regret I am still unable to identify your bird. It appears to be some small species of Parrot, and yet again in some points this appears from your sketch doubtful. Will you kindly inform me if it has a true Parrot beak, and if its toes are arranged two to the front and two to the rear? Also please give me the approximate length from tip of beak to end of tail, and also the length of beak? If it has its toes arranged like a Finch, then add a few mealworms to your diet.

# GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

**Competition** (M.A., Fenny Stratford).—Glad to hear of your success. We are not this season running a competition on the lines you mention.

**Our Thanks** to F. Wraight, W.S., Anon, for cuttings, photos, etc.

**Chemical Food** (W. White).—Parrish's chemical food is sold by all chemists. You should have no difficulty whatever in getting it in Belfast.

**The Palace Show** (Pearson).—Pleased to hear you enjoyed your visit to the Palace. The suggestions you make solely concern the management, and should be sent direct to Mr. Ramsden, who will no doubt be pleased to adopt any which he thinks of benefit.

**A Seed Mill** (Inexperienced).—If you will comply with Rule 8, under "Questions and Answers," we will write the advertiser (send his name and address) on your behalf. Your only other remedy lies through the County Court. Use our deposit system in future.

**Dutch Frills** (C. Clucas).—Dutch Frills are a variety of Canary fashionable on the Continent, especially in France. A drawing of one appeared in our issue of November 28th last (a double number, post free, 3d.).

**A Device** (B. Clarke).—We have published your letter in the correspondence columns, and possibly some reader or other will give an opinion upon it.

**Writer's Identity** (Jas. Devins).—It is contrary to journalistic procedure to reveal the identity of persons using the correspondence columns, if they think well to conceal it. It is a rule which is never broken.

### A Missing Yorkshire.

One bird, we hear, is missing, a clear yellow Yorkshire, belonging to Messrs. Smith and Sellars (No. 233, Class 16). Anyone having received same in error is requested to communicate with Mr. Ramsden, the show manager, at once; or to send it along to the owners, at 3, Trafford Street, Littleborough, near Rochdale.

### As Mementos.

Bird lovers desirous of having by them a memento of the Great Jubilee Show can obtain from Messrs. Russell, photographers, The Studio, Crystal Palace, London, a splendid photograph of the judges' luncheon (price 2s. 6d.), or an assortment of six smaller photographs taken in the showroom (price 1s. 6d.).

### Gone Astray

It has now come to light that the cages of Mr. Pass (Hucknall Torkard), were delivered in time for the show, but were dumped outside the show enclosure by the railway company, and left there. One was, it appears, placed amongst Messrs. Sisson's cases, and not discovered till Friday night. The other was found in a corridor and moved by a Palace employee to the goods' yard, he thinking it was an empty. It was certainly most unfortunate for Mr. Pass; and somewhat mysterious.

# ECHOES FROM THE JUBILEE PALACE SHOW.

### The Prize Money.

Mr. Ramsden informs us that he has commenced to pay out the prize-money, and is taking the exhibitors (as usual) in alphabetical order. He hopes to have got through tho list by this week-end.

### Incognito.

Mr. Ramsden writes: "I have received many letters asking me to give the names of the purchasers of certain birds, but I must decline the information, as the majority of the buyers strongly object to their names being divulged.

### Queer Fowl.

In noticing the winnings of local competitors at the Palace, a Tunbridge Wells journal states that a certain fancier took "third prize in the Linnet class (any variety Canary or Fowl except Norwich and Yorkshire)." Those printers again!

### A Good Win in Lizards.

In our report of the Broken-cap Silver Lizard Class, the name of the winner was unfortunately omitted. It was Mr. John Dewsnap (Glossop), who accomplished the feat of scoring 1st, 2nd, 3rd, v.h.c, and two specials, thus following up his achievement (1st and 4th) in the Broken-cap Golds.

### A Happy Result.

Owing to a blot of ink on the entry form the owner of the winning Yellowhammer (Mr. J. Goode, Nottingham), was sent a ticket for class 110 instead of 116, but this was at once put right—result, first prize for the bird. Unfortunately, however, Mr. Goode's name could not be put into the catalogue.

### A Rush for Medals.

A rush for medals (in lieu of prize-money) was rather anticipated by the management. The surprising number of 116 prize-winners have elected to take them. We are requested to state that the medals have to be specially made, and that they will be sent out at the earliest possible moment.

### Ups and Downs.

On the occasion of the last Horticultural Hall Show we commented favourably on a Twite-Canary Mule, shown by Mr. E. J. Lamb, which the judge there had left unnoticed. At the Palace Show this same bird was thought worthy of third prize in a very strong mixed class of Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite Mules.

### Homeward Bound.

We learn on inquiry that no fewer than 538 cases were packed and despatched from the showroom between 4 and 10 p.m. on the closing day (Tuesday). About a dozen complaints have reached the management of gross delay of packages on the railway when homeward bound. They regret this, and are taking the matter up with the companies concerned.

### Its Ghost?

One well-known daily paper published a lengthy account of the show, and in the course of it remarked: "There is a remarkably good collection in the foreign division. Mr. C. T. Maxwell, London, exhibited his beautiful Mexican Trogan, stated to be the only kind in existence, with a notcher tail, which gained distinction at the recent show in Westminster, where it was shown for the first time; also his King Bird of Paradise, valued in the catalogue at £1,000." The curious part of it is that the Trogan, as we mentioned last week, died some time before the Palace Show was held.

### Tired But Happy Visitors.

This great exhibition, writes a "Sheffield Blade," fairly magnetised the Fancy. From north, south, east, and west came enthusiasts to feast on the excellent fare provided, for both one's mind and eyes. The majority, we might venture to say, all journeyed to Sydenham with high expectations, and these were realised to the fullest extent. It was a sight on the Saturday evening to see the fanciers, tired but happy, wending their way to the stations, in readiness for embarking on their homeward journey. At midnight, St. Pancras was besieged with fanciers, thinking of "Home, sweet home." Once in the train and the land of nod, I have no doubt many had wonderful dreams of what they were going to breed—something that could "lick creation." What disappointment when awakened by "All tickets ready!"

### A Complaint about Cages.

Several complaints have reached us that certain cage-makers have refused to complete orders for cages similar to those they secured awards with at the show. On referring the matter to Mr. Ramsden, he replies that they are bound to execute reasonable orders (vide the rules of competition) at the same prices, and that if any case of refusal can be proved to his satisfaction, he will certainly withhold any medals, etc., the offenders may have won. We interviewed one of the cage-makers concerned, and his version put a new light on the matter. He said: "It must be well known that the prices put on the cages are "cut" to the lowest selling limit. Yet we are prepared to execute orders at that price, but only if customers come to our place of business and take the cages away with them, which, of course, they have to do at the Palace. The price allows no margin for crates and for packing, yet customers who write enclose just the bare price, which, if we accepted, would entail us in a loss every time. If they will pay for a crate and packing, we are only too glad to fulfil their orders. Surely it is only reasonable that they should do so."

## Our Visitors' Book.

Following are the names of those visitors to the show who signed CAGE BIRDS Visitors' Book: Revs. G. H. Raynor (Malden), and G. H. Joyce (Wellington), Mr. and Mrs. Thynne (Streatham Common), Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Nimmo (Liverpool), Mr. and Mrs. Younghusband (Cumberland), Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Baker (London, S.W.), Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Towers (Shipley), Mr. and Mrs. John (Dulwich, S.E.), Mrs. M. A. Tristem (Brislington), Mrs. C. Horlebog (Westminster), Mrs. J. W. Rennie (Andover), Mrs. Bate (Mayfair), Mrs. G. Griffiths (Merton Park), Mrs. W. J. Allen (Witchford), Mrs. V. S. Wainwright (Peasmake), Mrs. Morton (Enfield Lock), Mrs. Dring (Enfield Lock), Mrs. E. L. A. Crow (Lowestoft), Mrs. C. H. Cooper (West Ham), Mrs. Tom Harrison (Altrincham), Mrs. Crundell (Doncaster), Mrs. D. Wakelin (Hull), Mrs. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), Mrs. A. Young (Chatham), Mrs. Dykes (Bradford), Mrs. Ogden (Bradford), Mrs. Drake (Allerton), Mrs. Russell (Bath), Mrs. F. Merrington, Sen. (New Cross, S.E.), Mrs. Merrington, Jun. (New Cross), Mrs. Butler (Chiswick), Mrs. G. J. Harding (Wandsworth Common), Mrs. Joseph Jones (Dudley), Miss L. Crawley (East Sheen), Miss Larcombe (Newport, Mon.), Miss C. Allen (Witchford), Miss J. Goodall (Watford), Miss M. H. Gregson (Queensbury), Miss Merrington (New Cross, S.E.), Miss F. Merrington (New Cross, S.E.), Messrs. Tristem and Taylor (Brislington), W. and C. Fry (Nottingham), Greenwood and Burson (Swinton), E. Cunnington Cassel and Co. (London, E.C.), Ogden Bros. (Bradford), P. Drake and Son (Bradford), Stanger and Herdman (Durham), A. T. Jupe (Petersfield), Emile Ruhl (Belgium), W. Swaysland (Brighton), H. T. T. Camps (Haddenham), F. Inch (near Aylesbury), G. W. Bull (Southampton), P. A. Bert (Old Charlton), J. Harrison (Hunts.), J. Palmer (Hunts), C. P. Arthur (Melksham), E. Arthur (Melksham), W. J. Clarke (Oxford), P. Victor-Williams (Market Drayton), F. J. Wickham (Chatham), W. R. Wiles (Chichester), F. J. Gibbs (Canterbury), H. Goodchild (Regent's Park), J. Frostick (Balham, S.W.), W. H. Howe (Wellingborough), G. Kent (East Sheen), G. Morton (Enfield Wash), G. L. Harber (Merthyr Tydvil), P. Adamthwaite, H. J. Pearce (Caledonian Road, N.), Robt. Pretty, L.C.O.A. (London W.), George Peters (Coventry), F. Larcombe (Newport, Mon.), W. W. Baker (Cardiff), C. H. Robinson (Fulham, S.W.), F. C. Field (London, S.E.), W. B. Cohh (Leeds), W. Turner (South Kensington, S.W.), H. W. Carrier (Portsmouth), H. Niness (Wingfield Street), G. W. Malsey (Alderwaston, Berks), M. C. Hartley (Teddington), E. M. Allen (Teddington), Councillor G. D. Meadows (Oxford), T. Chandler (Sittingbourne), J. Birkett (Otley), E. W. Dewhirst (Bradford), W. Crabtree (Bradford), G. Barham (Hastiugs), T. R. Ind (Bristol), F. Wraight (Tunbridge Wells), H. Tapper (Teignmouth), E. S. Lugg (Lewisham), A. Simmons (London, W.C.), H. Penwiles (Bexhill), C. Douch (Battle), W. Ellis (Bexhill), H. Cross (Tunbridge Wells), C. F. Mitchell (London, S.W.), T. Yates (Reading), F. Eyes (Byfleet), W. Beauchamp (Egham), Seymour Larpent (Crystal Palace Park Road), R. Kremner (Manchester), A. Percival (Smithy Bridge), A. Foulds (Manchester), H. J. Chick (Notts), S. Jones (Bath), W. Jackson (Hackney, N.E.), W. H. Daniell (Lewisham), H. Legg (Penge), W. Newnham (Penge), J. A. Corrie (Bedford), W. J. Sadd (Norwich), H. Horton (Blackheath), P. Nicholls (E. Dulwich), A. C. Budd (E. Dulwich), S. Q. Pelcher (Beckley), S. Kempsell (Kensington), G. Morrison (Marylebone), L. Dykes (Bradford), A. Hirst (Accrington), G. R. Heaps (Hither Green), J. A. Budd (E. Dulwich, S.E.), Pave Rocke (Fulham), R. T. Parr (London, N.), C. R. Carr (Walthamstow), F. Cosier (Redhill), R. Faux (Beckley), R. Burr (Bromley), S. Wingfield (Bromley), G. Bowyer (West Ham), A. M. Rees (Dulwich, S.E., D.O.S.), A. E. Rogers (Dulwich, S.E., O.S.), W. Goodwin (Treasurer Dulwich O.S.), J. C. Clarke (Woodford), J. Thomas (Cornwall), J. T. Edmunds (Swindon), G. Harwood (Battersea), T. Smith (Neasdon), W. Langdon (Neasdon), G. M. Hale (Surrey), A. Spencer (Doncaster), B. Spencer (Doncaster), A. E. Bicknell (Hindhead), B. Davies (Merthyr Tydvil), J. A. Bartictt (Essex), R. D. Parfett (Sheffield), A. Mallett (West Ham), A. E. Brooks (Cambridge), G. H. Stubbs (Worthing), W. R. Pike (West Norwood), A. J. Hipwell (Wisbeck), J. Haddock (Kings Heath), S. L. Cocks (Peterborough), W. Goodwin (London, S.E.), J. Braund, D. Ligg (Hemel Hempstead), A. R. Reed (Ealing), J. F. Burnett (Nelson), H. G. Hannaford (N. Kensington), A. Lazarus (Soho), J. H. Pope (Cambridge), F. King (Cambridge), J. D. Leigh (Warrington), J. A. Tyler (Leicester), W. G. Negus (Cardiff), H. Schneider (Winchester), M. A. Burrow (Malvern Wells), W. C. Hands (Rugby), T. J. Leonhardt, Ph.D. (Wimbledon), H. Christian (Leicester), E. Freer (Leicester), W. Gregory (Leytonstone), C. J. Basnett (Paddington), G. Modine (Boro.), B. J. Pounsett (London, S.E.), R. Harris (Walworth), W. Burgess (Clapham), H. W. Card (London, E.C.), H. Bridge (Rishton), T. J. Hargreaves (Gt. Harwood), J. Birtwistle (Rishton), G. Kearney (London, S.E.), Seymour Sargent (Crystal Palace Park Road), A. T. Wilkins (Leyton), F. L. Folliwell (Bath), W. Marsh (Kent), E. Harrison (Lincs.), O. H. Copland (Bayswater), C. G. Williams (Cambridge), G. Francis (Penge), F. Denman (Penge), W. Denman (Penge), G. W. Smith (Hammersmith), E. J. Clark (Stockwell, S.E.), F. W. Turner (Leyton), T. Bishop (Sheffield), E. E. Smith (Sheffield), W. T. Turner (Rotherham), B. Bailey (Rotherham), A. Shellam (Cardiff), W. Rich (Cheam), F. Hill (Maidstone), W. J. Strongman (Palmers Green, N.), J. R. Alder (Brighton), G. Knott (Ilford), E. G. Kew (Margate), H. J. Matthews (Westgate-on-Sea), T. E. Papworth (Margate), S. J. Chard (Oxon), G. Moore (Kent), J. Martin (Devon), H. R. Parker (Devon), G. Benson (New Brighton), E. Cooper (West Ham), H. E. Tringham (Dulwich), J. T. Robins (Leyton), A. Thompson (Liverpool), J. Dimes (Middlesex), A. Goodwin (Kennington), T. W. King (London, W.), H. A. Hayes (Aberbeeg, Mon.), T. Bosher (Aberbeeg, Mon.), J. A. Simpson (Kilburn), C. B. V. Hodgson (Surrey), H. Dixon (Surrey), G. Edwards (Leominster), A. E. Clarke (Islington), A. Broadhurst (Birmingham), W. C. Wells (Erdington), R. Sharrarde-Harris (Birmingham), F. Dipple (Birmingham), J. H. De Maillet (Small Heath), T. G. Smith (London, N.), A. J Marley (Leyton), W. Wallhauser (Paddington), H. Franks (Paddington, W.), J. C. Gamson (Woolwich), W. Gilbert (London, E.C.), R. Berridge (Kentish Town), C. J. Willis (Clapham Road), A. J. Slade (Brixton), W. R. Angear (Kensington), H. Riding (Rishton), J. Wones (Norwich), G. Barlow (Greenwich), A. Hughes (King's Cross), J. Higgs (Greenwich), G. Oxley (Herne Hill), G. Street (Highgate), J. Hyde (Upper Holloway), A. H. Grimsey (Dartford), E. Clegg (Dewsbury), W. Audem (Bucks), G. A. Thirsby (West Ealing, W.), H. Gravestock (Plaistow), G. Perry (Canning Town), J. Wilcock, Jun. (Eccleshill), H. Cousin (Guildford), H. J. Hawes (Forest Gate), F. C. Mitchell (Harwich), H. J. Ward (Charing), G. E. Wilkinson (Secretary Nottingham Show), F. Armstrong (Halifax), A. C. Lloyd (Seven Kings), A. G. Powle (Ilford), J. Cooke (Alton), C. Morris (Kensington), H. E. Parrott (Weybridge), A. Harrison (Stamford), A. Lovegrove (Henley-on-Thames), T. Pense (Manchester), J. Elliott (London, N.W.), D. H. Tedstone (Brecon), G. T. Jones (Brecon), W. Mealing (Walthamstow), R. A. Mills (New Malden), E. Connerton (Lambeth, S.E.), O. Millsum (Swindon), G. Denham (Putney), C. Bastable (Hackney Wick), C. Wayt (Woodford), W. J. Higgins (Wimbledon), J. Brotherton (Bolton), T. G. Jeffery (Southall), H. J. Hireson (Southall), W. H. Williams (Anglesey), E. Coulston (Walthamstow), W. Smith (Luton), J. Bates (Toddington), P. Jenkins (Swansea), G. J. Rees (Swansea), J. Rees (Swansea), J. Richards (Swansea), D. R. Jones (Llanelly), F. Heal (Swansea), W. Stock (Swansea), H. J. Ford (Cardiff), E. Thorne (Cardiff), H. C. Smith (Cardiff), F. B. Swann (Rounslow), Bennett (Nottingham), E. E. Jones (Bath), J. A. Chard (London, E.), F. Wyse (London, W.), F. J. Russell (Bath), T. Vincent (London), J. B. Waterman (East Dulwich), C. E. Truscott (Acton, W.), R. Cleaves (Abertillery), C. B. Evans (Clapham), J. Kay (Charlton, S.E.), S. Gill (Plymouth), C. Parker (Southampton), W. E. Austin (Wandsworth), W. H. Turner (Sicaford), Nark (Sleaford), E. J. Rippon (Chelmsford), J. Mason (Northamptou), W. K. Keenes (Granby), J. A. Lees (Oxford), A. Maller (Germany), R. Elliston (Hampstead), W. Dewsnap (Glossop), E. Jordan (Lewisham), S. W. Birchley (Altrincham), B. Holmes (Keighley), H. Frost (Brighton), E. W. Rogers (Brighton), R. W. Homewood (Brighton), J. H. Willows (Wednesbury), L. W. May (Alton), G. Tetin (Plaistow), R. E. Skinner (Croydon), W. Clark (Paddington), W. Dean (Aldershot), A. Stroud (Sutton), H. Dixon (Sutton), W. H. Wheatley (Hanwell), W. Lester (Battersea), W. Buckingham (Watford), D. Lankford (Deptford), W. Culham (Catford, S.E.), E. W. Saunders (Peckham), H. Chorley (Clapham), T. Allerton (Birmingham), B. Allerton (Birmiugham), F. Jeffrey (Bromsgrove), T. W. Guest (Bromsgrove), J. W. Rose (Bromsgrove), Harvey Luff (Battersea), W. Dalton (Leytonstone), J. Jones (Dudley), E. Hingley (Staffs.), E. A. Bowles (London, S.W.), J. R. Leech (Abertillery), G. A. Boston (Harringay), A. W. True (East Grinstead), E. L. Collison (Holland Park, W.), W. Burrows (Paddington), F. E. Botelle (Whyteleafe), G. Harris (Kenley), C. Goodwill (Peckham, S.E.), J. Drake (London, S.E.), W. L. Taylor (Leytonstone), F. J. Tetmus (Leytonstone), C. R. Evans (Leytonstone), F. E. Richardson Griffiths (Horsham), J. Kent (Camden Road, N.W.), C. S. Jones (Clapham, S.W.), A. Brown (Gateshead), B. Mitchell (Westminster), T. White (Charlton, S.E.), T. Chapman (Poplar, E.), H. H. Sayer (Coulsdon), H. Thornton (Paddington), A. W. Banlin (Holloway, N.), J. A. Tonks (Wednesbury), F. Dixon (Yorks.), J. Hopkins (Swindon), J. Hampshire (Oldham), J. Lees (Rochdale), T. H. Melhulsh (Cardiff), S. Aubury (Kennington, S.E.), W. White (Oxford), A. A. Sutty (Wimbledon), F. Sutty (Lower Tooting), W. H. Cunnington (Wembley), C. F. Barwick (near Halifax), H. Heath (Essex), J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool), H. F. Nudin (London), R. Witton (Kennington), Walton (Leicester), H. Dickins (Paulton), A. Raynes (Doncaster), T. B. Claypole (Leicester), S. J. Thirsk (Hull), D. Bentley (Great Harwood), R. W. Mercer (Great Harwood), H. W. Sheldon (N. Wales), W. Whittaker (Moses Gate), J. Gill (Leeds), George (Notts), G. Bell (Notts), T. Barlow (Leeds), Simpson (Leeds), Alexander (Paddington), M. Trevers (Lancaster Gate), W. Andrews (Barnsbury), H. Creber (Swansea), W. J. Baneroft (Swansea), F. J. Serine (Swansea), W. Mullins (Doncaster), J. Smith (Weybridge), R. J. Withers (Watford), H. Child (Croydon), J. Clarke (Sevenoaks), W. Southey (Sevenoaks), C. 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The next item on the agenda was an amendment by Mr. McPartling, "that no non-affiliated exhibitor be eligible to compete for any special at affiliated shows."

This met with no support, and, no seconder being forthcoming, was not put to the meeting. In the course of the discussion, Mr. FREESTONE said he did not know whether Mr. McPartling had ever had any experience of canvassing for specials, but he could tell him from long personal experience that probably the majority were given for some specified class or section, or purpose, and it would be very unwise for them to interfere, especially if it meant acting contrary to the donor's intentions. It would, too, be most unfair so to interfere. Mr. TAYLOR (Gateshead) also gave it as his opinion that it was not for show officials to limit the scope of competition for prizes given gratuitously by other people.

Paignton C.B.S. moved an addition to the rule governing the fixing of show dates, "that a district committee be not empowered to alter a show fixture of recurring date."—Mr. HADWIN seconded this.

Mr. TAYLOR (Gateshead) asked whether this had not been taken into consideration during the past season? He also said that no doubt due care would be taken that the date chosen by a new society should not clash with that already utilised by an old-standing society.—Mr. LYTHGOE said that it was taken into consideration, as far as possible, during the past season.—Mr. PETERS instanced the case of a village show of long-standing—possibly a mixed show—having a date without any regard for the importance of neighbouring large towns. He said that his society (Coventry) had last season to give way to a mixed show (Burton F.S.), and then finally clash with Burton C.B.S., Birmingham, and the Horticultural Hall, which did them far more harm than if the original date had been adhered to. He thought these things should be left to the district committees, who were in a better position to judge. In many cases the size and scope of the respective societies would not be known at head-quarters.—Mr. LONGDEN said they had a lot of trouble in South Wales last year. Swansea, for instance, was allowed to clash with Bristol F.S. show. He held that the district committee should have the power to settle these things, and that their decisions should be adhered to.

Mr. LYTHGOE said the chief reason for this happening was the fact that many societies had sent in dates, which had been accepted, before the annual meeting had been held.—Mr. TYSON said that, even with fixing dates by the district committee, his society's show was allowed to fall on the same date as another on the south side of the Thames, only one and a-half miles from their own hall. He thought it would be better for the Executive Council to have the full dates and arrange the fixtures, and then submit them to the various district committees for confirmation.—Mr. MEADES asked, suppose a society has engaged hall and judge, how then? He did not think the Union should interfere. The members were the backbone of the show: they had to "pay the piper" to finance it; consequently, they should be left to run it in what they considered the best way in their own interests.—Mr. TAYLOR (Gateshead) thought it would be very unbusiness-like for any society to engage hall and judge before they had had the date confirmed.—Mr. MOORE said that there was such a demand for their own hall at Cambridge, that they were absolutely compelled to engage it a year ahead.—The proposition was then put to the meeting, and there was a tie (8 votes each way) at first, which the Chairman declined to accept, and asked the delegates to vote either one way or the other. On the second vote it was carried by 14 votes to 6.

### Five Interesting Motions.

Next came five motions standing in the name of the Coventry O.S. The first two were opposed by the Bristol Fanciers' Association.

Motion (1) "That affiliated cage bird societies (those confined to cage birds only) have first choice of show dates."—This was seconded by Mr. Longden.

Mr. PETERS (Coventry), in supporting his society's proposition, said: "I may say that it was thought someone would suggest that societies be allowed to choose their own show dates, and take the risk of clashing, and failing that being carried, that this proposition was the only one consistent with the objects of the C.B.U., as its first and whole interest is for cage birds. The granting of show dates to affiliated and licensed shows in the order of application without any regard to the importance of, or long existence of, a society, works to the disadvantage of the cage bird Fancy; for, while small village mixed societies, only having a few classes for cage birds, can fix their show date, knowing nothing will clash with them, it is not so with societies in large towns, with a variety of entertainments, and consequent demand on suitable rooms.

Mr. HADWIN thought this would come hardly on those societies which catered almost solely for cage birds, but which had, say, a few classes for pigeons in their schedule. He knew several such societies in the North and North-West of England, and these, moreover, were among the first to cater for cage birds, and always catered for them thoroughly and properly. He instanced Whitehaven as one. He did not see what ground they had for interfering with such societies.—Mr. LYTHGOE said that Bristol F.A. protested very strongly against any such rule, instancing the many cups they offered, and classes, for cage birds.—On being put to the vote 17 voted for the proposition, and only 4 against.

Motion 2 was: "That show dates for mixed societies be not granted earlier than four months previous to the show."—Mr. Taylor (Gateshead) seconded.

In support, Mr. PETERS said: The reasons I have given for the first proposition equally apply to this one, and it is only the question of whether four months is too long or too short a time to fix. I do not wish to place any obstacle in the way of mixed societies, but I must reiterate that this is a Cage Bird Union.

Mr. LYTHGOE pointed out that they had a good many mixed societies affiliated, and who were good supporters of the Union and the Cage Bird Fancy. He thought this proposition cut much too hard.—Mr. HADWIN, also spoke strongly against it. He pointed out that many of the mixed societies promoted better cage bird shows than many of the purely cage bird societies.—The general feeling seemed strongly against this proposition, and in the end it was rejected by a practically unanimous vote.

Motion 3 read: "That affiliation or license be granted to mixed societies only on the condition that the mixed nature of the shows be advertised."

Mr. PETERS said: From the way shows are advertised it is sometimes difficult to know if it is a very mixed show, with cats, dogs, etc., where it frequently happens that the cage birds receive the scantiest of attention, the cages often being put insecure on the top of pens containing cats, poultry, etc., and for these reasons I think cage bird fanciers should be fully informed of the class of show to be held. Some fanciers, too, enter from the Fancy papers, never having seen a schedule at all. (A voice: Then they deserve all they get.)—Mr. LONGDEN seconded, and on being put to the vote, 11 were in favour of the proposition, and 9 against.

Motion No. 4 was: "That cages be staged higher than 6 feet from the floor."

Mr. PETERS said: That this rule is necessary must have been fully realised by all who have visited mixed shows, and also in some other cases where too small rooms have been engaged. I have seen birds staged seven, eight, nine, and even ten feet high—(laughter)—where it was impossible to see the show points of the birds or numbers on the labels, or properly feed and water the birds—the steward had to get a ladder to reach them.—Mr. TAYLOR, (Bristol), in seconding, said what he objected to was the way in which the birds were often staged on top of a lot of yelping dogs, or cats, poultry, rabbits, etc. If the executive would provide a separate room, or stage the birds apart at one end of the hall, there would not be so much objection taken to mixed shows.—On being put to the meeting, the proposition was carried unanimously

### The Insurance Scheme.

Motion 5 read: "That 25 per cent. of the income of the C.B.U. be reserved to form a fund from which grants may be made to exhibitors losing their birds by theft or negligence to or from shows."

In support, Mr. PETERS said: The serious and often irreparable losses that occur from time to time to individual fanciers from no fault of their own, and the difficulty of fixing the blame on the culpable party, and the still greater difficulty of getting adequate, or any compensation, make it advisable for some fund to be formed, from which grants can be made. Insufficient as the 25 per cent. might be to pay full loss, it will be the commencement of an insurance fund that may be augmented in the way suggested by Mr. Hadwin, and lead to greater things. I would suggest that all claims be investigated, and held over until the end of the show season, and then for each claimant to be paid in full, if sufficient funds, and if not, an equal percentage on his loss, as far as the funds would allow, with the proviso that no claim be admitted for more than £10 for full claim or percentage. This proviso would place the small exhibitor on an equality with others in the way of compensation. This mutual assurance would not prevent anyone claiming for loss from the railway company or others. If Mr. Hadwin's suggestion is adopted, a larger amount than £10 might be fixed as the maximum amount on one claim.

Mr. HADWIN, we may say, suggested a rider to the effect that members of the Union pay a sum of 1s. annually, such to be added to the 25 per cent. of the Union's funds, to form an insurance fund, only such members as have contributed to benefit.

Mr. PETERS' proposition was seconded by Mr. McPartling.

In the discussion, Mr. HADWIN thought it would be impossible to compensate to £10; £2, he fancied, would be the limit. It might, too, be only a selling class bird worth 12s. 6d. He would prefer leaving the cases in the hands of the Council, any grants to be made at once, as a sovereign to a poor man at the beginning of the season might be better than two at the end.—Mr. PETERS pointed out that they would not pay all claims in full. They would only have a certain amount to lay out, and if there were many claims, they would pay a proportionate per centage only. If they could pay in full, however, they would. The birds, of course, would be valued; they would not necessarily be taken to be worth whatever the claimant liked to say was their value. He thought the C.B.U. should adopt some such scheme for the benefit of the Fancy, otherwise he thought it would gradually die out.

Several delegates thought the Union not in a position to undertake such a scheme at the moment, seeing they had sustained a loss on the past season's working, and still had medals to pay for; also that the scheme would be far from easy to work, and likely to lead to many bogus claims. As Mr. TYSON said: What was there to prevent a man sticking a dead bird into one of his cages and claiming it to be his Manchester or Nottingham or Palace winner?—Mr. HADWIN said he thought the majority of exhibitors would be quite willing to pay an extra shilling or so to the Union for the purpose of having his birds insured.

Mr. POPE moved that they confirmed the principle of the thing at that meeting, and left the further consideration of it to the Council.—Mr. TYLER seconded this, and Mr. Peters intimated that he was quite agreeable to leave the consideration of details to the Council. On being put, 17 voted for Mr. Pope's motion, and 7 against it. So it is now left to the Executive Council to draw up some scheme, or schemes, for insuring show birds when travelling about the country.

Then came the following three motions:—

By Mr. RAMSDEN: That the words "for decision" be substituted for the words commencing "and such reference, etc.," at end of Rule 19.—This was rejected.

By Mr. POPE: Suggested alteration of the Western Counties District, some societies in this district being 220 miles apart.—This was carried.

By Mr. HADWIN: To add to end of Rule 17 the words "though given at an open show."—This was carried.

The meeting next considered Mr. HADWIN's proposition: That affiliated members of the C.B.U. be allowed to exhibit at Yorkshire Union shows.

This met with strong support from several delegates, particularly Messrs. HADWIN, METCALFE, and FRANKS (who was the seconder). It also met with equally strong opposition, on principle, from others. It was thought that the "olive branch" had been very fairly held out, and that, regrettable though the present state of things was, the C.B.U. could not well take further steps, seeing how past endeavours had been met. The discussion got a trifle "heated" at times, so some of the things said are perhaps best left unrecorded.—Mr. BLADON expressed his personal regret that the two Unions could not come to some understanding, seeing that it was the professed aim of both to benefit and uplift the Fancy.—On being put to the vote, 14 voted against Mr. Hadwin's proposition, and 5 in favour, so that it was declared lost.

The next and last amendment was by Tideswell, C.B.I.S.: That where licences are granted to mixed shows, such shows must engage a Cage Bird judge.—This was carried.

Hearty votes of thanks to the chairman (Mr. Bladon) and the retiring secretary (Mr. Lythgoe) brought the lengthy proceedings to a close.

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# SINGING CONTESTS.

### SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing contest, held at the week-end at the Newmarket Hotel, Sheaf Street. Result: 1, Wainwright, 37 secs.; 2, Wilson, 35 secs.; 3, Palfreyman, 35 secs. There was a tie for second and third.—H. FENN, Sec.

### PENDLEBURY.

Very successful Lark Singing Contest, held Feb. 6th, at Shepherd's Arms. Mr. F. Buckley had everything well in hand. The room was a good one. Mr. Buckley gave a handsome donation for every bird entered; 28 birds were entered. The prize-money was on the sliding scale. Mr. J. Mills' bird did most of the singing, it having won four contests lately. Another contest is proposed, but on the handicap terms. It was only bad luck that a good few did not sing the full 12 minutes. Mr. E. Royle was the judge. Awards: 1, Mills, 11.45; 2, Hall, 10.45; 3, Brown, 9.37; 4, Young, 9.27; 5, Morton, 7.44; 6, Almon, 7.10; 7, Hyde, 7.41; 8, Heaton, 6.10; 9, Lee, 5.50; 10, Smith, 5.35. Prize-money ran from 14/- 1st prize, to 1/- last. Timekeeper, Mr. T. Jones.—ALEX. DONNELLY.

### YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet Singing Contest, held at the Crown Inn, North Street, when 24 birds competed for six prizes. Some very good singing was heard. Results: 1, Cole; 2, Massheda; 3, 5, Lee; 4, Kirby; 6, Lambert. Judge, Mr. W. Perry. Timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

### NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week-end contest held on Saturday, February 6th, when 18 birds sang for three good prizes:—1, Wood: 2, Sellars; 3, Chippindale. Judges, Messrs. Jackson and Towers. On February 7th there was a very large entry for the time of year; 24 birds were hung up, and some very good singing was heard. 1, Smith; 2, Chippindale; 3, Farrar. Judges, Messrs. Jackson and Jennings. Timekeeper, Mr. G. Towers. —W. DEAN, hon. secretary.

### BOLTON.

Linnet singing contest was held at the Railway Tavern, Boldon Colliery, on February 6th, when there were 38 entries and some good singing. First prize, splendid timepiece; 2nd, silver medal, gold centre. Winner, H. Tucker; 2, J. Bell; 3, W. White. Judge, Mr. R. Bailey. Timekeeper, Mr. W. Wooley. —G. ELLIOTT.

### SEAHAM HARBOUR.

On February 6th a Linnet singing contest was held at the Dray Cart Inn, Seaham Harbour, when some splendid singing was heard. There were 48 birds. First, £1; 2nd, 10/-; 3rd, 5/-; 4th, 5/- Result: 1, 2, Showler; 3, Machin; 4, Mason. Judge, Mr. J. Cope (Rynope); timekeeper, Mr. P. McDonald; bookkeeper, Mr. T. Wilkinson, who gave every satisfaction.—G. ASHMORE.

### YORK.

Usual weekly contest, held at Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer-lane. Hungate, on February 6th, when 24 birds entered for competition, and some excellent singing was heard. Result: 1, Oldroyd; 2, Nicholls; 3, Harrison; 4, Chaplin; 5, Laverick; 6, Andrews. Mr. Jno. Andrews officiated as judge; Mr. Jas. Limbert as timekeeper.—WM. EMPSON.

### POPLAR.

At the Mariners' Arms, Grundy Street, Poplar, a free handicap was commenced on February 14th, when 13 pairs of birds entered. There was a great muster of fanciers. "Nigger" surprised those present by putting a splendid score of 12 and 14 to his credit. The final takes place on February 21st, when five pairs Chaffinches will sing off. "Tiger Bill," timekeeper.—J. CLARK.

## METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

At their last meeting, February 11th, the minutes showed the confirmation of the election as members of Messrs Harwood, King, Allen, Simpson, Spillman, Hoyte, and Young. Messrs. Tibbs and Denham and Mrs. Harwood and Mrs Denham were nominated. Messrs. Norman, Spillman, Davis, Simpson, and Mabey were elected vice-presidents. The profit on the members' annual show was £3, and on the pair show a profit of 15/- was made. Owing to the absence of the Secretary, Mr. R. Dear, the meeting adjourned to February 25th.

## SOUTHAMPTON O.S.

First meeting held at 273, Shirley-road, on Feb. 10th, when we commenced with a Goldfinch (Table) Show, and had 12 entries, and 12 better Finches it would be impossible to find at our big shows. Mr. Vine, an old and respected veteran in the Fancy, acted as judge. Those of us who can remember him half a century ago, are aware of his profound knowledge and experience as an all-round fancier. At 73 years of age he is still active. He gave us great satisfaction, although his task was difficult. The 1st prize was awarded to Mr W. G. Fellowes, but was pressed very closely by Mr. Hallett, who took 2nd, with a topper, good blaze, well put down, and in the pink of condition. Mr. Fellowes' bird was a Cheveril, beautiful bird, of good shape and carriage. The 3rd prize was also awarded to Mr. W. G. Fellowes. We had a most enjoyable evening under the presidency of our chairman, Mr. J. Newman. Mr. Clift (Shirley) gave us three prizes, in the shape of seed, for which we tendered our thanks. On Feb. 24th inst., a Bullfinch show is to be held, when some good prizes will be offered. Four gentlemen joined the society, which numbers now 10, and more have promised to join next time. Our old friend Mr. Staples, gave us a look in. Mr. Harvey offers a prize for the best Bullfinch.—CHARLES PARMITER, Sec.

# THE SHOWS.

## SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

At our meeting held on February 4th some splendid pairs were on view. Mr. R. Garnett judged the Yorkshires and Mr. J. Tow the Norwich.

YORKS. PAIRS: 1, Lindsay; 2, Bower; c, 3, Spencer; 4, Bingham; vhc, hc, Binge. NOR. PAIRS: 1, 2, Hemmings; 3, Lawry; 4, vhc, Woolhouse; hc, c, Tomlinson.—LINDSAY AND BINGHAM, hon. secretaries.

## EASTFIELD SIDE C.B.F.S.

Monthly table show of stock pairs on Feb. 6. The birds were judged by Mr. G. Marshall (Huthwaite).

NOR. STOCK PAIRS: 1, 3, Smedley; 2, vhc, hc, Wright Bros. CREST: 1, Oshorne; 2, W. Nuttall; 3, vhc, R. Nuttall. YORKS.: 1, Athey. MULING: 1, Hawksley; 2, Wright Bros. After judging, which gave every satisfaction, the members sat down to a coffee supper, provided by the host and hostess. The rest of the evening was spent in singing, etc., by Messrs. F. Beardall, A. H. Wright, and J. Smedley. The secretary presided at the piano, all present spending a most enjoyable evening.—J. CARLIN, secretary.

## NANTWICH.

This old-established fixture—the 48th annual one—took place in the Town Hall on Feb. 5 and 6. Cage birds were somewhat of a "frost," only totalling 35 in the eleven classes provided. Seven were cancelled. The committee are at a loss to understand this lack of support. We have seen some grand shows here in by-gone days. Competition, especially in Norwich, used to be exceptionally keen, but now not a Norwich was staged. That old local fancier, Mr. S. Williamson staged two nice Yorkics, capturing 1st and 3rd. Well done, Mr. W., you still know what is required to catch the judge's eye. Mr. F. Powell again held the secretarial reins, and left nothing to be desired in that capacity. Mr. J. N. Harrison placed the cards and gave entire satisfaction.

YORKS. (12): 1, 3, Williamson, leader very fine cl. buff, well drawn, good head and carriage, rare position, in good order, 3rd marked yell., nice length, well folded tail, lacked the finish of leader; 2, Cliff, very smart ticked yell., good shape, colour, and position; res, Brotherhood, fine ticked unflig. yell., close up; vhc, Henson; hc, Williams. CAN. A.O.V. cancelled. MULE (7): 1, Robinson, moderate variegated Can., rather small and might be better staged; 2, Palmer, very fine dark buff Goldie-Can., good size; 3, Palmer, very smart, heavily marked mealy Goldie-Can.; res, Griffiths; vhc, Williamson; hc, Bowen. LINNET, ETC. (9): 1, 2, Davies, two very fine Finches, well up in blaze and tanning, rare condition, good wing bars and very steady, not much to choose between them; 3, Dare, shapely Linnet, good colour and nicely pencilled; res, Robinson; vhc, Hopley; hc, Dare, Lawton, Peers. BULLFINCH cancelled. A.O.S. BRIT. cancelled. FOR. (7): 1, 3, P. V. Williams, leader grand green Toucan, in splendid feather, 3rd pair of Wood Swallows, in magnificent condition well shown; 2, Powell, very fine Amazon, very free talker; res, Jewes; vhc (2), Tomkinson. The three selling classes were cancelled.

## TIVYSIDE.

Third annual open show of the Tivyside F.A. was held on Feb. 3rd at the Guildhall, which is one of the best rooms for the purpose in South Wales, being large, with plenty of light and free from draught. The entries were not half what they were last year, although the quality throughout was really good. Mr. G. W. Mathias, the hon. secretary, and his assistant, Mr. Tom Evans, were here, there and everywhere, ready and willing to oblige one and all, and the stewards, Messrs. D. J. Thomas, J. Davies, T. Davies, and L. Roberts, deserve great praise for the able way they staged the exhibits and looked after their wants. All birds were packed away by 5.35 p.m. mail. Mr. R. Bowker judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

NOR. P.H. (5): 1, Pudner Bros., good stout yell. of nice feather; 2, 3, Portman, two good birds of same stamp; 4, Morris; an even lot, not much between them. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, medal, 4, Portman, former beautiful cl., cone-shaped bird, well up on legs; 2, 3, Williams, also very good ones; vhc, Bennet; hc, Evans. BUFF (5): 1, Williams, long, straight bird and as hard as hoxwood;; 2, Bennet, nice exhibit; 3, 4, Portman; vhc, Evans; all five of tip-top quality. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Edwards, 1st good Crest, 2nd useful Crest-bred. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, spl for best Can. or Mule in show, 2, Edwards, 1st good yell., four-pointed, plenty of size, 2nd of same variety, sweet exhibit; 3, 4, Portman, two good ones; all four Mules; vhc, Morgan, grand little Redpoll-Goldfinch, which some thought might have been in money; c, Morgan. DARK MULE (7): 1, Thomas, nice coloured jonque Goldfinch-Can.; 2, Portman, large, good coloured Greenie-Can.; 3, Owen, tip-top coloured Goldie-Canary, unfed; 4, John; vhc, Davies; hc, Edwards. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (14): Grand class, many good enough to win in tip-top company: 1, spl, Thomas, not a big one, but wonderful colour, very neat, good blaze, beautifully mooned; 2, Ray, also good one, but not the polish or mooning of winner; 3, Portman, another useful bird; 4, Thomas, close up; vhc, Thomas, Llewelyn; hc, Davies. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Jenkins, beautiful hen, won in a walk, nice cap, good bars, soft colour; 2, Davies, good cap, deep crimson breast; 3, Morgan; 4, Bell; vhc, Evans; hc, Miles. LINNET (4): 1, Ray; 2, Price; 3, Thomas, very even lot of good quality, all well staged and a credit to their owners; absent, Spurry. SISKIN, ETC. (3): 1, Thomas, nice colour Siskin; 2, Ray, pretty little Redpoll; absent, Portman. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (3): 1, 3, Davies, Bramble, large, grand colour, and beautifully spangled, 3rd topping, large Chaffinch, in nice colour, must have pressed winner, well shown; 2, Price, another good Bramble. BUNTING (5): 1, Price, nice Snow Bunting, some thought should have given way to next; 2, Davies, lovely colour Yellowhammer, steady as a rock; 3, Jenkins, good colour Yellow Bunting; 4, Davies, beautiful Cirl; vhc, Johns. A.O.S. BRIT. (7): 1, 4 spls, Portman, grand colour large Hawfinch, which caused much comment as to whether a bird with the flights of one wing out should win; 2, Morgan, well spotted Thrush; 3, Jones, very neat Blackbird; 4, Ray; vhc, Johns; hc, Bell. BREEDING PAIRS (4): 1, Davies, Goldfinch-Can., a nice pair; 2, Thomas, useful Greenfinch-Bullfinch; 3, Portman, good long pair of well-marked Yorkshires

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## WAKEFIELD.

The City of Wakefield O.S. held their second annual open show in the Social Institute, Market Place, on February 13th, Mr. J. N. Harrison (Belper) officiating as judge. The show was held under the rules of the Yorkshire Union, and was the concluding show for the trophies and medals offered for competition during the season. It was also under the patronage of the Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C., the latter's section coming up exceptionally well. In the Yorkshire section, Messrs. Ogden Bros. put down a strong team, and were successful in securing the special for most points throughout the show; whilst Messrs. Shackleton, Blackburn and Mitchell, Ogden Bros., Axe and Kaye were winners of specials for the various sections. Mr. P. Parker is very efficient in his duties as secretary, and had everything working as smooth as possible, and was well backed up by Messrs. Isherwood (chairman), Parkes (vice-chairman), C. T. Parkes (assistant secretary), Taylor, Atkinson, Jones, Netherwood, and Rothwell as stewards. The entries came up fairly well (except in Norwich novice classes, which were both cancelled), totalling 275, an average of nearly 14 per class—not bad, considering it was the eighteenth show of the season and only a few days after the Palace. British were a nice lot, averaging 15 in each of the five classes provided, the winning Waxwing coming in for a lot of praise. CAGE BIRDS' prizes were secured by Messrs. C. and C. T. Parkes, J. Chippindale, and Blackburn and Mitchell, the two latter tying for 2nd place.

### The Champion Classes.

YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, Drake and Son, grand type, stylish, lovely quality and colour, 2, Wilcox, extra shape, leggy, and very nervy, full of quality; 3, hc, C. and C. T. Parkes, good shape, grand head and neck, fine quality and colour; 4, Priestley, good length, shapely, grand position; vhc, Ogden Bros.; c, Shackleton. BUFF (7): 1, hc, spl, Shackleton, noted Buff, wonderful shape and position, grand quality of feather; 2, c, Wilson, very shapely, full of quality, nice position; 3, Drake and Son, again shapely, well cut away, very stylish, nice quality; 4, Wood, good, typical bird, well up in position, fine quality; vhc, Willcock. YELL. HEN (12): 1, spl, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland, grand length, good shape and style, nice quality and colour, looking well; 2, Shackleton, extra good shape, wonderful position, stylish, nice quality; 3, Ogden Bros., grand shape, neat wings and tail, all there for quality, a gem; 4, Priestley, good shape, leggy, nice feather; vhc, C. and C. T. Parkes; hc, Radley; c, Wilson. BUFF (11): 1, spl, Shaw Bros., lovely type, very stylish, full of quality, very compact; 2, Taylor, marked, rather on strong side, grand back, nice quality and colour; 3, Ogden Bros. marvellous quality and colour, good shape, very stylish, some preferred for 2nd place; 4, c, C. and C. T. Parkes, grand shape and style, nice quality; vhc, Radley; hc, Shackleton. UNFLI. YELL. (18): 1, Chippindale, slim, grand length, good shape, full of quality; 2, 3, spl, Blackburn and Mitchell, both uneven marked, grand shape, rich colour and quality; 4, Ogden Bros., grand length, slim, lovely quality well up in position; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Shaw Bros.; c, Priestley. BUFF (16): 1, spl, Shaw Bros., uneven marked, grand shape, very stylish, nice quality, neat; 2, Taylor, good type and position, fine quality; 3, C. and C. T. Parkes, saddle marked, excellent colour and quality, nice type; 4, Chippindale, grandly cut, all there for quality and style; vhc, Shackleton; hc, Blackburn and Mitchell; c, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland. CINN. TKD., ETC., CK. (9): 1, 4, hc, and spl, Ogden Bros., leader yell., grand shape and position, rich quality; 4th yell., extra colour, grand type, neat wings, nice quality; 2, Priestley, buff, good shape, stands well, grand feather; 3, Shackleton, buff, very neat, full of quality and colour, nice style; vhc, Drake and Son; c, Towers. HEN (11): 1, vhc, Ogden Bros., grand shape and position, rich colour and quality; 2, 4, Towers, 2nd yell., grand shape, neat in carriage, lovely quality; 4th buff, good size, extra position, lovely quality; 3, hc, Priestley, not so long, splendid type and style, neat feathered; c, Shackleton. SELL. (bird and cage £1) (10): 1, c, spl, Townsend; 2, Axe; 3, Riley; 4, Radley; vhc, Chippindale; hc, Haigh. 12s. 6d. (12): 1, spl, Radley; 2, Dixon; 3, Edwards; 4, Bracewell; vhc, Lockwood; hc, Taylor; c, Axe. MULE OR HYB (16): 1, 4, spl, Edwards, leader, Greenle-Bullfie, grand size and substance, rich colours throughout, in good trim; 4, four-pointed Goldie-Can., neat marks, nice blaze and bars; 2, Ward, Linnet-Bullfie good size, splendid colourings, perfect gem; 3, Wainwright, four-pointed Goldie-Can., nice markings, wonderful blaze and wing bars, rich looking, good exhibit; vhc, c, J. Walsh; hc, Lewis and Moss. LINNET (11): 1, spl, Lewis and Moss, good size, neat chubby shape, rich in colour, fine pencilling; 2, Nicholson, lovely colour, steady as a rock, neat pencilling; 3, Parlett, extra nutty brown colour, nice build, cobby; 4, Walsh, very dark in colour, nice pencilling, steady; vhc, Isherwood; hc, Jowett; c, Duncan. GOLDFINCH (17): 1, Axe, rather on small side, good square-cut blaze, rich colour of tan, nice wing bars; 2, Walsh, nice shape, good blaze and bars, neat buttons, not quite so clean in whites; 3, Green and Son, good size, splendid colour nice blaze and bars, lovely condition; 4, vhc, c, Duncan, fine size, rich tan, grand blaze, looking well; hc, Tattersall. BULLFINCH, ETC. (16): 1, 4, spl, Axe, Greenie, leading big bouncing bird, grand level colour, extra good wing bars, splendid order; 4th Bullie, nice size, good cap, plenty of colour; 2, Bell, Bullie, fine build, splendid type, full of colour, wide cap, gem; 3, c, Lockwood, Greenie, excellent shape, plenty of substance, neat feather; vhc, Lewis and Moss; hc, Netherwood. A.O.S BRIT. (15): 1, spl, Underwood, Waxwing, marvellous feather and condition, grand colours, wings like paint, good crest, regular beauty; 2, Duncan, Wagtail, good colour and condition, very steady; 3, Axe, Hawfinch, of fine size, neat bib, good sound colour; 4, Inman, Great Tit, neat exhibit, good colour and condition; vhc, c, Isherwood; hc, Walsh. GIFT CLASS (9): Winner receives silver cup value £1 1s., 2nd and 3rd medals. 1, Dean; 2, Mrs. C. M. Sunderland; 3, Kaye; 4, C. and C. T. Parkes; vhc, Brown; hc, Fergusson; c, Isherwood.

### The Novice Classes.

YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (18): 1, spl, Kaye, slim, grand type, very clean cut, well up in position, lovely quality; 2, White, big bouncing bird, good shape and style, nice quality; 3, Sowden, shapely, lovely wings and tail, nice position, good feather; 4, Lumb, not quite as long, perhaps, but neat type, plenty of nerve, good quality; vhc, Laycock; hc, Varley; c, Radley. BUFF (17): 1, spl, White, grand shape, lengthy, nice position and quality; 2, Radley, extra quality, grand shape and position, looking well; 3, Tattersall, rich colour, lovely shape and style, grand quality; 4, Lane, very typical, well up in position, good quality; vhc, Jeffreys; hc, Varley; c, Sowden. YELL (10): 1, Clegg, grand type, very slim, nice position, extra quality; 2, hc, spl, Hall, grand shape, neat shoulders, well up on legs, good feather; 3, Lane, nice length, typical bird, leggy, neat feather; 4, White, very compact, neat tail, grand type and quality, vhc, Dunn; c, Parker. BUFF (13): 1, spl, Mann, lovely shape, leggy, nice position, good head, neat quality; 2, Varley, lovely colour and quality, A1 shape, very neat; 3, Wilson, good length, rather stronger, very shapely, lovely quality; 4, Radley, nice shape and style, grand quality; vhc, Laycock; hc, Bracewell; c, Dunn. MKD. YELL. (7): 1, spl, Laycock, very slim, lovely shape, grand quality and colour; 2, Hall, splendid colour and quality, good shape and style; 3, Lumb, very narrow, extra shape and colour; 4, Kaye, nice shape, and quality; vhc, Radley; hc, Dunn; c, Tinkler. BUFF (6): 1, 2, spl, Kaye, two neat exhibits, good shape and quality in both; 3, Dunn, Cinn. mkd, grand shape, quality, and style; 4, Clegg, excellent type and position, grand quality; vhc, Radley; Parker, absent. NOR. CK., void. HEN, void.

## CAMBRIDGE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at the Forester, Burleigh-st., on Feb. 3, and was devoted to an exhibition of single Canaries and pairs matched for breeding, including likely couples for the production of Canary Hybrids. There was a good attendance of members, and some 40 birds were submitted to the judging of Mr. Dencaster.

NOR.: 1, Brooks; 2, Dean; 3, King. YORKS.: 1, Gifford; 2, Bye. NOR. PAIRS: Hearn. YORKS. PAIRS: 1, 2, Banyard; 3, Gifford. PAIRS FOR BREEDING CAN. HYB.: 1, Banyard; 2, Hearn. AMATEUR JUDGING: 1, McQuassie; 2, Gawthrop; 3, Casey.—T. S. MOORE, Hon. Sec.

## HASLAND, GRASSMOOR AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First annual open show held on Jan. 30th in the Assembly Aooms, Hasland. Mr. J. Fox (Hepthorne Lane) judged, and we heard no complaints. Messrs. Layton and Wilson were stewards. The entry was not so large as it might have been, but the quality was excellent.

YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, Harris; 2, Gouchies; 3, Barker. BUFF: 1, Harris; 2, Gee; 3, Goucher. NOR. CK.: 1, Nutt; 2, vhc, Smedley; 3, Greave. HEN: 1, Gill; 2, vhc, Greaves; 3, Nutt; hc, Smedley; c, Harris. A.O.V.: 1, Smedley; 2, 3, C. H. Naylor. BRIT.: 1, hc, C. Naylor; 2, 3, Gunn; vhc, Barker; c, Simpson. FOR.: 1, bc, Naylor; 2, Bamford; 3, Buckley; vhc, Dowson. MEMBERS.—YORKS. CK.: 1, Harris; 2, 3, Goucher; vhc, Gee; hc, Barker. HEN: 1, 2, Goucher; 3, Gee; vhc, Gunn. NOR. CK.: 1, Gill; 2, Wilson; 3, Harris; vhc, hc, Naylor; c, Goucher. HEN: 1, Wilson; 2, Gill; 3, Harris; vhc, Dowson; hc, Goucher; c, Barker.—C. H. NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

## UDDINGSTON, N.B.

The Uddingston and District Ornithological Society held their first annual show in the Royal Hall, The Cross, on February 6th. The show was a success. Office-bearers: Hon. president, Thos. Prentice, Esq.; president, John Kilpatrick; vice-president, P. M. Hood; secretary and treasurer, W. P. Campbell; committee, Messrs. W. Taylor, J. Porteous, H. Donnan, T. Hope, R. Young, A. Black, J. Junor, J. Nimmo, J. Shepherd, G. Glass, G. Munro, and J. Jenkins. The Royal Hall is conveniently situated and well adapted for show purposes, and Secretary Mr. W. P. Campbell, under whose generalship the arrangements were so well carried out, assisted by a committee of true fanciers, had everything done for the comfort of visitors and exhibits alike. Every detail was well in hand, which speaks well for bigger success in the future. There was an encouraging turnout of visitors, the hall being busy from the time of opening to the public till the close of the show. The cage bird section, which were judged by Mr. McDonald, of Glasgow, were a fair average lot, some good birds being staged including a few of the season's winners. The judging of this section was rather a heavy task, but Judge McDonald was equal to the occasion, and his awards gave general satisfaction. For best bird in British Mr. George McCulloch's Greenfinch was an easy first Mr. Thomas Prentice had a very fine Bullfinch, staged in perfect feather. The management are to be congratulated on their first show, which has proved a big success. Owing to an error in the allocation of the specials in one or two instances, only part of the specials awarded are noted.

### The Critique.

SCOTS. (2): 1, spl, 2, Caldwell, 1st fine drive and top end, tail well under spar, 2nd more substance than 1st, but fails in style. CREST (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, hc, Nimmo, 1st wing marked Dark Crest, fair size and shape, nice leafy feather, droop, and radiation nicely filled in, 2nd barely so full in crest, but nice substance and feather, 3rd Dark Crest, veiny feather, nice frontal and droop, not so dense; 4, Barrie, neat-shaped crest, good body, nice droop and shape, fine bird; vhc, Powell, junr. C.B. (7): 1, spl, J. Nimmo, fair size, body and shape, good entrance, fine condition; 2, W. Nimmo, nice substance and feather, very nice head and grand entrance, very steady; 3, 5, Shephard, 3rd good substance, nice entrance, grand body; 4, Powell, junr, fine massive bird, good body and shape, nice entrance, good stretch. NOR. YELL. (3): 1, Kilpatrick, variegated colour-fed ck., grand size and feather, neat head, good wing carriage; 2, Prentice, nice chubby build, good substance, neat wings and tail, nicely carried, hard on 1st; 3, Allander, variegated, grand shape, fails in head to winners, nice rich colour, good quality. HEN (5): 1, spl, Braidwood, variegated, gem for shape, colour, and quality, very chubby and steady on perch; 2, 3, Scobbie, 2nd ticked, good size and substance, good head and neck, 3rd ticked, nice rich colour, fine quality, good size and substance; 4, Gray, good head and nicely filled neck, capital carriage. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Scobbie, clear, nice feather, good type, colour, head and neck; 2, Braidwood, eye and wing marked, grand head and neck very neat carriage, fine condition; 3, vhc, Kilpatrick, splendid substance, neat, good type, fine condition; 4, Munro, plenty of substance, nice style and colour. HEN (7): 1, Donnan, clear, grand size, feather of nice texture, capital head and wing carriage; 2, Gartshore, another clear, close on 1st, and staged in fine condition, nice shape; 3 Taylor, clear, fine front splendid feather, shade narrow in head; 4, Gray, nice substance and feather, fails in type. UNFED (5): 1, spl, Gartshore clear yellow, very typical, and in grand condition; 2, no name, nice shape and substance, in capital feather and condition; 3, Taylor, clear yell., nice colour and feather, splendid head and neck, wins its place easy; 4, Kilpatrick, splendid type, in fine condition. HEN: 1, Gartshore, very typical, grand feather, rare substance, wins; 2, Kilpatrick, very nice type, barely so steady neat head and shape; 3, Taylor, buff, fair quality, fine feather, neat, nicely staged; 4, Donnan clear buff, fails in style nice in other points. SELL. (4): 1, Scobbie; 2, Kilpatrick; 3, Prentice; 4, Young. BORD YELL. (1): 1, McVicar, green nice shape and feather, fine carriage and nice wings. HEN (2): 1, McGhie, fair type, neat and jaunty nice shape; 2, Shephard, nice colour and type neat wing carriage. BUFF (3): 1, Scobbie, nice colour, grand shape, fine and shapely, neat wing, feather like wax, wins; 2, Shephard, smart, good feather and wing carriage, very jaunty; 3, no name, fair feather and shape. HEN (3): 1, McVicar, very typical, nice feather and jaunty carriage; 2, Scobbie, good shape and quality, very jaunty, neat wing carriage; 3, Shephard, plenty of quality and style, value for its place, nice type. CINN. (1): 1, spl, McGhie, nice size and colour, very neat. SELL (7/6) (4): 1, Scobbie; 2, 3, Green; 4, Caldwell. A.O.V.: 1, 4, Forbes; 2, Kilpatrick; 3, McEwan. BRIT. GOLD, ETC. (9): 1, spl, McCulloch, Bullfinch, grand cap and bars, nice breast colour, neat shape; 2, Scobbie, Goldfinch, grand size and colour, nice face, good wings and tans, neat buttons; 3, Lawson, Bullfinch hen, very neat and typical, in lovely feather; 4, Munro, Goldfinch, nice colour and face, neat buttons and tans; vhc, Jones. LINNET (5): 1, Morrison, fine and shapely, good sound body and [illegible] in grand condition; 2, Prentice, smart, nice shape and colour, well marked, grand [illegible]. Barrie, nice size good colour, but not quite so good in pencilling as others; 4, Vassie, nice shape, fails a shade in colour; vhc, Jones. GREEN (5): 1, spl, vhc, McCulloch, grand type, best bird in British section, feather like wax; 2, Scobbie, colour fed, nice size and shape, polish, and even colours; 3, Prentice, very fair bird and very close on those in front, shade pale in throat; 4, W. Nimmo, fair all-round bird. CHAFF. ETC.: 1, McCulloch, Bramble, fine size, head and lacing, grand breast colour, well defined markings; 2, Prentice, Chaff., fine body, colour and polish, in rare plumage; 3, Scobbie, Bramble, similar to 1st, but scarcely so well defined in markings; 4 W. Nimmo, Chaff., small in size but perfect in colour, very steady. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Prentice, Siskin, grand cap and markings, perfect wing carriage and type; 2, 3, McCulloch, Mealy Redpoll, tight in feather, beautifully marked, 3rd Siskin, nice cap, perfect condition in colour and feather; 4 Barrie, Siskin, shade small, and barely so nice in polish; vhc, Brown. FOR. GOLD, ETC. (1): 1, spl, Prentice, Bullfinch, lovely cap, jet black nice polish, grand depth of breast colour, splendid carriage, a perfect beauty. A.O.V. (2): 1, Holten, Parrot, in perfect condition and feather; 2, Mrs. Roy, very pretty Parrakeet, also in nice condition.

## CORK.

A record show in many respects was that held on Jan. 27 and 28, in the City Hall under the auspices of the Cork and Provincial C.B.S., it being the society's fourth annual show. Upwards of 430 birds were staged, this being a considerable increase on the number obtained the previous year. It was, in fact, the largest number of exhibits since the society's formation. The public patronised the show in considerable force, and the "gate" was a fairly good one. The exhibition was excellently managed by Messrs. M. O'Keefe and S. O' Reilly, who had everything in capital order, and were courteous and obliging to all. While these gentlemen remain at the helm there is small chance of any hitch occurring in the arrangements, and exhibitors, both local and other no doubt knew this when they sent their best birds to the show. They were ably supported by a strong and capable committee, who one and all are deserving of the highest praise. The quality of the exhibits was good, and in some of the classes tip-top. Mr H. W. Battye judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

PELG. Cancelled. SCOT. FCY. CL. (11): 1, res, vhc, Birch; 2, c, Casey; 3, T. F. O'Reilly; hc, Waugh. A.O.COL. (10): 1, 3, res, Birch; 2, T. F. O'Reilly; vhc, Casey; hc, c, Curtin. YORKS. CL. YELL. CK. (10): 1, 3, res, hc, M. O'Keefe; 2, Lee; vhc, Thornhill (Ramsden); c, T. F. O'Reilly. HEN (6): No first; 2, 3, T. F. O'Reilly; res, Lee; vhc, Neville; hc, c, M. O'Keefe. BUFF CK. (12): 1, res, M. O'Keefe; 2, Buckley; 3, vhc, hc, T. F. O'Reilly; c, Lee. HEN (12): 1, T. F. O'Reilly; 2, Thornhill; 3, res, vhc, c, M. O'Keefe; hc, Lee. A.O. COL CK. (14): 1 3, Buckley; 2, c, T. F. O'Reilly; res, vhc, hc, M. O'Keefe. HEN (12): 1, 3, c, T. F. O'Reilly; 2, res, Buckley; vhc, Neville; hc, M. O'Keefe. YORKS. NON-COL-FED (4): No first; 2, Neville; res, Dawson; vhc, Buckley; hc, T. F. O'Reilly. CREST (7): No first; 2, res, vhc, Waugh; 3, T. F. O'Reilly; hc, c, Lee. C.B. (7): No first; 2, Lee; 3, res, vhc, Waugh; hc, Lee; c, Thornhill. NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (9): 1, 3, c, Miss Travers; 2, M'Loughlin; res, hc, T. F. O'Reilly; vhc, Lee. A.O. COL. CK. (8): 1, 2, J. M'Loughlin; 3, vhc, Miss Travers; hc, Hanna (Ramsden); c, T. F. O'Reilly. NOR. HEN (13): 1, 2, res, M'Loughlin; 3, hc, Hanna (Ramsden); vhc, Lee; c, T. F. O'Reilly. A.O.V. CAN (7): 1, c, Neff; 2, 3, res, Hanna (Ramsden); vhc, T. F. O'Reilly. THE NOVICE CLASSES.—YORKSHIRE COCK (15): 1, 3, hc, Forrest; 2, res, Coughlan; vhc, Fry; c, S. O'Reilly. HEN (14): 1, Coughlan; 2, res, S. O'Reilly; 3, vhc, Buckley, hc, c, Forrest. NOR. (11): 1, 2, 3, res, Forrest; vhc, S. O'Reilly; hc, A. Herbert. A.O.V. CAN (12): 1, 2, Waddy (Scotch Fancy Hen and Bdg. Ck.); 3, Fry; res, vhc, Hanna; hc, Waddy. SELL. CAN. CK. (7): 1, 3, Forrest; 2, vhc, O'Keefe; c, Hanna. HEN (6): 2, Forrest; 3, vhc, c, M. O'Keefe; res, Waddy. LOCAL CAN. (confined to working men of the city or county of Cork) (6): 2, Cronin; 3, vhc, Wade; res, hc, Coughlan; c, Phillips.

GOLDFINCH-CAN., OR LINNET-CAN., CL. ETC. MULE (7): 1, vhc, Dawson; 2, T. F. O'Reilly; res, Allshire; hc, Butterfield; c Hanna. GOLD FINCH-CAN. DARK (8): 1, Hanna; 2, M. O'Keefe; 3, Dawson; res, Arnstein. LINNET-CAN. DARK (8): 1, c, Dawson; 2, Arnstein; 3, Hanna; res, T. F. O'Reilly; vhc, O'Callaghan; hc, Butterfield. A.O.V. MULE OR HYB (6): 1, 3, Birch, Goldfinch-Bullfinches; res, hc, c, Dawson. Goldfinch-Greenfinch; vhc, Arnstein, Siskin Can. BULLFINCH CK. (10): 1, vhc, Dawson; 2, c, Hanna; 3, res, Patterson; hc, Noonan. HEN (9): 1, hc, c, Dawson; 2, Hanna; 3, vhc, Arnstein. GOLDFINCH (16): 1, res, vhc, Dawson; 2, Patterson; 3, Butterfield; hc, Sheehan. LINNET (14): 1, 3, Dawson; 2, Sheehan; res, vhc, Arnstein; hc, T. F. O'Reilly; c, Cronin. TWITE OR REDPOLL (11): 1, c, Dawson; 2, Hanna; 3, S. O'Reilly; res, vhc, hc, Arnstein. SISKIN (9): 1, 2, Dawson; 3, res, vhc, Arnstein; hc, Hanna; c, S. O'Reilly. CHAFFINCH (8): 1, 3 Arnstein; 2, Dawson; res, Hanna; vhc, Drew. SKYLARK (16): 1, 3 Dawson; 2, Arnstein; res, T. F. O'Reilly; vhc, P. Higgins; hc, J. Higgins; c, Patterson. THRUSHES, ETC. (8): 1, 2, Dawson; 3, Arnstein; res, vhc, hc, Butterfield; c, Hanna. A.O.S. SEED EATING (8): 1, 3, vhc, Arnstein; 2, res, hc, Hanna; c, Dawson. Greenfinch. A.O.S. SOFT (7): 2, Ramsey Phillips; 3, res, hc, Arnstein; vhc, Drew; c, Lewis. SELL. (10) 1, 2, res, Arnstein; 3, M. O'Keefe; vhc, hc, Dawson. FOR. BIRDS: Classes 40 to 44 cancelled.

Nests of birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

## WILD BIRD LIFE

### Signs of Spring.

Winter weather is still with us; the frost is keen enough to freeze all the small ponds and drinking places, and it is only at the running brooks that wild birds are able to obtain water during the day. In the early morning they do not need it, as they eat the rime, which is deposited so thickly upon the grass and other vegetation. Although some kind-hearted people are careful to keep a pan of water out in the garden, and to thaw it several times during the day, yet this is not at all necessary when there is the slightest snow upon the ground. Birds will eat this in preference to drinking water. It is in the hot, dry summer weather that the water supply should be regularly attended to, for wild birds need a plentiful supply when feeding young ones. One would think the cold, cutting, north-easterly winds which we have had day after day would drive all thoughts of housekeeping out of the heads of the most precocious of birds; but one can see signs of the advent of spring upon every hand. The weather is no more spring-like than it was a couple of months ago, but the daylight has increased considerably. It is this extra light that is affecting both the vegetable and animal kingdom. In the copse, the budding spring flowers may be detected some of them showing colour and others quite expanded, but looking terribly dowdy when fully exposed to the cold wind. The plaintive song of the Hedge Sparrow is much more frequently heard. It has increased in volume, and is longer sustained. He is no longer alone, but is accompanied by his intended partner for the season, both of them looking sleek and tight in feather. They may be seen frequently hunting among the evergreens and the gorse bushes at the edge of the downs. At the first break in the weather, the foundation of the snug little home will be laid, if it has not already been done in sheltered districts. The busy Starlings out on the grassland, although apparently only a gathering of birds, are really a collection of pairs. They have selected their partners some time ago, and when not feeding, may be seen searching the hollow places in the old walnut trees, or house-hunting up in the gables and round the water pipes of the dwellings in the village.

### The Cuckoo's Migration.

In most species the young birds of the year migrate in advance of their parents, but with the Cuckoo it is different; the old birds have shifted the responsibility of rearing their offspring to the Wagtails, Pipits, etc., and having nothing to keep them longer in our woods and fields, make their way south, followed by the young birds several weeks after.

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## LONDON FEDERATION OF CAGE BIRD SOCIETIES.

A meeting of the Council of the Federation was held on February 11th, at "The Feathers," Great Chapel-street, Westminster, Mr. H. E. Tringham (Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.), presiding. There were also present, Messrs. R. L. Crisp and A. C. Burn (City and Suburban A.C.B.), H. W. Cook (Poplar and Dist. C.B.S.), F. W. Hamer (Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.), H. Smith and J. Carson (Wimbledon and Dist. C.B.S.), C. R. Carr and C. H. Cooper (Leyton and Dist. C.B.S.), W. J. Honeysett (Battersea and Dist. C.B.S.), W. Hodson (Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.), H. T. Newman (Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.), H. J. Pearce and F. W. Thorpe (London and Counties O.A.), J. Dewhurst and G. Turner (West London F.A.), E. S. Lugg (Lewisham and Dist. C.B.S.), A. Boxall and W. H. Mugford (London C.B.A.), and P. Adamthwaite, sec.

In announcing the result of the election of officers, the SECRETARY stated that 13 voting papers had been sent out, and 11 returned, one being disqualified. The confirmation of this election resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. H. E. Tringham; vice-chairman, Mr. R. L. Crisp; trustees, Messrs. A. C. Burn and J. Dewhurst; auditors, Messrs. Mugford and Cook; hon. secretary, Mr. P. Adamthwaite, 142, Fernhead-road, Maida Hill, London, W., whose election was received with loud applause. The appointment of a treasurer was a matter left entirely to the Council, and Mr. F. W. Thorpe was elected. The secretary, in announcing the result of the last canvass, stated that five more societies had joined the Federation, bringing the total number up to fourteen. The next business was the consideration of the draft standing orders of Council. The CHAIRMAN read these out, commenting on each. They were drawn up, he said, for the guidance of the Council in the conduct of its meetings. These standing orders were adopted on the motion of Mr. H. W. COOK, seconded by Mr. E. S. LUGG. In reply to a question by Mr. Thorpe, the Chairman stated that the standing orders could be altered at any time by the decision of the Council, the secretary adding that they could also be suspended at any time, if necessary. Mr. CRISP moved and Mr. HONEYSETT seconded, "that each member of the Council have a printed copy of the standing orders sent to him for his use, and that should a delegate resign his position, the standing orders be handed over to his successor or deputy as the case may be." This was carried.

The fixing of a levy to be paid by the affiliated societies was the next business. The SECRETARY stated that when it was suggested at the previous meeting of the delegates that the levy should be only one penny per member, he did not think the initial expenses of the Federation had been taken into consideration, and if the Council could see their way to make the levy, say, twopence per member, for the first year, he saw no reason why in future years, the levy should exceed a penny. The expenses in connection with the formation of the Federation were considerable. It was, he might say, owing to Mr. Crisp's generosity that they had been enabled to do what they had done. (Applause.) Mr. BURN proposed that application be made to the affiliated societies for one penny per member for initial expenses, and one penny per member annual levy; Mr. COOPER seconded the motion. Mr. CRISP suggested that the better way might be to ask the societies to contribute something voluntarily towards defraying the initial expenses, but Mr. COOK thought the matter should be clinched at once, and the amount decided on. Mr. DEWHURST agreed with Mr. Crisp, and said he was inclined to think that the Council were likely to receive more by this means than by means of the enforced penny per member. Mr. HONEYSETT thought the original plan the better. If they were going to make the Federation a kind of charitable institution—well, he had found the general run of fanciers rather the other way inclined. Mr. CARR said that would be better so far as his (the Leyton and District) society was concerned, to have a fixed charge. The motion was altered to read: "That the levy per member be one penny for the ensuing year, and that it be pointed out to each society that one penny per member is asked for, for the purpose of defraying the initial expenses of the Federation, but is not enforced." This was carried.

The SECRETARY drew attention to a case submitted to the Council by Mr. J. A. Simpson, with reference to the loss of birds in transit, Mr. Simpson claiming the protection of the Federation in a grievance he had against a certain railway company. In November last, the secretary pointed out, Mr. Simpson sent a bird to a man residing in a Midland town. Mr. Simpson put the value of the bird down as £2. The train was due to leave London at 5.46 p.m. on the Saturday, and to arrive at its destination at 9.30 p.m. Mr. Simpson got to the station at a little after 5 o'clock, in order to make sure the bird would be dispatched by that particular train. The man for whom the bird was intended met the train at the appointed time, but the bird was not to be found. He met several other trains, and waited up till the small hours of the morning. The bird was found by him in the booking office on the Sunday at 12 o'clock noon; it was then more dead than alive, and died a few hours later. Mr. Simpson's contention was that here was a clear case of neglect on the part of the railway company. He had written to the company claiming damages, and the company had undertaken to pay 5s., which was, they said, the full amount for which they could be held responsible.—Mr. LUGG: Has Mr. Simpson accepted the five shillings?—The CHAIRMAN: No; the matter remains unsettled.—Mr. HONEYSETT: What could the Federation possibly do, seeing it only affects London societies?—The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Simpson is a member of the Federation, and is entitled to our protection.—Mr. ADAMTHWAITE: He claims that protection under Rule 6, which provides, among other things, for the prosecution of railway companies and others for negligence of birds in transit. Mr. CRISP asked whether Mr. Simpson had signed the usual form, so as to provide against loss "from whatever cause." The Council should understand they were treading on dangerous ground. Once they began a case against the railway company, they would have to go on with it, and the question now was whether or not the case could be fought on the plea of negligence. Besides, if the company did lose the day, the railway companies would probably combine and take the case to the House of Lords. What then? So that the question before the Council was: Did Mr. Simpson say on the form "from whatever cause"? If so, he (the speaker) was inclined to think Mr. Simpson had no case against the company.

The CHAIRMAN here read the declaration on the form issued by this particular company, which had to be signed by anyone sending "live goods" anywhere, and in it were the words—"The company will not in any case be responsible beyond the following amounts . . . 5s. for poultry or other birds."—Mr. THORPE: If my memory serve me right, that bye-law has been over-ridden before now. The companies can make by-laws, but these are not Acts of Parliament. It was proved in a certain case he remembered, that a dog was lost by the direct negligence of a railway company, and this company lost the day. What was the bird doing between the time of its arrival at the London booking office and 12 o'clock on the Sunday? It was a case of gross negligence on the part of the company; that was all they could call it. Mr. HONEYSETT: I cannot see what the Federation can do. If you go to the County Court, they will throw you out, and you may spend hundreds of pounds in your case, and not get one in return.—Mr. BURN: Has Mr. Simpson any proof that the bird was left in the booking office all night? Or can he say whether it was kept in the London station all night, and sent off by a morning train?—Mr. ADAMTHWAITE: Mr. Simpson does not care where it was left; he only says he knows it is a case of neglect on the part of the railway company. For all he knows the bird might have travelled to its intended destination, back again to London, and then been forwarded a second time.

Mr. THORPE proposed that the matter be referred to the secretary, and that he be empowered to write the company in the name of the Federation. When the company saw that the matter had been moved in, they might wake up a bit. Here was something for the Federation to do; let them do it and show that they were alive. (Hear, hear.) Mr. LUGG seconded the motion. Mr. CRISP moved an amendment to the effect that counsel's opinion be taken on the matter. They would be putting the cart before the horse if, when they took the matter up, they did not have the law on their side. Mr. BURN did not think a letter from the secretary would be taken any notice of at all. What they should show was fight. Mr. MUGFORD here stated that he would take a solicitor's opinion on the matter, and if necessary counsel's opinion. On the motion of Mr. BURN seconded by Mr. HODSON, it was decided to appoint a committee of four, including Mr. Mugford, and to give them power to take action.

Mr. CRISP gave notice of motion that he would raise the question at the next meeting as to whether in the event of a member passing in one society from the amateur section to the champion, he should be allowed in another society to revert to the amateur section. It was decided to issue a balance-sheet at the end of the year, and that same be read at the annual meeting prior to the election of officers. Mr. HONEYSETT gave notice of motion: "That medals be granted by the Federation to be competed for at open shows. Mr. CRISP referred to the advisability of instituting a scheme for the insurance of birds in transit, but the matter was deferred. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

## PENDLEBURY, SWINTON & DIS. C.S

Weekly meeting held on Feb. 4, the president, Mr. F. Fish, in the chair. It was decided that we hold meetings every Thursday night at 7.30 instead of at 8 o'clock. There was a good attendance, and we keep adding new members each week. It was decided to have a table show of British birds on Feb. 18, with Mr. Alex. Donnelly as judge. Friends and fanciers are invited. There will also be a discussion on the different birds shown.—ALEX. DONNELLY, Sec.

## CINNAMON MARKED YORKS. C.C.

The following are the results of the various competitions held in connection with the club. Anyone not agreeing with these figures will please communicate at once with H. H. Towers, the acting secretary, Heaton View, Cragg-rd., Shipley:—Open competition: Ramsden's special and 1st prize, Ogden Bros., 120 points; 2, Albert Cooper, 110; 3, R. Sutcliffe and Son, 90; 4, J. Wilcock, 82; 5 and 6, A. Jowett and H. H. Towers, 76. CAGE BIRDS' Competition: 1, H. H. Towers, 76 points; 2, P. Drake and Son, 64; 3, F. Fawcett, 47. Novice Competition: Ramsden's special and 1st prize, P. Drake and Son, 64 points; 2, F. Fawcett, 47; 3, A. Frankland, 27; and 4, F. Gelder, 15.—H. H. TOWERS.

## ROCHDALE (Good Intent) C.B.S.

Table show of Norwich and Yorkshire pairs, held on February 3rd. It passed off fairly well. Five pairs of Yorkshires and four pairs of Norwich were staged. Mr. Clayton placed the Yorkshires, and Mr. Banks those in the Norwich. The awards gave satisfaction. In the Yorkshires Mr. E. Faulkner took 1st and Mr. W. Leach 2nd. In the Norwich Mr. J. Lees took 1st and 2nd. A little discussion took place after on one or two different pairs. After this we decided to have our annual ramble on the third Sunday in May, and that our destination be fixed later. —FRED. RAYNER, Hon. Sec.

## DARLINGTON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at the Half Moon Hotel, on February 3rd, when the balance-sheet for 1908 was read, showing a substantial balance to carry forward. It was arranged to hold a table show of breeding pairs on March 3rd. Classification: Yorkshires, Norwich, A.O.V., Muling and Hybrid Pairs. It was also decided that we have another table show on March 31st for British and Foreign Birds. Our show date has been fixed for November 27th. Our annual smoking concert is down for February 17th at 8 p.m., when we shall be pleased to meet fellow fanciers. At this meeting special prizes were allotted for the coming table shows, and our society this year will endeavour to make the programme specially interesting to novice fanciers.—W. UNDERWOOD, Assist. Secretary.

## HYDE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The most successful of all our meetings was held on January 30th, twenty-three members being in attendance, besides a number of prospective members. We made four new members, making the total for this year 14, the grand total being 29, which bespeaks the interest taken in cage birds in and around the district. Our table show of matched pairs was highly successful, a good number of exhibits being staged. Messrs. Marlor and Son were 1st with a splendidly-matched pair of Norwich, Mr. H. Foden coming 2nd with a well-matched pair of Yorkshires, and Mr. R. Webber 3rd with a Goldfinch cock and a Greenfinch hen. Numerous questions were asked by the young members, and these were answered to their satisfaction. The judge was Mr. F. Barraclough. We are holding another table show shortly, which will be duly notified through CAGE BIRDS.—FRED BARRACLOUGH, sec.

## SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT C.B.S

Monthly meeting held at the Wentworth Cafe, on February 4th, under the Presidency of Mr. A. Bradshaw. A very large number of members were present. After the business, which proved an enthusiastic and unanimous support of the arrangements that had been made by the committee for the holding of members' shows, also the selection of judges for the annual open show, a very successful show for matched pairs for breeding was held. Mr. R. Garnett placed the cards in the Yorkshire class, and Mr. T. Low those in the Norwich. Mr. Garnett also gave a very instructive and interesting discourse on the good and bad properties in each pair, and his reason for placing them in the position he did. Mr. T. Hemmings also commented on the Norwich class in a very able manner. An enjoyable and successful meeting was brought to a close, with a vote of thanks to Messrs. Garnett and Low.—LINDSAY and BINGHAM, Secretaries.

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LARGE cock Goldfinch Mule; will exchange for two good feeding Lens, or sell 7/-.—Walker, Usworth Colliery, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

EXCHANGE Greenfinch cock Mules, for 2 hand-reared Bullfinch hens, or sell 6/-.—Rowles, 168, Westwood-st., Peterborough.

FOR sale or exchange, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Mules; wanted, Hawfinch or other British.—Wm. Boyd, Eyermoor, Burnopfield.

SIX netted cock Greenfinches, large, good colour, 6/- lot; exchange cock Siskin, or Hawfinch.—Perrin, 11, Alfred-rd., Ford, Devonport.

EXCHANGE Goldfinch Mule for house-moulted cock Linnet on full song. Muler, or sell 6/-.—Hughes, 79, Newrog-st., Ruthin.

TWO cock Linnets, full song, two cock Greenfinches, bred Mules; exchange for hen Canaries.—Morgan, Granby-buildings, Morpeth.

GOOD cock Goldfinch, hen Bullfinch, both picked birds, 6/-; exchange cock Canary.—Pilheam, "Comrie," Franklyn-rd., Haywards Heath.

EXHIBITION cock Goldfinch, ditto cock Bullfinch; exchange Nonpareils, Whydah, offers foreign.—Flanighan, Union-st., Kirkcudbright.

GRAND singing cock Linnet, steady, selected for muling; exchange young Norwich variegated hen.—Pratt, 18, Goodhead-st., Nottingham.

EXCHANGE two Goldfinch Mules, cocks, Gold finch notes, and 10/- for pedigree smooth fox terrier dog.—Griffiths, Eyton Place, Flint.

WANTED, twelve cock brown Linnets in exchange for cock and hen Goldfinch Mules, Finch notes.—J. Blackshaw, Butts, Coventry.

SALE or exchange, house-moulted Chaffinches, Goldfinches, Plainhead hen Canaries, pair Lovebirds.—Brand, 21, Clapham-rd., Lowestoft.

EXCHANGE cock Redpoll, hen Bullfinch, hen Bramblefinch, aviary moulted, for two Norwich feeding hens.—Hunt, Thompson-st., Bilston.

COCK Linnet, house-moulted, hatched under Canary, with single breeding cage, 4/6; bargain.—Wiltshere, 31, Parkfields, Chippenham, Wilts.

TWO cock Goldfinches, one house-moulted, other caged since September; exchange for two Norwich hens; approval.—Dixon, Axholme-st., Goole.

SPLENDID cock Bramblefinch, twice house-moulted, 3rd only time shown, 5/-; exchange for cock Canary.—Buxton, 23, Clarence-square, Gosport.

JENNY WREN, with show cage complete, 8/-; exchange anything; double breeding cage, 2/6.—Mackwell, Hairdresser, Bradford-rd., Keighley.

THREE light Goldfinch-Canary Mules, cocks, 15/- each; or part exchange for three typical Norwich hens; mutual approval.—Murrell, Printer, Spalding.

GOLDFINCHES, exhibition black legs, 5/- to 15/-; exchange large house-moulted Siberian cock; mutual approval.—Davies, 48, Frederick-st., Cardiff.

HAND-REARED tame cock Thrush, melodious songster, in or outdoors, 15/-; with cage; exchange two good Rollers.—McCarthy, 17, Beresford-rd., Cardiff.

GOLDFINCH, Siskin, Greenfinch, cocks, hen Bullfinch, hen Goldfinch, all house-moulted; exchange poultry, anything.—Bennett, 70, Main-st., Newhall, Burton.

NOTICE, dark yellow Mule, one of the best songsters living, yellow hen, mother, 15/-, or exchange for muling Siberian Goldfinch.—Calam, Brunswick-st., Whitby.

CHAFFINCH, small cage, lot of coloured plates from Fancy journals; exchange box cages; particulars stamp; offers invited.—Rowe, 4, Furmage-st., Wandsworth.

SIX pairs Bullfinches, 2/6 pair; three pairs Greenfinches, 1/- pair; exchange Canaries, Rabbits, anything useful.—Davison, Buncefield, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

EXCHANGE hand-reared Horned Owl for Budgerigars, or offers in birds; also good Norwich crested hen for Yorkshire hen.—P. Bird, Dersingham, Norfolk.

COCK Linnet, hen Canary, double breeder, 6/- pair; new razors in case, 4/-; exchange tools, overcoat, anything.—Flint, 20, Auckland-rd., Clapham Junction.

COCK Bramblefinch, two cock Greenfinches, pair Chaffinches, house-moulted, 7/6; or exchange Norwich or Yorkshire hen, unflighted.—Burgess, Norton, Malton, Yorks.

APPROVAL, pleasure, Canary-reared cock Greenfinch, 2/6; three compartment breeding cage, all complete, 7/6; exchange Linnets.—Ellerington, Tindall-lane, Beverley.

HOUSE-MOULTED Goldfinch, September caught Goldfinch, five hen Canaries, two hen house-moulted Greenfinches; sale, or exchange anything useful.—31, South-rd., Erith, Kent.

SPLENDID dark cock Linnet Mule, pure Linnet note, 10/-; nice cock Redpoll; exchange both for cock Siskins or Norwich.—James Manders, Brewery Yard, Caerphilly, Glam.

I HAVE one hundred fine cock Larks and red-breasted Linnets, full song, at 1/6 each; or exchange for common hen Canaries.—W. Darby, 59, New-st., West Bromwich.

EXCHANGE Palace aviary, 6/-; Linnets, 2/6; Greenfinches, 1/6; Bramblefinches, 1/6; Chaffinches, 1/6, pairs; cock Lark, 1/-; lot, 10/-; or separate.—263, Merkland-rd., Aberdeen.

EXCHANGE two handsome cock Bullfinches and cock Linnet Mule for two large 1908 yellow or cinnamon yellow hens. Norwich.—Robinson, Boot Dealer, Winsford, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE cock Greenfinch, res Auchterarder, house-moulted hen Bullfinch, also house-moulted cock Siskin, for good yellow Norwich cock.—John Cooper, Caledonia-terrace, Bonnybridge.

GOLDFINCH Mule cock, 6/6; or exchange Yorkshire or Norwich buff hen; light Goldfinch Mule, cock, 15/-; or exchange Yorkshire or Norwich yellow cock.—F. Bielby, Holheach, Lincs.

WHAT offers Linnet and Greenfinch Hybrid cock, splendid songster? approval willingly; also exchange breeding Goldfinch for two good Norwich hens, or sell 10/6.—Robinson, Allhallows-lane, Kendal.

EXCHANGE 36 parts "Harmsworth's History of the World," first five 2/6 volume covers, for exhibition Hawfinch or Goldfinch; bird first; approval; sell 25/-.—Young, 103, Cathcart-st., Kingston, Glasgow.

TWO house-moulted cock Goldfinches, splendid cock Bullfinch, cock Redpoll, both caged two years; also splendid meerschaum pipe; exchange for Crests or Lancashires.—J. Elliott, 11, Leinster-avenue, North Strand, Dublin.

VERY large British Goldfinch, twice house-moulted, proved Muler, and large unflighted yellow hen, Norwich type, 20/-; exchange unflighted yellow Norwich hen, clear or marked; must have good head and type or no use; approval both ways; hen first.—James Andrew, Tongland, Kirkcudbright.

### Mainly Canaries.
**To be Sold or Exchanged**

NORWICH hens, 3/6; exchange cocks; aviary, 6/-.—Lea, 81, Wells-st., Camberwell.

PAIR Yorkshire Canaries; exchange rugs, anything useful.—Miller, Airmyn, Goole.

GOOD Roller hens, 2/6; offers for ten; exchange songsters.—Derrick, Mayfield-rd., Worcester.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire cock, unflighted, for two cock Budgerigars.—Elgey, Amber-st., Saltburn.

ROLLER cock, 8/6; wanted hens, cinnamons, yellows, breeding cages, anything.—Sawer, Alfreton.

BORDER hen, 3/6; Yorkshire cock, 7/6; Roller, singing, 7/6; approval; exchange.—Sanders (see British).

SIX Norwich hens, mostly yellow; what offers cash or Pathe records?—Smith, 90, Fonthill-rd., Aberdeen.

GRAND Yellow Lancashire Plainhead hen; exchange Norwich hens.—Russon, 2, Bush-st., Burnley.

1908 GREY Crest hen 5/-, or exchange for 1908 crest hen.—Sibley, 23, Esmond-rd., Cheetham Hill, Manchester.

EXCHANGE Norwich Canaries for prize-bred O.E. Bantams, or anything useful.—F. Ling, River View, Oulton Broad.

EXCHANGE liver-and-white spaniel pup for Canaries, or sell 10/-; offers.—Orrells, 169, Gelli-rd., Ystrad, Glam.

EXCHANGE two pure Roller cocks for a concert flute and case; approval cash way.—Brocks, Decorator, Wordsley.

LOUD singing cock, or three hens, for silver albert, hearthrug; offers; stamp reply.—Anstee, 28, New comhe-rd., Luton.

MONSTER green Crest-bred cock, plenty of feather, 17/6; exchange, offers.—58, Broad-st., Newcastle, Staffs.

EXCHANGE two Yorks, cocks, for a good singing Roller cock; Roller first.—Windsor, 5, Bramley-view, Bramley, Leeds.

WHAT offers in good Yorkshires or Norwich for fine tone violin and bow, value 15/-.—18, Fleeming-rd., Walthamstow.

FEW good Bullfinch hens for Hybrid breeding; sell or exchange Norwich hens.—Benstead, Alma House, Snetisham.

YORKSHIRES (giving up fancy), cocks from 5/-; hens from 2/6; or useful exchange.—Tomlinson, 8, Florida-st., Oldham.

TWO Norwich Crests, hens, 8/- each; Crest cock 12/-, breeders, exchange contest Goldfinches.—Higgs, 33, Hind-st., Poplar.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, 15/- pair; exchange for toy Pomeranian; approval both ways.—W. Brooks, 31, Holland-rd., Brixton.

THREE 1908 Buff Norwich hens and house-moulted cock Linnet; exchange or sale.—A. Curtis, 306, Belvedere-rd., Burton-on-Trent.

LARGE buff prize Norwich cock, 20/-; exchange gent.'s boots, cigars, or offers.—Archer, 1, Victoria-ter., London-rd., Leicester.

EXCHANGE, Old English spangle Bantam cockerel for yellow Border hen, young.—W. Richardson, Westwood, Ebchester.

EXCHANGE cinnamon hen for good Yorkshire hen.—G. Whitmore, Wilton House, Dersingham, near King's Lynn, Norfolk.

TYPICAL Yorkshire Canaries, cocks, 5/- each; exchange for foreign birds (breeders). — Davies, Pawnbroker, Great Bridge.

YELLOW Yorkshire stock cock, 7 in., 15/-; Buff or Yellow hen, 6/-; household exchange.—J. M., 27, Cambridge-rd., Gunnersbury.

EXCHANGE a crested Norwich cock for two Roller show cages, cages first. — Chapman, 11, Deacon-rd., Kingston, Surrey.

GOOD 1908 Yellow Norwich, two cocks, 6/- each; four hens, 11/-; exchange extra large variegated.—Carter, Speculation, Lydbrook.

VARIEGATED cock, 7/-; 2 clear, 1 cinnamon marked hens, 3/6 each; young birds; seen after 6.—Platt, 39, Halley-rd., Forest Gate.

BUFF Norwich 1907 hen, once house-moulted Bramblefinch; exchange Belgian Hares.—A. Heritage, 2, Hafod-st., Duffryn, Merthyr.

EXCHANGE six Scotch cock Linnets for three hen Bullfinches, or Yellow Norwich hen; yours first.—Morris, Sunnyside, Camelon, Falkirk.

SALE or exchange cock Canaries, singing, dise records (10 in.), for cock Mules; offer.—Strachan, 7, Leven-st., Newtown, Dumbarton.

GRAND Norwich and Yorkshires, winners; will exchange for British or Foreign or anything useful.—Lingard, 40, Piccadilly-rd., Burnley.

TWELVE pairs typical Yorkshires, 12 compartment breeding rack, new; cash offers wanted.—126, Yews Hill-rd., Lockwood, Huddersfield.

FIFTY coloured plates, mostly Feathered Worlds, pair show Homers, 10/6; offers Norwich Canaries.—Brooker, 15, Frome-terrace, Dorchester.

FOR Sale massive Crested cocks, 10/-; variegated Crest-bred hens, 5/-; or useful exchange.—Hall, Sunnyside, Westhorpe, Southwell, Notts.

EXCHANGE two buff Norwich cocks, 16/-; shaving outfit 10/-; oil heating stove, 5/-; exchange good Yorkshires.—267, Uttoxeter-rd., Longton.

THREE big Norwich buff cocks, 12/- each, or exchange large, typical Norwich or Lancashire hens.—Harrison, 21, Imperial-avenue, Leicester.

D. BROWNING has some grand prize-bred Norwich Canaries, cocks from 7/6, hens 6/-; exchange Goldfinches or Parrot.—Hoopern-st., Exeter.

W. BENTLEY, Bispham, Blackpool, has a few good Norwich cheap; cocks from 10/-, hens 5/-. Bred from my winners. Exchange anything useful.

EXCHANGE clear Buff cock, good stock bird, for Buff cinnamon Norwich hen, 1908; no rubbish; approval first.—Rowlands, Rhosgadfan, Carnarvon.

HARMONIUM, equal new, 7 stops, beautiful tone, £4; exchange Crests or Yorkshires; approval.—Turner, The Chase, Ashingdon, Rochford, Essex.

MONSTER clear buff Norwich cock, eye and tail marked yellow hen, 25/-; or exchange set Border Fancies.—F. Broadhurst, 77, Barton-st., Macclesfield.

GRIZZLE Crest cock, good crest, off high-class bird, 20/-; or exchange large chubby yellow Norwich cock; mutual.—Todd, Murray-place, Inverness.

FOR sale, five pair of Norwich Canaries, two cock Goldfinch Mules, sell lot for £2; or exchange lady's bicycle.—T. Wileman, 11, Victoria-st., Hinckley.

CANARIES (Norwich), cold-room, cocks from 5/-; hens, 3/6; twice house-moulted Bullfinch. 7/6; Goldfinch, 6/6.—Harding, Tintern, Springfield-rd., Moseley.

YELLOW Norwich cock and green Yorkshire cock, £1; or exchange yellow Yorkshire hen, 7 in., or over; hen first.—Watson, 19, Sefton-rd., Morecambe, Lancs.

THREE pure Seifert hens, 1908, 4/6 each; exchange typical Yorkshire buff cock, full song; approval both ways.—Boston, 15, Grand-parade, Harringay.

EXCHANGE large buff marked Norwich cock, good stock bird, 1276, for good clear yellow Border Fancy cock; approval both ways.—Gibson, Back-lane, Kendal.

LARGE pair, 1908 pure bred Norwich yellow cock, buff hen, breeding cage, complete, 12/6; approval; exchange for Fowls; offers.—Stones, No. 8, Watling st., Leicester.

WILL exchange pair of 1908 Norwich clear yellow cock, nearly clear buff hen, for pair of 1908 Yorkshires, green preferred.—A. Townsend, 4, Sayers-st., Huntingdon.

YELLOW Scotch Fancy cock, 2 Goldfinch cocks; exchange good Yorkshire cock or Norwich; no rubbish wanted.—Lewis Jones, 72, Bethesda-st., Amlwch, Anglesey.

BLACK Pomeranian dog, good pedigree, £2 5s.; or exchange for Rollers or yellow green Norwich hens, or anything useful; stamp.—Law, 87, Merefield-st., Rochdale.

BUFF pied Crest-bred hen, young bird, 10/-; or exchange for clear yellow, good typical Norwich Plainhead hen; approval.—Douglas Wilson, George-square, Bigger, N.B.

CLEAR Yellow Norwich cock, 7/6; or exchange for Crested hen.—Dower, Grocer, Penryn, Cornwall.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires, not rubbish, Bailey's strain; sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, or anything useful; stamp reply.—M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

WHAT offers in Rollers for large variegated Crested cock and two hens, from winners, fit for show, would sell £3 lot.—C. Maitland, 53, Cassidy-rd., Fulham, London, S.W.

WANTED, yellow Lancashire Plainhead hen; exchange Goldfinch Mules and good Norwich cock Canary; approval; hen first.—Wm. Jordan, No. 4, Aviaries, Hele, Cullumpton.

PRIZE bred Borders 10/- pair; also pair Scotch fancies, yellow cock, buff pied hen, 30/-; or exchange laying Pullets or bantams.—Russell, Prenderguest, Ayton, Berwickshire.

EXCHANGE variegated Crest-bred hen, 12/6; offers gent.'s new boots, nine's; boots first; typical pair Yorkshires, 12/-; offers.—Ben Radley, Gib-lane, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

FOR SALE, 5 young Canaries, hens, clean and healthy, 12/-; or exchange for pair yellow adult Budgerigars; must be in good feather; Budgerigars first.—Roberts, 21, Brook-terrace, Llangollen.

TYPICAL clear yellow Norwich cock, 8/6; 2 buff hens, 6/- each (Silks Irons strain); exchange good pair Yorkshires or green Borders; offers, fishing tackle.—H. Griffiths, Bank Buildings, Llandilo.

CLINKING ben Bullfinch, laid eggs last season, can win, 10/-; typical pair Yorkshires, 17/6; or exchange Canary seed, or anything useful for house.—H. Rennicks, Ruddings, Bassenthwaite Lake, Cumberland.

HAVE some grand Norwich, also Yorkshires, also breeding and flight cages for sale, or exchange; what offers; approval with pleasure; deposit, stamp reply.—R. Stuart, 46, Ripon-st., Attercliffe, Sheffield.

CAN spare few pairs good Yorkshire Canaries, from 17/6 pair; or exchange new blankets, quilts, sheets, eiderdowns, provisions, aquarium, or anything useful for house.—Crathorne, Bridlington, Yorkshire.

CRESTBRED cock, crested hen, £1, exchange good young crested cock, 4 pairs Yorkshires, 12/- pair; exchange drapery, watches, or anything useful; approval; offers first.—Dawenhill, Whitebridge, Stone, Staffs.

TEN good Norwich cock Canaries, 10/6 each; or exchange for good Toy dog, under 4 lbs. weight, or bitch, under 7 lbs. weight, with first-class pedigree, Pomeranian preferred.—Hodder, 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London.

TWO good buff grey crested hens, 5/- each; or exchange pair of Yorkshires or house-moulted cock Goldfinch; also good Norwich songsters, 7/6; hens 3/-; all 1908.—R. P. Shipcott, 26, Belle Vue-rd., Eastville, Bristol.

GREEN Norwich cock, 8/-, champion songster; exchange for Norwich hens or good Siberian cock Goldfinch; Canary-reared cock Greenfinch, exchange for hen Canary or hen Bullfinch.—Connell, View Park, Beith.

GRAND, large, typical buff Border cock, unflighted, good exhibition or stock bird, splendid songster, sell 10/6; or exchange large cock Goldfinches or variegated cock Goldie Mule.—F. Simonds, High-st. North, Dunstable.

YELLOW Norwich cock, 7/6; Roller cock, singing, 7/-; Roller hen 2/6; variegated Yorkshire hen 3/; common hen 2/-; Goldfinch-Mule, singing, 5/-; approval; useful exchange. — Whiting, Ravensbury Cottages, Mitcham, Surrey.

LARGE Norwich cocks for stock, 7/-; also large cock Hawfinch, fit for keen competition when steady, 7/-; few picked Greenfinches for exhibition or hybrid breeding, 1/-; wanted, large Norwich hens.—Fisher, Hybrid Breeder, Gerrard-st., Lancaster.

PAIR prize-bred Norwich, 1908, colour fed, Trengroves strain, 10/-; Border hen, two Yorkshire-Border hens, 7/- the three; all brass Palace aviary 3 compartments; approval; particulars; stamp; exchange Bantams.—Hall, Windsor Terrace, Corbridge-on-Tyne.

SPLENDID house-moulted Siberian cock Goldfinch, with big house-moulted hen Greenfinch, bred Hybirds last season; guaranteed genuine, 25/- the pair; or exchange for pair high-class Norwich; no rubbish offered, none wanted; Canaries first.—M. McKean, 20, Fullarton-st., Irvine.

TO clear; removal; clear Yellow Yorkshire cock, typical, 1908, 10/-; clear Yellow Yorkshire hen, 10/-, 1908, worth 20/-; good pair, 15/-; Buff cock, 7/6; two stout Buff Norwich cocks, 7/6 each; two grand stout Buff Norwich hens, one clear, one marked, 10/- each, worth 20/-; take boy's new suit in part exchange.—Cockhill, Manchester-st., Huddersfield.

### Mainly Foreign.
**To be Sold or Exchanged**

BEAUTIFUL cock Jananese Nightingale, with nice cage, 7/6; exchange anything.—2a, Wellfield-rd., Walton, Liverpool.

WILL give grand Amazon Parrot and cage for gramophone, sell £2; offers.—Pattinson, Bootmaker, Brampton, Cumberland.

BUDGERIGARS (green), outdoor aviary bred, 7/6 pair; would exchange Yorkshire Canaries.—Mason, 54, Aston-lane, Perry Barr, Birmingham.

GREY and rose-breasted Australian Parrot and cage, healthy bird, 20/-, or useful exchange.—Dryland, 17, Blenheim-avenue, Manley Park, Manchester.

INDIAN green Parrot and cage, two years' acclimatised, talks, whistles, sings, sell 35/-; exchange talking machine and records.—Tilley, 235, High-rd., Willesden Green.

### Miscellaneous
**Sale or Exchange**

GENT'S free wheel cycle, 18/-; exchange Canaries.—Allen, 36, Poplar-st., Wellingborough.

PAIR of Bantam black-red, 5/6; pair Piles, 7/6; offers.—A. W. McDonald, Aberdour, Fife.

PIED Carrier hen, free breeder; exchange Hawfinch, Siskin, offers.—E. Watson, Kirbymoorside.

REMAINDER of winning Cavies and Rabbits, cheap; exchange birds.—Wyatt, Truro, Cornwall.

GREEN'S patent 12in. lawn mower, roller combined, £2; offers, exchange.—Kerr, Carrick-st., Ayr.

EXCHANGE good-toned cornet for pair high-class Crests, or sell £2.—Wiffen, Charles-st., Maidstone, Kent.

BRINDLE whippet dog, 17 inches, 19lbs., good worker, 25/-; approval, Canaries. — Ben Goodall, Goole.

CYCLE, in good condition; exchange Norwich cock and part cash, or sell £1.—Laws, 38, Cator-st., Peckham.

GOOD violin, bow and case, £1; or exchange for Roller Canaries.—Day, 5, Botanic-place, Stamforth place, Hull.

GRAND pair Dutch rabbits, 6/6; exchange Canaries or offers.—Geo. Moore, 126, Middlewick-rd., Northwich.

GENT'S silver watch, in splendid order, cash 12/-; or exchange Canaries.—Parkinson, Sheepcote-st., Birmingham.

GRAND breeding and flight cages for sale; exchange good air gun.—Sadler, 16, Sparshott-rd., Crouch Hill.

ONE brass blow lamp, value 10/6; what offers in Goldfinches or Canaries.—Worrell, 20, Homfray-st., Hackney Wick.

FOX Terrier dog, nine months, clean, and good house dog, £1; exchange birds.—Perry, 7, Arncliffe-terrace, Bexhill.

OFFERS in Canaries or Goldfinches for dulcimer, or sell 18/-; birds first.—Kemmins, 145, Queen-st., Govan, Scotland.

GOOD light dust coat, exchange good Goldfinches or Norwich hens, or hybrid.—Nichols, Finbrey-st., Oakham, Rutland.

EXCHANGE Edison reproducer for good Yorkshire cock, or sell 10/6; bird first.—Heptinstall, Richlane, Barnsley.

GUN, spring, kills 30 yards, cost 60/-, nearly new, 20/-; exchange Canaries.—Harris, 268, High-st., Stratford, Essex.

THREE pairs pure bred Pigeons and one cross for pair Canaries, breeding; approval.—Jas. Lawson, Ivy Bank, Rothesay.

NOTICE. Twenty-three phono. records, new; list sent; what offers in good Rollers; mutual approval. —38, Bolton-st., Bury.

EXCHANGE new aviary, cost £2; also violin, 25/-, for Yorkshires to value.—Boxall, Grocer, 71, Windmill-rd., Croydon.

WHAT offers in Norwich hens for six 10-inch disc records and a cycle gas lamp, all new?—Smith, Baker, Finedon.

WELDS, Hairdresser, March, will give good trio Old English spangle bantams for large Norwich hens; yellows preferred.

PAIR of foreign Ducks, stuffed, in glass case; exchange good Linnet or Siskin.—Bird, 60, Morgan-st., New Tredegar, Mon.

EXCHANGE 70 fretwork designs, and case of birds' eggs, Norwich hens.—G. Barton, Diamond Cottage, Dargl-rd., Bray.

LIVING Animals of the World, 24 parts, 1,000 coloured, and other plates, 10/-; or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich Market.

EXCHANGE large handsome pair ivorine carvers, bread knife, for 3 hen Canaries or cock.—Lenton, 17, Brightmore-st., Sheffield.

PAIR Tippler Pigeons, Beachy's, worth 7/6; exchange good Norwich hen Canary.—Ellis, 11, Rectory-rd., Caversham, Oxon.

EXCHANGE concertina and pair field glasses for Pullets, or anything useful.—A. Smith, Crookslane, Studley, Warwickshire.

FOUR prize-bred Flemish Giants, 10 weeks, as bred, sell 10/-; or exchange Canaries.—Squire, Clixby, Stocksbridge, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE accordeon, 8 stops, 4 bellows, cost 15/6, for Rollers or Budgerigars, offers.—Hawkes, 9, Regent-st., Wellingborough.

SECOND-HAND pair of hand-made clap nets, all complete, cash 10/-; or exchange Canaries.—Parkinson, Sheepcote-st., Birmingham.

HALF size violin, bow, and case, cost 50/-; exchange Canaries, Yorks. preferred; birds first.—Bolton, 54, Castle-st., Reading.

GRAMOPHONE, 13 records, £1; zither banjo, 30; zither harp, 13/-; or exchange for Canaries.—Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

SEIFERT Roller hens, 3/6; sell or exchange anything, children's boots or clothing.—Foster, Breeder, 3, Lincoln-view, Newtown, Leeds.

EXCHANGE melodeon, entirely nickel bound, five stops, value 15/-, anything useful, no birds.—Kirk, Station Stables, Castle Douglas.

FOR SALE or exchange, black goat, used to harness, and cart, 15/-, or Norwich Canaries.—Newton, 5, Eton-square, Windsor.

EXCHANGE Typograph duplicating machine, cost 45/-, practically new, for Canaries, Border Fancy, or sell.—Rev. Thorp, Langley Mill.

GOOD carpenter's tools, new, sell or exchange buff green Border hen. Write particulars, A. New, Sandridge Park, Melksham, Wilts.

PAIR red Magpies, 2 white Fantails, good bred birds, 7/6; exchange Budgerigars, Lovebirds.—Glover, North Morgan-st., Cardiff.

EXCHANGE dozen phonograph records for Norwich or Crest-bred hen, or offers.—Rawlings, 21, Dagmar-terrace, Islington, London.

WHAT offers for gent's watch, splendid timekeeper? Birds, or useful exchange; sell 10/6.—H. Barber, Westgate, Southwell, Notts.

EBONY piccolo, nickel keys, perfect condition, cost 12/6; sell 5/-; or exchange for cock Canary.—W. Newnham, 43, Parish-lane, Penge.

EXCHANGE Edison Gem phonograph and 50 records, new condition, for gentleman's diamond ring.—Jennings, 27, King-st., Dudley.

EXCHANGE set ivorine-handled carvers, knife, fork and steel, for three hen Canaries; approval.—Joseph Royles, 260, Bect-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE pair carvers, ivorine handles, silver ferrules, for three hens, or one cock Canary. —Fletcher, 383, Shoreham-st., Sheffield.

AIREDALE bitch, 2 years, good shape, sell 15/-; exchange Norwich hens, 1908; approval both ways. Faulkner, 167a, Whitehall-rd., Walsall.

EXCHANGE mail cart, cane finished, cost £4, for large Cinnamon-ticked Canaries, any variety.—H. Leach, 49, Soho-st., Newtown, Wigan.

TREBLE tweed riding pants, 10/6; Parrot cage, cost 8/-, never been used, 4/-; or exchange offers.—Boot Maker, 205, Falkner-st., Liverpool.

EXCHANGE 14-day striking clock for Canaries or Foreign birds to value £1; approval both ways.—Watson, 25, Main-st., Camelon, Falkirk.

SPLENDID fox terrier bitch, 10 months, grand, long, evenly marked tan head; accept 10/-, or exchange.—Weaver, Lawrence-st., York.

ROCKING Horse, 3 ft. high, real skin, 40/-; or offer in exhibition Norwich; photo and particulars sent.—Matson, 3, Hayura-st., Harrogate.

GRAND 7-stringed plated banjo, nearly new, what offers in Canaries, Norwich or Yorkshires, or sell £1.—Papworth, 35, Thoday-st., Cambridge.

EXCHANGE, 8 good phono. records for Norwich, Yorkshire, or Roller cock, singing; offers.—Donovan, 28, Shaftesbury-st., C.-on M., Manchester.

HAND camera, ¼-plate, bag, all accessories; accept 10/-, and singing Canary, sell £1; offers.—J. Booth, 23, Ledgard-st., Ancoats, Manchester.

RETRIEVERS, splendid bitch, determined watch, £1; pups 10/-; exchange unflighted Yorkshires or Crests.—Jobson, 85, Harle-st., Gateshead.

FOUR single breeders, one flight, six stock cages, and six Yorkshire show cages, 30/-; or exchange Norwich.—Head, 6, Orkney-st., Battersea.

SPLENDID Yorkshire terrier bitch, puppy, sire Ideal King, £1; exchange offers; first approval.—John Manders, Bioscope, Caerphilly, Glam.

EXCHANGE bull's eye Kodak camera and accessories for blue and tan Yorkshire toy dog, or sell 30/-.—Cree, 45, Amisfield-st., Glasgow.

EXCHANGE two spangle game Bantam cockerels, prize strain, for watch or chain; sell 10/6; approval.—Robinson, 13, Queen-st., Alnwick.

TWO photogravures, 37 in. by 32 in. ("Leopard Skin" and "Home of the Swans.") What offers, cock Canaries.—W. H., 301, St. Ann's-rd., N.

TEN pair racing Homers, flown 200 miles, 5/- pair; bargains; approval; exchange Canaries, British.—Elliott, Hairdresser, Ashby-rd., Loughborough.

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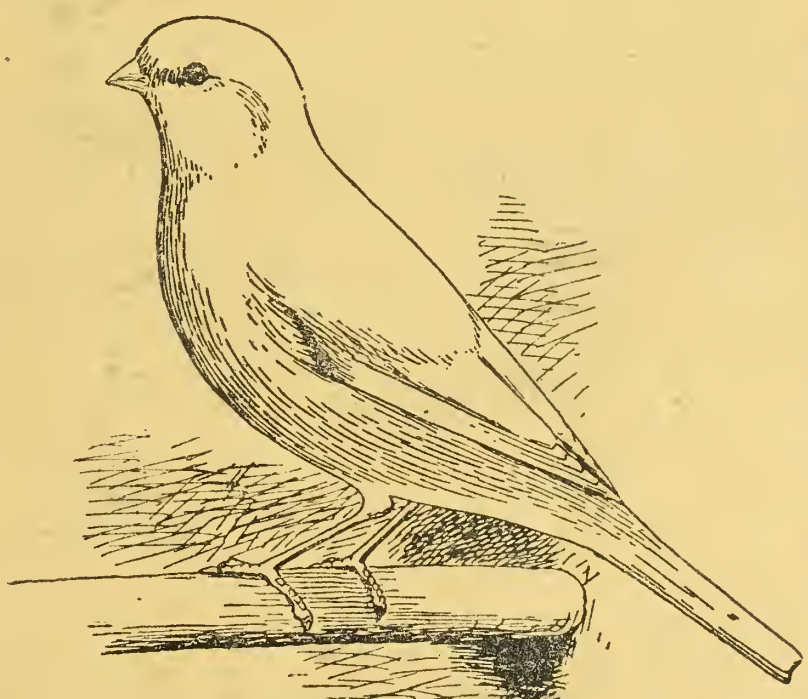

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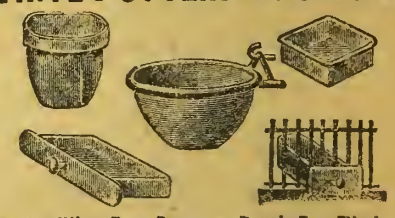

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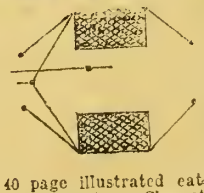

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CINNAMONS, good breeding pairs, 10/6; cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/6.—Gurteen, Mount, Haverhill.

HIGH-CLASS Cinnamons, Yellow and Buff, cheap; stamp reply.—Johnson, 40, Cobden-st., Leicester.

HIGH-CLASS Cinnamons, winners, bred from winners; approval.—T. Searle, 7, Marketgate, Lancaster.

TWO Buff, two Yellow Norwich Cinnamon hens, lot 12/6; six common hens, lot 10/-.—183, Tboroldrd., Ilford.

TWO large buff Cinnamons, cocks 10/6; also two large buff hens, 6/6 each, 1908.—Silver, Peel-street, Birmingham.

GRAND cocks, hens, of good stock birds, some Crestbreds, all 1908 birds; approval.—T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham.

CHAMPION cinnamons, related to my winners, cheap to clear; approval: stamp reply.—W. Yates, London-rd., Chesterton, Staffs.

J. DOBSON has some good pairs of cinnamons for sale; also odd cocks; reasonable prices; approval.—14, East-rd., London, N.

LARGE, massive buff cinnamon cock, 1907, 15/-; yellow cock, 1908, 15/-; half price to clear.—Mason, 5, Prince Albert Buildings, Edinburgh.

PAIRS of well-bred Cinnamons from 12/6; few Buff cocks, will sell 6/- each, worth double; approval, deposit.—Hawke, Ada Villa, Perryman's Farm-rd., Ilford.

GOOD Norwich type, from Crystal Palace winners; cold-room bred; deposit; approval; yellow cocks, 17/6; buffs, 15/6; hens, 10/6, 7/6.—Morgan, Haylett House, Kingston, Surrey. See "Norwich."

PAIR Cinnamons, yellow cock, buff hen, 20/-; exchange pair good Yorkshires; also two good buff cocks, 1908, 15/- each; exchange good, large yellow hen; buff hen, 1907, 7/6.—Riseborough. See "Norwich."

BUFF cinnamon cock yellow hen, 30/- the pair; buff cock, unflighted, £1; unflighted yellow cock, two unflighted buff hens, 17/6 each; same strain as my Manchester winners.—Geo. H. Massey, 106, B, Higher Hillgate, Stockport.

GIVING up the Fancy, all my Cinnamons for disposal, few yellow hens, 7/6 to 15/-; buff hens, 5/- to 10/-; buff cocks, 12/6 to 15/-; two yellow cocks, 15/- each; cheap to clear.—Mailliuson, 107 Gibraltar-rd., Kingston, Halifax.

WANTED, cinnamons, exchange two short thick buff Norwich hens, muling cock Goldfinch, sell 7/6 each; approval.—J. Lyes, Thetford, Norfolk.

HIGH-CLASS cinnamons, best blood obtainable; perfectly healthy, good Norwich type, large yellow cock, 20/-; extra large buff hen 15/-, the pair 30/-; extra large buff cock 20/-, yellow hen 7/6; rather small, but extra good quality; approval.—Walsh, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.

## CINNAMONS CINNAMONS.

Large quantity, splendid value in cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-; hens, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 to 20/-; pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; cages 3d. extra; approval with pleasure and I pay carriage back.—W. Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

## Crests and Crestbreds.

### BREEDER'S CARD.

**T. J. KING,** Ingogo, Cheltenham. Champion Crests, Cinnamon Crests, Cinnamon Plainheads. Holder Roberts' Crest Cup.

CRESTS and C.B. from 5/-; extra cheap.—J. H., 435, Old Kent-rd.

PAIR each grand Crests, 27/6; large Plainheads, 20/-.—139, Richmond-rd., Hackney.

GRAND lot of Crests and Crest-breds for sale; good stock birds.—Kilminster, 10, Priory-terrace, Cheltenham.

MY old winning strain. I have three Dark Crested cocks, nice birds, 42/- the lot.—Ind, Cotham, Bristol.

CAN spare large green 1908 Crest-bred hen, grand skull and feather, 25/-, worth double.—Tottie, Portway, Frome.

CREST and Crest-Bred cocks, from 7/6 to 15/- each; or exchange for hens.—Yeates, Norton-rd., Stockton-on-Tees.

CRESTS, Crestbreds, Barnett's strain, approval, deposit, stamp.—Lakin, 24, St. Paul's-avenue, Hyson Green, Nottingham.

SEVERAL Crest and Crest-breds; also some cages; cheap to clear.—Apply Thomas Gibson, 12, Marsh-st., Middlesbrough.

EIGHTY-SIX Crests, show birds, must be sold; no reasonable offer refused.—55, Southdean-gardens, Southfields. Prof. Selkirk.

FEW good Crests from 10/6, and Crestbreds from 7/6 each; approval before payment.—J. N. Harrison, The Lawn, Belper, Derbyshire.

CREST and Crest-bred, from 7/6 to 13/-; overstocked; stamps reply.—W. G. Boulter, 32, Palmerston-road, Kilburn, London.

CRESTED Canaries 15/- pair, odd crest and crestbred cocks 10/- each; approval.—Joseph Marrocks, Cowley, Manor Gardens, Cheltenham.

A FEW odd Crests and Crest-breds; also Norwich hens and housemoulted cock Goldfinch.—Mr. Williamson, 24, Newcastle-rd., Nottingham.

FEW young Crest-bred cocks from my winners, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each; approval.—Walter Radley, Paradise-square, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

HEAVY variegated crest, winner, 10/-; buff crestbred cock, monster, £1; accept 25/- the pair; one bird cost double; approval.—Beard, Llandrindod.

GRAND variegated hen, massive dark crest, winner, 35/-, a bargain; cinnamon Yellow Norwich cock, 7/6; approval.—Shearer, View Mount, Thurso.

J. and J. SYMONS, 1, Brisbane-terrace, Liskeard, Cornwall, can spare a few good Crest and Crestbred, grand birds for stock; reasonable, approval, stamp.

BARNETT'S direct, wing marked dark crested cock 12/-, clear crestbred cock 10/6; useful stock birds; approval.—Wm. Reeder, Swan-st., Fakenham, Norfolk.

TEN Crest and Crest-bred cocks and hens, 12 Borders, the lot or pairs; a pair Pile's Bantams; particulars.—Morrison, Torrance-pl., Bonnybridge, N.B.

WALLACE, winner Palace Bronze Medal (Points), can supply stock birds same blood from 15/- upwards, own breeding, approval.—115, Rosemount-place, Aberdeen.

OVER-STOCKED. Have two pair Crests, one Crest and three Crest-bred hens for sale; good stock birds; approval.—A. Richards, 5, South Milton-st., Cattedown, Plymouth.

GOOD Crest cock 15/-, ditto hen 10/6 (both 1908); a fine crestbred cock (1906), large bird 12/6; bargains; no room, must clear, all healthy.—Talkind, 11, Bernard-rd., Cromer.

CHAMPION Crest and Crest-breds; clearing out owing to illness; pairs from 35/- to £20; bred from and including winners.—Pool, 37, Manor-rd., Bishopston, Bristol. On approval.

A. BROWN having selected breeding stock, grand Crests, Crest-bred cocks from 10/-, Barnett, Joyce's strain; exchange hens, first; approval.—7, Norman-avenue West, Wood Green.

F. G. BALE, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Crest and Crest-breds, has one pair 1908 for disposal, properly matched, 60/-; Crest-bred cocks from 20/-.—66, Victoria-st., Barnstaple.

OVER twenty years ago my home-bred Crests won 1st at Palace and many provincial shows; surplus well-matched pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; approval.—North, 435, Oxford-rd., Reading.

JOHN CORKE, 300, London-rd., Lowestoft, amateur Crest breeder, exhibitor; Norwich open shows, 12 prizes, eight cards; Lowestoft, 10 prizes, cup best in show, seven cards; few to spare; approval.

EXTRA large crested cocks, buff darks, and buff greys, heaps of feather, make grand stock birds, from 15/- each, Barnett's strain; approval or deposit.—Twine, 3, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

BUY from the breeder, and save dealers' profits; Crests and Crest-breds, matched for breeding, from 30/- pair, Barnett's strain, cold-room bred; approval.—Inspector Storey, Police Station, St. Neots, Hunts.

I HAVE a few dark Crested cocks from 20/-; and Crest-bred cock, feather beak end, from 12/6; they are from some best blood, cold-room bred; willingly sent on approval; deposit.—Tetin, 130, St. Mary's-rd., Plaistow, Essex.

THE late Mr. Hodgson's widow still has few birds left, Crest and Crest-bred; Crest-bred 1st Gateshead, Crest 2nd Gateshead, and several others.—Mrs. Hodgson, 2, Alexandra-st., Pettou, Lane-ends, Ct. Durham.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crest-breds; surplus very cheap; all healthy young birds of the strain that during the last 14 years I have won hundreds of prizes with.—Horton, 18, The Avenue, St. John's Park-rd., Blackheath, London.

CHAMPION Crests, matched pairs, 30/-, 40/-, 50/- each; I am clearing out most of stock through sickness; great bargains for quick clearance; single birds from 15/6; state wants; approval.—C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate Drive, Blackpool.

W. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, has monster dark crested cock 12/6, variegated crestbred cock, good turn over, 15/-; immense variegated crestbred cock, winner, 20/-; ticked crestbred cock 20/-; variegated C.B. cock and dark crested hen 20/-; approval.

GEO. WILLIAMS, 50, Lower Union-st., Torquay. Champion Crests, Crest-breds for sale; this stock has been bred carefully for twenty-four years; some of the best ever seen on the show bench have been bred and shown by me; price from 10/- upwards.

HAVING decided to greatly reduce my stud of Crests, Crest-breds, I am offering matched pairs from 10/6; single birds, both sexes from 6/-; to effect a quick clearance; approval, deposit.—Gutteridge, Grocer, Haleburton-rd., St. Margarets, Twickenham.

WM. BOWYER, Gladstone-st., Leek, who is giving up Crests, can spare wing-marked, dark Crest, clear body, dark cock, 1908 bred, 15/- each; wing-marked, dark Crest hen, clear body, dark Crested hen, clear buff Crestbred hen, 1908 bred, 15/- each; every bird worth double; approval.

EVINS Brothers. Our birds have made a name on the show bench. Massive green Crestbred cock, 30/-; variegated, 20/-; another, 10/-; well matched pair, 25/-; Crested hens, 10/-, 15/- each; Crestbred hen, 12/6; all 1908 and own breeding; approval before cash.—259, High-street, Exeter.

SPECIAL!! Special!! Healthy typical Crests and crestbreds, cold room bred and of first class strains, odd cocks or hens, either variety, enquiries invited; properly matched breeding pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- upwards; approval anywhere; highest satisfaction guaranteed.—H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

AGAIN the winner of the Northern Crest Cup has a few game strain to part with; young yellow green Crest-bred hen, 12/6; also buff green, 10/-; clear buff, 50/-; yellow green Crest cock, 12/-; buff variegated Crest-bred hen, 30/-; also pair of splendid cinnamon cocks, 1st Melton, 35/-.—Bewick, 7, Newfield-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

W. NEAME, 13, Durnford-street, Stonehouse, Devon. My winners have constantly taken the lead in the West. I have for disposal several grand birds bred from my noted unbeaten strain. Fanciers should write me before purchasing elsewhere; my prices are 25 per cent. lower than any other breeder; stock pairs from 20/-; state requirements.

CRESTS and Crest-breds, best blood; champion bowls Barnstaple, Bristol (three), Plymouth, Sidmouth, etc.; all with birds bred by myself; among latest wins, four specials, including Crest club for best Crest, and best bird in show at Exeter, C.C.C. best at Swindon; a few to spare from 30/-; state price prepared to give; stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

COLLEDGE Kilburn, Derby, during 1908 won Crest Challenge Bowl, Bristol, Crestbred Bowl, Gateshead, Cup Derby four years succession; gold and silver medals, C.C.C. specials, etc.; second cross Crestbred, massive and big Green double crest hen, 50/-; massive variegated hen, clear yellow Crestbred cock, £4; several small hens cheap; grand young Crest cock, 70/-; stamp.

# CRESTS AND CRESTED-BREDS

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Test it by having on approval Crested cocks 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- 30/-, 40/-, 60/-, 80/-, 100/- upwards. Crested hens, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, to 60/- upwards. Crested-bred cocks, clear yellow, 15/-, 20/-; clear buff 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 20/-, 30/-; ticked or variegated, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- 30/-. Crested-bred Hens, ticked or variegated, 4/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards; clear, 8/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-; green 5/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; pairs matched for crest breeding, one crested and one crested bred, 12/6, 15/-, 23/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-; 100/- per pair. Cages 2d extra. The above are simply marvels at the price and no other person—dealer, so-called private breeder, or firm, can possibly give it.

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**NORWICH.**

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DARK or light Crested cocks, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each; Crested hens, 4/6, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; Crest-bred cocks, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/- each; Crest-bred hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; pairs, matched for breeding, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- pair; money returned if not approved.—Stewart Brothers, Surrey-st., Norwich. Stamp reply.

GREAT reductions, to clear, immediately, variegated crestbred hen 20/-; grey crested cock 25/-; capped variegated crestbred cock 25/-; grey crested hen 25/-; ticked crestbred cock (good turnover), 30/-; dark crested cock 40/-; variegated crestbred hen, 40/-; approval; deposit.—T. Nash King, Jubilee Villa, Prestbury, Cheltenham.

HALF price to clear out, two crested hens, one variegated, one green, 10/0 each, crested cock and green crestbred hen 30/-; crested bred cock, green, 20/-; variegated yellow crest, 25/-; all 1908 bred; Norwich cock, variegated yellow, winner big class, nest feather, 1907, 10/6; all healthy and approval with pleasure, £4 10s., taking the lot.—Mills, Great Houghton, Northampton.

MASSIVE feathery even marked dark Crest cock, 10/6; feathery clear body, dark Crest cock, 10/6; variegated ditto, 6/0; massive feathery variegated dark Crest hen, 10/6; clear ditto, 6/6; massive green Crestbred cock, 11/-; variegated ditto, 10/6; ditto, 8/6; massive feathery green Crestbred hen, 10/-; variegated ditto, beauty, 10/-; ditto, 7/6; all large healthy birds; Barnett's strain; bargains; approval.—Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

NOTICE. Birds advertised in CAGE BIRDS last week all sold; can still part with two pairs at £3 and £4 per pair; also two good Crest cocks, £2 each; I bought the parents of these from that celebrated breeder, Mr. A. A. Pool, of Bristol, cost £20; one a pure brother to his champion Green Crest-bred; also a Grey Crest from Mr. G. Colledge, of Derby, by his noted Grey Crest winner; only started two years ago, and have won over sixty prices; cold-room.—D. Cory, 14, Osborne-rd., Birkenhead.

HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in highest class Crests, Crestbreds, Barnett's and Joyce's strains; monster variegated dark Crest cock, 15/6; monster clear Crest cock, grand crest, 15/6; massive heavy feathered yellow green Crest cock, 15/-; monster variegated Crestbred cock, £1 5s.; monster yellow green ditto, 16/6; massive heavy feathered buff variegated ditto, 14/-; monster variegated Crestbred hen, 15/-; massive heavy feathered green ditto, 11/6; variegated ditto, 10/6; massive feathery green Crest hen, 11/6; massive feathery variegated ditto, 11/-; feathery yellow variegated dark Crest hen, 10/6; all grand stock birds in perfect condition, approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

LARGE variegated half coppy cock, large crest, 25/6; evenly marked dark Crested cock, 15/6; variegated dark Crested cocks, 12/6, 15/6, 17/6; green Crested cock, 10/6; variegated yellow half coppy Crest-bred cock, 17/6; grand green Crest-bred cock, 55/6, by Bristol Bowl winner out of cinnamon Crested hen; large green Crested cock, 17/6; clear Crest-bred cocks, turnover to beak end, 15/6, 17/6; variegated dark Crested cock, 35/6; good green Crest-bred cock, turnover to beak end, 12/6, 15/6, 17/6, 20/6; dark Crested cock, 15/6; cinnamon Crest-bred hen, winner, 50/6, others 12/6, 15/6, 17/6, 20/6, 30/6; variegated cock, large round crest, winner, 60/6; variegated Crest-bred cock, grand turnover, 40/6; evenly marked dark Crest cock, large crest, 35/6; large green Crested cock, crest to beak end, by Crest-bred, illustrated in CAGE BIRDS, 55/6; lightly variegated cock, large crest, 35/6; variegated cock, large crest, 40/6; cock, marked wing, large dark crest, sire 1st Edinburgh, 50/6; grey Crest cock, 17/6; variegated Crest-bred cocks, feather to beak end, 15/6, 17/6, 20/6; massive lightly variegated Crest-bred cock, feather 1-16 beyond beak end, 35/6, 40/6, 50/6; green Crest-bred cock, unflighted (brother 1st Nottingham, Derby), 35/6; immense variegated half coppy cock, Crest-bred, 20/6; green cock, large round crest, one claw short, 15/6, worth 20/6; yellow, nearly green, Crest-bred cock (brother 1st Nottingham, Norwich, Cheltenham, Bristol), 25/6.—T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham.

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Crest and Crest-bred ever offered for the money; cocks from 15/-; pairs from 30/-; young birds; send for list.—Denham, Belmont House, EXETER.

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**AT THE L.P.O.S.**

last open show, with four entries, I won eight prizes, including Crest Club special, two medals and championship diploma for best Crest; this is the only one in Norwich won with birds bred by the exhibitor; few well matched pairs, 15/6 to £5 5s.; state price; approval. Note; Not a dealer, absolutely all own breeding.—A. Woollard, Sprowston, Norwich.

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**CHAMPION CRESTS. CREST-BREDS.**

I have spent £200 this last two seasons on my stock, and I don't believe the same class of bird can be got from any other fancier, only at a very long price, and only very few have them. I have some grand Crests and Crest-breds to part with, and reasonable and on approval; no single Crested hens.—T. Searle, 7, Marketgate, Lancaster.

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## Dutch Frills.

DUTCH and French Frills, first-class stuff, in stock; on approval; list free.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

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## Greens.

GRAND pair of Green Norwich 20/-; another good pair 12/6; approval.—Miles, Aviaries, Chichester.

YORKSHIRE Greens, cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/6; send for catalogue free.—Rees, Glantaf, Abercanaid, Merthyr.

A FEW pair of grand stock green Borders, 15/- per pair; approval.—Gore, 377, Walton Breck-rd., Liverpool.

A FEW good Yorkshire Greens for sale, singly or pairs; reasonable.—Geoff Benson, 26, Wentworth-avenue, New Brighton.

FEW good stock birds left, bred from winners; on approval; best blood obtainable.—Metcalfe Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield-rd., Liverpool.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire, Norwich and Border Greens, singles; pairs well matched; approval; stamp.—Hadwin, 28, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

LOVELY Greenfinch Mule, winner 1st and 4th, full song, 17/6; or exchange for large green Norwich Canary for muling; approval.—Pietford, Stanley Villa, Frome.

H. HUGHES, 6, Argyle-st., South Birkenhead, has few pair of Yorkshire Greens for sale; also single cocks; same strain as my Palace winners; approval, deposit; stamp.

NORWICH Greens for sale; for type, quality, and colour cannot be beaten; buff cocks from 10/-, yellow cocks from 12/6, matched pair from 20/-; approval, stamp.—W. Hales, 40, Canterbury-st., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE self green cock and foul buff hen, 30/- the pair; Yorkshire cock, self green and foul buff hen 35/-; sure to breed something good; over stocked; Palace winners for sale, prices reasonable; also a few spare hens.—Fielden, North Parade, Halifax.

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GREEN Yorkshires, cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, upwards; hens, 4/0, 5/-, 6/-, upwards; pairs matched at any price; approval.—6, Ash Mount, Great Horton, Bradford.

**SAMUEL DEAN.**

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## Lizards.

SPLENDID Silver Lizard cocks, clear capped, 8/6; broken-capped, 6/6; sacrifice.—Parkinson, 78, Bolton-rd., Bradford.

GREY Lizard cock, winner 1908, 12/6; grey hen, 1908 winner, 7/6.—Geo. H. Massey, 100 B, Higher Hillgate, Stockport.

HIGH-CLASS Lizards; 4 Gold cocks, broken caps, 8/- each; hens from 5/-.—John Hyslop, 43, Hugh-st., Wallsend, Northumberland.

HIGH-CLASS Lizards, guaranteed from best winning strains, cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; hens, 4/-, 5/6, 6/-, 7/6; pairs, 10/9, 12/0 15/-, 20/-; cages 3d.; approval.—W. Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

THE Lizard's Prince, winner Crystal Palace diploma 2 years in succession; see principal show reports; show and stock birds from 15/- pair; single from 7/6 each; inspection invited; approval.—Rukin, Hall Carr-rd., Bawtenstall, Lancashire.

CHAMPION Lizards. John Dewsnap, 68, Princess-st., Glossop, winner of Lizard Challenge Cup two years in succession and Palace diploma for best Lizard, has some good birds for sale; all his own breeding; approval, stamp reply; inspection invited.

W. P. BARNES, 12, Launder-terrace, Grantham, breeder of champion Lizards; a few choice birds left; see leading show reports Crystal Palace, Welsh National, Scottish National, Rochdale, Manchester, price reasonable; hens from 5/-; cocks, 10/6; approval.

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## Lancashires.

1908 LANCASHIRES, buffs, coppies and Plainheads, cock and hens, cheap; approval; stamp reply.—Turner, 88, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

LANCASHIRES, Coppy and Plainhead, including a lot of good yellows; state requirements, or send for list.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

LARGE yellow Plainhead cock 30/-; large buff Plainhead hen, 15/-; good buff coppy hen, 15/-; healthy, cold-room; approval.—Nedcn, 18, Royd-st., Rochdale.

CLEAR buff coppy (Risley's Palace strain), 17/6; ticked yellow coppy (same strain), good stock bird, 15/-; no rubbish; stamp, particulars.—Wadlworth, 23, Garden-st., Macclesfield.

ONE or two pairs to sell, also about 4 cocks from my Rochdale, Manchester, Nottingham, Crystal Palace, winner Lancashire Cup 3 years, championship diploma Palace, 1907 and 1908.—J. Garner, Leverstreet, Hazel-grove, Cheshire.

"THE ART OF FANCY."—Grand coloured plate of Lancashire Coppy and Gold Clear Cap Lizard Canaries sent post paid, securely packed, on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS Office, 154, Fleet-st., London E.C.

PAIRS 30/-, 40/-; buff Coppy cocks, 30/- to 40/-; yellow Coppy cocks, 15/-; two buff Coppy hens, 15/-, 20/-; two yellow Coppy hens, 15/-, 20/-; yellow Plainhead cocks, 12/-; buff Plainhead cock, 8/-; approval.—Whipp, 13, Rushcroft-road, High Crompton, Shaw, Oldham.

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## Norwich.

**BREEDER'S CARD.**

**ALBERT HIRST,** Breeder and Exhibitor of champion Norwich, few for sale; note new address, 17, Ramsbottom-st., Accrington.

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PEARSON, Greenwich Market, wants Norwich; cash or exchange.

TEN hens, 2/6 each, or 20/- the lot.—Shea, 229, Caledonian-rd., London, N.

UNFLIGHTED clear buff cock, grand quality, 30/-. Thorn, 69, Oxford Drive, Glasgow.

NORWICH hen Canaries, 2/6 each.—Tipper, 135, Heath-rd., Wandsworth-rd., Clapham.

EXTRA large stock birds, from winners; approval.—W. Growdridge, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley.

CLEARING, no time. Yellows, buffs, clears, and marks.—Silke, Vegetarian Stores, Duncon.

NORWICH hens from 2/6; also pair Green Budgerigars, 6/-.—Hayman, Parkstone, Dorset.

LARGE heavily variegated 1907 buff Norwich hen, 6/-.—Johnson, 43, Olympia-gardens, Morpeth.

TWO unflighted yellow cocks, 10/- each; cheap to clear; approval.—Milne, St Vigeans, Arbroath.

FEW good Norwich for sale; cocks from 6/-; hens from 2/6.—Papworth, 127, High rd., Chiswick.

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WINNING buff Norwich cock, 1st Cardiff, 25/-; two equal to above, 20/-.—Lewis and Dymond. See British.

TWO unflighted yellow cocks, well-bred, 10/- each; bargain; approval.—Ford, Hospital, Burton-on-Trent.

S. WARD, 10, St. Paul's, Norwich, has a few variegated Yellow hens, also clear Yellows, from 5/6 each.

TEN pairs Norwich Canaries; Yellow cocks, 7/6; Yellow hens, 3/6; 70/- lot.—M. Cave, 65, Benford-st., Leicester.

NORWICH Plainheads in splendid condition, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; approval, deposit.—L. King, Market House, Fakenham.

NORWICH Canaries; hens, 2/- and 2/6; all 1908 birds.—J. Shipton, Post Office, Prittlewell, Southend-on-Sea.

NORWICH, a few for sale; cocks from 10/-, hens from 7/6; cheap; approval.—Taylor, 113, High-st., Brechin.

NORWICH for sale, odd cocks and hens, prices reasonable; approval, stamp.—Irons, Ivy-road, Northampton.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks and hens, from 6/-; also a few greens; approval, stamp.—Dixon, Edgell-st., Kettering.

H. WICKER, 6 good 1908 Norwich hens, clear and variegated, 3/6 each; approval, deposit.—Head-st., Halstead, Essex.

GOOD clear buff Norwich cock, splendid type, with green hen, sell 15/-; approval.—G. Bennell, North-st., Lynn.

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Clear buff cock, 1908, winner two 3rds, with large ticked yellow 1907 hen, 22/6; clear yellow 1907 cock, good size and colour, 10/-, with clear or variegated buff hen, 15/-; variegated yellow 1908 cock, with clear buff hen, 15/-; very large and stout buff 1908 cock, grand colour, 12/6, with nice yellow hen, 22/6, a good pair; lightly variegated yellow 1908 cock, 15/- (vhc); clear buff 1907 cock, well-bred, 10/-, with clear or variegated yellow hen, 17/6; a few buff hens, 5/-, 7/6, and 10/- each; any bird separate; cards sent; all on approval; inspection invited any time.—R. Allen, 196, Blackburn-rd., Bolton.

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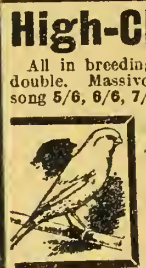

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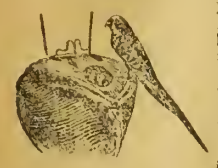

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GRAND cock Goldfinch Mule, full song, 7/6, or exchange Norwich buff hen or offers.—Clucs, High-street, Kirkcudbright.

COCK Thrushes, 1/- each; exchange Sellars' treadle sewing machine, or sell 25/-.—Wright, 31, Lytham-rd., Southport.

FOR sale, twice house-moulted cocks; Linnet, muler, 10/6; Skylark, 7/6; Chaffinch, 5/-.—H., 38, Balham-rd., Edmonton.

FOUR cage-moulted cock Linnets, full song, sell 7/6 or exchange anything.—Saunders, Nelson-place, Bath-street, Gravesend.

HAND-REARED cock Thrush, 1907, and cage. Full song, tip-top feather, 10/6; or exchange.—Withers, 5, Greengate, Stafford.

CAGE-moulted Corn Bunting; also cage-moulted Reed Bunting; what offers in Canaries?—Hawkins, 15, Churchyard, Hitchin.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch, very steady, full song, make good contest bird, 6/-.—Williams, 15, Pearson-st., Old Hill.

TWO house-moulted cock Goldfinches, exchange hen Canaries, Norwich preferred.—Ernest Twigg, Crown Inn, Lyde Green, Cradley.

WILL sell buff hen, 2/6; cock Canary-Goldfinch Mule, 6/-; exchange for pair Norwich.—Weatherby, Chart Cottage, Stanmore.

EXCHANGE Greenfinch cock Muler, for 2 hand-reared Bullfinch hens, or sell 6/-.—Rowles, 168, Westwood-st., Peterborough.

COCK and hen Bullfinch, hen Siskin, all house-moulted, sell 5/-, or exchange pair hen Canaries.—Smart, Wauikmills, Arbroath.

EXCHANGE cock Chaffinch, commended Liverpool, and show cage, for Norwich, or sell 15/-.—Eaton, Hartley's Villas, Aintree.

WANTED a good Hawfinch or Goldfinches; exchange white Fantail cock Chaffinch and Greenfinch cocks.—Bell, Dalston Hall, Carlisle.

EXCHANGE a cock Siskin Mule, Chaffinch, caged four months, 70 CAGE BIRDS, for common fowls, or anything.—Squires, Millfield-rd., Ilkeston.

EXCHANGE cock Linnet, father of Mules, twice cage moulted, for good buff Yorkshire cock, or sell 10/6.—Walter Hooper, Wadebridge, Cornwall.

COCK Goldfinch Mule, 7/6; house-moulted Goldfinch cock, 7/6; cock Bramblefinch, 3rd Grimsby, 7/6; exchange Canaries.—E. Fawcett, Crowle, Doncaster.

COCKS, Goldfinch, bred Mules, 6/6; Greypate, 5/6; exchange watch chain; chain first; approval; offers.—Thomas Maunders, Blosco, Caerphilly, Cardiff.

WANTED, offers in Lancashires for 4 Greenfinches, 4 Chaffinches, and 2 hen Bramblefinches, caged months, in show condition.—Walton, Upton-on-Severn.

GOLDFINCH Mule, 2 years, splendid songster, 12/6, or exchange for large buff 1908 Norwich hen Canaries.—Leonard, 7, West's-place, Norwood Green, Southall, Middlesex.

COCK Linnet, full song, paired with hen Canary, make good Mule breeder, cock Redpoll, cock Lark; lot 10/-; exchange anything.—Saunders, Nelson-place, Bath-street, Gravesend.

WILL exchange for good Norwich cock or cock Goldie, first-class Greenfinch cock, bred Mules last season, and Bullie hen, paired to same, or sell 10/-. Betson, Long Buckby, Rugby.

LARGE Siberian Goldfinch, 10/6; extra good English Goldfinch, 5/6; both house-moulted and Mulers; 3 Mules, 8/6 each; exchange Yorkshires.—Newman, 39, Terminus-rd., Eastbourne.

THREE Canary-reared cock Greenfinches, 2/6 each; exchange for a large Yellow Norwich hen; house-moulted cock Goldfinch, 3/6; offers.—A. Sutcliffe, Chancery-lane, Thrapston.

THRICE moulted cocks, Siskin, Chaffinch, Linnet, cock Siskin Mule, 3 hens, 3 Chaffinches, caged December, £1 lot, or separate; what offers, exchange.—Payne, Colley Orchard, Cradley, Staffs.

BULLFINCHES, cocks and hens; Siskins, Twites, Linnets, Redwings, Chaffinches, Bramblings, Greenfinches, cocks; sell or exchange; stamp reply.—Thomson, 21a, Land-street, Keith, Banffshire.

GRAND large Norwich yellow cock, 12/-; thrice house-moulted cock Goldfinch, proved muler, 10/-; ditto cock Linnet, proved muler, 6/-; exchange common hen Canaries.—Bennett, 115, Stambermill, Stourbridge.

EXCHANGE 2 Goldfinch Mules, hens, half clear, for 2 large hen Bullfinches; Bullfinch first; if you want length in Yorkshires, try a prize-bred cock in song, 10/6, approval; deposit.—Brown, Torpedo Depot, Portland

SISKIN-CANARY, cock, yellow, 4/6, exchange Norwich songster; fine Bullfinch, cock, fit to show, 4/6; selected Bullfinch hens, 1/6; Greenfinch hen, yellow, 1/-; all approval.—Pitchford, Fanciers' Stores, London-road, Stoke-on-Trent.

EXHIBITION cock Hawfinch, 10/6; 3 large muling cock Goldfinches, 6/- each; two others, 3/- each; 3 stout singing Linnets, cage-moulted, 3/-; another, bred mules last year, 5/-; exchange Fowls, Pigeons.—Rendle, 23 Bridge-st., Homerton.

TWICE-MOULTED beautiful cock Goldfinch, Siskin, and variegated cock Mule, from above pair, 20/-: 1908 Norwich, two large Buff hens, 10/-; two Buff cocks, 12/-; or exchange to value, no birds.—Worthington, 8, Temperance-st., Chorley, Lancs.

SPLENDID cage-moulted Chaffinch, cock, very steady, 2/-; another, 1/6, two 2/6; exchange hen Canary, Greypate Goldfinch, full song, 5/-; Linnet, sure muler, singing fierce day and gaslight, 3/6.—Wells, 24, Shrubbery-rd., West Green, London, N.

COCK Goldie, house-moulted, muler, 7/6; cock Greypate, 3/6; cock Redpoll, 2/-; cock Greenfinch Mule, 6/-; hen Bullie, Canary-reared, 5/-; two muling hens, 3/- each; wanted good Buff Yorkshire hen or good Yellow Border hens.—Lawton, 10, Buxton-avenue, Crewe.

EXHIBITORS: Siskin Mule, three 1sts and 2nd, 15/-; another 3rd and vhc, 10/-; Siskin, 1st and special, father the above, 7/-; cock Goldfinch, 2nd prize, sure muler, 7/-; cock Redpoll, 3rd prize, 2/-; exchange cash or deposit.—Nickerson, High-st., Raunds, Northants.

EXCHANGE house-moulted cock Goldfinch, in full song, 7/6; handsome cock Goldfinch Mule, full song, 7/6; house-moulted cock Linnet, muler, 4/6; immense Siberian cock Goldfinches, 6/6 each; hens, 4/6; house-moulted cock Bullfinch, 4/6; Hartz Mountain cock Rollers, 5/6, 7/6, and 10/- each; grand songsters; exchange any for other live stock.—Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

### Mainly Canaries.
**To be Sold or Exchanged**

PAIR Yorkshires, Buff cock, Yellow hen, 6/6; exchange.—Binks, 2, Clapham-cottages, Bedale.

EXCHANGE good Border cock Canary for singing cock Goldfinch.—Beagan, Peppercorn, Kendal.

EXCHANGE three cocks, four hens, Norwich, for black toy Pomeranian; dog first.—Bowles, Earls Colne.

EXCHANGE good ½-plate camera for Yorkshire cock, or two hens.—Bramley, Townsend-street, Cheltenham.

GOOD pair Roller Canaries, 13/6; exchange Norwich or Yorkshire.—Eastoe, 64, Benwell-rd., Drayton Park, N.

SALE or exchange, four Borders, one Norwich, nine Yorkshire.—Middleton, 137, Haverigg Millom, Cumberland.

FOUR Roller hens and two cocks, good stock birds, for laying fowl; fowl first.—Brown, Delph Cottage, Delph, Brierley Hill.

GOOD double-breeding cage complete for young Roller hens; hens first.—Cornwall, 339, Gladstone-street, Peterborough.

EXCHANGE two good clear yellow Norwich hens, nesting, for fishing tackle; sell 10/6.—Robinson, 13, Queen-street, Alnwick.

FINE Yorkshire Canaries, 15/- a pair, or exchange for curtains, blankets, anything useful.—Middleton, 32, Unity-st., Keighley.

BORDERS, healthy 1908 bred; exchange for muling hen Canaries or British, or sell 9/- pair.—Cairns, Sandridge, Innerleithen.

TWO Yorkshire hens, one cock, fed, one double breeder, one single, new, £1; exchange pullets.—Shirley, Utley, Keighley.

LARGE prize-bred Norwich cock, 15/-; exchange for genuine Siefert Roller cock.—Lee, "Lonsdale," Clarendon-road, Hinckley.

EIGHT square yards inlaid linoleum, 25/-; exchange Canaries; letters.—Smith, Freemantle House, Freemantle-rd., Lowestoft.

SIX Norwich hens, 2/3; three young cocks, 4/6; two typical Yorkshire hens, 3/6 each; lot 32/-.—Burge, Whittington Moor.

FOURTEEN Roller cocks in full song, 6/- each, or exchange harness or anything useful.—Harrison, Bradmore, Wolverhampton.

CANARIES.—Splendid Norwich cock, exchange for two good hens.—Sidney Taylor, Chance Cottage, Nettlebed, Henley-on Thames.

TYPICAL Yorkshire, cock, yellow, 12/-; or exchange anything useful, boots preferred.—A. Shire, 95, Abbey-road, London, N.W.

ONE Crested cock Canary, good Hawfinch, C.B. cocks, for British Goldfinch, or sell 12/6 each.—Bloomfield, Hitchin-rd., Luton.

EXCHANGE good large yellow cock and buff hen for Germans or Yorkshire terrier.—Higgins, 36, Clopton-street, Hulme, Manchester.

LIZARDS wanted, cocks and hens, for cash or exchange typical Yorkshires.—Tidswell, Bolton Hall-road, Bolton Woods, Bradford.

YORKSHIRE cocks from 5/- up; Yorkshire hens from 3/6 up; or exchange for anything useful.—Penney, 27, Lower-road, Helston.

PARROT, grey colour, acclimatised, talks, whistles, don't swear, 45/-, exchange Norwich or Yorkshires. Cobb, 36, Gordon-road, Dartford.

TWO volumes "Flag to Pretoria" (Harmsworth), bound; what offers in cock Canaries?—Baker, 2, Cornfoith Hill, Richmond, Yorks.

YOUNG St. Andreasburg Roller, splendid songster, day or gaslight, 10/-; exchange hen Canaries.—Roper, 194, Chester-road, Seven Kings, Essex.

EXCHANGE clear buff Norwich cock, for good yellow Norwich hen, or sell 20/-; no rubbish; approval, stamp.—A. Wellings, Prescot.

COCK Linnet, father of 11 Mules last season, also hen Canary, mother of Mules; sell or exchange Canaries.—Inkpen, Queen-st., Gravesend.

EXCHANGE good songsters for 1908 long yellow or marked Yorkshire hens, or sell; approval, deposit.—Haynes, 40, James-st., Worcester.

EXCHANGE three Norwich hen Canaries and one German, for Norwich green buff hen hred first.—W. Richardson, 19, Vallets-buildings, Bolton.

CHEAP lot yellow clear grizzle Crest cock hen, 1908, 7/6, 5/-; or clear 3 Crestbred hens, one splashed cock £1 2/6.—Budding, Eastington, Glos.

FIVE Yorkshire hens, 1907, 17/6; pair water colours by Evans, 7/6, or exchange good Yorkshire cock.—H., 167, High street, Fenton, Staffs.

POMERANIAN, bitch or dog, wanted; toy pedigree pup; will exchange prize bred Norwich Canaries. —Lack, 89, Glenthorne-rd., Hammersmith.

OFFERS wanted in Rollers for good Crest and Crestbred Norwich, will make hoots to measure for good Crest hen.—Moy, bootmaker, Jarrow.

CLEAR yellow Norwich cock, 10/6, buff marked cock 6/6, yellow green Crested cock 10/6; exchange, offers.—Kirk, Hankey-street, Peterborough.

LINNET-BRED Mules, yellow Sib. hen, Sperry's bow-fronted Lark cage, sell 11/-, or exchange Norwich cock.—Marriott, Radby, Leicestershire.

EXCHANGE stout yellow green Plainhead Norwich cock for a yellow ditto; yours first.—J. Pearson, Postman, Heighington, Darlington.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire cock Canary Linnet and Thrush for laying hens; or sell £1; full song.—Burnette, 2, Vale-ter., Hermitage-rd., Harringay.

TWO Norwich cocks, 10/- two; exchange yellow variegated Norwich hen; approval; see Mules and Norwich; hen first.—Rock, Bondgate, Ripon.

YELLOW Border cock, two Border show cages and case, for yellow Norwich cock or Crest-bred hen.—Runacres, 76, Southwell-road, Lowestoft.

LARGE Crestbred yellow cock, 15/-, or exchange for good typical Norwich yellow hen, must be good; bird first.—R. McKim, 49, New Burn-lane, Rochdale.

WANTED Yellow Lancashire hen; exchange Goldfinch Mule and good Norwich cock Canary; on approval; hen first.—J. Day, Fornham-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

EXCHANGE large unflighted yellow marked hen for large buff or yellow self cinnamon hen, or sell 10/6; cinnamon first.—C. Edmonds, Killigrew-street, Falmouth.

EXCHANGE 2 pairs good Norwich for six black Leghorn pullets, laying; sell 22/-; approval.—Wall, Tankersley-lane, Hoyland Common, near Barnsley, Yorkshire.

CRESTED hen, 1908; exchange two yellow Plainhead cocks or Yorkshires; must be young birds, or sell 20/-; approval both ways.—Veitch, Station-rd., Kelty, Fife.

SIX Norwich hens, 3 yellow, 3 buff, 20/- the lot; exchange 2 Crest-bred hens; approval both ways; offers.—Mr. Welsh, Lane End, Sutton Forest Side, Notts.

TWO Yorkshire hens, 3/6 each; Crested hen, 8/6; large Lancashire hen, 14/6; six feeding hens, 2/- each, young birds; exchange poultry value.—Charles Hoyle, Wardle, Rochdale.

BORDER Fancies, cock and two hens, £2; exchange Scotch Fancy cock, picture frame; two hens, £1, exchange cocks, cycle tyres.—11, Newington-road, Edinburgh.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires, not rubbish, Bailey's strain; sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, or anything useful; stamp reply.—M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

WANTED 1908 yellow green Yorkshire, cock, exchange big unflighted buff Norwich cock, good songster, or sell 8/6; Yorkshire first.—Houston, 64, Dunard-street, Glasgow.

SEVERAL young healthy common Canaries, hens, will exchange one for eight phonograph records, must be in good condition, or offers.—F. Wood, 43a, Radnor-street, Peckham.

SHAVING stand, with adjustable mirror, drawer, brush, bowl, 2 razors, complete, 8/6; large brass cage, 5/6, wanted yellow marked Norwich hens.—Rex, 31, Birkbeck-road Beckenham.

EXCHANGE 1908 buff Plainhead cock brother to winners at Grangemouth Show, for 1908 variegated buff hen, must be good quality.—James Aitken, 105, Dundas-st., Grangemouth.

FOUR grand, large, stout, typical, healthy yellow Norwich hens, 1908 bred, splendid stock birds, sell 5/6 each, or £1 the four; bargain.—F. Simonds, 202, High-st. North, Dunstable.

HIGH-CLASS Borders, sell or exchange pair for Goldies, mating hens; nice Siskin Mule, 1908, fed, 7/6 or exchange mating hens or Goldies.—Robert Dyer, Haystons Farm, Peebles.

WILL exchange 4 pair of Borders for one matched pair of Norwich; must be good; large birds, 1908 bred; approval; Norwiches first, or anything useful. Lyall, 31, Montrose-st., Brechin.

EXCHANGE two Norwich cocks, both in full song, for one large 1908 clear Norwich hen or Crest-bred hen first, or 8/- the two cocks.—Forester, 9, Bathley-ter., Meadows, Nottingham.

CLEARING out. A grand pair of Yorkshires, 12/6, cost double; also twelve Norwich cocks 6/-, hens 3/- each, or best offer for lot cash, no live stock.—J. Owen, 37, Field-st., Kettering.

HYBRID breeder, hen Bullfinch, laid in cage last season, been with cock Greenfinch since August; what offer for the pair; sell or exchange common Canaries.—Bassett, 8, Queen-st., Gravesend.

HIGH CLASS Yorkshires, over standard length, buff hen, exchange yellow Border hen; buff cock, exchange yellow Norwich cock; must be good.—Middleton, 1, Rydall-street, Holbeck, Leeds.

TWO Border hens, three Norwich hens, Canary-reared cock Greenfinch, and double breeding cage; exchange large unflighted typical Buff Norwich hen and Yellow Yorkshire hen, or sell; what offers; no rubbish.—E. Henderson, 218, Bottle Bank, Leadgate, Co. Durham.

SCOTCH Fancies, one buff cock, two yellow hens, bred 1908; sell the lot for 45/-, exchange blankets and coverings, or timepiece to value; mutual approval, stamp reply.—Robert Lawson, Mill Brae Lee, Maxwelltown, Dumfries.

NOTICE.—Wanted offers common Norwich hens, for six compartment breeding cage, value £1; or ivory handle walking stick, value 18/-; or accordeon value 8/-; wanted Goldfinches, Linnet Mules for cash.—Blackett, 10, Phillip-st., Kingsland, London.

## Mainly Foreign.
### To be Sold or Exchanged

WANTED, offers in Budgerigars, for pair Canaries and pair Bullfinches.—Julyan, 88, Oliver-st., Northampton.

PEACH-FACED Lovebird, 16/-; exchange pair Rufous-tailed Grassfinches.—Smith, 133, Alderson-rd., Sheffield.

WANTED, pen poultry, Faverolles preferred; exchange talking Parrot with cage.—Craggs, Castle Hill, Richmond, Yorks.

BEAUTIFUL cock Japanese Nightingale, in nice cage, 7/6; exchange anything.—2a, Wellfield-road, Walton, Liverpool.

HANDSOME Green Parrot and cage, just commencing to talk, 25/-; or exchange live stock.—Barlow, Greenwich.

SELL 10/-, or exchange, good Quaker Parrakeet, acclimatised; live stock.—Robson, 36, Northumberland-street, Sunderland.

FOUR pairs Green Budgerigars, bred outdoor aviary, 6/- pair; or exchange fowls or Parrot.—Jeffrey, Lodge-rd., Redditch.

PAIR of Cockatiels, 10/6; cock Java Dove, 2/-; or exchange good trained Roller.—J. Dawes, Leabrooks-rd., Somercotes, Derbyshire.

WHITE Javas, fine, 10/- pair, aviary-bred (cock defective eyes); sell, exchange prize-bred cock Yorkshire; Canary first.—Hughes, The Limes, Upton Park, Chester.

AMAZON Parrot and cage, lovely plumage, talks a little, shakes hands, mimic, 32/6; also Siefert hen and single breeder, 6/-; offers, exchange.—Smith, 119, Rutland-gardens, Harringay.

## Miscellaneous
### Sale or Exchange

PAIR black bantams, exchange cage birds.—Dunning, 62, Talbot-st., Chester.

EXCHANGE bad feet for good; I understand them; see Various.—Atterbury, Lancashire.

MANDOLINE, good tone, exchange pair Canaries, or sell.—Sheppard, Pearce-rd., Ipswich.

SCOTCH blankets, 25/-; exchange Canaries.—Wright, 15, Baker-st., Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

YOUNG liver spaniel dog, sell 10/-, or exchange Canaries.—Oliver, 29, West-st., Bridgwater.

SMART Black Rosecomb Bantam cockerel, prize bred; offers songsters.—Lunn, Spalding, Lincs.

170 CAGE BIRDS, no plates, to date; 1 peck charlock seed; what offers.—C. Cross, Bucknall, Lincoln.

WHAT offers in cock Canaries for violin, value 30s.; birds first.—Bowden, Avenue-rd., Torquay.

EXCHANGE splendid pram for Canaries or Toy dog.—Bell, 19, Jobling-st., Dunfermline, Sunderland.

LIVING animals of the World, 1,000 coloured and other plates, 10/-; or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich Market.

FOR sale, good air-gun, 7/-; or exchange Foreign birds or Canaries.—R. Nock, New-rd., Overend, Cradley.

CHICKENS, week old, of most pure breeds, 8/- dozen; or exchange live stock.—Pearson, Greenwich Market.

EXCHANGE guinea and 5/- camera for Canaries; Crested hen preferred.—Wyatt, 30, Compton-avenue, East Ham.

TWO good Rabbits, exchange for singing Canary cock, or dog. — Robinson, 47, Alexandra-gardens, Folkestone.

EXCHANGE for true pair Norwich, high-class set of horizontal engine castings.—Davis, 116, Rupert-st., Nottingham.

WHITE Leghorne, cock, 5 hens, grand layers, 30/-; ditto Black Minorcas; or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich Market.

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## LEITH O.S.

An interesting event took place in the Liberal Club, Hope-street, on February 15th, the occasion being the holding of a table show and judging competitions, the first, we believe, of its kind in the East of Scotland. The society provided six classes, which received an entry of about 50. Mr. J. F. Dewar kindly judged, after which all the members present tried their hand as judges. One could not help but think that each was judging a section at the Palace Jubilee Show, and that their future judging career depended on the decisions they gave. And what with the scratching of Scotch Fancy cage bottoms, we think some of their fingers must have been a bit sore after their efforts. The winners were: P. West, 63 points; W. Finnis, 53; and J. Baxter, 48. Each received a share of the entry fees, which was largely increased by the generosity of one of our members. The function helped greatly to bring the members out in force. The society has now a membership of 48, and as this is its jubilee year, the members invite all fanciers to join them.

SCOT. FCY.: 1, 2, Henry. NOR.: 1, 3, Alcorn; 2, 4, Procter. BORD. FCY.: 1, 6, Todd; 2, 3, 5, Brown; 4, West. BRIT.: 1, 4, Brown; 2, Finnie; 3, Allan; 5, Sayers; 6, Baxter. MULES: 1, Finnie; 2, 3, Barclay; 4, Sayers; 5, Brown. LIZ.: 1, 2, Ross.—GEO. BROWN, Hon. Sec.

## YORKSHIRE COUNTY B.B. & M.C.

Meeting held in the Market Tavern, Bradford, on Feb. 20, the President (Mr. A. Cowgill) in the chair. Messrs. H. Hill and F. Armstrong (Halifax) were elected to honorary membership. Mr. P. Jowett kindly promised a large oil painting for champion section, and two small paintings for novice section. The prize-winners: Champion section: D. Duncan (Harrogate) 1, T. H. Inman (Bradford) 2, T. Boyle (York) 3, P. Mason 4 (the painting kindly given by Mr. Jowett). CAGE BIRDS prizes for amateurs: T. H. Inman 1, B. H. Wilson (Bramley) 2, J. Isherwood (Wakefield), 3. Novice section: W. R. Myers wins pair of paintings given for novices. These prizes will be given at the great amalgamated gathering to be held March 6th, in Market Tavern Bradford. A dinner is being provided for the convenience of outside fanciers, and we specially invite members and intending members wishing to be present to send on their names. Dinner on tables at 4 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head. My committee respectfully invite all fanciers who have been exhibiting in British Bird or Hybrid sections, and who are not members, to send in their names at once. Annual subscription, 2s. 6d per annum.—W. R. MYERS, hon. secretary.

# ROUND THE STALLS AT THE "JUBILEE" PALACE SHOW.

## Some Attractive Displays.

Owing to the pressure of that matter which had to be held over by reason of the many pages of necessity devoted to the recent "Jubilee" Crystal Palace Show, we were, to our regret, last week compelled to defer publication of the following account of the many attractive stalls which were to be seen at the "Great Glass House."

Messrs. Russell's stall attracted much attention, and was well filled with splendid examples of the photographer's art, among which were many excellent views of the Great Show itself, including the Judge's Lunch, various judges at work, and also certain of the birds, one of them the famous "White Canary." In picture postcard form these sold well. Fanciers can obtain copies on application to "the Studio," Crystal Palace, London, price 3d. each.

An old friend, Mr. Marx, known to fanciers of all kinds as "the Rubber Stamp King," took up his usual position, and seemed to be doing a thriving business. He is the smartest and cheapest man in his line that we know.

"Pannassina," a medicinal preparation for cage birds of all kinds, sold by Mr. W. J. Hammond (19, Anstey-road, Coldharbour-lane, London, S.E.) has acquired a high reputation as a preventative and cure of asthma, wheezing, colds, loss of voice, diarrhœa, and as a winter and moulting tonic. The stall was visited by shoals of fanciers eager to see "what it was like," and a great quantity of "Pannassina" was purchased by discerning birdymen, who seemed to be of the opinion it was just the thing they had been wanting.

Mr. J. W. Ramsden had on view a selection of his famous peppers, the pnre Tasteless, and the finest Natal (hot), together with examples of the medals, and teapots and other attractive plated ware he offers for competition among birds moulted on "R. P." Mr. Ramsden said that his peppers for the 1909 season promised to be the best he had shipped during the whole of his career, which should be good news for the vast number of bird-keepers who pin their faith to his noted "feeds." He anticipates doing a record business, and advises fanciers to place their orders early, as the supply may quite likely prove somewhat short.

A most ingenious combination show cage and travelling case shown by the inventor, that well-known exhibitor of Foreign birds, Mr. O. Millsum, of Regent-street, Swindon, attracted one's attention and admiration. It is a neat and eminently practical idea, and well carried into effect, the cage and case (or "outer shell," as it really is) being very light, although exceedingly strong. Mr. Millsum's arrangement should be a boon to anyone who wishes to exhibit one bird, or British or Foreign birds whose styles of cages do not readily lend themselves to hampers. To such we can recommend this invention.

There was quite a rush for the stall of Messrs. Fox Bros. (of 26, Lndgate-hill, London, E.C.), everybody seeming to be anxious to look at and sample the latest thing in Egg Foods. Judging by the comments we heard made by some of our oldest fanciers and breeders, the verdict was entirely favourable; and these "old hands" can be depended upon to recognise a good thing when they see it. Certainly the analysis as to the feeding value of the food, and the guarantees given by its inventors, speak for themselves. We heard, too, many remarks passed concerning the ease with which it can be prepared for use, far different to the old "egg and bread" method. Messrs. Fox Bros.' representative told us that they had done a tremendous business. Their "Egg and Biscuit Food" is evidently here to stay. It should be seen by all fanciers.

Facing the entrance, just inside the show, Messrs. James Carter and Co., of 237, High Holborn, London, W.C., had a splendid stall of high-class seeds. Carter's seeds (whether for birds, or for the garden or the farm) enjoy an enviable reputation for uniformity of quality and value. The name "Carter" has come to be known as standing for the highest grade of goods it is possible to obtain, and the firm have long enjoyed the distinction of being "the King's seedsmen." We were much impressed with the mixtures for Canaries, Finches, etc., on view at their stall, as well as with the various samples of canary, summer rape, hemp, maw, teazle, sunflower, etc., all being splendid quality, full-kernelled seeds, cleaned to perfection. This firm's Parrot mixture, too, is a most judicious and excellent blend. Readers should ask for Carter's seeds at their corn merchant's, and give them a trial.

Near the sales office was to be found the extensive stall of Mr. C. Roehl (400, Edgware-road, London, W.). It was simply packed from end to end with a splendid selection of every imaginable appliance connected with the keeping and breeding of Roller Canaries, as well as for bird-rooms and aviaries generally. All the latest things adopted by the famous breeders of Germany could be seen here, Mr. Roehl being a large importer of both goods and birds. His strain of Rollers is a noted one, and has produced many big winners. One of his birds at this show was claimed for £5, and before the show closed double that amount was offered for it, and refused by the original purchaser. Besides appliances, Mr. Roehl had many Roller Canaries on his stall for sale, while a Queck's Bird Organ (for which he is sole agent) attracted everyone's attention as it "led the chorus," so to speak, of the birds. Mr Roehl's fine illustrated catalogue is well worthy of perusal. He expressed himself as highly satisfied with the business he had done at the show.

The stall of that well-known cage-maker, Mr. R. A. Newley (24, Stockwell-green, London, S.W.), can truthfully be described as one of the sights of the show. It occupied considerable floor-space, and we question whether a better or more tastefully arranged display of cages has ever been seen at any exhibition. It was worthy of the record "Jubilee" Show, and drew the admiration of everyone. The cages themselves were simply perfection, and quite staggered some of the provincial fanciers, who admitted to us that they had never before seen any like them. Mr. Newley is an artist in cage-making. What is more, he has original and practical ideas. What is more, he has original and practical ideas, which are embodied in his cages, while for finish and workmanship they cannot be excelled. We were not surprised when Mr. Newley told us that he had hooked enough orders at the show to keep him busy for many months to come, for the prices are as low as the quality is high. His cages have secured 34 gold, silver and bronze medals for excellence of workmanship and design. Mr. Newley has made a special study of breeding cages, all of which he sends out completely fitted with nest-pans, etc., ready for immediate use. His special "Mule-breeding Cage" is a good example, and embodies many splendid points. It is 36 in. long by 16 in. high by 10½ in. wide, fitted with punched bar removable fronts, two sliding divisions for dividing cage into three compartments. Divisions are partly wired for feeding and pairing; by reversing the divisions they form a blank slide. Removable perches, three egg troughs, three water vessels, two seed boxes, two nest pans, linings and wire hangers. Distempered green inside and varnished black outside. The price is only 12s. 6d. for the whole. Mr. Newley has single breeders as low as 3s. 9d. (Yorks.), up to 6s. 6d., and double breeders from 8s. 6d. to 15s. 6d., all these being high-class goods. We recommend readers to obtain a copy of Mr. Newley's price list, which gives details of many cages and a host of appliances.

Messrs. Hyde and Co. are a firm of wide fame as makers of seed-mixtures and foods for all kinds of pet birds, and they had a fine selection of their goods tastefully displayed on their stall, at which we noted a steady stream of callers and buyers. Hyde's Æsthetic Seeds for song birds, their Shell Gravel, and their Parrot Food are sold at almost every seed-shop throughout the country, and their merits have secured for them a very wide circle of users. The goods of this firm are distinguished by the high quality offered at a most reasonable price, all the different seeds used in their composition being specially selected and cleaned.

Messrs. Trower and Co. (442, Caledonian-road, London, N.) had an exceptionally well-stocked stand facing the entrance to the show, and experienced a very busy time of it indeed, Mr. Trower informing us that the firm's sales and bookings constituted, like the show itself, an easy record. There seemed always a crowd of fanciers inspecting the goods on view whenever we were by—especially on the Saturday. Mr. Trower prides himself on catering for the exact wants of the fancier, and, truly, he had a splendid lot of specialities, seeds, soft foods, and appliances on view. The display of seeds was remarkable both for the grand quality and the great variety of kinds shown. From canary seed down to monkey nuts (for the "talkers") everything is stocked. Then there were the soft foods—the noted "Cesto" for delicate insectivorous birds, and "Softilo" for Thrushes, etc.—to say nothing of bird medicines and a multitude of useful appliances. Last, but not least, the prices were extremely moderate. Messrs. Trower and Co. will send a price list to any applicant mentioning CAGE BIRDS; they have agents in most towns, too.

Quite one of the most artistically conceived stalls was the erection of Messrs. Sissons Bros. and Co., Ltd., of Hull. Their exhibit in connection with Hall's Sanitary Washable Distemper for use on aviaries, bird-rooms, and bird cages attracted great attention. A very smart young assistant was in charge courteously explaining the particular merits of the "outside quality" of distemper, which it appears was to be specially insisted on. This distemper ensures perfect cleanliness and sanitary conditions, and one coating only will effectually destroy all insect life and septic fever germs. Full particulars, with sample tin and shade sheet will be sent free on application to Sissons Bros., Ltd., Hull, mentioning CAGE BIRDS as the source of information.

## LONDON AND PROVINCIAL O.S.

A pair show was held at "The Raglan," Aldersgate-street, on February 18th. The entry was up to 49 pairs, and included some of the best breeding pairs in London. Messrs. J. Hodder's Plainhead Norwich, Lazarus' Crests, and Picard's Yorkshires in the champion section, and Messrs. Bellinger's Norwich, and Couzens' Yorkshires in the novice section were a treat to see. Muling and Hybrid pairs were shown in the pink of condition by Messrs. Mortlock and Hawes. An interesting feature of the show was the meeting in friendly rivalry of Messrs. Dobson and Ramsden in the A.O.V. class. "Dobby" put down a couple of pairs of wonderful Cinnamons, while J. W. R. relied upon a sweet pair of Cinnamon ticked Border Fancies to do battle for him. Mr. T. Heath judged.

NOR. P.H. (7): 1, Hodder, worth a long journey to see; 2, Mrs. J. E. Graves; 3, Richardson. YORKS.: 1, Picard, lovely wedgey yellow cock and buff hen, matched to perfection; 2, 3, Tringham, wanted a tubbing. CREST (5): 1, Lazarus, wonderful pair of birds; 2, Horton, another grand pair; 3, Dobson. A.O.V. (8): 1, Dobson, Cinn.; 2, Ramsden, beautiful pair of Cinn. ticked Borders; 3, Dobson, Cinn. Mr. F. J. Green's Lancashires, entered in this class, were not present, their owner wiring to say he was prevented from coming up. MULING PAIRS: Mr. G. Mortlock took all the honours in this class, and deserved them, although very creditable exhibits were staged by Messrs. Richardson, R. J. Pretty, and others. NOVICE NOR. (7): 1, 2, 3, Bellinger, with the produce of these pairs Mr. B. is practically certain of elevation to champion section in the near future. NOVICE YORKS. (4): 1, 2, Couzens, washed and staged in approved "old hand" style, or perhaps No. 3, 4, Gilbert, would have stood higher. A.O.V.: 1, Hawes, lovely Goldfinch cock, Bullie hen, congratulated by all; 2, Anson, nice Crests. The president, G. Crabb, Esq., read out the names of medal winners, which were as follows:—1, silver (for best in Classes 1 and 2), J. Hodder; 2, bronze (second best), Mr. Picard; 3, silver (best in Classes 3, 4, and 5), Lazarus; 4, bronze (second best), Mortlock; 5, silver (best in Classes 6, 7 and 8), G. H. Couzens; 6, bronze (second best), H. J. Hawes. Mr. T. Heath remarked upon the exhibits which came under his notice, congratulating the winners, and pointing out to the lazy ones the utter futility of sending birds to shows unwashed, emphasising the fact that with a wash some of the cardless birds would have changed places with the winners. The society are arranging a programme of events for the ensuing year, which will, it is hoped, be the means of drawing the members "out of their shells," and of infusing more life into the mouthly meetings.—H. E. TRINGHAM, Hon. Sec.

## ROCHDALE (Good Intent) C.B.S.

Second table show of pairs held on February 17th. It consisted of Lancashires, Lizards, Crests, and muling pairs. Messrs. Harry Lord and G. Adams placed the awards, and everybody seemed satisfied with their decisions.

LANCS.: 1, 2, Adams. LIZ.: 1, Holt. CRESTS: 1, Collinge; 2, Ratcliffe. MULING PAIRS: 1, Scofield; 2, Adams. We were very pleased to see such a good turn up of members, and we spent a very pleasant evening.—FRED. RAYNER, Hon. Sec.

## YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB

Cash specials for 3rd, 4th, and 5th birds. Great Harwood:—3rd A. Hirst, 4th R. Halliday; Newcastle, 3rd L. Dyson, Thornton and Bower, 4th, J. Wilcock, L. Dyson, E. Radley, C. Stebbings; Rochdale, 3rd H. W. Walsh, 4th Ogden Bros., H. H. Towers, H. W. Walsh, 5th Ogden Bros. and H. W. Walsh; City of Bradford, 3rd H. J. Chittenden, 4th H. J. Chittenden and C. Stebbings; Dulwich and Peckham, 3rd H. W. Walsh, 4th J. Chippendale and M. Peel, 5th J. C. Chippendale, M. Peel; Harrogate, 3rd Chew and Stokoe, 4th H. W.Walsh, 5th J. Wilcock; Shipley, 3rd J. Wilcock, H. J. Chittenden, D. Mallinson, H. H. Towers, and P. Drake and Son, 4th J. Wilcock, P. Mason, and J. Wilson; Laisterdyke, 3rd W. Cruise, F. Armstrong, E. Radley and J. Helliwell, 4th L. Dyson, J. E. Priestley, H. H. Towers and Drake and Son; Bradford West, 3rd J. Wilcock, 4th W. Cruise and J. Helliwell; Huddersfield, 3rd G. Bray, H. J. Chittenden, H. H. Towers and E. B. Denton, 4th H. J. Chittenden; Ecclesshill, 3rd W. H. Shackleton, L. Watmuff, 4th F. Townend, Shaw Bros., J Wilson, A. Cooper, and H. J. Chittenden, 5th F. Townend, J. E. Priestley, Drake and Son, and W. H. Shackleton; Gateshead, 3rd not won, 4th E. Radley; Edinburgh, 3rd J. Wilcock and E. Radley, 4th J. Wilcock; Great Horton, 3rd W. H. Shackleton, 4th H. W. Walsh, 5th W. Wadsworth, J. Wilcock, and Geo. Bray; Keighley, 3rd W. Wadsworth, 4th T. Slater, F. Townend, 5th F. Spencer and Son; Windhill, 3rd W. Wadsworth, 4th J. Rohertshaw, 5th H. W. Walsh, J. Robertshaw, J. W. Dewhirst, H. Lodge, A. Frankland, and J. Wilcock; Halifax, 3rd Drake and Son, 4th M Peel, W. Wadsworth, A. Frankland, and P. Mason, 5th J. Robertshaw, Charlesworth, Drake and Son, and Sutcliffe and Son; Bradford East, 3rd M. Peel, W. Wadsworth, 4th J. Wilson and R. Hallidav, 5th H. Hill; Crystal Palace, 3rd L. Watmuff, 4th W. H. Shackleton, J. Wilcock and P. Mason, 5th W. H. Shackleton, A. E. Pattrick, Drake and Son, and Sutcliffe and Son.—JOHN GREAVES, Sec.

## CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Adjourned annual general meeting, January 24th. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. A. C. Burn, through illness, Mr. A. W. Curtis was voted to the chair. Messrs. J. A. Chard, R. T. Ames, C. Brinkworth, H. Hill, and H. R. Lowe were elected members. Mr. C. Prior asked that his name might be withdrawn for nomination as judge of annual show, as his business would prevent him officiating. Messrs. R. L. Crisp and A. C. Burn were re-elected delegates to the London Federation. An annual outing was decided upon, the destination to be Great Missenden, taking place on May 29th, with Mr. P. Adamthwaite as guide. The list of attendances for 1908, showing 580 attendances at 20 meetings (average 29 per meeting), was read, Mr. W. Knight gaining the distinction of being present on each occasion. Due notice having been given by Mr. G. C. Burn that an office of vice-chairman be created, Mr. A. W. Curtis was nominated for the said office. This was unanimously carried. It was warmly supported by Mr. C. Prior, who, in the course of his very telling speech, volunteered to step into Mr. Curtis's previous position, as leader of the opposition, which drew from the members the liveliest satisfaction. Proposed amendments of rules were then taken. Proposed by Mr. A. S. Wheller, delete the words after "shall" in Rule 5, and insert "decide if another vote shall be taken." Upon a vote, the same was lost. Proposed by J. Pooley, add to Show Rule 11, at end, "and no member upon winning a trophy outright be allowed to take a diploma." This was lost. Proposed by the secretary, add to Show Rule 1, at end, "All prize-money and special prizes won by a disqualified exhibitor, shall revert to the association, excepting those won through disqualified birds, when the same shall revert to the exhibitor next in order of merit." This was carried. Proposed by the secretary, a new rule after No. 13: "In competing for points prizes in judging competitions, there must be at least three members competing in each section. To work out the same under the "Curtis" system, the points shall count as follows: 1st, 6; 2nd, 5; 3rd, 4; vhc, 3; hc, 2; c, 1. Carried. The secretary reported progress in connection with the fixture list. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.—V. WYNN, hon. secretary.

## CITY OF GLASGOW O.A.

### The Annual Smoker.

The annual smoker was held on February 19th, in the Bank Restaurant, Queen Street. President Jardine occupied the chair, supported by Messrs. Mollwain, president of the Derby Association; vice-president T. Renwick, Glasgow Southern O.A.; ex-president T. Thomson; McLay, vice-president; R. A. Brown, Glasgow and Western O.S.; Cliff. Bell, secretary M.O.A.; secretary McDonald, Mr. Stenhouse (Dunoon), D. Black, secretary Glasgow Derby; A. Roulstone, G. Aitkenhead, Mr. Craig, J. Park, etc. President Jardine, in his opening remarks, said he was glad to welcome such a large turn-out of fanciers and friends. It was specially gratifying, seeing it was a clear proof, if any were required, that the association had not in any way lost any of its popularity or importance. At the same time, he was not unmiudful of the fact that the success of the association was largely due to the support rendered by kindred societies and others, and he was glad to have this opportunity of extending to them the thanks of the association for their support, and, so far as it lay in his power as a fancier, no effort would be spared to make the association second to none in the kingdom, and worthy of the support of every true fancier and breeder in Glasgow, and elsewhere. The chairman gave the toasts of the members of the Royal Family. Mr. R. A. Brown replied in a few appropriate remarks. The musical programme was then entered into, and with such a large number of artistes (professionals and amateurs) at the chairman's disposal, it was one of the principal events of the evening. The chief singers were Messrs. Black (gold medallist Emslie), Messrs. Donaldson, Paton, Pryde, Casey, Mitchell, Burgess, McInnes, Begg, A. Muir. Mr. R. A. Brown gave a reading, and Mr. Clark some concertina selections, all of which were much appreciated. Mr. Mellwain proposed "The City of Glasgow Ornithological Association, and Kindred Clubs," in a few well-chosen remarks which was duly acknowledged by Secretary McDonald. At this stage the chairman remarked that they were nearing the close of what had proved one of the most successful and enjoyable smokers in the history of the association, and he was pleased to know that everybody had spent such a profitable and pleasant evening. He hoped all fanciers would have a successful breeding season, with many "champions" amongst them. Mr. R. G. Joliffe (C.B.), proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for the able manner in which President Jardine had discharged his duties as chairman, etc., which was received with applause. Mr. Secretary McDonald proposed a vote of thanks to the artistes, after which "Auld Lang Syne" was sung by the company at the close.—SCOTCH FANCY.

# ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

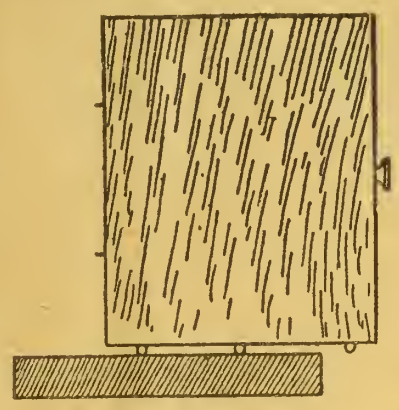
*Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.*

## No. 286.

### A NOVEL BREEDING CAGE PARTITION.

**Sent by A. W. Farmer, 5, Waverley Road, South Woodford.**

Now that the breeding season will soon be here, and many fanciers are thinking of making their own cages, a hint on partitions may not be out of place. The following is a simple method of making an effective sliding



**A Novel Partition.**

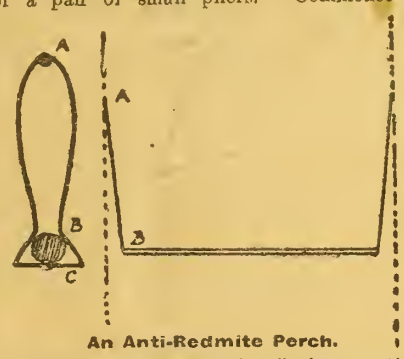
partition. Take the piece of wood that the partition is to run on, and with a coarse saw cut a groove ¼in. deep in the upper edge. Then drive into the bottom of the partition three staples—the sort used for putting up electric bell wire are best. Leave about ¼in. of each staple projecting, and the slide will be found to work quite easily, besides which, the small space left underneath does not form a harbour for red-mite.—A. W. FARMER.

## No. 287.

### AN ANTI-RED-MITE PERCH HOLDER.

**Sent by C. W. Barnes, 33, Vale Road, Hermitage Road, Finsbury Park, N.**

Herewith I enclose a sketch and description of a simple and good anti-mite perch holder for box cages. I find it a splendid help in keeping down the red mite, as it is next to impossible for the pest to lurk at the perch ends—a favourite hiding-place. It is easily made from a piece of cage wire, with the aid of a pair of small pliers. Commence by




**An Anti-Redmite Perch.**

making a small eye at "A," then continue the wire in a slight curve to "B," bending in here, and continuing on to "C," forming a triangle to hold the perch. Then take the wire up the other side, soldering the end to "A." The curve at B (Fig. 1) acts as a spring to hold the perch secure, and at the same time the latter can be easily taken out for washing. Fig. II. shows the perch and holder in use in a box cage; the dotted line represents the sides of cage. The holder can be fixed, or made movable, by a broad, flat-headed (inside surface) screw or nail, and bend out a little from the sides as shown in Fig. II., thus keeping the perch ends a little away from the sides of cage. I use this holder in all my breeding and box cages, and find it a good red-mite preventative, with the additional advantage of being very convenient.—C. W. BARNES.

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# SINGING CONTESTS.

## LEEDS.

Usual week-end contest held at the King's Head, Shannon-street, on February 20th, when Mr. W. Tillotson gave three good prizes; 13 birds were hung. 1st, Stead; 2nd, Lister; 3rd, Sissons. Judges, Messrs. Melia and Clegg. Also on February 21st, when 22 birds were hung. Judges, Messrs. Cooper and Crane. 1st and 4th, Crowther; 2nd and 3rd, Stead.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Usual contest held at the King's Head, Shannon-st., on Feb. 13th, when Mr. W. Tillotson gave three good prizes to be sung for. Sixteen birds were hung. Judges, Messrs. Melia and Clegg. 1, Stead; 2, Sissons; 3, Wood. Also on Feb. 14th, when 21 birds sang for four good prizes, and some good singing was heard. Judge, Messrs. T. Summers and C. Cooper. 1, Crowther; 2, Stead; 3, Sissons; 4 (shared), Lister and Crowther.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

## YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest, held at the Crown Inn, North Street, when 27 birds competed. 1, Massheder; 2, Lambert; 3, Kirby; 4, Cole; 5, Lee. Judge, Mr. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH, hon. secretary.

Usual weekly Linnet contest, held at Crown Inn, North Street, when 26 birds competed. The singing was excellent. Principal prize-winners:—1, Gurden; 2, Lambert; 3, Granger; 4, Bean; 5, 6, Massheder. Judge, Mr. Perry. Timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH, hon. secretary.

Usual weekly Linnet contest held at The Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer-lane, Hungate, on February 13th, when upwards of 20 birds entered for competition, and some excellent singing was heard, with the following result:—1, Oldroyd; 2, Nicholls; 3, Whiteley; 4, Andrews; 5, Whitehead. Mr. J. W. Paver officiated as judge; Mr. Jas. Limbert, sen., as timekeeper.—WM. EMPSON.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer-lane, Hungate, Feb. 20th, when 20 birds entered. Result: 1st, Oldroyd; 2nd, Chaplin; 3rd, Nicholls; 4th, Moore; 5th, Whiteley. Mr. J. W. Paver officiated as judge; Mr. Jas. Limbert as timekeeper.—WM. EMPSON.

## SHEFFIELD.

Weekly contest held at the Newmarket Hotel, Sheafgate. 1, Callaghan, 88secs.; 2, Barker, 72secs.; and 3, Wainwright, 70secs. In all, 22 birds sang.—H. FENN, Sec.

## BOLDON COLLIERY.

Linnet contest, held at Railway Tavern, Bolden Colliery, last week-end, for three good prizes. 35 birds competed. There was a good company. 1 Branen, 2 Holt, 3 White. Messrs. J. Tracey and J. Hall were judge and timekeeper.—J. ELLIOTT.

## POPLAR.

At the Mariners' Arms, Grundy Street, Poplar, on February 21st, there was a big muster of Linnet fanciers, and some good singing was heard. For Chaffinch handicap the following were successful:—1, Nigger; 2, Fred; 3, Wagg; 4, Tarter. Great interest was taken in the several contests. Chaffinch handicap, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings. Linnets Tuesday evenings.—GEORGE BELL, timekeeper.

## WIGAN.

An open Linnet match for time singing only was held at the Millstone Hotel, on February 13th, when 25 birds sang for four good prizes, and some very good singing was heard, before a good company. Result:—1, Lady Green, 101; 2, J. Seddon, 58; 3, "Catch 'Em Alive," 48; 4, J. W. Jones, 36; and after the match a very enjoyable evening was spent amongst the bird men.—A. PARKER, secretary.

## WARRINGTON.

An open-to-all-England Linnet singing contest was held at the Unicorn Inn, Winwick Road, on February 13th, when Mr. Appleton gave 1st and 2nd prizes. Thirty birds competed, and the singing was very good. 1, 3, Statham; 2, Lawton; 4, Artinage; 5, Stanway. Judges, Messrs. J. Lawton and T. Crawford; timekeeper, Mr. H. Stanway. There will be an open contest held at the same house on March 13th, and we hope to have a good muster of birds.—W. PEET, secretary.

## BLACKBURN.

Quality Linnet Singing Association held a rehearsal, on February 13th. Result: 1, Rostron; 2, Harrison; 3, Hayhurst. Also on February 20th; 1, 3, Rostron; 2, Dobson. Mr. Harrison challenged to sing any bird in the room. This was taken on by Mr. James, who sung with Rostron's bird. Result: James beat Harrison. Judge, Mr. J. Dobson; timer, Mr. G. Smith.—G. ROSTRON, hon. secretary.

## SEAHAM HARBOUR.

Linnet contest (open to all England) held at Dray Cart Inn on Feb. 6th, when 48 birds faced the judge, Mr. J. Cope, whose awards gave every satisfaction. 1, Showler (20/-); 2, Showler (10/-); 3, Machin; 4, Mason. Timekeeper, Mr. J. McDonald; bookkeeper, Mr. Tom Wilkinson. Feb. 13th, Linnet Club singing was held at the Ship Inn, when 19 birds competed. Following are the winners: 1, 2, Davis; 3, Richardson. Judge, Mr. J. Cope; timekeeper, Mr. T. Wilkinson; bookkeeper, Mr. J. McCardy.—TOM DAVIS, Sec.

## NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Contest held on February 13th, when 15 birds sang for three good prizes. 1, Smith; 2, Chippindale; 3, Butterfield. Mr. R. Jackson judged. Timekeeper, Mr. G. Towers. Usual week-end contest held on February 14th, when 17 birds competed. 1, 2, Chippindale; 3, Smith. Judges, Messrs. Jackson and Jennings. Timekeeper, Mr. Towers. Contest February 20th, when 12 birds sang. 1, Wood; 2, Smith; 3, Robinson. Judge, Mr. Jackson; Timekeeper, Mr. Towers. Usual contest, February 21st, when 21 birds were hung up. 1, 2, Divided between Wood and Smith; 3, divided between Wood and Chippindale.—W. DEAN, hon. secretary.

## LEIGH.

Linnet singing contest held at Standard Mower, on February 20th, when 33 birds sang for six good prizes, given by Mr. Fred Rowland. Result:—1, Statham, 122secs.; 2, J. Sefton, 95secs; 4, T. Statham, 62secs.; 3, J. Mather, 71secs.; 5, Lawton, 61secs.; 6, Howard, 58secs. This was the best contest ever held in Leigh for Linnet singing. Judges, Messrs. W. Parkinson and R. Davis; timekeeper, Mr. J. Green. Another contest at Rock Inn, Westhoughton, on February 27th, and one at the Railway Tavern, Leigh, March 6th. We are going to start a Linnet Club in Leigh; all Linnet men can join by applying to me.—J. W. JONES, 11, Cotton Street, Leigh.


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## TWITTERINGS.

We have some replies for Box No. 100. Same will be forwarded on receipt of stamped addressed envelope.

Mr. J. E. Davies will judge the next table show, to be held on March 2nd, writes Mr. W. Stafford, secretary of the Stockport B.F.A.

We hear there is a proposal to form a cage-bird association for Dunfermline and District, particulars of which will be announced later.

Kindly note that I have changed my address from Oulton Terrace to 60, Grantham Road, Shearbridge, Bradford, writes Mr. H. S. Naylor.

There will be a show again this year in Pembroke Dock as before, writes Mr. W. H. Bowling, the secretary. The date is November 10th.

All fanciers should see Dulwich and Peckham Pair Show, at Peckham Public Hall, Thursday, March 4th, 7.30 p.m.; admission 3d. —(ADVT.)

Mr. W. Gilbert, of 42, Coweross Street, E.C., has, we hear, been appointed secretary of the London and Counties O.A., in place of Mr. R. J. Pretty.

Will secretaries please note, writes W. E. Espley, my change of address from Warburton Street, to 26, Oakfield Street, Cheetham, Manchester.

All prize money won in connection with the Brotton Show, writes Mr. J. Dales, the secretary, was paid within seven days of the close of the show.

Balances due to Messrs. T. O. Williams, W. Campbell, J. Knowles, R. Reynolds, S. H. Woodroffe, T. W. Nisbet, J. Dickinson, and G. Mole, will be returned on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.

We have engaged Messrs. W. Mundell, J. C. Barnes, and G. E. Weston to judge at our open show, on November 5th and 6th, wrote Messrs. Metcalfe and Hillmen, hon. secretaries of the Liverpool O.S.

We are holding a members' show at headquarters, White Swan Hotel, on Saturday, March 6th, at 2 p.m., writes Mr. C. Draper, secretary, Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. The judge is Mr. T. Ride.

Messrs. W. Varey (Hucknall Huthwaite) and E. Brunskill (Darlington), have been elected judges for our open show on November 19th and 20th, writes Mr. Ernest R. Ridley, hon. secretary of the Hull C.B.S.

At a special meeting held on February 18th, writes Mr. J. W. Philpott, secretary Accrington and Dis. C.B.S., it was decided to alter our open show date to October 8th and 9th, when Mr. J. H. Roe will judge.

The Great Horton O.S. will hold the 1st of this season's members' shows on February 27th, at headquarters, writes Mr. J. Holroyd, the secretary, birds to be staged at 3 p.m. prompt. The judge will be Mr. F. Benn.

I have resigned the secretaryship of the Gateshead C.B.S., writes Mr. T. Taylor, as I find same a heavy drain on the little time at my disposal, but have undertaken to carry on the treasurership for another year.

The Wigan Linnet Club, writes Mr. A. Parker, the secretary, is still being held at the Millstone Hotel, their headquarters, and we shall be very glad if intending members will join at once. The next club night is February 28th, 1909.

Kindly note that I have given up the secretaryship of the West Stanley and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. Matt. Mason, and that all communications in future should be addressed to Mr. Wm. Elliott, Fairford Terrace, Stanley, S.O., as he has kindly taken the office over.

Subscriptions to the St. Helens and Dis. O. and C.B.S., writes Mr. A. Goodall, the hon. secretary, in future will be 2s. 6d. per annum payable in advance. All members not having paid their subscriptions by next meeting night, March 1st, 1909, will be liable for proposition fee as well.

Mr. H. Marshall has resigned the secretaryship of the Hucknall Torkard C.B.S., owing to pressure of business, writes Mr. Ernest Mellors, and I have taken over the office. All communications for the society should therefore be addressed to me at 59, Annesley Road, Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

Kindly note that I have been appointed secretary of the South Shields, North Shields and Dis. C.B.S. in the place of Mr. Wm. Duke, writes Mr. Jas. Barrass, 98, Marlborough Street, Westoe, South Shields. All communications respecting the society should be addressed to me at this address.

The Crystal Palace Show report gives Mr. Fawcett 3rd in the Limit Class of 70 entries, the birds being a pair of Yorkshires, writes Mr. H. Fenwick (Houghton-le-Spring). It should read Fenwick, with a pair of Norwich, which were claimed. I have, I may say, received both prize money and sales money.

At our next meeting, on March 18th, writes Mr. W. S. Negus, hon. secretary, Cardiff and Dis. C.B.S., if time permit, Mr. Melhuish will give a short address on breeding, etc. In the meantime will members please remit any monies due, as the balance-sheet has to be prepared for and presented at the March meeting.

The judges for our open show, to be held on November 13th, writes Mr. T. Arnott, secretary of the Kirkcaldy C.B.S., are Messrs. D. Low (Dundee), for Scotch Fancies, J. Watson (Selkirk), for Border Fancies, A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch), for Crests and Norwich, and P. Pettigrew (Glasgow), for British and foreign birds.

At the next meeting of the Pendlebury, Swinton and Dis. C.B.S., to be held on March 4th, the secretary, Mr. Alex. Donnelly will, we hear, give a lecture on his experiences in the breeding and rearing of Canaries. The meeting commences at 7.30, and will be held in the Blue Ribbon Hall, Pendlebury Road, Pendlebury.

At the annual general meeting of the Palace of the North, Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S., held on February 17th, I was elected secretary with Mr. H. Johnson as my assistant. All communications in connection with the club or its affairs should therefore in future be addressed to me at 30, Keswick Street, Gateshead. I intend calling a special meeting at an early date, due notice of which will be given in the Fancy Press.—G. BUCK, secretary.

We are having a washing exhibition on March 3rd, by Mr. Smith, of Loughboro', writes Mr. H. Onions, hon. secretary, of the Loughboro' and Dis. C.B.A., and a competition for members for two prizes given by members themselves. We have made three new members, Messrs. Harriman, Sharpe, and Wotley. Fanciers will also note the change of secretaryship from Mr. W. P. Foster to myself, my address being 2, Oxford Road, Loughborough.

The balance-sheet of the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club, for 1908, shows a balance on the right side of £1 5s., which, though less than that of the previous season, must be deemed very satisfactory seeing how liberally the club has this year supported the shows with gold and silver medals, etc. We note that a Trophy Shield, value £7 7s., has been subscribed for. The annual meeting is called for March 6th, at 4 p.m., at 142, High Street, Edinburgh.

The committee of the Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A., writes Mr. J. Ford, the secretary, have been successful in securing the following specialist judges for their open show: For Scotch Fancies, Mr. W. Rodger (Stalford); for Border Fancies, Mr. G. Hislop (Stirling); for Norwich, Mr. A. G. Cameron (Kelso); for Yorkshires, Mr. J. W. Bruce (Coldstream); for Mules, British and foreign birds, Mr. Marlin (Hamilton). We hope fanciers will rally round, and we will try and please them.

## OBITUARY

### Mr. W. FOOTILL (Hull).

I am sorry to inform you of the sudden death of Mr. W. Footill at the age of 62, writes Mr. E. R. Ridley, hon. secretary of the Hull C.B.S. The deceased was at business on February 11th, his death taking place on the 18th. Mr. Footill was an enthusiastic Crest breeder, and was until recently a member of the Hull C.B.S. The interment took place at the Hull general cemetery on February 21st. The Society was represented by Messrs. G. W. Oliver (chairman), J. Calam (delegate C.B.U.), G. Harland (committee man), and E. R. Ridley (secretary).

It was with deep regret, writes Mr. W. S. Negus, hon. sec., Cardiff and Dis. C.B.S., we learned that sorrow had visited the home of our worthy chairman, Mr. F. D. Jones, occasioned by the loss of his mother; and at the last meeting a vote of condolence was passed on his behalf, extending their heartfelt sympathy to him and family on this sad occasion. I feel quite sure that in doing this I am also conveying the same tender sympathy from all who have made Mr. Jones' acquaintance.

The balance-sheet of the Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S. for the past year shows a cash balance on the right side of £6 11s. 2d., which, considering the heavy expenditure of the year, must be considered very satisfactory indeed. The society's assets are valued at £5 12s. This result is highly creditable to the late secretary, Mr. T. Taylor, and the other officials, and should be an encouragement for the new secretary, Mr. G. Buck.

The Tong and Dis. C.B.S. have arranged to hold their first annual supper and presentation of medals and specials on March 9th, at the Holme Lane Hotel, tickets, 9d. each, writes Mr. J. Smith, the hon. secretary. Mr. T. Ogden will preside. Mr. H. H. Towers will present the prizes to those gaining most points for 1908. Artistes are engaged, and we are hoping to have a right jolly evening. Both ladies and gentlemen are welcome, and I should be very pleased to receive names as soon as possible.

My yellow marked Scotch Fancy cock, which you are doing me the honour of illustrating this week was, writes Mr. J. Little (Byker, Newcastle-on-Tyne), bred in 1906. and the same seasou took first prize and gold medal at Newcastle Show, for best Scotch Fancy, under Mr. Patterson (Chirnside), and the same year was second at Gateshead. In 1907 he took second at Leeds and second at Berwick. In 1908 he secured first prize at Wallsend, under Mr. Dewar (Edinburgh), and first at Gateshead under Mr. Bennet (Kelso).

### Welsh C.B.C. Annual Meeting.

The annual general meeting of the Welsh C.B.C. will be held in the course of a short time. Mr. Melhuish has promised to give an address at the close of the business. The balance-sheets will be audited and placed before the members, also other important items. If any member has any motion to bring forward, I shall be pleased if he will send same on to me at once, as no other motion will be allowed at the meeting (see rule 10). On account of the new rule passed last year, it is necessary to nominate candidates for each office, but before doing so it is hoped no member will propose another for office without first getting his consent, also promising to give his best interest to the club. On account of pressure of business I shall not seek re-election as secretary this year. It will therefore be necessary to nominate for this office. I wish to thank the members and the Press for the assistance rendered to me during my term of office, which has been four years. Will those who have not paid their subscriptions for 1908 do so at once to enable me to complete the balance-sheet?—D. H. TEDSTONE, hon. secretary.

As many societies are writing him, we are asked to state that Mr. G. E. Weston cannot, owing to business, undertake judging engagements at any shows other than those held on a Friday or a Saturday. Will secretaries kindly note?

Danysz Virus, Limited, have issued an interesting pamphlet on the use of rat virus in India. It consists of a note on the subject by Dr. Danysz, together with a reprint of an article on experiments by Captain Saigel, I.M.S., Burma. A paper by Dr. Danysz, entitled, "Some Reflections Regarding the Free Use of Bacteriological Cultures for the Destruction of Rats and Mice," has also been reprinted, and copies of both pamphlets are obtainable on application to Danysz Virus, Ltd., 52, Leadenhall Street, London, E.C.

That enterprising fanciers' specialist, Mr. Jeffrey Walsh, of Pheasant Aviaries, Penny Street, Blackburn, has just issued an exceptionally attractive price-list, which all readers would do well to obtain and peruse. It is very fully illustrated, with all the latest things in cages—whether for breeding, stock, or show purposes—and bird-room appliances, and the prices are the very lowest consistent with first-rate goods. All kinds of foods and seeds —including many special mixtures for British and foreign birds—are included. Readers should send a postcard to the above address, and ask for a copy, mentioning CAGE BIRDS when applying.

A very large number of foreign orders have been executed during the past few weeks by that world-renowned fanciers' specialist, Mr. W. Rudd, of Norwich, these including bird-room requisites of various kinds to Ceylon (a very large lot of cages, etc., and some British birds), India, Canada (3 lots), Spain, Switzerland, Jamaica, and Burma, with birds to New Zealand (Crests, Norwich Plainheads, and Lancashires), the United States and Canada (several lots Yorks., Norwich, and Crests), Jamaica (2 lots), Gibraltar, Natal, India (Plainheads, Lancs., and Crests), Bermuda, Brazil, Natal (2 lots), another lot to New Zealand (Scotch and Dutch Frills), and other consignments to the Continent.

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"Bird Notes" for February maintains its high standard as the official organ of the Foreign Bird Club. It contains several most interesting and valuable articles, notably those by Mr. P. F. M. Galloway on "The Nightjar in Captivity" (and a picture of his pet Nightjar makes an excellent frontispiece), "The Contagious Diseases of Birds," by Mr. Henry Gray, M.R.C.V.S., and Captain G. A. Perreau's on "Hanging Parrakeets." Mr. W. B. Marmont contributes some notes on the "Breeding of Alexandrine Parrakects," and Mr. O. Millsum some on "White-spotted Laughing Thrushes." With the latter there is a full-page reproduction of a picture by Mr. W. Goodchild. This issue completes another volume, and with it are prescnted full and complete indices to the whole of the articles, illustrations, and notes that have appeared during the previous twelvemonth.

In your issue of January 30th, writes Mr. H. S. Tibbs (Toronto, Canada), I noticed some extracts from a letter from Mr. J. Bertie (Mapperley), to you. As these (his comments on my letter to him) are not exactly complimentary to our fanciers here, permit me to say that as I only wrote to him to introduce a Toronto customer, I fail to see why Mr. Bertie should go out of his way to cast slurs at the Toronto bird men. Mr. Bertie judged at the Toronto Exhibition in 1901, and awarded me the bronze medal and diploma for best collection. He also judged at the Toronto's Annual Show, New Year's Day, 1902, at St. Laurence Hall, the first I showed at, and gave me a ticket on every bird I entered. Again, at O'Neill's Hall, January 1st, 1903, every entry I made seemed to catch Mr. Bertie's eye. Still, I can assure him I am not a bit "conceited" about it. I have engineered six other annual shows for the Toronto Society since that, and made them all pay; still, I am not "struck on myself" for that.

### Is it Possible?

The Debenham Sparrow Club accomplished even greater destruction than ever last year. It is reported, "21,018 Sparrows were killed and 15,975 eggs destroyed."

### Pass the Salt.

The "Western Gazette" states that Mr. A. G. Orchard, whilst near Bestwall Wood, Wareham, observed a Titlark, and following it discovered in its nest two Cuckoo's eggs, on which a Cuckoo was sitting.

### Will Fanciers Please Note?

Mr. H. Norman (our well-known artist-in-chief), is anxious to get the skins of good Gold and Silver Lizards, Norwich and Yorkshire Greens, a Hawfinch, and any of the Hybrids, to add to his collection. Perhaps fanciers who have the misfortune to lose show specimens of these varieties will remember this, and send the bodies on to Mr. Norman, address, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road. Carshalton, Surrey.

## SHOW DATES FIXED.

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Oct, 9—**Broughty Ferry**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place).

Oct. 9—**Longton.**—(E. Tams, Church Street.)

Oct. 13 and 14—**Caterham.**—(Jas Kilby, Caterham Valley.) J.R.

Oct. 15 and 16—**Bolton** (H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove).

Oct. 16.—**Darlington C. & C.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace.

Oct. 16—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage.) W.P.B & A.B.

Oct. 19 and 20—**Western Counties (Plymouth)**—(Thos. Popo, 98 Embankment Road.)

Oct. 20 and 21—**Battersea, Open.**—(Easterling and Allin, 340, Battersea Park Road.)

Oct. 22 and 23—**Newcastle-on-Tyne**—(Curry and Hutchinson, 60, Grosvenor Gardens.) J.R., W.V., W.M. and W.C.D.

Oct. 22 and 23—**Hinckley**—(W. Warner, Upper Bond Street)

Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford, Normand Place, Kelty, N.B.) W.B., G.H., A.G.C., J.W.B., G.M.

Oct. 23—**City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 6, St. Catherine's Road.

Oct. 23—**Middlesborough**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road).

*Oct. 27—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery Sartor House, Winner Street.)

Oct. 27 & 28—**Gloucester C.B.S.** (J. R. Houghton, Dargai, Hatherley Road.

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Oct. 29 and 30—**Manchester.**—(G. W. F. Lythgoe, 25, Stamford Street, Old Trafford.)

Oct. 29 and 30—**York** (A. Waud. 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road).

Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan, 23, High Street.

Oct. 30—**Burton-on-Trent**—(Kirkland & Hadley, 29, Princess Street). J.R.

Oct. 30 and Nov. 2—**Norwich Alliance, All England**—(R. Rol, "Dalwood," Cecil Road, Lakenham).

Nov. 3.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idalee, Oakland Av.

Nov 4 & 5—**Dulwich & Peckham**—(W. Hodson, 209, Crystal Palace Road, East Dulwich.)

Nov. 5 and 6—**Blackburn** (J. W. Marsden, 44, Troop Street).

Nov. 5 and 6—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.) J.R., & H.W.B.

Nov. 5 and 6—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe & Hillmen, 35, Whitefield Road, Everton.) W.M. J.C.B., & G.b.W.

Nov. 5 & 6—**Sheffield**—(Lindsay & Bingham. 202, King James Street, Walkley.)

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Nov. 6—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). H.W.B. and C.H.

Nov, 6 and 8—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(C. Draper, 105, Belgrave Street.)

Nov. 9 and 10—**Hastings United**—(A. E. Godden, 50, Harold Road, Clive Vale). J.R.

Nov. 10 and 11—**Swansea.**—(A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, nr. Swansea.)

Nov. 11 and 12—**Cambridge**—(T. S. Moore, 126 Newmarket Road).

Nov. 13—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.**—(Bagshaw and Flint, Tideswell, nr. Buxton).

Nov. 13 and 14—**Nottingham**—(G. E. Wilkinson 9, Wellington Square, Parkside).

Nov. 13—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.) D.L., J.Wn., A.C., P.P.

Nov. 17—**Reading**—(G. A. Charles, 4, Talfourd, Avenue, Earley, Reading)

Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—(H. J. Niblock, Scatown Place.)

Nov. 19 and 20—**Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19 Lambton Street). W.V. & E.B.

Nov. 19 and 20—**Sunderland**—(W. Reid, 2, Plantation Road, Pallion.)

*Nov. 25—**Coventry O.S.**—(G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon Road.)

Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.)

Nov. 24 & 25—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze Road, Horfield.)

Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.)

Nov. 27.—**Darlington C.B.S.**—(E. Brunskill, 2, Danesbury Terrace).

Nov. 30 and Dec. 1—**Morecambe** (J. H. Ireland, Parliament Street).

Dec. 1 and 2—**City of Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.)

*Dec. 1 and 2—**Cardiff.**—(W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland Road.) J.H.P., & J.R.

Dec. 8—**Luton**—(E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street). J.R. and A.S.

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Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,)

Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H. S. Tibbs, 184, John Street, Toronto, Canada).

Jan. 8—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees).

Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

## PRIZE MONEY PAID.

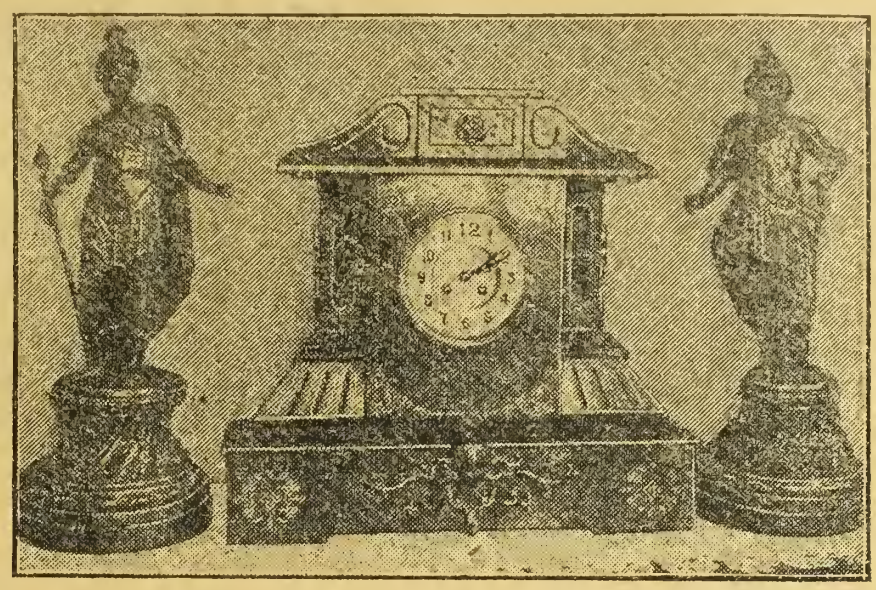
Tiviside, F. A. (Cardigan).

### The Real Culprits.

The greatest enemies of British birds, said Mr. A. Trevor-Battye, at the recent annual meeting of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, were not the schoolboy and the bird-catcher. They were the amateur collectors and the men who supplied them.

### A Hint.

It seems to me, writes "A Reader," that fanciers delay purchasing birds to replenish their stocks until too late. My experience is that you want to have your stock birds thoroughly accustomed to you before the breeding season commences, if you are going to do much with them. I think you should give your readers a hint not to delay purchasing any birds they may want, but to buy at once.



ONE OF YORKSHIRE'S SPLENDID PRIZES.

**The handsome Marble Clock and Bronze Figures presented to the Open Norwich Plainhead Club (Yorks.) by Mrs. C. M. Sunderland, and won by Messrs. J. Haigh and Son, of Buttershaw, Bradford.**

### We Doubt It.

A brood of Swallows, with their parents, were seen a short time ago near Romney, states a writer in the "Road," who goes on to say that they made their home in some old buildings, and were to all appearances quite happy. But alas! the recent wintry weather proved too much for them. Some of them hastily took their departure, the others being found frozen to death.

### Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club.

The annual general meeting of the Scottish N.P.C. will be held in Rooms, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, on March 13th, at 5.30 p.m. prompt, when the following notices of motion will be discussed:—(1) Mr. W. Aitchison, "That persons joining the club shall not be entitled to a vote until they have been members for eighteen months and their second annual subscription is paid." (2) "That with a view of having an equitable representation on the committee, Scotland shall be divided into three districts, east, west, and north. North to include all members resident north of the Forth; west, all those resident south of the Forth and west and south of a line to be fixed between Glasgow and Edinburgh; and east, all those resident east and south of that line, the six persons having the highest number of votes in each district to form the committee. The secretary and treasurer to be appointed over and above that number." (3) Mr. A. McFarlane, "That the committee consist of two members from each society that offers classification to entitle them to the club's patronage." (4) That the club adopt two patterns of show cage the one at present in use, and the bow fronted cage, formerly used. One or other to be used when competing for club specials.—J. BROWN, secretary.

### Two Noted Winners.

It came as a most agreeable surprise to me to see my winning Yellow Green Border Fancy cock depicted in your valuable CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, and, perhaps, more so as I am now also the owner of the evenly marked buff cock depicted therein, having purchased it from Mr. Wardleworth a few weeks ago. I bred the Green cock in the season of 1907, but did not exhibit it until the Manchester and Northern Counties Show, held in October last, securing first with it in a grand class under Mr. Ferguson. It was also second at the Dulwich O.S. Show and the late Crystal Palace Show, competition being very keen. I hope the bird will continue to improve, and so make itself still more worthy of the great honour done to it, by you, in selecting it along with the evenly-marked buff cock as one of the premier birds of the late show season. The evenly-marked buff was bred by Mr. F. Wardleworth last year, and has been shown about five times, securing the second place at Manchester, Dulwich and Peckham, Welsh National, etc. It is a very smart bird indeed, and with a good moult will, I hope, win many prizes for me in the next show season. I am sure great credit it due to Mr. H. Norman for the natural and life-like way the birds are drawn. Please thank him on my behalf for the great part he has taken in the production of such a beautiful plate.—THOS. L. HANCOCKS (Crewe).

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## CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us by Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager Secretaries should always use them.

**Ardwick and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 2, Blacksmith's Arms, 8. Table show, Feb. 27, 5 classes, Yorks. Cks., do. Hens; Nor. Cks., do. Hens. A.S. Brit. Mr. Coulson will judge; birds staged 3.30. Fanciers invited.—J. Spencer.

**Ashton-u-Lyne and Dist. O.S.** — Mar. 2, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Lecture by Mr. W. Foxall, "Rearing and Feeding Young Canaries." Fanciers and friends invited.—H. Foden.

**Ayr and Dist. C.B.C.**—Mar. 6, Good Templar Hall, New Bridge Street, 7. Balance sheet, election of officials, enrolment of members, etc.—C. C. Irvine.

**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.**—Mar. 3, Baker's Rooms, 8.—R. Whitton.

**Bolton and Dist. O.S.**—Mar. 1, Joiner's Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8. To fix date and judge for F.F. Show.—H. Parkinson.

**Blaydon and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 6, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Lecture on Norwich Plainheads, by Mr. T. Brown, when all young members or those wishing to join are specially invited to join.—G. Havver.

**Battersea Open C.B.S.**—Mar. 3, Headquarters, 8.30. Payment of prize money won at Pair and Finch Show, and lecture by Mr. J. Robson, on "Cage Birds as a Hobby."—Easterling and Allen.

**Barnsley and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 27, Clarence Hotel, 8. All who wish to compete for specials during 1909 should join at once.—E. Carlisle.

**Belgrave and Dist. F. and F.S.**—Mar. 2, New Inn, Loughboro' Road, 8. To discuss proposed change of night for meetings, etc.—W. H. Riley.

**Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 2, Round House Inn, 8. Annual general meeting, and election of officers.—F. Mitchell.

**Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.A.**—Mar. 3, Jolly Gardeners, Rotherhithe New Road, S.E., 8. Closing of entries for table show, Mar. 6. Fanciers invited.—A. Lupton.

**Bingley and Dis. O.S.**—Mar. 2, Co-op. Rooms, 8.—A. Livesey.

**Bradford East O.S.**—Mar. 2, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Union affairs, etc.—H. Hill.

**Crook Original F. and F.S.**—Mar. 3, Crown Hotel Club Room, 7. Arrangements for open show. Fanciers in the district invited to join at this meeting.—Bird and Siddle.

**City and County of Perth O.S.**—Mar. 1, City Cafe, Methven Street, 8. Settling judges and judging competition for classes of Goldfinch and Linnet.—J. Kerr.

**Caterham and Dist. F.C.**—Mar. 2, Railway Hotel, Pair Show. Judge, Mr. G. Gardiner, will also give lecture. Fanciers cordially invited. Entries close Feb. 27.—J. Kilby.

**Coventry O.S.**—Mar. 3, Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, 8. Members' Table Show. Pairs A.V., Brit. Matched for Hyb. Breeding. Visitors welcome.—G. Peters.

**Crook and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 27, Royal Oak, 7.30.—W. Rutherford.

**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—Mar. 3, Crown Hotel, Station Street, 8.30. Table show, pairs matched for breeding; fanciers and friends invited.—J. H. de Maillet.

**Chester C.B.F.A.**—Mar. 2, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Paper by W. R. Morris, "My Visit to the Palace, 1909"; members and their friends invited.—J. Swindley.

**Clapham and Dist. C.B.A.**—Mar. 1, Headquarters, 8.30. Re new rules, fixing date of open show, etc.—A. C. Askew.

**City of Dundee C.B.S.**—Mar. 3, Doig's Rooms, 8.—A. Miller.

**City of Bradford O.S.**—Feb. 27, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Delegate's report, classification for members' shows, 1909, etc.—F. Rhodes.

**Carmarthenshire P.P. and C.B.S.**—Mar. 3, Plough Hotel, Carmarthen, 8. Receive secretary's report and balance sheet, election of officers, etc.—F. King.

**Denholme and Thornton C.B.S.**—Mar. 2, Bull's Head Inn, Thornton, 8.—J. Holroyd.

**Dipton and Dist. C.B.S.** — Feb. 27, Council's Schools, 7.30. Special business; new members invited.—M. Mason.

**Darlington C.B.S.**—Mar. 3, Half Moon, 8. Table Show of Matched Pairs, 5 classes.—E. Brunskill.

**Dulwich O.S.**—Mar. 4, Herne Tavern, Peckham Rye, S.E. Pair show, birds to be staged by 7.30. Entries close Mar. 2. Admission free. Fanciers invited.—Woolhouse and Rogers.

**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.**—Mar. 4, Peckham Public Hall, 7.30. Pair and table show of British Birds, to be staged by 7. Judge, Mr. J. Dobson.—W. Hodson.

**Dalkeith C.C.**—Mar. 6, Ship Inn, 7. Motions to add buff green Border class, and more British Bird classes; also booking of hens; new members invited.—J. Ewing.

**Eccleshill C.B.A.**—Feb. 26, Lecture on the "Yorkshire Canary," by Mr. C. Winding (Bradford). Mar. 3, pair show, birds staged at 8. Fanciers and friends invited.—T. Elsegood.

**East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.**—Feb. 27, Barley Mow Hotel, birds staged at 3. Judge, Mr. W. Richmond (Rodley).—L. Booth.

**Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S.**—Mar. 4, 142, High Street, 8. Arrangements for Young Bird Show, etc.—W. Holton.

**Edinburgh Eastern Dist. O.S.**—Mar. 1, Free Gardener's Hall, Abbey Mount, 8. Consideration of rules, and enrolment of new members.—G. K. Smith.

**Greenock, Port Glasgow and Gourock O.S.**—Mar. 3, Co-operative Hall, P.G., 7.30. Table show of Canaries and Brit.—J. Forrester.

**Great Horton O.S.**—Feb. 27, Headquarters. First members' show of season. Judge Mr. F. Benn. Birds to be staged at 3.—J. Holroyd.

**Grimsby and Dist. O.S.**—Mar. 1, Slatter's Rooms, Freeman Street, 8. General business and bird washing competition for four special prizes.—H. Harding.

**Gt. Harwood and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 1, Headquarters, Town Gate, 7.30.—G. Waddington.

**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks) O.S.**—Mar. 6, Lesser Town Hall, 7. Table show of Brit., Mules and Hybs.—A. Cant.

**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—Mar. 3, Y.M.C.A., 8. Demonstrate the pairing of Nor. and Yorks.—H. J. L. Williams.

**Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.** — Mar. 2, Cricket Players, 8. To arrange show dates.—W. Cottingham.

**Hull C.B.S.**—Mar. 1, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Members' show, Brit., 4 classes, Can. 3 each champion and novice. Judge, Mr. G. Harland.—E. R. Ridley.

**Houghton-le-Spring and Dist. C.B.S.** — Feb. 27, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. To consider F.F. Show business; fanciers invited to join.—A. Waddowfield.

**Inverness O.A.**—Mar. 3, Crown Mission Hall, 8.15 Nominate judges.—A. Urquhart.

**Jarrow and Hebburn Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 2, Lockhart's Cafe, 8. Election of officers.—R. Blore.

**Kirkstall and Dist. C.B.C.**—Feb. 27, Congregational School, 8. General meeting and balance sheet. Lecture by Mr. Richmond on "Breeding," and "Cinnamon Marked." Fanciers invited.—W. E. Whitley.

**Longton and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 2, Castle Inn, 8. Federation business.—E. Tams.

**Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 3, Railway Hotel, 7.30. To fix next feather show date, etc. Fanciers invited.—R. H. Davies.

**Laisterdyke B.F.A.**—Mar. 3, Railway Hotel, 8. Members' shows, etc.—A. Bottomley.

**Lowestoft and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 1, Fox and Hounds, 8.15.—W. Lang, Junr.

**Leek and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 4, Headquarters, 7.30. Annual general meeting.—R. Hall.

**Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.**—Mar. 2, 8.15. Table show, Brit. hen, Hardbill; Bullfinch, Goldfinch or Linnet; judge Mr. T. Ride.—C. Draper.

**Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 27, Centre Hotel, 7. Special society business.—D. John.

**Lewisham and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 2, Roebuck Hotel, High Street, 8. Pair stock show, judge Mr. J. Robson. Birds staged 7.30. Cage tickets given out show night; prize money paid out same night. Fanciers and friends heartily welcome.—G. H. Philips.

**Morley Dist. C.B.S.**—Feb. 27, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Mr. S. Dean (Great Horton) will give an address.—R. H. Turner.

**Manningham C.B.A.**—Feb. 27, Mowbray Arms, Lily Street, 8. Judging competition for members.—W. Holroyd.

**Nelson and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 1, Bull Hotel, 8. Election of judge for F.F. show, and classification for same.—J. England.

**Nottingham and Notts. O.S.**—Mar. 3, Mechanics' Hall, 8.—G. E. Wilkinson.

**Newcastle C.B.S.**—Mar. 4, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. Mr. Shepherd on "Preparing for Breeding Season." Fanciers invited.—Curry and Hutchinson.

**Ormskirk and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 1, Headquarters, 8. Annual general meeting; all purchase coupons to be handed in.—T. H. Tiffen.

**Provincial Roller C.C.**—Feb. 27, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, 6.—A. Percival.

**Porth and Dist. C.B.F.S.**—Feb. 27, Headquarters, 7.30. Samples of a well-known firm will be distributed.—R. G. Challenger.

**Queensbury C.B.S.**—Mar. 2, Baptist School, 8. Arrangements for shows, etc.—W. Jagger.

**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.**—Mar. 3, Headquarters, 8.—F. Rayner.

**Runcorn C.B.S.**—Mar. 5, Lea's Temperance Hotel, 7. Table show of 6 classes. Members requested to bring entries early. Judge, Mr. W. H. Cawley.—T. P. Baxter.

**Rotherham C.B.S.**—Feb. 27, St. George's Hall, 8.—G. Oakes.

**St. Helens O.S.**—Mar. 1, George Inn, 8.15. Election of officers for coming year, and arranging for annual dinner.—A. Goodall.

**Stockport B.F.A.**—Mar. 2, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Table show of hens, Yorks., Nor., and A.O.V., also 15/- sell. class. All fanciers invited.—W. Stafford.

**Sale Open O.S.**—Mar. 1, Technical School, 8. Prize money for members' show, etc.—J. Irlam.

**Scottish National C.B.S.**—Feb. 27, Rooms, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 5. Financial statement, election of office bearers, etc.—J. Winter.

**Shipley O.S.**—Mar. 2, Prince of Wales Hotel, 8.—D. Marsden.

**South Shields, N. Shields and Dist. C.B.S.** — Mar. 2, Gregg's Cafe, Laygate, 7.30. Important C.B.U. and open show business, etc. North Shields fanciers invited kindly to join.—J. Barrass.

**Stockton-on-Tees and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 4, Leeds Hotel, 8. Pair show. Fanciers and friends invited.—J. W. Lowes.

**Torbay O.S.**—Mar. 1, Newman's Room, 8. Paper by Mr. A. N. Innes, on "Impressions at the Crystal Palace Jubilee Cage Bird Show." Committee meeting to follow.—J. N. Jeffery.

**Uddingston and Dist. O.S.**—Mar. 5, Reading Room, 7.30. Consideration of balance sheet and election of officials for 1909, etc.—W. P. Campbell.

**Wimbledon and Dist. C.B.S.** — Mar. 1, 6, The Broadway, 8. Judging competition, Norwich. Judge Mr. A. W. Curtis.—H. Smith.

**Wigan and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 6, Adelphi Inn, 8. Washing exhibition.—W. Ridge.

**West Bromwich and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 2, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Annual general meeting, balance sheet.—Duffield and Jennings.

**Wandsworth and Dist. F.S.**—Mar. 4, Headquarters, 8. To prepare balance sheet for past year.—W. Summers.

**Wallasey and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 4, St. Mary's Schools, 8. Discussion on Pairing.—W. Mullinson.

**West London F.A.**—Mar. 4, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush. Annual show, discussion on Breeding Season Prospects.—J. Dewhurst.

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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## CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

### A Worn-out Roller.

**Mrs. A. Sinkins.**—Am afraid your Roller will never again be of much use for singing. In all probability he is quite worn out, as many of these birds are in the course of a few years after the first flush of youth is passed. Now you have moved him to a warm room you had better let him remain there, but see the heat is equable night and day, and that he is quite free from draughts. Feed on a staple mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape, and give separately a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and maw twice a week; twice a week give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of sherry and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it each time; and three times a week a scrap of green-food or sweet fruit. Give all these extras alternately on different days. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of syrup of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days linseed tea in the drinker instead of plain water, and add to this five drops of tincture of lobelia ætheris. If he is not sufficiently recovered by that time, omit medicines for a week, and give plain water, and then begin again and repeat the fortnight's treatment.

### A Clear Case.

**M. J. Dinn.**—As the bird is palpably pestered with red mites in spite of all your efforts to eradicate them, the cause of the bad plumage is quite obvious. The mites must at any cost be cleared out before you can quite remove the effect of their presence, and as you attend to the cage so well, it is probable you either overlook the real harbour, or that it is not really in the cage itself. It may very possibly be that they are safely ensconced around the hook or nail upon which the cage hangs, or in a crevice in the wall, or behind a bit of loose paper on the wall hard by the cage. Examine all these points carefully, and then deal with them and the cage itself thoroughly, all at the same time. If the cage has any fancy ornaments, remove them and then thoroughly saturate every part inside and out with common paraffin, place outdoors in the sun to dry, and repeat the dose once or twice with an interval of one day between each dressing. Then, when dry, newly distemper the inside, replace any ornaments, and re-varnish outside with hard spirit varnish. Put in new perches, and when all is dry the bird may be returned from the temporary cage to which, of course, it was removed at the commencement. The situation where the cage has hung must meantime be treated in the way circumstances allow, but do not rest with half measures. Add a grain or two of permanganate of potash to his bath for a time. In additiou to his staple diet, give half a teaspoonful of rape seed twice a week, and the same quantity of crushed sponge cake three times a week, and once each week for the next month dust it slightly with a mixture of two parts chlorate of potash to one part flowers of sulphur. Continue to give the Chemical Food as you are now doing for a month.

### A Masculine Habit.

**"Baldy-Green."**—No, the bird is not too young to be in full song now; as a matter of fact, practically all last season's cocks which were old enough to moult off and get fine, say, by the end of November, should now be in full song, or rapidly coming forward daily. The habit of flapping as it flits from perch to perch is common to both sexes when in high condition, and the fact that your bird acts thus, and yet only chirps occasionally is, I fear, rather ominous of its being a hen. Try giving a half teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with three drops of sherry mixed in it, and a few grains of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it every second day for a fortnight, and give a small leaf of dandelion on each of the alternate days when you can get it quite free from frost. See no red-mites trouble the bird, and smear the bald spot with a little sulphur ointment, or carbolised vaseline, once or twice a week, being careful not to soil the surrounding plumage. If the bird rubs its head in getting it through the wire holes, these should be remedied, when the feathers may grow again in a short time. They should certainly be reproduced next moult. The bald spot will be no detriment to the bird breeding successfully this year.

### Breeding Songsters.

**Newtown.**—As you are already provided with cock birds, you could not do better than get Roller hens of a good singing strain to mate with them, and then get a good singing Roller cock to teach the young idea how to shoot—or tilt, rather. If you do not do the latter the young cocks will probably not be a bit better songsters than a pure Norwich cock. So long as you get your Roller hens from a strain of good singing birds, it does not matter a bit whether they are Seifert's or Trute's, or anybody else's, as unless you really knew the origin of the birds these terms are not worth much now. In a case of this kind you do not need to make any difference at all in the management of the birds, though a Roller cock kept specially for singing, particularly imported birds, does better with a larger proportion of summer rape in its diet than our fancy bred varieties require.

### Curious Behaviour of Hen.

**R.B.**—My impression is that there is nothing whatever wrong with this hen, and that the unseemly feminine behaviour was not really an effect to cough up a bone, but a desire to emulate the "wusser half," as the immortal Josh would say, and treat you to song. Perhaps by the time this appears she will have got prominent enough to treat you to a tiny little twitter, and ultimately become more or less a singing hen. You may, if you like, give her a pinch of Epsom salts in her water for a couple of days, and twenty drops of Chemical Food for a few days afterwards. But as I cannot approve of resorting to any sort of medicines unnecessarily, I would only advise you to do this in case the bird has developed more pronounced symptoms of illness.

### Size and Type of Cage.

**W. Davis.**—There can be no question whatever about the kind of cage to keep birds in in a cold room. A box cage is far and away the best. As regards the size, although you say you want to keep the birds in them all the year round, you do not say whether you mean keeping them singly or mated for breeding. In any case, providing you have plenty of space, the larger the cage the better for the bird. For single breeding cages, the size should not be less than 20 inches long, 11 inches wide, and 16 inches deep. Double breeders, twice this length, and the same width and height, with a partition in the centre. Cages for single birds should, if possible, be as near as space permits the same size as the single breeder.

### Aviary and Seeds.

**"Durnovarian."**—(1) If, as you say, the outdoor room is only about 4 degrees colder than the one now occupied, you might safely remove the birds during any spell of nice mild weather. If the change was made in the early part of a bright mild day, the change would be scarcely felt by the bird. At the same time, if there is no urgent need for the removal you would be well advised to defer it a few weeks, say, until you are beginning to feed up for breeding about the second or third week in March. (2) As regards the seeds, the Canary is quite sweet, which is the only good point it possesses. It is very small, thin, and badly ripened—altogether very poor in quality. The rape is much better and is a very fair quality. The hemp is of very varied quality; a certain proportion of it being very good, but there is a good deal of light seed and unripened grain. The maw is also of fair average quality.

### The Budding Hope.

**J.M.**—(1) It is quite possible for some of the young birds bred by your Rollers to learn to sing in first-class style by having proper tuition under an accomplished songster; proper management in toning down their vocal powers by covering the cage or keeping them in closed song boxes as may seem advisable when they are commencing to sing and appear to be getting too high notes; and the assistance of a bird-organ in case the schoolmaster should go off duty at a critical time. If he does not fail, the extra tuition of the organ will be all the better for the young. If your birds happen to come of a good singing strain, a good proportion of the cocks should make fine singers; but in any case you must not expect to turn out cent for cent of males possessing those sweet low notes which you admire. (2) No; I do not like so great a proportion of rape as three to one of Canary, even for Rollers. If your birds have really been accustomed to such a mixture, I should say reduce it to half-and-half, and again, after a time, alter the proportions to two of Canary to one of rape, and adhere to that as a staple.

### Asthma and Inflammation.

**Silk.**—The Lancashire seems to have passed long ago into a state of chronic asthma, and I rather fear you will not be able to make any really permanent improvement in his condition. Keep him in some part of the kitchen where there is the least possible amount of variation in heat. This will be probably well away from the fire, and must not be anywhere over a burning lamp or gas jet during the evening. At the same time see it is perfectly free from draughts. Give half-a-teaspoonful of the mixed seeds four times a week, and twice a week a small teaspoonful of egg-food or crushed sponge cake, with two drops each of sherry and cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it. If possible, give a mealworm every day for a month or so. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for three consecutive days, and afterwards twenty drops of whiskey, ten of oxymel of squills, six of tincture of tolu, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight, then miss a week, and give again for another fortnight. If it is not considerably better by that time, write again, mentioning this reply, and I will advise further. If it should have the desired effect, however, continue it in fortnightly courses, with a week between each course, for next two or three months. As regards inflammation, when a bad case really occurs, keep the bird in a small cage in a comfortable place, put on a diet of bread and milk sop, with a drop or two of olive oil, give linseed tea with half-a-teaspoonful of brandy in each two tablespoonfuls to drink instead of water, and leave the rest to nature. Continual interference to administer medicine by the beak and other measures are, as a rule, worse than useless. As soon as the bird shows signs of beginning to move about again, add maw seed, and a few grains of inga, to diet, and a pinch of Epsom salts to drinker. The latter must be continued about two days in every three for a little time, or obstinate constipation may follow.

### Two Yorkshires.

**Paradox.**—(1) The hen does not in my opinion seem to be a wheezy subject. It is not an uncommon thing for a bird to make a "crickle" as you call it when anyone goes near them or touches the cage. Your diet also is wrong. Treat as follows for a few weeks, when I think you will find matters greatly improve. Staple food, as now, plain Canary only. Egg food, a small teaspoonful, twice a week only, and without the cod liver oil. Twice a week also give half a teaspoonful of rape, and a pinch of inga the same number of times. Give all these extras alternately. Instead of the egg food you may with advantage give a small piece of sponge cake slightly moistened with sherry. Give a little green food or a bit of sweet fruit three times a week. In the drinking water give six drops each of syrup of rhubarb and dandelion juice every alternate day for a week, and in the following week give thirty drops of port wine and two of tincture of steel every second day. (2) If really a cock, it ought to have been singing by now. Feed same as advised above, except that in this case you substitute a pinch of hemp for the inga and add a pinch of gold of pleasure seed to the egg food or sponge cake the latter moistened with sherry would be best. Give the same medicine as advised for the hen for a fortnight, by which time you should be able to see it coming into song. The sample of Canary is a nice, bright, clean and sweet seed of good quality. The rape has the appearance of being dusty or infested with mite in the bulk, but if this is not so, it is of very fair quality.

### A Wrong Step.

**"Ernie."**—There appears to be a sheet missing from your letter. But your first sheet is sufficient to show that you have done wrong by mating the birds so early. Unless they are in a warm room or kitchen where the temperature is fairly equal, you will in all probability meet with failure instead of success. Even now, if the birds show no signs of beginning to nest, you would do well to separate them, and treat them as fully described in the reply to "Novice," in this issue, on taking risks. This reply to "Novice" will, I think, fully meet your case.

### A Tall Order.

**Albert.**—My dear sir, a whole issue of CAGE BIRDS is barely sufficient to contain all the information you ask for, so here's a brief resume. As you appear to have no knowledge whatever of the Roller's various notes, it is quite impossible to convey all the technicalities in this reply, so that you could form a reliable opinion of the quality of the bird's song you are having on approval. In these circumstances you should either get an experienced Roller breeder and trainer to hear the birds sing and explain the good and bad points to you, or deal only with a reliable person who has a reputation to maintain, and be guided by his choice. The Seifert is not a larger bird than the general run of Rollers. As a matter of fact, the term applies nowadays to the style of the bird's song rather than the bird itself. A bird organ is a very useful adjunct in case the tutors should go off song at a critical time. They can be obtained from most of the large Canary dealers who advertise in our columns. Send for a catalogue from any you choose until you find them listed. The price is about three or four guineas, I believe. "Profitable Canary Breeding" (obtainable from the manager of CAGE BIRDS at 7d.), deals solely with Rollers. A member of the B.R.C.C. doubtless has the advantage of competing for special prizes in contest singing, congenial membership, and so forth. In short, the privilege of helping to support the cult of the Roller Fancy. Full directions as to feeding are given in the handbook referred to above.

### Is it Red Mite?

**G.E.T.**—You had better satisfy yourself whether red mites are really the cause of the trouble. Bareness on the head does not necessarily mean that the birds are affected in this way, and as you have just cleaned and lime-washed the cages, I should hardly expect mite to be much trouble just now. Crumple bits of white paper and fasten them securely in the wires at the end of perches on which the birds roost. Let them stay in a day or two, then remove and carefully straighten out the crease, and if mites are really troublesome you will doubtless find a number running about the paper. In that case, give the birds a bath each day for a few days in which a few quassia chips have been soaked, then remove them temporarily to other cages, well clean, and scrape out all cracks and joints of the infested one, and thoroughly saturate them with paraffin. Allow to stand in sunny position out-of-doors for a couple of days, and repeat the dose of paraffin. Allow to stand another day, and then lime-wash or distemper freshly. The former is hardly a suitable dressing for small cages. Before replacing the cages in position, see the wall hooks or nails are perfectly freed from any trace of the pest. Feed and treat as frequently advised in this column, but give half a teaspoonful of soft food three times a week for the next month, and, if you have them, mealworms occasionally, and in the drinking water give twenty drops of Chemical Food every second day for a month. The birds may be quite fit to breed with this season, if not too old, as it is just likely this bareness may be due to age.

### Bad Plumage.

**"Rags."**—The bird is probably quite a physical wreck, and although you say nothing about its age, I imagine it is no longer youthful. Try following treatment for a month, or it may perhaps require much longer treatment to make any satisfactory improvement. Indeed, you must not be surprised if no improvement takes place until the bird has moulted again. As a staple diet, give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, and in addition give separately twice a week half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, gold of pleasure, and linseed. On two other days give a pinch of maw seed, and three times a week half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, sprinkled with a few grains of maw, and on two occasions each week give this a slight dusting with a mixture of two parts of flowers of sulphur to one part of chlorate of potash. Give all the extras named on different days, and alternately, so that a different one is given each day, and limit the diet solely to these items. Give a spray of green food three or four times a week, when obtainable, untouched by frost. In the drinking water give twenty drops of chemical food four times a week. Give a regular supply of clean gritty sand, and tepid baths, slightly tinged with permanganate of potash, as often as it will bathe, but see it does not get chilled afterwards.

### A Birdy Diet.

**W. M.**—You can only deal satisfactorily with a bird blessed with such a huge appetite, and which indulges it so religiously at the expense of any graceful proportions, by limiting its supply of food and compelling it to take some exercise. Put it in as large a cage as possible, or if you can let it fly loose in a room, so much the better; allow it for a time not more than two small teaspoonfuls of Canary seed on any one day, and every third day give only one spoonful. On two other days each week instead of its usual two teaspoonfuls give only half the quantity, and about half-a-teaspoonful of rape in addition. Give an unlimited supply of green food whenever it is obtainable quite free from frost or condensed fog. For the first week give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence two days in every three, and every second day in the following week, and on the alternate days in the second week four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid in the water. At the end of the fortnight stop the medicines for a week, and then begin again and give them for another fortnight as before; continue doing so until the bird is sufficiently reduced. You will probably have to continue the limitation diet right up to the breeding season. It is rarely worth while mating a bird of this kind, as they rapidly become blocked up with fat again when mated, and they rarely fill eggs satisfactorily.

### Started Moulting.

**Altenheim.**—Am afraid the place where you first kept the birds was subject to some serious variations of temperature, and it appears doubtful whether the transference to a warm corner of the kitchen was any better. You must see this corner does not get overheated during the day and proportionately cold at night. If it does, then you had better find another position well away from the fire, where the warmth, even if less, will be as equable as possible. Continue staple diet you are now giving, but reduce the rape and hemp to twice each per week, and give half-a-teaspoonful of hemp each time instead of a few grains. Every second day give half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of port wine and two of chemical food mixed in it, and a few grains of inga sprinkled over it. Give all these extras alternately, one each day. In the drinking water give twenty drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days four drops of tincture of steel. Give the lettuce three times a week if you have it, and no apple or carrot.

### Taking the Risk.

**"Novice."**—No, I do not advise you to take the risk of mating the birds just yet, as I see no immediate danger of the hen laying unmated. This is the only time when you should take such risks when the hen is so very forward that she will be practically certain to lay whether mated or not. If you could hang the cages one over the other for a short time, it would be much better than having them side by side. Give the hen only the plain diet, with a scrap of green food daily, and a pinch of Epsom salts for a couple of days would be useful. Keep your eye on the hen, and if you see her begin to pull at her breast feathers, holding a beakful as she jumps from perch to perch, and pretending to place them on the end of the perch, then you should take the risk and turn in the cock, but not otherwise. If these symptoms do not arise, continue your present treatment for a week longer; the next week give the cock a little egg-food three times, and the hen once, and that at the end; the week after give the cock a little egg every second day, and the hen a little twice in the week, and a few grains of hemp once. Then during the third week in March, if the weather is favourable, put them together, and they will get to work at once, and you probably be better off at the end of the season than you would by mating them straight away.

### Crests with Cough, etc.

**Breton.**—It is impossible to say without seeing a case whether there was any connection between the running from the beak and the subsequent development of an abscess near the eye from which the bird died last year. There might have been some such connection, and I would advise you in the event of any similar case occurring to have a post-mortem on the body to ascertain the real nature of the abscess, as well as the cause of death. In the case of the two birds now suffering, treat No. 1, if a valuable one, by bathing the beak daily for a minute or two with a solution of glyco-thymoline, made as directed on the bottle which you get from the chemists. Also wash out the beak with the solution by dipping a small camel-hair brush in it, passing it into the beak from the side and working it around the mouth, and try to get the solution to work its way from inside the mouth out at the nostrils. Keep cage, and especially the perches, scrupulously clean. Continue this until all symptoms have passed away. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight. No. 2. Feed on same staple diet as No. 1, and give half-a-teaspoonful of rape every second day; three times a week half-a-teaspoonful of hemp; twice a week the same quantity of egg food or crushed sponge cake, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it each time; and on two other days each week give a small piece of bread sopped in milk and sprinkled with soft sugar. Continue until the bird is in fairly plump condition, then feed same as No. 1. Also give same medicine in water as to No. 1 for a fortnight, but add on alternate days twenty drops of chemical food.

### Brevities.

**A Suitable Pair** (F.C., Ashford).—So far as age goes, the cock and hen will make a very suitable pair for breeding. Of course, it is essential that both birds, and especially the hen which is the oldest, should be in the best of health and vigour. The cock should be in full song, and the hen full of vigour and activity, and free from any wheeziness. Given this, the pair should succeed very well.

**Chicken Meal** (Coatbridge).—The sample of meal you send may possibly make a good mixture for egg instead of the usual bread or biscuit for feeding your birds, but whether it would be as good for rearing young depends mainly upon how the old birds appreciate it. Only practical experiments can really decide whether, or in what degree, it is a good substitute. By the bye, you do not say to what varieties of birds you refer.

**A Broken Leg** (A. Robertson).—I have no doubt but that the bird's leg will recover quite all its former strength and powers. At present the injury is of rather too recent date to expect its effects to have disappeared. You may give twenty drops of chemical food in his water three or four times a week for a month or so to help brace him up; and keep him in a cage by himself where he can get plenty of exercise without any undue excitement or violent exertion. Do not mate before the second or third week in April, and by that time I think he will be able to breed quite successfully.

**Click Beak** (J. W. M.).—See that draughts and severe fluctuations of temperature are quite avoided; feed as frequently advised here; and give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, six of syrup of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, in each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week. If the cause is removed as suggested, this should be quite sufficient to put him right again. If it does not, write again, and say how you have been feeding prior to this; also refer to this reply.

**Egg Substitute** (No Name).—No, I certainly would not advise the food in question in preference to the usual for rearing young birds. The assertion that it is superior, would carry more weight were it not an interested one, don't you think? I have only seen one brand which I think is very likely quite as good as the usual egg-food, and it is not the brand you name. Sorry I cannot mention particular brands here. But in this case you must see there is a difference in an article being "quite as good" and "far and away better."

**Class Distinctions.**—(R.A.W.)—So far as the birds themselves are concerned, there are no class distinction in the marriage market. If your Belgian cock is in proper breeding condition it will mate with any variety of Canary that is also in breeding condition, and this quite irrespective of breed or variety, or even markings. If it had a free choice it might perhaps show a preference for some particular hen, but such whimsical subjects are, comparatively speaking, very rare. Therefore, the reply given last week will quite answer your difficulty, I think. If not, write again.

**Crests not Lively** (T. Saxon).—It is quite likely the birds have been previously accustomed to a warmer temperature than you are keeping them in now. Keep in just a comfortable degree, not overheated, and see they are quite free from chills and draughts. Give an extra half-teaspoonful of scalded rape once a week, and about the same quantity twice a week of egg-food, with a few grains of inga sprinkled on. Instead of green food, give a bit of banana two or three times a week. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for one day only, and afterwards two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel in the water for a few days until quite well.

**Nest Pans** (C. N. M.).—You do not say what nest pan you use, but if you find them really too deep, the best course for you is to gradually replace them, as new ones become necessary, with a more shallow type. All earthenware pans are not too deep. You are probably using a large-sized pan, intended for such breeds as Crests and Lancashires. The plan of putting a layer of pine sawdust in the bottom of the pan underneath the felt lining is a good one, as you can preserve the shape of the pan, and if the linings are fastened in securely, the sawdust will be in no way objectionable. Should any particular hen appear to object to the sawdust, substitute bran, or put an extra bit or two of felt in the bottom of the pan to raise it before putting the complete lining in.

**Rats in Aviary** (R. A. P. C.).—After firmly setting your upright and framework in position, make floor as follows: Take off a few inches of soil, level the ground and beat down solid (let the floor extend, if possible, a foot at least beyond the limits of aviary on all sides); now have ready a few barrow loads of broken glass, no substitute; broken bottles and any sort of waste glass smashed up into small pieces are just what you want; spread a thin layer of cement on floor, and at once spread glass on top of cement to a depth of an inch or so, making sure there is a complete bed of glass all over. Let the cement get dry, and spread a layer of concrete, two inches thick, on top of the layer of glass. The concrete will form the floor of the aviary, and you can cover it with a layer of sea sand or other gravel for the birds. Rats are capable of doing wonders, but they won't burrow through that floor. If much troubled with them, why not try "Danysz Virus," advertised in our columns.

**Aviary Accommodation** (A Starter).—Your aviary would have been much better facing south-east instead of due east. In this latter position, unless there is some protection from the wind, the east winds of March and April would be rather bad for any breeding birds, unless you could arrange to have a blind or shutter to close over the front at such times. Otherwise the place should do very nicely for breeding Canaries. With the birds flying loose, which is the plan you seem to refer to, there is accommodation for eight hens and four cocks as a breeding stock. The full capacity is from 45 to 50 birds, so the above stock allows for young remaining in the aviary when they leave the nests. A lilac bush, as you suggest, will do to go inside; the only objection is that it may soon get unsightly with droppings, or be reduced by the birds to a few twigs.

**Recipe for Paint** (J. Hill).—I do not know what colours are chiefly used in mixing the paints, distempers, or enamels used for birds' cages, because, in my opinion, it is always just as cheap, and very often considerably cheaper, to employ a local painter to mix you the required quantity of any desired shade, or otherwise to buy the ready-made distemper or enamels. Therefore, I never enquired into these trade secrets. As regards the colour, I rather favour a light blue-grey for green, or variegated birds; whilst an autumn green throws up the colour of clears nicely, and a grey-green, or light sage-green is very good for Cinnamons or Lizards. The particular shades of each colour are best selected from a shade card which can always be obtained from good makers, and, doubtless, also seen at the retailers.

**What is the Record?** (T.W.P.).—Sorry to disappoint you, but your bird's age of 19 years is not a record, by any means. I have distinct recollections of records up to 25 years old, and I do not think this is the highest I have heard of. Some years ago I had one die which was certainly over twenty years old, but by how much it exceeded the score was doubtful, as its first owner's memory was the only available evidence, and although that would have made the bird nearly 25 years old, I preferred to stop short, as memory is a notorious deceiver sometimes.

**Are They Too Young?** (H. Green).—They will not be any too young to breed successfully this year, but the fact that they are also closely related, as well as the cocks being so young, may not be altogether favourable for the stamina of the young. If you could manage it, I should certainly advise you to replace the hens, or one cock and one hen, for birds of the same strain, but which are unrelated to yours, and are over a year old, so that you could make up two unrelated pairs with one of each pair over a year old. This is very advisable when breeding with very young birds. If you cannot carry out this suggestion, you must be prepared to risk the young losing vigour, and to reduce this risk as much as possible do not mate up the birds until quite the middle of April, and only allow them to have two nests this year.

**What Breed?** (G. Mellows, Malta).—The brief description of the bird does not fit any pure-bred variety. You give no idea as to size and shape. If you have had the bird any length of time, do you know whether its wings and tail were formerly darker in colour than now, or ever approached a black hue? If the reply to the latter point is in the affirmative, and the bird is of a slightly chubby build, stouter than a Border, but not quite so stout as a Norwich Plainhead, it might prove a very useful specimen to help to resuscitate the decaying London Fancy by mating it with as good a hen as you could procure of that variety, and then mating the young back again to London Fancies. Failing this, a German hen would probably make the best mate for him, the object being to breed songsters only. Of course this is assuming the bird is really a kind of domesticated Canary, and not some wild species caged and sold as wild Canaries, as I know some of these Malta birds to have been.

**Overgrown Beak** (Miss N.).—It is not often the lower portion of the beak becomes elongated. You should catch the bird, and, holding it with the beak in a good light in order to first see how far the blood circulates towards the tip, carefully snip off the overgrowth with a small pair of sharp nail scissors. In a good light you will easily see a fine pink streak running round the mandible near the margin showing how far the "quick" portion extends. Cut just clear of this mark, and no pain or bleeding whatever will be caused. If you should misjudge the distance and any signs of bleeding appear, put a drop of Friars' Balsam or tincture of myrrh on the spot. Give it a piece of cuttlefish to nibble at occasionally to prevent a recurrence of trouble.

**Effects of Removal** (H. W. B.).—It is removing the birds from kitchen to cold room at an improper season that has caused the trouble. Your feeding is also wrong. Give a staple of Canary only, and, in addition, half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days until the moulting is stopped, half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of sherry and one of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. Give the hemp twice a week only, and withhold all green food until diarrhœa is quite cured. A bit of banana may be given as a substitute. In drinking water give all the birds a dose of Epsom salts for one day, and after this four drops of tincture of steel every second day for a fortnight, and on alternate days twenty drops of chemical food. See they are in no draught, nor in a damp place. Give the hen whose droppings are green the Epsom salts for two days instead of one, and then a small piece of bread and milk dusted with chalk powder, otherwise treat same as above.

# BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

## Winter Green Food.

**Working Man.**—You are quite mistaken. It is very easy to provide birds with safe green food in winter, and without any outlay at the greengrocer's. I agree that it is not always easy to get green food out of doors in the winter, but it may be provided by the fancier himself, in his own house, at very trifling cost. All that is needed is a shallow box (a chocolate or sweet box from the confectioner's answers well) which should be lined with light soil, or even bird-sand will do. Damp this well, then sow it thickly with summer (German) rape seed. Kept in a warm room, and always moist, the rape soon sprouts, and the seedlings can be cut off with the scissors when an inch or so long, and given to the birds, who appreciate same highly. By having one or two boxes, a constant supply can be ensured. Canary seed can also be used in the same way, for sake of variety, and the seedlings are equally well relished.

## Fresh-caught Linnets.

**G. E., Llanelly.**—I expect the cause of the birds dying lies in the fact that you give them nothing but hard (dry) seed to eat from the time you catch them. I have often dealt with this matter. Fresh caught Linnets should have soaked seed of some kind. For their stock food mix one pint each of best canary, and sound ripe teazle, with half a pint each of genuine summer rape, linseed, and charlock seeds. Charlock is sometimes dark bluish red, almost black in colour; sometimes exactly like summer rape; and it tastes very hot when chewed—hence its name of "mustard" seed. In addition to the stock mixture, in a separate dish I give an unlimited supply of maw seed and niger, also lightly cracked hemp seed. These I gradually discontinue, arranging to drop them altogether after the birds have been in my possession twelve to fourteen days. As green food (or "soft-seed" food), I provide summer rape and sunflower seed soaked in cold water until just commencing to germinate (dabbing it dry in a towel before giving it to the birds), and seeding shepherd's-purse, plantain, and chickweed and flowering groundsel tops, when obtainable. If I think my birds were caught during a wet spell, I soak the stock mixture for them at first (you should try the effect of doing this). I very seldom lose a bird on the above treatment.

## A Trio.

**Ginger.**—1. An excellent food for Blackbirds, Thrushes, and the like is given in the reply to "Cee Gee" this week. When fresh-caught, mix some cut mealworms with the food. Give "blackbeetles" and a snail now and again. 2. Small Softbills (such as Wrens, Tits, etc.) feed on the following stock food:—Powdered Osborne biscuit, three parts; best ants' eggs, two parts; dried flies and powdered silkworm pupæ, one part each; meat meal, half part, by measure. Take the quantity required of this, and mix it just crumbly moist with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped lettuce, watercress, or chickweed (use young leaves only), or cold boiled potato, varying it frequently. It is necessary, of course, to give, in addition, all the live insect food (flies, spiders, wood-lice, earwigs, small beetles, smooth caterpillars, green fly, ants' eggs, etc.) one can possibly obtain as in season. To the above stock mixture I frequently add, after damping, a teaspoonful or two of preserved egg-flake, or part of a hard-boiled fresh egg, finely minced, and, more occasionally, a little finely scraped raw lean mutton or beef. Good cream cheese is a splendid food, too; give a little, finely chopped, and mixed, of course, with the above biscuit food, or just laid on top of it. Ripe fruit should also enter into the menu; banana, very ripe pear and apple, strawberries, grapes, elderberries, blackberries, raspberries, garden currants, etc., are all more or less appreciated by such birds as the Garden Warbler, Blackcap, etc. 3. Mealworm breeding is a very slow process indeed. I keep my own in tins partly filled with alternate layers of sacking and bran. A warm place is essential.

## Woodlark's Abnormal Condition.

**Lu-lu.**—It is rather an unusual period of the year for a Woodlark to suffer from "sexual derangement." There is not the slightest doubt, however, that birds do suffer from some such malady. I have lost more than one fine cock Mule and Hybrid through it. Keep the bird in a cool atmosphere, and use plenty of vegetable ingredient in the stock food—grated carrot, finely chopped cress, etc. Try a lengthy course of fluid magnesia; normal dose, one small teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Intervals on plain water should be allowed, and, of course, the dose of magnesia varied if the laxative effect is too pronounced. One does not want to make the action of the bowels unduly loose.

## Feeding Linnet & Goldie Mules.

**Onoto.**—Your Linnet and Goldfinch Mules will thrive excellently on exactly the same seed mixture. I should not use packet mixtures as a regular thing, but give them as a change, now and again. The feeding of all the Canary crosses is carried out on very similar lines. All require a little "richer" seed diet than that usually given a Canary. A good seed mixture at this season of the year is:—Canary three parts, teazle two parts, hemp one part, charlock and summer rape half-part each, maw and linseed quarter-part each. In the hot weather reduce the hemp and linseed. Stop them altogether, as a regular thing, during the height of summer, and begin again with them when the moult is nicely advanced. Any of the special Finch or wild-seed mixtures advertised in our columns will make a good and acceptable change, given twice or so a week. A little sunflower seed twice or thrice a week would also be more to be appreciated; crack it if necessary. Any of the usual green foods may be given—flowering groundsel (not coarse leaves), chickweed, shepherd's-purse, dandelion, lettuce, watercress, etc. The second and third may be given practically *ad libitum*. All Mules are very fond of shepherd's-purse and chickweed.

## Six at Once.

**Cee Gee.**—Three questions at once are supposed to be our limit. (1) It is an extremely awkward size—7ft. by 7ft. by 3ft. 6in. would be a great improvement. If any large birds, then 12 would be the limit of its holding capacity; (2) Have never tried to keep together such a mixture; they might perhaps agree all right; (3) You would need to give the usual seeds in addition to soft food. For the soft bills this menu would serve well: Stock mixture, which any good seller of bird-foods will mix for you (store it in tins); finely ground Game (or Pheasant or Partridge) meal, six parts; ground silkworm pupæ, meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies, one part each, by measure. Get the Game (or other) meal without grit. If you have any difficulty in doing so, finely crushed puppy cakes (or puppy meal) makes an excellent substitute; or the "broken" biscuit obtainable from the grocer. If the latter be used, add an extra part of meat meal and silkworm pupæ. Damp quantity required for daily use with a little water, or grated raw carrot, or cold boiled potato, or finely chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season. Vary them frequently, and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg flake, or half a hard-boiled egg, finely minced up, twice or so a week. Give some mealworms daily, and any other insects you can lay hands on, also ripe fruit and berries frequently, and according to season; (4) I prefer the Woodlark indoors; Skylark outdoors; (5) The cock Pekin Nightingale has a loud, melodious song; (6) This query must be sent to the Foreign bird department (vide rules).

## Keeping a Yellowhammer.

**Dorando, London.**—Your bird should commence to "sing" when we get a little genial Spring weather; it depends, however, upon how steady he is. The only "stock mixture" you will need is plain Canary seed. Few Yellowhammers, or any other of the Buntings, will eat any quantity of other seeds, though now and again small oats, wild seed mixture, rape, cracked hemp, coarse oatmeal, maw, and one or two other seeds will be picked over and a few eaten, but not sufficient to warrant their inclusion in a "stock mixture." To make a little variety in the diet, it is best to give a feed of soaked ants' eggs frequently, and live insect food (mealworms, flies, scoured gentles, small beetles, and grubs generally) according to season. Fresh (live) ants' eggs are relished exceedingly. "Shop" ants' eggs (get the best quality only) are well liked if soaked in a little new milk, drained on a cloth, and then given the birds; this helps to bring them into song and condition. Many Finches, too, appreciate them when prepared in this way. It is well to mix a sprinkling of a good insectivorous food among the ants' eggs, gradually increasing the quantity, as in this way Buntings (other species, too) can be got to eat it readily; and it is very good for them. Green food these birds are not keen on, but you can always offer them a sprig of whatever you may happen to have in the place. Corn Buntings will usually eat a little "seeding green-food" (grasses, shepherd's-purse, etc.), and Reed Buntings, too.

## Brevities.

**Skylarks Ailing** (E. Fear).—Have never had any trouble personally with the food. The castings you send seem to have sawdust in them; can they pick this up with their food? I do not recommend meat, but either meat-meal, or the finest ground crissel. Perhaps you are getting coarse crissel, which is altogether unsuitable.

**Linnet's Claw** (J. H.).—Your feeding is fairly good; I have given several long answers dealing with this subject within the last three weeks. You must keep the bird quiet for a week or two, in a quiet corner of the room, and let him have two very thin perches (about quarter-inch), well rounded at top, placed close together, with food and water easily accessible. He should then soon get his feet all right.

**Goldfinch in Trouble** (Wardle).—Get a tiny feather and cleanse the nostrils well twice daily with warm water coloured the depth of port wine by the addition of a little Condy's Fluid. You can drop a little of the solution into the throat now and again; it will not harm the bird. A week's treatment should see the end of the trouble. Glyco-thymoline would be better than Condy's (used as per directions on bottle), but it is more expensive. Keep bird out of draughts.

**A Last Year's Blackbird** (Novice Reader).—If a last year's cock Blackbird has moulted all his nestling (body) plumage, he should be all black. The only exception is the flights, or wing feathers, which (not being shed) remain rusty-coloured until the second moult. The bill should be yellow, but may not be quite clear, i.e., free from dark marking.

**The "Nope"** (Dickey Dent).—Yes, friend Dickey, I know a British bird which is sometimes called the "Nope." Its proper name is Bullfinch. It would be Bullfinches without a doubt which the catcher had caught.

**Great Tits** (Oxeye).—A pair of Great Tits would breed in a very large outdoor aviary, no doubt, if provided with suitable nesting sites. You don't say what size and kind yours is. You would have to supply plenty of live food—choice of gentles, mealworms, live ants' eggs, "cured" flies, and any available small grubs, etc. They rear their young entirely on live food when in a state of nature.

**In an Aviary** (W. H. Spoobert).—(1) Neither cork, bark, ivy, nor sunflower plants will hurt birds in aviaries; (2) Yes, you could turn out Canaries. I should put the cock and three hens, for possibly the cock Chaffinch might fall in love with one of the latter, and breed you some rare Hybrids. If outdoor (cold-room) bred, you could turn them out when we get a mild spell in March.

**Death of Birds** (Disease).—It reads like malnutrition. Certainly your menu sounds painfully thin, and no doubt the birds found it so. Millet seed is no good for Chaffinches, Bramblefinches, and Bullfinches. I have frequently told in this column how to feed these species. Why not follow my advice? Let them have sound teazle, sunflower, Canary, charlock, summer rape, and linseed daily, with hemp, maw, wild seed mixture, etc., occasionally.

**Robins in a Cage** (N.R.).—It is rather improbable that Robins would breed in a cage 40 by 16 by 11 inches; still, strange things happen, and to try them will be interesting. They build in all sorts of places—holes, shrubs, sheds, tins, etc.—out-of-doors, and use as material dried twigs, moss, coarse wool, bits of straw, leaves, and similar things, lining with hair (cow and horse) and feathers. You would have to continue giving a high-grade insectivorous mixture, in addition to as much live-food as possible. (Note reply to "Oxeye.")

**Deaths of Birds** (R. Hepper, jun.).—You give absolutely no particulars which would help me to arrive at the cause of the deaths. It is necessary I should know under what conditions birds are kept, how they are fed, their age, and the symptoms exhibited. You state none of these things. You seem to have been very unlucky, and if you have been recently buying, it might be well to send a body to our Mr. North (vide post-mortem rules) for examination.

**Goldfinch Bare of Feathers** (Tohar M'huire).—Chemical food is sold by all high-class chemists. Your Goldfinch is possibly suffering from red-mite badly. You would do well to consult the article on "Diseases and How to Cure Them" in "Cage Birds Annual." Sulphur ointment would be the best thing to anoint the bare places with. Use it twice daily, gently, and only a little at a time.

**Thrush and Blackbird** (Rather Anxious).—As I stated last week, cock and hen Song Thrush are alike in plumage, and the sex can only be told for certain by the absence or otherwise of song. Both Thrush and Blackbird ought to be singing by this, if in good condition and steady. If your Blackbird is in colour a faded, greyish-black, shaded with brown, then it is a hen. Some hens (especially old ones) get quite a yellowish beak; but never so rich a colour as an adult cock.

**An Aviary** (Dorando).—Your aviary would hold anything from a dozen to twenty cock birds. It is impossible to recommend a selection which "will not fight," as individuals vary so. For instance, I have known a Yellowhammer to be frightfully quarrelsome and vicious with other birds; yet many are just the opposite. I have had the same experience with Bullfinches and other species. Again, very many birds will be "real gentlemen" during autumn and winter, but with the approach of spring develop into intolerable bullies, knowing no mercy for their weaker or more peaceful brethren. Try a selection of Finches and Buntings—one cock of each species.

**Greenbacks** (Hardhill) (1) Merely changeable weather will sometimes serve to send birds kept in cages into moult. The usual moult will take place towards the end of the summer, no doubt, and be unaffected by the "cross moult," providing the bird recovers without experiencing trouble; (2) Well, Greenbacks certainly improve in size with a house-moult, and, of course, their blaze undergoes improvement at the same time. But one needs to get a big blaze to commence with.

**Mules** (A. B.).—Mules have certainly been bred from cock Canary paired to hen Bullfinch; this is the orthodox way of mating. I have heard of several cases where good eggs have resulted when the sexes have been reversed (note a letter in this week's issue), but have seen no young. The value of Goldfinch Mule depends on whether it is a cock; you neither state this nor whether yellow or buff. You can't value birds without seeing them, however. A good 6-pointed might be worth anything from two pounds upwards.

# FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

## Red-cheeked Bulbuls.

**M. T.**—(1) I presume you mean the Red-eared, also called Red-whispered. Its classical name is *Otocompsa jocosa*. It is found in India, China, Siam, and the Malay Peninsula. Diet: Seeds, ripe fruit, live insects, and a little of some good soft food mixture (see our advertisement columns). (2) Red-vented (*Pycnonotus hæmorrhus*). Malabar Green Bulbul or Harewa (*Chloropsis malabaricus*). Also another near species, the Gold-fronted Green Bulbul (*C. aurifrons*), are similar as to plumage, with the exception that the latter has a deep blue throat, while that of the former is black. The last two species are very gorgeously clad, and are good songsters and mimics; they do not eat seed, but subsist on soft food, ripe fruit, and live insects. All the Bulbuls should have access to ripe fruit *ad lib.*, this being their principal diet in a state of nature.

## White Java with Bald Head.

**No Name.**—The male is responsible largely for the continuation of the mischief. Cage it separately till it has recovered its plumage, put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food, well colour the drinking water with same, supply a piece of ripe apple daily till green-food is more plentiful; continue daily bath, and also keep a piece of clean cuttlefish continually in the cage. For one day give a little Magnesia water, 2 parts water to 1 part of Dinneford's Magnesia; remove the drinking water overnight, and the first thing in the morning before it has any other water, supply the Magnesia water as above, and leave it there for one morning, at least. After an interval of three days repeat the dose, and continue to supply Chemical Food in the water in between. It would assist to lightly anoint the head with clean vaseline, but you must not make it greasy, so that it will run in among the plumage; only use a very little just to moisten the skin. Your diet is very satisfactory, but a little ripe apple or other fruit is a good substitute for green-food during the winter, and very wholesome for all Finch-like birds.

## Naming a Bird.

**Constant Reader.**—(1) It is a rose-breasted or Roseate Cockatoo, an inhabitant of Australia. (2) Get following mixture: Canary seed, oats, hemp, wheat, dari, maize and sunflower seeds, about equal quantities of each, well mix and always keep a supply in cage. For some time lightly sprinkle the seeds with water, and dust with flowers of sulphur. Also a little boiled maize. Prepare as per replies to "H.H." and "B.H." in this issue; and you will also find the proper seed mixture in these replies. Any kind of ripe fruit may be given, also nuts and plain biscuits. Spray what plumage it has, also the bare parts with a weak solution of quassia chips, but the bird must be carefully kept out of draught till dry. Do not give tea, coffee or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Grit and cuttlefish should always be in its cage.

## Saffron and Zebra Finches, etc.

**R. Shears.**—Yes, Saffron, Zebras, and Java Sparrows may be kept in an outdoor aviary all the year round. If they are not overcrowded they will agree well enough, and probably breed; at least the Zebras will, and the others probably. You might add a pair of Cutthroats as well. I am assuming that a portion of one end of aviary is reserved as a shelter shed, which must be sufficiently lighted for the birds to see their way about. You must also fix up at least double the number of nest boxes and husks that you have pairs of birds. Supply canary, white and spray millet, oats and paddy rice (rice in the husk), with green food (grass in flower, and any non-poisonous garden or hedgerow weeds); at this time of year a little ripe apple or other ripe fruit they will take, is a good substitute for green food. You must also supply grit, cuttlefish and water for drinking and bathing. When they have young to feed a little of some good, soft food mixture (see advertisement columns) must be regularly given. Note: Birds, unless from some outdoor aviary, must not be put out of doors before April.

## Birds for Outdoor Aviary.

**"Lover of Birds."**—It would have been easier had I known your county but the following should prove both free and profitable breeders, once they settle down to nesting, and I recommend them in numbers as under: 1 pair Green Budgerigars, 2 pairs yellow Budgerigars, 1 pair Black-cheeked Lovebirds, and 1 pair Red Rosellas. Do not buy cheap birds for breeding purposes; procure only the best, and get your Budgerigars from different sources. Do not buy all from one breeder. Red Rosellas may take a year to settle down before breeding, but the others should do so this season. The Budgerigars, if you can get them from outdoor aviaries, can be put out at once; so can the Rosellas. But I should not put the Black-cheeked Lovebirds out before mid-April unless the season prove a forward one. Green Budgerigars 6/6 to 7/6, yellow, 8/6 to 10/6, Black-cheeks 50/- to 60/-, Rosellas 35/-, all per pair. Your aviary should answer admirably, if well furnished with branches and nesting receptacles. Encourage grass, wheat, weeds, etc., to grow in the open flight. It's no use planting trees for Parrakeets of any kind.

## Grey in Poor Plumage.

**A. T. Warrington.**—Let me emphasise my previous reply. Mix the flowers of sulphur as already directed; continue the Chemical Food, give the fluid Magnesia, as directed, as may be required to keep the bowels moving freely, not loose; supply the seed mixture among the maize, or better keep a small tin of it in the cage, and ultimately the bird will take to it and eat it freely. When this occurs gradually wean it from the maize. I must also repeat my warning: Do not give slops, fats (bread and butter), table scraps, or any kind of animal food. A little plain biscuit slightly damped in the Chemical Food water is permissible, as is also a crust of dry toast slightly moistened in the same. Continue to spray bird with the tepid water. Will be a little time before much improvement is made, as probably it does not preen itself. Please report progress—say, three weeks hence, unless some fresh development calls for it earlier.

## Breeding Budgerigars in a Cage.

**C. T. H.**—(1) Yes, providing you can keep the inside of cage dry and free from damp. The top of cage must overhang so as to keep rain from driving inside, and yet not sufficient to keep out the sun. Keep the cage in a warm and sheltered position, where it will escape wet as much as possible (damp is your greatest foe), and get plenty of sun. (2) I do not know your county but if you are not extreme north and the birds come straight from an outdoor aviary, you could put them out at once, though I should advise deferring same till first week in April. (3) It is not necessary to separate the sexes. (4) Foreign birds will not breed to order like Canaries, but Budgerigars, once they start, are very prolific and breed them pretty well all the year round. They may begin to nest almost at once, and again they may do nothing till the end of the summer. (5) Husks (as advertised in our columns) for Budgerigars, are the best. Buy only the best and largest birds you can obtain. Two pairs will be ample and get each pair from a different breeder. "Budgerigars," price 6d., from "C. B." office, would be very helpful.

## Blue-fronted Amazon.

**"Hempsum."**—I should fill its seed tin with the regulation seed mixture and the next day blow away husks from remains and refil the tin. Mix a little boiled maize with the seed mixture; it will probably take it that way. Try the above method for a few days; it can hardly starve, as it will get a little hemp and sunflower. Try it with plain Canary seed in a tin by itself. I find all Parrots very fond of the cores of apples; let it have what it will eat of this. Try it, too, with shelled walnuts, cobs, etc. You must give sufficient of what it will eat to prevent its wasting, but decidedly you must stint it somewhat on these seeds, or I fear it will become a feather plucker. It would certainly do it no harm to keep it without sunflower seed for one day, but this should not be necessary if you treat as above. What is the condition of the bird? Is it in good feather? Is it fat? Is it lively and energetic or is it dosey and moping?

## Amazon with Diarrhœa.

**G. W.**—It is little short of cruelty not to give a Parrot water, and providing it does not over drink, the water can remain in its cage continually; nevertheless, a Parrot that has been without water for some time should have it given gradually at first, or it may take too much. If the bird will let you handle it, give 4 drops of Tincture of Opium direct to the mouth, daily for three days, and then three more doses on alternate days; also for one day give 5 drops of tasteless castor oil direct to the mouth. If you cannot do this, then you must give the opium in a little syrup, and a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water (one ounce) in lieu of the castor oil. Give a little boiled maize (one tablespoonful) daily; boil till soft, drain off all water, and then soak into it about one-third teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food. Also well colour drinking water with the Chemical Food for a month at least. The sample is a fair one. Get the following as your seed mixture: Equal parts Canary, hemp, oats, wheat, maize, and sunflower seeds, well mix, and keep a supply continually in cage. Ripe fruit, nuts (shelled walnuts are best), and plain biscuits should be supplied at intervals. A little boiled potato (unseasoned) may also be given. A clean piece of cuttlefish should always be hanging in the cage. Grit should be scattered over sand tray. Do not give anything soaked in tea, coffee, or milk, neither table scraps nor animal food of any kind. Confine yourself to above diet, and the bird should soon recover condition. Shall be interested to hear how it progresses.

## Parrot with Growth on Beak.

**H.B.S.**—I should examine the interior of the bird's mouth, and if there are any white spots therein, with either a feather or camel-hair brush, wipe them over with honey and borax (from your chemist); at least, it will do no harm if you do that daily for a fortnight under the circumstances. If the warty growth is hard, touch it with tincture of iodine. In your case I do not consider the growth, so far as I can gather, is likely to prove dangerous, but such should be got rid of as quickly as possible; they are weakening, and I should put it on a course of Parrish's chemical food (see other replies) for a month or longer. Twice a week give it half a tablespoonful of equal parts of Dinneford's magnesia in water, and do not supply anything else to drink till the whole has been consumed. Note warning in other replies re slops and table scraps, etc., it applies to all Parrots.

## Teaching a Parrot to Talk.

**L. L. L., Tottington.**—Your bird has made a good beginning, and if healthy and in good feather, the price you have paid is a fair one. Keep the bird where it will hear plenty of conversation; also teach it by constant repetition any short phrases or words you wish it to utter; but the teachableness of all Parrots is very variable, and more often than not they pick up stray words from conversation and ignore for a considerable time what you have been at much pains to teach them. If the bird is tame, pet and fondle it, make a fuss of it generally, talk to it, and on such occasions wind up with offering it a bit of fruit or something it appears to regard as a tit-bit. However, do not be tempted to give it any table scraps or slops, or bits of everything. The formula you say you are following from this column gives you an ample range for all purposes.

## Breeding Gouldian Finches.

**Bruce.**—I have sent you the pamphlet on Gouldian Finches. If you get a box made 2 ft. 6 in. long, 16 inches deep, by 2 ft. high, there will be a good prospect of your successfully breeding the Gouldians. Put a nest box in each corner, screening same with a good sized heather spray and leave them to themselves and during the year there is a strong probability of their successfully rearing you a brood of young Gouldians. A plain well-made box cage is more handsome than a fancy wire one, and not an eyesore in any room. Stained black, walnut or mahogany outside and a pale sage green inside, they have a tasteful and handsome appearance and are safe and comfortable houses for the birds. The secret of keeping Gouldians in good health lies in giving them a roomy cage, keeping them in an airy and sunny position, yet out of reach of draughts. Give your Finches a little ripe fruit as a substitute for greenfood, and as soon as you can get it free from frost supply grass in flower ad lib; grass flowers can be picked in London parks providing roots are not pulled up.

## Middle Spotted Woodpecker.

**J. S.**—Am inclined to think this should have been addressed to Mr. Weston, and I must certainly leave it to him to indicate whether your bird should have been admitted to the British section; but I fear not. I did not note note your bird when at the Palace. Our Greater and Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers have a very wide range, extending through Europe, Northern Asia, and the Atlantic Islands. In Europe we have other forms—the Middle Spotted (*D. medius*) and and the White-backed (*D. leuconotus*). Howard Saunders, speaking of the Greater Spotted (*D. major*), says: "The young of both sexes have the crown of the head red. In ignorance of this fact, a bird obtained in the Shetland, during the migration of 1861, was supposed by Saxby to be the Middle Spotted (*D. medius*), and was afterwards figured by Gould as the White-backed (*D. leuconotus*); but it has been pronounced by Prof. Newton to other authorities to be a slightly albescent D. major." Personally, I should place only a slightly, if any, greater value on your specimen than on a normal *D. major*.

## Brevities.

**What Bird?** (R.L.W.).—Am still at fault with this species, but it certainly is not a Parrot, which are pair-toed birds, viz., two to the front and the same number to the rear. Give it as much ripe fruit as it will eat, also some good soft food mixture, and put some Chemical Food in its drinking water. I shall be at the Museum next week, and will then try and solve the mystery.

**Amazon With Sore Face** (W.F.).—You give no idea how you have been feeding, etc., so I can only direct you to other replies, and advise your bird being dieted on similar lines. Give two or three doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, and also boiled maize and flowers of sulphur. For directions see reply to "E.T.B." Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. I presume the bird will let you handle it. Gently bathe the face with warm water, and then after drying with a soft cloth rub on a little spermaceti ointment. This could be done daily, or every other day, according to how the bird submits to treatment. Try the above for a fortnight, and if there should then be little or no improvement, please repeat query. Note: Only a little ointment must be used, not sufficient to run among the feathers and make them greasy.

**Budgerigars** (B.N.).—You could keep 30 Budgerigars in your room, but not for breeding purposes. I consider four pairs ample, and if you get a nest off each pair simultaneously, as is by no means improbable, you would at once be fairly full up. Put in natural branches, such as will give the birds varying thicknesses to grip and climb about on, say, from about one-eighth to an inch thick, line the back of the aviary with such; pea sticks answer the purpose well.

**Silverbills** ("Sylvia").—Of course, it is a well-known fact that hen birds are not dumb, and with some species they sing almost as well as the male; but if you carefully note a true pair, you will find the throat of the male throbs much more with the effort than that of the hen bird. Also your comparisons must be made during the breeding season with wild caught birds. In the breeding season I think you will find that the male will be much the better songster. Note: Two hens will often nest, lay, and closely incubate, but, of course, to no purpose. Many thanks for your other remarks.

**Amazon Mopy** (E.T.B.).—Give a little boiled maize daily, about a tablespoonful; boil till soft, drain off all surplus water, and well stir into it half-a-teaspoonful of flowers of sulphur. Note: The maize only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel must be kept strictly clean. Give ripe fruit, nuts, and a piece of plain biscuit, in addition to its seed diet; keep a piece of cuttlefish hanging in cage. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water for one day, and repeat same after an interval of three days. Follow this by a course of Parrish's Chemical Food, making the drinking water the colour of pale port wine with same. It should get more lively shortly; I fear it was improperly fed before coming into your possession.

**Grey Parrot** (Kilpatrick).—I must ask you for the same information as I have "Lester," and in the interim you had better treat the same; but also, on the intervening days well colour the water with Parrish's Chemical Food. If there are any sores, lightly annoint with spermaceti ointment.

**Green Parrot** (Lester).—Can only give you a provisional reply till you inform me how you are feeding and treating. In the meantime, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, and repeat the dose after an interval of three days. Also to make sure *re* the parasites, spray it two or three times a week with quassia solution. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food.

**Avadavats Bald** ("Avadavat").—A correspondent informs me she was always troubled with these birds becoming bald when kept in cages, but that after she took to supplying rush nests in the cages the trouble ceased. It is certainly worth a trial, though I have known the baldness to occur even in outdoor aviaries, where there were husks and nests in abundance. Shall be interested in hearing the result.

**Green Parrot** (A.H.D.).—Continue treatment advised in previous reply. I am of opinion it will ultimately recover condition. Moisten the biscuit with the water and Magnesia. Supply this daily so long as the voidings are not watery. Try it with Parrish's Chemical Food in the water. I never had a bird refuse this yet; they appear to like it once they have tasted it. Tempt it with various kinds of ripe fruit till you find which kind it favours. The drowsiness should yield to above treatment.

**Miniature Parrot** ("Redcar").—I should like to have a short description of the bird. "Miniature Parrot" is so very vague. I certainly should not permit it to have all hemp; give it a tin of seed per day, and do not renew it, but leave it to get what it requires from cage bottom if it still throws it out. Also supply ripe fruit, a few nuts, and a piece of plain biscuit. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into its drinking water every day, and spray its plumage with quassia solution every other day. Do not give any slops or table scraps. On the days you are not giving the Magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Chemical Food.

**What Bird?** (T. Heywood).—I have looked up this description again, and am of the opinion it is some species of Elycatcher, and unless you can spare me the skin for two or three days, I fear I cannot definitely name it for you, but I shall be at the Museum next week and will see what I can do.

**What Bird?** (C H C.).—Regret you have lost one of the birds, thanks for sending me the body, which I feel sure is a Cactus Conure. At the same time, when it comes into mature plumage, it is quite possible the bird may prove a brown-throated Conure, but I do not think so for though the plumage is in that stage which makes a definite identification almost impossible I feel convinced that when adult it will prove a Cactus—an uncommon, though not rare species, and a handsome bird when in full adult plumage.

**Budgerigar in Poor Feather** (W.G.).—Several other replies on Budgerigars in this issue should help you. Give two drops of castor oil direct to the mouth. Crush some cuttlefish to the size of millet and mix with its seed mixture. Slightly damp seed mixture (you must not make it wet or sticky), and dust daily with flowers of sulphur; also well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Give a few oats daily and supply a little ripe apple or any other fruit which it will eat in lieu of greenfood at this season. As soon as you can procure it free from frost, supply grass in flower *ad. lib.*

# PARK & LAKE AVICULTURE

Answered by Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., etc.

## Sexing Doves.

**Reader of "Cage Birds."**—If you mean the ordinary tame collared Dove, they are very hard to sex; but the cock is rather longer and slimmer than the hen. As yours are now seven months old, they ought to breed this year, and soon, as they started cooing nine weeks ago. But, as you say "they" make this noise, I am rather inclined to fear you have two cocks. The hen Dove, when mated, rarely coos, though she will do so when alone.

# POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

**King Parrot** (R. Earl).—Chronic congestion of liver with recent inflammation involving the lungs. Some inefficiency of diet is indicated.

# GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

**A Booklet** (A. West).—We shall be glad to buy the booklet at price mentioned; send it along.

**An Exchange** (Osborne Davis).—We do not concern ourselves with exchanging birds, but if you write to one of the large dealers advertising in our columns, no doubt he would oblige.

**Photographs** (C. B. V. Hodgson).—We shall be glad to see the photographs; of course, we could not accept any liability for their safety, etc., when in transit.

**Seed Samples** (Durnovarian).—The answer to your query (with several others) had to be held over a week owing to extreme pressure on our space.

**Our thanks** to A. E. Prickett, Anon, W. P. B., A. W., and others for interesting cuttings, photos, etc.

**A Linnet Deal** (A. Mallett).—We cannot publish your letter in its present form, as it would only serve to place every honest trader in the district under a cloud of suspicion. Taking the facts to be as you state them, we trust that the threatened warrant will soon lay the man by the heels. We are ourselves always advising use of the deposit system.


# REMARKABLE TESTIMONY

## Not what WE say, but what OTHERS say.

I think Cage Birds quite surpasses ——, and I shall take it every week and invite all that I know to see the difference in news, advice, and advertisements.—John Evans (London, N.).

I heartily congratulate you on the excellent Jubilee Show number of Cage Birds. The plates are grand, and the whole number superb. Best wishes for the future success of Cage Birds.—W. H. Tottle (Plymouth).

Your Crystal Palace Show number was a splendid effort on the part of Cage Birds' staff, and I beg to tender my thanks for the excellent report of the great exhibition.—J. Brown, secretary of the Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club.

I cannot let this opportunity pass without congratulating you on your latest effort in putting out such a grand double number of Cage Birds as the last. The Palace report is A1, and is alone worth the 2d. itself. I have also Cage Birds Annual for 1909, which is better than ever.—R. V. Raine (Cathcart).

At the London and Provincial O.S. monthly meeting held yesterday, the subject of show reports was discussed, writes Mr. J. W. Ramsden (the show manager), and it was the opinion of most of the members present that Cage Birds' report of the "Jubilee" Palace Show was the best report of *any* National Show ever published by a cage-bird paper.

## Have you ordered YOUR 'Annual" yet?

I was delighted with Cage Birds Annual. It is so well got up, and is a serviceable guide for both secretaries and exhibitors alike.—Henry Bennet (Kelso).

I have sold all my Cage Birds Annuals already, which says a great deal for it. It is a marvellous sixpennyworth.—J. Ford, secretary of the Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.

I have much pleasure in sending again for a copy of Cage Birds Annual, as I think it a most useful guide to all fanciers. I derive a great benefit from it.—F. Bradley (Westhoughton).

My word! what a grand Palace Show number you gave us! And your Cage Birds Annual is a very useful book, if only for the list of trade and other addresses.—Chas. B. Evans (Clapham, S.W.)

I have received my copy of Cage Birds Annual and am very pleased with it. I may say that I got some very good customers through my advertisement in last year's Annual.—H Orford (Manchester).

Kindly accept my best thanks for Cage Birds Annual. It is a marvel, and should have a record sale. It is crammed full of information from cover to cover, and no bird keeper should be without it. And all for sixpence! Why, it is worth double.—Geo. Oakes (Masborough).

Cage Birds Annual is one of the finest books that ever I have had since first I began to keep birds. If a novice wants to know anything then I would advise him to buy Cage Birds Annual by all means. No fancier should miss it.—J. Bunn (Sneinton).

## Spend YOUR money to your own advantage.

Thanks to your excellent paper, I have sold all my surplus yellow hens.—Clem. F. Savage (Rugby).

Kindly thank all who replied to my advertisement in Cage Birds, as they are far too numerous to reply to, writes Mr. F. Broadhurst (Macclesfield).

Kindly thank all applicants for my Hawfinch, writes Mr. H. Sayward (Halstead). I had so many letters that I could not answer them all. I wish Cage Birds every success.

I am pleased to inform you that I have had splendid results through advertising in Cage Birds, and I wish you every success with your valuable journal.—George Baker (Barnstaple).

I am getting most of our members to advertise a little every week in Cage Birds, writes Mr. B. Bullough, secretary of the Southport and Dis. C.B.S., as I myself have done well through advertising in your columns.

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement in Cage Birds, writes Mr. Harry English (Holbeach), as I could not answer them all, I had so many. I wish Cage Birds every success, for I have gained a lot of useful information from its pages.

Kindly thank those who sent answers to my advertisement in last week's Cage Birds, writes Mr. F. Bird (New Tredegar). I have had replies from all over the kingdom, which speaks well for the circulation of your paper. I could not answer them all.

Kindly thank through your valuable columns, writes Mr. W. Pilbeam (Haywards Heath), all who answered my advertisement re Goldfinch and Bullfinch. Those who sent stamps I answered direct; it would cost too much to answer all. The replies ranged from the Isle of Wight to Durham and Wales.

The week before last I had an advertisement in a contemporary and only received one reply, writes Mr. J. W. Rogers (Fishguard). Last week I had the same advertisement in Cage Birds, and up to Monday I had received 15 replies, which speaks well for good old "C.B." I am enclosing you further advertisements, and wish your paper every success.

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# CORRESPONDENCE.

### NEW SOCIETY FOR KING CROSS, HALIFAX.

SIR,—A meeting of Canary fanciers interested in the forming of a new society was held at the headquarters, Trafalgar Inn, on February 8th, when 14 members were enrolled, and we are hoping to double this number at the next meeting. We decided to leave over the election of officers till next meeting, Thursday, March 4th, at 8 o'clock, when any fancier who would like to join may attend and take part in their election. Roll up fanciers, and let us have a good meeting.

W. MORTON.

### CAGES AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—I have noticed the paragraph headed "A Complaint About Cages," in your last issue, and I shall thank you to make it known in your valuable paper that your remarks do not in any way apply to me, as I have never refused to execute any order received through these competitions, for the simple reason that I compete in a perfectly fair and legitimate manner I contend that to exhibit a cage worth many shillings more than it is entered at, is not winning, but buying honours—it is a fraud, pure and simple. But please let it be known to your thousands of readers that *all* the exhibitors do not compete in this manner.

R. A. NEWLEY.

### GOLDFINCHES AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—We notice in your report of the Goldfinch class at the Palace Show you stated you had heard that our commended bird was our old champion. Who on earth gave you this information we do not know; evidently your informant was not a keen observer of Goldies, as there is not the slightest resemblance between this one and our old champion. The latter was at home with a damaged foot, otherwise he would have been at the Palace.

LEWIS AND DYMOND.

(Our informant was a Welshman himself, and one of the best-known present-day exhibitors of British birds in Taffy-land. We questioned his statement which, however, he adhered to as being correct.—EDITOR.)

### THE SCOTCH FANCY CANARY NATIONAL "DERBY," O.A.

SIR,—The Executive have finished their labours in preparing for the current session, and have issued to fanciers membership tickets, appealing to them to do what they can to extend the membership. We know how ready they have been in the past to assist, and have no doubt they will do all they can to further the interest of the association. A further supply will be furnished on receipt of a postcard, and should any fancier have been overlooked in the distribution of the tickets, and wish to join or assist, if they will communicate with the undersigned, tickets will be sent. We appreciate the valuable assistance you have rendered our association in the past.

ROBERT WRIGHT (President),
JAMES HOGG (Vice-President),
THOS. SMITH (Sec. and Treas.),
56, Minard Road, Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

### A CURIOUS DEVICE FOR SEXING BIRDS.

SIR,—Your correspondent on this subject in the last issue has at least treated readers to a bit of innocent humour by his spicy effusion, but still he should not ridicule a subject about which he clearly knows nothing. Let him ponder a little the words of one great English classic, that "there are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamed of in our philosophy." The device by which he endeavoured to discover the sex of his baby's doll, instead of being the new discovery he claims for it, has been well known, if not well understood, for many years. It was referred to by myself in these columns four or five years ago, and it was written of by Mr. J. O. N. Rutter, F.R.A.S., in a work on "Human Electricity: The Means of Its Development," as long ago as 1854; therefore it is neither a new discovery, nor a stranger to our columns. Even assuming that our humorous friend's judgment was not at fault in selecting two hens instead of a cock and a hen, as he thought, for the experiment, its failure in such a case is no criterion that a properly conducted experiment would not give more correct results. It is doubtless the proper harnessing of the forces which cause these phenomena which has made it possible to put a machine on the market which is said to reduce the determination of the sex of given birds or animals to an exact science. Of course, I do not attempt to criticise the article in question in any way, as I know nothing whatever about it intimately; but I should be far from ridiculing the idea, or questioning the possibility of it. Man has not yet laid bare all the secrets of Nature. What we know is only just sufficient to make us more fully alive to our ignorance. Perhaps our friend can solve this problem. If one gets a needle, cotton, and coin—silver is not essential, copper will do as well, and a disc of zinc will probably be better than either—prepares them in the same way as described for sexing birds, and then, instead of a bird, gets a horseshoe magnet and holds one pole only of the magnet between the thumb and forefinger of one hand, and suspends the needle over the coin with the other hand, either the gyratory or pendulum movement will begin according to the pole being held. Stop the movement, take hold of the other pole, and try again, and the contrary movement will begin. Now hold the magnet by both poles at once, the thumb on one pole and forefinger on the other, and neither movement will occur. Even if either of the movements is already in action, the needle will be perceptibly checked and soon brought to a standstill. The movements can be repeated as often as you like with the same results. When your correspondent can explain these phenomena, he will cease casting ridicule on these mysterious forces of Nature.

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

### THE NESTING OF GOLDFINCHES.

SIR,—I think Mr. Lloyd, in his essay on the management of British Finches, is in great error when he states that the Goldfinch lays three or four eggs. I am sure five would be the average. In 1907 there were four nests in an orchard near here, and they contained 5, 5, 5, and 6 eggs respectively. And all the eggs were hatched. In 1908 there was only one nest in the same orchard, and it contained four eggs; but it was a very late nest (October), and no doubt the hen would be exhausted by that time. All these nests were in apple trees. The sycamore and horse chestnut are two trees which Mr. Lloyd does not mention, and which Goldfinches are very fond of building in, and mostly at the extremity of the branches. I find that the ash tree is very seldom used.

R. J. CLARK.

### YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB OF IRELAND CHALLENGE CUP.

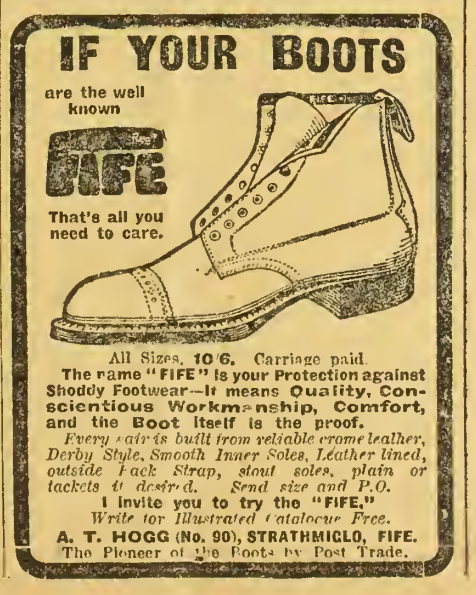
SIR,—In reply to Mr. Devins, of Sligo, I may say that I fail to see why he requires my address before replying to queries. If Mr. Devins has acted honourably, he has nothing to fear. I would therefore ask him to be good enough to explain why he exhibited as a novice at Clapham Show, and he a champion exhibitor in Irish contests. When he replies to my question in a true fancier and sportsman spirit, I will ask him a few more straight and fair searching questions, and will give him my address. If Mr. Devins has received prize-money from Clapham show which he was not justly entitled to, perhaps he will consider the matter of handing it over to the Fresh Air Fund, and thus do a good turn and avoid further unpleasantness.

WILLIAM HENRY.

### THE DEWSBURY ORNITHOLOGICAL FANCIERS' SOCIETY.

SIR,—We held our opening meeting on Saturday, Feb. 20th, at the Little Saddle Hotel, with a full attendance of members. Mr. C. A. Lindley presided. We decided to call the new society the Dewsbury Ornithological Fanciers' Society. The election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with. The post of president resulted in Mr. W. Kershaw being elected; vice-president, Mr. P. Ineson; treasurer, Mr. B. Cook; hon. secretary, Mr. G. G. Stafford, 35, South Wood, Lime Street Flats, Dewsbury. It was agreed that the annual subscription be 4s. per member, which should be an inducement for young fanciers to join. It was also decided to cater for the British bird fancier, and anyone interested in such should attend our next meeting, the date of which will appear in your club notices. I beg to thank you for the help you have given us.

G. G. STAFFORD, Hon. Sec.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### PROPOSED MIDLAND YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

SIR,—I was pleased to see Mr. W. C. Wells' letter in your last issue. I have previously had some correspondence with Mr. Bishop on this matter, and think that if the proposed club could count on the undivided support of the Midland fanciers of the Yorkshire variety, the venture might be launched with some considerable promise of at least eventual success. If Mr. Wells will undertake the duties of secretary (pro tem.) I would suggest that he call a meeting of those interested immediately, in order to hear their views on the subject. This would enable the officers to get matters in order for next show season, should it be thought advisable to form the club.

A. PADDOCK.

### THE GREENFINCH: "A TUPPENNY JOEY."

SIR,—I wonder what blockhead first called a Greenfinch that name. I also wonder if he ever saw the pretty "Green Bird" in his native wilds, or noticed how beautifully his colours blended with his favourite wild rose bush in the winter, or in the spring with the tender green of the newly-budded hawthorn tree, to which he flies from his meal of seeds or dandelion heads on the fallows. If he had he would never have given him that horrid name. Personally, I think there is no British bird more beautifully clothed than the Greenfinch. See him in the spring when his greens and yellows have the glisten of the love time; how he shines in the sunlight as he skims his flight to his home, the ivy, where waits for him his soberly-clad wife patiently sitting upon those treasures which are a promise of greater joy to come. How happy she is to take his proffered dainties, and how brightly gleams her eye when that bonnie bird calls to let her know of his coming. Of course, I know the Greenfinch is not very elegantly shaped compared with some of our other birds, but still I think he has the portly appearance of a genuine John Bull. He may not be a "Dandy," but then I have seen "Dandies" who made one itch to kick them. Then as a cage bird, how soon he reconciles himself to captivity, and becomes a fearless pet, that is of course if his master or mistress have the happy knack of gaining his confidence, a by no means difficult matter. I have one at the present time for whom I often open the cage door and let her (for the bird is a hen) out to go where she will, but I never have to wait long before she is back waiting for her cage door to be opened, so that she may get in to her favourite sunflower seed. I have had others who would do more than this, for I have taken them over a mile from home, and they have returned not once or twice, but many times. I have often thought it a pity to "colour feed" a Greenfinch. The spectacle of a reddish Greenfinch does not appeal to me, and were I a judge, colour-fed Greenies would not win under me, simply because the schedule usually says "Greenfinch" and colour-fed ones are not "Green" Finches. Should I have interested anyone in this bird, I shall be delighted, for to my mind no bird better repays kindness than my favourite, the Greenfinch.

SUNNY JIM.

### THE JUBILEE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—Will you please mention that all *cash* prizes, sales money, and *cash* specials have been sent to the winners and that medals will be sent out as soon as they arrive from the makers. I shall be glad to hear from anyone whose account is incorrect.

J. W. RAMSDEN, Show Manager.

### A NEW SOCIETY FOR BONNYRIGG AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—A well-attended meeting was held in the Forresters' Arms on Feb. 20th, when Mr. Alex. McVie was elected president of this new society, to be called the Bonnyrigg and District Cage Bird Society. The business of the club was gone right into. It was decided to have 22 classes in all at the show to be held on Oct. 30th, namely, 8 classes of Scotch Fancies, 8 for Border Fancies, 4 for Norwich, 1 for British, and 1 for mules. The show will be held in the most suitable hall. Sixteen members were enrolled, and it is expected that as many more will join at the next meeting. Meetings are to be held on the last Saturday of every month, open to a radius of 10 miles.

GEORGE HARPER, Secretary.
38, Lothian Street, Bonnyrigg.

### THE COLOUR FEEDING OF NORWICH CANARIES.

SIR,—Will you allow me a small space in your valuable paper with regard to the colour feeding of Norwich Plainheads? I think, for the benefit of the Fanciers and our show they would be better shown in their natural colour. I know for a fact that a good many fanciers would take up the breeding of this bird as a hobby if it were not for colour feeding, and I fail to see how the working man with a long day's work from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., and who has one, two or three mouths to fill, can give the birds the attention they ought to get. Nor do I see where the £ s. d. is to come from. There is no getting away from it, the Norwich tops the tree of all the Canary tribe. There is no coarseness or overlapping of feathers, and the bird is not lanky or leggy; they are not even "wee gems," but of just a fine, medium size, and last, but not least, have no hump on their backs. Of course, I am speaking now of a good specimen. So, working men, wake up, and let us show our birds on their merits. There have also been lately a good many letters with regard to this bird. The fanciers down south will have to come to the "land of the thistle" to see the real type of the Norwich Plainhead.

WORKING MAN.

### EARLY CRYSTAL PALACE CAGE BIRD SHOWS.

SIR,—In the Palace Jubilee Number of CAGE BIRDS you publish a group of winners at Palace shows of fifty years ago. In the early years of this show the winning Goldfinches were the smallest in the class. I believe the judge suspected some of the others might be Germans. I have seen English Goldfinches wild caught, superior in size and beauty to many Germans. The artist at those early shows must have imagined the Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid, I fancy, for I do not think that any were exhibited until 1880 and afterwards. The first ever seen at a show was one at a Brighton show, entered not for competition. After this one, the breeder reared both Goldfinch-Bullfinch and Linnet-Bullfinch Hybrids, but I do not think he ever exhibited them for competition. Some were sold, however, and found their way to the Palace. In 1877 there was not a class for Hybrids (other than the Canary). I entered a Twite-Greenfinch in the small variety British birds, and it was "wrong classed." These early Palace shows were reported in the "Field" newspaper, and at later dates in the "Journal of Horticulture." The first show I visited was in 1864. The next 1872, when I exhibited a cinnamon Chaffinch. I did not attend again until 1880, and then never missed a year until 1902.

J. H. VERRALL.

[The "Goldfinch and Bullfinch Mule" Mr. Verrall refers to is said to have been exhibited at the 1875 show, the owner being given as Mr. E. Sandell.—EDITOR.]

CORRESPONDENCE.—Continued.

## AT A LINNET SINGING MATCH.

SIR,—Could any reader kindly tell me whether these turns are good Linnet songs, viz., Tol ic, tol ic, Jar, and Lug, lug see?

H. GASKIN.

## A CAGE BIRD SECTION FOR THE DARWEN F.A.

SIR,—Will you please allow me to make known through the medium of CAGE BIRDS that the above-named association have decided to form a cage bird section in connection with their society? This has been done at the urgent request of many cage bird fanciers residing in the district. The society is confined to fanciers residing within a radius of 2½ miles from the circus. The annual subscription is very low, viz. 2s. 6d., with an initiation fee of 1s. for new members. The secretary will be pleased to hear from anyone desirous of joining the association, and hopes to have a ready response to this appeal from all cage bird fanciers.

J. T. WALSH, Secretary.

6, Devon Street, Darwen.

## HOW WILL THEY MANAGE IT?

SIR,—The committee and members of the Dulwich O.S. were somewhat startled to find announced in your "Twitterings" columns last week that Mr. J. Robson was judging the Dulwich and Peckham Pair Show on March 4th, and their Young Bird Show on July 1st. These dates have already been arranged for the Dulwich O.S. shows, Mr. Robson to judge both, and that gentleman has written corroborating this fact to assure the members he will be with them on the above dates. So, without the Dulwich and Peckham intend to hold their shows earlier in the day than ours, they must bow to the D.O.S. this time. The annual show will be held in October, our last year's date clashing with several important fixtures. Several popular judges are being engaged, and the most magnificent hall in the neighbourhood has been booked. Several prominent local gentlemen have expressed their intention of subscribing to the guarantee show fund. We are gradually overcoming our financial difficulties, although through the recent magisterial decision we have had to cancel our whist drive fixtures at headquarters; but Messrs. Rogers and Bruty intend to run a mammoth drive at the Imperial Hall, in aid of the society at an early date.

WOOLHOUSE AND ROGERS, Show Managers.

(We think it possible the names of Messrs. J. Dobson and J. Robson have been confused. In the paragraph sent us last week, "Mr. J. Robson" (as printed) was plainly written, but in the secretary, Mr. Hodson's, club notice this week, we find that Mr. J. Dobson is announced. —EDITOR.)

## THE FIFE AND KINROSS NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

SIR,—A well-attended meeting of breeders of the above-named variety took place on Feb. 20th, in Penman's Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, for the purpose of forming a Norwich Plainhead Club for Fife and Kinross. Mr. G. Fisher Bowhill was asked to take the chair, which he did. Mr. A. Dickson (Kelty) said it was his opinion that there was great need for a club here. There were about 60 breeders of Plainheads between Fife and Kinross, and, judging by the talk he had with most of them they were unanimously in agreement that the time was now ripe for starting such a club. The only breeders he had not seen were the Kirkcaldy and Dysart ones, but they and all others are welcome to come and give their assistance. He moved that a club be formed, and called the Fife and Kinross Norwich Plainhead Club (confined to the two counties named). Mr. T. Barclay (Kelty) seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously. Mr. G. Penman was asked to become honorary president, which he did with much pleasure. It would give him, he said, great satisfaction if the club would accept from him a cup for competition, to be won three times before becoming the property of the winner. The election of other office bearers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. G. Fisher; vice-president, Mr. T. Barclay; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Adam Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace, Kelty; and a small committee. It was also agreed that members be restricted to nominate three birds for each show, and that a novice section be formed; also that the annual subscription be 2s. 6d. per member, and all who would like to join are requested to send their names to me. A. DICKSON, Secretary.

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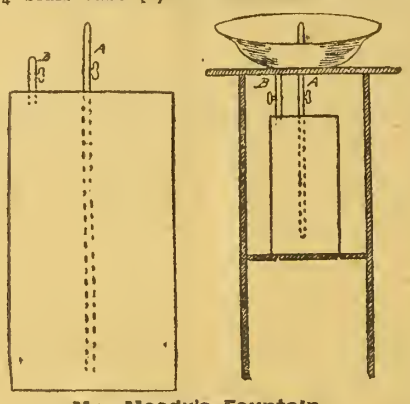
## HOW TO MAKE AND USE AN AVIARY FOUNTAIN.

SIR,—Seeing in CAGE BIRDS of January 23rd issue that a reader asks for information as to how to make a simple fountain for an aviary, I herewith enclose a small sketch and instructions for the making of a pneumatic fountain. First, the apparatus consists of a reservoir made of stout tin, or, better still, an iron paint keg of a size to suit the purpose for which it may be used. Fig. 1: A reservoir which is air-tight and water-tight save for two holes bored in the top for two pieces of ¼ brass tube (a) to be carried to within



Mr. Moody's Fountain.

½ in. of the bottom, the other (b) about 1 in. inside, with a small gas or other tap on each. A very suitable way is to make a stand for it to rest on, also to carry the bowl on the top of stand. I find an ordinary enamelled wash bowl will answer the purpose well (see Fig. 2). Bore two holes in bowl (Fig. 1) for the brass tubes to come through, the centre tube, A, 6 in., with a fine pinhole in top; the short one, B, is a ¼-in. tube put through, so that when the bowl is filled the tap on the short one can be opened and the water flow back into the reservoir. The apparatus works in the following manner: Make the reservoir not more than half full by pouring water down pipe B; keep the tap on the A shut. Then force air into the reservoir—a cycle air-pump will answer first rate. When sufficient air, shut off tap B and open tap A, and your fountain is complete. STEPHEN MOODY.

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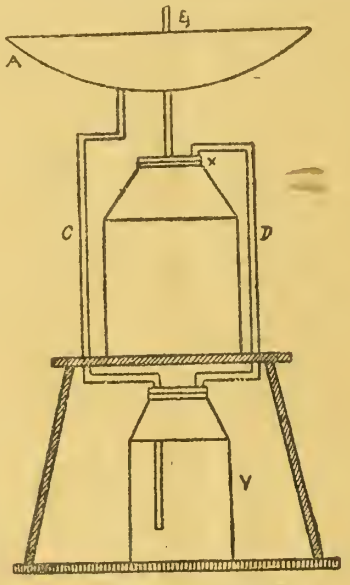
SIR,—I send you an idea of a self-acting fountain, suitable for outdoor aviaries. It consists of two wide-mouthed bottles, marked X and Y in the sketch, of the same size, closed with large corks or bungs. The bottles are placed one above another, the bottle X being supported on a wire stand made for the purpose. A is a shallow basin




"Bird-lover's" Fountain.

or receiver, through the bottom of which the pipe E passes, the lower end of E passing through the centre of the cork that closes X. To the bottom of the basin A another tube, C, is attached, which is bent in such a manner that it may pass through the cork of the bottle Y, reaching nearly to the bottom. Another pipe, D, issues from the cork in Y and enters the cork in X. When the different parts have been put together, pour water into the basin, A, the water will pass through C and fill Y. When Y is full, the continued pressure will force the water through the pipe D, and fill X, and when X is full, the water will rise through E, and the fountain will begin to play. As soon as the water rises through E, cease to pour water into A, for the basin will be kept full by the water that issues from E. The whole arrangement may be hidden from view by a case covering the pipes and bottles, constructed in such a manner that only the interior of the basin A is visible. BIRD LOVER.

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SIR,—As the readers of CAGE BIRDS comprise a large number of working-men I will try to show how, at the smallest possible cost, a fountain can be made by anyone with a little tact. Size: of course, that is left to the reader himself to decide upon, being governed by the room he has to spare. Make a concrete bed, say, 12 in. by 12 in. by 6 in. deep, of two parts gravel or small brick rubble and one part Portland cement, as a base to work from. Under the concrete leave a space 2in. square from the outside to just beyond the centre to take your water supply up, also to act as overflow drain. Into this bed place upright in the centre a piece of ¾ iron pipe to reach from the 2in. drain hole to a suitable height, but a little below the top of fountain, unless you want the water to run over the side of bowl. This pipe will take your waste water away. With a piece of wood and zinc you can make a pattern of half the inside of bowl and moulds on outside edge. This fastened to the iron pipe, so that you can turn it round, will put you right for making bowl, which, of course, you will make on concrete bed, finishing off afterwards with a coat of good cement to put a face on. In putting this last coat on use freely a soft brush soaked in water, as you will find this will lay it off more level than a trowel. As to your water supply, get a tank, or, if you have one, an ordinary tub, and fix this as high as you can so that you get a good pressure. From this bring a ½-in. pipe governed by a stop-tap connected to bottom of tub or tank; take this pipe to somewhere near the drain-hole in the concrete bed, and connect to it a ¾-in. brass tube or a ⅜-in. gas-pipe (brass or iron; it does not matter which, as both threads are the same size, but the brass is best, being rustless). Take this small pipe up the drain hole, then up the ¾-in. iron pipe. You will want an "elbow" for this. At the top of this small pipe, at a height to suit yourself, screw on a ⅜ straight burner nose, and into this screw a No. 1 burner, the same as is used on a public-house counter for lighting pipes with. I think you will then be satisfied. This gives a straight stream of water. If you want a spread of water, take a No. 6 burner and throw it in water, and you will be able to draw out the gauze from the inside with a pin, and if you have a good weight of water you will be surprised. I have seen this in a greenhouse throw a shower of water, or rather a mist, 6 ft. high by 6 ft. wide. If this is not clear, I shall be pleased to give any advice I am capable of if it will be of assistance to any. F. PURSER.

## BREEDING THE CANARY-BULLFINCH HYBRID.

### Choosing the Hen.

SIR,—I have been trying the Canary-Bullfinch cross for twelve years, and my experience has taught me that there is only one class of Bullfinch hen which will produce fertile eggs with a Canary cock, and that is the Bullfinch hen, which has a Goldfinch marked tail—that is to say, a half moon of white in the outside tail feather. If you look underneath the Bullfinch's tail feathers you will plainly see the Goldfinch mark on the tail of the bird, which I can safely say is the right one wanted for a Canary cock. I have hatched out several Mules in my twelve years' experience. In 1905 I hatched eight Mules from one Bullfinch hen, two variegated and one clear, the others dark. I only reared two out of the eight; one a variegated hen, the other a dark yellow cock. This dark one I heard the visitors praising very much at the Jubilee Palace Show, he being first prize (he has won a lot of prizes for his owner). Now, these Bullfinch marked hens are hard to get hold of. This year there were twenty-one birds in the hen class at the Palace show, and only three birds so marked, the numbers of same being 1,852, 1,855, and 1,865 in the catalogue. The owners of these hens can breed Canary-Bullfinch mules if they pair them to a smart yellow cock that has got plenty of go in him. I have also had fertile eggs from cock Bullfinch and Canary hen. I wish all breeders a successful season.

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## USEFUL HINTS ON BOOK BINDING.

SIR,—I duly received the CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, for which I thank you. This is the first copy I have had, and I think it can be summed up in one word—invaluable. I was so delighted with it that I at once re-bound it in stiff cardboard covers, and if you think the hint of value to other readers I herewith state how I did it. It took me about a quarter of an hour, and is very simple. First carefully remove the yellow cover and cut off the back, so that you have two leaves 5¼ins. wide. Now take two pieces of cardboard the same width and measurement. Next take a piece of linen (coloured looks best) about 2ins. wide and 1in. longer than the back. Glue the two cardboards to this, allowing room for the book to come between. Next turn down the surplus ½in. on each end over the front. Next cut a clean piece of white paper rather larger than the new back and glue this on the inner side, folding the edges over to the front. Now glue in the book, and lastly fix on the yellow leaves back and front, and you have a book fit for your bookcase, and one which every fancier will require to refer to all the year through. If bound as above it will stand any amount of wear and tear, and will always be in good order. Wishing all fanciers good luck, and "C. B." a good and prosperous year.

A. N. EVANS.

## IS IT CRUEL TO KEEP BRITISHERS IN CAPTIVITY?

SIR,—Having read with interest Mr. E. R. Despard's letter on the above-named subject, I thought I would give you three instances, which will prove the reverse. I have never yet met one of these narrow-minded, ignorant persons who was a reader of CAGE BIRDS, and despite its numerous readers, I doubt if a single one holds such an opinion. Now, when I was a lad getting 6s. or 7s. per week, I kept my birds in a small loft over a pig-sty. Among my pets was a Blackbird, which I had hand-reared, and when this bird moulted out in perfect feather I found it to be a hen; therefore, I gave it its liberty. Would it go away? No; in the daytime it fed in the garden, and at night came to the loft to roost. It did this until it was one day killed by a neighbour's tame Magpie. I was once living in Staffordshire along with a pal who was a birdy man. We had on one occasion some very severe weather, during which a poor little, starved Robin, which looked as if it was not intended long for this world, came inside our house. Of course the weak-minded people who are against caging birds would have driven it outside in their mistaken kindness, and the poor feathered mite would have died. But we both being birdy men put Bobby inside the cage my pal had made. It looked, however, as if it had gone too far to be able to live; but with careful feeding we got it round, and it became so very steady that you might have thought it had been in a cage all its life. Now, one day when it was being fed it flew out of its cage and got away. It went, but (tell it not to them that dwell in blissful ignorance, lest it hurt their feelings) it came back again, and seemed as happy as ever inside the cage. Last summer a pal of mine found a Greenfinch's nest with two young ones in, and the old bird sitting dead on top of them. Now, had one of these mollycoddles, who sometimes tell us fanciers it is cruel to keep birds in cages, found these young birds they would have left them to starve to death. Now, my pal took them home, and his wife commenced to hand-rear them, and she succeeded with one, and what a pet it is! It sometimes has the run of the house, and once when I called had had a bath in a cup of cold tea. The bird is a hen, and never seems so safe as when inside her cage. My pal is going to pair a Goldfinch with her, and I hope he has some good luck with them. Now, just a few lines about these cranks that sometimes try to interfere with our hobby. Some of them will turn a starving human being away from their doors and refer them to that human cage, the workhouse. But a bird does not have to work inside its cage for a living as some of the poor things outside during frosty weather. Again, these people who will lecture one on kindness are often dressed at the time in furs and feathers (or their wives are, for we have both sexes in this class of people), and through the wearing of such are the very people who are causing cruelty in the getting of these furs and feathers. Animals and rare, brilliantly-coloured birds are cruelly trapped and slain for the purpose. That the readers of CAGE BIRDS may increase, and the numbers of these most miserable mortals may decrease is the wish of

WILLIAM P. BELL.

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## THE CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

**Testimonial to Mr. J. Tyson.**

SIR,—Amount already acknowledged, £7 4s. 6d. Since then I have received from Mr. G. Colledge 5s., Messrs. W. A. Lott and Victor Wynn 2s. 6d. each. Total up-to-date £7 14s. 6d. As I am desirous of closing this list at an early date, I beg to jog the memories of some well-known "Crest" men, who apparently need it.

J. S. CLARKE.

## AN APPEAL FROM TORONTO (Canada).

SIR,—Would you kindly insert a request for the secretaries of Specialist Canary Clubs and others interested in the advancement of the Fancy, to communicate with me concerning standard show-cages for the different varieties? Our shows in Canada are spoiled by the non-uniformity of the cages, and I want to get this corrected, and have this society possess its own cages, and rent or sell them to exhibitors.

H. S. TIBBS, Hon. Sec.,
Toronto C.B.S.

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## THE TYPE OF PRESENT DAY WINNING NORWICH.

SIR,—There seems to have been little fault-finding with the Norwich at the Palace show, and putting two and two together, it seems that the shape, generally speaking, is much better in the South than it is in the North. That is generally speaking, for I know a good big one can hold its own anywhere. There is no doubt there are two winning types in the North at the present time. The one is too long all over, but has grand chest and substance; the other, the true Norwich, is just the opposite—short body, neck, wings, tail, with domed round head. I was chatting with the winner of first prizes at one of our Northern shows, and he was telling me of his successes before the catalogues were out. We walked up to the class and I said I did not care for the type, but pointed out a bird I would have chosen for first. He replied, "That's one of mine as well. I always send one of each kind, so that whichever kind the judge goes for I have a look in." Now, this is very unsatisfactory to fanciers of the variety, as they do not know whether the bird which they like the best themselves will have any chance with the judge. He may go all for size. There is never any objection to this size if it is equal to the smaller bird in shape or type; but when a bird has a long head, long wings (and these sometimes crossing), and also shows as much feather at the waist as a sitting hen, with enough behind to touch the perch, were it not well held up, it is quite time some strong measures were taken in the interests of the variety. Let us keep to type: round all over, with a good head, short neck, wings well braced, and not beyond the root of the tail; feather, so short and close that the bird appears to be moulded; short tail, short legs, good chest, with a body as big as you can get it combined with above. Yes, give me the swell, with the tight-fitting jacket—in fact, a regular Bertie.

THOS. ROBSON.

## THE ALLEGED STAINED LINNET AT BRISTOL F.A. SHOW.

SIR,—I am sorry to have to write under this heading, but do so as I think Mr. Birchley's last letter very misleading to the Fancy. He complains that the C.B.U. has condemned him without giving him a fair hearing *in person*; further that "they condemn a man before giving him an interview to explain matters if he desires to do so"; then says: "With regard to the deposit with the C.B.U., I was quite willing to comply if I had been given a chance of a hearing before the delegates or Committee." In one part of this letter he says that five minutes' explanation is better than 20 pages of written testimony. Now, it is no one's fault but his own that Mr. Birchley has not had the five minutes' interview he seeks, and this on account of his omission to pay the necessary deposit on appeal. He was written to on Dec. 29th of his suspension, and told that if he desired to appeal notice should be sent within seven days, with a deposit of 10s., as per rules (which were enclosed). Then on Jan. 3rd, in reply to his protest, I pointed out that the deposit was not enclosed, and stated that "the deposit was not necessarily forfeited should you fail in your appeal, but is demanded merely as a safeguard against frivolous appeals." Again, on Jan. 7th, I wrote: "Your letter of the 4th inst. to hand. I am sorry I cannot give effect to your protest until the necessary deposit is sent to me. Please let me have this per return, when I shall be only too pleased to put any statement you wish to make before the Council; otherwise I shall have to submit the suspension for their confirmation." I explained to him *verbally* on Jan. 1st that a meeting of the Council would be called to which he would be invited to give any explanation he wished, personally, and bring any witnesses he thought necessary, and even to bring a solicitor to appear for him. But he stated then his intention of not paying any deposit, which he has adhered to. This case was first discussed by the Bristol Committee, then by the District Committee of the C.B.U., who recommended his suspension, and to both of these bodies he made lengthy statements. All suspensions require confirmation by the Executive Council, and had he not failed to pay the deposit Mr. Birchley would have had the case re-opened by the Council. It is therefore misleading to state that the Union does not sift these matters to the bottom, and that it condemns fanciers in a haphazard way.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE.

SIR,—Mr. Birchley does very well as the "injured innocent," but some of his statements will be found hard to swallow by those of us who exhibit birds ourselves and "know the ropes." Why should every man's hand be against him as he would apparently have us believe? He is (or was) a member of the Manchester and N.C.O.S., a society which contains some of the leaders of the Cage Bird Union (I find on looking up your report that he was helping in the management of their show), so he ought to have had no difficulty whatever in getting a hearing. Personally, I should have thought his colleagues would have been glad to have "whitewashed" him, for their own sakes, if they could have found ground for doing so. Mr. Birchley now leads us to infer that this particular Linnet has been exhibited in a "faked" condition at many leading shows under 'well-known judges and specialists," and has been awarded prizes. This wants some swallowing! How about all the leading fanciers who must have seen it, and examined it closely because it stood above their own Linnets? Are they all blind, or do they know less about stained Linnets than the judge who found it out? And has the previous owner ever been disqualified for showing stained birds? I can give a guess at his identity, and if I am right then he has won scores of prizes, and especially with Linnets. According to Mr. Birchley's account the "staining" must have been put on cleverly, for he says: "We (Mr. B. and a friend) could notice no difference after the alleged staining matter had been removed." It would be interesting to know whether this Linnet ever had a bath, or was given a spray, by Mr. Birchley, for I take it water is necessary to keep all exhibition birds in condition.

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## PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR STOCKSBRIDGE.

SIR,—On Saturday, February 13th, the inaugural meeting of a society for Stocksbridge and District will take place. Already we have received the names of twelve fanciers who have signified their willingness to assist in the effort to form a society. Anyone who would like to become a member, if they will communicate with Mr. H. E. Wilkinson, Wood Willows, Stocksbridge, near Sheffield, will receive all necessary particulars.

WELL WISHER.

## THE PROGRESS OF THE CINNAMON CANARY.

SIR,—One may ask is the Cinnamon Canary as good now as it was a few years back? I think it has made a little progress, but we are not yet up to the standard desired. At the annual general meeting of the Cinnamon Canary Club at the Crystal Palace, there was a long discussion over the club model as to whether it could be improved. After hearing a few ideas for a new model, it was thought best to stick to the old one, but alter the standard of points. There must be far more Cinnamon breeders than the exhibits on the show bench represent, but how are we going to get breeders to exhibit? This is a question that has been discussed by the C.C.C. over and over again. Apart from club shows, the classes, as a rule, are very small. I think the club at present has more novice members than ever it had, but where are the old breeders? They have dropped out altogether. The club is doing its utmost to regain them if they are still in the Fancy. It was very pleasing to see a few non-members exhibiting at the Crystal Palace. Now, if all Cinnamon breeders would join the C.C.C. I feel sure they would be benefited very much. Is it not much better for all to work in harmony, and club together in the interest of our variety? Our secretary will, I am sure, only be too pleased to receive the names of intending members.

HUGH RIDING.

## ALLEGED EXHIBITION OF JUDGES' BIRDS AT ARBROATH.

SIR,—I as a member of the Arbroath Society fail to understand what Mr. Strachan wants to get at. He states that an old joker accuses him of exhibiting the judges' birds at the recent Arbroath Show. At first he takes it as a joke; the statement is repeated, and he becomes serious, and makes a public denial through your valuable paper. Now, seeing Mr. Strachan was not an exhibitor at the above-mentioned show, what his reason is for making the above statement baffles a few fanciers in this locality. He may be seeking notoriety through your journal. He tries to make us believe he is a sporting man. Well, I admit at times he looks it, but not in this instance. He may be above such tactics as borrowing or lending birds; that I can well believe. He also states that he got 14 birds poisoned at Arbroath Show in 1907. But what proof has he got to show that his birds were poisoned, seeing they were all alive and showing no signs of being poisoned when he took possession of them at the hall on the evening of the show? I believe they got a fairly rough passage home, owing to a wild gale inside the bar, and when he unpacked them next day three were dead and a few seemingly suffering. Of course, he at once came to the conclusion that they had been poisoned. Did he have a post mortem by an expert? I am led to believe that seven died within a week; the rest must have had a lingering illness. I may also state that this is the fourth season of the present society in Arbroath, and it has had a severe struggle keeping its head above the water. So, Mr. Strachan, please don't drown it; don't kick it out of existence; have mercy on the weak.

JAMES MILNE.

**Several letters unavoidably held over.**


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## UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

MANY societies have now got out their programmes of members' shows, lectures, etc., and some have already started on another season's competitions. Bradford West had a good turn up at their show on Saturday last, about 100 birds being staged, including "Palace winners," one of the latter securing special for best bird in show. The Novice buff hens were a very special lot, several exceptionally smart ladies being on view. Wakefield, Tong, and Halifax also held members' shows, and the classes were well filled. At Harrogate over 100 birds were staged, this being the last show for very valuable prizes, including such things as silver cups, etc.

DURING the first fortnight in March the annual ballot of the Yorkshire Union, for the election of officers, revision of rules, etc., is to take place. It is my intention during the time the voting paper is in the hands of the members, to try to explain the particular points of the respective items thereon. I hope the societies interested will call special meetings to discuss the pros and cons for the benefit of their members.

THE arrangements for the Amalgamated Prize Distribution and Social proceed apace. The dinner is likely to be very well attended. The presidents and secretaries of the various clubs are nearly all to be present to entertain their fellow members. Don't forget to send in your names, or maybe if too many arrive who are not booked, the "packing" may run short.

STRAIGHT 'UN.

## THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

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### *Old Friends.

The following is a true story told us by a friend. A gentleman went to Brazil a good many years ago, and there he caught a Parrot and taught it to speak Spanish. Having to go to India he gave his pet to an English friend. On his return thirteen years later he visited the house of his friend. On learning that the Parrot was alive, he went to see it. Immediately the Parrot saw his old master he came out of his cage, and perching on his shoulder began to speak to him in Spanish.—Sent by Ed. Furlong (age 15), 159, Bedford Road, Bootle, Liverpool.

### **What a Beak!

A gentleman managed to get a splendid record of his own Parrot's cries on a cylinder. By way of experiment he set it going while the Parrot was in the room. "Pretty Polly"; "Scratch a Poll"; "Give us a bit of sugar"; "Uncle Whe-e-r," whirred the machine. The Parrot looked somewhat scared, and tried hard to scratch her head. "I want some sugar," came from the gramophone. "Great Scott," screeched Polly, as she looked down the trumpet; "what a beak for sweet stuff!"—Extract from "The Story Teller," sent by Emily Carter (age 13), 45, Beech Avenue, Nottingham.

### *Attachment of Parent Birds.

It is recorded that a few years ago a pair of Sparrows which had built a nest in a thatched roof, were observed to pay visits to a nest long after the time at which the young birds took flight. This lasted throughout the year, and in winter, a gentleman, on mounting a ladder, found one of the poor little birds a prisoner by means of a piece of string round its leg. Thus it was prevented from obtaining its own food.—Sent by R. Bircham (age 13), The Mill, North Walsham, Norfolk.

### An Unkind Friend.

Father tells me of a lady who used to keep a grocer's shop where he lived. One day the inspector of weights and measures came to inspect hers. Everything was found to be alright in the shop, and the man was on the point of leaving when a Parrot which was kept in the shop called out: "Light weights in cellar; light weights in the cellar." The man turned back and found them, and got the old lady fined 10s.—Sent by Fred B. White (age 14), 25, Clarence Street, Haverton Hill, Middlesbrough.


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# THE SHOWS.

## HIGHTOWN JUNIOR C.B.S.

A table show was held on February 10th, when Mr. Trevitt judged. Results:—1, 4, Parkin, Jun., Bullie ben and Linnet; 2, Sam Naylor, Linnet; 3, Norman Haley, Lark. Special for best remaining bird went to N. Haley for a Lark.—N. H. HALEY, Secretary. (Will Mr. Haley please send us his address?—ED.)

## LEICESTER C.B.S.

A most successful table show was held on Feb. 10, some very good pairs being staged. The well-known fancier, Mr. Needham, was the judge, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR. PAIRS (matched for breeding) (16): 1, 3, Stevens; 2, vhc, hc, Christian; 3, c, Tyler. DITTO NOVICE (11): 1, Yates; 2, vhc, Adams; 3, c, Harrison; hc, Smith.—J. A. TYLER, sec.

## WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Annual pairs show held on February 6th, in Nelson's Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow. Mr. C. Campbell judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

CRESTS: 1, McFarlane; 2, 4, Lappin; 3, Smart. PLAINHEADS: 1, 3, spl, W. Hutchison; 2, McAnly; 4, Hunter. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, spl, H. P. Hutchison; 4, Lappin. MULING PAIR: 1, Lappin; 2, spl, H. P. Hutchison; 3, 4, Hunter. HYB. PAIRS: 1, H. F. Hutchison; 2, Hunter; 3, 4, Rennie. Points for medals were as follows:—H. P. Hutchison, 16; Lappin, 9; Hunter, 7; W. Hutchison, 6; and McFarlane, 4.—GEO. SMART, secretary.

## LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Night show of pairs, held at Oldham Hall, on Feb. 11, there being a record entry of 58 pairs in the five classes. Mr. S. Hadwin placed the cards and gave every satisfaction

YORKS. CL. (4): 1, spl, Gore; 2, Eccleston; 3, Dickinson; vhc, Rushworth. NOR. CL. (14): Bonny class, with some fine exhibits; 1, spl, Walker; spl, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Hillmen; c, Hawkes. YORKS. GREENS (8): 1, spl, Gore; 2, vhc, M'Dougall; 3, Dickinson; hc, Eccleston; c, Royden. NOR. GREENS (24): Grand class and took some time to find the winners; 1, spl, B. pair, Davis; 2, c, Lawson, close up; 3, hc, Walker; vhc, Isaacs. A.O.V. (8): 1, spl, vhc, Gore; 2, Walker; 3, Lloyd; hc, Royden; c, Isaacs.—F. E. HAWKES, Secretary.

## LARKHALL C.B.A.

Table show of pairs held in Miners' Hall, on February 13th. Forty-six pairs were entered in the seven classes. Canaries were not up to one's expectation, but the Mule and Hybrid pairs made a grand show. Mr. Johnstone won the special (set of carvers) for best Canary pair, and Mr. Brown (cruet-stand) for best Mule or Hybrid pair. Some excellent pairs were staged, and with a little luck during the breeding season, some very good youngsters should be the result. Mr. Marliu (Hamiltou) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

BORD.: 1, Pollock Bros.; 2, Johnstone; 3, Randell. COMMON: 1, Johnstone; 2, Nelson; 3, Cook. NOR.: 1, spl, Johnstone; 2, Ruudell; 3, M'Ewan; 4, Nelson. A.O.V.: 1, M'Ewan. BULLFINCH HEN HYB. PAIR: 1, Clark; 2, Thomson; 3, Alexander; 4, McLuggage; 5, Johnstone; 6, McCroue. MULING PAIRS: 1, spl, Brown; 2, Johnstone; 3, 5, Pollock Bros.; 4, Nelson; 6, Swan.—JAMES POLLOCK, secretary.

## GUILDFORD.

The cage bird section is the weakest in the Guildford Fanciers' Society, therefore it did not make a big display in the show held at the Corn Exchange on February 4th. This show was held to assist in raising funds to wipe out the deficit from the last open event. Mr. E. Stevens and his committee did their best to make it a success, but the attendance was not very large. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. (2): 1, 3, Gibbons, two nice quality clears, the former the best shape and colour. CREST ETC. (7): 1, 2, res, and best cage bird, Towers, 1st, very nice shaped jacked yellow crest-bred, grand quality, nice width and rise of skull; 2nd, neat variegated Crest, nice droop, good quality and shape; 3, Gibbons, green crest-bred, nice feather, not so massive. BRIT. (3): 1, 3, Jupe, very smart Bullfinch, grand colour, and well cut cap, and a rich coloured, well marked Linnet; res, Gibbons. LOCAL (2): 1, Punter, grand coloured and beautifully marked Ring-necked Parrakeet; 3, Lewis, neat green Canary. CHILDREN'S PET CLASS (7): 1, Miss F. Patrick; 2, W. Gibbons; 3, hc, F. Comber; res, Miss M. Edwards; vhc, W. Peters.

## GREENOCK, PORT GLASGOW AND GOUROCK O.S.

The society is composed of working men, and having had a severe set-back through unemployment and bad trade, and the seceding of the Greenock members, sprung into life again on Jan. 30th, by holding a club show in the Co-operative Hall, Crawford Street, Port Glasgow. It was not on a very large scale, but the quality of the specimens shown compared favourably with that of some of the best open shows in Scotland, and reflects the greatest credit on the 14 members who staged 117 exhibits, some of which deserve a special word of praise for the able manner in which they were put down. Mr. Forrester proved himself an ideal secretary, and was ably supported by his assistant, Mr. Sanderson. Mr. London took charge of the financial affairs, while the eagle eyes of Vice-Presidents Black and Brown were on the whole arrangements. Mr. J. Laurie (Govan) judged, and gave entire satisfaction. Mr. McMillan won 1 special for the best Scotch Fancy in hall, Mr. London that for best Crest, with a large green Crest cock, and Mr. Gemmel that for most entries. Mr. Sanderson won the cup for best British bird with a superb Goldfinch. Mr. Black exhibited a fine specimen of African grey Parrot, in splendid condition, and Mr. McKay put down a splendid specimen of the Blue-faced Amazon.

SCOT. FCY. CK.: 1, 2, McMillan; 3, Gemmell. HEN: 1, 2, McMillan; 3, 4, Gemmell. CK. BRED 1908: 1, Gemmell. BORD. FCY. CK.: 1, Gemmell. HEN: 1, 2, Gemmell; 3, Napier. YORKS.: 1, Boyle. BRED 1908: 1, 3, Hemphill; 2, Napier. CREST CK.: 1, 3, London; 2, Sanderson; 4, Adair. HEN: 1, London; 2, Black; 3, Sanderson; 4, M'Kay; 5, McMillan. C.B. CK.: 1, Sanderson; 2, Black; 3, McKay; 4, Boyle; 5, McMillan; 6, Forester. HEN: 1, 3, London; 2, McMillan. CREST BRED 1908: 1, London; 2, Sanderson; 3, Black; 4, Boyle; 5, 6, Gemmell. C.B. BRED 1908: 1, 2, London; 3, Smith; 4, Black; 5, Boyle; 6, Sanderson. NOR. CK.: 1, London; 2, 3, McMillan; 4, Adair; 5, Napier; 6, Gemmell. HEN: 1, London; 2, Adair; 3, Napier; 4, McMillan; 5, Gemmell. CK. BRED 1908: 1, Sanderson. HEN: 1, Sanderson; 2, Napier; 3, Gemmell. SELL. (15/-): 1, Napier; 2, Forester. DARK MULE: 1, 4, Sanderson; 2, Black; 3, London; 5, Gemmell. HOUSE-MOULTED GOLDFINCH BRIT.: 1, 2, and cup, Sanderson; 3, Napier. FIELD-MOULTED: 1, Lyall; 2, McKay. HOUSE-MOULTED LINNET: 1, McDermott; 2, Forester; 3, Lyall; 4, Boyle; 5, Napier. FIELD-MOULTED: 1, 3, 4, Boyle; 2, Brown. BULLFINCH CK. BRIT.: 1, McKay; 2, 3, Brown; 4, McMillan. GREENFINCH CK.: 1, McDermott; 2, Forester; 3, London. SISKIN: 1, Boyle; 2, McDermott; 3, 4, Forester. A.O.V. BRIT. CK.: 1, McDermott; 2, McMillan; 3, Forester; 4, Gemmell; 5, Napier. HEN: 1, Forester; 2, McDermott; 3, 4, Gemmell. FOR. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Sanderson. FOR. A.O.S.: 1, Black; 2, McKay.—J. SANDERSON, Assistant Sec.

## BOLTON AND DISTRICT O.S.

Annual table show of pairs matched for breeding was held on Feb. 3rd, at Joiner's Arms Hotel. Entries were not so numerous as was expected, no doubt owing to the bad weather prevailing. Mr. F. Proctor judged.

NOR.: 1, Taylor; 2, hc, Parkinson; 3, Longworth; 4, c, J. Smith; vhc, Fiddies. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Mitchell; 4, vhc, J. Brooks; hc, c, Smith. BORD. FCY.: 1, 2, Parkinson; 3, 4, Hollis. HYB.: 1, Smith; 2, 3, Gostling.—H. PARKINSON, Sec.

## PAISLEY & DIST. N.M.B. & F.B.C.

Annual pairs show, held on Jan. 30th, in Painters' Hall, Causewayside Street. There was a good turnout of birds. Mr. Grainger, Springburn, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CREST: 1, O'Hare, grand pair, lovely crest ck. and good C.B. hen; 2, Livingstone, well balanced pair; 3, McLirie; 4, Bonnar. P.H.: 1, 2, Potts, shown to perfection; 3, 4, Sinclair, close up. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Hutchison, lovely team, won quite easily. MULES: 1, Hutchison, grand Goldfinch, and good yell. hen; 2, McCulloch, another first-class pair; 3, Stevenson; 4, Livingstone. HYB.: 1, Hutchison; 2, Stevenson; 3, Skonce; 4, McNair.

## SOUTH SHIELDS, NORTH SHIELDS AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second table show of the year was held on Feb. 3 at Gregg's Cafe, Laygate-lane, South Shields, before the ordinary business was commenced. The cards were placed by our esteemed friend, Mr. J. Turner, whose awards gave general satisfaction. The entries were not so large as we might have expected, but the quality of those exhibited was good.

CREST-BREDS: 1, 2, 3, Watson. BORD.: 1, 2, Thompson. LIZ.: 1, 2, 3, Thompson; 4, Barrass. BRIT. SOFTBILLS: 1, 2, 3, Woodhouse, 1st noted winning Blue-headed Wagtail, 2nd splendid Missel Thrush, 3rd Shrike, also a 1st prize winner; 4, Telford, White Throat, in nice condition. The business included some important C.B.U. matters and also the resignation of secretary and election of Mr. J. Barrass (South Shields).—WM. DUKE, Sec.

## ASHTON-UNDER LYNE & DIS. O.S.

Monthly meeting, held on February 2nd, in the P.S.A. rooms. The occasion was set apart for a pair show of A.V. Canaries, and it proved to be quite a success. There were over twenty pairs, and so keen was the competition that we were obliged to split the classes into Norwich and Yorkshires, Mr. E. Marlor taking the former and Mr. W. Foxall the latter. A good many visitors came to view the show. At our next meeting, to be held on March 2nd, our chairman, Mr. W. Foxall, is down to give us a lecture, entitled "How to Rear the Young from the Nest." All are invited, and admission is free.

NOR.: 1, Marlor; 2, Rowbotham; 3, Crowther; 4, Foxall; vhc, Kelsall; hc, Oliver; c, Colville and Knight. YORKS.: 1, Foden; 2, Clayton; 3, Grayson; 4, vhc, Lockwood.—H. FODEN, hon. secretary.

## CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

The society is to be congratulated upon another very successful members' pair show. This event took place on February 3rd, and proved one of the best held for some time. There was a very good entry and some excellent birds faced the judge, especially so in the hen Crest classes, which had the largest entry. As Cheltenham is such a great centre it was only natural that all the birds staged should be of very high quality, and were well worth going a long way to see. The classes for Mule and Hybrid breeding proved very attractive, and drew a good entry, some lovely Finches being shown. We should like to have seen more Norwich, but what were there were good, and useful birds. There was a good attendance of members during the evening. Mr. T. J. King judged.

C.B. CK. AND CREST HEN (8): 1, Hamlin nearly green cock, well browed dk. Crest hen, very neat, well-filled crest; 2, 3, Kilminster, 2nd variegated cock, best C.B. cock in the show, hen clear grey Crest, useful pair, 3rd good chubby dk. capped cock and heavily marked Crest-bred hen, with good frontal crest; vhc, hc, Hands; c, Hiles. CREST CK. AND C.B. HEN (11): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Kilminster, 1st variegated Crest cock, very dense, well shaped crest, hen lightly marked well browed, good all round pair. 2nd cock, clear body, dk. crest, winner Cheltenham open show, needs no comment, hen clear body, grey crest, both fit to win in any company. 3rd variegated Crested cock, good frontal and centre and variegated crested hen, very neat crest, well matched for double Cresting, hc, Hands; c, Hamlin. NOR. (7): 1, 3, Houghton, 1st clear buff cock, good size and shape, marked hen, 3rd clear yell. cock and buff hen, both good birds; 2, Child, eye and wing marked yell. cock and clear buff hen, very useful pair; vhc, Sherwood; hc, Child; c, Partington. CAN. AND FINCH (7): 1, Child, Goldie-Canary, rather dark; 2, 3, Pounsett, a very neat Finch, should throw good Mules; 3, grand Greenfinch, really good pair, had hard luck to be beaten; vhc, hc c, Stevens. TWO BRIT. (7): 1, 2, 3, Stevens, good Greenfinch cock and hen Bullie, very steady, but not up to 3rd prize winner, 2nd charming Redpoll, in pink of condition, hen Bullie, grand pair, 3rd smart Goldfinch cock, and good hen Bullie, should have been first; vhc, hc, Skinner; c, Hiles.

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## LUTON C.B.S.

A table show was held on Feb. 1, when the quality of the exhibits was good. Messrs. F. Webb and J. Ward judged.

NOR.: 1, 2, 4, Brewer; 3, hc, Thring; vhc, c, Horwood. YORKS.: 1, vhc, Codd; 2, 4, Sapwell; 3, Horwood. CRESTS: 1, 2, Bloomfield and Rose.—E. CHERRY, Hon. Sec.

## TAMWORTH & DISTRICT C.B.S

A very successful pair show was held on Feb. 6 at the Town Hall Vaults. Mr. Wells judged and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (10): 1, 3, Hatton; 2, Colloby and Brown. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (10): 1, 2, Hatton; 3, Colloby and Brown. YORKS. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (7): 1, Hatton; 2, Clempson; 3, Spencer. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (5): 1, Clempson; 2, Spencer; 3, Barber. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, Barber; 3, Colloby and Brown. MULE (6): 1, Hatton; 2, Clempson; 3, Allsopp. HYBRID (5): 1, 2, 3, Hatton. BRIT. (9): 1, Hatton; 2, Clempson; 3, Hobster.—G. E. SPENCER, Hon. Sec.

## HOYLAND COMMON.

Show promoted by the Hoyland Common Working Men's Club was held on February 6th, and there was a good number of entries. Judge, Mr. Lindley, gave his awards as follows:—

YELL. YORK: 1, Taylor; 2, Hutson; 3, Oakley. BUFF: 1, Whittingham; 2, Oakley; 3, Thompson. YELL. HEN: 1, Taylor; 2, Oakley; 3, Thompson. BUFF: 1, Whittingham; 2, Oakley; 3, Taylor. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Robinson; 3, Crosswaite. BUFF: 1, 2, Robinson; 3, Thompson. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Robinson. BUFF: 1, Robinson; 2, Thompson. LINNET: 1, Robinson; 2, 3, Watkin. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, Crosswaite; 3, Mann.

## RAMSGATE F. AND F.C.

Second members' show took place at the Foresters' Hall on January 28th. The entry was excellent. Mr. H. E. Taylor (Canterbury) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS.: 1, 4, vhc, Allen, 1st nice bird, well up in colour; 2, Lewis and Co., smart bird. NOR.: 1, spl, G. Kew, fine exhibit, good head, feather like wax; 2, Miss Gwynn, grand bird; 4, Mr. Abbott; vhc, G. Kew; c, Howard. MULE: 1, Wood, Siskin Mule, smart bird, good colour; 2, hc, Thomas, 2nd dark Goldie Mule, very large bird, good body, nice blaze; 4, vhc, Lewis and Co., light Goldfinch Mule, smart bird, feather like silk, grand blaze. MATCHED PAIR FOR BREEDING: 1, 2, Kew, both well matched, very little to choose between them; 4, vhc, Howard. TEAM OF FOUR BIRDS: 1, Miss Gwynn, four Nor.; 2, vhc, Thomas, four Brit. and four Goldies. The special feature of this team was that the cock and hen bred two young cocks indoors in any ordinary breeding cage, bred by Miss Adams. BRIT.: 1, 3, Desormeaux, 1st very fine Linnet; 3rd nice Goldie; 2, 4, Fasham, fine Starling and Thrush; vbc, Mrs. Adams, Siskin; hc, W. E. Hunt, Bullie; c, Fasham.

## COVENTRY GODIVA C.B.S.

Table show held at headquarters, the Chequers Hotel, Little Park-st., on Feb. 8th. The exhibits were all of good quality and in the pink of condition. The entries totalled about 100 in all. The show was well patronised by local fanciers, and a grand evening was spent. Mr. J. Busby officiated as judge, and gave every satisfaction. There was also a judging competition, which proved of great interest to the members.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Bent; 2, Wright; 3, c, Symonds and Son; vhc, Blackshaw; hc, Symonds. BUFF: 1, Wright; 2, c, Bent; 3, Symonds and Son; vhc, Blackshaw; hc, Cooke. HEN: 1, Symonds and Son; 2, c, Symonds; 3, vhc, Bent; hc, Cooke. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, 3, Symonds and Son; vic, Wright; hc, Symonds. BRIT.: 1, Wright (Goldfinch); 2, Cooke (Bullfinch); 3, Bray (Chaffinch); vhc, Symond and Son (Goldfinch); hc, c, Blackshaw (both Goldfinches). CLASS 6: 1, Ward (Siskin); 2, Saunders (Yellow Bunting); 3, Cooke (Redpoll); hc, Bray (Redpoll). GREENFINCH: 1, Wright; 2, 3, Bray; vhc, Cooke; hc, Blackshaw; c, Saunders.—W. H. BRAY, Hon. Sec.

## CITY OF NORWICH C.B.S.

Annual show of stock birds was held at the Cricketer's Arms, Tram Centre, on Feb. 6 and 8. There were no less than 80 Canaries of different varieties which changed hands. Mr. Jacob Mackley acted as judge, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

YELL. CK. A.V. (19): 1, vhc, hc, Daynes, Jun.; 2, Swan; 3, Simmonds; 4, c, P. Hufton. BUFF (35): 1, Scott; 2, Harl; 3, hc, c, Daynes, Jun.; 4, Simmonds; vhc, Swan. YELL. HEN (22): 1, Scott; 2, Alden; 3, Gilbert; 4, Brundell; vhc, Daynes, Jun.; hc, Brundell; c, Hufton. BUFF (24): 1, Harl; 2, Bartram; 3, 4, vhc Daynes, Jun.; hc, Hufton; c, Scott. PAIR OF PLAINHEADS (21): 1, spl, for best Plainhead in show, Curl; 2, Simmonds; 3, c, Daynes, Jun.; 4, Scott; vhc, Harl; hc, Swan. CREST CK. (20): 1, spl, for best crest in show, 3, 4, Hewett; 2, hc, Curl; vhc, Dyke; c, Brundell. HEN (12): 1, 2, Hewett; 3, 4, hc, Carlton; vhc, c, Daynes, Jun. CREST B.C. (20): 1, Curl; 2, Hufton; 3, Swan; 4, Daynes; vhc, c, Brundell; hc, Carlton. CREST B.H. (11): 1, 3, Brundell; 2, Carlton; 4 Dyke; vhc, Daynes, Jun.; hc, Scott; c, Hewett. PAIRS OF CRESTS (10): 1, Curl; 2, vhc, Carlton; 3, Gilbert; 4, Dyke; hc, Hewett; c, Gay.

## DAWLEY (Salop).

First annual show of the newly-formed Dawley and Dis. C.B.S. took place in the club-room of the Lord Hill Hotel, on February 9th. The room is admirably suited for the purpose, and the birds were splendidly staged on quite up-to-date lines. The management took the necessary step of not giving too extensive a classification for their initial show; only five classes were provided, which brought together an entry of 78, an average of about 16 per class, which must have been very gratifying, and should stimulate them somewhat to extend the classification another year. The show was opened by Sir C. B. H. Soame, Bart. (who was himself an exhibitor). Taking the exhibits collectively, they were very good, but one or two classes stood clear away from the others for quality, namely, the Goldfinch or Bullfinch class, also the Mule or Hybrid. The winners, or indeed the first three birds in each of these classes, were very fine, the winning Mule of Mr. Callear's being a gem; it captured the special for best exhibit in show. The same exhibitor secured the special for most points. The secretarial duties rested upon the shoulders of Mr. H. Callear, and right well did he carry them out. Mr. A. C. Brotherhood placed the awards in a manner that left but little room for fault-finding.

NOR. (14): 1, spl, vhc, hc, Meshin, very nice clear buff, good shape, colour, and quality, fine substance and condition; 2, vhc, hc, Campbell, yell., good size and quality, nice head; 3, res., Callear, nice quality buff, in good condition; res, big yell.; vhc Edwards; c, Lane. YORKS. (21): 1, spl, hc, Johnson, yell., rare length, good quality, nice position, well-folded wings and tails; 2, 3, Machin, very fine quality buff, well drawn, good carriage; 3rd ticked yell., nice length and stand, neat tail; 4, vhc (2), c, Campbell, lovely quality buff, capital length and shape; vhc, W. Johnson; hc. (2), Clayton. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (21): 1, spl, 2, 3, Potter, leader rattling good Goldie, rare size and shape, very expansive deep blaze, best of wing bars, rich tauning in nice bloom; 2nd Goldie, another good one very close up; 3rd very fine Bullie, grand size and shape, dense well-cut cap, well-defined bars, in nice condition; 4, Machin, Bullie; vhc. (2), Butler, Winser; hc, Pugh (2), Westbrook; c, Poole. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, and spl for best bird in show, vhc, Callear, leader very fine, lightly marked (nearly cl.) buff Gold-Can., good size, shape, and quality, in grand condition; 2nd another good buff Goldie Can., little to choose between this and leader; 3rd nice-sized Goldie-Bullie, rare face, shows parentage well; res., Jones, very decent Goldie-Greenie; vhc, Potter; hc, Edwards. A.O.V. BRIT. SMALL (15): 1, spl, Lane, good Lark, grand size and markings, very steady; 2, Winser, very fine Linnet, excellent shape, colour, and pencilling, in nice order; 3, Machin, Bramble, nice size and colour, well broken; res., Preece, charming Lesser Redpoll, in nice condition; vhc, Clarke and Shilton, Potter, Callear, Jones; hc, Campbell (2), Johnson; c, Sir C. B. H. Soame, Bart.

## GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Meeting at headquarters on February 1st, Mr. W. H. Moore presiding. Messrs. J. H. Roo and Fred Medley were again elected to judge at our open show in October next, which will this year be held at the Foresters' Hall. Messrs. Harland, Pepper, and Calam, of Hull, were elected to judge at our nest feather shows in May, June, and July next. Two new members were elected. At our next meeting on 1st March we are having a bird-washing competition, for which four special prizes are offered.

Table show, 30 grand pairs were staged. Mr. A. Townsend judged, and gave the utmost satisfaction. NOR. Y. C. AND B. H.: 1, 3, Moore; 2, Moore, junr.; 4, Robinson; vhc, hc, c, Stubbs. B. C. AND Y. H.: 1, Moore; 2, 4, Moore, juur.; 3, Stubbs. Y. C. AND B. H. (NOVICE): 1, spl, 3, Cartwright; 2, c, Harding; 4, Metcalf; vhc, Robinson; hc, Oliver. B. C. and Y. H.: 1, vhc, Cotterill; 2, 3, Cartwright; 4, Metcalf; hc, Harding; c, Good. LINNET: 1, Bowden.—H. HARDING, treasurer.

## SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

Fifth members' show, held at the Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton, on Feb. 6th, when 86 birds were staged. Mr. J. Wilman (Baildon), judged, and gave every satisfaction.

GL.YELL.YORKS. CK. (8): 1, Liley and Rothery; 2, Grayshon; 3, Jessop; 4, c, Greig and Pearson; vhc, hc, Wood. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Fielding; 2, Jessop; 4, Hadwin; vhc, Hadwin; hc, Wharton; c, Whitworth. TKD. ETC. YELL. CK. (12): 1, Liley and Rothery; 2, Hadwin; 3, Wharton; 4, hc, Grayshon; vhc, Wright and Son; c, Wood. BUFF (6): 1, Wood; 2, Jessop; 3, Liley and Rothery; 4, Whitworth; vhc, Brooke; hc, Grayshon. CINN. MKD. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Wharton; 2, Grayshon; 3, vhc, Greig and Pearson; 4, Whitworth; hc, Charlsworth. BUFF (3). 1, Wood; 2, Liley and Rothery; 3, Fielding. YELL. YORKS. HEN (10): 1, 4, Grayshon; 2, Liley and Rothery; 3, Fielding; vhc, Jessop; hc, Greig and Pearson; c, Brooke. BUFF (13): 1, Wright and Son; 2, Grayshon; 3, vhc, Wood; 4, Wharton; hc, c, Jessop. CINN. MKD. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Jessop; 2, Brooke. BUFF (6): 1, Wright and Son; 2, vhc, Grayshon; 3, Liley and Rothery; 4, Wharton; hc, Charlsworth. CAN. OR MULE (1): 1, Wood. BRIT. HARDBILL (1): 1, Grayshon. SELL. (9): 1, Jessop; 2, Grayshon; 3, 4, hc, Fielding; vhc, Liley and Rothery; c, Wharton.—R. BENNETT, Hon. Sec.

## WEST BROMWICH & DIS. C.B.S.

Pair show of Norwich, and judging competition at headquarters, on Feb. 2. Mr. Jones, of Bearwood, judged. We decided to give a silver medal for the judging competition for the nearest competitor who placed the birds to what the judge placed them, and there was also a special of 2/6 for the best pair of birds staged. The medal was given by the society and the other special by Mr. Carter. The competition was very keen, and the judge remarked that some very good birds were staged. Annual meeting postponed until March 2nd, on account of members not coming forward with their subscriptions, and ticket money for last show.

Pairs Show Result: YELL. C.B.H. (8): 1, Beck; 2, Capewell; 3, Viles; vhc, Carter; hc, Beck; c, Viles. BUFF C.Y.H. (8): 1, spl, Carter; 2, Viles; 3, hc, Cooper; vhc, Capewell; c, Viles. The entrants in competition went in by twos, Mr. G. De Maillet and Mr. Cooper, Mr. Collier and Mr. Joyner next, and Mr. Capewell and Mr. Jennings last. The result was:—1, spl, 6 pts, Mr. J. H. Jennings; 2, 3, jointly, 2 pts, Mr. Cooper and Mr. Capewell; 4, 5, jointly, 1 pt., Mr. Collier and Mr. Joyner; 6, Mr. De Maillet. It was proposed that Mr. Burke, of Small Heath, judge our table show of Yorkshires. At the conclusion of the competition the winner was declared and a very hearty vote of thanks passed to Mr. Jones, who ably responded, and said any time that we wanted him again he would be pleased to help us. Mr. Jones was very busy showing some of the members how the birds should be paired together. The members present said it was a most enjoyable evening and hoped they could always be drawn together in this or like manner, as it was good for both society and members.—DUFFIELD and JENNINGS, Hon. Secs.

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## SEVEN SISTERS B.B.A.

First table show, held on Feb. 1, for matched pairs of Plainheads. The entries were good, considering the club is only a year old. The birds were a grand lot, and should breed some good youngsters. Several of the exhibits changed hands and good prices were offered for pairs, but the owners would not sell. Mr. Terry judged, and gave every satisfaction. He congratulated the members upon starting a Norwich Plainhead Club in the town. 1, R. Edmunds; 2, R. Hately; 3, T. Simpson; vhc, G. Bennett; hc, C. Grenfield.—R. EDMUNDS, Hon. Sec.

## BURY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Inter-club show, Bury v. Heywood, was held at the Textile Hall, Bury, on February 13th. Mr. R. Barrass (Rochdale) placed the cards, and gave great satisfaction. The show was very successful, Heywood scoring 100 points, Bury 68. Return show February 20th, at Heywood.

YORKS., YELL: 1, Fortnam; 2, Meadowcroft; hc, Bramley; c, Brennand. BUFF: 1, Howarth; 2, Marsden; 3, Meadowcroft; 4, Garnett; vhc, Fortnam; hc, Fraser; c, Blomley. NOR., YELL.: 1, Lees; 2, Howarth; 3, vhc, Armistead; 4, Fletcher; hc, Schofield; c, Lees. BUFF: 1, hc, Lees; 2, 3, Schofield; 4, Fletcher; vhc, Armistead; c, Fortnam. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Jameson; 2, 4, Lees; 3, Gorton; vhc, W. and J. Ridings; hc, Garnett; c, Mooney. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Perry; 2, Fraser; 3, 4, R. D. McMurdo; vhc, Brough; hc, Meadowcroft; c, Gorton.—H. JAMESON, secretary.

## CROOK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' table show, held Feb. 13, at Bridge Hotel, Newton Cap Bank, Bishop Auckland. Mr. A. Brown, Gateshead, judged. There was a nice company of visitors, and all went off satisfactorily. The results were as follows:—NOR.: 1, Rutherford and Bright; 2, Todd; 3, Sweeten. YORKS.: 1, Rowlands; 2, 4, Atess; 3, Robson. CREST OR C.B.: 1, spl for best in show; hc, Atess; 2, vhc, Todd; 3, 4, Sweeten. LINNET: 1, Rowlands; 2, Rutherford and Bright; 3, Hutchinson. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, 3, Rutherford and Bright; 4, Rowlands. GOLDFINCH ETC.: 1, 3, hc, Robson; 2, Atess; 4, Hutchinson; vhc, Rutherford and Bright. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Rutherford and Bright; 2, Hutchinson. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 3, Rutherford and Bright; 2, vhc, Robson; 4, Atess. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Rutherford and Bright; 2, Hutchinson; 3, 4, Atess. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Atess; 2, Sweeten. CAN. NOVICE: 1, 2, Sweeten; 3, Rowlands; 4, Crowther; vhc, Robson.—WM. RUTHERFORD, Sec.

## DERBY C.B.S.

Members' Show, held on Feb. 13. There were almost 100 birds in the various classes. Mr. J. H. Roe judged. Mr. W. Stevens had the arrangements well in hand and conducted his secretarial duties well.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Watts; 2, Johnson; 3, Hodgkinson. BUFF: 1, Pegg; 2, Johnson; 3, Watts. TKD. ETC. YELL.: 1, Hodgkinson; 2, 3, Johnson. BUFF: 1, Hodgkinson; 2, Drakeley; 3, Watts; 4, Johnson. YELL. HEN: 1, Sharman; 2, Pegg; 3, Bexson. BUFF: 1, Johnson; 2, Pegg; 3, vhc, Sharman; 4, Bexson; hc, c, Watts. UNFLI.: 1, Hodgkinson; 2, Johnson; 3, Pegg; 4, hc, c, Watts; vhc, Drakeley. STOCK PAIRS: 1, 2, Pegg; 3, Johnson; 4, vhc, Sharman; hc, Watts. CREST YELL.: 1, Barber; 2, Colledge; 3, Stevens; 4, Wharam. DARK BUFF: 1, Colledge; 2, Stevens; 3, Wharam. A.O.V.: CREST: 1, Colledge. YELL. C.B.: 1, Colledge. BUFF: 1, Colledge; 2, 4, Wharam; 3, vhc, Eley; hc, Stevens; c, Barber. STOCK PAIRS: 1, 2, 3, Colledge; 4, Barber; vhc, Stevens; hc, c, Eley. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Bexson. BRIT.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, c, Harrison; 3, Sharman; 4, Bexson. MULE: 1, 3, Bamsey; 3, Watts.

## YORK C.B.S.

Very successful show, held at headquarters, All Saints' Schoolroom, North Street, on February 8th. The show was for matched pairs most likely to breed winners, of each variety, and competition was very keen all through. There were three classes provided. The Norwich class numbered 23 pairs, and amongst them were some noted winners, and the judges had great difficulty in separating them, as most of them were of very high merit. The Yorkshires numbered eight pairs, and there were a few pairs of the real type. The A.O.V. numbered nine pairs, and amongst them were a few noted winners. Messrs. T. Boylo and S. Campling judged Norwich, Mr. J. Davison the Yorkshire, and Mr. H. Shorney the A.O.V. Canary. Their awards seemed to give every satisfaction. The secretary, Mr. A. Waud, had all the arrangements well in hand. During the evening seven new members were elected, and this was one of the best meetings held by our society. A large number of members and friends enjoyed a very pleasant evening in discussing the various pairs on exhibition. The usual vote of thanks was given to the judges for their services.

NOR. (23): 1, Humphries; 2, Wright; 3, hc, Pickering; vhc, Humphries; c, Shorney. YORKS. (8): 1, 2, 3, hc, Campling; vhc, c, Chittinden. A.O.V. CAN. (9): 1, 3, Richardson, Cinn.; 2, Wright, Cinn.; vhc, c, Boyle, Borders; hc, Sissons.—A. RICHARDSON, chairman.

## WALLASEY.

Annual night show for pairs and British birds was held on February 11th, in the St. Mary's Schools, Liscard. There was not quite so good a turn up as at last year's, the Britishers not turning up from Messrs. Hurst, Coffey, etc., owing, no doubt, to these teams being up at the Palace Show. Mr. T. G. Goodman, however, filled the Greenfinch class with six very level birds, all good and little between them, albeit the first had rather more substance, and promises to moult out a fine show bird. There were 36 pairs of Yorkshires, Greens, and Borders, and some really well matched birds were shown by Messrs. Hadwin, Benson, Woodman, Edwards, Dodd, Holford, and Hodgkins. There were three specials of £1 1s., 16s. 6d., and 12s. 6d., for most points gained at the Nest Feather, Old Show, and Pair and British Shows. These were won by Messrs. Hadwin 1, Woodman 2, Benson 3. Mr. Mallinson still holds the reins as hon. secretary, and takes the deepest interest in the progress and welfare of cage birds in the district. He manages to keep a cash balance in hand each year, and this shows shrewd management. Mr. Charles Houlton judged, giving every satisfaction.

YORKS., CL., ETC., PAIRS: 1, Dodd, fine upstanding Cinn. mkd. Buff cock, and a short, cl., slim fine feather yell. hen, well balanced, take one with the other; 2, 3, Edwards, large pairs, nice quality and condition. YORKS., GREEN YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (7): Good level lot, 1, Hodgkins, showing colour, type, and other standard properties, well balanced pair; 2, Dodd, almost equal, and might breed equally good young; 3, c, Holford, nice colour, fine type and quality; vhc, hc, Benson, useful pairs of good colour and type. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN (8): 1, 3, hc, Benson, first pair very smart indeed, both full of colour and type, in fine condition; 3rd foul tail bird and a self, also fine pair; 2, Holford, very even colour, grand feather and conditiou, all there; vhc, Hodgkins; c, Dodd. BORD. (6): 1, vhc, 2, Woodman, grand type and quality pair leading, A1 wings and tail all-round carriage; 2, 3, hc, Hadwin, three good pairs, former best matched, in fine condition. GREEN OR CINN. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (6): 1, 2, vhc, Hadwin, very strong pairs, full of the correct Border properties (Greens); 3, hc, c, Woodman, 3rd Cinn. pair, not quite up to standard of the leading Greens, still good Cinn. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (6): 1, 2, 3, Hadwin, Green, Cinn., and Green pairs respectively, fine lot to breed future show birds from; vhc, hc, c, Woodman, also very useful set of pairs, should give others a chase with their offspring with luck. GREENFINCH (6): All the lot shown by Mr. Woodman, level lot; with a good moult, one or two should become show birds.

## ATTERCLIFFE AND DIST. C.B.S.

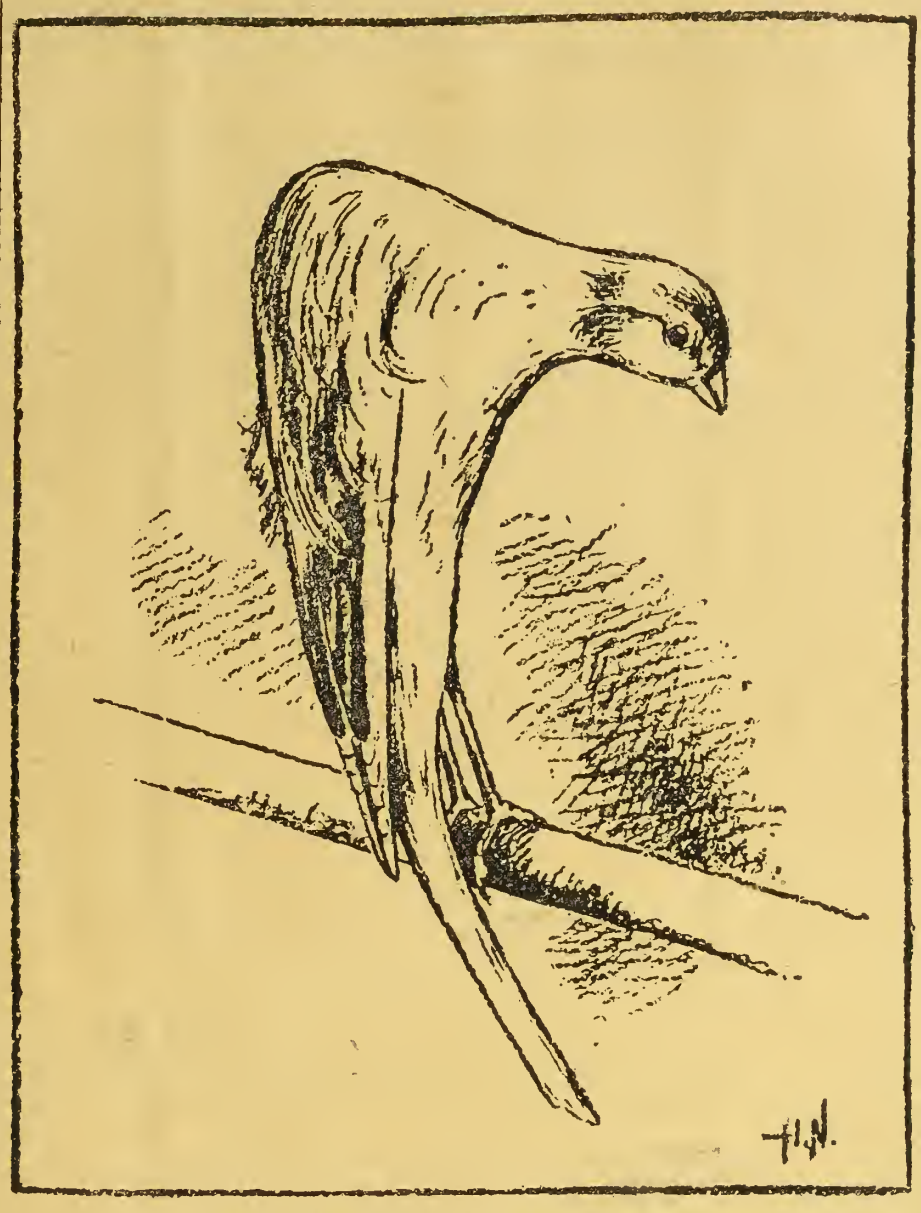
Table show of stock pairs for breeding was held in connection with the usual monthly meeting. There were four classes, two for members and two for novices. Mr. Richardson judged the Yorkshires. Mr. H. Taylor the Norwich. Mr. Richardson did his part very well indeed, and the members present were well satisfied with the judging, and also the able way in which he dealt with questions asked him. Mr. H. Taylor, with the Norwich, could have done with the night to himself. He gave the novices some very good advice, and every question he answered was a lecture in itself, and we got some really good information indeed. A vote of thanks was given to both gentlemen for their services.

MEMBERS' SECTION:—NOR.: 1, 3, Havenhand; 2, Richinson; Class 2: 1, 2, Havenhand; 3, Richards. NOVICE SECTION:—YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Walker. NOR. 1, Welbon; 2, Wadsworth; 3, Fisher.—W. RICHINSON, secretary.

## WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second Members' Show was held February 13th, at headquarters, "The Horse and Groom Inn." Mr. J. Haigh, of Buttershaw officiated as judge, and his awards gave every satisfaction; 65 birds were staged in 13 classes. The principal point winners were Messrs. G. Hudson, D. Sutcliffe, and W. Jowett.

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Swailes; 2, Hudson; 3, Jowett; 4, Bairstow and Chapman. BUFF: 1, Mann; 2, Swailes; 3, Sutcliffe; 4, Jowett; vhc, Hardaker; hc, Hylton; c, Bairstow and Chapman. TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Jowett; 2, Hardaker; 3, Hylton; 4, Mann. CK.: 1, Hudson; 2, Hylton; 3, Mann; 4, Swailes. BUFF CK.: 1, Jowett; 2, Hardaker; 3, Hylton; 4, Mann. UNEVEN CK.: 1, Thornton; 2, 3, Sutcliffe; 4, Bywater and Waddington; vhc, Swailes; hc, Ormondroyd; c, Wilman and Beaumont. FOUL MKD. CK.: 1, Bywater and Waddington; 2, Swailes; 3, Wilman and Beaumont. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN; 1, 2, Hardaker; 3, Lawson; 4, Mann; vhc, Ormondroyd. BUFF: 1, vhc, Jowett; 2, Lawson; 3, Hudson; 4, Hardaker; hc, Wilman and Beaumont; c, Swailes. UNEVEN, ETC., HEN: 1, 2, Hudson; 3, Thornton; 4, Sutcliffe; vhc, Musson; hc, Ormondroyd; c, Wilman and Beaumont. YORKS. STOCK: 1, Hardaker; 2, Ormondroyd. SELL. HENS: 1, 2, 3, 4, Thornton; vhc, Musson. A.V. C.B.: 1, 2, Bywater and Waddington.—E. W. JOHNSON, Secretary.



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## LUTON C.B.S.

A very successful table show of Mules, Hybrids, pairs, and British and Foreign birds, was held at headquarters, 4, Peel-street, on February 15th. Messrs. G. Bennett and E. Bloomfield gave every satisfaction as judges.

MULES (all Can. crosses) (11): 1, 4, vhc, Smith and Son, Twite-Can., Can.- and Bullfinch, and Cinn. Greenfinch and Can.; 2, F. J. Webb, Linnet and Can.; 3, bc, Thring, Twite and Can., and Redpoll and Can.; c, Lewis, Greenfinch and Can. HYB. (British Bird crosses) (8): 1, Thring, Goldie and Greenfinch; 2, vhc, bc, Smith and Son, Goldie and Bullfinch, Greenie and Bullfinch, Redpoll and Goldfinch; 3, Ball, Goldie and Greenfinch; 4, F. J. Webb, Greenie and Bullfinch; c, Brewer, Greenie and Bullfinch. BRIT. (9): 1, 4, Smith and Son, Wagtail and Thrush; 2, 3, vhc, Morris, Bullfinch and Goldfinch; hc, Utmus, Greenfinch; c, Eling, Goldfinch. FOR. (4): 1, 4, Smith and Son, Parrot and Toucan; 2 and 3, Meadows, Cordon Bleus and Long-tailed Grassfinches.—E. CHERRY, Sec.

## STOCKPORT B.F.A.

Usual meeting, held at headquarters, "Boar's Head Hotel." In connection with this there was a table show of pairs of Norwich, Lancashires and Crests, matched for breeding, also a 10/6 selling class. Over 30 birds were staged, and the pairs put down showed that the members knew what they were about. In the selling class there were some rare bargains. The President, Mr. J. E. Davies, judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

LANCS.: 1, 2, Garner. CRESTS: Garner. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Massey; 4, Garner; vhc, c, Nelson; hc, Stafford. SELL. (10/6): 1, 3, hc, Massey; 2, Potts; 4, hc, Highan; c, Stafford. The President and Messrs. Nelson and Hill offer a special prize, each to be competed for at the pair show, and it is the wish of the officials that members will take part in these table shows. So bring birds to next meeting, Feb. 16th, when the secretary will place the cards. All fanciers invited.—W. STAFFORD.

## ROCHDALE O.C.

The 27th annual members' show of British and foreign birds was held in their spacious club, on February 13th, when there were on view some of the best of birds. It was one of the largest shows we have had in Rochdale for a number of years. The show was well patronised by the public during the afternoon and evening. Mr. L. Butterworth (Rochdale) placed the cards, and he gave general satisfaction.

BULLFINCH (9): 1, 4, vhc, spl., Blincoe; 2, Walton; 3, vhc, Martin; c, Entwistle. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, spl, Pratt; vhc, Walton; hc, Faulkner; c, Lord. BROWN LINNET (7): 1, Faulkner; 2, 3, spl., Wild; 4, Hordern; vhc, Lord; hc, c, Walton. GREENFINCH (5): 1, 3, spl., Entwistle; 2, Wood; 4, Parker; vhc, J. Wild. LARKS, cancelled. A.O.S. (7): 1, 2, 3, spl., Blincoe; 4, c, Entwistle; vhc, Pratt; hc, J. Wild. MULE (7) 1, vhc, spl., Entwistle; 2, Naden; 3, c, Pratt; 4, Wild; hc, Whitworth. FOR. (5): 1, Blincoe; 2, 3, Pratt; 4, Walton.—J. BUTTERWORTH, secretary.

## QUEEN'S PARK & DIST. C.B.A.

Matched Pairs Show was held at headquarters, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow-road, W., on February 13th. 110 Cages were staged out of 113 entries; this being the second largest Matched Pairs Show in London this year. The chief feature of the show was the Yorkshire Novice Section, there being 30 entries in that class, the Norwich Plainhead champions being next with 17, champion Yorkshire 10, amateur 9, novice Norwich Plainhead 8, and a fair muster of Muling and Hybrid pairs. The show will be a success financially, as there was a good attendance during the evening, among the visitors being a number of well-known London fanciers.

NOR. PH. CHAMPION (17): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Eaton; 2, vhc, c, Buckman; hc, Battison. NOVICE (7): 1, spl, 2, hc, Baker; 3, c, McMillan; vhc, Woodford. 1st YEAR NOVICE (1): 1, Clark. YORKS. CHAMP. (10): Messrs. Hawes Bros., all cards and spl. AMAT. (7): 1, 2, 3, Ayres; vhc, hc, c, Menbenett. NOVICE (30): 1, spl, extra vhc, Lawrence; 2, Thornton; 3, extra hc, c, Monger; vhc, spl, Creamer; hc, Birch; extra c, Holmes. 1st YEAR NOVICE (5): 1, 2, 3, Coleman; vhc, Carter; hc, Piper. CINN. (4): Bassett and Son, all cards. CAN. AND GOLDFINCH (6): 1, spl, vhc, hc, Easterling; 2, Woodford; 3, Lawrence; c, Birch. GREENFINCH AND CAN. (1): 1, Harris. LINNET AND CAN. (7): 1, Harris, 2, hc, Easterling; 3, Battison; vhc, Bassett; c, Lawrence. A.O.V. (9): 1, hc, Thorpe; 2, 3, vhc, c, Easterling. SELL. (30/- Limit) (7): 1, Birch; 2, hc, Roberts; 3, vhc, Rogers; c, Lowe.—J. C. BIRCH, Hon. Secretary.

## CREWE.

This show was confined to members, and was held in the Co-operative Hall on February 13th. The quality of the exhibits was exceptionally fine, being quite equal to that of many open shows. Norwich and Borders were grand, several birds in each of these sections having been well to the front at the recent Crystal Palace Show. The special for most points was secured by Mr. Hancocks, and the novice points special by Mr. Latham. Mr. A. C. Brotherhood judged.

NOR., CL.: 1, Cooper, shapely, compact buff; 2, Latham, nice quality yell.; 3, hc, Heaton, typical buff; vhc, Crimes. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Crimes, two grand birds, leader magnificent tkd. buff, rattling type, and a lovely tkd. yell.; 3, Heaton, typical buff; vhc, Cooper; hc, Latham. HEN: 1, Crimes, fine quality buff, good head; 2, Heaton, tkd. buff, typical; 3, Cooper, uneven yell., rare stamp. UNFLI.: 1, hc, Heaton, fine quality yell., nice type; 2, 3, Cooper, leader good, thick-set buff; 3rd typical; vhc, Latham. YORKS., YELL.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, c, Potts, leader fine quality cl., nice type; 3rd lengthy; 2, Lawton, good varieg, well drawn. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Potts, three fine birds, leader best quality; 2nd nice length, has a twisted claw; vhc, Moulton. HEN: 1, 3, Lawton, leader nice sl. buff, good tail; 3rd, shapely, well drawn, feathers twisted at neck; 2, Moulton, Cinn. mkd. buff, nice type and feather; vhc, Elks. BORD., CL.: 1, 2, Lawton, leader, shapely, good quality buff; 2nd yell.; 3, Hancocks, yell., nicely moulded. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Lawton, nice quality and condition, good action; 2, vhc, Kirk, 2nd another fine bird; 3, Gee, close up. BUFF: 1, 2, Hancocks, two fine birds, leader four-pointed, sweet shape, closely pressed by lovely tkd., grand carriage; 3, Gee, nicely moulded, two-pointed; vhc, Kirk. HEN: 1, 2, Hancocks, leader buff, rare type, quality, and carriage; 2nd nice yell; 3, Lawton, good buff, twist at neck; vhc, Kirk. BORD., CINN., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Hancocks, three gems, leader exquisitely shaped Green, grand colour and ticking, splendid carriage and condition, Palace 2nd, closely pressed by a very sweet Cinn., real good one, 2nd at Palace; 3rd buff Green, another fine bird. GOLDFINCH: 1, Latham, nice size, good face, whites and body colour; 2, Minshull, good blaze; 3, Lawton, good face, in field plumage; vhc, hc, Bowker; c, Moulton. LINNET: 1, Potts, good shape, nice colour and pencilling; 2, Kirk, good size; 3, Bowker, nice colour. BULLFINCH: 1, Cooper, grand shape, fine breast and back colour, rare size and condition, good one; 2, Lawton, another very fine bird in lovely order; 3, Minshull. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Kirk; 2, Latham; 3, vhc, Bowker, winners all Redpolls, not much to choose between them. A.O.S., SMALL: 1, Lawton, fine Greenfinch, grand size and shape, in good trim; 2, Potts, real good Bramble, bit wet about tail; 3, hc, Kirk, very nice Chaffinch; vhc, Lawton. LARGE: 1, 3, Potts, Song Thrush, grand size and shape, well marked, steady; 3rd nice young Blackbird; 2, Taylor, Magpie, well cnt. FOR.: 1, 3, Hancocks, leader fine Parrot, very fluent; 2, hc, c, Elks, grand pair of Budgerigars; vhc, Bowker.

## THIRSK F.S.

The 17th annual show of the Thirsk F.S. was held Feb. 19th, in the Public Rooms, a most suitable place, being well lighted and free from draughts. Mr. Bell makes an ideal secretary and was assisted by some hard-working fanciers. Entries did not come quite up to expectations, but type and quality were all that could be desired. Mr. Merrin's clear yellow Yorkshire was a real eye opener, today's win making its 20th. The Goldfinch exhibited by Mr. Axe took spl. for best bird in show, and was a beauty. Mr. Ambrose judged and his awards gave general satisfaction.

YORKS CL. YELL. (4): 1, Merrin, good exhibit, real Yorks, slim, grand type, very clean cut, well up in position, lovely quality; 2, Meaburn, big straight bird; 3, 4, Rutherford and Bright. 3rd smaller than leaders, but nice style and position, well staged. BUFF (7): 1, Barrett, nice typical Yorks, a clean win, type and quality all that could be desired; 2, Meaburn, nice bird; 3, Merrin, good exhibit, stands well, very steady; vhc and c, Rutherford and Bright; hc, Merrin. TKD., ETC. (4): 1, Barrett, grand shape and position, rich quality, splendid colour, staged to perfection; 2, Rutherford and Bright, another nice exhibit, lovely quality and position, worth its place; 3, vhc, Merrin, two very nice birds. NOVICE, CL., ETC. (10): 1, Brown, fine bird, lovely quality and position, crosses its wings at times; 2, 3, Richmond, leader red hot in colour, but wild, which possibly kept it from taking leading honour, 3rd splendid quality, stands well; vhc, Binks, hc, c, Merrin. NOR. (7): 1, 3, Axe, leader var., good size and feather, neat head and wing carriage; 2, Rutherford and Bright, good size and quality, 3rd, grizzled cap, nice chubby bird, fine substance; vhc, hc, Owen; c, Mason. BRIT. (13): 1, 2, Axe, leader Goldfinch, good size blaze and buttons, splendid bloom, takes spl. for best bird in show, 2nd Yellowhammer, in splendid form, looks well; 3rd, Wilkinson and Danby, Redstart, in splendid condition, a beauty; vhc, hc, McVay; c, Wilcock.

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# CLUB REPORTS.

## OPEN NORWICH P.C.

The following are the results of the competitions of the club for the season 1908-9: Champion section: 1st prize (marble clock and bronzes), J. Haigh and Son, 136 points; 2nd (electro-plated tea urn), A. H. Waters 114; 3rd (pair of oil paintings), A. Hirst 106; 4th (dress piece), J. Wilcock 104; 5th (special), Pickering and Wright 49. Novice section: 1st prize (electro-plated tea urn), J. Mottram, 80 points; 2nd (dress piece), Greenwood and Pickles 76; 3rd (copper kettle), O. Mitchell 63; 4th (electro-plated cruet), Nailor Bros. 15; 5th (silver-mounted pipe), J. W. Holmes 5; CAGE BIRDS amateur section: 1st prize (value £1 5s.), J. Mottram, 80 points; 2nd (value £1), Greenwood and Pickles 76; 3rd (value 15s.), O. Mitchell 63.—O. MITCHELL, Hon. Secretary.

## CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

The following are the points scored for the Roberts Cup by the respective exhibitors and the number of shows. After the first two there is an exceedingly close finish for 3rd and 4th places. I now make Mr. T. Taylor first with 244 points scored at 9 shows; Mr. T. J. King second with 223 points scored at 11 shows; Messrs. Evins Bros., third, with 141 points scored at 10 shows; and Mr. G. C. Ley fourth with 115 points scored at six shows. Next comes Mr. W. M. Gaze with 114 points scored at six shows, followed closely by Mr. E. G. Piper with 110 points scored at 9 shows; Mr. Geo. Colledge, with 94 scored at five shows. If the points at the late Palace Show had been included it would not have altered the position, except that it might have placed Mr. T. Taylor a few more ahead of Mr. King.—JOHN TYSON, late Hon. Sec.

## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held on February 4th, Mr. Currah presiding. Although the weather was rather bad, there was a good attendance. Letters were read from the following gentlemen, who consented to judge at our annual show, fixed for the 22nd and 23rd October: Messrs. J. Robson, Wm. Vardy, Mundell, and W. C. Duncan. We were instructed to get terms of a well-known gentleman to judge the Crest section. Fanciers will therefore see that we are aspiring after another good show. A letter was read from Mr. Macpartling, who, for certain reasons, wished to resign the office of vice-chairman. His resignation, after a little discussion, was accepted, and Mr. Jos. Mackenzie was unanimously elected to fill his place. The considering of the rules was left over till the next meeting. The following gentlemen were made members: Messrs. Parker (Newcastle), and J. Gordon (Gateshead). Fanciers will be pleased to hear that Mr. W. J. Taylor, who has been seriously ill this last few weeks, is about again. We feel sure our members will all join us in wishing him a speedy recovery.—CURRY AND HUTCHINSON, Secretaries.

## SOUTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Meeting held at headquarters on January 25th, when a lecture was given by Mr. Norris on the breeding of the Yorkshire Canary. He explained in a very able manner the different points to look to in pairing, to obtain the best results. At the close of the lecture several questions were put to Mr. Norris, and were answered in a very straightforward manner. Mr. Fairhurst, our most prominent British bird fancier, was unanimously elected assistant secretary, and in him the society has obtained a very hard and willing worker, and one who will be a tower of strength to the already over-worked secretary. A vote of thanks to Mr. Norris brought an enjoyable meeting to a close. All members wishing to obtain a copy of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1909 can obtain the same through the secretary, price 6d. each.—J. S. SPILSBURY, secretary.

## WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual general meeting was held on February 13th, Mr. J. Crowther (the President) in the chair, and a large number of members being present. The election of officers was as follows:—President, Mr. J. Crowther; vice-presidents, Messrs. C. Bastow and D. Thornton; treasurer, Mr. G. Ormondroyd; secretary, Mr. E. W. Johnson, 12, Holroyd Hill; assistant secretary, Mr. G. Musson; show steward, Mr. S. Hindle; auditors, Messrs. W. Ormondroyd and W. Jowett; committee, Messrs. D. Sutcliffe, J. Hinchliffe, W. Beaumont, L. Briggs, and H. Bairstow. The delegates of the Yorkshire Union were re-elected, viz., Messrs. J. Crowther, S. Shaw, and E. W. Johnson. It was decided not to hold an open show, as it was felt that the society was not strong enough financially at present to stand the possibility of a loss. It was also decided to hold the annual tea and presentation of medals on March 6th, at the Horse and Groom Inn, tea to be on the tables at 5.30 prompt, and tickets 1/- each, to be had of any of the members. It was further decided to hold the meetings the first Saturday in each month, at 4 o'clock, on show days, and 7 o'clock on other Saturdays. A syllabus of shows, etc., will be issued in the course of a week or so, and all members will receive a supply as soon as possible.—E. W. JOHNSON, Hon. Secretary.

## LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

The second annual meeting was held on February 13th. Mr. F. Williamson occupied the chair. The Secretary, in presenting his report on the year's work, congratulated the members on the progress made, the membership showing a substantial increase. There was also a financial improvement, and they were in a much better position than last year. The year's working showed a deficit of 1s. 7½d., with assets of £10 16s., and liabilities of £4 10s. As regards assets, which included staging, cups, etc., they would be pleased to see the association had adopted the businesslike principle of writing off 10 per cent. for depreciation. The balance-sheet was duly adopted. The officers for the coming year were elected as follows.—Mr. F. Williamson, chairman; Mr. C. Carr, vice-chairman; Mr. Ovenden, treasurer; Mr. B. F. Forse, secretary; and Mr. Burbidge, assistant secretary, all re-elected. The committee consists of Messrs. Bartlett, Billingsley, Cooper, Forse, Handscombe, Marshall, Roberts and Shankley. Messrs. G. B. Leclair and S. Griffin were elected auditors. A motion by Mr. F. Williamson to raise the subscription from 2/6 to 3/-, on being put to the meeting was lost, as was also a motion by Mr. B. F. Forse, to throw the membership open to the United Kingdom. The Chairman announced that he had a very pleasant duty to perform on behalf of members and friends, who had subscribed for and purchased a "Smoker's Companion," to show their appreciation of the services of the secretary (Mr. B. F. Forse), which he asked Mr. Forse to accept. Mr. Forse suitably replied, and assured all that they could rely upon him for doing his best for the Association in the future, as he had tried to do in the past. A vote of thanks to the chairman, and to all the officers of the past year, brought the meeting to a close.—J. A. BARTLETT.

## EBBW VALE C. & F.F.S.

Annual meeting held at the Gwalia Hotel, on January 27th, Mr. T. Smith in the chair. The secretary, Mr. Anthony, presented the balance-sheet, which showed a deficit caused by losses on certain shows. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. R. Dayson; chairman, Mr. R. L. Masters; vice-chairman, Mr. G. Hunt; treasurer, Sergt. Rees; secretary, F. H. Cook, Tredegar Road, Ebbw Vale; assistant secretary, Mr. T. Filby, Mount Pleasant Road. The secretary was instructed to apply for all moneys due to the society from members for tickets, etc., so that the accounts may be cleared up. The usual vote of thanks to the retiring officers, brought the meeting to a close.—F. H. COOK, hon. secretary.

## EDINBURGH N.C. & M.B.S.

Meeting held at 142, High Street. There was a large attendance. It was agreed that the judge's decision be upheld re the disqualification of Mr. Foster's Hybrid, and that Mr. Foster be refused membership for this year. It was decided to hold a Young Bird Show on the 10th July. The entry for the same was fixed at 3d. The classes are: Nor. Cl. or ticked Yellow; ditto. Buff; variegated, any colour; Crest, A.V., Crest Bred, A.V. Border Fancies, Cl. or Ticked, Yell., ditto Buff, A.O.V., Cinnamon, Yell. or Buff, A.O.V., Hybrid or Light Mule; Dark Mule, A.V. It was proposed to have a lecture, a ramble, and a concert this year, the dates to be fixed later. This being all the business, the meeting adjourned.—W. HOLTON, Secretary.

## STOCKTON-ON-TEES & DIS. C.B.S.

Annual meeting held at Leeds Hotel on Feb. 4th, Mr. Burton presiding. Eight new members were elected. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. A. Burton; vice-chairman, Mr. E. Freeman; secretary and treasurer, J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning-st., Stockton-on-Tees. The auditors, Messrs. Burton and Ingram, gave their report and balance-sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £11 5s., which is very satisfactory. The members will hold a pair show on March 4th at club house, Leeds Hotel. Judges, Mr. Bean (Canary pairs), Mr. Marwood (Mules and Hybrids pairs).—J. W. LOWES, Sec. and Treas.

## MIDDLESBROUGH AND TEES-SIDE C.B.S.

Annual meeting held at the headquarters, Crown Hotel, on January 23rd, when a large number of members turned up. Mr. J. Carr took the chair. The secretary presented the annual accounts, which showed the society was in a sound financial position, after buying staging to hold 1,000 entries, leaving a balance to the good of over £14. The undermentioned officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Hon. president, Sir Samuel Sadler; vice-president, Dr. Howell; chairman, Mr. T. Gardner; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Swinsco; treasurer, Mr. G. Harker; Messrs. T. Gardner and T. Oliver, show managers; auditors, Messrs. C. Mallory and J. Swinsco; assistant secretary, Mr. J. W. Oliver; hon. secretary, Arthur Wake, 41, Aske Road, Middlesbrough; and a committee of 27. It was arranged to hold the annual show on the usual date, October 23rd, in the Oddfellows' Hall, and it was decided to resign from the Cage Bird Union. This concluded the business of the meeting.—ARTHUR WAKE, secretary.

## GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

The Palace Show being the last of the patronage shows, the points gained in the various sections are as follows: Yorkshire Greens (champion cup): Rowlands 104, Clayton, 96, Fielden 77, Hughes 30, Pickup 28, Benson 20, Metcalfe 19, Wardale 11, Martin 6, Carswell 6, Handley 5, Drinkwater 5, Dixon 4, Parker 3, J. Walker 2, and Vernon 1. Champion cash specials: Rowlands 246, Clayton 190, Fielden 143, Hughes 64, Pickup 45, Benson 45, Metcalfe 36, Wardale 21, Handley 13, Martin 12, Carswell 10, Drinkwater 6, Dixon 6, Parker 5, J. Walker 5, Hellewell 5, Harrison 4, and Vernon 4. Yorkshire Greens (novice cup): Nimmo 69, Atherton 48, Davie 23, Gore 10, H. T. Hawkes 10, Wright 7, Christall 5, Robinson 4, Hodgkins 4, Western 3, T. Pilling 3, and Kelly 1. Novice cash specials: Nimmo 140, Atherton 107, Davie 44, Gore 26, H. T. Hawkes 17, Wright 10, Robinson 10, Christall 7, Hodgkins 6, Western 5, T. Pilling 5, and Kelly 4. Norwich Greens (champion cup): Deacon 127, J. Walker 95, Harrison 95, Ryno 20, Davies 14, R. Jenkins 13, Cawley 13, J. Bretherton 10, Hales 6, W. Jenkins 4, F. E. Hawkes 3, Hadwin 2, and Drinkwater 2. Champion cash specials: Deacon 316, J. Walker 217, Harrison 177, Ryno 38, Cawley 29, Davies 28, R. Jenkins 27, J. Bretherton 17, Hales 13, F. E. Hawkes 12, W. Jenkins 11, Hadwin 8, and Drinkwater 4. Novice cup: Lawson 80, Isaac 71, R. Brotherton 4, Barker and Abbott 6 (divided). Novice cash specials: Lawson 179, Isaac 154, R. Bretherton 6, Barker and Abbott 0 (divided), Nelson 2. Three National Shows: Deacon 117, Rowlands 83, Isaac 71, J. Walker 63, Clayton 63, Nimmo 62, Fielden 57, Harrison 53, Lawson 47, Atherton 38, Hughes 35, and Benson 25. Will members please check these points? The prizes will be given out at the supper on March 2nd. Tickets 2s. each. The Society will be glad to welcome all Fanciers.—S. HADWIN, Secretary.


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## GLASGOW SOUTHERN O.A.

First meeting for the year was held in the Ante-Room of the Grand National Halls, on 1st February, for the purpose of nominating judges for the year. President McLellan occupied the chair. The following judges were appointed, being on the same lines as formerly, viz., two from the county and two from the City, the Secretary having power to add to their number if necessary. Judges, Messrs. Wm. Webster (Greenock), A. Paterson (Edinboro'), James Watson (Glasgow), and J. Ward (Shettleston). One member resigned, leaving the membership total 51. There being no further business of importance, a vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.—SCOTCH FANCY.

## FORFAR & DISTRICT C.B.I.S.

Annual meeting held at Granite Bar, Castle-street, on February 6th, Mr. J. Cable presiding. The secretary read balance-sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £3 14s. 5d., which was considered very satisfactory. Officers elected:—Hon. President, Mr. E. Grant; hon. vice-presidents, Messrs. G. Norton and J. M. Fenton; president, Mr. J. Cable; vice-president, Mr. J. Stevenson; hon. sec. and treas., W. Grewar, 3, Bell-place, Forfar; auditors, Messrs. J. Stevenson and D. Lawson; committee, Messrs. J. Boath, J. Bowman, D. Lawson, P. Falconer, J. Laird, C. Kennedy, G. Shepherd, P. Taylor. After a lengthy discussion as to the holding of an open show, it was agreed to bring it up for settlement at next meeting on March 6th, in Kirriemuir. We have got the promise of a cup in the advent of same coming off. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the secretary, and to the chairman.—W. GREWAR, Hon. Sec.

## RUNCORN C.B.S.

Another very successful meeting was held at our comfortable headquarters, Lea's Temperance Hotel, on Feb. 5. Mr. W. H. Cawley took the chair. The most important business was the making and compiling of an up-to-date set of club rules, the same being previously suggested by a sub-committee of some experience. Several of the rules were of such a nature as to call for a discussion. The rules, with one or two exceptions, were passed unanimously. Twelve new members were duly enrolled. The membership now exceeds thirty. Attention is called to Rule No. 11, viz.: "That persons residing within 14 miles from headquarters (measurement by map) are eligible for membership." The following towns and villages are included in the limit: Liverpool, Bootle, Birkenhead, Chester, Neston, Over Northwich, Hartford, Lostock, High Leigh, Warrington, Rainhill, Earlestown, Prescot, St. Helens, Newton-in-Makerfield, Cadishead, Glasebury, Dunham, Mossey, Heatley, etc. Intending members please write early. The programme for 1909 is now arranged and reads as follows:—March 5: Table show of pairs matched for breeding; judge, Mr. W. H. Cawley. April 2; Mr. J. Guy will open a discussion on a few points of interest in the Fancy of to-day. May 7: Lecture. June 4 and July 2: Table best feather shows. August 6: Paper on moulting and colour-feeding. Sept. 3: Washing demonstration and competition. Oct. 1 and Nov. 5: Preparations for autumn show.—T. P. BAXTER.

## GLASGOW & WESTERN COUNTIES CLUB.

Annual meeting held in the Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram-street, Glasgow The President, Mr. Geo. Marlin, presided over a large attendance. Mr. D. King (Coatbridge) was appointed auditor in place of Mr. R. Gadsden, resigned. The financial statement will be read at meeting February 27th. The following gentlemen were appointed to office:—President, Mr. F. S. Brannigan; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Ramsay, C. Murray, and J. Young; treasurer, Mr. P. Pettigrew; assistant secretary, Mr. M. Kerins; secretary, Mr. Thomas Drysdale, 244, Broad-street, Mile End, Glasgow; committee, Messrs. Marlin, Roddie, Brown, Shearer, Gordon, Gentles, W. Johnstone, Small, King, Gardner; trustees, Messrs. A. Macfarlane, A. McInnes, and H. Connelly; auditors, Messrs A. Caut and J. Peters. The following fanciers were admitted to membership, viz., Messrs. M. Suttie (Maryhill), A. Thomson (Govan), J. Reid (Partick), J. Powell (Seddens Busby), R. McLean (Pollokshaws). Prizes of (1st) 10s., (2nd) 7s. 6d., (3rd) 5s., and (4th) 2s. 6d. will be given to the members who nominate the greatest number of members from now till June meeting. Classification for Pairs Show to be held on February 27th, 6.30 p.m.: 10 classes with numerous specials—1 cl. or tkd Nor. pairs; 2, tkd. or variegated pairs; 3, cl., or tkd. Border pairs; 4, tkd. or variegated pairs; 5, Crest breeding pairs; 6, Canary A.O.V. pairs; 7, Goldfinch muling pairs; 8, Linnet pairs; 9, A.O.V. pairs; 10, Hybrid breeding pairs. It was also decided it be our own club members that adjudicate at all monthly shows.—J. H. ADAM.

## SOUTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

The following is a list of winners of the various specials:—Champion Section: Silver challenge can, J. W. Rennie, 102 points; Mr. R. L. Crisp being 2nd with 89 points. Trophy Winners: 1, J. W. Rennie, 106 points; 2, Mr. A. E. Pattrick, 69; 3, Mr. H. Knight, 59; 4, Mr. A. E. Bishop, 55; 5, Mr. W. G. Elsmore, 54; 6, Mr. F. Rorke, 50. Diplomas best cock: Battersea, Mr. P. Rorke; Wimbledon, J. W. Rennie; Southend, J. W. Rennie; Dulwich and Peckham, Mr. R. L. Crisp; Gloucester, Mr. W. G. Elsmore; Worcester, Mr. W. G. Elsmore; Cambridge, Mr. A. E. Pattrick; Horticultural Hall, Mr. R. L. Crisp; Welsh National, J. W. Rennie; Palace, Mr. R. L. Crisp. Best hen: Battersea, J. W. Rennie; Wimbledon, Mr. Bennett; Southend, J. W. Rennie; Dulwich and Peckham, Mr. R. L. Crisp; Gloucester, J. W. Rennie; Worcester, J. W. Rennie; Cambridge, Mr. A. E. Bishop; Horticultural Hall, Mr. R. L. Crisp; Welsh National, Mr. Hawes; Palace, Mr. F. J. Gibbs. Best fourths: Battersea, Mr. R. L. Crisp; Wimbledon, Mr. W. G. Elsmore; Southend, Mr. A. E. Pattrick; Dulwich and Peckham, J. W. Rennie; Gloucester, J. W. Rennie; Worcester, Mr. Hawes; Cambridge, Mr. R. L. Crisp; Horticultural Hall, Mr. A. E. Pattrick; Welsh National, Mr. H. Knight. Best vhe's: Battersea, Mr. F. Cross; Wimbledon, Mr. H. Knight; Southend, J. W. Rennie; Dulwich and Peckham; Mr. R. L. Crisp; Gloucester, Mr. R. A. Badspeth; Worcester, J. W. Rennie; Cambridge, Mr. A. E. Bishop; Horticultural Hall, Mr. Rorke; Welsh National, Mr. Hawes; Palace, Mr. F. J. Gibbs. Mr. Easterling's teapot, J. W. Rennie, 256 points; Mr. Ramsden's teapot, Mr. A. E. Pattrick, 202; Mr. Ramsden's goblet, Mr. R. L. Crisp, 141; Mr. Easterling's first-year champion cup, Mr. P. Rorke, 51 points. Mr. Ramsden's tea service, Mr. A. E. Pattrick. Novice Section: Teapots, Battersea, Mr. Edwards; Horticultural Hall, Mr. G. T. Green; Hastings, void; Welsh National, Mr. G. A. Neal. Medals, Battersea, Mr. F. C. Allen; Horticultural Hall, Mr. Jeffries; Hastings, void; Welsh National, Mr. J. B. Lewis. Mr. Easterling's teapot, Mr. F. C. Allen, 61 points; Mr. Ramsden's goblet, Mr. Rogers, 60 points; Mr. Ramsden's tea service, Mr. F. C. Allen.—J. W. RENNIE, hon. secretary.

## LOANHEAD AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meetings held in Masonic Hall on 13th February. Mr. Alexander Jardine, president, was in the chair. The following propositions were tabled for March meeting:—"That there be another class added to the Border section for buff Greens"; also "That members consider granting class for British birds"; and "That the election of judges take place at March meeting instead of June meeting."—WALTER B. SMART, secretary.

## BERMONDSEY & ROTHERHITHE PANCIERS' ASSOCIATION.

Meeting held at headquarters, "The Jolly Gardeners," Rotherhithe New-rd., and proved very business-like. A new method of inducing fanciers to join is the alteration of subscriptions from 4s. to 2s. 6d. yearly, and it is hoped it will shortly add a lot of new members for 1909. Two new members have joined the cage bird section, which is the strongest in the club.—A. LUPTON, Sec.

## BINGLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Meeting held on Feb. 9th, when five new members were enrolled. After the business had been got through a lecture was given by Mr. Sam. Dean, on "Pairing," which proved very educational and instructive. A good discussion followed, which showed how attentive the audience had been. Mr. Dean deals with this subject in a masterly manner, showing coloured plates to convey his idea more fully. A vote of thanks was proposed, seconded and carried, to which the lecturer suitably responded, bringing a most pleasant and well-spent evening to a close.—A. LIVESEY, Hon. Sec.

## NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

The election of officers for 1909 took place on February 9th, when the following gentlemen were elected:—President, J. Balshaw, Esq.; committee, Messrs. Aspinall, Norris, Fish, Jones, J. Connor, Deakin, Crossley, Clarke, Woods, W. Robinson, Walshaw, Craighill, and Stirrup; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Kenyon; assistant secretary, Mr. C. A. Slater; secretary, John Davey, 34, Alfred Stret, Harpurhey. It was decided to hold three shows this year:—First Feather, June 19th; 2nd Show, November 13th; and New Year's Show, January 29th, 1910. Mr. Aspinall has promised to give a cup for competition in the novice section, each novice to nominate four birds at each of the three shows. Any person wishing to compete for the above should join at once.—JOHN DAVEY, hon. secretary.

## STOCKTON HEATH & DIS. O.S.

Usual monthly meeting held in the Hall Cafe, on February 9th, Mr. T. F. Moss in the chair. A good number of members and gentlemen attended. It was decided to hold a table show on March 9th, instead of our usual meeting, and also to ask Mr. C. Dukes to act as the judge. Four new members were nominated, and after the usual business of the meeting, we were favoured with a washing exhibition by Messrs. Dukes and A. Stout, of Warrington. Much interest was displayed by the visitors present, and many questions were asked, which were answered very satisfactorily by Mr. Dukes. An instructive and interesting meeting was concluded by a hearty vote of thanks to Messrs. Dukes and Stout. By the local interest already shown, this society promises to be a great success.—BENJ. MOSS, hon. secretary.

## DULWICH O.S.

A series of whist drives was commenced at headquarters on February 14th, with the object of wiping off the deficit in connection with the late open show. Considering the limited time the organisers, Messrs. Rogers and Bruty, had had to prepare for the first event, they must be heartily congratulated, for it proved a decided success. Forty ladies and gentlemen assembled, and were rewarded by a most enjoyable evening. Pleasure was expressed on all sides. Mr. G. F. Woolhouse presented the prizes to the successful competitors. Mr. Bruty won the first prize for gentlemen, and Mr. T. Kent the second; Mrs. Mazzoni won the ladies' first, and Miss E. Taplin the second. Mr. Thorp won the prize for the three highest scores. Mr. A. E. Rogers acted as M.C. The next drive will take place on March 4th. An early application for tickets, at 1s., will be necessary.—S. J. KENT.

## YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

The following is the final result of the various competitions promoted by the club. £21 Challenge Cup Competition; challenge cup and silver-plated cruet (presented by Mr. J. W. Ramsden), Messrs. Bailey and Swanger, 142 points; 2nd, cup value £2 2s. (presented by Messrs. Bailey and Swanger), Mr. W. H. Shackleton, 137 points; 3rd, silver-plated teapot (presented by Mr. R. P. Broome), Messrs. Ogden Bros., 81 points; 4th, Mr. J. Wilcock, 68 points. Outside Yorkshire Members' Competition: Challenge cup value £5 5s. (presented by Mr. J. Sandiford) and silver-plated preserve dish (presented by Mr. J. W. Ramsden), Mr. W. Broughton, 109 points; 2nd, Mr. W. Davy's, oil painting, and Mr. Ramsden's miniature goblet, Mr. G. W. Cuthbertson, 75 points; 3rd, cash 10s 6d., Mr. H. Foden, 31 points. Ramsden cup and money specials competition: Challenge cup value £6 6s. (presented by Mr. J. W. Ramsden), Messrs. Ogden Bros., 118 points; 2nd, cash £1, Mr. Peel, 84 points; 3rd, cash 15s., Mr. W. H. Shackleton, 81 points; 4th, cash 10s., Mr. W. Wadsworth, 80 points. Armstrong Cabinet and Novice Competition: Smoker's cabinet value £3 3s. (presented by Mr. F. Armstrong), Mr. M. Peel, 84 points; 2nd, silver-plated cruet and cash 10s., Mr. J. Robertshaw, 47 points; 3rd, miniature goblet and cash 5s., Messrs. Shaw Bros., 43 points. CAGE BIRDS Amateur Competition: 1st, value 25s., Mr. H. H. Towers, 55 points; 2nd, value 20s., Mr. J. Robertshaw, 47 points; 3rd, value 15s., Messrs. Shaw Bros., 46 points. The prizes will be presented on March 6th. Will the donors of special prizes who have not already done so kindly let me have same before that date? Also those members who have neglected sending their subscriptions please do so at once.—JOHN GREAVES, Secretary.


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## LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

The following is the result of competition for challenge cups and gold medals for members:—Lancashire Challenge Cup, Champions:—J. Garner, 98 points; J. Vickers, 35; J. Oldham, 31; J. Swalwell, 7. Novice Gold Medal Lancashires:—J. J. Brookes, 39 points. Lizard Challenge Cup, Champlous:—J. Dewsnap, 170 points; J. Rukin, 151; J. Hampshire, 111; W. P. Barnes, 68; and W. Lawton, 20. Novice Gold Medal, Lizards:—J. Dickinson, 23 points. Mr. Garner wins Lancashire Challenge Cup outright, having won it three years in succession. It is only fair to say that Mr. Swalwell only competed at one show, the Palace, owing to his bird's late moult I believe, and Mr. Lawton at two shows, viz., Rochdale and Manchester or otherwise their points would have been far larger.—JOHN RUKIN, hon. secretary.

## NORWICH P.C. OF IRELAND.

Annual general meeting held in the Avenue Hall, Garfield, Belfast on February 9th. Mr. J. Cummings (president) occupied the chair. A statement of accounts for the year was presented, which all present thought very satisfactory, owing to the poor support received from outside fanciers at our recent show. Two motions by Mr. Barclay were discussed, but were rejected. The election of officers for 1909 resulted as follows:—Mr. J. Cummings, president; Mr. W. Connell, vice-president; Mr. J. Stewart, 359, Donegall Road, Belfast, secretary and treasurer; committee for Ulster: Messrs. Carson, Wilson, Barclay, Thompson, Lavery, Ross, Scott, Leacock, Ronaldson, and Bamford; for Leinster: Messrs. J. J. Cloke, W. J. Birse, C. J. Mulligan, and J. Osborne. It was decided to hold our show a little later this year to let a little more time elapse between the Ulster O.S. and the N.P.C.C. of Ireland shows. Irish secretaries please note dates of show—7th and 8th January, 1910. Judge, Mr. Geo. Harland (Hull) for Norwich, etc. A vote of thanks to Mr. Ronaldson for the able way he had conducted the election concluded the business.—JAS. STEWART, sec. and treasurer.

## CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held on February 3rd, at the Crown Hotel, Mr. Broadhurst in the chair. A long discussion took place on the proposition for a reduction in the annual subscription, which has remained at 6s. for some years. The voting resulted in the subscription being reduced to 4s. per annum, payable quarterly. Messrs. Hay and Caine were elected to membership, and the silver spoons won at the washing competition were handed over to Messrs. Paddock and Allen. The secretary then presented the balance-sheet for 1908, duly audited, which showed that the open show had been a success, a profit having been made, and although the subscriptions had fallen slightly owing to a few of the members failing to pay up, the balance in hand had been increased from £11 12s. 11d. to £14 10s. 10d. Mr. C. A. House (Walthamstow) was elected judge for our open show. The members much regretted to receive the resignation of Mr. Dawes, late vice-president, who has been a most able and useful member. He had always done his utmost to further the aims of the society, and was a splendid worker, especially at show times. The secretary was instructed to write him, asking him to reconsider his resignation. A vote of sympathy was passed to the Wolverhampton C.B.S. in the loss of their esteemed secretary, Mr. Howes; also to Mrs. Howes, and the members are to be asked to show their sympathy in a practical way. It was decided that a table show for "pairs matched for breeding" be held on March 3rd, and to have two classes each for Norwich Plainheads and Yorkshires, and one class each for Crests, Cinnamons, and Muling pairs. Messrs. Hyde and Co. presented an electro toast-rack for most points, and Mr. A. Paddock will judge; birds to be staged by 8.30 p.m. Several members having complained of the late hour of starting business, in future the meetings will start at 8.30 p.m. prompt, and members are requested to bear this in mind.—J. H. DE MAILLET, hon. sec.

## LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

The annual tea and concert were held in connection with the distribution of prizes, on February 11th, at the Railway Hotel, when 47 sat down to a substantial tea. After the spread the president, Mr. J. L. Turner, proposed the toast of "His Majesty." The musical contributions of the evening were ably rendered by Miss Fortune and Messrs. H. Robinson, Parker, R. Gelder, Cludera, and Sharp. During the interval the president presented the gold and silver medals to the successful members. The winners in the open classes were Messrs. L. C. Casey 1, H. Coates 2, and A. Bottomley 3. In the novice classes Messrs. A. Hiles 1, H. Shoesmith 2, and F. Oddy 3. The secretary's report showed a successful year's working, the society finishing the year with a very nice balance to its credit. The singing then continued, and all present spent a most enjoyable evening. The usual vote of thanks to the president, host and hostess, brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.—A. BOTTOMLEY, secretary.

## SOUTHERN NORWICH P.C.

Annual meeting held in the board room at the Palace on the 8th of February, 1909, when some of the prize winners were present, also a good few of the country members, among whom were Messrs. H. Frost, W. Ellis, H. Pennells, C. Douch, and A. J. Kilby. The chair was taken by Mr. G. Crabbe. The report of the year's progress was given by the treasurer. The club has been successful in meeting its expenses, and starts the New Year with a balance in hand to meet the outgoings for prizes and specials. The membership has increased with 37 new members, four only resigning. We have now over 150 paying members. The shows, which have had the support of the club, have been well patronised, and the successful winners in champion classes were Messrs. J. W. Rennie, 155 points (for £10 10s. silver challenge cup), 139 points (for £3 3s. cup); J. Hodder (for £1 1s. cup); E. Baker (for 15s. cup); Midgley (for 10s. special), Gill and Pethick (for 5s. special). In the novice section, for £1 1s. teapot, the winners were Messrs. H. Luff for Wimbledon, G. Brooks for Hastings, F. Inch for Swindon, and R. P. Harper for Horticultural Hall. The treasurer's cup was won by Mr. Pennell's (Bexhill), Mr. J. W. Ramsden's teapot by Mr. J. Hodder, and the goblet by Messrs. Gill and Pethick. Several rules were slightly altered, and it was agreed to give four extra guinea cups for the show season 1909—three to champion section and one for novice, for most points at one show for champions, for most points during show season for novice. The usual £1 1s. teapots were allotted to novice section. The presentation of prizes was a pleasing feature, and those who received them were highly satisfied the cups being much admired. The result of voting papers was read, and again Mr. E. Baker has been elected president, the committee for London being Messrs. J. W. Ramsden (chairman), J. Hodder, L. Brown, Curtis, Gardiner, Morris, Leclair; for provinces, Messrs. Midgley, Collings, Rennie, Kilby, A. E. Godden, and Dring. Owing to Mr. G. Leclair resigning office, Mr. L. Richardson was unanimously elected, and as the secretary could not find anyone present to relieve him from office he again accepted the post. After a vote of thanks to the retiring officers and chairman of the evening, the meeting broke up with good wishes for the new year of the club.—F. S. MATTHEWS, Hon. Treas. and Sec.

## CLYDEBANK AND DISTRICT O.S.

Clydebank and Dis. O.S., the society (Scotch Fancy only) confined to the parish of Old Kilpatrick, held their monthly meeting in McGill's Rooms, Kilhowie Road, on February 11th. Mr. Thomas E. Dean, president, took the chair. The following gentlemen have agreed to officiate as judges at the forthcoming show on November 13th:—Messrs. A. Melrose (Galashiels), J. Dalgleish (Leith), R. Wright (Greenock), and W. Watson (Rutherglen). It was unanimously agreed to hold next show in Co-operative Hall, Humo Street. The secretary was instructed to send for some copies of the CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. Five gentlemen were proposed, and accepted, for membership, and new members can join the club up to May. The usual vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.—ANDREW KIRKWOOD.

## CAMBRIDGE C.B.S.

The annual dinner took place on February 11th, at Ye Olde Castle Hotel, when between forty and 50 members and friends were catered for. Mr. A. E. Brooks presided. The loyal toasts having been proposed from the chair, and patriotically responded to, Mr. H. Arnold submitted "The Cage Bird Society," and spoke appreciatively of its objects. The toast was responded to by the chairman and Mr. F. Doggett. Mr. Brooks reviewed the past year's work, which had been highly successful, largely due to the energetic labours of their secretary (Mr. T. S. Moore), and referred with regret to the serious illness of Mr. W. Linsey, who, as they all knew, was a genuine bird fancier, and one of the original members of the Society. Mr. H. Arnold presented the medals won during the year to the successful competitors as follows:—Cup (won outright) and medal for most points in Canary section, Mr. A. E. Brooks; 2, Mr. W. Linsey. Medal for most points in British bird section, Mr. W. Linsey; 2, Messrs. F. King and C. Lambert (tied). Novice Canary section: 1, Mr. F. King; 2, Mr. Hard. Medals for introducing most members during year (given by Messrs. Doggett and T. S. Moore): Messrs. Cartwright and W. Linsey (tied). "The Visitors" was proposed by Mr. A. Edwards, and responded to by Inspector Cox and Mr. G. Lawson. The musical programme was capably undertaken by Messrs. Fell, Harvey, C. G. Williams, Cousins, H. Moore, Summers, Sewell, Thurley, and T. S. Moore. —A. MCQUARRIE.

## ROCHDALE O.C.

There was a large muster of members and friends on February 10th, to hear a lecture by Mr. W. Lord, on "Wild Bird Life on the Hills and Woods Round Rochdale." I will mention some of the species that have been known to breed, and are breeding, here year by year:—Kestral, Sparrow Hawk, Merlin, Barn, Tawny, Short-Eared and Long-Eared Owls, Nightjar, Cuckoo, Kingfisher, Magpie, Jay, Waterhen, Cornerake, Curlew, Lady and Jack Snipe, Woodcock, Wood Pigeon, Dove, Rock Dove, Gull, Swallow, Martin, Swift, Song Thrush, Missel Thrush, Redwing, Fieldfare, Blackbird, Ring Ousel, Woodpecker, Green Woodpecker, Yellowhammer, Bramblefinch, Whinchat, Garden Warbler, Blackcap Warbler, Willow Wren, Whitethroat, Chiff-Chaff, Bullfinch, Goldfinch, Snow Bunting, Brown Linnet, Twite, Chaffinch, Golderest, Greenfinch, Tree Sparrow, Tree Pipit, Yellow Wagtail, Grey Wagtail, Pied Wagtail, and others. After he had given his lecture, questions were invited, amongst which were the following:—Could Mr. Lord tell the sex of the Corn Crake; which bird's nest did the Cuckoo use the most; could the Cuckoo change the colour of its eggs so that the egg resembled others in the nest? There was also a little discussion on whether the Swallows, Martins, etc., when they left these shores after breeding, bred in the warmer climes; did they have two distinct broods in one year? Mr. Lord said the only solution in that case would be to ring the young ones here, and have them watched by the naturalists in the other countries. By the way, Mr. Lord is now engaged in setting up a Sea-Lion that died in Rochdale. A vote of thanks to the lecturer, and to Mr. J. Naden, the chairman, brought a pleasant evening to a close.—J. BUTTERWORTH, secretary.

## NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Annual general meeting held at the Crystal Palace on February 6th. Proposed by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Wyse, that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded the hon. solicitor for the trouble he had taken in counting the voting papers. The chairman, Mr. Robson, addressing the meeting, said he was very pleased to hear the glowing report from Mr. Trower. It was no doubt very gratifying to all the members to hear that the club was in such a flourishing financial position—a better position now than ever it had been in. They ought to congratulate themselves upon having such an untiring, energetic hon. treasurer. No one could fail to follow the explicit report of the secretaries, which gave every detail of the club's good work for the past year. It gave him much pleasure in proposing a very hearty vote of thanks to the hon. treasurer and secretaries. This was seconded by Mr. Hurst. Messrs. Trower, Plumbridge and Carr suitably responded. A very hearty vote of thanks was given the chairman. Proposed by Mr. Robson, seconded by Mr. Fulbrooke, that a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded Messrs. Trower, Page, Maxwell, Weston, and Vale for their gifts of special medals. The meeting was adjourned until February 25th for the election of officers for the ensuing year.—PLUMBRIDGE AND CARR, hon. secretaries.

(The business done was recorded in our report published in the Crystal Palace Show number.—EDITOR.)

## HALIFAX F.A.

Annual dinner of the Association, held on Feb. 11th, at the Bear's Head Hotel. The affair was quite as successful as in previous years. Mr. F. L. Helliwell, president, presided, and supporting him at the head of the table were Messrs. C. Waghorn, secretary; W. Greenwood, treasurer; E. Ingham, monthly show secretary; E. Booth (Idle), R. Calvert, and others. In all, about 50 partook of an excellent dinner served by Mr. W. J. Lingard. The cups won by the society and other awards were displayed to advantage about the tables. Mr. R. Calvert, in the absence of Mr. J. H. Roberts, proposed the toast of "The Halifax and District F.A." The President responded. He regretted that cage-bird members did not rally round them better. He would like to see more of them members of that society. (Applause.) They had about 120 members now, and if they could only secure another 120, he considered they would then be doing very nicely. Perhaps then they might have a chance of holding an open show. (Applause.) The toast of "The President" was proposed by Mr. J. E. Quarmby. Mr. J. Savile briefly but suitably responded on behalf of Mr. Horsfall. At this stage the cups, medals, etc. (Mr. H. W. Walsh won the cage-bird cup and the silver monthly cup), were presented by the president to the winners. The toast of the "Visitors" was submitted by Mr. H. W. Walsh and responded to by Mr. Chadwick. The "Press" and "Artistes" were two other toasts duly honoured. During the evening songs were ably rendered by Messrs. Tasker, W. Bulmer, and Crossley. Mr. Chris Noble made an efficient accompanist.

# The Housing and Treatment of Foreign Birds in Captivity.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

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The Guttural Finch (*S. gutturalis*).—This is another charming and also a fairly freely imported species, of which I have kept several, but never succeeded in getting them to nest. It is a most pleasing species for either cage or aviary; it is a good singer, but it does not utter its song so frequently as some of the other species. It is long-lived, and not unduly quarrelsome in a mixed series. In a state of nature its feeding grounds are open pastures, and its principal diet the various indigenous grass seeds.

Adult male: The upper surface is dull olive-green, upper back, blackish; lesser coverts, olive-green; median and greater coverts, dusky edged with olive-green; the inner primaries have yellowish-white bases on the outer webs; upper tail coverts, olive-green; tail-feathers, dusky brown margined with olive-green; crown of the head, sides of face, ear-coverts, cheeks, throat, sides of neck and foreneck, dusky black; breast, abdomen, sides of body and flanks, yellowish white slightly tinged with green, sides and flanks lightly mottled with black; under tail-coverts pale yellow; beak, blackish horn; legs and feet, brownish grey. Total length, 4½, tail 1⅝.

Adult female: Upper surface, olive-brown, median and greater coverts are dusky, edged with olive-brown, and have their tips whitish, forming a somewhat obscured doubled bar; primaries, flights and tail-feathers, dusky with olive brown margins; crown of the head, sides of face and ear-coverts, olive brown; the ear coverts, streaked with whitish-buff; lores, eye region, breast and abdomen, whitish-buff; cheeks and under surface of body, buffish-ochre; sides and flanks, light olive-brown; thighs and under tail coverts, pale whitish-ochre. Total length, 4ins. full, tail 1⅝ins.

Young males at first resemble the adult female, but show a good deal of black on the throat and crown, all, however, concealed by the overlying greenish plumage. Habitat: Brazil, Guiana, Venezuela, Colombia, extending into Panama, Ecuador and Peru. (British Museum Catalogue, Vol. xii.).

The Black-Headed Lined Finch (*S. ocellata*).—This is slightly larger than the preceding species, an equally desirable bird either for cage or aviary; its silken and refulgent plumage, varying according to light refraction, imparts to this species a very fine appearance, the contrasts being very striking, yet so happily blended that the effect is altogether pleasing, with an entire absence of harshness. For some time the Zoo stood alone in possessing this species, but now several others besides myself have this handsome little species in their aviaries and birdrooms.

Adult male: The upper surface is glistening greenish-black (steely-blue in some lights), except for a band of white tinged with grey, across the rump; lesser coverts, glistening greenish black; median, greater and primary wing-coverts, and flights, dull black, edged with glistening greenish black, the inner primaries are white at the base of the outer web, the secondaries are also similarly marked, but the markings are concealed by the greater coverts; upper tail coverts, glossy greenish black; tail-feathers, black; crown of head, glistening glossy black, with a few white spots forming a longitudinal streak down the centre of the crown (this white streak is not constant, and is almost invisible in some specimens); lores, eye-region and ear-coverts, throat and sides of neck, glossy black; cheeks, foreneck, breast, abdomen, sides of body, flanks and under tail-coverts, white; the foreneck and sides of flanks are regularly scaled or mottled, the feathers of these parts having the bases finely edged with black; beak, black; legs and feet, blackish; iris, deep brown. Total length 4¼ins., tail 1⅝ins.

Adult female: Differs entirely from the male, having her upper surface dull olive, rump and upper tail-coverts light olive; wing-coverts, dull olive with pale ends to the median and greater coverts forming a double wing bar; primaries, flights and tail-feathers, dusky edged with olive; crown of head, dull olive; lores, eye-region, sides of body, flanks, and under tail-coverts, buffish ochre; ear-coverts, pale olive; cheeks, throat, and foreneck, pale buffish ochre; breast and abdomen, whitish buff. Total length 4½ins., tail 1¾ins. Habitat: Upper Amazonia, Guiana, Venezuela, and Colombia.

The Lined Finch (*S. lineola*).—Adult male: Upper surface, lustrous greenish black; which is also the colour of the head and neck; from the base of the upper mandible there extends a broad longitudinal band of white across the crown of the head, and the base of each cheek is adorned with a similar stripe; wings, greenish black relieved with a white patch at base of primaries; a similar patch adorns the secondaries, but this is obscured by the greater coverts; tail, black; under surface pure white, washed on the sides and flanks with light grey; the throat is black; beak, blackish; legs and feet, leaden grey; iris, brown. Total length 4⅝ins., tail 1⅞ins. It ranges over South Brazil, Paraguay, Argentina, and Bolivia.

Adult female: Slightly smaller, differs materially in plumage from the male, being an olivo brown bird, lighter on the under surface; the wings are dusky brown, most of the feathers being margined with paler olive brown; tail, brown, margined with olive brown; lores, eye region, cheeks and throat, pale buffish ochre, and the breast and abdomen are washed with the same colour; beak, blackish brown; legs and feet, brownish flesh colour; iris, greyish brown. Total length 4ins., tail 1⅝ins. (Male and female described from life).

"Young males at first resemble the old females, but are generally more fulvous below and may be detected by a little black on the wing- and tail-feathers, or under the throat feathers, which form a dusky patch, followed by a whitish patch on the lower throat." (Museum Catalogue, Vol. xii.).

This species is but seldom on the market, and so far I have been only able to study living specimens at the Zoo. It is an alert and confiding bird, and has a soft and pleasing song. Burmeister states that he met with this species in moist wooded districts, and that they were to be seen in small flocks. It is found in Brazil, Guiana and Venezuela. Dr. Sharpe gives two sub species:—1, *S. trinitalis*.—This inhabits Trinidad, and has the longitudinal white band on the crown of *lineola* represented by a few white spots only. 2, *S. amazonica*.—This, the Amazonian form (male), has neither white streak nor white spots on the forehead. Total length 3.9 ins., tail 1.65 ins. The female is much browner than the female of *lineola*, and lacks the olive tinge of that species, and is much browner below. Total length 4ins., tail 1.6ins.

*S. aurita*.—Adult male: Crown of the head, nape, mantle, back wings upper tail-coverts, tail, lores, sides of face, ear-coverts, cheeks, throat and upper breast, glossy black with a greenish sheen; a half-moon shaped patch on sides of neck, and an irregular band of white across the rump; a double white patch at the base of the primaries and secondaries, only the former being visible when the wing is closed; sides and flanks, irregularly mottled with black. Total length 4½ins., tail 1¾ins.

"In some males the white spot on each side of the neck is connected by a white band across the lower throat, and the base of the chin is white; the lower back and rump are also white, forming a broad band. Between this and the form described there is every intermediate link in the Salvin-Godman collection—as, for instance, a male with a white throat band and the rump black; another with the rump white and entire throat black, with scarcely any sign of the white neck patch; another with a white band on the throat, the neck patch obsolete, and the rump marked by a few white-tipped feathers. How these variations have been brought about, whether by hybridisation or not it is impossible to determine, but I quite agree with Messrs. Salvin and Godman that only one species can be recognised." (British Museum Catalogue, Vol. xii.).

The adult female is olive-brown above, and pale buff tinged with olive on the under surface; pale yellowish on the abdomen; wing-and tail-feathers brown, edged with olive. She is slightly smaller than the male. Habitat: Central America.

*S. lucluosa*.—Adult male: The whole of the upper surface, head, neck, chest, sides of body and flanks, black; breast, abdomen and under tail-coverts, white; a white patch at base of middle primaries, forming an oblong wing-patch; beak, upper mandible whitish-grey, lower mandible, washed with leaden-grey; legs and feet, greyish. Total length 4¾ins., tail 1⅝ins.

The adult female is olive-brown above, darker on the rump and upper tail-coverts; wing- and tail-feathers, mostly brown, edged with olive; lores and eye-region pale buffish-ochre; ear-coverts, light-brown, with whitish shaft streaks; cheeks, throat, and under parts, fulvous-brown; sides and flanks, washed with olive; centre of abdomen, whitish; beak, upper mandible pale brown, lower dark grey; legs and feet, greyish. Habitat: Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia.

*S. corrina*.—Adult male: The plumage is entirely black, save for the patch of white at the base of the middle primaries, and the breast marred with a few white feathers. Total length 4½ins., tail 1⅞ins.

The adult female is olive-brown above; wing-coverts and quills, dusky-brown edged with olive; tail-feathers, brown with olive margins; under-surface, paler olive than the upper surface. Habitat: Central America.

(*To be continued.*)

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# My Experiences as a Mule Breeder.

By F. G. SAVAGE.

(Continued from page 173.)

### Some Future Plans.

The birds I propose trying this season and which have been flying together all the winter, are Goldfinch, Linnet, and Saffron Finch male birds, and five hen Canaries, all of largo Norwich type, two of which are supposed to be Sib. bred, mealy birds, two yellow, and a very dark green one. I also have a tame Bullfinch hen, which laid seven eggs last season, most of them in the seed saucer. Two of the eggs, when set under a Canary, proved fertile, but the young died in the shell when only just formed. I have also a Goldfinch hen Mule in with them, as they are reputed to make good foster mothers. By this method it will be seen that any young that may be bred must of necessity be Mules or Hybrids. I have never had much trouble with the Finches molesting the hens, which is so common in cage breeding. This I attribute to giving them plenty of work to do and space to amuse themselves in.

I find it best to use two or three-year old birds, both Canaries and Finches, as they stick to their nesting and feeding duties better than do the younger ones, and the young that are bred I consider are better birds, being more vigorous. Some Goldfinches make excellent fathers, feeding the hens while they are sitting, and looking after the little wants of the young ones when they first leave the nest. If the cocks do not take kindly to these duties, the hens generally raise their broods unaided.

Young Mules grow much faster than pure Canaries. I have known them to leave the nest when 14 days old, and feed themselves entirely in 21 days. They should be taken out of the aviary when they are capable of looking after themselves, as this gives their parents a better chance to continue breeding.

### How to Feed Mules.

Respecting feeding, I give as a staple food good sound Canary seed in a flower pot saucer, placed on top of the upturned pot; by this means you effectively place it out of the reach of rats or mice. I also give the following seeds in separate saucers, never on any account mixing them, and giving a separate kind of seed every day in the following order, as I consider change of food as beneficial to birds in captivity as to wild birds, and they, we know, are continually changing their diet with the seasons. First, hemp, then German rape, linseed, maw (the seed of the opium poppy), crushed white oats, niger, and millett, with a liberal supply of cornflower and wild seeds, gathered in the summer, which I give just as plucked, only dried. Any of the following wild seeds are greatly relished:—Dandelion, shepherd's purse, plaintain (commonly known as rat's tail and way bread), thistle, and dock. For green food in summer and when breeding, I give chickweed for preference, also young lettuce and dandelion leaves. Groundsel I never use except the ripe seed heads, as I consider it too purging in its effects. In winter I give a good sound sweet apple, cut in halves, also ripe privet berries, of which many Finches and Canaries are very fond.

For an ailing Goldfinch, or one late getting into condition, there is no finer pick-me-up than a few small meal worms given daily, or good clean flesh maggots and their little brown chrysalis. To induce a bird to start eating them, they should be very lightly crushed.

In the breeding season I supply them with egg food daily, made by boiling slowly a fresh egg for ten minutes and then plunging it in cold water for a few seconds, which stops it from going discoloured. While it is still warm I press it with the back of a spoon through a fine wire sieve, along with an equal weight of stale bread crumbs. I then mix it all together with a fork; this ensures their eating the whole of it. If it is not well mixed, they pick out the egg and leave the crumbs in the saucer. I also give two or three times weekly a little piece of bread soaked in milk and slightly sweetened. For drinking and bathing purposes I give soft water in a shallow flower pot saucer, but I always withhold the bath in bad or frosty weather, only giving it on bright clear days, when the feathers will quickly dry.

About the vexed subject of colour-feeding I would say if you breed a good Mule you must certainly colour-feed it, or he will stand but little chance on the show bench; but with ordinary Mules leave them as nature ordained them to be in her own inimitable style. By following the system I have tried to make plain, any one may enjoy a most interesting and profitable hobby, while the great uncertainty attached to the breeding of a valuable bird adds greatly to the charm.

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# The Novices Notebook.

**This page consists of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, and the notes are contributed from time to time by various leading experts.**

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### The Internal Arrangements.

Having got so far, the place should be ready for the fixing up of arrangements internally. When properly arranged ventilators have been put in, this will be a rather easier task than might otherwise have been the case, as there should be less risk of having a cutting draught in any particular position, as is too often the case, when one has to rely upon makeshift contrivances, or open windows to admit air.

This being so, one is enabled to choose the brightest and most cheerful position for the birds to occupy. The advantage of this should be self-evident when one considers the fact that the birds are to remain there, in all probability, permanently for months at a stretch, and in dark, dismal weather, as well as the more enlivening bright days of summer, so that the very brightest and lightest spot in the room—always assuming it is perfectly damp and draught proof—is not a bit too good for the caged birds, from which, mayhap, the owner expects to reap profit as well as pleasure. Of course, in the alternative case the avoidance of draughts demands first and prime consideration, and this question may compel one to choose a less cheerful position. But in every case the utmost brightness should be insisted upon, after these points have been duly considered.

### Two Undesirables.

At least two positions may be universally struck off the list of "eligibles," and any others which a knowledge of the spot and the general requirements of the hobby suggest as being not wholly suited to the comfort and health of the stock, must be added to the list.

The chief "ineligibles" are any position coming between a door and window, or two windows which open, or a door and an open chimney; and a position coming between either of these and a low-placed ventilation opening. In such positions there is practically certain to be very harmful draughts recurring very often, which would work irremediable mischief among the birds in a short time. As regards an open chimney, this would be far best done away with altogether, and a simple and efficient method of dealing with it is to fasten fairly stout cardboard all over it, nailing it to the wall all round with carpet tacks, and then pasting it over with tough, thick, brown paper, finally giving it a coat of whitewash or distemper, which may either be made to match the walls all round, or (and this is perhaps the best), made of a darker contrasting shade.

The advantage of the latter plan is that the chimney may be located readily at any future time should it be desired, and many little accidents will be averted by always having the spot marked. When a job of this kind has to be done, it should of course, be attended to in the initial stages.

### Cage Racks.

When the birds are to be bred in cages, a rack to stack them in should be one of the very last items to think of dispensing with. They are really of little trouble to make, and anyone who can make any sort of a cage should be able to manage a very serviceable skeleton rack, whilst a nest of shelves on the same principle as a bookcase without any doors is simpler still, and this form answers the original purpose of keeping the cages separate, and any unit always ready to remove at a moment's notice, without the least disturbance of any of its neighbours. The immense advantage of being able to do this can only be thoroughly appreciated when one has known what it is to have to remove a single cage from the middle or bottom of a stack piled one upon another, when the entire stack may have to be removed and replaced, with all the consequent disturbance of the inmates, at, perhaps, a critical time, or otherwise one has to run the risk of causing the whole stack to topple over by withdrawing the cage required.

The bottom tier of cages should be at least eighteen inches clear of the floor, and each support should be bound round with tin for a depth of six inches at or near the top to prevent mice gaining access to the cages by climbing up them. The thinnest of tin, such as can be easily cut with a pair of ordinary scissors, and after being bound tightly round the support nailed on with small tacks, is all that is really necessary, and is quite sufficient to effectually prevent the mice getting any purchase on its surface to climb with.

Do not place these obstructing bands at the bottom of the supports, as many are apt to do, whilst others place them in the middle distance, no doubt thinking that top or bottom answer equally the same purpose as long as they are there. On the contrary, there is a vast difference in the effect of a band at the bottom of the support, and one near the top. In the former position, if mice are plentiful, some at least of the most venturesome will soon find some means or a scheme of scaling the contested track and gaining access to the land, which, to them, at any rate, is flowing with milk and honey, whereas if the band is at the top and the supports made of planed timber, as they should be, the most agile member of the mouse tribe will not be able to negotiate it, for the simple reason that in climbing up the lower portion, it will have spent the best of its climbing sprint, and then having absolutely no grip or point to lean upon, and the smooth, hard surface of the tin affording no purchase for the claws, a certain defeat and ignominious fall infallibly awaits the adventurer.

All the cages in the stack (and if this rule is extended to all in the room, so much the better) should be identical in size and pattern for the same type of cage. That is, all breeding cages should be of the same size and pattern; all flight cages ditto; and similarly all single cages for keeping birds caged separately or for singing should agree in size and shape.

With this systematic arrangement, and one or two cages kept in reserve, if any particular cage should become infested with insect pests, or if a bird should die of suspected infectious disease, the cage in question may be removed for thorough cleansing and disinfection, and a fresh, clean cage put in the place at once, so that the stack of cages may always present the same neat and complete appearance, and there need never be any necessity to hurry and skimp the work of cleaning a suspected or dirty cage.

The same principle of having a single type running right through the room should be extended also to the seed hoppers and water vessels, egg drawers, baths, and nest-boxes or nest-pans, whichever one elects to use, so that all are practically interchangeable with one another. Such a universal system is a vast convenience, and will materially minimise the routine work by allowing the utmost economy to be observed in the time required for performing such duties efficiently.

### The Question of Temperature.

Supposing, now, the erstwhile shed has become a properly appointed bird-room, and is ready for its prospective inmates. At this point it will be best to refer to the much-disputed question of heating the place by artificial means. The question so frequently crops up from the novice or new beginner, and almost invariably takes the form of a request as to what particular method of heating is best, that it would really appear as if every beginner commenced with a foregone conclusion that heat is essential, and he only wishes to know how he can best utilise it. When it comes to be generally understood that comparatively few birds need heated quarters, and that all varieties of Canaries, not only succeed well without heat, but in most cases are decidedly better, the knowledge will perhaps be more generally acted upon.

As things are now, when one breeder partly rears, moults, and keeps for the greater part of the year, his stock in an abnormally heated room, and others carry on similar operations without any artificial help in that direction, it is practically impossible to say whether heat should be used in any given case without knowing the leading features of each particular case. Thus, it would be folly for one living in a bleak cold position to set up an outdoor bird-room, obtain stock from a room in a more mild and sheltered part of the country, and which has also been reared with the aid of artificial heat, and try to breed with such birds in a normal temperature. Such an attempt must almost assuredly end in failure, and the end of the first breeding season will invariably mark the commencement of a run of trouble and adversities, which, as Shakespeare says, "come not as single spies, but in battalions," and one's star of good fortune will be in the ascendant if he gets any more good results out of those birds.

To succeed with birds bred under these wholly artificial conditions one is practically compelled to keep up such conditions at the commencement, though it will be quite possible to gradually modify them so that in the course of a few seasons a hardier and acclimatised type of bird is produced, which will succeed quite well without any coddling system.

On the other hand, if one wishes to start without heat, then it is absolutely necessary to make oneself sure that the birds obtained in the first instance have been reared and moulted under quite normal conditions of temperature. If they are also the produce of birds bred under similar conditions, then one has a fairly well assured chance of success with them, and it would be a bad policy to introduce heat among such stock. Cold, of itself, will very rarely cause the least inconvenience to a healthy bird not hitherto accustomed to artificial heat; but damp and draughts are the bane of the caged bird's life. Eradicate the two latter, and the former may be very largely disregarded.

### What Form of Heat?

In case where it is decided to use heat, or where it is necessary for acclimatisation, there is nothing to beat a hot water pipe installation, with the source of heat either out of doors or in an adjoining building, so as to avoid having any fumes from the combustion of fuel in the room to contaminate the air.

The latter method would be the most economical, as the expenditure of fuel required to keep the pipes heated will be decidedly less if the furnace and boiler be under cover, than is the case when they are placed in the open air. Any other system which has its source of heat in the room, must have a protecting cover, provided with a flue pipe to carry the fumes off into the open air, and the outside end of this must also be provided with a suitable cap to prevent a down-draught.

A final word: Do not forget that heat may give rise to many draughts from little unsuspected chinks and crannies, so be on your guard to discover them, more particularly in a warm room.

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# Birds Eggs, and Some Problems of Colouration.

By J. B. BROWN.

**A paper read before the members of the Hawick O.S.**

(*Continued from page 82.*)

I hardly like to enter a realm altogether apart from this subject, but I cannot refrain from pointing out that the Flora and Fauna of Australia and New Zealand exhibit species distinct from those of the northern hemisphere; the reason assigned (and I state it with all reservation) is, that those regions were exempt from the deluge which caused the destruction of all animal life in this hemisphere. We may therefore term the Apteryx the rudimentary or parent bird. From this tendency of antediluvian birds to colour their eggs the evolution of coloured eggs began.

So far, then, we have endeavoured to explain why some birds' eggs are white; we now come to why they are coloured; and the fact that the majority of birds' eggs are more or less richly coloured is also not without significance, yet but little has been hitherto done to discover what this significance may be. In some cases, without doubt, the pigmentation serves a purpose—that of protective resemblance. Examples of such eggs are seen in those of the Plover tribe, or of many birds that nest on the ground, in the similarity in colour to that of the soil on which they nest.

But how are we to account for the striking colour of those eggs which are laid in nests and hedgerows, and which are familiar to us all? An attempt has been made to include many of these under the head of protective colouration; but, this is certainly an unsatisfactory way out of the difficulty, for if protection was necessary, it must come from the nest: and if the nest be in a conspicuous position, it will not save the eggs. Then, again, protective colouration means

**Harmony of Colour.**

between the egg and its surroundings, and we see little evidence of that in some coloured eggs laid in open nests, such, for instance, as the eggs of the Thrush. But this must be borne in mind, that nearly all birds are more or less migratory in their habits; the Thrush is no exception to this rule. Both the Lark and the Blackbird are also migratory, and so is the Robin, and yet Larks and Blackbirds and Thrushes and Robins remain with us throughout the winter. Or, as one writer puts it—"While certain birds appear and disappear with an astonishing regularity as though they heard the pealing of aerial chimes afar off and knew the bells of home. The Swallow, for example—there are others, like the Thrush, which will pass away so absolutely, that for a hundred miles not one of its kind will be seen, nor even a straggler; while in some other direction they will be seen all the winter through.

The Skylark, in particular, in this respect, baffles the ornithologist." Now, is it not possible to conceive that the early home of the Thrush was in tropical regions, where vegetation is of a much more brilliant hue than here, therefore the vivid colour of the Thrush's egg, long, long years ago, may have harmonised with the surroundings? The bird has not changed its habits, although it has changed its abode.

**The Hedge-sparrow**

again, is an example of this. It does not belong to this country exclusively. Its real home is farther south. In a large number of cases it is therefore probable that the colour of the shell has now no relation to the surroundings, although we may fairly assume that it once had, and that the reason why birds' eggs are thus coloured, must be sought for in a study of the early history of the bird, or an endeavour made to trace whence the bird originally came.

The Dipper or Water Ousel is an interesting bird to watch, and although a sort of first cousin to the Thrush, it differs from all the other members of that tribe. It is said to have the power of being able to run along the ground under the water. Its eggs are white, and a pair will produce two or three broods in a year. It has a sweet song as it sings to its mate when she is sitting, and if you hear it singing on a stone in the river, you may be sure its nest is not far away. A few remarks in general may be allowed on that great assemblage of birds known as

**The Perching Birds.**

They are represented by most of our common and smaller birds, and of which the form of the bill varies greatly, and is used as the basis of their classification or division into four minor groups, and among them white eggs are the exception. The first called the conirostres are distinguished by the conical shape of the beak. Of this group, the Sparrows, Crows, Starlings, Finches, and Larks are familiar examples. The Hedge-Sparrow does not belong to this group, but to the second, or dentirostres which includes the Thrushes, Flycatchers, Tits and Warblers, most of them live on insects. The third is called the fissirostres, or split-beaked, owing to the "gape" or mouth-opening of the beak being very wide and far back into the head, and pointed with bristles to serve them in the capture of their insect prey. The beak itself is short Typical examples are the Swallows, Martins, and Swifts. The fourth class are called the slender-beaked, with a long and delicate beak tapering to a point. This group includes all the species of Humming birds, and Honey-eaters, but are not common to this country.

There is also another group called the picopasseres, which includes our friend the Cuckoo, Parrots and the Woodpecker.

We have besides these all that great family of

**Wading Birds**

to which belong the Plovers, and Lapwings, and all the goose tribe. Curiously enough the eggs of the Lapwings, generally four in number, are placed in the nest with the smaller or pointed eggs ends together, so that they assume a crossed appearance when seen in the nest. Of all these groups the most familiar to us are the first, to which nearly all our song birds belong, even the Canary, numbered as it is among the family of Finches; this family also includes all the birds we know as Linnets. I do not suppose I can tell you anything about the Canary that you do not know. In the wild state their song is said not to be so sweet as in the domesticated state. In the wild state the nest is built of roots, moss and feathers, and from four to six eggs are laid of a pale blue colour.

A word about the size of the clutches before we pass on. Since among birds the eggs must be incubated by the warmth of the parents' body, it is obvious that no more eggs can be hatched than the bird can cover. But even here there is a very considerable range in the number produced by different species. The Ostrich tribe, the game birds, and Rails are the most prolific, the Ostrich sometimes hatching out as many as thirty at a time, the produce of four or five females. The Partridge will sometimes hatch twenty, the Mallard twelve, the Teal fifteen; while at the other extreme we have the Guillemot with its one beautiful egg, the Pigeon with two, and the Gulls and Plovers with four.

It would appear that from these numbers, varying so much, that there must be some intimate relation between the birth-rate and the death-rate of the young birds; that in some cases there may be great difficulties in rearing them, and in others the rearing of them may be easy, so that to preserve the species no great number of eggs are necessary.

**How is it Done?**

How do birds colour their eggs? It is stated that the colouring matter comes from the blood of the bird. Admitted. But then the bird must first get the colouring matter into its blood, and that by means of the food it eats. Plants have the power of extracting from the soil the minerals which produce the colours of their flowers. The birds' food, excepting those that live on insects, is the seeds of plants. Now the seeds of plants contain the germs of this colouring matter, which is absorbed into the blood of the bird, who by some unknown process can distribute this colouring matter over the egg shell. Another theory is that the colouring of the egg has to do with the colour of the plumage. This can hardly be so. We have Blackbirds, but no black eggs. If this theory held water at all a Blackbird should lay a black egg, a white bird a white egg, and so on. But it is not so.

The nearest approach to a black egg is that of the Emu of Australia; but the egg is not black, but a dark green, harmonising in colour with the dark green leaves of the gum trees. That it has nothing to do with the plumage can be proved by the ordinary domestic hen—the hen which provides us with our breakfast egg. Certain hens lay brown eggs, others white. An experiment tried with a hen always laying brown eggs, and kept confined, resulted in its eggs becoming white. When released, and allowed to wander about the grass and under the trees, which all hens delight to do, her eggs, after a day or two, were again of that rich brown colour we all prefer to see on the breakfast table. I mention this as an interesting fact, and as a proof that birds seek this colouring matter for their eggs, as much as they seek for their food, and this, apart from what they may absorb into their blood from what they usually feed upon.

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## HEREDITY IN BIRDS.

**Lecture Delivered before the Aberdeen O.S. on February 17th.**

Professor J. Arthur Thomson, Professor of Natural History, Aberdeen University, delivered a lecture in Marischal College, on February 17th, on the subject of "Heredity in Birds." There was a large audience. The following report, taken from an Aberdeen contemporary, reaches us from the sec., Mr. J. Bryson. Mr. John Hector, president, who occupied the chair, remarked that Professor Thomson was so well known to them all as a lecturer that he needed no introduction from him. The lecture from first to last was dealt with in a most interesting and lucid manner, and was followed with the closest attention.

Professor Thomson said he was to deal in the first place with reports on experiments in breeding birds by various workers. He began with Darwin, who made experiments with Pigeons, from which he drew several conclusions, for instance, that a bird's inheritance seemed like a mosaic built up of contributions from many different ancestors, and that crossing different breeds was apt to give at first quite unpredictable results, but eventually "throw-backs" or reversions to the wild Rock-dove type, from which all domestic Pigeons seem to have been derived. Thus two black "Barbs," a red "Spot," and a white Fantail were the four pure-bred grand-parents of a bird which showed the general blue colour and every characteristic mark of the wild Rock-dove. The reversion theory was not much in favour at present, but it was difficult to find any other interpretation for a case like this. Similarly Professor Cossar Ewart mated a very propotent white Fantail male Pigeon with a female which was itself a cross between an "Owl" and an "Archangel," and the result was two birds, one like the Shetland Rock Pigeon in almost every detail, and the other like the Blue Rock of India. Of late, however, the rediscovery of Mendel's law had given breeders a new clue, and Mendelian phenomena had been well illustrated in the case of poultry. When two pure-bred members of related races differing in two sharply contrasted features were paired, the offspring all resembled one parent as regarded the contrasted character. The character exhibited was called "dominant"; the other which had gone into the background was called "recessive." When these hybrids were interbred their progeny showed both parental types in the proportion of three with the dominant character to one with the recessive character. The recessive paired together yielded only recessive—the pure type was there again. And of the dominants, one-third were similarly pure, as breeding with them showed. The remaining two-thirds, however, when interbred gave the same proportions as before. This Mendelian rule, with the reason for it, was illustrated in three different ways by means of specimens and models. What happened when the parents differed in two pairs of contrasted characters was also explained. Taking the work of Bateson, Punnett, Hurst, and others, the lecturer gave illustrations of Mendelism. In poultry, rosecomb, white plumage, extra toes, feathered shanks, crested head, laying brown eggs, and broodiness were dominant characters, as against single comb, black plumage, normal toes, clear shanks, uncrested head, laying white eggs, and non-broodiness. The very striking and beautiful solutions which Professor Bateson and Mr. Punnett had given of the problem of the Andalusian fowls and the walnut comb were explained. Professor Thomson went on to speak of the experiments of Professor Davenport at the Carnegie Institute of Experimental Evolution—a fulfilment of one of Bacon's dreams. His work on poultry was particularly interesting in illustrating that Mendelian phenomena might be somewhat obscured by imperfect dominance. Of much interest also was the conclusion that relatively new characters which had not been long established might be dominant over much older contrasted characters. In conclusion, attention was directed to Davenport's recently published researches on Canaries, which were by no means in complete harmony with the experience of expert Canary breeders, such as Dr. Galloway. It was much to be desired that the discrepant results be compared and discussed. A very promising inquiry likely to shed light on the mystery of sex was an investigation of the breeding peculiarities of Cinnamon Canaries which had recently been begun by Misses Durham and Marryat. It had a very remarkable parallel in the case of the common currant moth. Finally, Professor Thomson referred to this line of work, and expressed the hope that those present who were making breeding experiments every year would keep accurate records of all their results.

A short discussion followed the lecture, in which the principal speaker was Dr. Galloway. The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to Professor Thomson, on the motion of Dr. Galloway.


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# My Method of Canary Breeding.

By F. AYSCOUGH.

One would think that after all the books on this subject that have been published, and the information to be gleaned from CAGE BIRDS week by week nothing further remained to be said. Experienced breeders may, however, relate their mode of operations with advantage, though much useful information is undoubtedly withheld for fear of making grammatical or other errors. I can only advise those who thus hesitate to run risks like myself, and put up with criticism, consoling themselves with the knowledge that those of well known literary abilities, are not themselves able to escape the inevitable.

### Of Paramount Importance.

Whatever one's object be in keeping birds of any description, whether for exhibition, or for other purposes, general management is of paramount importance, as no good can be done with birds that are at all out of condition. In my opinion hard and fast rules cannot be laid down with regard to feeding or breeding. In justification of this, I can only refer our readers to the back numbers of CAGE BIRDS, in which they may study the various methods adopted by many successful fanciers who have candidly related their experiences; or else, to cases which have come under their own observation.

When first commencing to keep Canaries many years ago, I was advised by an old breeder to give the oft quoted "three parts Spanish canary seed, and one part German rape seed, as a staple food." This practice I have scarcely deviated from in the least since that time, and the success experienced in keeping my birds in good health and feather in a cold room during all seasons, and the number of birds reared each year, deters me from experimenting with other methods. Of course during the breeding season, or preparatory to it, and occasionally at other times, some little addition is necessary, more essentially when we desire to bring the birds into breeding condition. A few grains of hemp on alternate days, and a very limited quantity of inga seed about once or twice weekly, given to the hens during February and March are no doubt beneficial. I commence giving a mixture of hard boiled egg and bread crumbs about a fortnight before pairing up. Dandelion leaves are very good at this period, but they are usually conspicuous by their absence just when wanted. All through the winter I dispense with the use of green food entirely, substituting sweet apple therefor.

### A Critical Period.

Undoubtedly the most critical period is the early spring, so far as the breeding stock is concerned. After all the care and attention bestowed on our birds, the atmospherical conditions which usually prevail at this period often upset everything, if allowed to work their pernicious influence in our rooms. Having waited until the calendar indicates the time for commencing operations, we set to work and are so often, so to speak, "caught napping."

This is the time, when, if one is provided with some means of artificially heating the bird room, he is able to counteract the detrimental effects of a sudden change in the weather. Birds, which have already commenced to sit, do not as a rule appear to suffer from this cause, it is those hens which have either commenced to lay, or are already on the point of doing so. We frequently see it advised for birds to be allowed the use of a large flight or aviary during the winter months; but in a place where the influence of a little heat from some adjoining room is not felt—such as an attic where many keep their stock—it is not good policy in all cases. If a bird be in robust health, it has much to gain; but place a bird which is not full of vigour in a large aviary, and it remains inactive, and as a consequence, does not derive the benefit intended. It will generally be noticed that this bird has a very starved appearance on a cold night.

In cases of this kind, I move the birds into more cosy cages, with only the front open, allowing them a moderate amount of space for exercise, at the same time giving them a little egg food or bread scalded in milk, to which is added a sprinkling of maw seed, about twice weekly. The success experienced by this practice over a long period induces me to recommend its adoption.

### Keeping a Health Stock.

Too much importance in my opinion cannot be attached to the subject of keeping the stock birds in the pink of health at all times; the success or failure in the breeding season depending entirely upon its attainment. Many would-be-fanciers have, no doubt, given up in disgust, as a result of pairing birds not in breeding condition, either by putting those together which are physically unfit, or which are not in breeding form. A lot of disappointment might be avoided—considering the large number of thoroughly experienced men in almost every town—if the novice were to consult one of those before pairing up; a real fancier, no doubt, would be pleased to give his advice.

A momentary glance is often sufficient to the practised eye to determine whether a bird is healthy or otherwise. Ill-health will not always prevent a pair of Canaries from going to nest and hatching young, but trouble is certain to follow with the offspring.

In putting the stock up for breeding, I frequently use birds from the previous season; but for preference, I would rather use two-year old hens, and early-hatched cocks from the previous year. These hens I always consider, go about their domestic duties in a more business-like manner, and are generally better feeders.

### Another Important Consideration.

Assuming the foregoing difficulties to have been surmounted, the next important consideration is the young. Having separated the cocks when the hens have gone to nest, I return them about a fortnight after hatching, as I find the hens almost invariably do better by themselves. My young birds are reared on equal parts hard-boiled eggs and bread crumbs well blended together, also green food daily, consisting of either chickweed, watercress, or lettuce. In mixing egg-food, I use the white as well as the yolk.

After separating the young when they are about twenty-eight days old, I place them in a flight cage with a well sanded floor. Plenty of sand is not only useful for them to peck amongst, but it keeps the feet, which are liable to become caked and hard, quite clean. When this occurs, it often gives one the impression that one's feathered pets are learning a clog-dance on the cage bottom. At this time I give the usual egg-food, also crushed hemp and Canary seeds, adding a little soaked rape seed every alternate day. Green food I use very sparingly. This flight I use as a half-way house; afterwards placing them in a large aviary. If those were allowed to remain until a younger lot were transferred to it, the older ones, who by this time would be almost weaned from the soft food, and, probably well on seed, would devour all the egg-food. It is not a bad plan, however, to leave one voracious youngster to teach the juveniles the trick.

Plenty of clean water for bathing and drinking purposes; a good supply of fresh air (the room being free from draught), and an unlimited space for exercise, I consider the making of any birdie youngster in ordinary health. Often on a fine, warm day, I have taken a newly separated nest of young ones, in a portable flight cage, out of doors at the back of the house. It is then under the influence of a warm sun, that they enjoy to their heart's content a good bath.

### The Red Mite Nuisance.

Red mites usually at this period become a nuisance in the breeding cages, in spite of every care, owing to the rapidity at which they accumulate. The free use of insect powder is essential, especially about the nests; but I also find it a good plan to have two or three breeding cages in reserve. By this means a gradual process of cleaning can be carried on right through the breeding season, and this prevents any cage from getting very dirty, as well as lessening the quantity of these pests. When a nest has been reared, a clean cage can be substituted for the second round.

I have tried almost everything but dynamite for the extermination of this nocturnal creeper, still he "comes up smiling" like the thief he is, immediately darkness supervenes. Probably after all, seeing the way in which our pets die after one's bestowing every care and attention upon them, the surest method would be to try and rear this tormentor of bird flesh.

It is a common practice to run two, and sometimes three hens with one cock, and though I have frequently done so myself, better results have been obtained in all respects when the birds have been kept strictly in pairs. With regard to the type of breeding cages, those with good, roomy, double compartments I find are the most suitable. These enable the young to get a fair amount of exercise when leaving the nest, and are kept much cleaner.

I seldom allow a hen to go to nest after about the first week in July; as late-hatched birds seldom seem to thrive, owing to the cold nights appearing, before the young complete their moult. Of course if kept in a living room they are not so liable to be affected from this cause.

After the breeding season, I usually turn most of my hens into the flight cages, and immediately commence to scald and scrub out the remainder. This is another period which I consider very important in giving attention to the adult stock. One may perhaps be excused after a long period of anxiety necessarily involved in rearing a large number of birds, if a kind of fagged feeling takes possession of them. But what about the breeding stock, after their efforts in rearing nest after nest, and being fed on stimulating food, to be suddenly deprived of this, with perhaps the moult already making its appearance? I do not believe in a sudden cessation of the treatment to which they have for so long been accustomed. As egg-food, etc., is at this period being prepared for the young, why not continue to still give the adults a small quantity? One is amply repaid for any additional attention bestowed on the old birds.

In conclusion, I might perhaps venture to say that "sluggishness" is a fatal disease for any bird keeper to be endowed with; and I would advise anyone contemplating a start in this hobby with a tendency in that direction to take the advice of "Punch," to those about to marry—Don't.

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## WILD BIRD LIFE

### Coming of the Wagtails.

We are nearing the end of the month, and although the night air is keen, and hard frost grips the land; yet the power of the sunshine is increasing, giving us several hours of lovely spring-like weather. This, together with the extra daylight, is causing a gradual change in the appearance of the country. The morning and afternoon song of the Skylark is delightful to listen to. He trills and warbles with all the ardour of his nature. These are his courting days; and he not only sings to his lady-love, but shouts defiance at sundry males within hearing. In some cases individual birds have settled down to certain quarters, and one can almost tell within a few yards where the nest will be located. A pair have taken possession of a piece of waste ground close to my garden, and at intervals during the day the cock bird soars above us trilling silvery melody to all who care to listen. We anxiously hope he will stay the summer, and wonder if he is the musician that pleased us so much last season. Once again the Pied Wagtails have returned from their wanderings, and just now nearly every patch of grassland, fallow, and common, contains one or more pairs. There have always been some odd birds to be seen during the winter, but these with us now must be part of the gathering which passed south during the autumn months. The Pied Wagtail is considered to be one of our resident birds, but like many other species is not by any means constant, and is subject to a good deal of restlessness during the spring and autumn. As the days shorten, these birds leave the more northern parts, passing southward; many no doubt leaving the country for a time. Here we are evidently situated right in the track of these dainty wanderers, for at certain times the fields and hedgerows are crowded with immature birds of the year, with here and there an old one, conspicuous by the density of his markings and larger size. They move in numbers, only staying a few days in the district, feeding in small flocks fairly well together. No doubt, nearer the coast they mingle with other migrants. Their return is conducted in a different manner, for although there are many about, they have now paired, and each couple keep to themselves.

### Chaffinches in the North.

The gunboat "Africa" when off the coast of Iceland, had a flock of Chaffinches fly on board. Many of them were so exhausted that the sailors were able to catch them, but as they had no proper seed were unable to keep them. These birds were evidently driven out of their course by contrary winds.

### A Lady Egg Gatherer.

There is a lady egg collector living near Deal, in Kent, who fearlessly ventures over the cliffs during the egg season. Upon one occasion she had to be rescued by a coastguardsman, as the cliff had given way and prevented her returning. One requires considerable nerve to trust to a single rope when suspended in mid-air.

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### The Precocious Robin.

As usual we read of early nests of birds. Usually it is one of the Thrush family, but this season the friendly Robin appears to be the one most anxious to propagate its species. The courtship (which performance is well worth watching) has been finished some time in the southern counties. These early nests seldom escape either boys or animals.

### Resort of Wild Fowl.

The Inverness Firth appears to be the resort of hundreds of wild fowl during the winter months, and among them Mallard and Teal appear to be the most common. This year the Brent Goose has put in an appearance. These birds come from the Arctic regions, and their early appearance, is considered to be a sign that their Northern feeding ground is frozen over.

### Birds Crossing the Sea.

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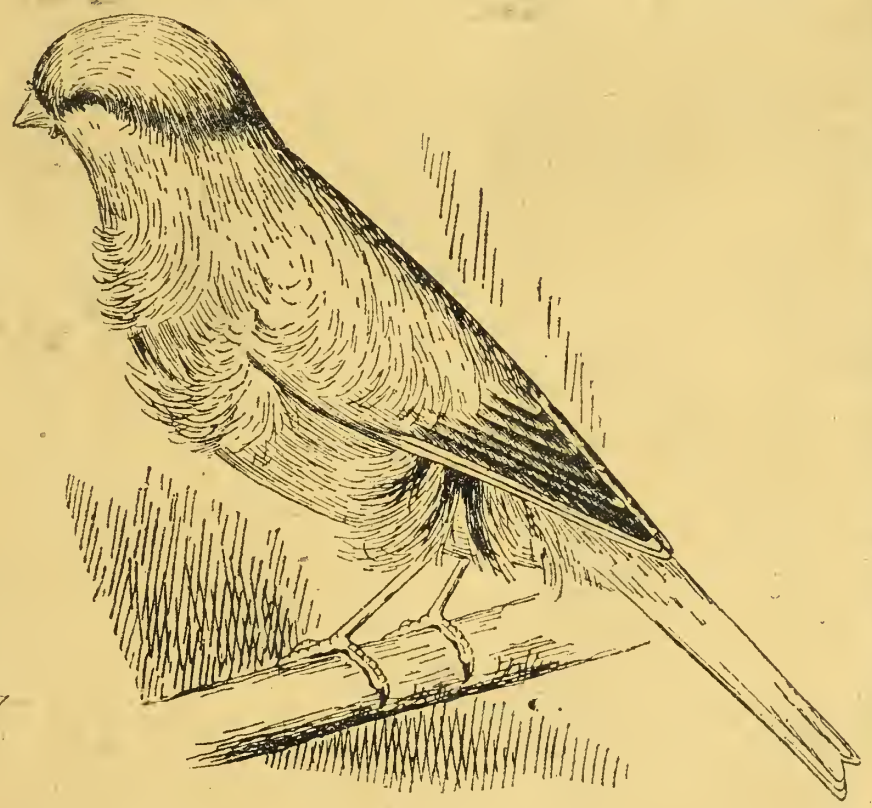

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PALACE winner, Palace bronze medal (points), can supply same blood matched pairs, cocks 15/- upwards; approval.—115, Rosemount-place, Aberdeen.

J. and J. SYMONS, 1, Brisbane-terrace, Liskeard, Cornwall, can spare a few good Crest and Crestbred, grand birds for stock; reasonable, approval, stamp.

CREST cocks, yellow, 8/- and 10/-; Crest hens, yellow, 10/- each.—buff, 7/-; songsters, 5/-; exchange offers.—J., 20, Florence-av., Queen's-rd., Hull.

BUFF grizzle Crest cock, 15/-; buff C.B. hen, £1; 1 cock, 2 hens, Yorkshires, 15/-; would exchange lot, good Crested hen.—G. B., 46, Norfolk-rd., Islington.

MASSIVE Crested cock, winner of several 1st prizes, £3; or exchange for a collie dog, fit to win, or terrier.—Guyther, Draper, Queen-st., Pembroke Dock.

TEN pairs of high-class Crests, value from 25/-, 50/- pair; what cash or other offers to clear; sound, healthy, young birds.—Pennington, 87, Harrington-st., Grimsby.

8/- GIVEN for stout young Norwich Crested cock, full song; approval deposit; Norwich Cinnamons, hens, 4/- each.—Hughes, 94, Sydenham-rd., Smethwick. Stamp reply.

EXTRA grand pair of Crests, green 1907 C.B. cock and very heavy Crested 1908 hen, winner of several prizes; dirt cheap 40/-, worth 70/-; approval.—Clarke, Butcher, Basingstoke.

SPLENDID dark Crested, evenly winged, marked cock, 18/-, or with clear Crest-bred hen, 28/-; nicely capped Crest-bred cock, 15/-; approval.—Miss B. Hacker, 30, Fellows-rd., Hampstead.

JOHN CORKE, 300, London-rd., Lowestoft, amateur Crest breeder, exhibitor; Norwich open shows, 12 prizes, eight cards; Lowestoft, 10 prizes, cup best in show, seven cards; few to spare; approval.

LARGE clear buff Crest-bred cock, 1907 bred broad skull, well lashed, plenty of long feathers, in full song, price 10/6; approval; stamp reply.—Dalgetty, Crown-cres., South Cliff, Scarborough.

LAST chance this season, two dark Crest cocks, 13/0, 17/6; three Crest-breds, cocks, 17/6, 20/-, 42/-; cheap to clear, bred from winners; approval, stamp.—William Watt, 108, Appin-crescent, Dunfermline.

BUY from the breeder, and save dealers' profits; Crests and Crest-breds, matched for breeding, from 30/- pair, Barnett's strain cold-room bred; approval.—Inspector Storey, Police Station, St. Neots, Hunts.

A. G. POOL has still left a few of this champion strain; three pairs from £5 a pair; also three Crest cocks from £3, up to £5; and six Crest-bred cocks from 20/- up to £3.—37, Manor-rd., Bishopston, Bristol; approval.

I HAVE a few dark Crested cocks from 20/-; and Crest-bred cock, feather beak end, from 12/6; they are from some best blood, cold-room bred; willingly sent on approval; deposit.—Tetin, 130, St. Mary's-rd., Plaistow, Essex.

CREST-BREDS, two greens, one variegated, one clear Yorkshire, one clear Norwich, one green Yorkshire, all cocks, best strain; large aviary, three breeding, other cages, utensils.—Carpenter, 59, Gayhurst-rd., Dalston.

SALE, Crest and Crest-breds, from the best possible strain, 1908, ready to nest, a few nicely-matched pairs from 20/- to 30/-; a few nice hens to spare; satisfaction guaranteed; approval.—John Bale, 63, Victoria-st., Barnstaple.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crest-breds; surplus very cheap; all healthy young birds of the strain that during the last 14 years I have won hundreds of prizes with.—Horton, 18, The Avenue, St. John's Park-rd., Blackheath, London.

HAVING selected my stock for 1909, have few pairs Crest for disposal, from 30/-; and few Green Plainheaded cocks from 20/- each; none better; heaps of feather; sent on approval for P.O.—Fletcher, 216, Lilford-rd., Nottingham.

SPECIAL! Special! I have heavily feathered Crests or Crest-breds at prices to suit all; please state requirements; matched breeding pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 30/- upwards; cold-room bred; approval; travelling cages free.—H. Annis, Ashby-st., Norwich.

HAVING decided to greatly reduce my stud of Crests, Crest-breds, I am offering matched pairs from 10/6; single birds, both sexes from 6/-; to effect a quick clearance; approval, deposit.—Guttridge, Grocer, Halesburton-rd., St. Margarets, Twickenham.

NINE Crested and Crest-bred Norwich cocks, one Crested and one Crest-bred hen, one Cinnamon cock, one Cinnamon hen, all bought from King, of Cheltenham, and cost £13 last year; cheap to customer taking all; three common hens, one ditto cock.—28, Green-place, Bath.

LARGE green Crested cock, clear buff Crest bred hen, 10/6 pair; green Crest-bred cock, clear body, grey Crest hen, 15/- pair; good variegated Crest hen, 10/6; also several Crest-bred hens, cheap, to clear; all 1908 birds.—Howat, 16, Essex-rd., Watford, Herts.

LARGE grey Crest cock, dark Crest hen, two Crest-bred hens, 12/6 each, 1908 birds; these are bred from birds that cost £5 a pair, and the best ever offered at the price; also two yellow Norwich cocks, 8/6 and 10/- each; approval.—Palmer, Newby-st., Ripon.

GREAT reductions, to clear, immediately, variegated Crest-bred hen, 20/-; grey Crested cock, 25/-; capped variegated Crest-bred cock, 25/-; ticked Crest-bred cock (good turnover), 30/-; dark Crested cock, 35/-; variegated Crest-bred hen, 25/-; approval; deposit.—Nash King, Jubilee Villa, Prestbury, Cheltenham.

DARK or light Crested cocks, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each; Crested hens, 4/6, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; Crest-bred cocks, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/- each; Crest-bred hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; pairs, matched for breeding, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- pair; money returned if not approved.—Stewart Brothers, Surrey-st., Norwich. Stamp reply.

MR. ALFRED SMITH has a few choice birds for sale, including the noted winner 1st Crystal Palace, 1st Stratford-on-Avon, 1st and spl, Burton-on-Trent, silver medal Worcester, 1st and spl Birmingham only times shown; price, £7 10s. He is sire of Crystal Palace and Dudley winner, always well spoken of in Fancy press.—St. Ives, Chester-rd., Erdington, near Birmingham.

CRESTS and Crest-breds, best blood; champion bowls Barnstaple, Bristol (three), Plymouth, Sidmouth, etc.; all with birds bred by myself; among latest wins, four specials, including Crest club for best Crest, and best bird in show at Exeter, C.C.C. best at Swindon; a few to spare from 30/-; state price prepared to give; stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

COLLEDGE Kilburn, Derby, during 1908 won Crest Challenge Bowl, Bristol, Crestbred Bowl, Gateshead, Cup, Derby, four years succession; gold and silver medals, C.C.C. specials, etc.; second cross Lancs. Crestbred, massive and big Green, double crest hen, 50/-; massive variegated hen, clear yellow Crestbred cock, £4; several small hens cheap; grand young Crest cock, 70/-; stamp.

MASSIVE feathery even marked dark Crest cock, 10/6; feathery clear body, dark Crest cock, 10/6; variegated ditto, 6/6; massive feathery variegated dark Crest hen, 10/6; clear ditto, 6/6; massive green Crestbred cock, 11/-; variegated ditto, 10/6; ditto, 8/6; massive feathery green Crestbred hen, 10/-; variegated ditto, beauty, 10/-; ditto, 7/6; all large healthy birds; Barnett's strain; bargains; approval.—Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

C. ROBERTS, winner 1908 gold medal for best birds in Crystal Palace and Scottish National shows, is compelled, through illness, to clear nearly all his champion Crests and Crest-breds; see press reports, which say C. Roberts' Crests (King of the North) and (Blackpool Wonder) are the best ever seen in a show cage, have to be seen to be realised, and if you want the best to breed your own winners, they are the cheapest, carefully matched pairs from 30/- to £20; single birds from 15/6; state wants; approval.—67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool.

CRESTS and Crest-breds, important and special notice, the whole of my well-known stock of Crests and Crest-breds are for sale; going abroad solely through illhealth. This collection has been bred from the best strains in the world, which I would have, regardless of price; no better blood known; these birds are all mated up, and I will either sell in one lot or in pairs; no odd hens, and about 24 pairs of feeders; also a beautifully fitted up aviary, with a quantity of cages, nest baskets, with hangers, and all other requirements all the above can be seen at any time, except Sundays.—J. Griggs, Mayfield, 80, Hagley-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

HAVING had a most successful season, can offer following exceptional value in highest class Crests, Crestbreds, Barnet's and Joyce's strains; monster variegated dark Crest cock, 15/6; monster clear Crest cock, grand crest, 15/6; massive heavy feathered yellow green Crest cock, 15/-; monster variegated Crestbred cock, £1 5s.; monster yellow green ditto, 16/6; massive heavy feathered buff variegated ditto, 14/-; monster variegated Crestbred hen, 15/-; massive heavy feathered green ditto, 11/6; variegated ditto, 10/6; massive feathery green Crest hen, 11/6; massive feathery variegated ditto, 11/-; feathery yellow variegated dark Crest hen, 10/6; all grand stock birds in perfect condition, approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

**AT THE L.P.O.S.**

last open show, with four entries, I won eight prizes, including Crest Club special, two medals and championship diploma for best Crest; this is the only one in Norwich won with birds bred by the exhibitor; few well matched pairs, 15/6 to £5 5s.; state price; approval. Note: Not a dealer, absolutely all own breeding.—A. Woollard, Sprowston, Norwich.

## CHAMPION CRESTS. CRESTBREDS.

I have spent £200 this last two seasons on my stock, and I don't believe the same class of bird can be got from any other fancier, only at a very long price and only very few have them. I have some grand Crests and Crest-breds to part with, and reasonable and on approval; no single Crested hens.—T. Searle, 7, Marketgate, Lancaster.

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**Crested Hens.**—Clear Buff, Grizzle, or Light Crest, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 30/-. Clear Buff Dark Crest, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 30/-. Marked Dark Crest, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 21/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-. Selected Stock Pairs for Crest Breeding, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 30/-, 42/-, 60/-.

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7-INCH Green Yorkshire cock, 9/-.—Eastoe, 183, Thorold-rd., Ilford.

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FEW good stock birds left, bred from winners; on approval; best blood obtainable.—Metcalfe Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield-rd., Liverpool.

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EXCHANGE twenty-key English concertina, good condition, in box, cost £2, for Yorks Green Canaries, 1908 stock birds, standard length.—Simon, Mayo st., Cockermouth.

H. HUGHES, 6, Argyle-st., South Birkenhead, has few pair of Yorkshire Greens for sale; also single cocks; same strain as my Palace winners; approval, deposit; stamp.

BORDER Fancies, three self yellow green cocks, 10/- each; four self yellow green hens, one self buff hen and one yellow Cinnamon hen, 5/-; fit to show; approval; stamp.—Hoggarth, 81, Empress-rd., Liverpool.

NORWICH Greens, same strain as my plate birds, issued in CAGE BIRDS February 15th, 1909; some good ones for sale; also Yorkshires, greens, and clear Border hens, winner at all leading shows.—Tom Harrison, 4, Shaw's-lane, Altrincham.

GREEN Yorkshires, cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, upwards; hens, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-, upwards; pairs matched at any price; approval.—6, Ash Mount, Great Horton, Bradford.

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FOR disposal, three good silver hens, silver cock, and gold cock; approval, stamp.—Cundiff, High-st., Macclesfield.

W. P. BARNES, cage-bird judge, Grantham, breeder of champion Lizards, all my own breeding, every bird from Palace strain, price reasonable, cocks or hens, approval.

THE Lizard Prince, winner Crystal Palace diploma 2 years in succession; see principal show reports; show and stock birds from 15/- pair; single from 7/6 each; inspection invited; approval.—Rukin, Hall Carr-rd., Rawtenstall, Lancashire.

## Lancashires.

SIX ft. by 2 ft. wood trestle bedstead, with palliasse and mattress, as new; exchange for good Lancashires.—R. Talbot, Romford.

1908 LANCASHIRES, buffs, coppies and Plainheads, cock and hens, cheap; approval; stamp reply.—Turner, 88, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

SIX cocks, five hens, coppys and Plainheads, yellows and buffs, healthy, Hardy's, Lowe's and Mill's strain, cheap in one lot to clear.—Steeple, 133, Batfour-st., Oldham.

FOR disposal, three buff coppy cocks, one yellow cock, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-, approval, stamp.—Cundiff, High-st., Macclesfield.

TWO young buff coppy cocks, bred from winners, £1 each; also 24 cages, rack, seed-boxes, all dovetailed, not nailed, 50/-.—Rushton, Nurseryman, Catherine-st., Macclesfield, late Buxton-rd.,

LANCASHIRES, Crests and Crest-breds. Owing to death of James Collinge, of Rochdale, I have all his show birds and breeding stock for sale; may be seen any day from ten to eight.—Gaskill, 198, Oldham, Rochdale.

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"THE ART OF FANCY."—Grand coloured plate of Lancashire Coppy and Gold Clear Cap Lizard Canaries sent post paid, securely packed, on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS Office, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

PAIRS 30/-, 40/-; buff Coppy cocks, 30/- to 40/-; yellow Coppy cocks, 15/-; two buff Coppy hens, 15/-, 20/-; two yellow Coppy hens, 15/-, 20/-; yellow Plainhead cocks, 12/-; buff Plainhead cock, 8/-; approval.—Whipp, 13, Rushcroft-road, High Crompton, Shaw, Oldham.

HIGH-CLASS Lancashires for sale, clear buff coppy cocks 12/6, yellow Plainhead hen 10/6, buff Plainhead hen 12/6, yellow green C.B. cock 10/-, green C.B. hen 10/-. Please note these are all good quality, cheap, will do anyone good for breeding, approval, stamp, inspection invited.—Broadhead, Grocer, Derby-st., Macclesfield.

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## Norwich.

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**ALBERT HIRST,** Breeder and Exhibitor of champion Norwich, few for sale; note new address, 17 Ramsbottom-st., Accrington.

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NORWICH, two pairs 12/6 pair, 1908, cold room.—Hall, Brandisburton, Hull.

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TWO Norwich hens, clear Buff, at 5/- each.—W. Gilbert, 42, Cowcross-st., E.C.

FEW good buff and variegated Norwich hens, 2/- each.—Hill, Perfumer, Matlock.

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SIX good Norwich cocks, full song, 30/-; six bens, 15/-.—Cave, 65, Benfard-st., Leicester.

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NORWICH hens, '08, yellows and variegated, 3/6 each.—Ayling, 43, Ellerley-rd, West Green, N.

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LARGE Yellow Norwich cock, full song, 7/6; several good bens, 3/- each.—Skelton, Chilworth, Guildford.

YELLOW Norwich cock, 9/-, chubby, stock bird, full song.—Sadler, 33, Preston-avenue, Highams Park, Chingford.

GRAND clear buff hen, 1st and spl, S. W. London, 2nd Hastings, etc., 50/-; approval.—Miles, Aviaries, Chichester.

THREE Norwich cocks for sale, grand songsters, 5/6 each, or 15/- lot.—W. J. Jeffs, Lyddington, Uppingham.

NORWICH for sale, odd cocks and hens, prices reasonable; approval, stamp.—Irons, Ivy-road, Northampton.

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PAIR Norwich yellow cinnamon-marked cock, buff ticked hen, 12/-, approval.—Hart, Railway View, Measham, Atherstone.

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NORWICH hens, 1 buff, 1 yellow, 4/- each; two 1908 buff variegated cocks, 10/- each.—Edwards, Lympne, Hythe, Kent.

CHAMPION Norwich, large yellow hen, 12/6; buff cock, yellow hen, 25/- pair; Goldfinch, winner Frome, 10/6.—Brain, Glastonbury.

YELLOW hen, clear, medium size, close feather, good head, healthy, 7/6; approval.—A. Bounds, 50, Melville-st., Northampton.

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FIFTY good Norwich hens, young, healthy, ready to uest; Buff, 2/6; Yellow, 3/- each.—Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

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FOUR pair of Norwich Canaries, 7/6 per pair; also two breeding cages.—Barsley, Police Station, Gedney Drove End, Wisbech.

SOME really good birds from winners, 1908, beautiful type and quality, both sexes, £1, 15/-, 10/-.—Barrows, Wardington, Banbury.

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NORWICH buff cocks, 6/-; bens, 3/6 upwards; good birds; approval.—Robinson, 6, Barton-st., Egerton-st., Hulme, Manchester.

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UNFLIGHTED yellow cock, buff hen Norwich, 10/-. Finch 3/-, Linnet 1/6, steady birds, singing.—Bedford, 35, Brunswick-st., Wakefield.

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UNFLIGHTED and year old Norwich for sale; clears and marks, buffs and yellows, cocks 10/-, 15/-; bens, 5/-, 7/6.—T. Reay, 49, Flower-st., Carlisle.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich. Have few choice pairs Norwich to spare; approval, stamp; inspection.—Taylor and Son, 20, Ronald-rd., Darnall, Sheffield

THREE typical buff Norwich cocks, 10/- each; buff and yellow hens, 5/-, 6/-, healthy, cold room, approval.—Chapman, 110, Bergholt-rd., Colchester.

GRAND lot of buff Norwich cocks and hens for sale; cocks, 10/6 to 15/6; bens, 5/6 to 10/6; approval first.—Wallbank, 35, Withers-st., Blackburn.

WATSON'S Norwich are just what you require to breed your own winners, only three pairs left, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-; approval.—Arbuckle-street, Kilmarnock.

NORWICH Canaries, in prime condition, at moderate prices; seen evenings, and all Saturday.—Richards, 10, Dewhurst-rd., Shepherd's Bush Road.

COOPER BROS.' strain, two pairs, Queen's Park 2nd, 22/6; bc, 20/-; cock, 10/-; hens, 6/- upwards; inspection.—Roberts, 39, Ossington-street, Bayswater.

WALTON AND NOAKES, offer several 1907, 1908 cocks, 10/- to 30/-; matched pairs, 12/6 to 40/-; approval; cash or deposit.—32, Bonsall-st., Leicester.

GOOD Norwich songsters, cocks from 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, hens from 3/-, 3/6, 4/6, pairs from 9/-, 10/6, 12/6.—Jones, 12, Corporation-st., Penyard, Merthyr.

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HANDSOME Norwich cocks, coldroom, very healthy, colour-fed, 7/6 each; also two cinnamon buff cocks, 10/- each.—Mrs. Griffiths, Oak Cottage, Horsham.

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First-class buff (1908) Norwich cock, tight silky feather, 15/; exchange first-class 1908 yellow hen or cock similar, yours first.—Appleton, Duke-st., Prescot.

GRAND pair unflighted Norwich, yellow cock, heavily variegated Cinnamon buff hen, good, large, typical birds, 20/-; approval.—Clarke, Butcher, Basingstoke.

1908 NORWICH cock, good clear Yellow, in full song, perfectly healthy, 7/6; seven days approval.—Jones, Oxford Cottage, Seymour-rd., Wimbledon Common.

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GENUINE large Norwich, '08 stock birds, right type, up for breeding, buffs from 5/-; yellows from 5/6; warranted healthy; approval.—Scott, Duxbury-rd., Leicester.

BREEDER and exhibitor of Norwich, few for sale, cocks, 8/-, 10/-; hens, 6/-, 7/-; pairs, 12/-, 15/-; cash or deposit.—William Taylor, Old Hall, Stationrd., Hinckley.

H. WILSON, Twinstead, Sudbury, Suffolk, can spare large buff Norwich cock, won 1st, 12/-; chubby buff cock, good head and type, 10/6; also three mated pairs, grand quality, from 10/6; approval; particulars stamp.

FOUR-POINTED buff and yellow cocks, 30/-, 15/- each; also several odd cocks and bens, mostly variegated; own breeding.—Kingsmill, 48, Shipstone-road, Norwich.

WILLIAMS has pairs properly matched 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; some good yellow and buff cocks 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each, bred from winners, approval.—166, High-st., Cheltenham.

ONLY two pairs left; Yellow cock and Buff hen, 12/6; Buff cock and Yellow hen, 12/6; odd Buff hen, 5/-; low price to clear.—J. C. Wilmot, Sandhurst-rd., Bedford.

FEW pairs nice Norwich cheap to clear; state wants; approval, deposit; or would exchange for foreign seed eaters.—Creasey, 48, Albert-grove, Longsight, Manchester.

GRAND lot Norwich Canaries, hens 3/-, 4/-; cocks 6/-, 7/6; pairs 10/-; fanciers can rely on satisfaction, reduction for quantities.—Artbur J. Cooke, Grocer-square, Kenilworth.

MR. SMITH, Chemist, Scarborough, has still a few pairs of grand Norwich for sale, 15/- to 30/- pair; cold-room; approval, deposit; wanted a good Buff cinnamon hen.

GOOD Norwich hen Canaries, all ready to mate and good breeding cage, price 12/6, to clear; giving up.—Address, Harry Southworth, 11, Scot-lane, Blackrod, Chorley, Lancs.

TICKED buff cock, 5/6; clear yellow cock, variegated ditto, 6/0 each; three clear, one variegated low, hens, 3/- each. '08 bred.—Miss Gibbons, Beddington, Cheltenham.

LARGE buff Norwich '08 cock, in full song, ticked on head, £1; yellow variegated ditto, price, 16/-; hens from 3/-; approval, deposit.—Miss Marshall, Ilecksfield, Winchfield.

HIGHEST-CLASS Plainheads, show or stock, handsome cocks, rare singers, from 7/6; hens from 5/-; approval before payment.—J. N. Harrison, The Lawn, Belper, Derbyshire.

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A GRAND even-marked Buff cock, 1908, can win, 12/6; a clear Yellow cock, splendid colour and type, 10/6; also some good hens; approval.—Newson, Bridge-st., Fakenham, Norfolk.

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"A STUDY IN GREEN AND GOLD."—Mr. H. Norman's latest coloured plate of Cinnamon-marked and Self-green Norwich, post paid, 3d.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS Office, 154, Fleet-st., E.C.

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SURPLUS stock; good chance for change of blood; three Yellow hens, right sort, 12/- each; one, 10/-; three Buff cocks, 10/- each.—Brown, 7, Maud-st., Saint Phillip's-rd., Norwich.

SACRIFICE, bargains, must clear. Norwich Plainheads, clear buffs, clear yellows, buff marked; Silk, Barnes, and Kilvert's strain.—T. Shawcross, 3, Weston-grove, Northenden, Cheshire.

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WINNERS. Must reduce owing to business; clear yellow cock, in the money every time shown, 27/0; also unflighted buff cock, will make up good bird, 17/6.—H. Lowe, 31, High-st., Cowes.

W. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, through pressure of business, must further reduce his stock, 100 now must be cleared, cocks from 7/6; hens, 5/-; not half value; state wants; all on approval.

MASSIVE cobby Norwich, Sandiford's strain, few real clinkers for disposal; cocks, 0/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-; pairs, 10/-, 12/-, 14/-; real bargains; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Plainheads, cocks, full song, 0/6, 7/6 upwards; matched pairs, 10/6, 12/6 upwards; yellow or buff hens, 3/6, 5/6 upwards; approval.—Geo. Wright, Canary Breeder, 51, Silver-st., Norwich.

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FIFTEEN good bred unflighted Norwich cocks from 7/6; yellow or buff hens from 6/6; one unflighted yellow cock, 1st special members' show, 15/-; two dark Goldfinch Mules, 7/6 and 8/6; would sell in one lot cheap to clear; approval willingly; deposit, stamp reply.—Granger, 5, Mitchell-street, Clitheroe.

CHAMPION stock birds, Bullfinch type, lovely quality, Heaton's strain, must breed winners, pairs from 12/6, cocks from 7/6, good bens from 5/-, all own breeding, approval.—Miss Gwyn, "Somerville," Ramsgate.

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GOOD type cocks and bens, from Crystal Palace winners, yellow cocks, 17/6, 15/-; buffs, 12/6; bens, 10/6, 7/6; cold-room bred; deposit; approval.—Morgan, Haylett House, Kingston, Surrey. See "Cinnamons."

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TYPICAL Norwich cock, unflighted, and year-old, splendid quality, grand colour, all prize-bred and fit to breed winners from, 10/-; approval, deposit; exchange offers, poultry preferred.—Penfold, 30, Gayhurst-rd., Dalston, London.

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VERY large ticked buff cock, 1907, 7/6; also variegated, 7/6; clear buff (1908) Canary, winner local class, 7/6; clear yellow cock, 5/6; ditto, 7/6; very large buff ben, 5/-; one 3/6, approval, deposit. —Whent, Postmaster, Shoeburyness.

CHAMPION Norwich, through illness I am clearing most of my best birds, some winners, matched pairs to breed winners, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/- the pairs; single birds from 10/6; approval.—C. Roberts, 67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks, 5/6, 7/6, 10/-, upwards; hens, 3/-, 5/-, 7/6, upwards; matched pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/-, 15/-, upwards; cage, 3d.; approval; cash or deposit; dealers supplied; inquiries invited.—S. Roberts, 39, Gloucester-st., Norwich.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, feathered like silk, cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; bens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6; matched pairs, ready to nest, unrelated, 7/6, 10/-, 15/- pair; all cold-room; bred 1908; approval willingly.—Fred Heathcote, 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/6 to 7/-; hens, 2/- to 4/6; also some fine stock birds, from winners, cocks, 8/- to 15/-; hens, 5/- to 10/-; pairs, properly matched, not suited money returned.—Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church-gate, Leicester.

SIX buff hens, two clear buffs, two marked buffs, two clear yellow cocks, cheap to clear; bred same as my winners at Cambridge, Hertford, Southend, Battersea, Clapham, Rochester, Sudbury, Chelmsford, Southall.—Rippon, Tobacconist, Chelmsford.

TWO large buff 1908 cocks, 5/- each; two deep yellows, 4/6 each; three foul greens, 4/6 each; two common Crested one buff, one Cinnamon hen 2/6 each; all healthy, 1908 bred; approval; deposit; what offers for the lot?—Foxon, 44, New-buildings, Hinckley.

GEORGE MOAKES has a few grand Norwich left for sale; clear yellow, unflighted, 15/-; clear buff cock, yellow marked hen, 35/-; also a few odd cocks from 6/-; have a look before you buy; approval, deposit.—Shoulder of Mutton Yard, South Normanton.

LARGE yellow-green Norwich cock, first cross cinnamon, 15/-; also few unflighted Norwich cocks, from 12/6; large unflighted hens, 7/6 to 20/-. The above are bargains; every bird related to my winners; stamp reply.—W. Yates, London-rd., Chesterton, Staffs.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- each; Yellow, Buff, or variegated bens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/- each; pairs, matched for breeding, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- pair; money returned if not approved.—Stewart Brothers, Surrey-st., Norwich. Stamp reply.

SPECIAL!! Special!! I have cocks and hens, yellow or buff, at prices to suit all; healthy and typical. Please state requirements. Matched pairs for breeding 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards, cold-room bred, approval, travelling cage free.—H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

OLTON BUTLER has for disposal three grand matched pairs Norwich Plainheads, 1907 variegated yellow cock, clear buff hen, 40/- pair; 1908 variegated yellow cock, clear Buff hen, 30/- pair; 1908 buff mkd. cock, yellow hen, 40/- pair; the above are grand birds, and cheap.—Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.

SACRIFICE! Bargains. A few good ones left, must clear all out. Norwich Plainheads, all bred from winners, clear yellows, clear buffs, yellow and buff var., yellow and buff foul greens from 15/- per pair; approval, cash or deposit; stamp reply.—Fowler, 20, Park-street, Easton-road, Bristol.

WM. BOWYER, Gladstone-st., Leek, Staffs., can spare few well-matched pairs from 15/-, from one of the oldest and most reliable strains in the Fancy; few tip-top hens left, 15/- to 25/- each; several large unflighted buff cocks, rather heavy feathered but grand stock birds, 12/6 each; approved.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich from winners, cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 3/-, 4/6, 5/-; matched pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; Mullug hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/-; Crested cocks, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 5/-, 5/6, 6/-; Crest-bred cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; bens, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; typical hens, buff, 5/-, 6/-, 8/-; yellow, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-; Goldfinch cocks, 3/-, 3/6; Siskins, cocks, 3/-, 4/-; approval, deposit. —Miles St. Andrews, Norwich.

FANCIERS, I still have a few good Norwich left; clear Buff cock, 1st in a class of 17, 1908 nest feather show, 17/6; can mate him with a good ticked Yellow hen, 25/- pair; two clear Yellow cocks, 3rd and vhc same show, 12/0 each; can mate either with good cobby Buff hens, 17/6 per pair; these birds are bred off winners, and can breed winners; a few good odd cocks from 10/-; cash or deposit; approval, stamp.—J. Barratt, 88, Craven-st., Coventry.

WILLIAM JUDD, Midland Counties Aviaries, Old Original Bird Stores, 120, Belgrave-gate, Leicester. High-class Norwich Canaries, cock, in full song, 4/6, 5/6; orange yellows, 7/6 and 10/- each; good healthy hens, for this year's breeding, 2/6, 3/6; orange yellows, 4/- and 5/- each; pairs, properly mated, unrelated, for this year's breeding, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, and 15/- pair; this is no flattering advertisement, but genuine; with 20 years the largest stores in the Midlands.

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LARGE clear buff Norwich cock, good stock bird for head and size, and variegated yellow hen and ticked yellow hen, 27/6; variegated yellow cock and clear buff hen, 15/-; clear buff cock and variegated yellow hen, 12/6; clear yellow cock and clear buff hen, 12/6; approval.—J. Green, 256, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs.

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All my Norwich and cages for sale, cheap, together or will separate; write for particulars.—Shaw, Nearfield, Marsden, Huddersfield.

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The whole of my stock for sale, including my winners, comprising 20 birds, every bird high-class; prices, particulars, stamp.—17, Wedgwood-st., Wolstanton.

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Having bought, March 1st, the stock of high-class Norwich of that well-known Preston breeder, Mrs. Knights, I am offering them at 20/- to 25/- pair; yellow and buff hens, 10/- to 15/- each; if not satisfied, P.O. return next post; cash or deposit.—W. Boyle, Bird Specialist, Adelphi-st., Preston, Lancs.

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Say they never had better value for their money. This week I offer grand matched pairs of Norwich Canaries, a chance of a lifetime for beginners, at the low price, 7/6, 8/6 pair; cocks 5/6, 6/6 each; hens 2/6, 3/- each; send now to the oldest firm in the city.—J. Blackshaw, 68, Butts, Coventry.

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J. H. PLATT, 46, Kiln-lane, Hadfield, has a few good pairs of Norwich for sale at 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; bred from winners at Manchester, Nottingham, Glossop, etc.; approval.

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I have some grand Norwich for sale, large and good type, some winners and bred from winners, one of the best stocks in England; approval.—T. Searle, 7, Marketgate, Lancaster.

**20 PAIRS**

Finest Norwich, same strain as my winners of 50 prizes this year, 12/6, 15/-, £1, 30/-, £2 pair; few fine unflighted hens, 5/-, 10/-, 15/-.—Enoch Tams, Church-st., Longton, Staffs.

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For quick sale, am offering yellow cock, 15/-; two ditto, ditto, 13/6 each; ditto ditto, 10/6; buff cock, 15/-; ditto, ditto, 10/6; two buff cocks, 9/- each, 1902 and '08 birds; few can be matched.—91, Union-rd., Rotherhithe, London.

**WM. POWICK.**

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typical Norwich or Yorkshires of correct type, give me trial order, and have them on approval at my risk; cash or deposit; all cold-room kept, and in breeding condition, massive cobby Norwich cocks, full song, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; smart hens, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; pairs, matched to breed winners, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; long, slim Yorkshire cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/0; racy hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; matched pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; travelling cages 3d. extra; must clear 200 before breeding; all on approval; satisfaction guaranteed.—R. Hauford, Osmaston-rd., Derby.

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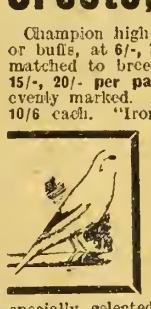

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Crested cocks 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- 30/-, 40/-, 60/-, 80/-, 100/- upwards. Crested hens, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, to 60/- upwards. Crested-bred cocks, clear yellow, 15/-, 20/-; clear buff 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 20/-, 30/-; ticked or variegated, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Crested-bred Hens, ticked or variegated, 4/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards; clear, 8/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-; green 5/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; pairs matched for crest breeding, one crested and one crested bred, 12/6, 15/-, 23/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-; 100/- per pair. Cages 3d. extra. The above are simply marvels at the price and no other person—dealer, so-called private breeder, or firm, can possibly give it.

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9, Elwyn Terrace, New Park, Harrogate. Feb. 19, 1909.—The bird arrived early Saturday morning. He is a good bird, and I think will give me something to look forward to. Thanks for prompt attention.—H. Botham to W. Rudd.

**DO you want Mules or Muling Hens? If so, please see prices below:—**

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Muling Hens, 3/-, 3/6, 5/-, each. These hens are more than good value. Also Mules, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6. Also White-legged Muling Finches. Several special pink-eyed Muling hens also for sale. Particulars free.

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95, Comptou Buildings, Cyrns Street, Goswell Road, London, E.C. Feb. 24, 1909.—Roller arrived safely, and we are very pleased with the same. His rolls are exceptionally mellow, and he has made himself thoroughly at home already. Thanking you for promptitude.—C. W. Harmer to W. Rudd.

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Arch Road, Hersham, near Walton-on-Thames. Feb. 24, 1909.—The Goldfinch Mule arrived safely, and gives every satisfaction. I find he sings louder every day; I am perfectly satisfied with him.—A. Salway to W. Rudd.

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Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent. Feb. 24, 1909.—I did exceedingly well with the hen I had from you last year. — J. S. Cooper to W. Rudd.

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My special matched pairs of prize-bred **Norwich Plainheads at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 20/-; Crested** ditto, **15/-, 20/-, 25/-,** and **30/-; Yorkshires, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 20/-; Lancashires 25/-, 30/-, 40/-; Cinnamons, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; Lizards, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; Border Fancies, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6.**

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**DO you want Easy Terms? If so, send for particulars of my original Bird Club. Just send name and address.**

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10, Angel Road, King Street, Hammersmith, London. Feb., 1909.—Bird arrived quite safe. Thanking you very much for prompt attention to my small order.—E. Hayden to W. Rudd.

**DO you want any one thing connected with your Bird Room? If so, send for my Free Catalogue.**

**BEST EVER SEEN.**

11, Ashley Road, Louth. Feb. 27, 1909.—The clear yellow Norwich hen arrived safe and sound this morning in grand condition. It is the best I have ever seen. Thanking you for sending me such a beautiful bird; the breeding cage also arrived in good condition, and is perfectly satisfactory. — J. J. Emerson to W. Rudd.

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COCK Goldfinch, aviary-reared, with yellow hen, bred Mules last season, 10/-; two yellow hens (March brood), crossed Norwich, 2/- each.—Wellington, South Molton.

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## SINGING CONTESTS.

### SHEFFIELD.

Result of contest held at the Newmarket Hotel, Sheaf-st., Feb. 25th:—1, Palfreyman, 89sec.; 2, Darby, 75sec.; 3, Darby, 67sec. 28 birds sang. Judge, Mr. W. Neaves; timekeepers, Messrs. Bollington and Spotswood.—H. FENN, Secretary.

### BOLDON COLLIERY.

Workmen's Cub Linnet contest, held Feb. 20th, the committee giving £1 with all entrance money for prizes. Twenty birds faced the judge, Mr. W. Mustard, and there was some good singing. 1, Wilson; 2, Holcroft; 3, Thompson. Timekeeper, Mr. R. Channelor.—STEPHEN WILSON.

### WIGAN.

Open Linnet match, at the Millstone Hotel, March 20th, when the landlord will give 10/- to an entrance fee of 1/- per bird. Time singing only, and it is hoped that there will be a good muster of birds.—Sam. Fishwick, Millstone Hotel, Wigan.—(ADVERT.)

### WEST HOUGHTON.

Linnet contest (open to all England), held at Rock Inn, for time and quality, on February 27th. Twenty-seven birds entered. Result, Time: 1, Seddon, 50 secs.; 2, Monks, 39; 3, Sefton, 29. Quality: 1, Statham; 2, Seddon; 3, W. Burns. Time judges, Messrs. J. Lancaster, F. Pooley; quality judge, Mr. Gibbons. Bookkeeper, Mr A. Hodson. Time referee, Mr. J. Green.—ABSALOM HODSON.

### BLACKBURN.

The Linnet S.A. held their Shrovetide contest at Old Red Lion, Snig Brook. There were 32 for five good prizes. Fanciers were present from Preston, Wigan, Leigh, Harwood, Whalley, and Failsworth, near Manchester. 1, Barns; 2, Topping; 3, Neal; 4, Pickering; 5, Harrison. Judges, Messrs. Topping, Dobson, and Pickering. Also on February 28th, week-end rehearsal. 1, Rostron; 2, Topping; 3, Harrison. Judge, Mr. G. Rostron. There was some very good quality singing after the contest.—G. ROSTRON, hon. secretary.

### YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest, held at Crown Inn, North Street, when 21 birds faced the judge, Mr. W. Perry. Some excellent singing was heard. Result:—1, Oxberry; 2, Gurden; 3, Granger; 4, Bean; 5, Kirby. Timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH, hon. secretary.

Usual contest held at Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer Lane, Hungate, on February 27, when 18 birds entered for competition. Result: 1, Oldroyd; 2, Whiteley; 3, Nicholls; 4, Andrews. Mr. J. W. Paver, judged, and Mr. J. Limbert timekeeper.—WM. EMPSON.

### HULL.

Hull F.F.A. held usual week-end contest at headquarters, North Bridge Hotel. Although the weather was very bad, there was a good entry and some fine singing. Mr. F. Allen ("Human Linnet") officiated as timekeeper and judge. 1, Mamir; 2, Marshall; 3, Dearlove. Mr. S. Saul is giving a silver cup to winner next week.—E. MANIR, Hon. Sec.

### LEEDS.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-st., Feb. 27th, when 16 birds were hung up. 1, Stead; 2, Crowther; 3, Sissons. Judges, Messrs. Summers and Melia. Also on Feb. 28th, when 22 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Melia, Cooper, and Crane. Some very good singing was heard. 1, Crowther; 2, 4, Stead; 3, Crowther.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Usual weekly contest for quality Linnet singing held February 28th at Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe-lane, when 17 birds sang for three good prizes given by Mr. A. Fishwick. Some very good singing was heard. 1st, Gally; 2nd, Ward; 3rd shared between Connor and Fickling. Judge, Mr. Naylor; timekeeper, Mr. Symon.—W. NAYLOR, Sec.

### NEWTOWN (Leeds).

On February 27th there was a very crowded house, and some very good singing was done by the winning birds: 17 birds sang. 1st and 2nd divided between Wood and Smith; 3rd divided between Sellers and Chippindale. Judges, Messrs. Towers and Jackson. Usual contest held February 28th, when 22 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Jackson, Jennings, and Towers, and sang for three good prizes. 1st, Johnson; 2nd, Chippindale; 3rd, Smith. —W. DEAN, Hon. Sec.

### PENDLEBURY.

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## TWITTERINGS.

Our show is fixed for October 7th, writes Mr. H. Seden, secretary of the Oxford F.S.

Mr. W. Lewis (Llanelly) writes that he has resigned membership of the Llanelly and Dis. Cage Bird Society.

We hear that Mr. Chas. Houlton (St. Helens) is to judge at the Carnarvon Show, to be held on Easter Monday.

The 2nd annual open show of the Ferryhill and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. R. Binks, the hon. secretary, will be held on Saturday, December 11th.

Your paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. C. B. V. Hodgson (Morden), is a splendid journal, and beats all its contemporaries for cage bird information.

Fanciers, hear Mr. Geo. Gardner on "Seasonable Hints," at Metropolitan C.B.A., "Crown Hotel," Lavender Hill, March 11th, 8.30. Note the date.—(ADVT.)

I think CAGE BIRDS a wonderful paper, and its advertisers I have found to be an honest lot. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—R. W. GEORGE (Newbury).

The annual show of the Dover and Dis. P.P.R. and C.B.S., will be held in the Market Hall, on November 3rd and 4th, writes Mr. W. J. Ahbott, the hon. secretary.

All future communications in connection with the Wolverhampton C.B.S., writes Mr. J. Gibbons, the secretary, must bo sent to me at 74, Napier Road, Wolverhampton.

We have received an advertisement and 1s. 3d. from Mr. T. Morley, and no address is attached. We shall he pleased to insert in our next issue upon receipt of full address.

May I take this opportunity of thanking you for the good value and excellent information you give us weekly? I always look forward to receiving CAGE BIRDS.—F. HOUNSLOW (Leeds).

I have received an order for one dozen fronts, 24 by 16, and signed "Smith," writes Mr. W. Simon (Birmingham), but no address is given. Will the sender kindly communicate with me?

We hear that Gorscinon did very well as regards the "gate" at their recent show, and that the balance far exceeds their expectations. The crowd in the room was undiminished all the afternoon.

I have pleasure in letting you know that I have been appointed to the secretaryship of the Edinburgh Open Society for this year, writes Mr. J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Road, Edinburgh.

Messrs. R. Watson and A. McCallum, writes Mr. R. A. Brown, secretary of the Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C., have been appointed to judge at the monthly show on March 11th.

We have some further replies to the advertisement which appeared in our issue for February 27th, addressed Box 100. Shall he pleased to forward same on receipt of stamped addressed envelope.

All cage-bird fanciers are invited to attend the general meeting of the Darwen F.A., to be held on March 9th, at the Victoria Restaurant, Market Street, at 8 prompt, writes Mr. J. T. Walsh, the secretary.

The first Saturday and Monday in December (the 4th and 6th), writes Mr. J. A. Tyler, secretary of the Leicester C.B.S., are the dates fixed for our annual open show. Secretaries and others will please note this.

The annual tea and social of the Wibsey and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. E. W. Johnson, the hon. secretary, has been postponed from March 6th until March 13th, owing to the Yorkshire Union presentation at Bradford on the former date.

Kindly note, writes Mr. Andrew Percival, that I have been appointed secretary of the Provincial Roller Canary Club, and that all communications respecting this club should he addressed to me at Smithy Bridge, near Rochdale.

Having been appointed secretary of the Glasgow and Western Counties Club, in place of Mr. J. H. Adam, writes Mr. T. Drysdale, all communications respecting this club must be sent to me, at 244, Broad Street, Mile End, Glasgow.

The next Council meeting of the London Federation of Cage Bird Societies, writes Mr. P. Adamthwaite, the hon. secretary, will be held at 7.30 o'clock, on Thursday, March 11th, at the "Feathers Hotel," Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, S.W.

Just as we go to press we hear that the Hertford Fanciers' Society has had occasion to suspend one of the members for two years for exhibiting a stained Canary in the members' classes, at the last annual show. We understand that the offence was admitted.

The London and Counties O.A., writes Mr. W. Gilbert, the hon. secretary, are holding their fourth annual spring show of British and foreign birds on March 6th, at headquarters, the "Goat and Compasses," Euston Road, N.W. The show opens at 2 o'clock.

Two new members were elected at the last meeting of the Hull C.B.S., writes Mr. Ernest R. Ridley, the hon. secretary, and if the society continues to grow as at present, we shall soon require a much larger room, or the shows will have to he held separately from the meetings.

Dr. Mitchell Watt, a popular East Dulwich M.D., has very kindly consented to become president of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., writes Mr. W. Hodson, the hon. secretary. An interesting item has been added to our list of fixtures for the year. Our August meeting night falling on Bank Holiday week, it has been decided to organise an outing on the Bank Holiday for the members, their wives, and friends, which will either take the form of a trip down the river or a day in Kent. A most enjoyable time is anticipated.

My pair of Thrushes, which nested in a breeding cage last season, are growing impatient to start in the building trade again, writes Mr. W. Downing (Manchester), and my young hen Blackbird is asking a cock Thrush to feed her; so this looks like good business too.

At our annual supper, writes Mr. G. Atkinson, hon. secretary of the Guisborough and Dis. "Priory" C.B.S., it was decided to again have the well-spent twenty-five shillingsworth of show advertisements in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, and appear in your "Show Dates Fixed" column.

The Avonbridge O.S. have secured the services of the following cage-bird judges for their open show, on November 20th, writes Mr. P. Gentleman, the secretary: For Norwich and Border Fancies, Mr. J. Holmes (Edinburgh), and for Mules and British birds, Mr. A. Cochrane (Edinburgh).

I am greatly obliged to you, writes Mr. C. M. Sunderland (Bradford), for your kindness in publishing the photograph of the clock, etc., won by Messrs. Haigh and Son. It proves conclusively how very much up-to-date is CAGE BIRDS, seeing the very short time you had had the photo. May every success attend your efforts.

At the adjourned general meeting of the Stratford and East London F.S., to he held on March 11th, writes Mr. G. May, the assistant secretary, matters of vital importance will he discussed regarding the welfare of the society. Members' opinions thereon are earnestly desired, and it is therefore hoped there will he a large attendance.

That flourishing Metropolitan society, the Highgate, Hampstead, and Dis. C.B.S., has issued a very neat handbook for the coming season, which contains an exceptionally attractive list of lectures, shows, washing exhibitions, etc. The secretary, Mr. G. H. Neal, 163, Junction Road, Upper Holloway, will be glad to hear from fanciers desirous of becoming members.

## OBITUARY

**Mr. JAMES McLAREN (Glasgow).**

Another blank has arisen in the ranks of the breeders and exhibitors of the Scotch Fancy Canary in the West of Scotland, writes Mr. Thomas Smith (Glasgow), by the passing away of Mr. McLaren. He was a member of the Scotch Fancy National Derby O.A., the Glasgow Confined Derby O.A., the Glasgow Southern Confined Club, and other cage bird associations. His familiar presence and kindly smile will he missed at the leading exhibitions. He was a genuine and keen fancier, and took an interest in the Fancy generally. Being of a retiring disposition he would not take office, but he was ever ready to help in his own way. He was one whom the Fancy can ill afford to lose. I am sure readers of CAGE BIRDS will much regret to hear this sad news, and that they will all join in sympathising with his widow and family.

**Mr. A. HIGHTON (Leicester).**

I am sorry to inform you, writes Mr. J. A. Tyler, secretary of the Leicester C.B.S., that Mr. A. Highton, one of our oldest members, passed away on Sunday morning, February 21st. He had not been well for some considerable time, but that dreadful disease consumption took him very rapidly towards the end. He was well respected and a true fancier.

The Wallsend and Mid. Tyne C.B.A., writes Mr. Jas. Johnston, the hon. secretary, are having their annual show on the old dates, viz., November 12th and 13th. The judges for same were elected at the monthly meeting held February 25th, and after a deal of discussion and voting the following gentlemen were appointed: Messrs. J. H. Roe, J. Wilcox, and J. W. Bruce.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S. will hold a pair show, writes Mr. W. H. Bray, the secretary, at the Chequers Hotel, Little Park Street, at 3 o'clock, on Saturday, March 6th, admission free. Friends are earnestly invited, as we are trying to encourage the Fancy as much as we possibly can. Fanciers wishing to join can get all information either from myself or Mr. Symonds, the assistant secretary.

Mr. H. J. Chittenden, of Bolton Woods, will give a lecture on his experiences in the breeding and management of the Yorkshire Canary at Bentley's Temperance Hotel, Clockheaton, on March 9th, writes Mr. Fred Allen, hon. secretary of the Spen Valley F.A. The chair will be taken at 8 p.m. There will also he a pair show (two classes). Fanciers and friends are cordially invited.

I was agreeably surprised, writes Mr. C. Dukes (Stockton Heath), to see my yellow cock Canary depicted in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. It is the same bird that won in the unflighted class at the Crystal Palace in 1908. The yellow cock that won in the unflighted class and the yellow hen which stood 4th were both bred from the above, which goes to prove the value of pedigree breeding. The drawing is a life-like illustration of the bird, and reflects great credit on your artist, Mr. Norman.

The Crestbred Canary on our front page this week is reproduced from a drawing taken by Mr. R. G. Joliffe (Glasgow). The owner of this promising bird, Mr. John Sharp (Brighton, Polmont Station, N.B.), writes: "My young Crestbred cock was a late-hatched bird, and had a bad moult, which handicapped him last season, but, nevertheless, he stood first at Falkirk, second at the Scottish National, and v.h.c. at the West of Scotland Show. With a good adult moult I hope to do well with him."

I wish CAGE BIRDS every success, as it is the best cage-bird paper in the world, and, I should think, will soon be in every home.— S. F. MCINTYRE (Airdrie).

At our meeting held on February 20th, writes Mr. E. Craven, hon. secretary of the Bramley O.S., we decided to withhold our annual show for 1909. The syllabus for the ensuing year was made out, and the meetings promise to be very interesting and encouraging to members, both old and new. Also I resigned my position as secretary, and Mr. A. H. Craven was elected secretary; therefore all communications with respect to the society must be sent to him, at 28, Whingate Avenue, Armley, Leeds.

From Mr. E. E. Pass, the well-known cage-maker, of Annesley Road, Hucknall Torkard, comes his 1909, catalogue, comprising all the latest styles in breeding, stock, flight, and show cages, together with nursery and bath cages, wire fronts and other items indispensable to the well-ordered bird-room. The prices are very favourable to the customer, and we recommend readers to obtain a copy of this list, which will be sent post free by Mr. Pass, on receipt of a postcard. Mention CAGE BIRDS when writing.

We hear that at the recent matched pair show held by the Watford and Dis. C.B.S., Messrs. Fox. Bros.' (the now noted egg and biscuit food, Lark food and other food specialists), and Partridge Bros.' (local seed merchants') stalls proved a great attraction, and were well patronised by the visitors. The Partridge cup was also on view at the latter stall. At the close of the show Messrs. Partridge and Co. bought up Messrs. Fox Bros.' goods. This was not a case of the fox stealing the Partridge, remarks our correspondent.

We are informed that Liverine, Limited, of Grimsby, the well-known food specialists, are very rapidly developing their cage, bird seed, and food department. Mr. Alderman King, the managing director of the firm, is the inventor of fish biscuits for dogs, and the well-known Liverine for poultry. In the pigeon world the firm's registered Health Grit is a household word; and already among packed foods there is no seed mixture for Canaries and other seed-eating cage-birds better thought of than their "Sing Song," while their penny Lark foods are simply unique in quality and price. Messrs. Liverine are said to be the largest importers of flies and ants' eggs in the kingdom. Readers should note the firm's advertisements in our columns, likewise send for their price-list.

### A Scottish Crest Club Cup.

At the annual meeting of the Scottish Crest Club, held on February 27th, in Glasgow, a discussion took place anent the Robert's Cup, and it was passed: "That the secretary he instructed to notify Mr. Roberts that unless he hands over the cup to the S.C.C., we decline to continue competition until we get possession of it."

### A Nottingham Presentation.

A special meeting of the Nottingham and Dis. Permanent O.S. was held at the Grapes Inn, Nottingham, on February 27th, writes Mr. W. Beal, the secretary, for the purpose of presenting the late president, Mr. F. Cooke, with a silver mounted umbrella as a small token of esteem and respect for his long and faithful services to the society. Mr. Clay, who presided, made an appropriate speech, and wished Mr. Cooke the best of health and happiness on his retirement.

### An Old Friend.

A winter or two ago friendship grew up between a Robin and the keeper of a certain Scottish curling pond. The bird not only learned to feed from his hand—perching on his wrist, and picking crumbs of bread out of his palm—but, responding to his call—a low whistle—followed him up and down the ice, and accompanied him inside the cottage which serves as a clubhouse, and waited about the fireside until he made the room tidy. For some months the pond-keeper was unavoidably absent from his post, and on the day when he returned, and was engaged on his customary work, something struck him smartly on the ear. At first the keeper thought some boys had thrown a fir cone, but when the tap was repeated he discovered that his old friend the Robin had recognised him.

### A Death Trap.

A remarkable slaughter of wild birds has occurred at Strumble Head Lighthouse, Fishguard, according to the "South Wales Echo." Last Tuesday night (February 23rd), the light-house-keepers (Mr. Young and assistants) were startled by a thundering sound against the lantern looking channel-wards, and on going out to ascertain the cause, found hundreds of Puffins, Blackbirds, and Finches piled in a heap on the parapet surrounding the light-house. Apparently attracted by the powerful light, the birds in their swift migratory flight collided with the huge body of glass, the concussion killing them outright. In hundreds of instances the beaks of the poor innocents were bent backwards, whilst scores of others which had cannoned against the foremost of the flock lay wounded. Water-rats quickly revelled among their prey, and many were devoured, their feathers strewing the rocks below. The keepers gathered the birds up in buckets and piled them on a large table, the huge heap of the feathered tribe being a unique but pitiable spectable. On Thursday night last another smaller flock of birds fell victims in precisely similar manner.

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# Through a Bird-room Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

(*Continued from page* 140A.)

### Chapter XXVII.—My Silverbills.

A man influences his fellows very little by what he says, by tricks of manner, or by want of them, by the food he eats, and the particular taste in liquor he happens to possess; his practical effect upon his world results. from the amount of fresh air he takes, from the wholesome thoughts he begs or steals from bird and beast and tree, from the free wind of charity. These things cling round him, giving out fragrance, as of herbs that grow in a well-tended garden, to every passer by. It is no credit, you will say to the man; the credit is to the birds, the beasts, the jolly wholesome earth; but credit or no, he makes for good, be it much or little, and in a world that is too much given to shut out winds and call them draughts. In these papers I try to bring a little of nature into our daily life, and for this I claim some meed of credit.

It has struck me that perhaps in the past I have spoken too often of rare and costly birds; I propose therefore in this chapter to leave the clouds and descend to common earth. We all love change. To me anyone who does things with absolute regularity appears about as insipid as toast and water or cold veal, or some such washy but harmless form of refreshment, while the unexpected seems to me the very wine of life, and the changefulness of people their only really salient point of interest. Have you not often been told "So and So" is so delightful, always the same, always to be depended on?

Now I don't want people to say that about me. Mind you, I don't think they will, because those who know me best, are never surprised at anything I do, but then all do not know me so perfectly. So I want to surprise them, and I am going to do so by writing about a nice common or garden bird, the Silverbill. I don't like to remember how many waters have run under the Bridge of Time since I saw my first Silverbill. It was certainly "Consule Planco," which for the sake of the weaker brethren I will turn into English—"a very long time ago."

At the time I am thinking of, Silverbills were "horribly common;" you could see them by hundreds in the dealers' cages; but I have noticed of late years that all these little Finches are imported much less commonly than of old. I can only suppose that the dreadful mortality has caused the trade to be unprofitable; but as I said, in the days of which I am thinking, Silverbils were the easiest of birds to obtain, and their price so modest that anyone could afford them. I suppose that most people would speak of Silverbills as sober little birds, but then, as a certain celebrated lady once said, "comparisons are odourous."

A dear American friend once told me she thought the Colosseum at Rome "pretty," but liked the Court House at S. Louis better! Perhaps the Silverbill is rather soberly clad, but his elegance of shape atones, and more than atones, for any deficiency in this direction. Some people are never satisfied, they remind one of Oliver Wendell Holmes' ultra careful housewife, of whom he tells us, that even if the Angel Gabriel had come down from heaven to visit her, she would have complained that he littered up the place by dropping his feathers about!

I will allow then, for the sake of peace and quiet, that the Silverbill is not much to look at, but then he only resembles a good few of my readers.

When I purchased my first consignment of Silverbills, I confess that I knew very little about birds. I believe I bought about ten, in the hope that I should get some of either sex. I may say in passing, that Silverbills are rather difficult to sex. I was quite a long while in finding out the secret. In a big dealer's cage they all look much of a muchness, and but for the fact that one here and there will occasionally raise his neck and sing, I could see no difference whatever. After many days of patient watching, I discovered that the hens had rather finer profiles, and that the line of brown on the wing flights was much narrower in the hens than in the cocks. For a beginner it would be much the safest plan to buy a dozen; the cost will not be ruinous—probably about 18s.

I put the whole dozen out into a large garden aviary, the first I ever made, and anxiously waited for results. I had not long to wait. In about a fortnight I saw some of the birds holding a grass stalk in their mouths, and exercising a most comical sort of dance up and down on the perch; there were the cocks making love. In a few more days the advances had been accepted, and I saw the nest-boxes being anxiously inspected, one by one, for possible future homes. In these far away days I used cigar-boxes for the little Finches, nailed against the walls, with a circular hole cut in the middle. I found these very favourable nesting sites, both with Silverbills, Cutthroats, Zebra-finches, and many others.

I supplied plenty of dry grass for nesting material, and a few feathers. The hint was soon taken, and I had two or three pairs busy building within a week. I was rather surprised, as I believe Silverbills are shy breeders. At least, I have come across very few people who have successfully bred them.

In about a week some of the hens disappeared in the boxes, and then ensued an agonising period of suspense. Would anything happen? had eggs been laid? should I just give one little look? Inclination said, "Yes;" prudence whispered, "No." For a marvel prudence won. After about twelve days, as near as I could judge, the cock began to visit one of the nests at frequent intervals, and after a few moments inside the nest, popped out and flew away to the end tray. I thought this looked promising, but I still refrained from looking at the eminent risk of something giving way inside. At last, one morning as I was passing the next-box I thought I noticed a smell. A few hours later—it was mid-summer weather—the smell had become violent, and it was unmistakably of organic origin. I waited till evening, and then I proceeded to investigate. In the meantime the bodies were going bad—rapidly bad, and the smell for a mile round was strong enough to take the paint off a door. I lifted the lid of the box gingerly, and there I found four little black and swollen bodies, and there was no need to inform me that they were my first brood of Silverbills! However, I consoled myself that things might have been worse, as the man said in the old legend when the Devil came to carry him off to Hell? "How's that?" asked an acquaintance. "Why the Devil," he answered, "might have made me carry him!" I felt that in my case things might have been worse. I might have lost the hen. Now she was sound and well, and therefore I had every chance of succeeding in my second venture.

The birds did not seem much affected by their loss. Within three days they were busy nesting again, and they selected a box quite close to their former home. The old drama was repeated, and for some weeks I had to possess my soul in patience.

The cock once again began to visit the nest, and then I knew that I was going to have another chance, but as I did not dare to look to see how matters were progressing, it lifted the performance into what is called at the theatre, a "situation of suspense." In vain I tried, like Moses' sister, to "view afar off." I could see nothing. The inside of the nest looked as blank as a wolf's mouth. A few hours later, however, I had a little bit of comfort, and a little bit of depression, for I discovered a dead youngster beneath the nest-box. It was not exactly a pretty object, laying in a state more approved of by Praxitiles than by the general public nowadays.

Still there was a bit of comfort in knowing that the eggs had hatched.

A few days later, I tried to fancy that there was not a strong and fruity smell near the nest, and I tried to suggest to myself reasons why the old birds seemed to avoid it; but I could only keep up the delusion for a few hours, and then I had to own that the feared had really happened. I felt as disgusted as a gourmet, who, sitting down to some favourite dish, is robbed of appetite by finding the corpse of a cockroach in it.

But I am never discouraged by my lack of success. Rebus adversis, fortis et animosus. A few more days and Hope set her bow in the cloud. The birds were evidently getting a little bit tired of their labours, for this time they did not trouble to build a nest, but callously appropriated a box that had been nicely lined by a pair of Zebra Finches, and then deserted for a new site, a very common habit of Zebras, by the way. My belief is, that finding the nest ready made, they said, Wemmick like, "here's a bed. Let's lie in it," and they proceeded to do so, or rather, the hen did. This time things went quite well, and in due course I became the proud and happy owner of four little Silverbills.

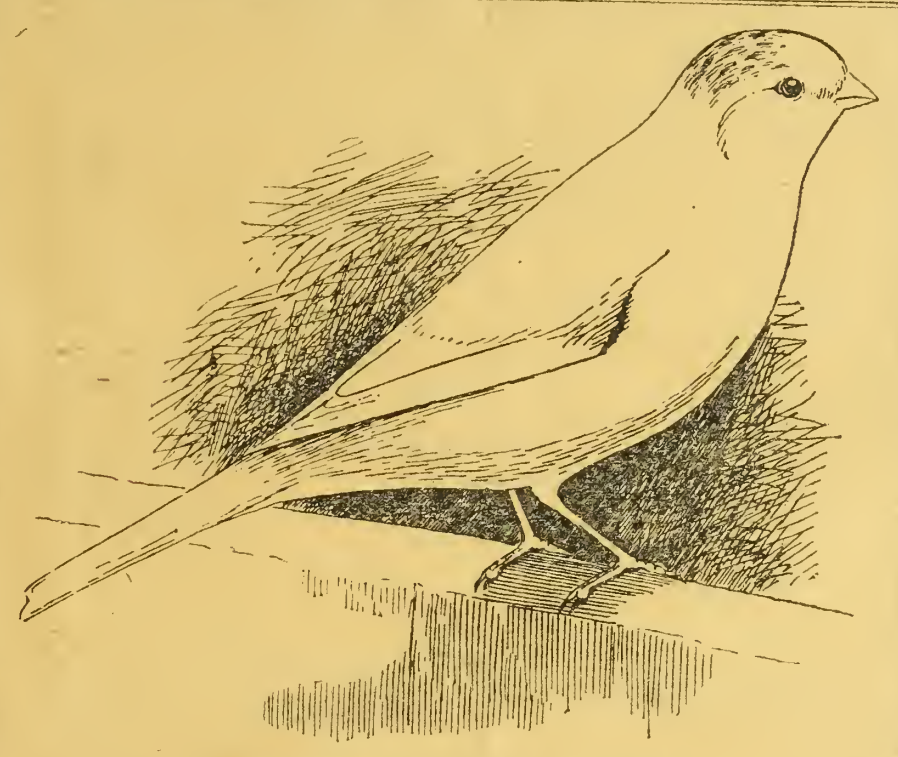
They looked exactly like their parents, only perhaps they were a little slighter in build and paler in colour; but in a few weeks I found it impossible to distinguish between parents and children.

During the next season or two I was successful in breeding many more, but after a time I cleared them all out to make room for other and more valuable varieties.

Silverbills are very easy to keep, and if turned out at the right time they are comparatively hardy. June is the best month for enlarging, for then the weather is fairly settled. Give them good millet seed and plenty of cuttlefish bone, and they will be perfectly contented. In cold weather they require a sleeping place, and I believe that more deaths occur for want of knowing this than from any other cause. Master Silverbill has no idea of sleeping on a cold twig if he can find a snug shelter anywhere handy.

I quite expect that some of my readers will take me to task for writing on such common little birds as Silverbills. Let me tell them a little story. Morier when at Darmstadt took supreme trouble to get the best Havana cigars for his friend. On one occasion, when he was going to have a party, his supply failed, and he said to a friend, "What am I to do? My reputation is ruined." "Nonsense," was the reply, "leave everything to me." Ere long his friend appeared with a number of cigars, bought in the town. "Gracious heavens," said Morier, "I can't offer these things. They are poison." "Not a bit of it," rejoined the other, "all these men who are coming are unable to buy the best cigars. They can only buy the second best." His friends came, and Morier watched the result in fear and trembling. When the entertainment was over, one of the guests said, "you always give us admirable cigars, but this evening you have surpassed yourself." The moral is fairly obvious; let us hope you may all see it!

(*To be continued.*)



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# Some Popular and Desirable British Birds.

By CHAS. HOULTON.

**Being the substance of lectures recently delivered before the Liverpool and Widnes Ornithological Societies.**

My discourse will be confined to a consideration of some of the most popular and desirable British cage birds for exhibition and song. I think I may divide them into three groups, as follows: 1, Seed Eaters (proper or true Finches); 2, Part Seed Eaters (or omnivorous birds); and 3, True Insectivorous Birds.

### Seed-eaters and Their Treatment.

The first group consist of the Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, Hawfinch, Siskin, Redpoll and Twite. All these are very desirable cage birds for show, whilst the Linnet is far and away the best songster in this group. All these, except the Bullfinch and the Siskin, may have a good supply of hemp seeds. They may all be supplied with cracked sunflower seeds. Finch and Linnet seed mixtures may now be bought at all seed shops, and if these are mixed together they form a good staple supply. The oat groat is a good grain to give them. Of course, according to the conditions of housing the various birds, the seeds may be given in bulk, mixed, or each variety of seed in separate pots or seed vessels of any other sort.

In a flight cage or aviary, it is best to keep the seeds separate, as some birds will go for one kind and some for another, and when they are all mixed together the birds scatter and waste a lot in searching for their favourite seed. Any or all of the following may be given: Sunflower, hemp, groats, Canary, summer and winter rape (these two are commonly called German rape and Cole seed respectively), golden or Indian rape, maw (both white and blue), thistle, teazle, niger, and flax (both white and brown, which latter is commonly known as linseed). I used to give my show stock tit-bits in seeds, such as cabbage, turnip, lettuce, and other vegetable and herb seeds. I got large sacks of barn seeds and sieved them, and used them freely, particularly for the dozens of newly-caught birds I secured every year to select my future show birds from.

### Exercise Important.

It is most important to give all newly-caught birds plenty of room for exercise, and also a liberal supply of the natural wild seeds and grain for them to feed upon. With a supply of the various dried seeds as well, and plenty of fresh water every day, very few will be found to die off, comparatively speaking.

A light spray of water blown over them now and again will do no harm, but, on the contrary, a lot of good, for it will make them preen up and dress their plumage; and if it damps the hard seeds slightly, they will swell a little, and when the birds eat them, they will be the more easily digested. A dose of Epsom salts once or twice a week in the drinking water (just enough to cover a small silver coin) may be added to an ordinary vessel of water. This is all the medicine practically needed to stop newly-caught birds from over-feeding and contracting inflammation of the bowels. Some of them feed so greedily that they cannot digest the food quickly enough, and therefore very speedily set up inflammation of the bowels and abdomen and die. Hence the advisability of taking precautions to treat them judiciously from the first. Most of the best and most easily kept birds are taken in frosty weather, when the seeds and ground everywhere are hard.

### Some Natural Foods.

Now is just about the time for acquiring the newly-caught birds to put in stock, for moulting purposes, which is the reason for my saying this much about them. Ripe apples, part peeled and cut into pieces, are excellent for almost every kind of cage bird, and some should be given whenever possible. The apple Pippin or seed will be eaten by such as the Hawfinch, Bullfinch and Greenfinch; and sometimes some of the other seed eaters will eat them. Green food, and as they come in season, ripe wild seeds and plants may be brought in from the country and also supplied to the birds. Some of these are: Groundsel, dandelion, plantain, charlock, dock, shepherd's needle, scandin emdin (a small green herb with clusters of needle-point seed pods, sometimes called wild turnip), "Ribwort," or small leaved plantain (*plantago lanceolata*), starbelia, corn spurry (having a small star cluster of needle-point leaves with bunches of round seed pods on a soft stem about a foot high), red nieze, "Persicaria" (about the most useful and important of all the wild seeds at moulting time for Linnets, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Redpolls, Twites, Greenfinches and Siskins), various thistles and other wild seeds and plants.

For Bullfinches and Hawfinches, various coloured berries should be gathered when ripe, and offered, and those which have them are very much improved in plumage thereby. The mulberry, elderberry, gooseberry, blackcurrant, raspberry, strawberry, blackberry, hawthorn berry, privet berry, etc., may all be gathered and given at the proper time.

I have briefly enumerated the essential seeds and foods to acquire to feed and keep in good health and condition the seed eaters proper, or British Finches. Sulphate of iron and steel drops may be given occasionally (particularly during the finish of the moult) in the drinking water to darken the tone in the darkest parts of their plumage.

### Concerning Part Seedeaters.

The part-seed eaters are a group which will eat and live on either seeds or soft foods, or on the mixed diet. The mixed diet for this group is decidedly the best. Amongst this group we find all the Buntings, the Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, Nuthatch and the Tits, etc. The insectivorous foods on the market, and the mixed seeds, together with egg-food in some instances, ants' eggs, mealworms, beetles, etc., may be introduced, and the birds will relish most of them. Indeed, there is hardly any kind of seed, insect, fruit, grain, or flower and meal food, which this group will be found to refuse. Of course, the Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, and Yellow Bunting appear the most popular birds in this group, and they have attained a very high standard of excellence on the show bench.

Sunflower and hemp (both cracked) should always form a large share of their staple diet, particularly the three species named, and the other Buntings. The Tit family are very fond of fatty substances. I have had them in separate flights, and when I put a lump of mutton suet in, they would fairly "go for" and soon devour it. This takes the place of the oily nuts which these birds feed upon in their wild state. All kinds of insect life I used to get in the garden and take in for them, and the insectivorous birds proper.

### The Feeding of Insectivorous Birds.

The last group comprise a large number of species, and can easily be divided into two sections for my present purposes with regard to their food supplies. All the larger species suitable and desirable as cage birds, amongst which are the Chough, Magpie, Jackdaw, Jay, Blackbird, Ring Ousel, Song Thrush, Missel Thrush, Redwing, Fieldfare, Starling, etc., may have a stock supply of meal foods. They can also have raw and cooked meat, and I always let my meat supply contain a fair proportion of fat as well as lean.

One of my composite foods consists of: Brand's meat meal, ¼lb.; Capern's Blackbird food, 1 packet; ants' eggs, 1oz.; maw seed, 1oz.; summer rape, 1oz.; sugar, 1oz.; best Indian meal, 1lb.; 2oz. best grocer's currants; 2oz. best raisins; one teaspoonful of salt; Spratt's poultry meal, or chicken meal, 1lb. All which I well mix. I had a large corn crusher, which I used to put the poultry or chicken meal through before being added to the other ingredients. I would multiply the whole of these and make a six-months' stock, and store in a very large iron tea chest. For use I would scald this mixture with boiling water to a crumbly consistency, and give sufficient to last each bird one day.

This is a fine recipe, and one which kept my birds in grand show form. Of course I would give them a piece of apple or banana, sometimes a piece of boiled potato, and sometimes I would add a small quantity of grated carrot. All kinds of beetles, moth worms, flies, spiders, woodlice, cockroaches, crickets, wireworms, etc., when procurable, I made use of and gave as delicacies, and it afforded great amusement to watch the birds pull them to pieces and devour them.

*(To be continued.)*


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# How I Manage My British Finches.

By WILLIAM LLOYD.

*(Concluded from page 175.)*

### The Greenfinch.

The Greenfinch is a charming bird, and very easy to keep; but we don't get very sweet music from it. Greenies are not among our best songsters. The bird is very lively and makes good company. Greenfinches build their nests in hawthorn bushes, very roughly, it is true, but all together. The hen lays four or five eggs, and the cock helps her to incubate them. When the young leave the nest they are brown all over, and when moulted the cock bird has plenty of yellow and green, and the wings and tail have plenty of yellow in them. The hen is a very dark brown all over. She has a slight yellow in the wings and tail. I have reared a lot of these birds under Canary hens. I am reminded of a friend of mine who had some bad feeding hens. I advised him to try a nest of Greenfinches, which he did, with the result that the hen reared two Greenfinches and left three young canaries to die. The two Finches turned out to be a cock and a hen, and my friend gave them to me as he did not like them himself.

I might here say what happened with this same friend of mine some six years ago. It was just after I first knew him that the incident occurred. I had then a nest of young Greenfinches, which were being fed by a Green hen Canary and a cock Goldfinch. My friend had been trying to breed Goldfinch Mules for some fifteen years, without even getting one mule for his trouble. So he came to see if I had a good breeding Goldfinch which I could sell him. When I took him upstairs, the first thing he saw was this nest of Greenfinches. He took a fancy to them straight away, and seeing he praised them as mules, I though I would have a bit of fun, so I told him that I would take a pound for the five young birds. He agreed on the spot to take them, and offered to give me another half-sovereign for the Goldfinch; but this I refused, as this Finch was a good sitter and fed all the youngsters that were left in his charge (I have one now that will do the same, but they are few and far between). I told my friend to come up at the end of the week to see if they were ready. I also told two of my chums to come up on the appointed day. Well, he came, and so did my chums. Up-stairs we went, and although the birds were not quite ready, he would take them he said. He offered me the money, but I refused, telling him to pay me again. Then the fun began, my chums telling him that the birds were Greenfinches. But no, he knew better, they were Mules, and we laughed heartily. At last I told him the truth, but he would not believe me; he knew better, he said. When he got home his wife told him they were not Mules, as they did not have red heads. He brought them back to me, remarking that they had too much yellow on them for him. They turned out to be all cocks, and of the best colour I ever saw, besides being very large. I showed him the birds when they had moulted, and he admitted they were the best Greenfinches he ever saw. I sold two of them for eighteen shillings each, and they took first and seconds at three of our leading shows.

In selecting Greenfinches, I choose good large chubby birds, with plenty of yellow, both in the body and the wings, and with yellow bars and yellow tail feathers, which must be folded close together, as a wide spread tail spoils any bird. The head should be as large as possible, with black around the eyes. The back should be dark greenish olive colour, with close-fitting feathers.

I feed with Canary, ½lb.; hemp, ½lb.; teazel, ½lb.; summer rape, ¼lb.; and winter rape, ¼lb.; with plenty of wild seeds as mentioned before. I give plenty of sunflower seeds, green and black ivy berries, wild dog rose berries (these must be opened before being given), plenty of green chickweed, groundsel, and hard heads. I get the birds to take a meal worm now and again, and I give plenty of water for them to bathe in. With this treatment they will be found to do well.

### The Redpoll.

The Redpoll, or "Chitty," as some name it, is a very attractive little fellow. It is a kind of a Linnet, but much smaller than the Linnet.

Redpolls can be taught to do many tricks, but you will have to put them to some hardships at first; such tricks as drawing water and drawing its food with a little engine. I had one which I taught to climb a little ladder which I made and ring the bell on top with a piece of string when it wanted food. I took some trouble to teach him to do this. He would even carry a match up and down his cage. If I gave him what we call bitter weed seed, he fairly amused all who saw him. Some friends came to see me on one occasion with the result that "Tommy," my pet, had to pass into their possession.

When I go catching Linnets I get some Redpolls, which saves my keeping decoy birds; they are then very easy to catch. The cock bird, when moulted, has a patch of red on the head, with dark feathers running down around the beak and forming a bib underneath the beak.

I have never selected any for exhibition, but some four years ago I bought two cock Redpolls with the intention of turning them into my outside aviary, but I soon found that they did not let the other birds alone, so I caged them off separately for three or four months. It was near moulting time, so I let them loose in the aviary. They did well this time. So when they had finished the moult, I gave one away, as a present to a friend, with the result that he showed it at Plymouth, taking first and special, the same at Bristol, and reserve at Oswestry. The other bird I gave to my brother. He let it die, however, for want of water, quite by mistake. I feed Redpolls the same as Linnets, except with regard to hemp, which I give sparingly. A little inga also given sparingly will do them good. I give Shepherd's purse knotted grass seeds, plantain seeds (which I give freely to the Linnets), also bitter weed in flower, dried chickweed and plenty of water to bathe in. On this treatment I have found them come on well.

In concluding my essay, I may say that it has always been my aim to learn as much as I can, and with the methods of feeding as stated—with plenty of screenings from the thrashing machine, plenty of water for the birds to bathe in, good, fresh air, and once a week a dose all round of Epsom salts—my pets have been kept in the pink of condition. I hope that the remarks and the secrets I have told may be of benefit to young fanciers, I would not try to teach the older ones, as they know more than I do myself.

# Canary Breeding: Some Difficulties of Beginners Discussed.

By MISS BARROWS.

Every beginner meets with many difficulties, and perhaps novices in particular will be interested in the story of my experience as a novice when I started keeping Norwich Canaries. Living five miles from a country town, I cannot seek the advice of other fanciers, and am also at a business disadvantage in being a woman. Nevertheless, I have succeeded in rearing some good birds, and in showing them with success. It is wonderful what you can find out for yourself with observation and by the perusal of CAGE BIRDS.

### Preparing for Breeding.

Birds have characters, and you must humour them. It is no use forcing a marriage between two birds, for instance, as they settle their choice by call when the cages are in the same room. It is therefore desirable to keep the hens in a different room if possible. If this is not possible, place the cages so that the sexes are not within sight of each other.

Within a month of commencing to breed you can arrange the birds you mean to use in breeding cages with a partition, and place a cock in one and the hen you intend him to have in the other. The slide can be left closed, as they can see each other through the water holes, and you may begin to feed them a little better. In the winter I give my birds two parts good Canary, one part German rape, and in very cold weather a few crushed oats or plain boiled rice (the latter they are very fond of), a piece of dessert apple twice a week or banana, and bread and milk with a sprinkle of maw seed if I observe a cold or other disorder.

### Towards the End of February.

Towards the end of February I begin to think of special diet, and one of the advantages of having the hen you mean to use in a partition alone next to the cock bird, is that you can feed her according to her temperament. Now, a very fat, lazy hen wants this fatness or laziness removed, or she will have some clear eggs or be too lazy to feed her young. Let the treatment for such a hen be a pinch of Epsom salts (as much as will go on a threepenny piece) every alternate day for a week, a little more rape, and give bread and milk occasionally. After this give the usual seed with the addition of a little niger and plenty of salad. The lean kind, or those at all run down, you can commence to feed up by giving a little egg-food twice a week. Also treat the cock similarly. It is a good thing to give all the hens a pinch of niger twice weekly, as it is a preventative of egg-binding, and into the egg-food of both cock and hen mix five drops of Parrish's chemical food.

About the end of March or first week in April, if the weather is propitious, the partition comes out, and if the birds are in condition, there is no mistake about the business. The cock carries about a feather (the badge of matrimony) in great excitement, and the hen almost directly shows her approval of the situation by flapping her wings vigorously.

Under such circumstances eggs may be expected within ten days, often within a week or at the latest a fortnight. I must mention that it is desirable to cut the nails of old birds, just the points, and cut off superfluous feather from under the vent. Accidents are common through improper nesting material. I gather fresh moss and dry it with short lengths of hay, and as lining, cowhair, or saddlers' doe stuffing. I tried sheep's wool, but lost a nest as the newly-hatched birds became entangled in it. The same occurred with cotton wool, and I have known of a hen being hung in the string of a bought nest bag.

When the birds are together, I continue the Parrish's food until the hen lays, leaving it off when the birds are well started for the season, giving one teaspoonful of egg-food per pair every other day. On alternate days I give a spray of young lettuce, watercress, groundsel or dandelion. Before the first round is the only time I use dandelion, and this I soak overnight in warm water, and use one small leaf per bird. I put a little soft brown sugar in the egg-food before the hen lays, and if there appears difficulty, a few spots of olive or salad oil on a piece of sponge cake.

### Treating Egg-bound Hens.

I have only had one case of egg-binding, and this gave way on my giving first a few drops of whisky and water in the beak, after which I dropped a spot or two of oil on the vent. I left the hen for an hour wrapped in flannel in a little cage near the fire, and then steamed her over a narrow jug of boiling water, covered with flannel, taking care to hold the vent only over the piece of flannel, and keeping the fingers well open, with the bird's neck between the thumb and first finger. The egg was laid the next morning after I had given up hopes.

But, alas! I performed acts of cruelty at first in my ignorance, steaming when there was no egg, and thus killing a hen. Steam a hen only when you can see the egg under the skin. You can generally see the egg quite plainly the day before it is due to be laid. If a hen is really egg-bound, she is absolutely prostrate, lying helpless in your hand. It is necessary to give cuttlefish bone and unboiled crushed egg shells in the cages, as well as gritty sand, as helps to prevent egg-binding.

While on the subject of steaming, I may emphasise the fact that prevention is better than cure in the case of colds. If a bird starts wheezing at any time, place the cage over a basin of boiling water—it will stand on a piece of wood laid across—cover the whole with a cloth for 20 minutes, but keep an eye on your bird from time to time. This wants doing daily for four days to be of use, at the same time keeping the bird warm and giving bread and milk.

One of my greatest difficulties has been in relation to the behaviour of the cock. Some cocks are troublesome, but those that are very destructive in the first year, often steady down when they are older, and turn out grand fathers. Even the mischievous ones that have to be taken away while the hen is sitting, when returned, often feed the young of ten days old; so one needs to watch and study the character of each cock bird.

### One Male With Two Females.

With regard to running one cock to two hens, there are several ways of doing it, but it is a great advantage to have the rival wives out of sight of each other, and as far away as possible. Also try to get them into condition at the same time, so that No. 2 is ready to lay when No. 1 is sitting. If by any chance things do not fall like this, I let the cock pass the morning with one hen and the evening with the other. If he is disposed to be spiteful to No. 2, then I put him with her morning and evening for a very short time, in the hope of a better understanding being come to between them. You can only be guided by circumstances.

To return to the laying; it is very important not to startle the birds. Sudden disturbances such as a noisy entrance into the bird-room, cause the hen to crouch down and pinhole the eggs, especially if her nails are not cut. But sometimes the hen pricks the eggs in trying to clean them.

Eggs sometimes get thrown out of the nest through nervousness. The hen waits till you are gone, and then hops out in a fearful hurry less you may return, dragging an egg with her.

Nervousness also causes that troublesome complaint, nesting diarrhœa. I only give plain Canary when the hens are sitting, and have tried chlorodyne for the diarrhœa, but believe it does harm in other ways. It is very difficult to dose birds when they are sitting, and I wish some fancier would tell me of a cure for nesting diarrhœa. *(To be continued.)*


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Once I saw a London Sparrow
Fly upon a pedlar's barrow;
He chirped and hopped, and seemed to say,
"What have you here to sell to-day?"
The pedlar was busy taking money,
And birdie was in—oh!—such a hurry!
He put his little head aside,
For many skeins of wool he spied;
Then, taking one of lovely blue,
He spread his wings, and away he flew.

Sent by A. Hogg (age 15), St. Luke's Terrace, St. Luke's Street, Hull.

### **A Lucky Capture.

One sunny day I had orders to put my pet Goldfinch out in the garden because it was such a fine day. I then thought I would clean him out; so I took his seed bottle out to refil it, and to my great surprise he flew away. He stayed away all that night, and the next day, when I went to bring his companion, a Goldfinch Mule, in, to my great surprise I found the Goldfinch sitting on his cage, which I had left out with the door open. He promptly hopped in none the worse for his night's adventure.—Sent by Rowland F. Davies (age 14), 11, Southey St., Wordsworth Avenue, Cardiff.

### *A Close Shave.

One Sunday my dad put a Linnet outside the second floor window. The wind was very high, and both the bird and cage were unfortunately blown down into the area below. The glass drinker being a heavy one caused the cage to break in pieces, and away flew "Linnie." My mother and I ran down the street to try and catch him, but he was frightened. However, a man picked him up and gave him to mother more dead than alive. When mother said "Poor 'Linnie'," he opened his eyes as much as to say, "I am pleased you have got me again."—Sent by G. Monard (age 12), 13, Handel Street, London, W.C.

## IN THE COURTS.

### A Bristol Case.

James Tapscott, of Redfield, Bristol, was summoned at the Long Ashton Sessions on February 26th, for causing unnecessary suffering to a Linnet and Goldfinch whilst in captivity or close confinement, at Portbury, on February 10th. Mr. Roberts, of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, was present in connection with the prosecution.—P.C. Martin stated that about one o'clock on the day in question he was on duty at Portbury, when he saw the defendant in a field in the occupation of Mr. Williams, farmer. He had nets laid down, and was using a Goldfinch and Linnet as decoy birds. They were braced round their bodies with string, and pegged down to the ground. They would flutter in the air for a few seconds, and then drop down thoroughly exhausted. On examining the birds, he saw that their feathers were all rubbed off. The birds appeared to be in a wild state. He then took possession of the traps and net, and asked defendant for his name and address, and he gave a false one. The man, he believed, was a professional bird-catcher.

There was a second summons against the defendant for taking a Goldfinch at the same time and place, contrary to the W.B.P. (County of Somerset) Order 1904. P.C. Martin again gave evidence in support of the case.—The defendant, who was not present when the case started, but arrived just as the second summons was being heard, said that he had been out of work for 15 weeks, and he had a wife and seven children, and hardly a bit of food in the house. His father was a bird-catcher, but it was not his occupation, for he was a painter; and the reason he did this was to get a bit of food, instead of stealing. The evidence having been read over to him, defendant questioned the constable to show that he did not use any "flirt" line, and that no injury was done to the birds except the ruffling of their feathers. Defendant said that he did not catch any bird, and the two he had with him he took down there.

The summons for catching birds was dismissed, and on the defendant giving his promise not to do this kind of thing again, he was bound over on the first summons in the sum of £5 to be of good behavious for six months.—"Bristol Times and Mirror."

## WILD BIRD LIFE.

### Hard Times for Birds.

The snow lies thickly all around, covering fields and meadowlands, and even the low hedgerows are in some places barely discernible, and can only be traced by a slight rise in the landscape. There has been no wind with this fall; consequently, the trunks and branches of the trees are beautifully outlined in white. Upon the thin twigs at the extremities, where the swelling birds are waiting for more genial weather, the delicate tracery of the graceful birches is most enchanting. But the first wild bird to settle among them spoils the picture, for, light as he is, he displaces the white covering, which falls slowly to the ground in a feathery shower. On the outskirts of the village, where the roads lead right away into the country, the hedgerows are full of birds. The larger ones search diligently along the bottom among the stems and the rough underwood, and in the banks, where here and there a tuft of overhanging herbage has prevented the snow from covering the entire surface. We disturbed a Missel Thrush digging into the bank; so much earth had he moved that at first sight it appeared as though some animal had been at work. His flight was heavy and laboured, and he perched within a dozen yards of us with dejected mien and ruffled plumage, looking double his usual size in the white surroundings. There has been quite an influx of the tiny Wren into the district lately, but few have found their way into the gardens in the village. They frequent the fences and hedgerows near the outlying cottages, visiting the old outbuildings and hen roosts, where they search every crevice and corner for lurking insects. Although there are so many of these tiny creatures to be seen about, there is no evidence of pairing. Each bird keeps quite by himself. He is one of the most independent of birds, and appears to be able to exist quite by himself, and is in no way beholden to man for a living, simply using his old barns and buildings as a hunting ground, as he does the hedgerows and woodlands. The food thrown down to the poultry and domestic animals has no charm for him; insects are his daily fare, and these have to be securely hidden to escape his sharp eyes and prying habits.

### African Cuckoos.

The African Cuckoos generally lay coloured eggs, but white ones may be found in the nests of birds which lay white eggs.

### Habits of the Siskin.

The Siskin is said to breed regularly in Ireland and very sparingly in Scotland. The flocks of these birds seen here during the winter are migrants from northern Europe.

### Destroyers by Night.

Insect life in the open is naturally very scarce during the winter months, between sunset and sunrise, but as the air gets warmer it increases immensely. Fortunately for us Nature has provided a remedy in night-feeding birds, chief of which is the Nightjar.

### Yorkshire Birds.

The Grey Crow appears to be rather a scarce bird in Yorkshire, and the Land-rail, for some reason, is fast disappearing. To counterbalance this, however, is the fact that the Red-legged Partridge and that summer migrant, the pretty Turtle Dove, are pushing further Northwards.

### Doings of the Missel Thrushes.

A sign of the dawn of spring is apparent in the actions of some of our familiar birds. The most interesting to watch are the doings of the Missel Thrushes. It is now courting time with them, and a pair of males may often be seen chasing each other among the branches of one of the larger trees, until one gets the worst of it, and flies off. During this performance the hen bird sits quietly by watching the quarrel.


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# THE SHOWS.

## FERRYHILL AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' table show held Feb. 27th at Red Lion Hotel. Mr. J. Atoss judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR.: 1, Sokell and Binks; 2, vhc, R. Binks; 3, Cawson; c, Sweeten. YORKS.: 1, Cawson; 2, Sweeten; 3, vhc, Sokell and Binks; hc, c, Parker. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Sweeten; 2, hc, Rowlandson; vhc, Sokell and Binks. BRIT.: 1, hc, Sokell and Binks, 1st grand Bullie, Gateshead winner; 2, 3, hc, Cawson; c, Binks. LINNET: 1, 3, vhc, c, Stobbs; 2, Rowlandson; hc, Cawson.—R. BINKS, Secretary.

## LEICESTER C.B.S.

A most successful table show was held on February 24th, at headquarters. Entries again turned up well, and the quality of the birds shown was very good. Mr. F. Harrison judged, and his awards gave everyone satisfaction.

NOR. BUFF HEN OPEN (9): 1, 2, H. Christian; 3, hc, Heighton; vhc, c, Tyler. NOVICE (7): 1, 2, Harrison; 3, Baylis; vhc, c, Adams; hc, Smith. NOR. NAT. COL OPEN (6): 1, hc, c, Christian; 2, 3, Tyler; vhc, Heighton. NOVICE (3): 1, Harrison; 2, Adams; w. class, Baylis.—J. A. TYLER, Sec.

## ARDWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A table show was held Feb. 27th at headquarters, Blacksmiths' Arms, Viaduct-st. Mr. J. Coulson judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Entries were not so large as we expected, but the quality was good. There was a fine attendance of visitors, and everything passed off satisfactorily. This should result in increasing our membership by another six.

YORKS. CK.: 1, Crossley; 2, Simpson. NOR. CK.: 1, Spencer; 2, 4, vhc, Parker; 3, Robinson; hc, Harding; c, McLoughlin. YORKS. HEN: 1, Crossley; 2, Simpson; 3, Hudson. NOR. HEN: 1, Spencer; 2, Robinson; 3, Parker; 4, Harding. BRIT.: 1, Hudson; 2, 3, Harding.—J. SPENCER, Sec.

## PENDLEBURY, SWINTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Very successful British bird table show was held on February 18th, a good number of spectators being present. After judging, a discussion was held on the points of the birds exhibited. Mr. A. Donnelly judged. The awards seemed to give every satisfaction. 1, 4, Fish, good bold Greenfinch and a Redpoll; 2, Hewitt, nice Yellowhammer, very steady; 3, Hall, fine Goldfinch; 5, Wallwork; 6, Ashton; 7, Holt; 8, Collier. New members, Messrs. J. Clair, J. Jones, M. Foy, T. Wallwork, G. Hall, W. Collier, J. Lepptropp, E. Stott, and S. Collies. This brings our members to 22, and I have received word that a few more are joining next week.—ALEX. DONNELLY, secretary.

## PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S

Monthly meeting held in conjunction with the pair show of Canaries on February 18th, at headquarters. A good muster of members were present. Mr. J. Robson judged. The young stock show was fixed for July 24th. After the report of the delegate to the London Federation by Mr. Newnham, it was decided to recommend that a champion in one society show as champion in all. The schedule for Finch Show on March 18th was drawn up.

CHAMP. NOR.: 1, Meades; 2, Pawley. NOVICE: 1, 2, 3, Meades. A.O.V.: 1, Meades; 2, Allison. NOVICE NOR.: 1, Wood; 2, vhc, Dibley; 3, Allison; hc, Smith; c, Russell. NOR.: 1, Russell; 2, Wood; 3, Hartland; vhc, hc, c, Miller. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, vbc, Mrs. Smith.—W PAWLEY, Sec

## TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Last show for the season held February 20th, when over 40 birds were staged. Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford) judged, and gave every satisfaction. He complimented the members on the good quality of birds.

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Clarke; 2, Gledhill; 3, Atkinson; 4, Mitchell; vhc, Shaw. BUFF: 1, Worsman and Son; 2, Clarke. TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Clarke; 2, Pacey; 4, Walker; vhc, Gledhill. BUFF: 1, Shaw; 2, Mitchell; 3, Gledhill. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Worsman and Son. BUFF: 1, Gledhill; 2, Mitchell. CINN. CK.: 1, Worsman and Son. HEN: 1, Worsman and Son; 2, Walker; 3, Atkinson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Shaw; 3, Pacey; 4, Clarke; vhc, Worsman and Son; hc, Atkinson; c, Walker. BUFF: 1, 3, Pacey; 2, Gledhill; 4, Worsman and Son; vhc, Clarke; hc, Shaw; c, Walker.—J. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

## HARROGATE C.B.S.

The last members' show of the season was held on February 20th, in the Lowther Chambers, when 319 birds were staged. Several very fine exhibits were on view, amongst those worthy of special mention being the winning buff ticked and the yellow hen owned by Mr. W. Brown; also the winning buff hen owned by Mr. T. Head; these were all put down in the pink of condition. This being the last show for the society's specials, it caused competition to be rather keen. The result was as follows:—1st prize, cup, Mr. W. Brown, 186 points; 2nd prize, rose bowl, Mr. T. Head, 123 points; 3rd prize, cup, Mr. W. E. Fergusson, 73 points; 4th prize, silver medal, Mr. J. H. Walker, 69 points. Novice Yorks., 1st prize, cup, Mr. H. Robinson, 68 points; 2nd prize, G. Ireland, 39 points. Norwich competition, 1st prize, cup, Mr. G. H. Barnwell, 86 points; 2nd, Mr. A. Mason, 34 points. British competition, 1st prize, cup, Mr. D. Duncan, jun., 67 points; 2nd, Mr. J. Bousfield, 16 points. The judge appointed was Mr. H. J. Chittenden, but owing to illness he was not able to officiate. The members trust he will soon be well and strong again. We found a very good substitute in that well-known Yorkshireman, Mr. P. Mason (Windhill), and his placing of the cards met with general satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (11): 1, 2, Ireland; 3, vhc, hc, c, Brown; 4, Walker. BUFF (15): 1, Brown; 2, c, Walker; 3, Head; 4, Leaman; vhc, Richmond; hc, Robinson. MKD., ETC. (7): 1, vhc, c, Brown; 2, hc, Richmond; 3, Robinson; 4, Barnwell. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Brown; 2, Walker; 3, Fergusson; 4, Head; vhc, Ireland; hc, Robinson; c, Richmond. BUFF (13): 1, hc, Head; 2, Ireland; 3, Fergusson; 4, c, Richmond; vhc, Walker. CINN., TKD. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Brown. CINN. MKD., ETC. (7): 1, 2, Brown; 3, c, Robinson; 4, Fergusson; vhc, Ireland; hc, Barnwell. CINN. TKD., ETC., HEN (7): 1, Richmond; 2, 3, c, Fergusson; 4, vhc, Brown; hc, Walker. NOR. CK. (4): 1, 3, 4, Barnwell; 2, Mason. NOR. HEN. (4): 1, 2, 4, Barnwell; 3, Mason. YORKS. PAIRS Y. C. and B. H. (10): 1, Head; 2, c, Brown; 3, Robinson; 4, Barnwell; vhc, Leaman; hc, Fergusson. B.C. AND Y.H. (12): 1, 4, Fergusson; 2, Head; 3, Barnwell; vhc, c, Brown; hc, Richmond. NOR. PAIRS: 1, 2, 3, Barnwell; 4, vhc, Mason. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Duncan, jun. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, 4, Duncan, jun. SOFTBILL: 1, Duncan, jun. A.O.V. CAN. MULE: 1, Duncan, jun.—C. HY. BARNWELL, hon. secretary.

## STOCKPORT B.F.A.

Meeting at headquarters, Boars Head Hotel, in connection with which was a table show of pairs. The pairs staged were well matched, and found the judge something to do, especially in the Yorkshires. Mr. W. Stafford judged, and his awards seemed to give every satisfaction.

YORKS.: 1, Massey; 2, 3, Potts; 4, vhc, hc, Booth; c, Lees. LIZ. OR CINN.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Massey; vhc, hc, Garner. 12s. 6d. SELL.: 1, 2, Massey; 3, 4, Garner. After judging, the members discussed the various points of the birds.—W. STAFFORD, secretary.

## SOUTHPORT & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Pair table show of canaries and British birds held at Thorps Restaurant, Nevill Street, on 18th February. A good number of members and friends were present. The show was judged by Mr. W. Millburn, who gave universal satisfaction.

NOR. (8): 1, vhc, Sutton; 2, Johnson; 3, Dr. Martin; hc, Williams. YORKS. (12): 1, 2, Bullough; 3, Linaker; vhc, Miss Loton; hc, Williams; c, Hosker. A.O.V. (3): 1, Miss Loton; 2 Williams; 3, Kay. HYB. PAIRS: 1, 2,, Kay; 3, Ainscough; vhc, c, Johnson. Spl. for best pair of Canaries in show was won by B. Bullough; and spl. for most points in show by W. E. Kay.—B. BULLOUGH, secretary.

## NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

A most successful table show was held in Lockhart's Cafe, Grainger Street, Newcastle, on February 16th, when nineteen pairs faced the judge, Mr. J. Shepherd.

YELL. CK. BUFF HEN: 1, Crawhall; 2, Cockburn; 3, 4, Kent; vhc, Wigglesworth; hc, Crawhall; c, Atkinson. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Crawhall; 4, Wigglesworth; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Tindale; c, Cockburn. After judging, Mr. Shepherd congratulated the members upon the excellence of the exhibits, and said that if he had a legacy left him he would not be afraid to invest £100 of it in purchasing the birds in the room. There was hardly a bad bird amongst them. The secretary, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Shepherd, stated that the prize-money won that night he intended to devote towards a nucleus for a special for the next feather table shows, which we usually have during the summer, and he hoped members would contribute so as to get a special worth winning. New members, Messrs. Harkus, Curry, Dix, Coomber.—T. C. CRAWHALL, hon. secretary.

## DULWICH O.S.

The first of the two pair shows arranged for this season took place on February 28th, at The Herne Tavern, Peckham Rye. By some misunderstanding the appointed judge, Mr. Geo. Gardner failed to put in an appearance, whereupon Mr. W. R. Wall was elected by the committee to act in his stead, and this gentleman is to be heartily congratulated on his initial attempt, for he appeared to give general satisfaction. In the champion section Mr. G. F. Woolhouse won the special for best pair with a grand large buff cock and a heavily variegated yellow hen; this pair also won the prize for best pair in show, closely pressed by Mr. J. Foster, the novice section winner, who showed a clinking variegated yellow cock with a typical buff hen. Mrs. Mazzoni won the special for best muling pair with a very likely pair consisting of a topping Goldfinch and a fine yellow hen. At the conclusion of the show Mr. Goodwin presented the prizes.

CHAMP. NOR. (10): 1, 2, c, Woolhouse; 3, 4, Rogers and Mazzoni; vhc, hc, Sprules. NOVICE (8): 1, 2, 3, hc, Foster; 4, Rees; vhc, Parker; c, Powles. CAN. AND BRIT. (10): 1, 2, Mrs. Mazzoni; 3, Sprules; 4, Parker; vhc, hc, Sprules. TWO BRIT.: 1, Sprules. Messrs. Pallet Bros. (West Norwood) were elected members.

## WATFORD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A most successful show of matched pairs (British and Foreign) was held in the Conservative Club Annexe, Clarendon-road, on February 27th. Everything was in apple-pie order when we arrived about 12 o'clock. One end of the spacious hall was occupied by two very tastefully-arranged stands, viz., Messrs. Fox Bros. and Co's with their now noted food specialities, and an enterprising local seed merchant's, Messrs. Partridge Bros., who had all kinds of seeds on show, and the Partridge Cup, which came in for a deal of admiration. The matched pairs of Norwich were a good all-round lot. Mr. Quantrell informed us that the Crest class emanated from four rooms, whereas at previous shows there was only one Crest member. The entry of 126 birds made a very nice show. Mr. Quantrell took great pains in the management. Several fanciers were down from town, amongst whom we noticed Messrs. R. J. Pretty, H. Pearce, and E. S. Lugg. Mr. J. Robson judged.

CHAMP. NOR. (10): 1, spl, 3, Wright, 1st cl. buff cock, a beauty for size and quality, with a grand cap and wing-mkd. yell. hen; 3rd, variegated yell. ck. and typical buff hen; 2, Buckingham, cl buff ck. and cl. yell. hen, likely to throw some good ones; vhc, Shirley; hc, Goodall; c, Wright. NOVICE (8): 1, spl, Fox, cl. buff ck. and yell. hen, very good pair; 2, hc, Swain, 2nd buff ck., cl. variegated hen, ran very close; 3, Freeman, buff ck. and variegated yell. hen; vhc, c, Groves. CREST BREEDING (8): 1, spl, c, Miss Hewat; 2, Watson; 3, vhc, Jouens; hc, Lowe; very nice class, the winners in which should breed some good youngsters. CHAMP. YORKS. (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Buckingham, all from one stable, and some good 'uns. NOVICE (10): 1, vhc, Sears, 1st heavily variegated yell. ck. and cl. buff hen; 2, hc, Willis, variegated buff hen, cl. yell. ck.; 3, c, Field, 3rd cl. yell. ck. and cl. buff hen; should find a winner or two for next show. GOLDFINCH-CAN.


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## COVENTRY O.S.

On February 17th a members' table show for Norwich pairs matched for breeding was held. 1st, Corrall; 2nd, Lucas; 3rd, Barratt. PAIRS LIMIT: 1st, Barratt; 2nd, Corrall; 3rd, Gilbert. Mr. James Symonds placed the cards, and gave satisfaction.—GEO. PETERS.

## NORTHERN B.B. AND F.B.C.

Monthly meeting held February 17th, in Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street. The following gentlemen were elected members:—Messrs Vanner, H. Dunn, and Mr. Weddle. It was decided to appoint a committee to select cups and medals to be presented at our annual meeting. The following were elected: Messrs. T. Robson, J. Shepherd, J. McKenzie, E. Atkinson, and J. Bertram. It was agreed that Mr. McKenzie act as table show secretary. The table show resulted as follows:—GREENFINCH: 1, Taylor, grand size and colour; 2, Maddison, some prefer to winner, grand size, nice type and colour; 3, Irving, excellent size and colour. LINNET: 1, 3, Maddison, fine size, A1 colour and markings; 2, Irving, nice colour. CHAFF, ETC.: 1, Bertram, Chaffinch; 2, Vanner, Bramble; 3, Taylor, Bramble.—J. BERTRAM, secretary.

## CARDIFF AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A very interesting members' show was held on February 17th, at Naish's Royal Stores. There was a grand entry, the total being 134, and every bird was staged. The quality and type were far in advance of those of previous shows. In the Norwich sections the awards were well split up, but the Yorkshires owned and exhibited by Mr. Banks were an outstanding feature in every class of the champion section, his first prize buff cock winning special for best single bird. There was a good attendance, some of the visitors having come a distance by train. Mr. Dummett judged the Norwich sections, and Mr. Mellhuish the Yorkshires and remaining classes, and their awards seemed to give satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Thomas; 2, G. Slocombe. BUFF: 1, Lewis and Dymond; 2, F. Slocombe; 3, Gardner. HEN: 1, Thomas; 2, Pole. PAIR Y.C. AND B.H.: 1, spl, vhc, Gardner; 2, Lewis and Dymond; 3, Thomas; 4, hc, G. Slocombe; c, F. Slocombe. B.C. AND Y.H.: 1, 3, 4, F. Slocombe; 2, vhc, G. Slocombe; hc, Lewis and Dymond; c, Gardner. NOVICE PR. Y.C. AND B.H.: 1, Maggs; 2, Murray; 3, Pole; 4, c, Hobbs; vhc, hc, Clarke. B.C. AND Y.H.: 1, Maggs; 2, Pole; 3, 4, hc, Murray; vhc, Hobbs. YORKS., YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Banks; 3, vhc, Smith; 4, Howard; hc, Harrington. BUFF: 1, spl, 3, Banks; 2, hc, Smith; 4, Wilson; vhc, Owen. HEN: 1, 2, Banks; 3, Owen; 4, vhc, Howard; hc, Smith; c, Wilson. PAIR Y.C. AND B.H.: 1, 3, Banks; 2, Smith; 4, Owen; vhc, Negus; hc, Harrington. B.C. AND Y.H.: 1, Smith; 2, 3, Banks; 4, hc, Negus; vhc, Harrington. NOVICE PAIR, Y.C. AND B.H.: 1, 3, vhc, James; 2, Wilson; 4, Tonkin. B.C. AND Y.H.: 1, 3, Wilson; 2, 4, James; vhc, hc, c, Tonkin. In the remaining classes of British, Mules, and Hybrids, Messrs. Lewis and Dymond were the principal winners.—W. S. NEGUS, hon. secretary.

## MIDDLESBRO' & TEES-SIDE C.B.S.

Annual pair show, held at Crown Hotel, February 20th. There was a good attendance, and the entries came up well, numbering about 50 pairs. Mr. F. Marwood judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Rev. B. Wilton. NOR.: 1, Hanson and Lancaster; 2, 4, Gardner; 3, vhc, Rev. B. Wilton; hc, c, Wake and Carr. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Rev. B. Wilton; vhc, hc, c, Gibson. MULES: 1, 3, 4, hc, Hanson and Lancaster; 2, c, Wilkinson; vhc, Wells. HYB.: 1, Wells; 2, 3, Rev. B. Wilton; 4, vhc, hc, c, Hanson and Lancaster.—ARTHUR WAKE, Hon. Sec.

## DOVER & DISTRICT P.P.R. & C.B.S.

First of a series of evening shows held in Barton Boys' School on February 24th. Some very fine Yorkshires and British birds were shown. The next show will be held on March 31st.

YORKS. PAIRS (12): 1, 4, Lockett; 2, 3, Austen; vhc, Rayner; hc, Reeve; c, Leaver. SINGLE (7): 1, 4, Rayner; 2, Lockett; 3, Leaver; vhc, hc, Abbott; c, Austen. A.O.V. (4): 1, Eade; 2, Austen; 3, Heritage; 4, Diack. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Eade; 2, Rayner; 3, Austen; 4, hc, Leaver; vhc, Abbott; c, Manser. A.O.S. BRIT. (7): 1, 2, Heritage; 3, Austen; 4, Abbott; vhc, Manser; hc, Eade; c, Rayner.—W. J. ABBOTT, Hon. Sec.

## POPLAR C.B.S.

The first pair show was held at the Club House, 147, East India Dock-road, on February 25th. The entry was not so large as had been expected, owing to the inclement weather which prevailed, many of the members not caring to risk their birds. The amateurs were headed by a grandly-matched pair of Norwich, birds of good type and quality, next coming a smart pair of Yorkies, the third being a useful pair of Crests. In the Novices, a fine, slim Yorkshire led the way, being followed by a small but good pair of Norwich. Muling pairs were good, especially the leaders, a fine, bold, ruddy-faced Goldie, and a slashing big hen, followed by a smart Linnet and Norwich hen, and another nice Goldie-Canary pair. Mr. C. A. House judged, and afterwards gave a short lecture on the birds, and the reasons for their being placed in their relative positions.

AMATEUR (11): 1, vhc, Cowles; 2, hc, T. G. Hunt; 3, Cook; c, J. Hunt. NOVICES (8): 1, vhc, Spink; 2, Braithwaite; 3, hc, Hammond; c, Bryson. MULING (5): 1, Heaven; 2, 3, Braithwaite; vbc, hc, Bryson.

## ORMSKIRK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The second annual pair show took place in the well-equipped club-room at headquarters (Buck i' th' Vine Hotel), on February 22nd. The display was scarcely up to last year's, and although the society abounds in Yorkshire fanciers, the birds of "grace and beauty" were very disappointing as regards numbers; some of the faint-hearted members evidently preferred to keep the birds by their "ain fireside." Mr. Tasker again led the way in the Norwich section with a fine team, and Messrs. Johnson and Sons took the plums in the Mule and Hybrid sections with some likely pairs. Mr. J. W. Johnson had his Crystal Palace winners on view, the White Sparrow and Yellow Bunting being much admired. Mr. T. H. Dent (Preston) placed the cards, and he kindly explained the merits and demerits of the birds as he judged the various classes.

NOR.: 1, 2, vhc, Tasker; 3, W. Lewis; hc, Weston. YORKS.: 1, 3, Walker; 2, W. Lewis. GREENS: 1, Davenport; 2, Field; 3, Weston. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Tiffen. MULING PAIRS: 1, Johnson and Sons; 2, 3, W. Lewis; vhc, J. Lewis, and Tiffen. HYB. PAIRS: 1, 3, vhc, Johnson and Sons; 2, J. Lewis; hc, W. Lewis and Weston.—T. H. TIFFEN, Hon. Sec.

## GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members' show held Feb. 27th at meeting house. Mr. F. Benn awarded the prizes, and gave every satisfaction.

OPEN SECTION.—CLASS 1: 1, Messrs. Hartley; 2, 4, Self; 3, Bentley; vhc, c, Lister; hc, Jennings. CLASS 2: 1, 3, Self; 2, Ormonroyd; 4, Lister; vhc, Bentley; hc, Jennings; c, Messrs. Hartley. CLASS 3: 1, Self. CLASS 4: 1, 2, Bentley; 3, vhc, Messrs. Hartley; 4, Lister; hc, c, Ormonroyd. CLASS 5: 1, Lister; 2, Self; 3, hc, Bentley; 4, Messrs. Hartley; vhc, Jennings. CLASS 6: 1, Ormonroyd; 2, Hartley; vhc, Jennings. CLASS 7: 1, Messrs. Hartley; Jennings; 3, Lister. CLASS 7: 1, Messrs. Hartley; 2, Lister; 3, Crabtree. CLASS 8: 1, Lister. NOVICE SECTION.—CLASS 1: 1, 3, Crabtree; 2, hc, Gibson; 4, Birbeck; vhc, Simonett. CLASS 2: 1, Gibson; 2, 3, 4, Simonett; vhc, Gibson; hc, Birbeck. CLASS 3: 1, Simonett; 2, Kay. CLASS 4: 1, Simonett; 2, Birbeck. CLASS 5: 1, Crabtree; 2, 4, Gibson; 3, Simonett; vhc, Lewis; hc, Kellett. CLASS 6: 1, Crabtree; 2, 4, Gibson; 3, Kay; vhc, Lewis.—J. HOLROYD, Secretary.


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Oct. 23—**Burton-on-Trent**—(Kirkland & Hadley, 29, Princess Street). J.R. Road).
*Oct. 27—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery Sartor House, Winner Street.)
Oct. 27 & 28—**Gloucester C.B.S.** (J. R. Houghton, Dargai, Hatherley Road.
*Oct. 27 and 28—**Grimsby & Dis. O.S.**—(W. H. Moore, 39, Lord Street). J.H.R. & F.M.
Oct. 28 & 29—**Wolverhampton**—(J. Gibbons, 74, Napier Road.)
*Oct. 29 and 30—**Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road.) W.V & R.R.
Oct. 29 and 30—**Manchester.**—(G. W. F. Lythgoe, 25, Stamford Street, Old Trafford.)
Oct. 29 and 30—**York** (A. Waud. 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road).
Oct. 30—**Dysart, C.B.S.**—J. Logan, 23, High Street.
Oct. 30 and Nov. 2—**Norwich Alliance, All England**—(R. Rol, "Dalwood," Cecil Road, Lakenham), C.A.H.
Nov. 3.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Av.
Nov. 4 & 5—**Dulwich & Peckham**—(W. Hodson, 209, Crystal Palace Road, East Dulwich.)
Nov. 5 and 6—**Blackburn** (J. W. Marsden, 44, Troop Street).
Nov. 5 and 6—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.) J.R., & H.W.B.
Nov. 5 and 6—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe & Hillmen, 85, Whitefield Road, Everton.) W.M. J.C.B., & G.E.W.
Nov. 5 & 6—**Sheffield**—(Lindsay & Bingham. 202, King James Street, Walkley.)
Nov. 5 & 6—**Sale Open-** (Jas. Irlam, 81, HarleyRd).
Nov. 6—**Rochdale Good Intent**—(F. Rayner, 312, Halifax Road).
Nov. 6—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). H.W.B. and C.H.
Nov. 6 and 8—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(C. Draper, 105, Belgrave Street.)
Nov. 9 and 10—**Hastings United**—(A. E. Godden, 50, Harold Road, Clive Vale). J.R.
Nov. 10 and 11—**Swansea.**—(A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, nr. Swansea.)
Nov. 11 and 12—**Cambridge**—(T. S. Moore, 123 Nowmarket Road).
*Nov. 12 & 13—**Wallsend-on-Tyne**—(J. Johnston, 60, Neptune Road), J.H.R., J.W., and J.W.B.
Nov. 13—**Tideswell C B.I.S.**—(A. Flint, High Street, Tideswell, nr. Buxton).
Nov. 13 and 14—**Nottingham**—(G. E. Wilkinson 9, Wellington Square, Parkside).
Nov. 13—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.) D.L., J.Wn., A.C., P.P.
Nov. 13—**Warrington** (C. Dukes, 26, Dundonald Avenue, Stockton Heath.)
Nov. 17—**Reading**—(G. A. Charles, 4, Talfourd, Avenue, Earley, Reading).
Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—(H. J. Niblock, Seatown Place.)
Nov. 19 and 20—**Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19 Lambton Street). W.V. & E.B.
Nov. 19 and 20—**Sunderland**—(W. Reid, 2, Plantation Road, Pallion.)
*Nov. 20—**Coventry O.S.**—(G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon Road.)
Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.).
Nov. 24 & 25—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleazo Road, Horfield.)
Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.)
Nov. 27.—**Darlington C.B.S.**—(E. Binnskill, 2, Danesbury Terrace).
Nov. 30 and Dec. 1—**Morecambe** (J. H. Ireland, Parliament Street).
Dec. 1 and 2—**City of Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.)
*Dec. 1 and 2—**Cardiff.**—(W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland Road.) J.H.P., & J.R.
Dec. 4 & 6—**Leicester C.B.S.** (J. A. Tyler, 220, Narborough Road.)
Dec. 8—**Luton**—(E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street). J.R. and A.S.
*Dec. 10 & 11—**Gateshead** (Buck & Johnson, 30 Keswick Street)

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Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,)
Jan. 1—**Quisborough "Priory"** (Atkinson & Wilson, 80, Westgate).
Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H. S. Tibbs, 184, John Street, Torouto, Canada).
Jan. 8—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees).
Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

## PRIZE MONEY PAID.

[Will exhibitors who have not received their prize money please communicate with the respective secretaries at once.]

City of Wakefield O.S.

**A Fancier Amongst His Birds.**

This photograph of a fancier spending a quiet half-hour with his birds, shows the arrangement of a typical bird-room, with double-compartment breeding cages in the top rows, and flight cages in the bottom rows. The dividing slides, the food and water vessels, egg-pans, etc., are clearly seen, also the piece of cuttlefish hanging in the flight cage. We regret that, owing to the name of the sender not being written on the photograph, we are unable to state who the fancier depicted is.

In addition to the list of foreign orders you published last week, I have just had come to hand another order for goods from Manitoba, writes Mr. W. Rudd, the famous bird specialist, of Norwich. I make a point of sending you this, because in such a short space of time I never before had such a quantity of foreign orders, and I do not believe any other person in the trade has ever received a quarter so many in the time. True, some are small, but they *are* foreign orders.

The second annual show of the Dulwich O.S., write Messrs. Woolhouse and Rogers, the show managers, will take place at the Imperial Hall, Dulwich, on October 12th and 13th. The judges elected are, Messrs. W. Mundell (Bradford), J. Robson, W. H. Vale, and W. Vardy (Hucknall Huthwaite). One or two more judges are being communicated with. We mean, with the help of our supporters, to make this event one of the most important of next show season.

Several interesting articles grace the pages of the March issue of "British Birds," a magazine devoted to the birds on the British list, among them being that on a "Colony of Little Terns at Spurn Point, Yorkshire," by Mr. Oxley Grabham, M.A., M.B.O.U. (which is excellently illustrated by the author's own photographs), and that "On the Eggs of the Tree Pipit," by Mr. Percy F. Bunyard, F.Z.S., M.B.O.U. The "Notes" this month are specially readable.

### A Straight Talk.

When Mr. J. R. B. Masefield, a well-known Staffordshire naturalist, found himself confronted with a fashionable audience of county ladies on February 22nd, at the meeting in support of the R.S.P.C.A., at Stoke-on-Trent, he was evidently struck with their inconsistency, for he observed a sea of elaborate millinery in which birds' plumage played an important part. Mr. Masefield launched into a vigorous denunciation, pointing out the cruelty with which plumes are frequently procured. He had not looked round to see who were wearing aigrettes, he said, but these were the breeding plumes of the Egret, a species of the Heron formerly found in abundance in America. In consequence of the fashion of wearing aigrettes these birds had been slaughtered wholesale in the breeding season, and their young left to starve, with the result that they were almost entirely wiped out.

When the habit of wearing wings came into vogue an order went out for 25,000 pairs of the wings of gulls and terns. The local gunners in Yorkshire started out in the height of the breeding season, and it was shown that in many cases the wings were torn off whilst the birds were yet alive, and the quivering bodies flung into the sea.

"If you continue to wear plumes after this," said Mr. Masefield, "I hope the society will be able to prevent you."

Some ladies, however, were not content with wearing one bird in their hat. In the train the other day he met a lady who had no fewer than thirteen stuffed Robins in a ring round her headdress. He quickly left the compartment lest his indignation should get the better of him.

The ladies present passed a resolution urging the necessity for greater protection of wild birds.

## CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

**Attercliffe and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 11, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Lecture on "Preparation for Breeding," by Mr. J. Browning (Rotherham).—W. Richinson.

**Altrincham C.B.S.**—Mar. 9, Victoria Restaurant, Oxford Road, 8. Arrangement of Syllabus, etc.—T. Harrison.

**Accrington and Dist. C.B.S.** — Mar. 11, Central Conservative Club, 8. Lecture by Mr. Swales, Senr., on "Septic Fever and How to Combat it." Fanciers invited.—J. W. Philpott.

**Ashington and Hirst and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 9, Station Road, 7.30. Enrolling new members, etc. Mr. E. Floyd kindly consented to read a paper and give an exhibition in hand washing.—G. R. Henderson.

**Baildon Original C.B.F.A.**—March 5, headquarters, Bull's Head, 8. Show reports.—L. Haithwaite.

**Bury and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 9, Textile Hall, 7.30. Roller show business.—H. Jameson.

**British Roller C.C.**—Mar. 9, King's Arms Tavern, 128, Bishopsgate Street, E.C. Committee meeting 7.30. Monthly meeting 8.—J. W. Norris.

**Bolton and Dist. Roller C.S.**—Mar. 9, Joiners' Arms Hotel, 7.30. Date for open show and judges for same.—W. Massey.

**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.**—Mar. 9, New Inn, Station Street, 8. Adjourned general meeting; election of secretaries and committee.—Karkland and Hadley.

**Cowdenheath and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 10, Forrest's Hall, 6. Paper by the President. Fanciers invited.—J. Simpson.

**Clitheroe and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 11, Bennett's Tea Rooms, Moor Lane, 8.—R. Lambert.

**City of Wakefield O.S.**—Mar. 6, no meeting on account of Y.U. annual prize distribution.—Parker and Parkes.

**Dewsbury O.F.S.**—Mar. 6, Little Saddle Hotel, 7.30.—G. G. Stafford.

**Deans and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 9, Deans Institute, 7.30. Enrolment of new members.—J. Kay.

**Darwen F.A.**—Mar. 9, Victoria Restaurant, 8. Revision of rules, etc.—J. T. Walsh.

**Derwent Valley C.B.S.**—Mar. 6, Church Hall, 7. Open and F.F. Show business; intending members invited.—J. Brown.

**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—Mar. 10, George Hotel, 8. Select judge for open show (Canary section).—R. S. Black.

**Edinburgh Southern O.S.** — Mar. 10, 114, High Street, 8. Open for enrolment of new members.—S. Hewit.

**Eastfield Side C.B.F.S. (Sutton in Ashfield).**—Mar. 6, Mason's Arms, 7. Fixing time for First Feather Show, washing exhibition, by G. Marshall; also washing competition.—J. Carlin.

**Forfar and Dist. C.B.I.S.**—Mar. 13, Airlie Arms, Kirriemuir, 6.30. Discussion re open show, and other business; samples of Spratt's Patent Cage Birds Foods given out.—W. Grewar.

**Gateshead and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 10, Lockhart's, High Street, 7.30. Election of judges, new members, etc.—Buck and Johnson.

**Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and Y.B.C.**—Mar. 11, 122, Ingram Street, 8. Show of British Birds: Linnet, Twite, Redpoll, Bullfinch hen, and A.O.S. Brit. hen.—R. A. Brown.

**Grangemouth and Dist. O.S.**—Mar. 8. To elect judges and enrol new members.—G. Smith.

**Guisborough and Dist, "Priory" C.B.S.** Mar. 13, Headquarters, 3. Members' Pair Show: Nor., Yorks., Crests, Mules, A.O.V. Brit., For. and Scil. Judges, Messrs. Jobling, Cook and Hood. Judging competition to follow, for Mr. Cook's handsome cup.—G. Atkinson.

**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks) C.B.S.**—Mar. 6, Table Show, classes: 1, For., Gold, or Bullfinch; 2, Brit. do.; 3, Linnet; 4, Greenfinch; 5, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite; 6, Dark Mule A.V.; 7, Light or varieg. Mule, or A.V. Hyb.—A. Cant.

**Huddersfield O.S.**—Mar. 8, White Hart Hotel, 7. Pair show, Mr. Cowgill will judge, and give his ideas on pairing. Fanciers and friends welcome. — R. Greensmith.

**Hyde and Dist. C.B.S.** — Mar. 6, St. George's Schools, 7. Meeting and table show of Canaries and British Birds, confined to Novices (Members only). Judges, Messrs. Foden and Wrigley; intending members please attend.—F. Barraclough.

**Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.**—Mar. 11, Nutclough Tavern, 8. Mr. F. Greenwood will read a paper, "The Birds of Crimsworth Dene."—W. Parratt.

**Ilford F. and F.S.**—Mar. 9, 4, Cranbrook Road, 8. Lecture on Breeding Cages (with specimen); also on cage birds, by Mr. C. H. Cooper; visitors cordially invited.—A. Webb.

**Kent County C.B.A.**—Mar. 3, 67, High Street, Dover, 8. Minutes, patronage, correspondence and general.—G. Sanderson. (Possibly March 10 is meant.—ED.)

**Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.**—Mar. 6, Headquarters, White Swan Hotel, Market Place, 2. Members' Show; 29 classes; judge, Mr. T. Ride.—C. Draper.

**Larkhall C.B.A.**—Mar. 13, Miners' Hall, 7. Lecture on "Mule and Hybrid Breeding," by W. Johnstone.—J. Pollock.

**Lancs. and Liz. F.A.**—Mar. 6, Ye Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove, Manchester, 6.30. Annual general meeting, election of officers, etc.—J. Rukin.

**London Federation of Cage Bird Societies.**—Mar. 11, Feathers' Hotel, Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 7.30. Council meeting.—P. Adamthwaite.

**Leyton and Dist. C.B.A.**—Mar. 8, Headquarters, show of British Birds. Judge, Mr. J. T. Clark.—B. F. Forse.

**Leeds Roller C.C.**—Mar. 6, Lockhart's Rooms, 55, Briggate. Mar. 8, Stock to choose for breeding; new members or those wishing to become same, specially invited.—T. W. Walton.

**Liverpool B.B.A.**—Mar. 11, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, 8. Discussion on Pairing, and drawing syllabus for following year; fanciers invited.—F. E. Hawkes.

**Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 6, Centre Hotel, 7. Important business.—D. John.

**Leeds C.B.S.** — Mar. 6, Lockhart's Restaurant, Briggate, at 7.30. Members' annual pair show, etc. Fanciers heartily welcome.—W. Tose.

**Leicester C.B.S.**—Mar. 10, Headquarters, Saracens' Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15 p.m. Table show of Brit. birds, Goldfinch and Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Bramblefinch, Chaffinch, part seed-eating Brit. Judge, Mr. W. Judd. Fanciers invited.—J. A. Tyler.

**Maesteg and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 8, Oddfellows' Hotel, 7. Election of officers, etc.; fanciers heartily invited.—W. Jenkins.

**North Manchester C.B.S.**—Mar. 9, Headquarters, 8. Mr. C. C. Blackshaw (Altrincham), on Borders.—J. Davey.

**New Stevenston and Dist. O.S.**—Mar. 9, Robb's Hall, 8. Fanciers invited.—J. Lamb.

**Otley and Dist. O.S.**—Mar. 9, Queen's Head, 8. F. F. Show.—C. Thornton.

**Oldham and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 9, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. General business and debate on the Lizard Canary; fanciers cordially invited. — F. Steeple.

**Pendleton and Saltord O.S.**—Mar. 8, Headquarters, 8. Table show Yorks., one class, Nor. one; will members kindly bring two birds; entry 3d. per cage, returned in special prizes; judge, Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe.—H. Clayton.

**Rochdale O.C.**—Mar. 9, Club, 8. Lecture on the Norwich P. H., by Mr. Taylor (Preston). Fanciers invited.—J. Butterworth.

**Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 11, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Question night, by ballot.—Lindsay and Bingham.

**Southampton O.S.**—Mar. 10, 273, Shirley Road, 7.30. Table Show, British Birds, and Yorks. and Nor. Canaries.—C. Parmiter.

**St. James the Less F.A.** — Mar. 8, Men's Club Reading Room, 9. Local fanciers cordially invited.—H. E. Adams.

**South Salford and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 10, Ordsall Old Hall, 8.—G. E. Shaw.

**South Manchester C.B.S.**—Mar. 8, Headquarters, 8.—J. C. Spilsbury.

**Sandy Lane and Dist. C.B.A.**—Mar. 9, Victoria Hotel, 8. New members to propose, etc. — B. Buckle.

**Stocksbridge C.B.S.**—Mar. 6, National Schools, 7.30—fanciers cordially invited.—H. E. Wilkinson.

**South London Col. and F.A.** — Mar. 11, Royal George, Tanner's Hill, Lewisham High Road, 8. General meeting; smoking concert at close.—G. A. Jefferys.

**Spen Valley F.A.**—Mar. 9, Bentley's Temperance Hotel, Cleckheaton, 8. Lecture on Yorkshires, by Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bolton Woods); also pair show; fanciers invited.—F. Allen.

**Stratford and E. Lond. F.S.**—Mar. 11, Workman's Hall, 8. Election of officers and passing of accounts etc.—G. W. May.

**Seaham Harbour and Dist. C.B.B.A.**—Mar. 6, Station Hotel, 7.—H. Dobson.

**Scottish B.B. and M.C.**—Mar. 6, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 4. Annual general meeting, election of office bearers, disqualification of two members, balance sheet, etc.—A. W. Watson.

**Southport and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 18, Thorp's Restaurant. Friends invited.—B. Bullough.

**Tong and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 9, Holme Lane Hotel, 7. Shall we hold open show; 7.30, supper, etc.—J. Smith.

**Walkley and Dist. Amateur C.B.S.**—Mar. 11, Westmoreland Street Mission Hall, 8. Pair show, March 13; birds staged at 2. Judge, Mr. W. H. Champion; lecture at 7 p.m. by Mr. T. Hemmings.—R. Copland.

**Wath and Dist. C.B.A.**—Mar. 7, Cross Keys Hotel, 7.30.—H. A. Watson.

**West of Scotland Club.**—Mar. 6, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, 83, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 7.30. Revising Classes for future shows.—G. Smart.

**West Auckland C.B. and P.F.S.**—Mar. 10, Talbot Hotel, 7. Table show; and Mar. 13, table show, members and intending members.—J. Gill.

**Wolverhampton C.B.S.**—Mar. 9, Swan and Peacock, 8.—J. Gibbons.

**West Stanley and Dist.**—Mar. 6, Commercial Hotel.—W. Elliott.

**Yarm, Eaglescliffe and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 11, Town Hall, 7. Table show of Pairs, etc.; judge, Mr. F. Marwood; please enter early; important business after judging.—Wilkinson and Danby.

**York C.B.S.**—Mar. 8, All Saints' School Room, 7.30. Pair Classes, Brit. and Can., For., Mules, Brit., For., Hyb., For. and Can. Mules; special business during judging.—A. Waud.

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

# CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

### Well-meant Advice.

**G.M.D.**—Am sorry to hear you have had the misfortune to throw the Crest hen backwards again. Your friend's advice was well meant enough, but I have not the least doubt the bath is solely responsible for this relapse. Do not be persuaded by anyone to give this bird a bath of any kind—either tepid or cold—until the weather is quite mild and settled, or you will certainly find these relapses of frequent occurrence, and will also find it exceedingly difficult to bring her round permanently. The medicine you have begun to use is about the best thing you could have given. Continue giving it two days in every three for a week, and if the cold has not quite disappeared in that time, continue it for another week, except that you may substitute ten drops of tincture of tolu for the glycerine, and omit the latter. Then you should begin at once with the treatment given in this column on February 20th, and continue it for a fortnight. Then stop it for a week, and begin again and repeat it for another fortnight. As the bird must be very much run down in vitality, it would be best to give at least three of these fortnightly courses, with an interval of a week between each.

### Unseemly Behaviour.

**J. Stephens.**—The way in which you say the hen acts on certain occasions when a bath is given reads so much like a description of a bird "sunning" itself, or taking what one may call a "sun-bath," that I wondered whether the sun happened to be shining brightly into it cage, or the bath, on these occasions. If it was so, I feel sure you may be quite easy about her health, as she was simply enjoying herself in this way. A special favourite of mine, which used to fly about the room, would very often perch upon the fender before a blazing fire and abandon himself to this form of enjoyment during the winter months, just as he would resort to the sunshine on the window sill for a similar purpose in the summer. But, assuming there is no ground for this theory, then I should say the bird is not robust enough to withstand the shock of a cold bath at this inclement season. Birds, like humans, are not all of exactly the same calibre as regards stamina and vitality. I should advise you not to give her a bath until the weather has grown more mild and comfortable.

### Effect of Mark Upon Young.

**Inquirer, A.R.**—If I understand you aright, you wish to know whether a mark which is on your bird's plumage will cause any of the young from him to have marked plumage; you evidently wish to breed only clear young ones. Well, the mark (which is technically called a tick) certainly will cause some of the young to be marked in plumage. But this is no real detriment, as you cannot in real practice breed all clear birds unless you are willing to sacrifice depth and tone of natural yellow. Even if you mated two perfectly clear birds together the probability is that you would breed a fair proportion of ticked young. The proportion of marked young your bird will breed depends upon whether the parents of both your birds were all clears, or otherwise. Your birds appear to be selected quite right for breeding clears, as it is customary, and most advisable, to have one bird at least slightly ticked, as yours appears to be. The ticked specimens are often quite as valuable as clears, and are most useful as stock birds, besides which some of the most typical and handsome birds are to be found amongst them, so that ticked birds are not to be despised, by any means.

### The Terrors of the Night.

**"Amateur."**—The hen which has such difficulty of breathing at night is most likely exposed to draughts some time or other, or is subject to great fluctuations of heat. You do not say how this hen is fed, but I suspect it is on the same lines as the next one you enquire about, and as this is not very suitable you should feed both as follows:—Staple diet, plain canary only. Three times a week half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and twice a week from now until they go to nest the same quantity of inga. Limit general diet to this, with a scrap of green food three or four times a week when it can be procured in the proper condition until the birds are ready to feed up for mating. For the present add to the above for the first hen half a teaspoonful of crushed spongecake with two drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion every second day for a fortnight, and in the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for two days, and afterwards twenty drops of port wine, ten of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil every second day for a week, or fortnight if it appears necessary, and on the alternate days give twenty drops of chemical food. Feed second hen the same but give nothing but the seeds and green food. Give the salts as above for four consecutive days in each week for a fortnight, and on the remaining three days each week two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel.

### Stands Huddled Up.

**G. D. Jones.**—The diet is very unsuitable, and you must also see that the place it is kept in is not damp, as this is a common cause of birds going wrong, with much looseness such as you describe. Feed on a staple of Canary seed only, and every second day give separately a half-teaspoonful of summer rape seed, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake or egg-food with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it. Twice a week, in addition to this, give half a teaspoonful of hemp. Give this on days when you are not giving egg or sponge cake. Do not give any green-food, but a bit of banana two or three times a week may be given with benefit. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts, for one day only, as will cover a sixpence, and after this twenty drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight; on the alternate days in the first week give two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel. See that the cage and water vessels are kept scrupulously clean, and that the water is quite pure. If you have any doubt about the water, boil it all before use.

### An Epileptic.

**A. G. Nicholls.**—Your bird probably suffers from epilepsy, and I do not think any treatment will be of any avail to make it a good sound subject suitable for the breeding cage. Indeed, I would strongly advise you not to breed with it again, as it will in all probability only help to perpetuate a type of "undesirables," which give little pleasure to care for. It will do for a singing bird, so you might give him a place as an old pensioner in this capacity, and always take care to avoid scaring him, or making any sudden flutter or movement about his cage. Feed on a diet of three part Canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Give half-a-teaspoonful of egg food twice a week, and green food or sweet, juicy fruit about four times a week. Limit diet to the simple regimen, and every now and again give a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for one day. Every time he has an attack give as much bromide of potassium as will lie on a sixpence, and the same quantity of Epsom salts, in the drinking water for two or three consecutive days. If it gets any worse, it would be kindest to chloroform it.

### About an Aviary.

**Jonathan.**—In an aviary of the size you name, viz., 5ft. long, by 3ft. wide (the height is of little importance), you could keep about 16 Canaries. This would be its full capacity, and would not allow of any breeding being carried on. For breeding to be carried on, two cocks and four or six hens are ample to stock it with, and even then, if they succeeded fairly well, it would be necessary to remove the first broods by the time the second broods were about leaving the nests. Of course it is quite safe for you to breed them in this way, and the plan may succeed very well provided you do not introduce too many cocks. Two are quite sufficient. Put in plenty of nests to prevent squabbling. Any attempt to breed Canaries and Mules at the same time in this place will be almost sure to end in failure. You should limit your attention to one or the other. If you try for Canaries proceed on above lines; if you decide to try Mules, then turn in all hen Canaries and two or three cock Finches, either all one variety or a mixture. A good selection would be one cock each of Goldfinch, Linnet, and Siskin. One-inch mesh netting is not safe to confine Canaries by; three-quarter-inch mesh is the coarsest that can be used with safety.

### Dropping of Feathers.

**C.N.M.**—Besides seeing draughts and fluctuations of heat are avoided, you may go on feeding as I advised, and on the alternate days between giving the aconite and glycerine, give four drops of tincture of steel. Should you discontinue the aconite at the end of the next week, go on at once to the treatment I previously advised and still give the tincture of steel as above on the alternate days when giving those medicines, continuing the steel until the feathers have ceased dropping. In the case of the other bird give plain canary seed as a staple, and for the rest follow the treatment as advised to "Altenheim," which you say you have begun. If this does not stop the moult in, say, a fortnight at most, get a pennyworth of citrate of iron and quinine from a chemist, dissolve it in two tablespoonfuls of port wine, and give twenty drops of this in the water daily for a week. This should have the desired effect. You should certainly not encourage the moult in either case unless you are sure the bird did not moult last autumn.

### Six-pointed.

**Novice.**—(1) Yes, taken altogether, a good class of Crested Canaries are more difficult to rear than ordinary Plainheads. It is very usual, however, to pair up a few Plainheads at the same time as Crests are mated, and then the young Crests may be, and frequently are, transferred to the Plainhead parents, to be reared, if any trouble arises, with their own parents, or they refuse to feed. (2) If kept over the winter in flight cages it is always best to keep cocks and hens in separate cages, but when flying loose in a room there is no objection to allowing both sexes to fly together until the end of January, by which time they should, as a rule, be separated. (3) I believe in using a certain amount of egg food, or crushed sponge cake, which is a very good substitute for the purpose, to prepare birds for breeding. The actual amount may be left to one's own discretion if it were borne in mind that the birds require to be in very full health and vigour for mating, and if they are in this condition, naturally, at the proper time for mating, then no extra forcing is necessary or advisable. But the more backward in condition the birds are, the more they require feeding up to bring them forward. (4) Within reason, you may allow any variety of Canary to fly loose in a room with British Finches or Buntings. It is not advisable to keep them with Softhills, on account of the food difficulty. Individual temperaments must also be considered, as you do not want "guinea Crests" to be done to death by "tuppeny joeys." (5) I cannot say how you can tell the age of cage birds, save by their general antique appearance, coarse scaly legs and feet, and long blunt claws, which show evidence of repeated trimmings, when they have already left their youthful days behind them. (6) No, you would not be very likely to breed black Canaries from mating two variegated ones. The usual produce of such a mating will be very heavily variegated, broken green, and perhaps a few self-greens. The black Canary is as yet a rara avis.

### What Kind of Mate?

**Young Fancier.**—A suitable mate for your bird depends so entirely upon what object you have in view, as well as upon the parentage of the birds, that it is impossible to give you a really satisfactory reply without my having this information. I think you had better write again and say what you wish to breed. Personally, the only object I can see for the Crest-bred Cinnamon cross-bred is to mate back to Crests to help to develop the Cinnamon marking of the Crests, or to originate a strain of Cinnamon Crests. It might, of course, be mated back to the Cinnamon to give increased size, and new blood, but the crossing of these breeds is far too difficult a job for a novice to begin on. Did not the man you got it off, and who told you it would breed some good birds, give you an idea what mate to select? One thing is certain, the "good birds" will neither be "good Cinnamons," nor "good Crests," though it may breed useful birds to continue crossing with if you know what you are aiming at.

### Outdoor Aviary.

**T. F. W.** (North Shields).—Judging from your sketch, the building if in the open and enjoying a fair amount of sunshine should make a very suitable birdroom, but if it gets no sun at all, it needs a knowledge of its immediate surroundings, and of the cause of this absence to warrant one's giving a definite reply as to its suitability. There seems to be no arrangement for ventilation, so you should attend to this, and have at least a portion of the glass in the front made to open, or a pane removed and replaced by perforated zinc on the outside and inside surface of the frame, and the holes in the zinc not facing each other. This will prevent a draught. An inlet should be provided in the middle of the front at the bottom. Providing you secure cold bred birds, and do not turn them out before the middle of April, any hardy variety of Canary would suit your requirements—common nondescripts, German, Norwich, Borders, Yorkshires or Cinnamons, should succeed. Those which are to fly loose for Muling may be placed in about the middle of March. I would not advise you to start the season with more than six birds in this space, say, three hen Canaries, clears, or very lightly ticked bred from clears, and a cock Goldfinch, Siskin, and either a Bullfinch or Linnet. The Linnet would probably be the surest breeder, but, if successful, the Bullfinch Mules would be the most valuable. Put in at least six or eight nesting receptacles.

### Gone Off Song.

**W. R. Alexander.**—It is not at all an unusual circumstance for the cock to cease singing when introduced to the hen, and, provided it was in full song and ready to mate before being put in view of the hen, they will, as a rule, set to work and breed quite as successfully as those which remain in song after mating. In your case the bird was clearly not in full song, nor forward enough for mating, and as it is also too early to begin, I should doubt the success of putting the birds together. Your best plan is to hang the cock on the same wall as the hen so that they cannot see each other. Feed up the cock from now until the end of March, as advised in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," adding a pinch of gold of pleasure seed to the egg-food twice a week, and giving a leaf of dandelion every second day; and begin to feed up the hen about the middle of March the same as the cock, except that you should give her a pinch of inga instead of gold of pleasure. Mate them together at the end of March or first week in April, according to weather. By that time the cock will probably be in full song again.

### How to Force Them.

**E.P.**—The fact that you are quite a new subscriber certainly is the only excuse for asking this question. At this season of the year I am frequently trying to impress upon readers the inestimable value of the virtue of patience, and advising them not to be in a hurry to mate up the birds. Your birds are evidently more discreet in the matter than you are—a fact which was forcibly illustrated by the latest wintry snap and snowstorm setting in almost simultaneously with the receipt of your query. It is even now much too early to mate the birds. You should still have cocks and hens caged separately, but the hens may as well be put in the breeding cages now, in readiness for the cocks to be introduced at the end of the month or beginning of April, which will be quite early enough to put them together. From now onwards until they are mated, feed on a staple diet of a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape for both sexes; and in addition give the cocks half a teaspoonful of egg food or crushed sponge cake every second day; twice a week a small teaspoonful of hemp; and on two other days half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts inga, linseed, and gold of pleasure. Three or four times a week give a scrap of green food—a leaf or two of dandelion, if obtainable. For another week or so, give the hens the above staple diet, and add only half a teaspoonful of inga twice a week, a little egg food once, and green food three times. After that put them on the same diet as the cocks, except that you give only about half the quantity of hemp, and make up the bulk with extra inga. As you are quite a novice, you would do well to get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. from this office.

### Prolonged Moulting.

**A. Williams.**—Am afraid the bird hanging over the kitchen door is subject to very great fluctuations of heat, or to cold draughts, or perhaps to a combination of the two. You must see that he is quite free from draughts, and that the temperature varies as little as possible. Continue to feed on a staple of plain Canary, and give in addition a half teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days the same quantity of egg food or crushed sponge cake in which you have well mix two drops each of sherry and cod liver oil emulsion. Twice a week give also half a teaspoonful of hemp. Give a scrap of green food three or four times a week. Keep cage perfectly clean, well supplied with clean, gritty sand, and only give the bath on mild, bright days. In the drinking water give twenty drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days four drops of tincture of steel until the feathers cease dropping out. Your description of the symptoms of the Roller cock is rather vague. You say you can almost hear him, but omit to say what you can almost hear. Try treating him same as above as regards feeding for a fortnight or so, and in the drinking water for the first two days give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and afterwards twenty drops of whisky, and ten drops each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, every second day for a fortnight. If not considerably better in that time, write again, and give more particulars; also refer to this reply.

### Brevities.

**What is Wrong?** (C. Shenton).—You give absolutely no idea as to what is the matter, or, indeed, whether anything at all is the matter with your birds. I can only guess that you want to get them on song. If last season's birds, I should say they are certain hens, but if some are years old you may persevere with the treatment for another three or four weeks, and instead of gold of pleasure seed in the soft food, give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts inga and gold of pleasure. If the birds do not appear healthy then, you had better write again and say how they are, where kept, and how you treated them previously.

**Pecks Itself** (G.H.F.).—Examine cage well for red-mites. Look especially about the perch ends, any wood joints, or cracks, and joints of doors, for a white powdery-looking substance adhering to the surface; if this is found, colonies of red-mites will invariably be found close by or on the spot. The remedy is obvious, viz., a thorough overhauling and cleaning of cage and surroundings. Meantime give baths, with a few quassia chips soaked in. If no mites are found, I should say there is really nothing wrong, the pecking being merely the bird's way of working off its superfluous energy. You may give a crystal of sulphate of soda as large as a small pea and ten drops of lemon juice in its drinking water for two or three days, if you like.

**Going Bald** (S. Brough).—Stop giving linseed and feed as advised "A. Williams," except that you need not give sherry in soft food. Give cod-liver oil emulsion, and twice each week for a fortnight dust the soft food slightly with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash. In drinking water give twenty drops each Chemical Food and port wine every second day, and on the alternate days two drops each tincture of gentian and tincture of steel. A mealworm a day for a time if you have any handy would be very beneficial. You may slightly anoint the bare skin with olive oil or vaseline, about once a week, if you like, but it is not of much material service, if any, in such a case. You may not see any great improvement now before the bird moults again, I don't expect.

**Keeping Cocks over a Year** (R.H.).—You do not give the width of flight. If only about ordinary cage depth, say, from 12in. to 18in., I am afraid there would be a good deal of squabbling during the spring and early summer. At this time vigorous young cocks require a certain amount of "elbow room" to prevent breaches of the peace. But these breaches would probably not go beyond calling each other bad names, and perhaps pulling a feather out occasionally. If you do not care to risk this, I should not advise you to run more than six or eight in the flight if only of the above depth. If it is something like four or five feet deep—i.e., from back to front—you would be quite safe in keeping them all together.

# BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

### Hybrid Couples in Aviary.

**Beginner, W.P.**—You can certainly leave the hen Britishers to sit their eggs and rear their young with a fair chance of success when in a decent-sized outdoor aviary. I have known both Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Redpoll, Linnet, and Siskin hens make excellent mothers. No particular preparation is necessary for feeding any young which may be hatched. I presume you supply the usual seeds, and give suitable green food (including seeding wild kinds, chickweed, shepherd's-purse, groundsel, grasses, etc.). If this is so, then all else needed is the provision of two dishes of soft food daily—one containing a first-class insectivorous mixture, and the other the usual egg and biscuit (or bread) adopted by fanciers. If you choose to do so you can omit the latter item—should you give it, be certain it is always fresh and sweet, changing the supply twice or thrice a day during very hot weather, and keeping it in a well-shaded portion of the aviary. A feed of small mealworms daily would be appreciated and any other suitable insect food you can lay hands on. By-the-bye, a good prepared egg-food would answer admirably as a substitute for the egg and biscuit. Such a thing can be bought nowadays, and needs only to be slightly moistened to be ready for use. Probably, too, you would find live ants' eggs eaten with avidity by many of the hens, and you can give nothing better, if able to obtain them. But the chief thing, after all, is a plentiful supply of the wild seeding plants mentioned above.

### Cutting Their Claws.

**Beginner, W.S.P.**—What a lot of "Beginners" this week! You must certainly trim the claws of all hens which show signs of requiring this attention; you can take it from me that it is absolutely necessary. It is not hard to do; neither is it painful when properly done. Catch the bird and place it on its back in the palm of the left hand, holding it gently but firmly, taking care not to squeeze it. Let the thumb fall over its throat, and the third and little fingers (or middle and third, as most convenient) each side of its legs, the latter projecting between them. It will then be easy to get at the bird's feet and claws. The latter should not be cut too close to the toe, or they will bleed, and likewise hurt the bird. Roughly speaking, a tiny blood vessel runs into the nail from the toe for about a quarter of an inch (in a small bird), and one needs to always well cut outside this. The claws on the two side toes (front) can, of course, be cut closer to the toe than the claws on the middle and back toes, being relatively smaller. If a bird has white nails (like most Canaries), this blood vessel can be plainly discerned on holding the foot to a good light. Use a pair of sharp scissors, cut quickly and firmly, and the operation is easily performed.

## The Gentle Dove.

**Ring Neck.**—Ring Doves are quite simple things to keep. Warmth is not necessary in the winter, though the indoor room should be a dry one, and free from draughts. I want to convey, however, that a warmed room is quite unnecessary. The feeding is a simple matter. Packets of "Dove mixture" (composed of small grains, such as wheat, barley, buckwheat, dari, canary, hemp, millet seeds, etc.), can be obtained from any good seedsman, and on this your bird will thrive admirably. It will also relish dry crumbled biscuit (or moistened with milk), bread and milk, ants' eggs, coarse insectivorous mixture, peas, clover shoots, almost any shoots of growing grain, etc. It must have coarse grit and old lime (say, crushed mortar). Give a big dish of water. You ought soon to be able to let the bird out to fly about the place; they get delightfully tame, and are very affectionate towards their owners. By-the-bye, I am not quite sure that your query is really a "British" bird one.

## Enamelling Cages.

**Ginger.**—Enamel is certainly the best covering for the insides of cages (this includes breeding cages). The expense often stands in the way of its use, however. Any good brand of enamel, such as is sold by oil and colourmen, is suitable for use in cages. You cannot beat a very light (sky) blue shade of colour, for both breeding and stock cages. Some fanciers "size" the insides of their cages before putting on the enamel; and good "size" can be bought at the same place as the enamel. This "size" will save one coat, but personally I prefer to let the enamel sink well into the wood, even if an extra coat (or even two) of enamel is necessitated. It makes, I think, a better and more enduring job of it in the end. If the enamel is too thick, thin it out with a little turps, or whatever is recommended on the tin to be used for the purpose. It is advisable to use the enamel just a little thin for the first two coats. See that you lay it on evenly (not in "waves"), and let one coat dry before applying another. I always use a fair-sized flat camel-hair brush to apply it with, letting it soak in turpentine for a few hours (when new) before bringing it into use.

## Sexing Skylarks.

**Doubtful.**—What an awful lot of trouble the sexing of Skylarks (and Thrushes) causes my readers (and poor me). I am continually having to give answers concerning it. I can only repeat what I have oft-times said before, viz., that to try to sex Skylarks is not a very satisfactory job for anyone to undertake who is not well acquainted with the species. Both cock and hen are alike in plumage. When a lot of Larks are together, however, the cocks can be easily picked out by their larger size and greater length of wing—of course, I refer to fresh-caught Larks which have not previously been sorted over. If, however, you at any time get a very big Lark, you can be certain it is a cock. As the cock has a longer wing than the hen, the tips of his wings (when folded) reach appreciably further down the tail than in the case of his mate. The males, too, strut about their cage in a bold, "cocky" fashion, whereas the females are meek-looking and retiring—the difference is quite plain. The hen is generally more thickly spotted (blotchy) on the breast and back than the male. But size and length of wing are practically unfailing guides. Any dealer worthy of his salt will pick you a certain cock if you leave yourself in his hands and pay a fair price for the bird. The dealer knows. Colour is no guide at all. Many of the cock Larks we get in England in the winter (having migrated here from the Continent) are very grey in colour—almost ashy-grey—whereas our English-bred Larks are always more or less rufous in their coloration; so far as my own observations go, that is.

## Nests for Hybrid Pairs.

**Donovan.**—I have from time to time had quite a deal to say on this subject. A small flight, with the nest-box up in a well-shaded corner is the best of all places for breeding Hybrids. A big cage, however (say not less than 3 feet long by 18 high by 12 to 18 inches wide), is also very good; likewise a double Canary-breeding cage with the centre slide withdrawn. The nest (or nest-box) should be screened in any case, either with dead broom, gorse, fir, etc., or brown paper fixed over one corner of the cage front. The easiest and best way to provide acceptable nesting material is to go out and collect and store old (but good) Greenfinch, Linnet, etc., nests—in fact, practically any Finch nests—and pull them to pieces when wanted. Thrushes' and Blackbirds' nests are all right at a pinch; with the help of an ordinary nest-bag, at all times. Many hen Bullies (and other British hens, too) will build in (sort of re-line) an old Blackbird or Thrush nest when nothing else will tempt them, and lay their eggs therein too, seldom dropping them on the floor. A suitably sized sod of clover grass (or turf), something like that given to Larks, with a shallow, cup-shaped depression beaten into it, will also invariably induce them to build thereon. To avoid mould (through damp) a piece of half-inch mesh wire netting should be tacked on to two strips of wood and be fastened in the breeding cage, on a level with the first cross-bar (and consequently the perches) from back to front. The piece of netting will, of course, be cut to size according to the depth of the cage. The sod should be placed on this wire netting platform. Some twigs, etc., can be twisted into the meshes so as to form at the front an effective and natural-looking screen. The old Thrush's or Blackbird's nest could be slung up in the same way. In a flight (small aviary) hen Bullies will sometimes favour a wood nest-box, and sometimes an old nest; while I have known them decline both, and build on shelves, etc.—many actually on the floor. Wicker (Roller Canary) travelling cages, with the front and inside fitments knocked out, are also often favoured; stuffed, say, with hay.

## On Pairing Up.

**Beginner, A.M.**—The procedure when Mule-breeding with Canary hens is practically the same as when Canary-breeding, and you should most certainly invest in a book dealing with the latter, and carefully study the instructions given therein for the mating of birds, and for the management and feeding of young. There can be no "exact date" for pairing any breeding couples. If two birds are in "breeding condition" they will produce young in January; but if either one or both be not in "breeding condition," it will not matter one jot whether the month be Jan. or June, the result will be the same: unfertile eggs. No one can give a definite date to pair up on. Breeders have to settle the point for themselves, being guided by the state of their birds. You will find plenty of signs to help you. When the cock begins to take an interest in the hen, he will be found feeding her through the wires of the sliding division; he will also serenade her in vigorous and adoring tones. She, on her part, will accept his offerings of fodder, and, as the pairing fever fills her veins, will "bounce" from perch to perch, flapping her wings, and "calling" to her Romeo in a high-pitched voice—a sort of delirious shriek. One of the best things to do, however, when an understanding seems on the verge of being arrived at between any given couple, is to keep a sprig or two of nesting material in the lady's side of the house. When she begins to carry this about in her beak, and to look for a suitable place in which to deposit it, get a move on you at once—put in the nest-pan, and pull out the slide. Afterwards you must be guided by what happens between them. Should the cock bird interfere with the nest, only let him run with the hen a few hours daily, say, early in the morning, or the last thing at night, and shut him off entirely after the third egg has been laid, removing the egg each morning before letting his lordship in, and substituting a dummy egg.

## Mating Up.

**Mrs. Henry.**—There is no great difficulty in getting a cock Finch to mate with a hen Canary, as a rule. I am assuming, of course, the former to be a steady, domesticated bird. The simplest and most straightforward procedure is that I am always recommending, viz., to get a two-compartment breeding cage, and run the hen in one half and the cock in the other, the wired slide being between them. They will thus get well acquainted before the time for muling comes round. When the hen shows a desire to go to nest, hang in the nest-box, give a supply of nesting material, and draw out the dividing slide. You can, if you choose, give the birds a run together for a time daily before leaving them finally together. You should read the reply given "Beginner, A.M." this week. You must not be in a hurry. The Goldfinch in a state of nature does not start to breed until very late—the end of April and beginning of May. The Greenfinch is also a late bird.

## Brevities.

**Two Matters** (No nom-de-plume).—1: The Finch seed you name is very good so far as packet mixtures go, and would not cause the trouble; neither would the egg-food. As a matter of fact, I feel sure your bird is troubled with redmite. Get CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL, and read the treatment described at length in the article entitled "Diseases of Birds and How to Treat Them," under Parasites. 2: The notes of the Bramblefinch would not affect the song of the Goldie.

**Identity of Bird** (W. J. J.).—The only bird I can think of which fits your description is the Bramblefinch, and this species does so perfectly, except that it cannot truthfully be said to be the "size of a Lark"; it is smaller.

**A Goldfinch's Beak** (T. J. B.).—It would not be caused by cracking either hemp or other hard seed, but most likely by catching the base of the beak on a rough edge of wire somewhere, or between two wires. It would not be "catching," that is communicable to other birds. Soak the part in hot water before you remove any scab, and afterwards again wash and paint on the place a little Friar's Balsam, bought from a chemist. What was the other query about?—I don't remember it.

**Both Hand-reared** (A. J. F.).—The likeliest mate for the hen Greenfinch would be a big cock Goldfinch. This is a cross not at all difficult to produce. The hen Chaffinch I should, if mine, mate with a heavily marked yellow cock Canary. Any Hybrids from them would be very valuable indeed. Seeing that both hens are Canary reared, they should do well.

**A Matter of Procedure** (A. Wilson).—My own experience leads me to strongly favour running one cock with one hen right through the season, providing they seem to hit it. Goldies are the only safe birds to run with several hens. Much depends on the hens, however. For instance, if your hen Bullie "called" to your Greenfinch as soon as he popped into the cage (many will do this when quite "ripe") he would undoubtedly do the needful. But if she did not, he would probably proceed to "set about" her; and Greenies can be very savage when they choose.

**Pied Blackbirds** (G.F.).—I think it likely that a pied cock Blackbird (or a normal coloured one from a pair which also threw pied young) would produce some pied youngsters when mated with the partly white hen which you have. I have never had the opportunity for experimenting, however. In one place near my native town, pied Blackbirds can be seen year after year, pretty conclusive proof that the tendency to come "rare-feathered" is an inherent one. When I tried breeding with white Linnets and with a cinnamon Greenfinch, I got only normal-coloured young.

**Feeding a Thrush** (Willie).—You must have been weary, Willie, last week, and missed reading my column, for in the replies given "Ginger" and "Cee Gee" I gave my methods of feeding Softbills, including Thrushes. Kindly refer thereto. Get some mealworms and give him a few daily; also "black-beetles" from a friendly baker, or someone who "stocks" them, and let him have a few of these also. Live foods, and a little finely-minced hard-boiled egg in the stock food, should soon bring a bird into song, if a cock, and steady.

**Sweet and Low** (H. M. Thrush).—Strange things happen, certainly; and I have heard curious stories about certain birds "singing down" others. In your case, however, I should rather think that the subdued song is the result of the young (1908) hand-reared Thrush not properly "feeling his feet" yet. No doubt, too, he is industriously learning some of the strophes executed by the Larks. You are feeding him well, and the warm room would hardly affect him adversely seeing that he has always been used to it. In the Spring you will find him sing out all right, I feel quite sure.

**Chaffinch-Canary Mule** (Beginner).—Try for the cross, by all means. If you succeed, you will have produced something very valuable. I do not know anyone who has succeeded in rearing young from the Chaffinch cock to Canary hen mating (nor vice-versa). The cage mentioned is a nice size, and should answer quite well.

# FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

## Parrot with Watery Swelling.

**R. A. D.**—In such cases it is always best to call in a vet.; of course, the swelling must be pricked, and the watery humour got rid of by gentle pressure, but it should be done when the swelling or "bladder" is fully charged or ripe, and it is difficult to tell this without seeing the bird. With unskilled hands, and the bird suddenly jerking its head, it might easily be fatally injured in the act of pricking. However, with a little care and the needle or lance pushed just under the skin across the swelling, no harm should result. After all the humour has been pressed out, foment with warm water, dry off surplus water with a soft cloth, and anoint with a little spermaceti ointment, not sufficient to run among its feathers and make them greasy. For one day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, and give two other doses with an interval of three days between each. In between, and continue for a month at least, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuits should be given in addition to the seed mixture, with grit scattered over sand-tray, and a piece of clean cuttlefish should always be hanging in cage. Tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food, must not be given. I must repeat that the best method is to let a vet. see it, as in skilled hands almost immediate relief could be given. However, the above treatment if carefully carried out should give relief, and the bird ultimately recover condition.

## On Outdoor Birdroom.

**Picardy.**—(1) If care is taken in watering the birds that the water is not slopped about, having no floor should not necessarily make it damp, especially if the earth inside is 6 inches above the outer ground level. (2) One inch pipe would be better, which does not protrude straight out, but has the end bent downwards. A flap at either end is the best, then you can admit air the opposite way to which the wind is blowing. (3) I should not advise putting the birds out before April, as during some portion of the day the temperature must be pretty high in your kitchen. Birds, like humans, soon get a chill, if they are left during raw, cold weather in a temperature much lower than that which they have been accustomed to. Unless the season proves exceptionally late, it should be safe to transfer the birds in April, but you must be guided by the weather.

## An Excited Parrot.

**E. E. C.**—I do not know what species you have, as the name you quote is quite unknown to me; so till you describe it I can only venture on a provisional reply, and assume it is one of the seed-eating species. Your seed mixture is suitable, but a few oats would improve it, and there should be double the quantity of Canary seed to either of the other kinds. Give 3 grains of bromide of potassium dissolved in a little syrup, and the next day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water (one ounce), and after an interval of three days, repeat dose. Do not give bread and butter or egg custard. Also stop giving tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, and any kind of animal food. Any kind of ripe fruit it will eat, nuts, and plain biscuits are all wholesome. On receipt of your reply enabling me to define species, I will at once notify if any variation of above treatment is necessary.

## Amazon in Poor Feather.

**"Amaz."**—An Amazon is all the better for taking almost an entirely seed diet, but most Amazons are very fond of boiled maize; unless it is very thin, it is eating more of the boiled maize than you imagine. Continue to tempt it with ripe fruit, and try an apple core. You might lightly dust its plumage with the sulphur; the bird is sure then to take a little of it in preening its plumage. Lightly spray it with tepid water twice a week, but carefully protect from draught till dry. Continue the Chemical Food, and also give 3 or 4 doses of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful in one ounce of water, and let this form the only drinking supply for the day; it can have ordinary water when this has been consumed, with an interval of three days between each dose. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the cage, also a chunk of wood (piece of willow branch for preference) for it to chew up. Be as still as possible when attending to its food supply and cage, and things should improve somewhat a little later. The moult should be over now, though it is often very irregular. Report progress in a few weeks.

## Mocking Bird Out of Condition.

**A. E. T.**—In the first place, keep bird from your other birds, as being newly imported it may be infected with some contagious disease. Every other day for a week, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, and put 10 to 20 drops of Parrish's Chemical Food on the daily supply of soft food for a few weeks. Diet: Soft food, ripe fruit, ad lib., and live insects (8 to 12 mealworms about right), beetles, etc. The F. mixture should answer well, but I have not used egg for some years, and do not advise its use. The following is a good wholesome soft food mixture: 3 parts each ants' eggs and dried flies, and one part each game meal, crissel, biscuit meal and sponge cake—well mix and keep in a close tin in some dry place. Take the daily supply, and pour over it sufficient boiling water to make it crumbly moist (not wet), and at times, instead of game and biscuit meal, partridge and chicken meal can be used for the sake of change. Do not confine it to one kind of fruit; supply any kind of ripe fruit it will eat. However, to be quite clear, the treatment that suffices for the Shama should keep this bird in health; also once it has got over the hardships of importation. I do not think it is a cold, but bowel trouble from the details you supply. If there should be further developments write again without delay.

## Birds for Aviary.

**A B. C.**—If I remember right, your county is a northern one, and I should certainly advise you to drop an end to the covered part of roof, as this is 8ft. distant from the window, and would not encroach across it; it would not darken the room at all, and would add greatly to the comfort of the birds. If you will send me a stamped-addressed envelope through the Editor I will send you a rough diagram of my idea. I still advise clearing out the Chaffinch and Robin; if you do not, you will pay the price later in disaster. It simply illustrates the difference in the individuality of birds. I have had six Madagascar Weavers in my aviary at one time, among Waxbills and small Ornamental Finches, and they never did any harm. The Pekin Robin is apt to help himself to an egg or two in the course of the year, but he is a handsome and merry chap, and has a cheery song. Grey and Green Singing Finches (only one pair each) would survive your winter, as also would Common and Green Avadavats and Zebra Waxbills, providing you fixed up a number of rush nests for them in snug corners under cover. Never spare these; have them greatly in excess of the numbers of your birds, and then every one is sure of a snug roost. A Lark would sing alright, but you must watch him till his demeanour is ascertained. The price you name does not allow a very wide choice. You can add the following:—Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, Spice Birds, Silverbills, Bengalese, and a pair of the pretty miniature Diamond Dove, also a pair of Chinese Quails, would all make attractive additions to your aviary.

## Brevities.

**A Recovered Parrot** (M. Shanks).—Glad to note the recovery has been so complete, and if you continue to diet as directed, is should thrive and continue in health and vigour. Draught, damp, and a vitiated atmosphere are the chief enemies of all living creatures.

**Amazon with Dry Skin** (A. de C. D.).—Continue the treatment already advised, and see the bowels are kept freely moving, but not watery loose. An occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia, as already directed, will suffice for this. Give as much ripe fruit as it will eat; well spray it with tepid water twice a week, keeping it carefully out of draught till dry, then anoint the dry portions of its skin with clean vaseline, taking care not to make it uncomfortably greasy.

**Indian Parrot** (W. G.).—The birds are termed Parrots and Parrakeets indiscriminately; the terms are very loosely used, and it would really be difficult to draw a dividing line between the two. It is an Alexandrine Parrakeet. It would depend on the schedule, but the bird would have to be entered in the Parrakeet class. You will find diet and treatment in recent issues. Ringnecks, Alexandrines, Moustache, and so-called Green Parrots all require the same treatment.

**Changing the Diet** (F. T.).—You are quite right; it is the Roseate Cockatoo. A sudden change of diet is rather risky for any bird, and I could have replied with more assurance if you had given me a little detail as to the sops, etc.; I can, however, be definite on one point. Tea, coffee, or milk, slop, fat, meat, or egg must be stopped at once. If it is eating at all freely of the proper dietary, a week would be sufficient to wean it from the unwholesome items. Newly imported about 7/6 to 10/- each, a talented talker, what you can get for it; it ought to fetch 40/-, at least from what you say. Only a small percentage talk to any extent.

**Diet for Pekin Nightingale.**—Soft food (see advt. cols.), or mix the following: Two parts each ants' eggs and dried flies, one part each crushed biscuit, crissel and sponge cake, well mix and store in some dry situation; take the daily portion and make crumbly moist. It can have as much ripe fruit as it will eat, also a teaspoonful of millet seed every other day, and such live insects as you can capture, with, say, three or four mealworms daily. Cage should be of the box type, and, say, 24 by 15 by 18 inches high.

**Sexing Rosella Parrakeets** (F.M.).—(1) These are almost infinitesimal; it would be very difficult to tell the sex of an odd bird, but it should not be difficult to pick a pair out of a number or from several caged alongside one another. There is generally some effeminacy in the hen which betrays it. The largest, boldest, and brightest coloured birds are usually males, providing they are all adult. (2) The same applies to the Red Rosella, but some hens have a patch of green on the nape, and though this is not constant, it may be taken for granted that a bird possessing this patch is a hen. (3) Canary, millet, oats, with a little hemp; the latter may be given in larger proportions during cold weather. Ripe fruit, green food, grass in flower, cuttlefish, grit and water, must also be regularly supplied.

**What Bird?** (Karachi).—It appears to me you have one of the Hanging Parrakeets. If you will kindly give me an idea of its size, I can give you a definite reply. In the meantime, continue your present diet as it is evidently doing fairly well thereon—let it have as much fruit as it will eat. On receipt of the details asked for, I will then give a full reply.

**Fitting Room for Parrots, etc.** (D. L. M.).—It is impossible for me to reply to a query so vaguely put. Kindly indicate approximately what kinds of Parrots or Parrakeets you wish to keep, and then I can help you. I am rightly not allowed to recommend special advertisers. In repeating query, please give full details.

**What Parrot Is It?** (E. E. C.).—I take it you have an ordinary Red Rosella Parrakeet, but will take an early opportunity of looking in at the Museum and verifying this. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the cage, also a chunk of a willow branch. It should soon be able to keep its beak to proper proportions by exercising it on these. As regards the excitement, treat as already advised. Whenever the swelling on leg bleeds, touch with Friar's Balsam and keep the bird from pecking it till this has dried in. Providing there is no wound, lightly paint swelling with tincture of iodine, but do not use this when the swelling is bleeding. The Friar's will always check the bleeding.

**Plants for Aviary** (W. L.).—I know a roomy aviary in which there are quite a number of Aucubas, and the birds take no harm therefrom. However, I recommend the following, and for Finches plant them pretty thick, leaving two or three open spaces at intervals—Enonymous, Fir, Bamboo, Red and Black Currants, Elder, Veronica, Willow, with a plant or two of wild clematis, and Virginian Creeper, to ramble up and over the standards. Sow underneath various grasses, cereals, weeds, etc., in fact, make it a wilderness with an open patch here and there, and you should have good breeding results. Privet also is safe, the evergreen variety being the best for the purpose.

# GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

**Memo. Forms** (H. E. Wilkinson).—We do not supply memo. forms free, but charge the nominal sum of 2s. for 250 sheets, or 2s. 6d. for 500 sheets; attractive and suitable design, and any wording desired.

**Sawdust** (H. Deely).—Coarse-cut pine sawdust (not the very fine dust) is largely used in cages and flights and indoor aviaries. It is excellent, providing grit be supplied also, and it is not allowed to get in the soft food (if used), nor choke up seed and water vessels.

**Reports** (A. Donnelly).—At this period of the year the number of club reports we receive is simply enormous, and it is not possible to guarantee insertion the same week as sent, though we always do our best to this end.

**Bird Seeds** (W. J. Andrews).—We are very much obliged to you for the suggestion, which we will give our best consideration. You do not make it clear whether you refer to ordinary seeds or to wild seeds.

**A Liverpool Breeder** (C. R.).—The secretaries of the Liverpool O.S., Messrs. Metcalfe and Hillmen, Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield-road, Everton, would probably be able to give you the information desired.

**Edinburgh O.S.** (W. M. Campbell).—Your "club notice" did not reach us until after we had closed for press last week.

**Long Eaton and Dist. C.B.S.** (A. E. Wigginton).—We cannot possibly insert the, same "club notice" two weeks in succession, unless the second insertion is paid for at our usual advertisement rates. Considerations of space will not permit it, and compel us to adhere to this rule.

**Our Thanks** to G. W. Doran, D. McCarthy, W. T. Goord, A. W., and others for cuttings and other interesting items.

**Plate of Wagtail, Redstarts, etc.** (W. Morley).—We have only a few copies left, price 6d. each unmounted 1/- mounted, postage and packing free.

### NORTHAMPTON (Hand-in-Hand.

Monthly meeting, held on February 23rd, when a large number of members were present. A talk was given by Mr. J. Nason (Northampton), his subject being "The Crystal Palace Show." The lecturer, after speaking about most of the prize winners at the exhibition in a very masterly manner, went on to explain the difference between inferior specimens and champions that are winning to-day. —Mr. Nason being a well-known judge of cage birds, his remarks were listened to with great interest, and a deal of information was vouchsafed to those present as to how to breed and exhibit such champion specimens as were this year to be seen at the Crystal Palace.

### GLASGOW & W. OF SCOTLAND B.C.

Usual monthly meeting held February 25, in the Good Templars' Room, 122. Ingram Street, when we were favoured with a paper on the "Breeding of Norwich Plainhead and Crests," by Mr. J. McLay (Kirkintilloch). The president Mr. R. B. Jarvie, occupied the chair, and there was a good turn-out of members. Mr. McLay's paper was most interesting, recounting briefly his experience of over twenty years in the Fancy. He had nothing special to advise in the way of pairing either of the varieties, but strongly favoured pedigree breeding, to which he attributes most of his continuous success. Mr. McLay impressed on his hearers the need of knowing how birds bought had been bred, and warned them against buying even a very good bird unless they had some knowledge of its parentage, as most likely, if from poor ancestors, the progeny would revert to type of earlier stock and disappoint the breeder. His main advice to young fanciers was to buy the very best they could afford from winning stock and off reliable breeders and advertisers, and be careful in mating to breed in the good points, and as far as possible breed out the objectionable features. The Chairman invited questions from the members, and quite a pleasant twenty minutes was spent, after which Mr. McLay was warmly thanked and invited to come again soon. The matter of continuing the open show was next discussed, and fully an hour was spent in friendly exchange of opinions as to the best methods of carrying on the exhibition, and it was agreed to do nothing definite till all the members had been requested to intimate how much they were willing to contribute to a guarantee fund to be called up before the show. Ten gentlemen were appointed to canvass the whole of the members before the March meeting, and on the response then reported our further action will depend. Twelve pounds was guaranteed among the members present. Eight new members were added to the roll, and a vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.—R. A. Brown, secretary.

### GATESHEAD C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held on February 17th. There was a good attendance of members. The secretary having read the balance-sheet showing a cash balance of £14 15s. 2d., it was proposed and carried that members' prize money be paid at the rate of 3s., 2s., 1s., leaving a cash balance of £6 11s. 2d. in hand. The assets are valued at £5 12s., challenge cup, etc. The income showed a marked decrease on 1907, the ticket money being a good way behind. This was mainly responsible for the diminished balance in hand. The expenditure showed a marked decrease compared with 1907, with the exception of prize money, which is some £4 odd heavier on account of extra classes provided. This was considered most satisfactory. No doubt the long strike had effected the sale of tickets, etc., but whilst we are considerably down on last year, the members congratulated themselves that they still had a good balance to carry forward, whilst many of their neighbours' balances were on the wrong side. The show, it was pointed out, had proved a record so far as entries went, and also as regarded the many congratulatory letters received by the secretary upon the dispatch of birds, prize money, etc. A little squabble had occurred in class 37; the bird credited with winning should not really have had even a card, this being a clerical error on the part of the judge. The following were elected officers for 1909:—President, Ald. A. Gillies, J.P.; vice-president, Mr. W. Clark; chairman, Mr. T. Almond; vice-chairman, Mr. Shafton Robson; secretary, Mr. G. Buck, 30, Keswick-street; assist.-sec., Mr. H. Johnson; treasurer, Mr. T. Taylor; C.B.U. representative, Mr. T. Taylor; committee, Messrs. Mather, Longstaff, Hodgow, W. J. Smith, J. Moore, Campbell, Rule, G. E. Robson, E. Wright, Jonasson, and Hooper; auditors, Messrs. J. Brown, Grieve, and G. E. Robson. The show date was agreed upon as December 10th and 11th, this being nearest our late show date. The annual subscription next came up for discussion, and it was finally agreed that it be 2s. 6d., entrance fee 1s.—Thos. Taylor, late Secretary.

### WANDSWORTH F.A.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the Red Lion Assembly Rooms, on February 18th, the occasion being the annual prize distribution, and the holding of a most enjoyable smoking concert. Mr. Field was to have taken the chair, but at the last moment was unavoidably prevented, and his place was taken by Mr. C. A. House, who was supported by a company numbering about eighty, amongst whom were Mr. and Mrs. Murrell, Mr. and Mrs. Summers, and Mr. Summers, jun., Mr. and Mrs. Bushby, Mr. and Mrs. Denham, Mr. and Mrs. Earl, Mr. and Mrs. Warwick, Mrs. and Miss Gorringe, Miss Rowe, Miss Blencowe, Miss Bolson, Councillor Fletcher, Messrs. Tarrant, Mills, Rose, Hull, Blofield, Bonnsell, Horsey, Sage, Pettifer, Tillman, Turner, Jordan, Lupton, George, Badenoch, Bothe, Berryman, Lightfoot, Coote, Parfitt, Bright, Clifford, Upton, etc.

In distributing the prizes, Mr. House addressed fitting remarks of encouragement and congratulation to the winners, and spoke of the pride which must be felt not only by themselves, but by their wives and friends present.—The prize-winners were:—Judging Competitions: Messrs. Murrell, Lightfoot, Bothe, Earl, Bushby, Roney, Lupton, and Jordan. Young Stock Show: Messrs. Tarrant, Horsey, Earl, Bushby, Taylor, Lupton, and Murrell. Annual Show: Messrs. Tarrant (challenge cup and specials), Bushby (challenge cup and specials), Tosh, Earl, Horsey, and Lightfoot.—The Chairman, in giving the toast of "The Wandsworth Fanciers' Association," congratulated the members upon the fact of having men amongst them who could not only breed winners, but also judge them. He referred to the successes of the members in open competition, making special mention of the winnings of Mr. Tarrant. He also eulogised the excellent management of the association, and wished it a successful future.—Mr. Tarrant, in giving "The Chairman," referred to Mr. House's good work in many branches of the Fancy, and expressed the pleasure the association felt in having his presence that evening.—A most excellent programme was gone through, the artistes being Miss Polly Gorringe, Messrs. Hull, Murrell, Mills, Wall, Turner, Parfitt, George, Blofield, and the gathering was one of the best in the history of the association.

## ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

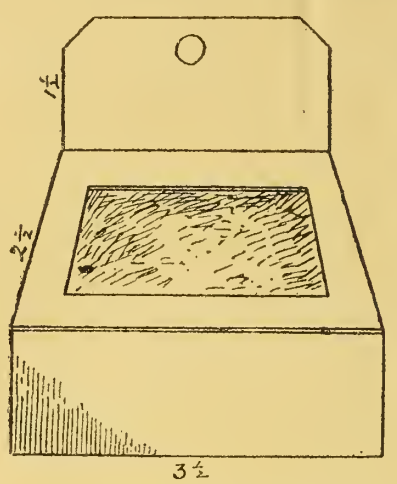
*Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.*

### No. 288.

#### A SIMPLE SEED-SAVER.

**Sent by A. Heron, 4 F, Peabody Buildings, Roupell Street, Blackfriars, S.E.**

I have had these seed-savers in use in my flight cages for about 18 months, with such satisfaction that I have given up all others. Put together a box about 3½in. by 2½in. by 1in., but making the back 2½in. high instead



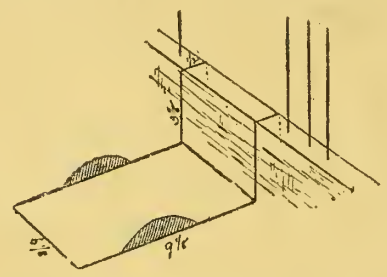

of 1in. Then cut four strips to form a frame round top, ¾in. wide. Tack these strips on top of box, when they act as a perch, and as a rim to stop seed being thrown out. Make a hole in the back to hang the box up by. I think my sketch will make all clear. I find this size go through the cage door all right.—A. Heron.

### No. 289.

#### TO HOLD YORKSHIRE CAGES TO BREEDING CAGES.

**Sent by J. Tennant, 34, Carlton Road, Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent.**

Enclosed is a sketch showing a device for hanging Yorkshire show cages to one's breeding or flight cages. The sketch will explain



itself. It is made of No. 10 tinned wire, with two bits of tin attached to keep the cage from sliding side-ways. These are very easily made, or cost but a few coppers to get made. I trust the idea will prove as useful to others as it has done to myself.—J. Tennant.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## CORRESPONDENCE

### ROBBERY OF BIRDS AT PORTH.

Sir,—It is with regret that I have to announce the great loss which the Challenger Bros., hon. secs of the Porth C.B.S., have sustained through some unscrupulous person or persons breaking into their outdoor aviary and stealing the best of their well-known winning Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries and Goldfinches. It seems to me quite evident that the thieves had been there before, and knew exactly which cages the best birds were in, and we believe we can track the men to earth. For my own part, I have a good idea as to who and where they are. The Challenger Bros. and myself are within an hundred miles of the stolen birds.

Arthur H. C. Legg.

### THE JUBILEE PALACE SHOW.

Sir,—Kindly permit me to announce that all liabilities in connection with the above show have been discharged. Should anyone have been overlooked, I should be glad to hear at once. I should like, also, to thank the many correspondents who have written me congratulatory letters. It is impossible to reply to them individually. The next National Show will be held at the Crystal Palace on February 4th, 5th, 7th, and 8th, 1910. I hereby make formal application to all specialist clubs for their support and the holding of their club shows.

J. W. Ramsden, *Show Manager.*

P.S.—Trower's specials are being sent direct by Messrs. Trower and Co.

### THE BARTON CANARY AND BRITISH BIRD CLUB.

Sir,—A successful meeting of Cage Bird fanciers was held in the large club-room, Red Lion Inn, on February 26th, for the purpose of forming a society to encourage and assist fanciers. Several members were enrolled, and we hope to double the number at the next meeting. Mr. G. T. Beach was asked to take the chair, which he kindly did, and in his opening remarks he said that there was great need for a society in our town. He had received several names of fanciers who were unable to be present, but who were anxious that such a society should be formed. On the motion of Mr. G. Pettit, seconded by Mr. E. C. Dunn, it was unanimously agreed to form a society to be called "The Barton Canary and British Bird Club." It was also agreed that the annual subscription be five shillings per member. Mr. H. Chamberlain was appointed secretary, Mr. G. Pettit treasurer, and all persons wishing to join within twelve miles radius of Barton, Lincolnshire only, are requested to forward their names to the Secretary. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 8th, at 7.30 o'clock, at headquarters, Red Lion Inn.

H. Chamberlain, Hon. Sec.

18, Finkle-lane, Barton-on-Humber.

### BRITISH BIRDS ON THE SHOW BENCH.

Sir,—I notice on reading the article in your 1909 Annual dealing with British birds as exhibited during the past season, that the author, after noting the decrease in the number of Waders shown, makes use of the expression "and rightly so." Now, although I have occasionally heard similar views expressed by ordinary fanciers, I have always put it down to the fact that many people are so constituted that they instinctively oppose anything new or unusual without having any logical reason for doing so; but when a recognised authority writing in such a work as Cage Birds Annual makes such a remark, it is time that admirers of such birds took up the point. It seems to me, and to many others with whom I have discussed the point, that in these days, when fanciers are aviculturists and cage bird clubs are ornithological societies, and when our ideas are so wide that every bird of a species that ever was known to set foot on these islands is a British bird, that it would not require a very broad view to include under the heading of "cage birds" every bird whose beauty of plumage, graceful actions and adaptability to domestication render it a suitable inmate of an aviary. If the birds can be tamed sufficiently to be put in small cages for exhibition purposes, the only possible objection to them disappears, and, on the other hand, their interest to the general public (usually simply lovers of Nature and quite unable to appreciate the hairs-breadth differences which interest fanciers) would tend to increase the gate, a feature which could be materially improved at most of our shows. The same applies to any other of our wild birds of reasonable size, and I was sorry to see in one of your reports that a judge had passed a Woodpigeon on such grounds, a bird which your reporter described as a "credit to its owner." It seems to me that in doing so the judge greatly exceeded his duties, for if the society responsible for the show had accepted the entry fee and allowed the owner to go to the expense necessary to stage his bird, then the owner had a right to have his bird judged on its merits as a typical specimen of its kind, and no judge had a right to allow his private opinion to have any weight in a matter that is, at any rate, open to discussion. When such birds as Toucans, Hoopoes, Creepers, Cuckoos, Jays, Magpies, Choughs, and Shrikes may be shown without question, where can the line be drawn other than by unusually large size or objectionable habits? What is really wanted is a better classification, so that species unsuitable to compete with one another, owing to great differences in size and structure, should not be exhibited in the "hotch-potch" that is now usually seen.

Wader.

### CAGES AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

Sir,—In reference to the correspondence on the above in your columns, we beg to state, as manufacturers of long standing, that the class in question being an open one, factors as well as manufacturers are allowed to compete. Therefore, in the case of middlemen exhibiting, the prices marked on the cages at the show have to allow a profit for three people: Firstly, the retailer; secondly, the factors; and thirdly, the manufacturers. Accordingly, some of the prices marked must have left a very small margin of profit, if any, to be divided between the three. Competition we know is very keen, but a living wage must be maintained. Our exhibits were all marked with a retail price which allowed the wholesale man a fair profit, and we are prepared to deliver carriage and packing free to any part of London to any wholesale buyer of goods in any quantity at a fair discount on the retail prices marked at the show.

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### HOW WILL THEY MANAGE IT?

Sir,—With reference to the letter published in last week's Cage Birds, signed Woolhouse and Rogers, drawing attention to the fact that the dates of the Dulwich O.S. Pair Show will clash with that of the pair show to be held by the older local Society, and that, therefore, the same judge could not officiate at both functions, I would respectfully submit there is more than one judge of birds in the country. Inferentially, Messrs. Woolhouse and Rogers would have one believe the gentleman they have engaged to place the awards is the only judge procurable, inasmuch as they sarcastically remark, "They (the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.) *must* bow to us this time." What a magnanimous spirit pervades some of the Dulwich O.S., to be sure! Why, school lads would blush to find themselves guilty of such palpably mean tactics. No; Messrs. W. and R., there will indeed be no question of "bowing," as you term it, as it will be easily seen that it is Mr. J. Dobson (so well-known in connection with Crystal Palace shows) who has been engaged to judge the Dulwich and Peckham Pair Show, and whose name has been confused with that of Mr. J. Robson, who is apparently to officiate at the fixture of the newly-formed Dulwich O.S.

A Member, D. and P. C.B.S.

### A NOTED LINNET.

Sir,—Many thanks for the honour you have done my Linnet, "The Unbeaten," by picturing him in your valuable journal last week. The original sketch you sent me, life-size, is certainly a masterpiece; you are fortunate in having such a skilful artist on your staff. It is as natural as looking at the bird in the cage. He has been at most of the main shows in England and Scotland, and has been seen and commented on by most of the leading fanciers, and does not require more praise from me. Many of the leading judges say he is the best Linnet ever seen on the show bench; he certainly holds a record that will be bad to beat. How many Linnets have run so close for the special for best British bird in the show at such shows as the Scottish National and Crystal Palace? Many thought he was worthy of this honour. I was very sorry to part with him, as I am passionately fond of a Linnet, both for its charming song and as an exhibition bird. But I am going to America next month. I hope to be amongst the winners again in about 2 years. My American friends will be as pleased as I was of my success, as they think a lot of the Great Glasshouse over there. I wish your valuable paper Cage Birds every success. I always have it sent over there to me, and I always look forward to it.

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### ALTRINCHAM C.B.S. THROWN OPEN TO ALL COMERS.

SIR,—I am instructed on behalf of the Altrincham C.B.S. to inform your readers that at the annual general meeting it was decided to remove the radius of 4 miles, and throw the Society open to all comers. This Society is considered to be one of the most up-to-date, and as an inducement to prospective members it is well to note that throughout the season lectures and interesting items take place, also that the list of specials at the shows is a consideration which should act as an incentive. Subscription, 4s. per annum. Entrance fee, 1s. All intending members should communicate with the Hon. Secretary.

TOM HARRISON, Hon. Sec.
4, Shaws-lane, Altrincham, Cheshire.

### IS THE SCOTCH FANCY CANARY SLIGHTED?

SIR,—Where was the Scotch Fancy Canary at the recent smoker? I expected to hear about it, but it was kept in the background. Facts: That the Scotch Fancy Canary does not get its place; that the ambition to breed a good Scotch Fancy was not evident at the smoker; that big prices are not to be heard of; that I would like to see a member of the Govanhill Club breed a champion; that the members of Govanhill Club will give reputed breeders a hard run next show season; that the Albion Thistle Club has lost its chief supporter; that he has resigned, and given no reason; that the Glasgow Derby is again in swing; that it was a mistake to have eight classes; that the first prize in eight classes will scarcely clear the member's fee; that the Scotch Fancy Canary has lost the back; that a lot of them are plain; that likely breeding birds are advertised in your columns; that it is time the spring cleaning was on; that a prominent member of Glasgow has a nest of Scotch Fancy hatching; that he may hatch and rear a Derby winner is the wish of his friends; that presidents and secretaries should help the Scotch Fancy Canary; that the Scotch Fancy Canary should be preserved.

SCOTCH FANCIER.

### THE PROPOSED SOCIETY FOR BOOSBECK, LINGDALE & DIST.

SIR,—I have waited for two weeks hoping someone who possessed greater scholastic attainments than myself would reply through these columns to "Birdy Man," who wrote anent this subject. There is already a society which includes Boosbeck, namely, the Guisborough and District Priory C.B.S. Now, I feel sure I am voicing the opinion of every member of our society when I say to "Birdy Man," come and join us. Perhaps if he had signed his name I should have known him. If not I should be pleased to make his acquaintance. Here is a splendid opportunity, Mr. "Birdy Man." Come to our Pair Show on March 13th, and make yourself known to me when I shall be delighted to meet you and introduce you to some of the jolliest and best-hearted fanciers it has ever been my lot to know during the 30 years I have been connected with the Fancy. You will find any of us glad to help you. Some of our meetings are very instructive, and they are held every month at Wear's Cafe, Church Street, Guisborough. Come to the Pair Show and bring your friends; you will see some good birds, and will be able to spend a pleasant Saturday afternoon, and get any further information you require anent the above society.

J. G. COOK, Chairman.

### A BLACKBIRD WHICH DEFEATED A CAT.

SIR,—In a contemporary I have just read this interesting account of a Blackbird and a cat. The writer, Mrs. Watson, states:—"During last spring we remarked a somewhat strange incident. We have a cat that is a terror to all the birds in the neighbourhood. An adept in the art of stealthy approach and sudden pounce, she has brought death to many a warbler of the grove. Yet, at the beginning of May, her haughty, dashing step was changed to an abject, cowardly crawl. She hardly dared venture forth unless accompanied by a member of the family. What had altered her? Merely a bold little Blackbird, that, in defence of home and family, had resolved to 'bell the cat.' The moment 'Mouser' appeared, he would utter a rapid series of shrill cries, and, circling wildly over her, swoop with sudden savageness at her head. Indeed, he left his mark on both her ears. Moreover, not content with attacking her out of doors, he would fly fiercely at the window if he caught sight of her on the table within. Once, when only one person was in the room, at the far end of it, he actually flew in at the open window to hurl defiance at his sleeping foe. That done, he retreated to the tree outside to await the result of this insult. But 'Mouser' evidently considered discretion the better part of valour, and only curled herself round with an exaggerated air of indifference. As soon, however, as the young ones were able to fly, the Blackbird ceased his vindictive attacks, and peace reigned once more in the garden.

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### THE LONDON & PROVINCIAL O.S.

SIR,—It may interest your readers to learn the result of the voting of the members of the above Society on the question of holding an annual show. 130 voting papers were sent out; 25 were in favour of a show confined to members; 23 favoured an open show; 7 papers were non-committal, and were declared void by the appointed scrutineers. Several papers have reached me too late to be counted.

H. E. TRINGHAM, Hon. Sec.

### THE EARLY BIRDS.

SIR,—I am a regular reader of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, and I am pleased to say I have made a good commencement this year. I have three young Yorkshire Canaries, which were hatched on February 21st, and all are doing well. Another nest is due on March 1st. I should like to hear in your next issue if other readers have been so successful? The weather is bitterly cold here, but my bird-room never gets below 50 degrees. My Linnets and Canaries are all on full song. I wish your valuable paper every success.

E. ADAMS.

Scarborough.

### A YORKSHIRE HEN GOING BLIND.

SIR,—I have a 1908 Yorkshire hen which is going blind—one eye is quite sightless, and the other nearly so. There appears to be a light spot forming in the centre of the eye. The bird is in good health otherwise, but I am afraid I shall have to kill it. Could any reader give me an idea as to what it is, and, if so, state if there is a cure for it?

C. PEARSON.

### A NEW SOCIETY FOR QUEEN'S PARK, GLASGOW.

SIR,—At a meeting held in Marie Stuart Hall, Langside Road, Queen's Park, Glasgow, on February 24th, a new club was formed, called the Queen's Park (Glasgow) Norwich, Canary, Mule, British and Foreign Bird Club. Mr. John Edwards and Mr. Robt. Jeffrey were elected as president and vice-president respectively. The next meeting is to be held in the same hall at 8 p.m. on the last Friday of March. Anyone desirous of joining the club will oblige by communicating with the secretary.

GEO. N. THOMSON,
Joint Sec. and Treasurer.
266, Allison-st., Queen's Park, Glasgow.

### ALLEGED EXHIBITING OF JUDGE'S BIRDS AT ARBROATH.

SIR,—Owing to business engagements, I have not seen my CAGE BIRDS until to-day. I shall be very pleased to explain to Mr. Milne (of Arbroath Cage Bird Society) in next week's issue.

JAMES STRACHAN.

### THE PROGRESS OF THE CINNAMON CANARY.

SIR,—In your last issue of CAGE BIRDS I see a letter, signed "Hugh Riding," is headed "The Progress of the Cinnamon Canary." In this letter it is stated that if all Cinnamon breeders would join the C.C.C., they would benefit very much. Being a breeder of Cinnamons myself, I should be much interested in hearing particulars of the club, with a view to becoming a member.

F. E. RICHARDSON GRIFFITHS.

(We may say that the secretary of the Cinnamon C.C. is Mr. R. J. Pretty, 6, Old Burlington-street, London, W., and he would, no doubt, be very pleased to hear from our correspondent, or from any other reader desirous of joining the club.—EDITOR.)

## SOME WILD SEEDS WANTED.

SIR,—Having read in your valuable paper what fine things plantain, charlock and shepherd's purse are for Canaries, I should be grateful if any of your many readers would kindly forward me a sprig or leaf of these plants, as, no doubt, they all grow in this district. But I do not know them by the names mentioned.

A. KING.

90, Spout Lane, Walsall.

## PROPOSED SOCIETY FOR DUNFERMLINE AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—A meeting of fanciers favourable to the formation of a Cage Bird Society was held in the Co-operative Hall on February 27th. A large turn-out of fanciers answered the summons, and a good many names were enrolled. The district covered by the Society extends to a radius of eight miles. Mr. J. Rankine was called to the chair, and after a committee had been formed (pro. tem) to look after the drafting of rules, the meeting was adjourned until Saturday, 13th March.

J. RANKINE.

## WHAT IS A "NOPE"?

SIR,—In this week's CAGE BIRDS I notice in the "Brevities" an answer by Mr. G. E. Weston, to a correspondent as to what kind of bird a "Nope" is. The reply conveys the answer—Bullfinch. So far as I can remember of my younger days in North Lancashire, we used to call Tits "Nopes." so I should be pleased to hear other fanciers' versions of the names, as to which species of bird it applies, and thereby render to readers of your valuable paper further enlightenment on this small, yet a very interesting subject.

R. GARDNER.

(We have referred to Mr. C. L. Hett's "Bird Dictionary," and find that he, too, gives "Nope" as a local name for the Bullfinch. Frequently, however, one local name will be found to be applied to several distinct species. We shall be pleased to hear from readers on the subject.—EDITOR.)

## SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN (OPEN DERBY) O.A.

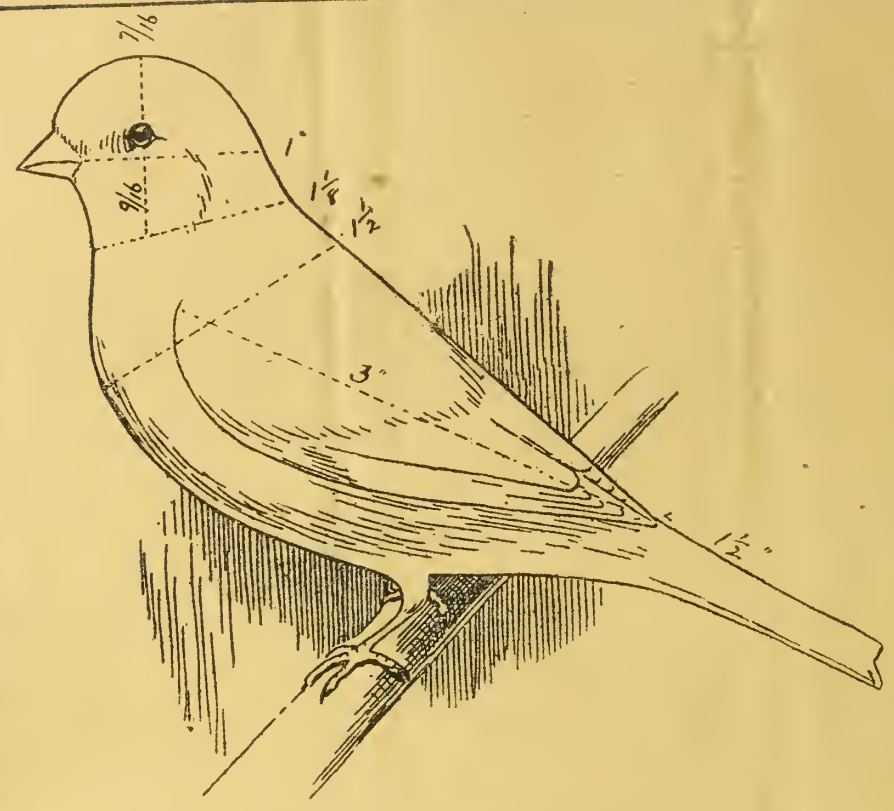
SIR,—We have pleasure in informing you that during the week there has been circulated a very large number of our membership tickets for session, 1909. Unfortunately, a serious error in Rule No. 2 was not discovered until they were sent out. Instead of reading as therein printed, the rule should read as follows:—"That the object of the association is to hold an Open Derby Show for young "Scotch Fancy and Belgians" on the last Saturday of September each year, and that each member, by paying the sum of three shillings annually, will be entitled to show ten birds, *one in each class, but must not exceed two in any of classes one to eight, maximum four in each class nine and ten.*" We request fanciers who have received a ticket to make a careful perusal of the rule, so as to avoid any misunderstanding in future. In sending out our tickets, should any fanciers have been overlooked, by their making application to any of the undernoted, all information as to the aims and objects of the association will be gladly supplied. Our venture last year met with a great success, so we confidently appeal to members to rejoin us again, and kindly endeavour to get others to join with them. We, the executive, tender our best thanks to all those fanciers who have advanced the interests of the association.

C. R. DRYSDALE, Hon. Pres.
W. THORNTON, Hon. Vice-Pres.
J. R. MEIKLE, Hon. Sec. and Treas.
51, Lothian Road, Edinburgh.

## THE ALLEGED STAINED LINNET AT BRISTOL F.A. SHOW.

SIR,—I appreciate Mr. Lythgoe's letter, but there is a grave misunderstanding, for I think if anyone reads the letter they will at once conclude that the protest was to be enclosed with the deposit. This I objected to on the grounds that a personal interview was what I required. Further, with regard to Mr. Lythgoe making a statement to the effect that I could attend the C.B.U. meeting, etc., in person, and bring witnesses, I am really afraid I must have been under the influence of something stronger than coffee, for had I understood such a thing, he can take it from me that I should have been there "like a bird," for that was just what I required, and had that been granted a deal of correspondence would have been saved. The reason I objected to the deposit business so much, is because I couldn't get a proper hearing; at least, I was given to understand so by more than one in the Fancy, that the C.B.U. would not hear you in person, and all protests must be made in writing. With regard to the letter signed by "Bristolian" (another individual who prefers to write under a nom-de-plume rather than sign his own name), I will do my utmost to answer the questions put by him to his satisfaction, and to the best of my ability. (Of course, I can guess who your correspondent is.) In reply to the first question, if your correspondent looks up the dates, I think he will find that the Bristol F.A. show was held some time after the M. and N.C.O.S. With regard to the "pills that want some swallowing," as he states, if they are that difficult to understand, then it only makes my case against the man from whom I purchased the bird far more black than it was before, as what I have stated is what I was told the bird had done, and more on to it. As to whether they are all blind, I hope such is not the case, but if they are blessed with the best of eye sights, they may not have noticed the bird was stained. All good-coloured birds are not stained, you know. As to whether the previous owner has been disqualified for staining, I have heard several tales, but I don't wish to deal with that here. If you give a good hard guess, you will not be far wrong, I don't think. As to the interesting query whether the bird ever had a bath, this I cannot say, for it was not in my possession long enough to see before being disqualified, although it frequently bathed afterwards.

S. W. BIRCHLEY.




Drawn from a sketch by Mr. Floyd.

## THE TYPE OF PRESENT DAY WINNING NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

SIR,—Much controversy has gone on, and is going on, respecting: What is a Norwich Canary? Opinions differ, and I know a hard and fast line would be bad to draw, but yet something ought to be done, measurements ought to be agreed upon, or we shall very soon be showing because a certain judge is there—not because Norwich classes are provided. To-day, judges vary so much that anyone coming into the Fancy cannot accept the good advice to visit some of the leading shows, and see what kind of bird is winning, and try to breed accordingly. To men like myself who have had so many years' experience, the kind of Norwich that sometimes wins is a puzzle, and one wonders what will become of the beauties that stand cardless. May I draw attention to two Palace winners for alround Norwich?—Mr. N. Cooper's unevenly marked yellow cock, and Mrs. A. Martin's clear yellow cock. Are these birds 6¼ inches long, flat-sided, and long-winged? No, no. I venture to say they do not exceed the measurements I give here:—

HEAD: Round, almost a circle of 1 inch diameter—one inch from top of the head to neck, but a trifle more from front to back. BILL: ⅜in. from point to extreme base, and 1 inch from base of bill to back of the head, 1⅜ inches in all. EYE: Centre 7-16 of an inch from top of the head, and 9-16 from the neck. Eye a trifle forward; not quite in the centre of the head. NECK: 1⅛ inches thick from front to back. CHEST: Should be 1½ inches deep, giving a chest measurement of 4 inches (decidedly not less). WING: 3 inches, measured at an angle with the back; close and well set, meeting nicely on the back. TAIL: 1½ inches long, a trifle raised, compact, not flat and split, or V-shaped. This will give a bird 5½ inches long from top of head to end of tail.

I am enclosing a pen sketch of what I mean. If some of my geometrical friends will carefully point off the various measurements and sketch the bird, joining up each point, they will find a Norwich Canary very much desired, of Bullfinch type, showing any amount of substance, and I make bold to say tip-top quality, as birds much larger than this lose quality of feather and are—with a very few exceptions—very rough. Some beautiful types and qualities have been shown in your paper lately that do much credit to your artists and general staff. Accept best wishes for CAGE BIRDS, and for a good year to all fanciers.

EDWARD FLOYD.

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## CINNAMON BORDER FANCIES AND THEIR COLOUR.

SIR,—Your correspondent, "Cinnamon Border," apparently starts with the intention of disagreeing with my remarks on the Cinnamon Borders in your report of the Palace Show, yet finally agrees with me that the Cinnamon Borders of to-day are not what they should be in colour! It must be sixteen or seventeen years ago that I saw a Cinnamon Border exhibited at Carlisle, and nine or ten years ago they were often shown at the Border shows of Carlisle, Workington, Wigton, Whitehaven, Kelso, Coldstream, Keswick, etc. "Cinnamon Border" seems to think that because he did not see a Cinnamon Border until four years ago they were not in existence. If he will ask such old fanciers as Messrs. Arnot, Jamieson, Downie, Duncan, Bennet, and a few others, he will soon find that Cinnamon Borders are not of the mushroom growth some folks would have us believe. About eight years ago Mr. M. Jamieson had a yellow which was far superior to any Cinnamon staged in the Border section at the recent Palace Show. I daresay there are others beside myself who can remember this bird. It is said, I see, that classes have only been provided for them for three or four years. People who rush into the press should be sure of their facts. For eight years past "Green or Cinnamon" has appeared in some of our best schedules. I say now, as I said in my report on the Palace Borders, that "Cinnamon *is* Cinnamon, and not a washed-out greenish-drab." "Cinnamon Border" admits these greenish drab birds exist, and says some judges go for them. The rich clear colour which in the yellows approaches to chocolate, and in the buffs is almost the same tone as the spice known as Cinnamon, is the tone of colour which I like, and this colour is the most beautiful, far exceeding that of the washed-out greenish-drab specimens. A good Cinnamon should be sound and rich in its colour, and not show any approach to green. The Border being now a bird of type and position, colour breeding does not receive the amount of attention it deserves, and this doubtless accounts for the loss of colour. Years ago, when the breed was known as the Cumberland Fancy, or Common Canary, and its highest standard representatives were supposed to bear some resemblance in shape to a man's thumb, things were different, and even in those days birds of Cinnamon hue were in existence.

YOUR REPORTER.

## HOW TO MAKE AND USE AN AVIARY FOUNTAIN.

SIR,—I think "Bird Lover's" fountain, which I have just seen illustrated in CAGE BIRDS, is absurd, and that it will be a pity if fanciers try to make it, for water cannot rise above its own level without other pressure. I thought that a note in next week's issue might save readers trouble for nothing.

T. ROBSON.

SIR,—Some years ago I made a fountain like that illustrated by Mr. Moody, and it is all right, but some little trouble in the blowing-up. Seeing "Bird Lover's" fountain in "C.B." I was struck with the idea that it would not work. I made one and find mine will not play. Can "Bird Lover" prove that his idea is workable? If so he will much oblige.

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(Another correspondent writes, alleging that the drawing and accompanying description sent by "Bird-lover" originally appeared, some time ago, in "Pearson's Weekly."—EDITOR.)

## DEATH OF A WONDERFUL LINNET.

### Is It a Record Career?

SIR,—I am writing to inform you of the death of my old champion Linnet, "Joe." The bird was singing incessantly on Sunday last, but on Monday he suddenly fell from his perch in a fit, and had other fits continually for twenty-four hours before he died. He was eight years old, and during the last show season was exhibited six times, standing first each time. This makes sixty first prizes which he had to his credit, including the Crystal Palace twice, besides many seconds and thirds, of which I have not kept a record. He has also taken special for best British bird in show on several occasions. During his whole show career he was only out of the money twice, once at the Crystal Palace in 1905, where he was v.h.c., and once at Dulwich and Peckham, where he stood cardless. He was always fed on the usual Linnet mixtures, with abundance of good hemp, and he did well on it; in fact, I always give my Linnets plenty of best hemp. I have had a good many enquiries about the old bird, especially as I did not enter for the late Crystal Palace show, but the reason I have not shown much this season is that I have been away from home a great deal since September last. I think the old bird's career constitutes a record for any exhibition Linnet, hence my reason for writing.

E. A. LOVELL.

## THE YORKSHIRE C.C. OF IRELAND CHALLENGE CUP.

SIR,—Your correspondent in last week's CAGE BIRDS, who signs himself "William Henry," must be a very charitable sort of a chap, and awfully off-handed, by suggesting that I should give the prize-money I won at Clapham to the Fresh Air Fund. Now, Mr. William Henry, I wonder if you did the same with all the prizes and specials you dreamt of winning with birds you said you bred yourself? Mr. William Henry, you had better keep very quiet, and keep under the nom de plume, or you may hear more than you would like to hear. You are not a resident in Clapham, but you are a disappointed one in Ireland, and you are no great credit when you are afraid to give your name and address. With your permission, Mr. Editor, I will make this man a sporting offer. I will deposit with you a five-pound note, if Mr. "William Henry" does the same, with his proper name and address. When he has the money deposited with you, and you inform me that he has done so, I will answer his questions through CAGE BIRDS, and if I was not eligible to compete in the novice classes at the late Clapham Show, I will forfeit my £5 note and the prize-money I won to the Fresh Air Fund. If I prove to your satisfaction that I was eligible to compete as a novice, he must forfeit his fiver to the Fresh Air Fund, while I have mine returned. Now, Mr. "Henry," I want to see if you are a sportsman, and I want to have your reply in next week's CAGE BIRDS, with your full name and address. If this offer is refused, I will refrain from any further correspondence on the subject.

JAS. DEVINS.

Sligo.

Several letters unavoidably held over.

## READ AND PONDER.

### All From Last Week's Post-bag.

Kindly thank all who replied to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. C. Heath (Leeds). I received 37 letters in all.

I must say that replies to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS are simply pouring in, writes Mr. J. Rogers (Fishguard). There will be no doubt in my mind in future as to which is the best bird paper.

I have tried an advertisement in a contemporary, and up to the present have had *not one* reply. Am always certain of getting replies in CAGE BIRDS; it has never failed me yet.—W. R. MYERS (Bradford).

I had another answer from my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS last week, after these many weeks, writes Miss Annie Marshall (Winchfield), which shows how your valuable journal is scanned even when it is weeks old.

I am glad to let you know that last time I advertised in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. F. Cockerill (Stockport), I had so many replies that I could not possibly attend to all the applicants. This speaks well for your large circulation.

Owing to breeding so many birds last season, we have had a big lot to sell, writes Mr. W. Downing (Manchester), but every advertisement in CAGE BIRDS brought me customers, even from as far away as Bonnie Scotland, and soon I will be able to sing, "Sold out and drawn the brass."

I enclose herewith advertisement for next issue. I received an order from last issue for £7 (from one cus' ner), which is very encouraging, and I have supplied over 400 Siberian hen Bullfinches. Not so bad, is it? And all through advertisements in CAGE BIRDS.—BERNARD HOLLINS (Hull).

Permit me to thank all who inquired after my birds, which I advertised in your very valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. James Findlay (Glencarse). I have sold them all, as I had no time to look after them. I have had so many inquiries that I could not reply to all, only to those who sent stamps.

Respecting the advertisement of a dog which I sent you, I wish to express my thanks to you for inserting same in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. A gentleman came on the Monday for same, and bought him, and the dog has gone to a good home. I never dreamed that I should have anyone come so soon. I might say that a cousin of mine showed me CAGE BIRDS, which he has taken for some time. I have given my own newsagent an order to deliver CAGE BIRDS regularly.—T. B. EDWARDS (Cwm., Mon.).

I consider it my duty, writes Mr. De Von, of that well-known firm of importers, the Continental Live-Stock Company (Bethnal Green Road, London), to let you know a few of the results obtained through the medium of CAGE BIRDS. We have recently had several orders from different parts of the world, and have executed several orders from Australia, several from the United States, one last week from Belgium, and to-day I have an order come in from Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies. Of course it goes without saying that this proves the tremendous circulation CAGE BIRDS must have.

### Everybody Likes the "Annual."

I always like to have a copy of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL beside me.—WILLIAM WATT (Dunfermline).

I received my copy of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL all right, and I think it is just grand. Long may it prosper.—JAMES FINDLAY (Glencarse).

I think CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL surpasses all previous productions, and should find a place in every fancier's room.—C. DUKES (Stockton Heath).

Allow me to congratulate you upon this year's CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. I cannot understand any fancier or bird breeder failing to secure a copy of same, for it is worth its weight in gold.—J. C. WILMOT (Bedford).

I think your CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL a grand book, and one which ought to be in every fancier's birdroom. It is an exeellent thing for amateurs, and a complete guide to everything in the Fancy.—F. LING (Oulton Broad).

I received CAGE BIRDS ANNUALS alright. The members think the ANNUAL is better than ever, and I personally find it full of information for both old and young fanciers.—W. B. SMART, hon. secretary, Loanhead and Dis. C.B.S.

I am pleased to inform you that I have sold all the CAGE BIRDS ANNUALS I sent for, the members being delighted with them. They say the ANNUAL is a marvellous six-pennyworth.—R. REYNOLDS, secretary, Raunds and Dis. F.S.

I have received one of your CAGE BIRDS ANNUALS for 1909, and also one of your books on "Canary Breeding for Beginners." I can assure you I am very well pleased with them both, for I am sure everything is straight and easy, and I have made two double breeding cages from the sketch which you have so carefully reproduced. I am now putting four pairs of Canaries together, and I am "going by the book" in buying and pairing yellow and buff and in buying as good birds as possible. I hope I shall be a successful breeder. I am only a working man, and hope to have luck. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—J. CHAMBERLAIN (Manchester).

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## UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

TO-DAY (Saturday) the great amalgamated prize distribution and social takes place at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, and it must be specially noted that ladies are cordially invited to both the social and the dinner. The dinner is very likely to be well attended, forty or fifty at least being expected; in fact close on this number have already sent in their names. For the social provision has been made for some three hundred visitors.

IT has been arranged for the prizes to be distributed in the following order, and as near as possible to times stated:—Open Norwich Plainhead Club 6.45 p.m., British Bird and Mule Club 7.15, Yorkshire Union 8, CAGE BIRDS 8.30, Yorkshire Canary Club 9.15, and Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C. 9.45, the remainder of the evening to be occupied by toasts and songs. The dinner will be served at 4.30 prompt. Mr. D. Sunderland, as general chairman for the day, will occupy the place of honour at the head of the table. Don't forget to come; all are welcome.

BALLOT papers of the Yorkshire Union for the election of officers, revision of rules, etc., are now in the hands of the members, and it is hoped that a far larger number than last year will be returned to the scrutineers. For the office of secretary, Mr. H. Hill is returned unopposed; for vice-presidents there are nine nominations; trustees, two required, four nominations; auditors, two required, four nominations. The vice-president elected will be the president next year, this office falling to each society in turn. The retiring auditors and trustees are eligible for re-election.

WITH regard to the revision of rules, several alterations, additions, and new rules are open to the vote. Firstly, we have proposed "an annual general meeting" to take the place of the "annual ballot." For very many reasons the ballot is by far the best method. The members have more time to study things over, and weigh them in the balance, and for members residing outside it is par excellence. The only things against it are the expense and the meagre number of papers returned. The next item is of minor importance. Should the alteration be carried, it means that the council will be able to employ persons on sub-committees who are not members of the council; in cases of dispute, etc., this would be a distinct advantage.

IN regard to Rule 12, as to the election, etc., of judges, there are three alterations in view, firstly, that the judges be elected by the council, and that one judge shall officiate at two shows, one during each half of the season. This is a reversion to the old order of things, the judges at one time being elected by the council; but the system did not meet with everybody's approval. The latter part, that one judge shall officiate at two shows, must be left to the discretion of the members. The other two suggested alterations to this rule, are only of minor importance, and voters will easily see the benefits of them.

NEXT we have an alteration dealing with members who leave their subscriptions unpaid. The alteration is not a great one, and gives the Union power to expel such defaulting members. —The question of minimum classification is a vexed one, and it is on the board that this rule be abolished. The main point which carried its adoption was to keep the number of classes at a show up to respectable numbers, and not to let dates be used for small exhibitions. However, the general feeling is that those who have to stand the loss should have choice in the matter. Of course, those who are allotted dates at the end of the season are those whom the rule would most seriously affect.

FOLLOWING up last year's attempt, the novices are to vote upon the subject of limit in price. At present birds can be claimed at £5 5s. Of course, it is hard lines if a novice loses a good bird he does not wish to part with, but on the other hand the real object of the limit must not be lost sight of, viz., to prevent or obviate the exhibiting of a professional's birds under the name of a novice.

WATER tins are again to come under consideration. The disadvantages are the cleanliness (or otherwise) of those belonging to the Union. It is a big job for one or two men to clean 500 or 600 tins, whereas if supplied by the exhibitor himself, it is a small matter for him to keep the few tins required in perfect condition. Should exhibitors supply their own, a uniform standard tin will be adopted.—The rule in regard to claiming birds from selling classes is marked for an original alteration. Under the old system, when two or more fanciers were wishful to obtain a certain bird, all the parties had to put in claims for it; then it would go to the highest bidder. Now, should the new rule be carried, the first claimant shall offer the catalogue price, the second claimant 2s. 6d. advance, and all further claims must be made at 2s. 6d. each advance, until the bird gets to a figure such as only one individual will pay. The parties who have brought forward this new rule claim that it will obviate the rush at five o'clock attendant on the appearance of a clipper in selling classes, and do away with auctioneering, this latter method laying one open to prosecution when not performed by a certified auctioneer, and few societies have such a one in their ranks. The remaining additions and new rules will be dealt with next week.

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THE Morley and Dis. C.B.S. had a lecture on "Pairing" on Saturday last, by Mr. Samuel Dean, the secretary of the Yorkshire Union. The standard of the Yorkshire bird was gone through, the lecturer giving the various points, and the methods to obtain them. A few questions were asked and answered, then came a discussion on the Yorkshire Union, its advantages, rules, etc. The society will now decide the momentous question of joining the ranks of the Union, and no doubt they will do so at no distant date, many of the members being in favour of the project. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer closed the proceedings.

GREAT Horton Good Intent O.S. had a splendid members' show on Saturday last, eighty-five birds being staged, and the judge, Mr. W. Cruise, had a lively time sorting out the winners. This was the first show of the series arranged for this season, and it is fully expected the competition will be keen all through, as some good specials are provided.—The Great Horton O.S. also held a members' show on same date, the officiating judge being one of their oldest members, Mr. F. Benn, who had about seventy birds to place, and I hear one of the novices literally "swept the deck." No doubt he will soon be bringing his birds out in open competition.

I HEAR that a fine example of the Snipe was shot on Saturday last at Leaventhorpe, a place within three miles of Bradford Town Hall. Poor thing!

"STRAIGHT-'UN."

### TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

At our last members' meeting the secretary moved that the Tong and Dist. C.B.S. offer to Messrs. Ogden Bros. hearty congratulations on their recent successes at the Crystal Palace Show. Mr. O. Atkinson seconded, and Mr. S. Rushforth ably supported. Mr. S. Ogden, on behalf of Ogden Bros., replied, giving a brief sketch of their career in the Fancy.—J. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

### COLCHESTER & DISTRICT F.A.

Annual meeting held February 17th at the Shaftesbury Hotel, the Chairman of Committee (Mr. F. Page) presiding over a representative gathering. The secretary's report referred to the success which had attended the exhibitions held in connection with the Essex A.S. and the local show. There was a balance in hand of over £4. With the idea of increasing the membership, the committee decided to extend the radius to 25 miles from the Colchester Town Hall. The chairman (Mr. F. Page) and the vice-chairman (Mr. E. Prime) were re-elected, and a committee was chosen by ballot. The efforts of the hon. sec. (Mr. R. Moger) were recognised by the presentation of a handsome piece of plate, provided by voluntary subscriptions on the part of the members.—Mr. Moger said he had the interest of the Association at heart, and was prepared to do in the future as he had done in the past.—J. BROWN.

### GARSTON AND DISTRICT B.B.A.

Meeting and pair show held February 17th, in the Baptist School Room, Earp Street, Garston. A fair number of birds were shown, and a few new members were made. Next meeting to be held March 17th, when a members' British bird show is intended to be held. Time and place later.—J. F. D. ALEXANDER, hon. secretary.

### HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual supper held in the White Lion Hotel. Afterwards we had a few real good songs from Mr. J. G. Allen, and we spent the remainder of the evening discussing the feeds we have used through the breeding season. Various feeds were spoken of, and the results obtained. We heartily invite all fanciers to join us.—A. WIDDOWFIELD, secretary.

### DARLINGTON C.B.S.

A smoking concert was held at the Half Moon Hotel, on 17th February, when a good muster of members and friends was present. Mr. R. Todd presided, and a splendid programme was gone through. Mr. H. Nightingale opened the programme with a song. Messrs. Stapleton, T. Reed, W. Underwood, J. Malloy, and J. Pattison also rendered some capital songs. Several selections were given by the pianist, Mr. J. Leeming, and a pleasant evening was brought to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

### CARDIFF AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Last monthly meeting held February 18th, at Maskell's Restaurant, Queen Street. Mr. Melhuish presided, our chairman, Mr. F. D. Jones, being unable to be present owing to family bereavement. Several new members were enrolled. The 1909 officers were nominated, and several additions to the committee. Messrs. Smith and Tonkin were elected auditors, and Mr. W. Sampson as C.B.U. delegate. Mr. Thorne gave a brief report of the recent whist drive and dance, and Mr. W. Sampson a few remarks relative to the C.B.U. meeting at the Crystal Palace.—W. S. NEGUS, hon. secretary.

### HYDE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Very successful meeting and table show, held on February 20th, there being 82 actual fanciers in attendance, besides many others who are interested in the Fancy. The table show was quite a success, there being 17 entries, comprising 11 British and six Canary. Mr. E. Marlor judged the British. 1, Bardsley; 2, Handford; 3, Foden; 4, Bramwell. Mr. N. Stansfield judged the Canaries. 1, Rowbottom; 2, Foden; 3, Barraclough; 4, Allsop. After this Mr. Allsop was presented with a solid oak inkstand, as an appreciation by the members of his past services as secretary, which office he ably held for three years. Replying, Mr. Allsop said it gave him great pleasure to receive such a beautiful present, but his appreciation would have been greater if he had had the same encouragement that our present secretary had as regards the increased number of members, and the interest taken in the society's business. Mr. Allsop then gave us his promised lecture, in a very able manner. A vote of thanks to him brought the meeting to a close.—F. BARRACLOUGH, secretary.

### LANCASHIRE C.A.

Twenty members sat down to a capital dinner (our first), served at the Pioneers' Store, Rochdale. Ample justice was done to it. The dinner over, we went to the rooms of the Rochdale O.C. to hold our meeting and presentation of medals won by members during the season. Our president, Mr. Nadin, presided. We had the honour of welcoming Mr. F. Hamer, of Oldham, as a member. Several suggestions for the popularisation of the Lancashire were made, and during the discussion one of our members, Mr. Butterworth, secretary of the Rochdale O.C., gave us the pleasing information that during the last few months they had made six new members, who were taking up the Lancashire. It was decided that, in addition to the 12 medals already allowed for, and if our funds allow, we should give a few medals for best vhe. birds, for the purpose of encouraging the breeders. Seeing our subscriptions are so small, we hope to make a few more members at our next meeting, to be held March 27th, at the Old Boar's Head, Middleton, when, after the meeting, we intend, if possible, to get Mr. Barrass (Rochdale) to give us a lecture on Lancashires. Anyone, whether a member or not, will be welcome to attend.—WM. ADAMS, hon. secretary.

### CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

The president of the society (Mr. W. W. Theobald) entertained the members to dinner at the Sydney Arms Hotel, on February 17th. In the unavoidable absence of the president, the chair was occupied by Mr. J. H. Boulter, and a company of about 30 sat down. After the loyal toasts, which were submitted from the chair, Mr. Grant proposed the health of the president, the toast being enthusiastically received. The hon. secretary (Mr. A. S. Treasure), in presenting the medals won at the various table shows during the past year, said those shows had been an innovation, and although they had been a success, they had not realised anticipations. He hoped another year a greater number of birds would be shown. He then presented the medals to the successful exhibitors as follows:—Crests, won by Mr. Gerards, with 37 points: Crest-Bred, Mr. Grant, 43 points; Norwich yellow, Mr. Child, 41; buff, Mr. Child, 37; Borders, Mr. Lewis, 28 points; Mules, Mr. Ponnsett, 29; British, Mr. Skinner, 61 points. "The Society" was submitted by the chairman, who mentioned that he had been associated with the Cage Birds Fancy for twelve or fourteen years. Since the resuscitation of the society, some years ago, its membership had steadily increased. Last year's show was one of the largest in the county's history, and he was pleased to see what an excellent show of birds was made. The financial position of the society was satisfactory, and there was a balance in hand to carry forward to next year. Mr. Grant and Mr. Hands, whose names were coupled with the toast, briefly responded. The health of the chairman was proposed by Mr. Treasure, Mr. Boulter suitably acknowledging the compliment. During the evening a capital musical programme was given, the contributors being Messrs. H. Yund, A. Rogers, Sherwood, Gwillim, J. H. Boulter, Arkell, Lewis, and Tibbles. The last mentioned also acted as accompanist.

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## BUCKHAVEN AND DISTRICT O.S.

General meeting held in Free Gardeners' Hall, recently, when there was n good turn-out of cage bird fanciers. The election of office bearers resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. D. Baird; vice-chairman, Mr. A. Peters; treasurer, Mr. B. Welsh; secretary, John Lawrie, 3, Anderson-lane. It was decided to hold the annual show on November 20th. —JOHN LAWRIE, Secretary.

## COWDENBEATH & DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held in Forresters' Hall, February 27th, Mr. D. Duncan in the chair. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. D. Duncan; vice-president, Mr. A. Penman; treasurer, Mr. A. Beveridge; secretary, Mr. Jas. Simpson, 34, Park Avenue; assistant secretary, Mr. Jas. Baxter; committee, Messrs. D. Todd, T. McLeod, R. Martin, B. Conway, D. Ewan, J. Reid, and P. Flyn.—JAS. SIMPSON, secretary.

## DALZIEL O.S.

Annual social held in the Y.M. Christian Institute, Brandon-st., Motherwell, on Feb. 20th, Mr. Harry Gray; president, presiding over a splendid turnout of members and friends. The manner in which plate after plate was emptied was evidence of the excellence of the supper. Many songs were sung, and some splendid selections on the gramophone were given by Mr. Morton. The time slipped away in a pleasant manner, everyone being delighted. The singing of "God Save the King" brought a most enjoyable occasion to a close.—JAS. MATHIESON, Secretary.

## SOUTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

A very able and instructive lecture was given before members and friends on February 22nd, by Mr. Fryer (Manchester), on the keeping and breeding of Mules and Hybrids. It was a treat to listen to a lecture so full of items of interest. Every point that could be thought of was given, showing that the lecturer had made a study of the subject he had in hand, and it would have taken some of our champion Mule nnd Hybrid breeders all their time to have caught Mr. Fryer "napping," for, although the members were only novices, some of them put questions to the lecturer that wanted thinking over before answering, but Mr. Fryer was always ready with an answer that could be clearly understood by all. A vote of thanks to the lecturer brought a very pleasant evening to a close.—J. C. SPILSBURY, Secretary.

## Y.C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Monthly meeting and pair show held Feb. 23rd in Co-operative Hall, Glasgow. A proposal by Mr. Ford (Kelty), re classification and patronage at open shows, was, after considerable discussion, allowed to lie on table, until date of F.F. Show, when a special meeting will be held to decide on classification and allocate patronage for coming season. It was also left in the hands of the committee to fix date and make all arrangements for F.F. Show. Mr. W. B. Cobb, secretary of the United Kingdom Belgian Canary Association, was invited to judge the pairs in an adjoining room. Winners: 1, Penman; 2, spl for best novice, Braidy; 3, Robertson; 4, Jolly; 5, Baird; 6, Bowman; 7, Hendry. Mr. Cobb's awards gave general satisfaction. Mr. Cobb, replying to a hearty vote of thanks to him, generously offered the club a silver medal for competition at the F.F. Show. The usual vote of thanks to the chairman, Mr. R. B. Gibb, terminated the meeting. The following new members were elected: Dr. Dyson, Messrs. R. Braidy, W. Dewar, J. Kinloch, P. McGrath, J. C. Sinclair, R. Jolly, E. Barron, E. J. Beattie (Glasgow), T. McVicar (Paisley), W. Wilson, E. A. Robertson (Tollcross).—F. BOWMAN, Hon. Sec.

## SCOTTISH CREST CLUB.

Annual meeting held in Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Glasgow, on February 27th, Mr. G. F. Adamson, president, in the chair. Also present: Messrs. Chalmers, Clark, Cram, Noble, Paul, Smart, Shillinglaw, Thomson, Taylor, McLay, McPhail, and R. Adamson. The balance-sheet was submitted and considered satisfactory. The membership shows an increase of eight over the previous year. The medals won in 1908 were presented to the respective winners. Silver medal for best old Crest, Mr. Noble; for best old C.B., Mr. McLay; gold medal for best young Crest, Mr. G. F. Adamson; for best young C.B., Mr. Paul; Roberts' cup and gold medal, Mr. Noble; silver medal to runner up, Mr. McLay. In connection with the Roberts' cup, the following was unanimously agreed to: "That the Secretary be instructed to notify Mr. Roberts that unless he hands over the cup to the S.C.C., we decline to continue competition until we get possession of it." It was also decided to hold an annual club show, as formerly. The following fanciers were admitted to membership: Messrs. J. Kirkwood (Airdrie), G. Stewart, T. F. Scott, and J. Houston (Glasgow). This being all the business the meeting concluded with the usual vote of thanks to the chairman.—R. ADAMSON, Hon. Secretary.

## KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

Annual general meeting held at Headqnarters, on Feb. 17, Mr. N. Campany in the chair. The Hon. Secretary's report and balance sheet were fully discussed, and were accepted. The following elections took place: President, Colonel Norris, M.V.O (Folkestone); vice-presidents, Mr. Marsden (Folkestone), Dr. T. A. Bowes (Herne Bay), Messrs. E. M. Worsfold (depnty Mayor of Dover), J. Broad (Dover), and F. J. Gibbs (Canterbury); chairman, Mr N. Campany (Dover); vice-chairman, Mr. E. C. Rayner; hon. treas., Mr. H. Sarjeant, and sec., Mr. Geo. Sanderson, 17, Beaconsfield Avenue, Dover; committee, headquarters, Messrs. Hendry, Reeve, Eade, Hunt, Messrs. L. A. Brett (Folkestone), H. E. Taylor, R. Patterson, the Revd. C. Sales (Canterbury), Thompson (Deal), Jones (Margate), McCreath, Ashford, Wickham (Chatham), Casemore, Rochester, Jenner (Maidstone), Marshall, Woolwich, and A. E. Silk (Whitstable). The winners of the Association bowls, cups, etc., for 1908 were: Norwich, Mr. H. E. Taylor; Crests, etc., Mr. J. Broad; Yorkshires, Mr. F. J. Gibbs; Borders, Dr. T. A. Bowes; Lizards, Mr. W. Austen; British, Mr. L. A. Brett; Mules and Hybrids, Mr. H. E. Taylor. Mr. Broads' china tea service (40 pieces) for most points in Crest and Crestbred classes, gained throughout 1908, nt shows patronised by the Association, Mr. N. Campany; Mr. Heritage's "challenge shield" for most points gained throughout 1908, Mr. F. J. Gibbs (second time); the E.P. tankard, presented by Mr. Ashby (Dover), for best bird exhibited at annual show, Mrs. Andrew Young; and Mr. Campany's gold medal for the member introducing largest number of paid-up new members during 1908, the Hon. Secretary. An alteration to rule 7, proposed by Mr. G. S. McCreath (Ashford), seconded by Mr. E. Jenner (Maidstone), and supported by Mr. S. W. Wiffen, was discussed. Messrs. Heritage and Rayner moved and seconded an amendment that the rule stand as it now appears on rule card, which, on being put to the vote, was carried by a substantial majority. Messrs. Reeve and Heritage moved and seconded that Messrs. Sarjeant, Hendry, Eade and Rayner, together with the Chairman and Hon. Secretary, be delegates to meet a like number of the Dover F. and F.S. members, to discuss the advisability of joining hands at an annual show during 1909. Mr. Kennett, the vice-chairman of the latter body, promised to read a paper, in which he would suggest a scheme to that end. Votes of thanks were cordially given to the retiring officials, and suitably responded to, which brought a very pleasant, well-attended and successful meeting to a close.—GEO. SANDERSON, hon. secretary.

## WARRINGTON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held February 25th, and was presided over by Mr. W. R. Knowles. Prize-money and specials for February show were paid out. The date of annual show was fixed for November 13th. After the usual business, Mr. A. Stout showed the members present how to make cage fronts, which proved to be n very instructive lectnre.—C. DUKES, hon. secretary.

## PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

General meeting held on Feb. 27th at Swan Hotel, Fountain-st., Manchester. A good muster of members attended. The books were audited, the balance-sheet adopted, and some new rules formulated. Messrs. White, Cole and Ramsbottom were proposed as members. Show date fixed for Jan. 14th and 15th. Roller Canary society secretaries will please note this date.—ANDREW PERCIVAL, Sec.

## GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES CLUB.

Usual monthly meeting, held in Good Templar's Hall, 122, Ingram-street, on February 27th, the President, Mr. Brannigan, presiding over a good attendance. Balance-sheet, after the auditors gave their report, adopted. The treasurer was voted two ponnds for his services, which amount he handed over to the club funds. It was carried unanimously "that the secretary, Mr. J. H. Adam, be not again admitted to the membership of this club." The next business was the pair show.—T. DRYSDALE, hon. secretary.

## SELKIRKSHIRE O.F.A.

Meeting held in the Cross Keys Inn, on February 17th, Mr. Robert Thomson, president, in the chair. The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year. President, Mr. R. Thomson; vice-president, Mr. W. B. Thomson; secretary, Mr. J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk; assistant secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. Gill; committee, Messrs. J. Thompson, W. Reid, A. Rodger, R. Graham, W. Imrie, J. Linton, R. Philips, J. Watson, W. Mark, J. Deans, R. Hogg, A. J. Watson, and R. G. Thomson. The date fixed for our annual show is October 8th, and we have secured the services of that well-known judge and exhibitor, Mr. H. Bennet (Kelso), to judge all classes.—JAMES ROBERTSON, secretary.

## LEIGH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 17th, at Railway Hotel, when there was a pair show. Messrs. J. Lomas judged, and his awards were well received. 1 Ordish, Nor.; 2 Clare, Nor.; 3 Gaskell, Goldfinch and Can. Afterwards we had a judging competition, which resulted in an easy first for Mr. Slater. There was also a lively discussion on the merits of the different pairs put up, and altogether we had an enjoyable evening. Our Treasurer, Mr. Ordish, proposed getting a cup for members' competition (to be won twice in succession or three times in all for most points gained by a member at nest feather shows and unflighted birds in old bird shows.—R. H. DAVIS, hon secretary.

## HYSON GREEN (Notts) C.B.S.

Another washing competition for novices only was held on February 16th. The large club room of the Cricket Players' Inn was again "packed" with members and friends, and quite a number of new members were enrolled. This society is going along by leaps and bounds, and bids fair to become one of the strongest societies in the district. Mr. R. Rhodes kindly gave a silver (gold-centred) medal, and Mr. White half-dozen silver-plated tea spoons to be competed for. There were eight competitors who were all bent on having the medal. A start was made with Mr. Rhodes as timekeeper. Evidently some of the competitors will soon, with a little practice and confidence, become competent bird washers. After the birds had been put through their facings, and had got dry, Messrs. J. T. Birch and T. Barker made the awards. 1, Birch; 2, Smith; 3, Elsy. Mr. J. Bertie was then asked to give an exhibition of bird washing, which he kindly consented to do. Shall I wash a Tom Tit or a Jenny Wren, Jimmy asked. Mr Bertie got through his task in great style, and everyone present seemed pleased. The meeting terminated after a little birdie talk.

## MORPETH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A very successful supper and social were held at the Black Bull Hotel, on February 20th, when about twenty-five sat down to a hot round of beef and vegetables. It was a keen, frosty night, so our appetites were good. Supper over we gathered round the fire nnd discussed various topics relating to the Fancy, ranging from C.B.U. matters, to the question as to which was the best to use, Dutch or new-laid eggs for rearing young birds. It is surprising what a diversity of opinion there is, even in regard to eggs. Our worthy chairman, in a happy little speech, said that such gatherings served to unite us, and hoped we should have many more. He also referred to the good prospects of our society, and whilst many of the Northern societies had to report a loss on their last show, we were fortunate in being able to carry over between five and six pounds. He thought we might shake hands with each other on our flourishing condition. The following gentlemen contributed to the harmony of the evening: Messrs. Douglas Mayland, Woollett, Seely, sen., Seely junr., and others Mr. Douglas presided at the piano, and altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.—E. COWLING, Hon. Sec.

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## RUGBY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' stock pairs show held on February 24th. Judge, Mr. S. Bromwich.

NOR. STOCK PAIRS: 1, 2, Savage; 3, vhc, Leng. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Westley. HYB.: 1, Scaresbrook. SELL.: 1, Westley; 2, Brooks; 3, Savage.—E. WESTLEY, Hon. Sec.

## GARSTON B.B.A.

At our last meeting, held at the Baptist School Room, Earp-street, on March 3rd, a very successful pair show was held. Judge: Mr. W. H. Gregson; 2 classes, 16 pairs. The quality of the birds exhibited was of a high-class order, and all that could be desired. In addition to this, there was a record attendance of members.

YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, Christopher; 2, Woods; 3, Barton; B. CK. AND Y. HEN: 1, Christopher; 2, Leather; 3, Banks.—J. F. D. ALEXANDER, Hon. Secretary.

## BAILDON (Original) C.B.F.A.

Members' show, held on February 13th, at the Roebuck Inn. Mr. Matt. Broadley (Windhill), judged the birds, and gave every satisfaction. Winner of President cup, Mr. Tidgwell, 56 points; Ambler's cup, Mr. Tyler, 52 points; special for best bird, Mr. Halliday.

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, 4, Halliday; 2, hc, Greaves; 3, Tidgwell; vhc, Tyler; c, Atkinson. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Halliday; 2, Haithwaite; vhc, Greaves; hc, Tyler. YELL. TKD. CK.: 1, Fawcett; 2, 4, Atkinson; 3, c, Tidgwell; vhc, Greaves; hc, Tyler. YELL. HEN: 1, Atkinson; 2, Halliday; 3, vhc, c, Haithwaite; 4, Tidgwell; hc, Greaves. BUFF: 1, vhc, Tidgwell; 2, Greaves; 3, hc, Tyler; 4, hc, Fawcett. BRIT.: 1, 3, 4, vhc, Tyler; 2, Fawcett. SELL. CK. (10/6): 1, 3, 4, Fawcett; 2, vhc, c Tidgwell.—L. HAITHWAITE, Secretary.

## BRADFORD (West) C.B.A.

First quarterly show, held on February 20th, at headquarters, Red Lion Hotel, Four Lane Ends, one hundred birds being staged. The judge, Mr. R. Carr (Bradford) gave entire satisfaction. In the champion classes Mr. T. Wood won special for best bird in show with his ticked yellow Yorks.; in the novice section there were some fine birds, especially among the buff hens.

CLASS 1: 1, T. Wood; 2, 3, Greaves and Crabtree; 4, vhc, Cooper. CLASS 2: 1, 3, Greaves and Crabtree; 2, Wood; 4, hc, Horner; vhc, Cooper; c, Clegg. CLASS 3: 1, Wood. CLASS 4: 1, 3, Cooper; 2, Greaves and Crabtree; 4, Maill; vhc, Clegg. CLASS 5: 1, Greaves and Crabtree; 2, Wallhank; 3, Clegg; 4, Mail; vhc, Cooper; hc, Horner. CLASS 6: 1, 2, Cooper; 3, Wood. CLASS 7: 1, 2, Cooper; 3, Horner; 4, Wallbank. CLASS 9: 1, 2, Clark. CLASS 10: 1, Ross. NOVICE CLASSES—CLASS 11: 1, Bennett; 2, Lister; 3, Western; 4, Western; vhc, Telford; hc, Graham; c, Stirk. CLASS 12: 1, Lister; 2, hc, Turner; 3, Bennett; 4, Western; vhc, Bennett; c, Graham. CLASS 13: 1, Helliwell; 2, Telford; 3, Lister. CLASS 14: 1, Western; 2, Lister; 3, hc, Bennett; 4, Bennett; vhc, Telford; c, Craven. CLASS 15: 1, Helliwell; 2, Graham; 3, Western; 4 hc, Bennett; vhc, hc, Stirk CLASS 16: 1, Graham. CLASS 17: 1, Graham; 2, Turner. CLASS 18: 1, Graham; 2, Helliwell; 3, Turner. CLASS 21: 1, 2, 3, 4, Clark. CLASS 22: 1, Ross. CLASS 23: 1, 2, Wood; 3, 4, Ross. CLASS 24: 1, Wood; 2, 3, Wallbank.—J. W. TELFORD, Hon. Sec.

## MENAI BRIDGE.

Third annual show held in the Pier Room, February 27th. This was the first in this locality confined to cage birds only. Messrs. R. Roberts and J. G. Bacon, the worthy hon. secretaries, had everything in good order, and were ably assisted by the energetic stewards, Messrs. T. Roberts and W. Weaver. Mr. T. Roberts, the hon. treasurer, also deserves a word of praise. Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford) officiated as judge, and his awards were well received. There were 17 classes and 16 specials. Entries came up very well in number, and the quality of the exhibits was equal to that of any show we have seen in North Wales. Mr. J. Williams captured the special for best bird in show, also for best Mule. Mr. W. Winnard secured the cup for most points in Canary section or British Birds and Mule classes, the cup being won in the former section by his well-known stud of Norwich. Mr. Winnard also won special for best Norwich, and for most points with Britishers, and several others in their respective classes. For most points in Yorkshire section, Mr. J. O. Williams; for best Goldfinch, Mr. R. Jackson; local, Hyde's teapot, Mr. W. Nolan; Goldfinch or Mule, Messrs. Owens Brothers.

### The Critique.

NOR., CL., ETC. (4): 1, Winnard, good cl. yell. hen, rare size and colour, ideal type; 2, E. J. Jones, three pointed yell., well up; 3, J. Williams, cl. yell., good size and quality; res., R. Williams, nat. col. BUFF (9): 1, 2, and res., Winnard, grand neck mkd. buff, plenty of size and a cl. buff, good all round; 3, E. J. Jones, another of right type, grizzle on head; vhc, E. C. Griffiths; hc, Aitken. NOR. HEN (5): spl, 1, 2, res., Winnard, already noted in former classes; 3, J. Williams, good all-round hen; vhc, Hughes Bros., nice variegd. YORKS.: CL. YELL. (14): spl, 1, J. Williams, typical, straight as a rush, good length, well braced wings, nice quality feather; 2, G. Jones, another good yell., fine one; 3, Roberts, good length, fine type; res., E. F. Jones; vhc, W. H. Williams; hc, Owens Bros.; c, J. O. Williams. BUFF (11): E. J. Jones, good type, quality, and colour, has improved since we saw him at Pwllheli; 2, Roberts, nice size, neat one all over; 3, E. F. Jones, nice quality, good feather; res., G. Jones, lovely coloured buff; vhc, F. S. Griffiths; hc, H. Thomas; c, J. O. Williams. YORKS., A.O.V.: 1, W. H. Williams, neat tick, good length, nicely drawn, straight as a pencil, good close feather; 2, H. Thomas, lengthy, classy feather; 3, J. O. Williams, good yell. ticked, unfli.; res., vhc, hc, J. O. Williams; c, E. F. Jones. YORKS. HEN (19): 1, E. F. Jones, another well-drawn hen, nice length and feather; 2, G. Jones, good clun. mkd. hen; 3, vhc, J. O. Williams, yell. tkd. and cl. buff, unsteady to-day; res., W. H. Williams, nice yell; hc, H. Thomas; c, Roberts. A.O.V. CAN. (8): 1, Winnard, evenly marked yell., real topper; 2, E. J. Jones, well-known Crest, often described; 3, J. O. Williams, good cl. cap Golden Lizard; res., W. H. Williams, another good Crest; vhc, hc, F. Lloyd, variegd. Crests. MULE, DARK (15): 1, Jackson, good Linnet Mule, added another to his list of honours, in good form; 2, J. Williams, Goldfinch Mule, rare size and colour; 3, H. Owen, dark Greenfinch Mule, good size and feather; res., Aitken, Goldfinch Mule, medium size, extra good in feather; vhc, J. Williams; hc, G. Gelling; c, T. Owen. MULE, A.O.V. OR HYB. (8): 1, two spls, J. Williams, very nice Mule, lightly mkd., easy winner, put down very fit, and without doubt the best bird in show to-day; 2, res., Winnard, Hyb., good Goldie Bullfie and Goldfinch Can., variegd.; 3, E. Williams, another good Goldfinch Bullfinch; vhc, Jones and Davis, variegd. Mule; hc, R. C. Forbes; c, J. Williams. GOLDFINCH (17): spl, 1, 2, Jackson, former an old-stager, good size, type, and quality, lovely sq. blaze, tanning and buttons, very distinct in markings, very little to choose between them, the latter has improved since Pwllheli show; 3, H. Owen, very nice bird; res., Forbes; vhc, Roberts; hc, Owens Bros.; c, Potter. GREYPATE (18): spl, 1, vhc, Owens Bros., very good Greypate, well-cut blaze, well up in colour; 2, Jones and Davies, nice bird; 3, P. S. Griffith, nice blaze, grand colour, very steady; res., Forbes; hc, O. Owens; c, J. Hughes BRIT. BULLFINCH, ETC. (17): 1, Winnard, good Bullie, size, and colour; 2, Lloyd, good Linnet, well laced; 3, W. H. Williams, an extra size Greenfinch; res, P. S. Griffiths, nice Chaffinch; vhc, hc, c, W. Nolan. BRIT. A.O.S. (7): 1, R. C. Forbes, good Hawfinch; 2, Owens Bros., very nice Thrush; 3, res., Aitken, nice coloured Siskin, in good feather; Bramble, good young one; vhc, Hughes, line Thrush; hc, D. H. Williams, nice Skylark. SELL., 12/6 (7): 1, Roberts; 2, res., J. O. Williams; 3, E. J. Jones; vhc, c, Lloyd. LOCAL CAN.: spl, 1, 3, c, Nolan. CL. YELL. YORKS., good length and colour for an unfli., very nice feather, rare shower, another unfli. Nor., medium size, nice type; 2, res., vhc, Owens Bros., very nice yell. Yorks; hc, T. Owen. GOLDFINCH OR MULE (8): 1, Owens Bros., good steady Goldfinch Mule; 2, J. H. Morcland, nice Goldfinch; 3, R. Humphreys, variegd. Linnet Mule; res., vhc, T. Owen; vhc, J. Hughes; c, Hughes Bros.

## BRISTOL C.B.S.

Show confined to members held February 27th, at headquarters, City Arms Hotel. The quality all round was excellent, and reflected great credit upon the society. The two classes for matched pairs of Norwich were grand in quality, and were also numerically strong. Mr. C. E. Brown staged a splendid team, and nearly succeeded in capturing the whole of the prizes in both classes. His winners in the yellow cock and buff hen class were nicely balanced, the cock being a capital all-round unflighted clear; he had for a mate a very nice ticked eyed buff, good in shape and feather. In the buff cock and yellow hen class the same exhibitor was well to the fore with his well-known "Cherry Blossom," looking well, matched to a very typical and beautifully-feathered young clear yellow hen. Special for best Norwich fell to a neck and wing-marked buff of Messrs. Tristem and Tayler's; it was greatly admired by all. Special for best Yorkshire went to the winner in the yellow class, the property of Mr. A. J. Martin—a very smart and stylish bird, grand in quality, beautifully staged. Mrs. Garland won in both matched pair classes. The Goldfinch class found that old Goldie enthusiast, Mr. F. Buckland, to the fore with a smart exhibit. Special for best Britisher was captured by Mr. W. H. Manley with a capital feathered Hawfinch, good in bib and nicely marked. Mr. Maggs took special for best Mule with a nice Cannry-Bullie of capital colour and feather. The exhibits were nicely staged, and were closely scrutinised. The genial hon. sec., Mr. W. H. Manley had everything in smooth working order, and all passed off as smoothly as possible. The awards were made by Mr. J. H. Payne.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Tristem and Tayler; 4, Follwell. BUFF: 1, spl, 3, 4. Tristem and Tayler; 2, Follwell. YORKS. YELL.: 1, spl, 3, Martin; 2, vhc, Mrs. Garland; 4, hc, Morgan. BUFF: 1, Mrs. Garland; 2, Martin; 3, 4, Morgan. NOR. NAT. COL.: 1, C. G. Brown; 2, Clark. YORKS. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Buckland. NOR., MATCHED PAIRS, YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, 2, 4, c, Brown; 3, Tristem and Tayler; vhc, Follwell; hc, Spoor. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Brown; c, Spoor. YORKS., YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, Mrs. Garland; 2, Stonelake; 3, Glossop. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, Mrs. Garland; 2, 3, Morgan; 4, Glossop. YORKS. NOVICE: 1, spl, Glossop; 2, Stonelake. SELL.: 1, Follwell. MULE: 1, spl, 3, Maggs; 2, Buckland; 4, Locke; vhc, hc, c, Tilley. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Buckland; 2, 4, hc, Coggins; vhc, Tilley; c, Locke. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Manley; 2, Tilley. BUNTING: 1, 2, Tilley. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, Tristem and Tayler; 2, hc, Tilley; 3, Locke; 4, Manley; vhc, Maggs. HARDBILL, LARGE: 1, spl, Manley.

## LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Members' show held February 20th at headquarters, Lockhart's Rooms, 55, Briggate. Entries were very good considering the lateness of the season. After the birds had been judged by Mr. Oldroyd (Wakefield), tea was provided, and a pleasant evening was spent.

OPEN CLASS: 1, vhc, White, 6 hollow roll, 3 hollow bell, 4 schockel, 2 bell tour, 2 flute notes, 3 glucke, faults, 1 off, 3 excellence, total 22 points; 2, Walton, 7 hollow roll, 2 hollow bell, 5 schockel, 2 flute notes, 1 glucké, 3 excellence, total 20 points; 3, Peel, 6 hollow roll, 2 hollow bell, 5 schockel, 2 excellence, total 15 points; 4, Towes; hc, Towes. NOVICE CLASS: 1, Barnett, 8 hollow roll, 4 hollow bell, 4 schockel, 2 wnter glucke, 3 excellence, total 21 points; 2, Crnig, 6 hollow roll, 2 bass roll, 2 hollow bell, 4 schockel, 1 glucke, 2 excellence, total 19 points; 3, Craig, 4 hollow roll, 3 hollow bell, 4 schockel, 2 bell tour, 2 flute notes, faults 1 point off, total 16 points; 4, Bew; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Pitts. £1 LIMIT: 1, White; 2, Walton.—THOS. W. WALTON, Secretary.

## HEBDEN BRIDGE C.B.F.A.

Very successful table show of British birds for novices and pairs for members, held Feb. 23rd. The novices turned out in full force and staged some grand birds. Mr. W. T. Rowe secured silver medal for best British, given by Mr. S. H. Jeffrey (Sowerby Bridge). Mr. E. Vipond (Sowerby Bridge) judged.

BRIT.: 1, 3, medal for best Brit., Rowe; 2, vhc, Knowles; hc, King; c, Clough. TWO PAIRS: 1, Harrison; 2, S. B. King; 3, E. King.—WM. SIMPSON, Sec.

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## CITY OF WAKEFIELD O.S.

Members' show held at headquarters on February 20th. Mr. Fowler (Pontefract) judged.

YELL. YORKS. CK. (13): 1, hc, Parkes; 2, 4, vhc, Parker; 3, Taylor; c, Walker. BUFF (4): 1, Parkes; 2, Taylor; 3, Brown; 4, Walker. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Parkes; 4, Taylor; hc, Parker; c, Brown. BUFF (4): 1, Parkes; 2, Talbot; 3, Walker; 4, Jones. NOR. CK. (7): 1, 3, Parkes; 2, vhc, Talbot; 4, hc, Atkinson; c, Brown. HEN (10): 1, 3, 4, Parkes; 2, Taylor; vhc, c, Atkinson; hc, Brown. LINNET (6): 1, 2, Netherwood; 3, Atkinson; 4, Isherwood; vhc, Crowther; hc, Bedford. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Talbot; 2, Atkinson; 3, Isherwood; 4, Taylor; vhc, Brown; hc, Parker. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, 3, Netherwood. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Isherwood; 2, Brown. UNFLI. YORKS. CK.: 1, 2, Jones; 3, Parkes. HEN: 1, Parkes; 2, Rothwell.—PARKER AND PARKES, secretaries.

## PARTICK AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

Usual monthly meeting and show of breeding pairs, held in Trades Hall, on Feb. 5th, when there was a good turn-out of members. Forty pairs of birds were staged, some grand pairs of Plainheads and Borders being on view. Mr. J. Young (Rutherglen) judged, and his awards were well received. The following new members were proposed:—Messrs. R. Anderson, J. Hart, G. G. Henderson, J. Roy, and J. Reid.

HYB. PAIRS: 1, Miller; 2, McRobbie; 3, 4, Priest. PLAINHEADS: 1, 3, 4, Miller; 2, Maxwell; 5, Sherriden; 6, Kidd; 7, Hendry. CRESTS: 1, Hendry. BORD.: 1, 4, Fairweather; 2, 3, Walker; 5, 6, Aitkenhead. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Walker. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Young, who in his reply referred to the great advance made in the quality of the birds since he last judged, and a vote of thanks to Mr. Maxwell for presiding, brought the meeting to a close.—ANDREW MILLER, Acting Sec.

## WIDNES O.S.

Just before giving a lecture on British Birds, on February 18th, Mr. C. Houlton judged a pair show of Norwich, etc. There was a good attendance, particularly of young fanciers. All seemed highly pleased with the lecture, and the discussion after, as well as with the placings of the awards.

YORKS. PAIRS (2): 1, Lightfoot, slim type, yell., and a Cinn. variegd. buff, both good in condition and carriage; 2, Andrews, both nice length, flue yell. buff, just short of wing and tail carriage to win. NOR. PAIRS: 1, Bloor, Cinn. tick wing, yell., and a cl. buff, both grand shape and quality, evenly balanced; 2, 3, vhc, Vose, three good pairs, the first two being well up to size, right for breeding show stock from, all in good feather, 2nd ticked head, buff, fine size, and a nearly green yell, tight feather, 3rd big, thick-set variegd. yell., and a neat cl. buff, good type and quality; hc, Beech, good cl. yell., and a buff. NOR. GREEN: 1, Bloor, both cobby type and good feather. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Lightfoot, pretty tight-feathered yell. Greenfinch, and a smart-feathered, medium-sized Hen Bullfinch, well matched.

## GORSEINON.

First open show held at the Institute, on February 25th. The room proved to be rather too small, and much surprise was expressed because the larger and more commodious room upstairs was not utilised. It was somewhat uncomfortably overcrowded all day, and toward the evening one could not get around to see the exhibits properly. But this was the first show, and such was hardly avoidable. The entries came up well in most classes, and the quality in most cases was far above the average. Goldfinches, Linnets, and Mules were the strong classes, and Yorks in the Canary section. The cup for best bird at show went to Mr. Ward's Redpoll-Bullfic, best British Miss Bowen's Yellowhammer. The society have every reason to be well pleased with the success as far as entries and attendance go, and they would do well to increase the classification to a marked extent in future. Mr. G. Gabe looked after the cage birds, and was ably assisted by a few hard-working attendants. The judges were Messrs. R. W. Jones (Canaries), and T. Gamage (Mules, British, etc.). The awards appeared to give general satisfaction.

### The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. (4): 1, Rev. — Miller, cl. buff, we heard it was afterwards disqualified, a protest having been raised; 2, Hitchings, very neat specimen, good quality and colour; 3, Jones, neat head and body, inclined to be a little long-sided: No. 3, Portman, absent. BUFF (6): 1, Hill, well-known, rare size and type, good wings and tail; 2, vhc, G. T. Jones, pair of very special ones, silky feather, and well frosted, nice size and shape: 3, Longden, very smart, well got up Nor.; hc, Hitchings. HEN (5): 1, Hitchings, very smart outline, good position on perch, neatest of head and body properties; 2, Hill, rare size, close and cobby, well-fitting jacket; 3, D. R. Jones, neatly moulded one, correct type; vhc, Trigg. NOR. A.O.V. (6): 1, Trigg, very taking, tkd., great one for substance, good head, well rounded body, put down very fit; 2, vhc, hc, G. T. Jones, very smart trio, all teeming with correct Nor. properties, well put down; 3, Hitchings, good stamp, plenty of size, well clothed; c, Muscott. YORKS. YELL. (10): 1, hc, Morris, former fine, erect carriage, sound colour, close-fitting wings; 2, E. Williams, also very stylish, put down very spick and span; 3, Martin, very close, nicely drawn, fine length and position, put down very neatly; 4, Wilcox; c, Garnett and Evans. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Morris, two noted ones, both looking their best to-day, easy winners; 3, J. Jones, good length, stylish carriage, correct position; vhc, E. Williams; hc, Wilcox; c, Garnett and Evans. HEN (7): 1, J. Jones, regular gem of a hen, neatly moulded, best of wing and tail carriage, silky feather; 2, Morris, also good, fine erect carriage, shown with well-known taste; 3, W. Saunders, sweetly pretty Yorkie, very clever mover, well finished off; vhc, T. Evans; hc, E. Williams; c, Jenkins and Son. YORKS. A.O.V. (10): 1, J. Griffiths, very smart, good quality of feather, nicely drawn, very few faults; 2, J. Jones, extra typical, fine length, good carriage of wings and tail; 3, vhc, Morris, again lovely pair, full of essential points, which go to make winners; hc, E. Williams; c, D. J. Davies. BORD.: There were only three Borders in the four classes given; we were rather surprised at this. MULES, ETC. (7): 1, 2, Ward, the Redpoll-Bullfic leading in rattling form, quite the centre of attraction; 2, Linnet-Bullfic, lovely specimen of this cross, good race, shows parentage to a marked extent; 3, Longden, Green-Bullfic, fine size and colour, put down tastefully; 4, vhc, Edwards, Goldfic-Bullfic, other marked as tkd. Siskin Mule. DK. GOLDFIE MULE (4): 1, Scrine, good Goldfic Mule, a yell. splendid blaze, good polish; 2, G. Thomas, very sound, Dk. Buff, nicely defined face, good size and quality; 3, Jas. Longden, another smart yell., rich Goldfic colour, fine colour and well shown; 4, Pugh. A.O.V. MULE (9): 1, 2, 4, Scrine, splendid team, 1st Palace winning Greenfic, looking very fit, great size and shape, good level, grassy colour, 2nd chukking Siskin Mule, yell., fine colour and finish; 4, Linnet Mule, good for size and quality; 3, Longden, a Cinn.-Greenfic Mule, looking very fit, good pure colour; 4, c, Edwards; vhc, Ford and Son. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (18): 1, G. Thomas, a fine large Finch, expansive face of deep scarlet hue, well polished, good tans and bars, neatly buttoned, put down in splendid order; 2, 3, 4, Richards, well-known team, very typical, good square rich faces and tans, nice bright wing bars, in lovely feather; 4, Lewis, another very choice one, correctly-cut face; vhc, Sampson; hc, Merser; c, Clarke. BULLFINCH (9): 1, 2, Holboro, couple of house-moulted ones, good breast colours, neatly cut caps and ideal cobby build, wins well; 3, 4, W. Jones, another two splendid birds; 4, Ford and Son, good black-legged one, should moult a topper; vhc, Reed; hc, Taylor and Williams; c, W. Thomas. LINNET, MOULTED (8): 1, Bowen, finely pencilled on breast and thighs, splendid level nutty colour throughout, a marvel for polish, wins well; 2, Prosser, very shapely, fine size, rare depth of colour, high-class Linnet; 3, D. Longden, well-known, profusely-marked, fine size, rare bloom and polish; 4, Bancroft, lovely nutty one; vhc, Holboro, very useful, good size; hc, Saunders; c, J. Lewis. FIELD-MOULTED (11) Perhaps the best class for quality in the show: 1, Longden, real beauty, size, shape and colour to commend it, finished off with lovely quality feather and laced superbly; 2, Bancroft, Swansea, Bristol, etc., winner, finely laced, good colour; 3, W. Jones, another very intense nutty-coloured one, well broken up in body work, rare upstanding carriage; 3, Miss Bowen, one of the right stamp, essential level, nutty-brown, grandly laced, shines like satin; 4, Ford and Son, large sized bird, nicely marked; vhc, W. Jones; hc, Morgans; c, D. T. Jenkins. GREENFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, Miss Bowen, well known Yellowhammer, excellent colour, well defined, V-mark, also good eye cheek and frontal; 2, Bancroft, well-known Greenfinch, fine size and colour, presses leader; 3, Longden, very neat Chaffie, clean and pure in colour, good front, hood and whites; 4, H. Jenkins, fine non-moulted Chaffie, fine size and shape; vhc, Morgan; hc, Ford and Son; c, Lougden; c, T. Griffiths. REDPOLL, ETC. (6): 1, 3, Bancroft, slashing big Twite, leading, fine colour, well laced Siskin, good nat. colour, neat cap and bib; 2, Prosser, fed Siskin, good cap and bars, well put down; 4, hc, Bell; vhc, Wright. NOVICE (19): 1, spl, W. M. Davies, very good Belgian, fine position on perch, wins well; 2, Rees, lovely buff Yorkie, fine length and position; 3 Clarke, Nor., short, stout one, good colour; 4, J Jones; vhc, Evans; hc, Morris; c, Muscott. SELL. (12/6): 1, G. Evans; 2, Bancroft; 3, Wilcox; 4, Lewis; ex. 4, Jenkins and Son; ex. 3, Scrine; vhc, Rogers; hc, Thomas; c, Prosser.

## GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES CLUB.

At the last meeting on February 27th, we held a pair show. Result: NOR. CL., ETC.: 1, 2, 6, 7, McFarlane; 3, 4, Malcolmson; 5, Knox. VARIEG.: 1, spl, 7, Malcolmson; 2, 4, McFarlane; 3, spl Shearer; 5, spl, 6, Connely. TICK. BORD.: 1, 2, Brannigan. VARIEG.: 1, spl, 3, spl, 5, King; 2, 4, Brannigan. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Pettigrew; 2, Kerins. GOLDFINCH MULING PAIRS: 1, Reid; 2, Brown; 3, spl, McFarlane; 4, Malcolmson; 5, Young; 6, Pettigrew; 7, Knox. LINNET MULING PAIRS: 1, Young; 2, Brannigan; 3, Pettigrew; 4, Brown; 5, Drysdale; 6, Connely. A.O.V. MULING: 1, Knox; 2, Connely; 3, 6, Young; 4, 7, Pettigrew; 5, Malcolmson. BULLFINCH HYB. PAIRS: 1, spl, 5, spl, Malcolmson; 2, 3, 4, 6, Pettigrew; 7, Young.—T. DRYSDALE, Secretary.

## EAST BOWLING & DIST. B.F.A.

Second monthly show of the year, held February 27th, at Barley Mow Hotel. It was very well patronised, and 86 birds were staged in the 12 classes. Mr. W. Richmond (Rodley) placed the cards, and his awards gave entire satisfaction. Most points in open classes: Casey 28, Firth 26, Thompson 20; novice classes: Dinsdale 40, Hargreaves 24, Battersby 19.

OPEN CLASSES—CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Casey; 2, Thompson; 3, Gledhill. BUFF: 1, Casey; 2, Firth; 3, Hudson; 4, Helliwell. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, Clarke; 2, Helliwell CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Firth; 2, Thompson; 3, Casey; 4, Gledhill. BUFF: 1, Firth; 2, Gledhill; 3, Hudson; 4, Clarke. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, Firth; 2, 4, Thompson; 3, Casey. NOVICE CLASSES—CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Hargreaves; 2, Dinsdale; 3, Mitchell; 4, Battersby. BUFF: 1, 2, Dinsdale; 3, Rawes; 4, Hargreaves. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, Rawes; 2, Hargreaves; 3, Mitchell. CL., ETC., YELL HEN: 1, Battersby; 2, Dinsdale; 3, Robinson and Sharpe; 4, Rawes. BUFF: 1, 2, Dinsdale; 3, Battersby; 4, Hargreaves. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, Stobbarts; 2, Dinsdale; 3, Hargreaves.—L. BOOTH, Sec.

## GLASGOW & W. OF SCOTLAND B.C.

Pairs show held in the Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram-st., Glasgow, on Feb. 18th. There were eight classes, but in the Borders there were no entries. All over the show was much down as compared with last year, only 53 pairs being staged, but the exhibits were very interesting, and there was a good turnout of members and friends. The judges were: for Plainheads, Crests and A.O.V. Canary, Mr. P. Easton; for Yorkshires, Mr. M. Craig; and for Muling and Hybrid pairs, Mr. R. V. Raine.

NOR. (14): 1, Ferguson; 2, c, Jarvie; 3, Paterson; 4, Craig; vhc, Dowell; hc, Gowans. CRESTS (3): 1, 2, 3, Stewart. YORKS. (11): 1, 4, c, McDonald; 2, 3, Penman; vhc, Barron; hc, Bowman. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, 3, G. Fyfe; 2, 4, Jackson. MULING PAIRS (11): 1, G. Fyfe; 2, c, Craig; 3, Erskine; 4, Donaghy; vhc, Jarvie; hc, J. Fyfe. BULLFINCH HYB. PAIRS (6): 1, 2, hc, Jarvie; 3, 4, Craig; vhc, Erskine. A.O.V. HYB. PAIRS (4): 1, 2, 3, Craig; 4, Paterson. Special for best bird in hall was won by Mr. G. Stewart with his Crest. Special for best novice pair by Mr. G. Fyfe with his cinnamons. Points specials were won by Messrs. Craig, Jarvie, G. Fyfe, G. Stewart, and McDonald.—R. C. BROWN, Secretary.

## BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

Table show of Yorkshire and Norwich pairs, held on February 16th, in the Temperance Rooms. Mr. Burns placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. YELL. AND BUFF: 1, Jones; 2, Corbett; 3, Harding; vhc, c, Hawkes; hc, Harris. BUFF AND YELL.: 1, Jones; 2, hc, Morton; 3, Joynson; vhc, Hawkes; c, Harding. GREENS, YELL. AND BUFF: 1, Hughes; 2, Jones; 3, Moss; vhc, Porter; hc, c, Hawkes. BUFF AND YELL.: 1, 3, Hughes; 2, Moss; vhc, hc, Hawkes; c, Jones. NOR. YELL. AND BUFF: 1, Harding; 2, Rock. BUFF AND YELL.: 1, Rock; 2, Porter; 3, Harding. A.O.V.: 1, Rock; 2, Porter.—J. RICHARDSON, Sec.

## HEYWOOD AND DISTRICT O.S.

The return inter-club show, Heywood v. Bury, was held at the Rechabite Hall, Heywood, on February 20th. Mr. R. Barrass (Rochdale) again placed the awards, and gave satisfaction. The Heywood Society had a lead of 32 points on the show held at Bury the week previous.

YORKS., YELL.: 1, 2, Fortnam; 3, Meadowcroft; 4, Garnett; vhc, Fraser; hc, W. and J. Ridings; c, Howarth. BUFF: 1, Meadowcroft; 2, Fraser; 3, Marsden; 4, Howarth; vhc, hc, Garnett; c, H. Fortnam. NOR., YELL.: 1, 3, Lees; 2, Schofield; 4, Howarth; vhc, Armistead. BUFF: 1, 4, Lees; 2, 3, Schofield; vhc, Armistead. A.O.V.: 1, Jameson, Crest-Bred; 2, 4, Lees, cinn. Nor. and a Lizard; 3, Gorton, Crest; vhc, W. and J. Ridings, green Yorks.; hc, Mooney, cinn. Yorks.; c, Brierly. BRIT. HARD-BILL: 1, Perry, Bullfinch; 2, Fraser, Greenfinch; 3, R. D. McMurdo, Goldfinch; 4, Gorton, Linnet; vhc, Perry, Redpoll; hc, Brough, Bullfinch. Heywood, 98 points; Bury, 70 points. Total for both shows, 198 points; Bury, 138 points. Each society was limited to 24 birds.—A. H. MEADOWCROFT, sec. Heywood and Dis. O.S.

## WARRINGTON & DISTRICT C.B.S.

A five-mile radius show was held on February 20th. Competition was very keen all through. British birds numbered 28 in the three classes provided. Mr. E. Houghton won medal for most points in this section. Yorkshires numbered 24 in five classes, and Mr. C. Dukes won medal for most points here. Mr. W. R. Knowles judged Yorkshires, and Mr. J. D. Leigh the remainder.

YORKS. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Dukes; 2, c, Fletcher; 3, vhc, Langley; hc, Stout. BUFF (5): 1, Stout; 2, hc, Fletcher; 3, Dukes; vhc, Harper. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Fletcher; 2, Dukes; 3, hc, Langley; vhc, Stout; c, Harper. BUFF (5): 1, Dukes; 2, 3, Langley; vhc, Stout; hc, Harper. UNFLI. (2): Dukes and Stout. NOR. YELL. CK. (1): Morrison. BUFF (1): Morrison. BUFF HEN (2): 1, Morrison; 2, Wisdale. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, 2, Houghton; 3, Drury; vhc, Ray. GOLDIE, ETC., BRIT. (10): 1, Kinsey; 2, 3, c, Mort; vhc, Houghton; hc, Clare. A.O.S. SELDEATER (7): 1, hc, Houghton; 2, Bower; 3, vhc, c, Hampson. LINNET, ETC. (11): 1, 3, Bower; 2, Houghton; hc, Hampson; c, Clare. SELL. (12/6) (2): 1, Bower; 2, Hampson.

## ORKNEY O.S. (Kirkwall).

The 22nd annual show was held in the Drill Hall on 18th February. There was a fine turn-out of cage birds, showing a large increase on that of former years. Mr. Muir won the cup for the third time (it thus becomes his own property) with a clear Yellow Scotch Fancy cock. The runner-up was Mr. G. Drever, also with a Scotch Fancy. Mr. J. M. Kidd (Edinburgh) judged, and his awards appeared to give general satisfaction.

SCOT. FCY. YELL. CK.: 1, cup, 2, 3, hc, Muir, 1st grand shape, well up on top, grand mover; 3rd, not quite so good in shape perhaps, but a really nice one; 2nd, good one; c, G. Drever. HEN: 1, G. Drever, nice all-round hen, fine mover. BUFF CK.: 1, Drever, runner-up for cup, fine drive; 2, 3, Muir, 2nd close up to winner; hc, G. Drever. HEN: 1, G. Drever, nice bird well staged; 2, 3, hc, Muir, former well up on top, grand mover; 3rd, good bird; c, J. Drever. GREEN, FOUL, ETC., CK.: 1, 2, Muir, former grand one, rare size and shape, fine drive, hard up, some preferred for cup; 3, Drever. HEN: 1, 2, Muir, 1st grand drive; 2nd, nice bird. NOR. OR CREST YELL. CK.: 1, 2, hc, c, Muir, 1st Plainhead, fine type and feather, lovely wing carriage, right good one; 2nd, same stamp but smaller, lovely head and neck; 3, hc, Groat. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Muir, 1st good type, nice quality; 3, Harvey, nice stamp; hc, J. Drever. BUFF CK.: 1, Muir, good body, nice bird; 2, c, Mainland, grand head and neck, very short and thick, correct stamp; 3, Herdman, another nice bird; hc, Harvey. HEN: 1, Nicolson, good body, well put down; 2, Muir, another fine bird; 3, Harvey; hc, Cumming. VARIEG. NOR. OR CREST CK.: 1, hc, A. Muir, grand Crest, fine centre, great length of feather; 2, hc, Harvey, 2nd C.B., well lashed, good one; 3, Firth, nice model Plainhead, fine feather; c, Herdman; c, Borwick. HEN: 1, 2, Harvey, 1st Crest, nice one; 2nd, same stamp; 3, A. Muir; hc, Herdman; hc, 2 c, Muir. CINN. CK.: 1, Cummiug. HEN: 1, Leslie, good colour; 2, Groundwater, Crested. A.O.V. CK.: 1, Kirkness, Scotch Fancy cross; 2, Nicolson, common; 3, Marwick; hc, Drever; c, Swanney. HEN: 1, Groat, common; 2, Muir; 3, Kirkness; hc, Nicolson; c, Borwick. SELL. CK.: 1, hc, c, A. Muir; 2, Harvey; 3, Muir. HEN: 1, 2, Harvey; 3, Drever. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Muir. 1st Goldfinch, grand blaze, lovely moons, well tanned and buttoned; 2nd, Goldfinch, every bit a good bird; 3rd, Siskin, fine dense cap, lovely pencilling; hc, Linklater, nice Robin; c, Twite, wanted some claws, otherwise good.—A. DUNN.

## HULL C.B.S.

Monthly meeting and show, held March 1st, at Oddfellows' Hall, about 40 members being present, and 87 birds staged. The competition for cups given for most points gained in the champion and novice sections respectively throughout the year looks like causing plenty of excitement. The following is the position of parties interested, including points gained at this show.

CHAMPION SECTION: Calam, 74; Stamford, 34; Perkins, 21; Brumby, 13; Harland, 12; Oliver, 6; Barwick, 6; Stephenson, 6; Prentice, 4; Stones, 3. NOVICE SECTION: F. F. Potter, 28; L. Hope, 28; Precious, 22; Riley, 20; W. Potter, 20; Calvard, 16; Frith, 16; Constable, 15; Hogg, 15; Hinson, 7; Burrell, 6; Tennison, 5; Howe, 4; H. Sowden, 4; and Parkes, 2. Mr. G. Harland placed the cards, and his awards gave universal satisfaction.

CHAMP. NOR.: 1, 3, vhc, Calam; 2, Barwick. YORKS.: 1, Stephenson; 2, 3, vhc, Stamford; hc, Prentice; c, Barwick. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Calam. NOVICE NOR.: 1, vhc, Calvard; 2, Tennison; 3, Constable; hc, Riley; c, L. Hope. YORKS.: 1, hc, Frith; 2, vhc, Precious; 3, c, Burrell. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, P. Potter; 3, Hinson; vhc, c, Hope; c, F. F. Potter. BRIT. (Open to Champion and Novice Members) GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Riley; 2, Calam; 3, vhc, Hogg; hc, c, Stamford. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, L. Hope; 2, F. F. Potter; 3, Brumby; vhc, Hinson; hc, Stones; c, Constable. A.O.S. HARD-BILL: 1, Stamford; 2, vhc, Hogg; 3, L. Hope; hc, Frith; c, Stones. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, F. F. Potter; 3, P. Potter.—E. R. RIDLEY, Hon. Secretary.

## GREAT HORTON (Good Intent) O.S.

A successful members' show was held on February 27th, at headquarters, Horton Church Schools, it being the first of the 1909 series. There was some keen competition to gain the leadership in points, and some grand specimens of Yorkshires faced Mr. W. Cruise (West Bowling), who judged to everybody's satisfaction. There were 85 birds staged, in eight classes. Mr. T. L. Whiteley won fancy teapot for three highest starred birds, and the following were point winners in the order named:—Messrs. T. L. Whiteley, A. Holden, A. Firth, H. Schofield, D. Bartle, C. Walker, G. R. Rushworth, J. T. Brook. During judging a meeting was held, Mr. G. Riley in the chair. The Union ballot paper was discussed, and valuable information on same was given by Mr. S. Dean, the Yorkshire Union secretary, who was present for that purpose. Four new members were elected.

CL., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, Schofield; 2, vhc, Whiteley; 3, Holden; 4, Rushworth; hc, Shackleton; c, Firth. BUFF (18): 1, 3, Whiteley; 2, Holden; 4, c, Firth; vhc, Bartle; hc, Peacock. UNEVENLY MKD. (9): 1, Walker; 2, Brook; 3, Schofield; 4, Firth; vhc, Hollas; hc, Bartle; c, Thompson. YELL. YORKS HEN (10): 1, Oldfield; 2, Shackleton; 3, Whiteley; 4, Sharp; vhc, Bartle; hc, Firth; c, Worsnop. BUFF (15): 1, Whiteley; 2, Holden; 3, Bartle; 4, Chubb; vhc, Firth; hc, c, Riley. CINN. MKD. (void). HEN (3): 1, Walker; 2, Hooson; 3, Oldfield. STOCK (8): 1, Rushworth; 2, Firth; 3, Brook; 4, Hooson; vhc, Schofield; hc, Walker; c, Kay. A.O.V. CAN (2): 1, Holden; 2, Hollas.—H. SCHOFIELD, secretary.

## MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

The last of a series of four shows was held on February 23rd, at headquarters, Mowbray Arms, to decide winners of cup, gold medals, and numerous other prizes. The competition was very keen, the members staging some real good Yorkies; 76 birds in 12 classes. Mr. Suggitt and Holroyd Bros. tied for first place with 76 points each party, and to name six birds to be re-judged, and in the final Messrs. Holroyd won the cup, guinea medal, and 1st novice medal. Mr. W. Suggitt, 2nd gold medal, and also gold medal for novice gaining most points with three starred birds and the four shows. Messrs. Ackroyd Bros., Huddleston, and Hersey were the runners-up. Ackroyd Bros. won special for most points in show. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) judged.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (7): 1, Huddleston, grand length and quality; 2, vhc, Holroyd Bros.; 3, hc, Ackroyd Bros.; 4, E. Kemp and Son; c, Nutter. BUFF (2): 1, Huddleston, a very fine bird; 2, Noble. TKD. YELL. (3): 1, Ackroyd Bros.; 2, Lunn; absent, Holroyd Bros., both good birds. BUFF (8): 1, Holroyd Bros., full of quality, nice position, good head and wings; 2, 3, vhc, Suggitt, grand trim; 2nd, rich colour, boxey feather, typical, good head and wings; 4, Ackroyd Bros.; hc, E. Kemp and Son; c, Lunn. CINN. TKD. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Ackroyd Bros., fine team of birds, well staged. CL. ETC. HEN (13): 1, vhc, Ackroyd Bros., full of quality, typical, good head and wing; 2, 3, Hensey, 2nd neat head and wings, very stylish; 4, Huddleston; hc, Suggitt; c, E. Kemp and Son. BUFF (12): 1, 2, vhc, Suggitt, fine team, 1st grand type, full of quality, neat head, good wings and tail; 2nd, stylish, full of quality; 3, Ackroyd Bros.; 4, Nutter; hc, Hersey; c, Huddleston. FOUL MKD. HENS (4): 1, Nutter; 2, Grange; 3, Noble; 4, Suggitt, all nice exhibits. UNEVENLY MKD. (2): 1, spl, best bird in show, 2, Holroyd Bros., 1st yell. variegd., grand position, well up on leg, good head, grand flights and tail, full of quality, wins; 2nd, nice buff. UNFLI. (10): 1, 3, Holroyd Bros., 1st yell, typical, grand wings and tail, neat head, well up on leg, full of quality, will make a good bird another year; 2, c, Ackroyd Bros.; 4, vhc, Suggitt. STOCK BIRDS (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Ackroyd Bros., 1st a gem, long flights and tail, stands well up, good head, full of quality, we liked; 4, Suggitt; c, Lunn. NOR. (1): 1, Lunn, buff, full of quality, good chest, chubby.


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| Open Norwich Plainhead Club | J. Mottram | Greenwood and Pickles | O. Mitchell. |
| British Bird and Mule Club | T. H. Inman | B. H. Wilson | J. Isherwood. |

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| T. H. Inman | 1 first | 1 5 0 | Walnut Table. |
| Shaw Bros. | 1 third and tie for third | 1 2 6 | Two Cruets. |
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| Greenwood and Pickles | 1 second | 1 0 0 | Pair Photo Frames. |
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## Siberian Hen Bullfinches.

ANOTHER grand lot of hen Bullfinches just arrived, 7/6, 8/6, and 10/6 each; cocks, in lovely condition, 7/6, 8/6, and 10/6 each; a few show specimens at £1 each, large as larks, 6d. extra must be sent for proper travelling boxes. Testimonials similar to the following arriving every day:—"D.E.A., Esq., Bangor, Ireland, to B.H., 9/2/09. Dear Sir,—I received the Siberian Bullfinch hen safely and in very good condition; I am prepared to take a lease of the life of any Bullfinch like the one you have sent me. She bathes freely, and her feathers have a beautiful gloss now. From experience, I am prepared to wager she will lay early, and I have told CAGE BIRDS I am satisfied. The Canaries are also good enough value for the money. The 'wee' German is a very lively little bird." Also from the same customer on 13/2/09. "Dear Sir,—I got the Siskin on Monday safely. It is a very healthy young bird; I am very pleased with it, and I herewith enclose you P.O. for same, which is very moderate. I shall reciprocate your confidence in any future dealings which we may have." Also another from J.C., Esq., Brighouse. "Dear Sir,—I have pleasure in enclosing a list of some of my winnings this season. ALL THE BIRDS ARE FROM YOU. At Burnley I took 1st and 2 specials Superb Tanager, 3rd Paradise Whydah, 4th Green Cardinal; Bolton, 1st and special King, 3rd Bauer; Rochdale, 2nd King, 2nd P. Whydah, 3rd R.S. Whydah; Accrington, 3rd Bauer; Manchester, 2nd P. Whydah, special and 4th King; Sheffield, 1st and special Blue Mountain Lorries, 2nd King; Blackburn, 2nd Bauer; Preston, 2nd King, 3rd Lorries; Hull, 1st and special Lorries, 2nd Tanager, 4th Bauer; Leeds, 1st Bauer, 3rd King, 4th Lorries; total, 5 firsts, 7 seconds, 6 thirds, 5 fourths, and 6 more money cards."—I am expecting a very large consignment of Australian Finches shortly, which will include Blackheaded Gouldians 20/- pair, Parson Finches 20/- pair, Grass Finches 12/- pair, Chestnut 15/- pair, Bicheno 17/6 pair, Pectoralis 10/- pair, Green Budgerigars (now in stock) 200 pairs 6/6, 7/6, and 10/- pair; Yellows 8/0, 10/6, 15/- pair; Rosellas 35/- pair; Blue Mountain Lorries £2 pair, in lovely condition; Lemon Crested Cockatoos £1 each, very tame; 150 Australian Grey Rosey Cockatoos 6/6 each; Indian Green Parrakeets 5/6 each, make good talkers; Japanese Waltzing Mice, 5/6 pair; specially matched pairs of Yorkshire Canaries, 10/6, 12/6, to £10 pair, hens from 3/-, cocks from 6/6; St. Andreasberg Rollers: I import these direct, and have sold over 1,500 this season, price 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and £1 1s. each; German hens for feeders from 2/- each, plenty in stock. All Canaries sent on seven days' approval at my risk. C. Winter, Esq., to B.H. "Dear Sir,—I received the two Rollers today quite safely, and I am very pleased indeed with them. Thanking you for sending them so promptly." Thousands of small Foreign Finches always arriving. I shall be publishing very shortly a large catalogue of all kinds of cages, accessories, Parrot cages; also a full list of all the different kinds of Foreign and British Birds kept in stock, post free for 1d. stamp. Send early to make sure of obtaining one. I make cages of every description for exhibition and stock purposes. Note the address:—B. Hollins (late of the Bird and Live Stock Stores, Harrogate), 9, George Street, Hull. Importer and exporter of all kinds of live birds and animals, to and from all parts of the world. The largest stores in the United Kingdom. 9, George Street, Hull. Under Royal Patronage. Please enclose 1d. stamp for replies.

## WANTED.

WANTED Canaries, Bullie hens, cheap for cash.—Emmett, 220, Thistle-t., Glasgow.

WANTED, small rifle in exchange for C.P. aviary.—Wade, Elston Hall, Newark, Notts.

WANTED, small hand-reared Song Thrush, cheap cash.—Letters, 6, Portland-st., Lincoln.

WANTED, cock Bullfinches, for retailing; lowest price, to Smith, Western Aviaries, Hove.

WANTED Canaries, for my noted Bantams, also laying Ducks.—Clark, Holme, Carnforth.

WANTED, Starling, densely veiled with white spots.—Law, 40 ,Buckingham-rd., Dalston.

WANTED, good pair of Rollers; exchange musical instruments.—L. Dormand, 54, High-st., Staines.

WANTED weekly, from catcher, any kind British; best prices.—Broxup, Naturalist, Pendle-st., Burnley.

WANTED to exchange all kinds roses for Canaries.—Wright, 15, Baker-st., Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

WANTED, offer Canaries; exchange English lever watch, 30/-.—Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, pair Canaries; exchange six lens telescope; or sell, 10/-.—Jones, 30, Holdsworth-st., Liverpool.

WANTED, 1908 Crested hen; will give 1908 buff Yorkshire hen.—Coulson, 33, Meanley-rd., Upton Park.

WANTED three Norwich hens; give three 1908 Bullfinch hens; particulars.—8, Spring-rd., Abingdon, Berks.

WANTED Persian kittens, about four months, cheap.—Feltham, "Broadway," Westby-rd., Boscombe.

WANTED for cash, Canaries, Linnets, Goldfinches; quote prices.—Jackson, Clockface, St. Helens, Lancashire.

WANTED exhibition Cirl Bunting for hand-reared Hawfinch, winner; offers.—J. Rabey, St. Columb, Cornwall.

GIVE healthy birds for bookcase, hearthrug, cutlery, anything, stamp reply.—Anstee, 28, Newcombe-rd., Luton.

WANTED pair acclimatised Painted Finches; state lowest cash price; approval.—Wm. Martin, 9, Queen-st., Partick.

When all the so-called aviaries have refused your stuff, try Pearson, Greenwich Market, he buys anything alive.

WANTED, pair Norwich Crest; exchange pair Scotch blankets, 25/-.—Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

WANTED Parrot, African Grey, with red tail, acclimatised, approval, 35/-.—88, Luyard-rd., Queens-rd., Peckham.

12/6 FOR cock and two hens, Norwich, cheap; good bargain; first postal order.—Tomsett, 34, Endwell-rd., Brockley.

WANTED, good buff Norwich hen for cash; or exchange buff cock.—Dearlove, 45, Northfield End, Henley-on-Thames.

WANTED, 8/6 per pair for six pairs of high-class Yorkshires; approval with pleasure.—R. Genwer, 50, Cark-rd., Keighley.

WANTED, anything alive, specially dogs, rats, Cavies, Ferrets, Rabbits, poultry, Parrots.—Pearson, Greenwich Market.

WANTED, all kinds of Canaries for cash; state price and particulars.—Jones, Bird Shop, Caerleon-rd., Newport, Mon.

WANTED, cock Canary, or anything useful, for two pairs dumbbells, in good condition.—Axhoru, Boden Villas, Chard.

WANTED, steady Siberian cock Goldfinch; exchange two yellow Yorkshire hens, 7in. long.—Dewis, Bond-st., Nuneaton.

WANTED hen Canaries in exchange for Fox Terrier bitch, good ratter and rabbiter.—Wade, Elston Hall, Newark, Notts.

WANTED Goldfinch Mule, singing, for two hand fret machine files, etc.—Porteous, Livingstone-st., Gt. Horton, Bradford.

WANTED Canaries; exchange two pairs men's boots (8's), two pairs youths, perfectly new.—Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering.

WANTED, a good Norwich Sib hen, for which I will give 10 healthy hen Goldies.—John Cosgrove, Carrigallen, co. Leitrim.

WANTED, offers for cash, 3 good breeding Finches, 3 yellow hens; approval.—W. Williams, Bradninch, Cullompton.

WANTED Buff Norwich hens in exchange for zither-banjo and case, sell 15/-.—Trevallion, 16, Higham-rd., Tottenham.

WANTED, Canaries; exchange phonograph and records, Cinnamons preferred; offers.—Spencer, 6, Warren-rd., Morten, London.

WANTED typical pair clear Norwich; exchange good zither, value 21/-; approval.—Packer, 29, Falmouth-avenue, Bradford.

WANTED good Norwich cock, Yellow; exchange good German, songster, sell 7/-; yours first.—Smith, 5, Boon-place, Plymouth.

WANTED, offers, anything useful; exchange new aviaries or cages; particulars.—Martin, Cage Manufacturer, Castle Douglas.

WANTED hen Hawfinch, will give 2/6; shall acknowledge answers in Twitterings next week.—C. Bonus, Alphington, Exeter.

WANTED, 12 Pigeons, carriage paid; exchange pair Norwich Canaries.—Robert Simpson, 10 court, 4 house, Fawcett-st., Sheffield.

WANTED, your surplus livestock, will purchase or exchange for other fancy; state requirements.—Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

WANTED, Canaries, in exchange for pedigree bred Pigeons, Dragoons, or long-distance Homers, ruug.—Cloke, 28, Elm-grove, Peckham.

WANTED two Yellow Norwich hens, 1908; exchange Green Crest-bred hen, Barnett's strain.—F. Ling, River View, Oulton Broad.

WANTED, large good unflighted crest hen; cash or exchange winning Yorks, cock.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale, Middlesbrough.

WANTED pair Canaries; exchange rolled gold watch, John Forrest, London; or sell 15/6.—Drummond, 15, Hutchison-st., Glasgow.

PAIR Roller Canaries, guitar in case, lot 40/-; exchange Norwich, Yorkshire, anything useful.—Eastoe, 64, Benwell-rd., Drayton Park, N.

WANTED Canaries, any surplus stock, also Goldfinches, Linnets, Bullfinches; good prices given.—Baker, Bedminster Bridge, Bristol.

WANTED offers in Canaries for pair of very old meat dishes, willow design.—Morris, 2, St. John's-place, Treeynon, Aberdare, Glam.

DOUBLE breeders, loose fronts, sand drawers, etc.; exchange pair of smart Borders, or sell 10/-.—Houghton, Market-st., Morecambe.

WANTED, healthy cock Canary; exchange pair Sandow's seven-spring dumb-bells and exercise chart.—Sutton, 2, Orchard-walk, Aberdeen.

WANTED, Canaries, in exchange for prize-bred rabbits, Belgian Hares or black and tan does, in kindle.—Cloke, 28, Elm-grove, Peckham.

WANTED Canaries or Budgerigars; exchange brindle Bulldog, pedigree, £2; full particulars; yours first.—Smith, 19, Chelsham-rd., Croydon.

WANTED, breeding cage, double, or four-compartment preferred; must be in good condition, and cheap.—Somers, 25, Airlie-avenue, Leeds.

WANTED wholesale price lists of all sorts, cages, appliances, birds, foods, at once.—Lane, Seed, Corn, and Bird Dealer, Bailiff-st., Northampton.

WANTED, a clear yellow Crested bred hen, 1908, must be large; approval.—Herbert Garthwaite, The Poplars, Park-lane, Long Sutton, Wisbech.

READ this. Offers wanted for CAGE BIRDS, complete except first number, good condition.—Bescoby, Albert-st., Castleton, Manchester.

WANTED phonograph and records, in good working order; exchange Norwich value 45/-; particulars.—Newton, 28, Ingleby-terrace, Sunderland.

WANTED Canaries, British Hardbills, anything useful; exchange good black Magpie Pigeons, 12/6 pair.—Poole, Wratting-rd., Haverhill, Suffolk.

YORKSHIRE hen; exchange Canary-reared cock Greenfinch, Redpoll, Twite hens, house-moulted; sell; approval.—Sullivan, Muchen View, Riscu.

WANTED Rollers or double breeding cages; exchange splendid tortoise, Dutch buck, two does (Hanimerton strain).—Potter, Melton Mowbray.

NORWICH cock, will exchange grand Linnet, Bramblefinch, Greenfinch; pay extra cash for moderate bird.—Gardner, Derby-st. West, Ormskirk.

WANTED, yellow Crested cock, exchange buff Scotch Fancy cock and three Border hens, prize bred.—Robert Newbigging, Market-place, Duns.

WANTED, Canaries; exchange hand sewing machine; also treadle machine; offers in musical instruments entertained.—J. Islip, Market Rasen.

WANTED ten yellow Norwich hens, Clears, Ticked Greens, at once; state price; no rubbish wanted.—Regan, 209, Gloucester-rd., Aintree-rd., Bootle.

WANTED, Rollers, in exchange for gramophone value £2 2s., or violin, bow, and case value £1 1s., birds first.—Bowden, 71, Newman-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.

WANTED, good Norwich Canaries in exchange for 80 Edison records, all good condition; offers, whole or part.—H. McGrady, 3, Park Mount, Portadown, Ireland.

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, large or small quantities; will deposit cash with Editor.—Marsh, 22, Thoydon-rd., Grove-rd., Bethnal Green, London.

WILL give good exhibition Goldfinches, Linnets, Bramblefinch, in exchange for good yellow Norwich or buff Yorkshire hens.—Lewis, 8, Swansea-rd., Llanelly

OFFERS for quantity unframed pictures, mount-cutter's steel straightedge; sell or exchange, stamp reply.—Dickinson, 100, Coventry-rd., Bulwell, Nottingham.

WANTED 1908 Yellow variegated Norwich hen; give in exchange telescope, 3 ft. long, or cinnamon Norwich hen.—Taylor, 65, Skipton-rd., Colne, Lancashire.

WANTED large Crest bred hen, good head essential, 1908; also Yellow Norwich hen, typical; would exchange high-class Borders.—Leach, Portobello (see Borders).

WANTED, four hen Canaries; exchange four cock Greenfinches, cock Chaffinch, mule cock Linnet; bargain.—P. Cawood, 25, Britannia-st., Scarborough.

WANTED, Yorkshire or Norwich Canaries; exchange gent's cycle, or sale £2; offers first; no rubbish.—S. Ward, 48, High-st., Skeltou, Cleveland.

WANTED Lizards or Norwich for three grand tortoise Dutch does, ready for breeding, sell 7/6 each, or offers.—Craven and Blades, Durham-st., Scarboro'.

WANTED, good Buff Norwich hen and breeding cage; exchange three pairs good Working Homers, flown, or sell 10/6.—Mitchell, Desborough, Northamptonhire.

NOTICE, will give 6/- per pair for good Yorkshires or Norwich; wanted, hens; also Linnets, British, etc.; good price. — Robinson, 77, Union-st., Middlesbrough.

WANTED good Roller cock; exchange concert piccolo, cost £1, equal new, and tutor; genuine Bargain.—Albert Morris, Braybrook-rd., Desborough, Market Harbro.

WANTED, Canaries, talking machine, in exchange for silver English lever, 30/-; water motor, 20/-; 100 watt. dynamo, new, 50/-.—J. Leach, 50, Flas-st., Showfield, Keighley.

WANTED Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries in exchange for Works of Ben Jonson (new), beautifully bound, three vols., and two violins.—Heibert, Abbey Cottage, St. Albans.

WANTED, Goldfinches, Linnets, British, in exchange for 30 first-class carving tools, cost 1/- each, and air gun, cost 10/-; offers.—Holmes, 46, Agbonby-st., Carlisle.

WANTED, Norwich or light Mules, in exchange for three quarter size violin, bow and case, complete; offers; fine tone; approval.—W. R. Myers, 23, Ingleby-place, Bradford.

CANARIES; wanted good Norwich hens; exchange new embroidered linen sideboard cloth, trimmed lace and insertion, 1½ yards long, ½-yard wide.—58, Atherley-rd., Southampton.

WANTED, stylish cock Canary, or three hens; exchange gentleman's (new) English, hall-marked silver chain or lady's, value 10/6.—Heathbank, 3, Richmond-rd., Leyton, Essex.

WANTED, good pair Borders; exchange three cocks, Exhibition Britishers, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Snowbunting, two straw cages; Borders first.—Roberts, 19, Crown-st., Carnarvon.

WANTED, Yorkshires, exhibition British, Foreigners; no rubbish; Palace aviary, in exchange for Kodak camera, books, common Canaries, etc.—Chamberlin, 59, St. Albans-rd., Watford, Herts.

WANTED, hen Canaries, cold room birds, state if colour fed or not, and where to make order payable and lowest price for the lot.—J. Brewerton, Canary Dealer, 5, Norton Hammer, Woodseats, Sheffield.

WANTED, good Norwich or Yorkshire hens, or Goldfinches, for six gramophone, six Columbia, two zonophone, two other 10-inch disc records, cost 55/6; what offers?—Soper, 22, Vernon-rd., Sutton, Surrey.

WANTED, common Canaries; exchange Reliance camera, complete; double drying cage, with hot-water tank, or new brass castors, brass joints, cold room breed.—Barby, 179, Cromwell-rd., Peterborough.

WANTED good Yellow Crest or Crest-bred hens; exchange good young Crest-bred cocks to value, or sell 25/- each; my winning strain; approval.—Walter Radley, Paradise-square, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

NOTICE, will give 4/- each for Yorkshire and Norwich cock Canaries, 2/- each for hens; no German Canaries; also 1/- each for hen Goldfinch Mules; any quantity.—John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brighton.

WANTED, offers in Rollers, or Foreigners, for the following: Cock Goldfinch, Mule, dark, 8/6; green Border hen, 1908, vhc, only time out, 6/-; common feeding hen Canary, 2/6; approval, deposit.—Eyes, Harness Stores, Byfleet.

WANTED a good Song Thrush and cage, in full song, cold-room, in exchange for 56 coloured plates, clean, containing 48 CAGE BIRDS, or exchange anything useful; stamp reply.—John Skinner, 10, Syphon-st., Porth, Glamorgan.

WANTED, a good unflighted buff Norwich hen, clear, ticked, or lightly marked, in exchange for one, two, or three Norwich cocks, value 7/- each; hen first, or I deposit value with Editor.—F. Hills, "Admiral Gordon," Maidstone.

WANTED, five hen Canaries, or two cocks, singing; exchange heavily silver-plated teapot or cruet, approval; state wants, in silver plate or cutlery—good exchange for Goldfinches, or Bullfinches.—Robinson, 32, Pearl-st., Sheffield.

PAIR good breeding Cockatiels for 3 yellow cock Budgerigars, 15/-; pair Greenfinches, pair Redpolls, 7/6, for Zebra or White Java hens; cock Budgerigar, 3/-, outside aviary moulted; offers, approval.—Laycock, Park Aviaries, Sutton, Keighley.

WANTED, first-class large unflighted yellow, clear Lancashire Plainhead hen; will exchange two unflighted Sib.-bred buff cocks, guaranteed from a 30 years' strain, or sell 12/- each (hen first).—Macnicol, 104, Hanover-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, Canaries, in exchange for tools, cutlery, electro plate, gold and silver watches, clocks, umbrellas, etc.; special offer for two cocks or four hen Canaries; we will send you a sample electro plated teapot or biscuit box.—Cutlery Co., 24, Carnarvon-st., Sheffield.

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, large or small quantities, buyer of cock and hen Mules; also buyer of large fowls, best price given; nothing like sending to the old firm; established over 20 years; deposit cash with Editor.—Hardy and Barron, No. 3, Ainsworth House, Church-st., Shoreditch.

WANTED, large Crest-bred hens, or Crested hens, or good talking Grey Parrot and cage, or what offers in exchange for new mandoline, cost 70/-; two thoroughbred field Spaniel puppies, at 20/- each; nine volumes National Encyclopædia; two Bovril pictures, 10/- each.—W. Wheaton, 8, Union-st., Stonehouse, Plymouth.

WANTED FOR EXPORT,

a great supply of first-class Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries; best price given; also all kinds of British birds; will purchase up to £1,000 worth

J. ARCHER, SUCCESSOR TO E. POWER, 91, SCLATER-ST., BETHNAL GREEN, E.

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# SALE OR EXCHANGE.

## Mainly British
**To be Sold or Exchanged.**

EXCHANGE light Goldfinch Mule, anything useful.—F. Ling, River View, Oulton Broad.

TWO cock Linnet Mules, in song, and Yorkshire hen, for good cock Goldfinch.—86, Wilcox-rd., Lambeth.

FOR Sale or exchange, Bullfinches and Linnets, for Norwich hens.—T. M. Barfoot, 5, Redhill, Bournemouth.

COCK Bullfinch and new show cage sell 4/-; or exchange two hen Canaries.—Jones, Eagle and Child, Holywell.

COCK Woodlark, full song; wanted, large young Norwich hen Canary.—Nobes, Cricketers', Harrow, Middlesex.

TWO dark Goldfinch Mules; exchange two dark Linnet Mules, wild note.—Tilley, 235, High-rd., Willesden Green.

SALE or exchange house-moulted black cock Bullfinch.—Best offers to E. Bailey, Lower Hooe, near Plymouth, Devon.

COCK Linnet hen Goldfinch, cock Greenie-Bred Mules; exchange Canaries, phonograph records.—Cridleford, Honiton.

EXCHANGE handsome cock Thrush or cock Blackbird, for hen Canary, or anything useful.—Riddall, Ladbroke-rd., Horley.

HOUSE moulted cock Chaffinch, with show cage, 6/-; or exchange Yorkshire hen Canary.—Baker, 50, Poplar-st., Smethwick.

TAME Starling, Blackbird, cages included, 10/- each; exchange Hardbills, Norwich hens; offers.—John Esplin, Bonnybridge.

HAWFINCH; exchange carpenter's ball-bearing brace and bits, or sell 8/-; offers first.—Sargent, 4, Culven-terrace, St. Albans.

SIBERIAN cock Goldfinch, just a few selected specimens received, 7/6 and 10/-; or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich Market.

SPLENDID cock Blackbird; exchange double breeding cage or Seifert Roller hen.—Lee, "Lonsdale," Clarendon-rd., Hinckley.

TWO good cock Bullfinches, two hens, sell 8/-, or exchange good young yellow Yorkshire cock.—John Devany, Knaresborough.

COCK Linnet Mule, 6/-; splendid cock Thrush, cock Blackbird, 2/6 each; or exchange Canaries.—Barrett, 41, King-st., Cambridge.

GOLDFINCH cock, grand singer, British, caged August, 5/-; approval, or exchange cock Canary.—Groom, 123, Camden-grove, Peckham.

LARGE twice house-moulted cock Linnet, 3/6, and Canary-reared cock Greenfinch 2/-, or offers.—Wm. Weymouth, Square, Stanhope.

HOUSE-MOULTED Goldfinch, guaranteed Mule breeder, 6/6; or exchange female Persian kitten.—Mrs. Cooper, East View, Northallerton.

EXHIBITION Goldfinch, won 2nd Dec. 26th, bred Mules; exchange first-class yellow Norwich or cinnamon.—G. Mills, Mt. Pleasant, Redditch.

EXCHANGE good Blackcap for good Linnet and Twite, to moult out for show, or sell 10/6.—Carr, 243, Wandsworth Bridge-rd., Fulham, S.W.

TWO Peathroat Goldfinches for sale, 7/6; or exchange one for yellow Norwich Green hen; must be good.—Regau, 209, Gloucester-rd., Bootle.

THREE tip-top cock Goldfinches, exhibition specimens, large birds, good blazes, £1; exchange cock Rollers, bargain.—Bowhay, Horrabridge, Devon.

WANTED, to exchange, four grand cock Goldfinches, for pure Norwich cock; no rubbish; bird first.—Br. H. Green, 130, Battery R.F.A., Bulford.

GRAND pair Bullfinches, 5/-; Roller, full song, 7/6; approval, deposit; exchange, offers first; letters.—Thomas Manders, Bloscope, Welson, Glam.

EXCHANGE Hawfinches and other British for yellow or variegated yellow Norwich cock.—E. Beardow, Ashover, near Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

WILL exchange cock Bullfinch for two good Norwich hens; also cock Goldfinch for sale, or offers.—C. Thorpe, 3, Western-rd., Winchester, Hants.

EXCHANGE cock Hawfinch, in good feather, for a large, chubby, clear buff hen, colour-fed, approval.—Matt Hopkins, 11, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire.

TWENTY house-moulted Linnets, for hen Canaries or offers; eight prize-bred Dragoons, sale or exchange.—Joseph Davies, 6, Prospect-place, Longton.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Greenfinch, with steady hen Bullfinch, 5/-; hen Goldfinch, 1/6; pair Redpolls, 1/-; exchange offers.—W. Rose, Westerfield, Ipswich.

EXCHANGE grand cock Blackbird, house-moulted, three pair Greenfinches, two pair large Tits, for cock Goldfinch, two hen Bullfinches.—T. Lister, Leven Fife.

HEN Sparrow Hawk, large perfect feather, 6/-; exchange for large Lancahire or Norwich hen, unflighted.—Gaiuford, Gamekeeper, Calder Bridge, Cumberland.

WANTED for muling, Goldfinch, Linnets, Siskins, give good exchange green Crest cock, Norwich, Yorkshire hens.—Metcalfe, 54, Cheetham-st., Broughton, Manchester.

EXHIBITION Goldie and show cage, £1; also exhibition variegated Goldie Mule and show cage, £1; or exchange good Canaries.—Wedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

SALE or exchange Greenfinch cock, and three Greenfinch Mules, for Siberian cock Goldfinch or Yorkshire cock; bird first.—J. Jeffrey, Silverton Crossing, Dumbarton.

TWO house-moulted cock brown Linnets, one special for showing, 6/-; and one for muling, 5/6; deposit or exchange for hen Canaries.—Cockerill, Mahood-st., Stockport.

FIVE steady cock Linnets, in back cages, been used catching all season, 3/- each; or exchange close wired Palace aviary.—F. King, High-st., Houghton Regis, near Dunstable, Beds.

EXCHANGE Canary-Goldfinch Mule, full song, for two yellow Norwich hens, sell 8/6; approval; two stout, clear yellow Norwich cocks, 9/- each.—Foreman, 83, High-st., Crayford, Kent.

FOR Sale, good cock Goldfinches, picked birds, will moult good exhibition birds; or exchange for Canaries or cock Mules.—Particulars, W. Wall, Bird Specialist, 1, Camden-row, Dublin. Stamp reply.

TWO large brilliant-coloured cock Chaffinches, two grand-coloured cock Bramblefinches, two stout cock Linnets; exchange large Norwich hens, or variegated cock Mule.—F. Simonds, High-st. North, Dunstable.

EXTRA special cock Bullfinch, 6/-; or exchange for cock Goldfinch; cock Linnet, house-moulted, muler, 5/-; fine cock Siskin, 4/-, muler; exchange both for good Norwich cock.—Hepworth, Brompton, near Northallerton.

TWO Larks, three Greenfinch, one Bramblefinch, two hen Mules, in since September, all cocks; not rubbish; approval, deposit; 10/- the lot; or exchange; four Goldfinch show cages.—Lewis, 4, Glanynant, Tirydail, Ammanford.

COCK Bullfinch and hen Linnet, aviary-moulted, sell 6/6; exchange buff Yorkshire cock, cock and hen Greenfinch, two cock Redpolls and one hen, 120 numbers of CAGE BIRDS; exchange common hens; offers first.—J. Sadler, 93, Gladstone-st., Winsford.

## Mainly Canaries.
**To be Sold or Exchanged**

PAIR black red Bantams 6/6, for Yorkshire hens or Goldfinch cock.—A. W. McDonald, Aberdour, Fife.

CONVERTIBLE child's chair, excellent condition, complete; exchange.—104a, Garthorne-rd., Forest Hill.

EXCHANGE 1908 Buff Plainhead cock, prize-bred, for good 1908 Crest hen.—Veitch, Paris-st., Grangemouth.

ROLLERS, breeding condition, 7/6 pair; cock Goldfinch, 5/-; exchange.—Derrick, Mayfield-rd., Worcester.

PURE Seifert Rollers, B.R.C.C. rung; exchange one cock for three foul.—Duncombe, Church-st., Darlaston.

WHAT offers, one buff, two yellow Yorkshire cocks and cages; cycle preferred.—Morton, 11, Main-place, Hunslet, Leeds.

GRAND Norwich cocks, from winners of 1sts and 2nds, 7/6 and 10/6; exchange fowls; stamp reply.—Morter, Colchester.

WANTED good pair Yorkshires; exchange two good Norwich cocks, full song, sell £1.—Holah, Foggathorpe, Selby.

EXCHANGE offers, Scotch Fancy buff cock, cost £1, in good condition, for buff hen.—Address, James Reid, Baker, Stirling.

NORWICH cock, 25/-; exchange for pair Hybrid breeders, must have bred last year.—Fancier, 81, Jersey-rd., Abergwynfi.

YELLOW Yorkshire cock, winner two 1sts; exchange for large Norwich hen, or sell 25/-.—Palmer, 53, High-st., Battersea.

GOOD Norwich pairs, or hens, in exchange for first-class, large, unflighted yellow or buff cocks.—99, Ossington-st., Bayswater.

BUFF cinnamon cock 12/6, or exchange pair Norwich to value, pair birds first.—Grimble, 108, Palgrave-rd., Gt. Yarmouth.

TWO variegated, one yellow, large Norwich, cocks, 6/-; hens, 3/-; exchange class Norwich or Border.—Anderson, Balloch, Inverness.

FINE Yorkshire hens, yellow, variegated, fit for breeding, cold room, breeding cages, must sell.—113, Englefield-rd., Canonbury.

EXCHANGE Linnet and Canary Mulers for Yorkshire cock, sell 7/6; Yorkshire first, approval.—Lewis, 34, Laws-st., Middlesbro.

TWO high-class yellow-marked Yorkshires, 1908, cocks, 8/6 each; deposit; exchange hen Canaries.—Cockerill, Mahood-st., Stockport.

CANARIES, two cocks, one hen, good singers, sell 10/6, or exchange Plainhead cock, approval.—Rayner, 59, Warringate, Wakefield.

EXCHANGE two 1908 Norwich cocks for good yellow Yorkshire hen; approval.—Edwards, 2, Beechworth Villas, Hales-rd., Cheltenham.

FOR Sale, 14 Norwich Canaries, mixed colour, 7/6 per pair; or exchange for anything useful.—Clegg, 5, Branch-st., Farnley, Leeds.

EXCHANGE 7 Yorkshire greens for large yellow Yorkshire, Lancashire, Norwich, or Crested hens.—Matthews, 17, Barndale-rd., Liverpool.

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EXCHANGE clear buff Norwich cock from pair, cost £3, for buff Crest-Bred cock, Norwich type; must be good, approval first.—Rowlands, Minawel, Rhosgadfan.

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PAIR adult Budgerigars; exchange good Norwich hen, cock Goldfinch, or 6/-.—Schoolmaster, Holme, Peterboro'.

WILL give grand Parrot and cage for gramophone and records, offers.—26, High Cross-st., Brampton, Cumberland.

ACCLIMATISED Cockatoo, plain talker, strong cage, 35/-; exchange cage birds, approval.—Ben Goodall, Goole.

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TALKING Australian grey, very tame, large, round cage; exchange Yorkshire; Canaries first.—Hall, near Bowling Green, Newark, Notts.

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EXCHANGE two green cock Budgerigars for yellow hen; also few good Norwich cocks for acclimatised foreigners, White Javas, yellow Budgerigars, cock Redrumps, Blossomheaded Parrakeets.—Lees, Brookland-villa, Heaton Norris, Stockport.

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**Sale or Exchange**

EXCHANGE new alarm clock for cock Goldfinch.—17, Beresford-rd., Cardiff.

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LIVING animals of the World, 1,000 coloured and other plates, 10/-; or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich Market.

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WANTED, winning British birds; exchange black rose-comb hen, cost £2.—George Smith, Church-st., Brechin.

MANDOLINE, sell or exchange for Parrot; also breeding cage.—Griffiths, 104, Mattison-rd., Harringay, London.

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WHITE Leghorns, cock, 5 hens, grand layers, 30/-; ditto Black Minorcas; or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich Market.

COLLIE dog, sable and white, grand head and tail, must be sold, 10/-; what offers?—30, Heaverrd., Battersea.

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EXCHANGE good Irish Terrier dog pup for Yellow Norwich cock.—A. Turner, 150, Rawson-st., Farnworth, Bolton.

TWO Ventriloquist Dolls, value 35/-; wanted Canaries or British birds.—St. Mungo Bird Shop, 81, Castle-st., Glasgow.

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EXCHANGE good hand saw for good cock Goldfinch; bird first; stamped envelope, reply.—Bowker, 32, Port Soderick-st., Salford.

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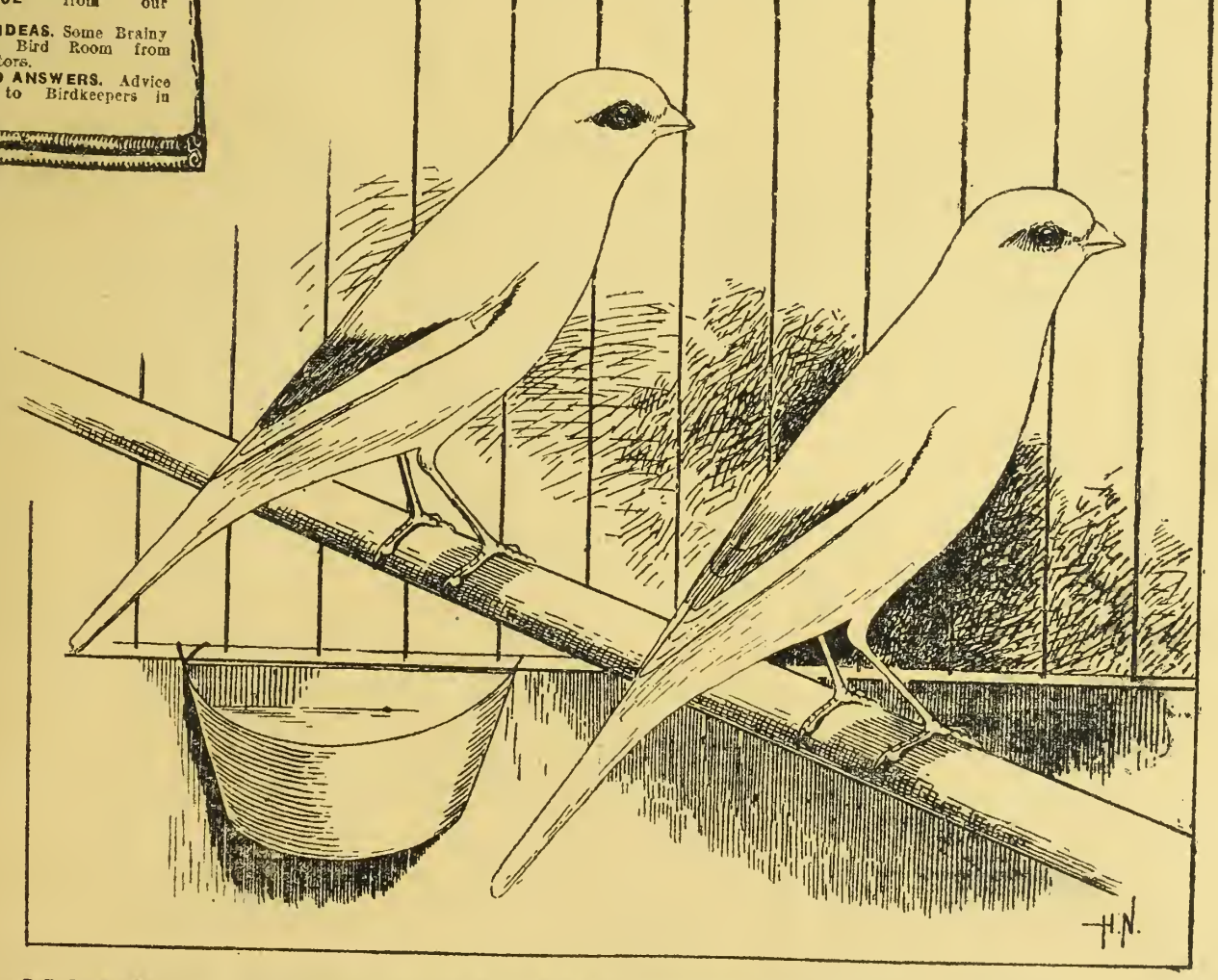


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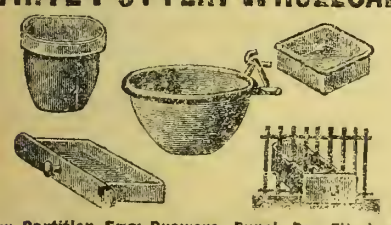

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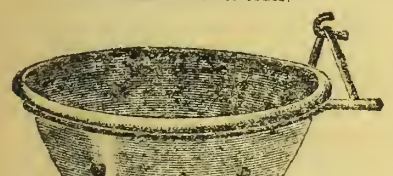

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NORWICH cocks, yellows and buffs, 7/6; hens, 4/-.—Franks, 19, Crusoe-rd., Mitcham.

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CREST and Crest-breds, a few for sale cheap.—E. E. Preston, Market-st., Torquay.

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I HAVE some good Crest and crestbreds for sale, approval.—McColl, 2, Park Terrace, Wallsend-on-Tyne.

LAST pair variegated; Crest hen, 10/-; Crest-bred cock, 15/-; cost £2; these are bargains.—F. Beard, Llandrindod.

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GREEN crested cock, 1908 bird, father, the Palace 20/-; approval, if carriage paid. — White, Saddler, Farnham.

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MONSTER variegated Crest-bred cock and dark Crested hen, 20/- pair; large wing-marked dark Crested and Crest-bred hen, 15/-; several large Crest and Crest-bred cocks, cheap; approval.—Miles, Aviaries, Chichester.

LARGE ticked Buff Crest-bred cock, grand head, 20/-; even wing-marked ditto, 15/-; variegated ditto, 10/-; hen ditto, 10/-; variegated Crested cock, 15/-; all 1908 birds; not half value; approval.—Hodkin, 176, London-rd., Sheffield.

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| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
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| Ticked or Variegated Yellow... | 4/6, | 5/6, | 8/6, | 10/6 |
| Clear Buff ... ... ... ... | 3/6, | 4/6, | 6/6, | 8/6 |
| Ticked or Variegated Buff ... | 3/6, | 4/6, | 6/6, | 8/6 |
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Still my Yorkshires lead the way, and all guaranteed in breeding condition. Testimonial, from 7, Loughview Terrace, Ligoniel, Belfast. March 7, 1909.—Pair exhibition Yorkshires arrived safe, and I am very pleased with them. Thanking you for sending me such good birds. Have advised "Cage Birds" to pay you deposit.—R. McFarland to J. Taylor. Another, from 15, Hutts Terrace, Springwell Colliery, Gateshead. March 7, 1909.—Just a few lines thanking you for the pair each of Yorkshires, Norwich, and Crests you sent me, which are a grand lot of birds and in the pink of condition. More orders will follow, as your treatment and selection is as good as your advt. says.—J. D. Reed to J. Taylor. Scores similar to above have been received during past week, and are filed for inspection at any time. Fine lengthy typical yellow Yorkshire cocks at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. Very smart buff cocks, extra large, at 6/6, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. All on full song, and seven inches in length. Clears, ticked, green marked, cinnamon marked, and clear pink-eyed. Colour fed and natural colour. Pairs carefully and accurately matched for immediate breeding, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- per pair. Extra good yellow hens at 4/-, 5/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 each. Buff hens, gems, at 3/6, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6 each. All ready to nest. All cold room bred and kept, and every one feathered like wax; place your orders with the old reliable breeder, exporter and expert, and avoid disappointment. Illustrated new price list post free. Travelling cages 3d. extra. Seven days' approval, cash or deposit.

# Norwich, Crests, Songsters

## and "sib bred" hens.

Large cobby Norwich buff cocks at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; yellow cocks 6/6, 8/-, 10/6, 12/6 15/- each; clears, marked and variegated. Pairs, matched to breed winners, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- per pair. Hens, correct type, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6 each. Monster crested cocks at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Crests to beak end. Crest-bred cocks, extra large, and broad, well lashed skulls, at 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Pairs matched to breed winners, at 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair. Crested and crest-bred hens at 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. "Barnett's" and "Joyce's" strains. Large Sib. hens, Norwich or Yorkshire type, for dark or light muling, at 3/6, 4/6, 6/-, 7/6 each. Try one of my Yorkshire or Norwich songsters, guaranteed day and gaslight songsters, at 6/6, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each. Easy payment system. Birds sent off at once on receiving first payment, in any of above varieties in this advt. Particulars, terms, and price list post free. Travelling cages 3d. extra. Seven days' approval. Only address—

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**36, Aireville Road,**

**Frizinghall, Bradford.**

BELGIANS; having selected for breeding purposes, I have two Yellow, two Buff cocks for sale, suitable for Yorkshire crossing, cheap; approval.—W. Baker, 23, Reform-st., Barnstaple.

CLEARING the whole of my splendid Yorkshires and contents of birdroom in lots or separate; no reasonable offer refused; see under "Appliances."—Stocker, 21, Vernon-st., Broughton, Manchester.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, I have a few good 1908 buff hens left, clears and ticks, 4/6 each; also variegated yellow, 5/-, good birds, not rubbish; approval; cash or deposit.—Wright, 122, Greenhow-st., Sheffield.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires; grand typical hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; matched pairs, 10/-, 12/6, worth double; few good cocks, 6/-, 7/6 each; approval; satisfaction guaranteed.—Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshills, Keighley.

GRAND opportunity, removing, must sell; finest breeding cages, double and single, moveable, all wire fronts; several fine Yorkshires and all birdroom requisites; seen by appointment.—Smith, Castref, Chorley Wood, Herts.

MUST clear, high-class lot of Yorkshires, Barnes', Radley's, and Dean's strains; exchange Pom. or pug dog, gent's silver lever, anything useful; no rubbish offered or wanted.—Cooper, 52, Wembury-st., Harpurhey, Manchester.

YORKSHIRE, second to none for size, style, and quality, yellow or buff cocks or hens 7 inches long, pairs to breed own winners from 15/-; inspection invited, stamp reply.—Harry Jennings, 3, Anne-st. Great Horton, Bradford.

EVENLY-MARKED Buff hen, 2nd Cork, 20/-; Cinnamon Yellow hen, 3rd, 15/-; Yellow pink-eye hen, 15/-; two clear Buffs, 7/-; Green marked Buff cock, 20/-; clear Buff, 15/-; approval, deposit.—D. Buckley, 15, Nicholas-st., Cork.

GENUINE sale, bound to clear, magnificent long straight upright Yorkshire Canaries, 10/6 pair; grand young songsters, 7/6 each; hen, 3/6; finest strain; breeding cages, 2 and 3 compartments, complete, 3/- each to clear.—Master, 42, London-rd., Hinckley.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, I have some good Yorkshires for sale; large and good type; no better in the Fancy; all bred from winning strains, cocks from 6/-; hens from 4/-; approval.—Whiteley, 78, Salt-st., Manningham, Bradford.

VERY long straight Yorkshire cock, grand colour, can win, only 15/0; extra fine Yellow and Buff hens, 12/6 each; four marked cocks, can win, 12/6; all worth treble; approval before payment.—J. N. Harrison, The Lawn, Belper, Derbyshire.

LONG, slim, typical Yorkshires, Bailey and Swanger's strain; racy cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; upstanding hens, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; splendid value; satisfaction guaranteed; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

TEN pairs Yorkshire Canarics, started making nest, breeding cages and accessories, for sale cheap per pair, or the lot; also Goldfinches for Muling.—Hatfield, Guildford Arms, Chrisp-st., Poplar (outside 8th. Bromley Station).

STILL left, two yellow hens, 10/- each, good birds, on small side; two buff cocks, 10/- each, good colour; four buff hens, 7/6 to 10/-; four show cages and good travelling case, very light, 10/- lot.—Mallinson, 107, Gibraltar-rd., Kingston, Halifax.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, long, slim, upstanding birds, best blood procurable; cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; matched pairs, standard length, 10/-, 12/6 pair; approval; satisfaction guaranteed.—Fred. Heathcote, 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

ALFRED WATTS, Relieving Officer, Driffield, has some stylish Yorkshires for disposal from the best strains possible; twelve grand cocks, some seven inches long, 7/6 to 20/-; fifteen lovely hens, 5/- to 15/-; all are in the pink of condition; approval.

CHAMPION Yorkshire Canaries, won three specials, three 1sts, one 2nd Ferry Hill, also see report Guisbrough, both exhibition and stock birds for sale, very reasonable; all cold-room kept and sent approval.—Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

THE old Yorkshire breeders have one of the finest selections of Yorkshires in the country, cocks, full song, yellow or buff, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; hens 3/6, 4/6, 5/0, 6/6; pairs, matched for breeding champions from 8/6.—Middleton Brothers, 32, Unity-st., Keighley.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, standard length and quality feather, the same strain as the winners at all leading shows; stock and show birds in all classes; second to none; cocks 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6, each; ten days' approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

YORKSHIRES.—Knight and Shackleton's strain, some good birds for sale, yellows and buffs, 1907-8 bred, cocks 5/-, 7/6, and 10/-; hens from 4/-; also two crested hens and one crest-bred do., reasonable, all cold room bred and kept; approval; deposit.—J. White, 12, Stratford-rd., West Bungford, Nottingham.

EXCEPTIONAL offer; genuine unflighted winners at songster prices; ticked Yellow cock, 1st, 12/6; ticked Buff cock, hc, 9/6; Buff hen, vhc, 6/6; Yellow hen, 1st, 6/6; flighted Buff cock, vhc, 7/-; few good pairs, 10/-, 12/6, 15/6 pair; very cheap; approval.—Woolhouse, Hunter-rd., Hillsborough, Sheffield.

YORKSHIRES, variegated yellow, 2nd Wolverhampton (beaten own brother), ten in class, 4th Cardiff, 26 in class, 4th West Bromwich, 20 in class, price 30/-; two yellow ticked, both won this season, 20/- each; clear yellow, extra big, 20/-; all 1908 cocks; approval willingly.—J. H. Millincamp, 33, Rookery-st., Wednesfield.

GIVING up keeping; owing to ill-health I am disposing of my entire stock of winning Yorkshires; about 16 pairs; most of them are noted winners; in Yellows and Buffs; also a few odd stock birds in Yellows or Buffs; over seven inches long; also breeding and show cages and cases.—Stamp reply to Brennan, 5, Earney-st., Altrincham, Cheshire.

I INVITE you to call any time and inspect my long, slim, typical Yorkshires, all cold room bred and fit to breed own winners, at workmen's prices, to clear, in every colour; cocks 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6; matched pairs 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; seven days' approval; cash or deposit; state wants.—March, Freemasons' Arms, Mercerons-st., Brady st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

SECRET of successful Muling and Hybrid breeding. All Hybrid breeders should read my instructions before pairing or nesting birds. If you wish to breed Hybrids from Canary-Bullfinch, Redpoll-Bullfinch, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, Linnet-Bullfinch, Goldfinch-Linnet, Goldfinch-Redpoll, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, send 2/- for Secret Instructions, fully typed out; worth £5, it may earn you £20 this season.—A. Bishop, "Hybrid King," 30, Stuart-rd., Walton, Liverpool.

**W. H. SPENCER'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.** Runner-up two years in succession for Sheffield Challenge Cup; have few good birds for sale reasonable; related to winners; approval, stamp; inspection invited.—9, Palmer-rd., Wadsley Bridge, Sheffield.

**SPECIAL FREE GIFT.**

Champion Yorkshire cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; matched pairs, 7/6, 10/6, in all varieties; free offer of one large breeding cage, 18 by 14, with all 10/6 pairs of Yorkshires or Norwich if this is enclosed.—Edgar Broadbent, 23, Langsett-rd., Sheffield, Yorkshire.

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Highest honours at all the leading shows, some grand pairs left, from 12/-; cocks, yellow, or buff, in clears, green, and cinnamon-marked, from 7/6; hens, real gems, yellow or buff, from 6/6; all my own breeding; no purer strain in the fancy; several winners for disposal; satisfaction guaranteed; approval.—12, Angel-st., Baildon, Yorkshire.

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has now ready some grand Yorkshires at reasonable prices, several winners to dispose of.—Manor House, Heighington, via Darlington.

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HAVING selected our breeding stock, we have for disposal about 100 birds; no better strain in the county, and every bird bred in our own rooms; pairs, properly matched for breeding, from 12/6 upwards; approval.—Greaves and Crabtree, 279, Hollings-rd., and 16, Lytton-rd., Bradford.

## J. ROBERTSHAW,

Having selected his breeding stock, has still a few cocks to spare, from 6/6; all are related to his winners at leading shows, including Palace; see CAGE BIRDS reports.—27, Ryburn Buildings,

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Also winners at leading shows. Grand stock of champion high-class Yorkshires. Winners and stock birds; cocks wonderful length; splendid type and quality. Hens feathered like wax; the right sort to breed winners. Reasonable. State your wants. Inspection invited. Approval.—202, King James-st., Walkley, Sheffield.

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This is no mere paper boast, but A Reality and you are cordially invited to come and look around on any day but Sunday. It will be a sight never before seen and one that cannot be equalled by any establishment in the World.

I stand in the open and I desire and court the fullest enquiry and investigation, both as regards my premises, my stock, and my business methods.

I have some really high class specimens of the following varieties now in stock, and can supply them on the shortest notice.

**YORKSHIRES,** bred from, and related to, winners at all the leading shows, including Palace, at the following cut prices:—

**Cocks,** grand, long, typical birds, 6/-, 6/6, 7/-, 7/6, 8/-, 8/6, up to 20/- each.

**Hens,** long slim, racy hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-, 5/6, 6/-, up to 15/- each.

**SPECIAL.** — Grand properly matched pairs, to breed own winners, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- per pair.

**Yorkshire Greens,** bred 1908 by Mr. P. Clayton, winner of Palace trophy, for best green in show. Birds, guaranteed bred from these noted winners, cocks or hens, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each. Pairs from 20/-. Also a few cinnamons from same stock.

**Norwich Plainheads,** large typical cobby birds, bred from some of the finest strains in the country. Cocks, hens or pairs, same price as Yorkshires.

**Norwich Cinnamons,** guaranteed bred from Mr. Sellars' noted strain. Some real beauties, cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each upwards.

**Crested and Crested-Bred,** massive feathery birds, correct type and full of quality; cocks, 8/-, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, each; hens, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/- each upwards.

**Lancashire Coppies and Plainheads,** birds of grand type, bred from the purest strains in the fancy; yellows and buffs, cocks or hens, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each.

**Scotch Fancies,** splendid type, good size and circle, cocks or hens, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-; a few special birds, bred from Mr. Cobb's noted winners, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/- each. Write for particulars.

A few **Pure Bred Belgians,** every bird guaranteed bred from this year's Palace winners (full particulars on application). Cocks or hens 25/- to 60/- each.

**Half-bred Belgium Yorkshires,** 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each.

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**Siberian cock Goldfinches,** some real beauties, 6/-, 6/6, 7/- each.

**House Moulted Linnets,** for muling, 5/- each.

**Sib-bred hens,** to pair with the above, for Mule breeding, 3/6, to 7/6 each

**Songsters,** in every variety of Canary or Mule, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6.

**Amateurs** cannot possibly do better than send for one of my matched pairs of Yorkshires or Norwich at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, or 15/-, together with one of my splendidly fitted breeding cages, all complete, at 3/-, for single, and 5/- for double compartments.

The following testimonials are taken at random from a large number which have been received recently, and which have been filed for inspection.

Feb. 25th, 1909. Wallgate, Wigan.—Dear Sir,—We received the Yorkshire cock on Wednesday, and we are very pleased with it, for it is a beauty. We have had friends looking at your birds, and they say you have behaved like a gentleman to us.—Yours truly, James Ormesher to Joe Thomas.

Feb. 25, 1909.—Cupar, Fife. Mr. Thomas, the bird arrived yesterday morning all safe and sound. I am very well pleased in the way you do business. Hoping to deal with you again. — Yours, Geo. Mudie.

Feb. 22, 1909. Sarah Street, Darwen.—Dear Sir,—I received the bird all right, about 4 o'clock on Saturday, and I must say that I am highly satisfied. It is a real gem for the money.—I remain, yours sincerely, J. R. Till.

March 7, 1909. Railway Side, Wednesbury. Dear Sir,—I received the birds in good condition. The cock Roller is a fine songster, and am quite satisfied with the hens. Will give you another order soon.—Yours truly, F. Causer to Mr. Thomas.

Remember this: I trust you; I send every bird on 7 clear days' approval, delivered at your door at my risk. I do this knowing that the birds will speak for themselves.

If you want any variety of Canary, or anything in the shape of appliances for the bird room, send a post-card for free illustrated catalogue, to

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In consequence of ill-health I am disposing of the whole of my valuable Yorkshires, guaranteed all bred from my Crystal Palace and other noted winners; these birds cost me hundreds of pounds, and are admitted by all lovers of the true Yorkshire bird to be some of the finest specimens that ever adorned the show bench; great sacrifice for immediate sale; state wants and enclose stamp.—Morgan Lewis, Haverfordwest.

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give entire satisfaction to all purchasers and having won at all leading shows this season; see show reports; and having over 200 Yorkshires in stock, I am in the position to supply you with all varieties of Yorkshire, except greens. In cocks or hens, and will send any of my birds 7 days' approval with pleasure; these birds are stock birds in every sense of the word, and not small, weedy surplus stocks, and for a quick sale are offered at rock bottom prices, stock birds, 7 inches long 20/-, 30/-, 40/- up to 80/-; yellow or buff cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- to 40/-; hens, yellow or buff, 5/6, 7/6, 8/6 10/6, 15/-; pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- upwards; Norwich, 8/6, 10/6, 12/- pair; songsters, 6/- each; a few Mules for sale; for particulars, apply 108, Bolton Hall-rd., Bolton Woods, Bradford.

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Grand Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries; cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, to £5; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, to 10/-; matched pairs from 10/6; the best strains procurable.

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***And that is where I "tell" right through.***

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I have some of the best extant cocks and I imitate no-one, and despise fairy tales and all those who make them. I can show winners to any one or send on approval, as I do not make myself into a mere gas-bag, full of pin-pricks, nor trade under a false name, for that is what I call stooping to a low level indeed. Cocks, **5/6, 6/6 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-**; Hens, **3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-**. Pairs matched for breeding, **8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** upwards. Cages 3d. extra.

See my advt. on page 253.

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having bought every bird Mr. Blackhurst possessed, I can offer following, which was the pick of Mr. Bates' noted strain, winner of 3,000 prizes. **20 GRAND PAIRS, 14/-, 16/-, 18/-, 20/-** pair. Odd Cocks or Hens, Yellows or Buffs **5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 9/-, 10/-, 12/-** each. Any on approval. Breeder 25 years

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Grand long slim Yorkshire hens, splendid type; racy, tight-feathered, and in breeding condition. Bred from and related to winners. Clears, cinnamon marked and green marked; no fancy prices: yellows, 5/- each. Buffs 4/- and 4/6. Every bird on one week's approval, willingly, on receipt of cash or deposit; state colour, and whether clear or marked, when ordering. Also a few grand pairs, properly matched for breeding winners, 12/6 and 15/- per pair; travelling cages 3d. extra.

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AMBLERS' strain of Yorkshires is not of a few weeks' standing like many of the advertisers of today, but is the study of a lifetime, and for thirty years has been acknowledged the finest strain on earth. This is proved by the noted champions we have bred, sold, and exhibited during that period. We have not gone in for any Yorkshire competitions, but this last season our team of Yorkshires have won more first prizes than any team of Yorkshires in the Fancy at the number of shows exhibited at. Owing to serious illness, have not been able to offer our birds for sale, so have an extra choice lot of Yorkshires to dispose of. Cocks of wonderful length, correct shape, and full of quality; hens long-sided, full of breed, and teeming with quality. These are the sort to breed champions, and are guaranteed to give satisfaction. Pairs from 20/- to 60/-, hens 10/- to 30/-; also a few winners for sale, approval.—Messrs. Amblers (late of Bradford), 138, Westminster-rd., Morecambe.

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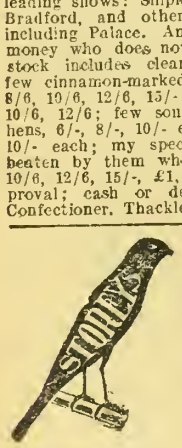
In reply to many customers inquiring about birds being ready, all my birds are hard and fit for breeding, and in good condition, and I can recommend to them who want to breed own winners, as they are all bred from or related to winners at all leading shows: Shipley, Windhill, Bingley, Baildon, Bradford, and others too numerous to mention, including Palace. And remember, I want no man's money who does not purchase satisfactorily. My stock includes clears, ticked, green-marked, and few cinnamon-marked. Long, raking Yellow cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; long, raking Buff cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; few songsters, 6/- each; long Yellow hens, 6/-, 8/-, 10/- each; long Buff hens, 6/-, 8/-, 10/- each; my special matched pairs cannot be beaten by them who have all the bounce; pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, £1, £1 5s.; all on four days' approval; cash or deposit; stamp reply.—Hudson, Confectioner, Thackley, Bradford.

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**Yorkshires and Norwich Songsters, in full song by day and gaslight, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 each.**

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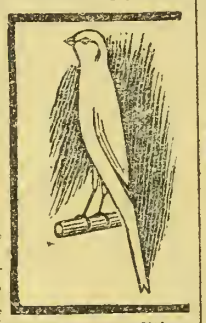

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Also a very choice collection of high-class Norwich and Crests, at most reasonable prices. Easy payments arranged for fanciers who are not in a position to pay ready cash, and birds sent off on receiving first payment.

Specially selected Yorks. or Norwich songsters at **5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6** each; these are the best on market, and cannot be equaled at higher prices. Large 5ib. bred hens for mating at **4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6** each. Illustrated price list post free.

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Leslie, Fife. March 6, 1909.—Received bird today, 5th, and gives every satisfaction. Glad to say the Linnet and Siskin I got from you in October got me 1st and vhc.—J. E. Dick to W. Rudd.

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Mere Hall, Knutsford, Cheshire. March 3, 1909.—The Goldfinch arrived quite safe, and I am exceedingly pleased with same.—J. Franks to W. Rudd.

**A first-class bird.**

26, Honley Road, Catford, London, S.E. March 1, 1909.—I received clear buff Yorkshire this day in sound condition. I must thank you for same, as it is a first class bird.—A. Weston to W. Rudd.

**Careful attention.**

30, Kerrycroy Street, East Moors, Cardiff. March 1, 1909.—I received pair of Yorkshires safe. Am highly pleased with same. They are quite lively after their journey. The cock bird began to sing immediately. Thanking you for prompt attention and selection.—E. Enderson to W. Rudd.

**Beyond expectations again.**

4, Harewood Street, Middlesbro'. March 2, 1909.—Muling hen to hand in grand condition. I am highly satisfied. In fact its beyond my expectations.—A. Kendall to W. Rudd.

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**Surpasses expectations.**

A.S. Corps, Curragh, Co. Kildare. March 1, 1909.—I received bird safe with thanks; I am very pleased with same, it surpasses my expectations.—J. Rolfe to W. Rudd.

**Beyond expectations, and could not obtain for double.**

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# CLUB REPORTS

### GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Meeting held at the Hall of Science, on March 1st, Mr. W. H. Moore presiding. Mr. R. Robinson gave an exhibition of washing Canaries for the show bench, and he very quickly put three through the process, and they looked very smart when dried. Only two competitors entered for the washing competition, namely, Messrs. Angliss and Geo. Good, who took the prizes.—H. Harding, treasurer.

### SANDY LANE & DISTRICT C.B.A.

A lecture on pairing and breeding was delivered on February 23rd by Mr. H. J. Cbittenden (Bolton Woods). It was greatly enjoyed by the large number of members and friends present. A great many questions were asked and were answered readily enough by the speaker. Taken altogether, it was a very pleasant evening. On March 16th, Mr. S. Dean, Secretary of the Yorkshire Union, will be the lecturer, and we hope to again have a good turn-up. The chair will be taken at 8 o'clock.—B. Buckle, Sec.

### SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual meeting held March 6th, at Fawcett-street Cafe. There was a very good attendance, presided over hy the vice-chairman, Mr. W. F. Swan. A letter in respect to advertising our show was read from the Editor of Cage Birds, and was received with the utmost satisfaction by our members. The election of Messrs. T. Heath and J. Stanger as judges for our annual open show, November 19th and 20th, was confirmed. Two new members, Messrs. W. S. Cockerill (Ryhope) and P. Hunter (Bombay, India) were proposed and admitted. The application of the latter gentleman, from far-off India, to become a member is an honour which, I believe, very few societies receive. The washing exhibition, postponed from last meeting, will take place at next meeting, March 20th, at 7.30 p.m.; fanciers and friends are invited. We were very pleased to receive a visit from Mr. Cockerill, senior, of Seaham Harbour, the well-known Border Fancy enthusiast. We hope that when he again visits us he will bring as many of his friends with him as possible.—Wm. Reid, Hon. Secretary.


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### UDDINGSTON AND DIST. O.S.

Meeting held March 5th. Mr. J. Kilpatrick presided. The balance-sheet for last show was read, showing a balauce of £3 3s. 1d., which was considered very satisfactory. The advisability of having an open show in December was then considered and agreed upon. Office-bearers were appointed as follows:—President, Mr. Hugh Anderson; vice-president, Mr. J. Kilpatrick; secretary, Mr. A. W. Forrester, Tower View, Uddingston; and same committee as last year. Arrangements for hall left with the secretary.—A. W. Forrester, secretary.

### BRISTOL C.B.S.

At Matched Pair Show held on Feb. 28th, at the City Hotel, Mr. J. H. Payne (Gloster), who judged, also gave an instructive lecture, after which Mr. Tristem proposed a hearty vote of thanks, which was seconded and carried with acclamation. Mr. Payne suitably replied, and remarked what a pleasure it always had given him to bo amongst the members. Further efforts will be made to reduce the adverse balance made upon the last open show. Will members kindly return all unsold tickets to the Secretary, together with cash (if any) in order to pay out cash in hand to members?—W. H. Manley, Sec.

### FROME C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held March 4th. It was decided to hold the next open show on October 28th, and that the society, by dropping the words "and district," be known in future as the Frome Cage Bird Society; this was adopted in order that our society should not be confused with another society in the neighbourhood catering for dogs, poultry, etc. The balance-sheet for last year shows a cash balance of £2 10s. 10½d. in hand. This result was considered very satisfactory, especially taking into our account it was the first year, and also the far-reaching opposition we have had to contend with.—W. Minty, hon. secretary.

### CARLISLE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A well-attended meeting was held on February 25th to discuss the suggestion to raise our yearly subscription to 5s. It was decided that same remain as at present, viz., 2s. 6d. It was also decided to hold some nest feather shows during the breeding season, classification and judge to be decided at our next meeting. It was further decided to have a washing exhibition on March 25th, when Messrs. T. Jones and F. F. Lawson will show us how to manipulate the bird, also the washing utensils. There were nine new members proposed and accepted, and judging by the enthusiasm shown by our old members and the new ones, we are expecting great things in the future. We start with a balance in hand this year, which is more than we have done for a few years past. The judges engaged for our show are as follows:—Messrs. T. McCreadie, J. Stanger, J. Maddison, and G. Goulden.—W. H. Wright, secretary.

### METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

At the meeting held at headquarters on February 25th a valuable tea service was accepted by the members, which may be won by the lady member making most points in shows held by the club during the year. It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Saytch, seconded by Mr. Burgess, to hold two young bird shows this year, the first on June 10th, the second on July 8th, 15 classes being provided, viz., two Norwich Plainhead champion, two do. novice, two Yorkshire champion, two do. novice, two Lizard, one Border, one A.O.V. Canary, one A.V. Mule or Hybrid, one A.V. Britisher, one A.V. Foreigner. Mr. E. Box was appointed hon. secretary, Mr. Dear undertaking the show secretarial work, which is expected to be very heavy this year, the club having made such remarkable headway recently. Mr. Tibbs, Mr. and Mrs. Denham, and Mrs. Harwood were elected members. Mr. W. Brook was proposed for membership.—E. A. G. Box, hon. secretary.

### SOUTHAMPTON O.S.

An intermediate meeting was held at headquarters, 273, Shirley-rd., on Feb. 24th, and although the weather was very cold, a goodly number turned up, it being a table Bullfinch show. There were ten exhibits, and some grand specimens were amongst them. Mr. P. Carter, who had promised to judge, was unable to come, and Mr. Fellowes acted in that capacity; although he had an entry which might have been in the running he very kindly withdrew it. He gave every satisfaction. Mr. S. Hoddy showed a very nice house moulted bird, which would have shown to more advantage had it been in a show cage. 1st prize, Hulbert; 2, Flintoff; 3, Boyce—all three of splendid type and colour. Mr. Hoddy, who had come from Gosport to attend the meeting, informed us that Captain Darby, a well-known fancier, was indisposed, and it was decided that Mr. Hoddy be asked to convey the sympathy of the society to him. Four new members were added, one of them being a lady fancier.—Charles Parmiter, Hon. Sec.

### WALLASEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held in St. Mary's Schools, Liscard, March 4th, Mr Woodman in the chair. The season's specials were paid out, and two new members elected. Mr. S. Hadwin opened a very interesting discussion on pairing, commencing with the getting of birds into condition, also dealing at some length with the selection of stock birds of different varieties. Several of the members took part in the discussion. Mr. T. Edwards moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Hadwin; it was seconded by Mr. Young, and carried.—Wm. Mallinson, Secretary.

### STOCKTON-ON-TEES & DIS. C.B.S.

Annual dinner held at the Leeds Hotel on March 4th, when upwards of thirty members and friends sat down to do justice to a splendid dinner supplied by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lees. A smoker and concert were held afterwards, to which Mr. Armstrong, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, contributed greatly with songs and recitations. Songs were also sung by Messrs. Lees, Swan, Grigg, Marwood, Saunders, and Tait. Mr. C. Ingram ably officiated at the piano. Mr. A. Burton occupied the chair, and kept things going merrily. A vote of thanks to the host and hostess brought the evening to a close.—J. W. Lowes, Sec.

### CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Monthly meeting, held March 2nd, in the club-room, Nag's Head Cocoa House. Owing to the inclement weather, there was only a moderate attendance, Mr. T. Wright presiding. The chief item was a paper by Mr. W. R. Morris, describing his visit to the Crystal Palace Show. He spoke very tersely of the impression he had received, and a description of the room, the exhibits, and the staging thereof. Several questions were asked by the members, to all of which he gave a satisfactory answer. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him. Afterwards a discussion on non-feeding hens and the treatment of same took place, in which all present took part, and the novices imparted to the old ones a few tips in connection therewith.—Jas. Swindley, hon. secretary.

### HYDE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

We held a very successful meeting on March 6th, a good number of members being present. Our table show of Canaries and British Birds was again a grand success, resulting in 1st Rowbottom, 2nd Hopwood, 3rd Bardsley, 4th Rowbottom in the former, and 1st Diggins, 2nd Webber, 3rd Gavin, 4th Bardsley in the latter. Mr. H. Fodeu was judge, and gave every satisfaction. Usual monthly business was gone through, and another member was made, which brings the total of new members this year to 15. I might mention that as our next meeting is to be devoted to questions, will questioners please have theirs clearly written on paper, so that each can be clearly understood, and separately answered? Everybody will be welcome.—F Barraclough, Secretary

# SINGING CONTESTS.

### BOLDON COLLIERY.

Linnet contest held March 6th, at Railway Tavern, where some good singing was heard. Result: 1, Barley; 2, Brannen; and 3, Hall.—F. Furlong.

### PENTONVILLE (London, N.).

At the Bee Hive, Cynthia Street, Pentonville Road, during the week the usual handicaps took place. There was a very large gathering of fanciers. Singing was good throughout, and many birds changed hands. Winners: "Ginger," Mabbit and Hughes. Open handicaps for Chaffinches and Linnet races are held.—F. Westmore, timekeeper.

### LEEDS.

Usual contest, held at King's Head, Shannon Street, March 6th. Fourteen birds were hung up. 1, Stead; 2, 3, Sissons. Judges, Messrs. Summers, Mclia, and Crane. Also on March 7th when 16 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Mella, Cooper, and Crane. 1, Johnson; 2, Shaw; 3, Sissons.—Wilson Naylor, hon. secretary.

Usual weekly contest for quality Linnet singing held March 7th, at Skinners Arms, Buslingthorpe-lane, when 16 birds sang. 1st, Ridgewell; 2nd, Ward; 3rd, King. Judges, Messrs. Naylor and Symons.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

### WARRINGTON

Linnet singing contest held March 6th, at Unicorn Inn, Winwick-road. 1st, Lawton; 2nd, Stanway; 3rd, Clare. An open-to-all-England contest at same house March 13th.—W. Peet, Secretary.

### YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at the Crown Inn, North-street, when 24 birds competed. Result: 1st, Gurden; 2nd, Bean; 3rd, Granger; 4th, Lee; 5th, Massheder. Judge, Mr. W. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. Smith, Hon. Sec.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest, held at Bricklayer's Arms, Palmer-lane, Hungate, on March 6th, when 24 birds entered. Some excellent singing was heard. Result: 1st, Olroyd; 2nd, Haithwaite; 3rd, Moore; 4th, Whitehead; 5th, Strickland; 6th, Nicholls. Mr. Paver officiated as judge, and Mr. Limbert as timekeeper.—Wm. Empson.

### PENDLEBURY.

Lark singing match between G. Smith's and Jack Lee's birds, took place on March 5th, at headquarters, British Queen. The room was crowded with spectators. Lee's "Pretty Polly" went up first. It sang very loud for a contest singer, but finished in nice time, 9min. 52sec. out of the 10 minutes' singing. Smith's bird was in good order, it singing in bis hand before being hung up. Everyone said it would do the time out. It caught the watch, and sang well throughout, winning nicely. Time, 9min. 57sec. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Smalley.—E. Royle, judge.

### RYHOPE.

Linnet singing contest held Feb. 20th, at the Queen's Head. There was a very good entry. Results: 1, 2, 3, Puller. Judge, Mr. J. Cope; timekeeper, Mr. R. Spencer; hook-keeper, Mr. T. Davis.

### SEAHAM HARBOUR.

Contest held March 6th, at the Ship Inn, when 33 birds faced the judge, Mr. J. Cope, and some good singing was heard. 1st, Boyd, 20s.; 2nd, Dixon, 10s.; 3rd, Boyd, 5s. Timekeeper, Mr. T. Wilkinson; bookkeeper, Mr. T. Davis.—Tom Davis.

### LEIGH.

Linnet singing contest held at Railway Tavern March 6th. There was a record entry of 34. Result: 1st, P. Green, 152 sec.; 2nd, R. Fairhurst, 90 sec.; 3, J. Mather, 72sec.; 4th, J. Sefton, 64sec.; 5th, W. Milligan, 64sec (divided between Sefton and Milligan), 6th, W. Milligan, 58 sec. Judges, Messrs. W. Partinton and R. Evans; timekeeper, Lady Green. We afterwards enjoyed ourselves. There will be an open contest at Unicorn Inn, Warrington, on March 13th, and one at Cross Guns, Westhoughton, also one at Millstone Hotel, March 20th, when we expect a good muster of Linnet fanciers.—J. W. Jones


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# TWITTERINGS.

For bargains in Canaries, write Pass, Hucknall, Notts.—(ADVT.)

Will Mr. Alfred Ladenburg kindly communicate his address to us, as this has been mislaid?

I have removed from Earl Street to 73, Wilmer Road, writes Mr. D. Marsden, secretary of the Shipley O.S.

I have purchased Messrs. Clark and Hodge's 2nd prize Crystal Palace Goldfinch, writes Mr. P. H. Harris (London, W.C.).

We hear with regret that, owing to ill-health, Mr. Morgan Lewis, of Haverfordwest, is obliged to relinquish the Fancy altogether.

I coupled a pair of wild Linnets the first week of February, writes Mr. E. Tyrrell (Dublin), and they have been very successful.

Allow me to inform you, writes Mr. Higgins (Wimbledon) that I have given up taking in other papers in preference for CAGE BIRDS.

The annual show of the Lewes Society, writes Mr. F. Huggett, is fixed for October 28th and 29th, and will be held under C.B.U. rules.

Ferrybill and Dis. C.B.S. Table Show report, writes Mr. Lawson (Ferryhill), gives Cawson; this was instead of Lawson.

Councillor W. V. Kidd has, we hear, been elected president of Pendlebury, Swinton and Dis. Canary and British Bird Society.

Kindly announce for the benefit of fanciers, write Messrs. Barry Bros., that we have removed to 25 Church Road, Horfield, Bristol.

Mr. J. Walsh (Blackburn) has, we hear, been engaged to judge the British and foreign birds, Mules and Hybrids, at the Bolton Open Show on October 15th and 16th.

We learn that the photograph of the excellent birdroom which we published last week depicts a corner of the one belonging to Mr. W. Brooks, of 127, Balls Pond Road, Dalston, London.

We note that the well-known team of Mules and Hybrids belonging to Messrs. Jackson and Bond (including many Palace winners) is to be broken up, being advertised for disposal in our columns this week.

I have resigned the secretaryship of the Erdington and Sutton Show, writes Mr. W. Paley, and in future all communications must be addressed to Mr. A. G. Jones, 110, High Street, Erdington.

All communications respecting the Lancashire Canary Association, writes Mr. Wm. Adams, as well as the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S., should in future be sent to my new address, 35, Bedford Street, Rochdale.

We have a balance in hand of £16 2s. 7d., writes Mr. J. Pearce Sampson, hon. secretary of the Penzance and Dis. F.A. We have decided to hold a two-day show this year on November 10th and 11th.

We hear that Mr. J. Frostick (Balham, S.W.) is engaged to judge the British and foreign bird sections at the Cambridge and Reading shows to be held on November 11th and 12th and November 17th respectively.

I have resigned the secretaryship of the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S., writes Mr. Fred Rayner, and all future correspondence relating to the society must be addressed to Mr. W. Adams, 35, Bedford Street, Rochdale.

Fanciers will be pleased to hear that Mr. William Linsey, of Cambridge, who has been confined to his bed since Christmas, is now progressing satisfactorily, writes Mr. T. S. Moore, hon. secretary of the Cambridge C.B.S.

The Tunbridge Wells and District F.A. are holding an evening show of members' exhibits, at the Friendly Societies' Hall, Camden Road, on March 17th, when Messrs. F. Knapp, F. Richards, and W. T. Waters will judge.

Are you visiting the City and Suburban Society's British and Foreign Bird Show, to-day, Saturday, March 13th, open 2 p.m., at the Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone? A pleasant surprise awaits you.—(ADVT.)

At our next monthly meeting, writes Mr. H. Harding, treasurer of the Grimsby and Dis. O.S., we shall have a lecture and discussion upon the feeding values of various seeds used by fanciers, and we anticipate an interesting discussion thereon.

The Clapham and District C.B.A. holds a washing competition at the Avondale Hotel, on March 16th, writes the secretary, Mr. Askew, when valuable prizes will be given. All members wishing to compete are requested to communicate with me.

The Mayor of Carnarvon has accepted the presidency of the Carnarvon Fanciers' Cage Bird Show, writes Mr. J. W. Jones, the hon. secretary. The show will be held on Easter Monday, when Mr. Chas. Houlton (St. Helen's) will judge the cage birds.

We have already got promises of a few valuable specials for this year's competition, writes Mr. O. Mitchell, hon. secretary of the Open Norwich Plainhead Club. Will intending members please forward their names, so as to be eligible for election on committee.

The Bolton and Dis. O.S. have appointed Messrs. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), and J. Walsh (Blackburn), to judge at their open show on October 15th and 16th, and Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington), as judge for the F.F. Show on Saturday, June 19th.—H. PARKINSON, secretary.

Kindly mention in your valuable columns, write Messrs. Fox Brothers (London, E.C.), the fact that our "Egg and Biscuit Food" does not require so much moisture added as the biscuit preparations already upon the market. It must be borne in mind that 50 per cent. is actual *Egg*, and that this is not of such an absorbent nature as biscuit. We desire this mentioned, because it might create a prejudice if fanciers mix it too sloppy, although the birds eat it in this state with avidity.

Will secretaries throughout the West of Scotland please note that the Ayr and District C.B.C. have fixed on October 3rd as the date for their open show, writes Mr. C. C. Irvine, the hon. secretary. Any society whose date clashes with ours will please advise me.

A table show of British birds will take place at our next meeting, writes Mr. W. Stafford, secretary of the Stockport B.F.A., when Mr. G. H. Massey will judge. It is hoped fanciers will bring their birds out and try to win the specials provided. Members and friends are invited.

The Coventry Godiva C.B.S., writes Mr. W. H. Bray, the hon. secretary, are holding their last table show before the commencement of the breeding season, at the Waterloo Tavern, Brook Street, on March 20th, when Mr. A. Wright will officiate as judge. All fanciers are invited.

Having taken to a business which necessitates my being from home a good deal, writes Mr. W. Twine (Hucknall), I have been compelled to sell the whole of my stock, including many winners, both in Crest, Crestbreds, and Norwich Plainheads. Mr. E. E. Pass, of Hucknall Torkard, is the lucky purchaser.

At the recent Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. and Reigate and Dis. F.S. Pair Shows, Mr. E. S. Lugg was in attendance, with Messrs. Fox Bros.' now noted egg and biscuit food, which he demonstrated to very interested audiences, answering many questions from the fanciers present. Messrs. Fox. Bros.' attractive stands were well patronised.

We have changed the date of our show, writes Mr. Jas. Thomas, secretary of the Langennech and Dis. P. and C.B.S. It is now August 14th, and we have appointed Mr. J. R. Harrison (Lawn Belper), to judge the cage-bird section. The schedules are ready now, and application should be made to me at Bryn, near Llanelly, Cairn Shire, S. Wales.

It may interest a number of your readers in this neighbourhood to know that the Northwood and Dis. F.A. is flourishing in their midst, writes Mr. J. Doubtfire, the secretary. I shall have great pleasure in forwarding a copy of the rules to any person desirous of joining. My address is, 4, The Parade, Northwood. The president is J. Longbotham, Esq.

Our negotiations with Mr. Battye having fallen through, Mr. J. W. Ramsden has very kindly stepped into the breach, writes Mr. H. E. Tringham, hon. secretary L. and P.O.S., and on Thursday next, March 18th, at 8 p.m., at "The Raglan," Aldersgate Street, E.C., is giving us his lecture on "Colour Feeding." It will be revised and brought up to date, and be followed by a debate on the same subject.

The balance-sheet of the West London F.A. shows a balance in the treasurer's hands of £4 15s. 1½d., which is an advance of £2 1s. 3½d. on that of the previous year. The secretary, Mr. J. Dewhurst, who is to be congratulated on this excellent result, writes: "This year we are going to create a record, both as regards entries at shows and the meetings. Some very good lecturers have promised to bo present at our meetings."

At a general meeting held in the Trades' Hall Buildings, on March 5th, writes Mr. J. Bryson, hon. secretary of the Aberdeen O.S., a proposal to have a pigeon section at our annual show was discussed, and it was decided that the matter be left over for a year. The annual show was fixed to be held in the ball-room, Music Hall Buildings, on December 17th and 18th. A few well-known Scotch judges were nominated.

We fanciers at York are now going on very well indeed, writes Mr. A. Richardson. At the last meeting we made 7 new members, and we have four more for our next meeting; not bad for York. In fact, everything looks nice and rosy. I have got a grand helping committee, and a secretary second to none, in Mr. Waud. So I see nothing to stop our having a really good year. What we want is a good entry at our annual show, and the help of CAGE BIRDS, when I feel sure we shall finish up the year well.

We are having a tea and dance on March 20th, when fanciers and friends are invited, writes Mr. Jas. Irlam, secretary of the Sale Open O.S. Tickets can be had on application to me at 86, Harley Road. Prices for single tickets 1s. 6d., for double 3s. Tea is at 5.30, and dancing from 7 to 11. The function is being held at the Masonic Hall, Tatton Road, Sale. As this is our first attempt we should like to make it a success. Cars, I may say, run almost past the door, from Manchester and district.

The Leith Jubilee O.S. at their monthly meeting on March 1, only elected one new member, writes Mr. J. Sinclair, the secretary. But I expect to have a few more names proposed at the forthcoming April meeting. That is the last opportunity of joining. I also expect that there will be a good turn out of members to book up their hens for the fast approaching breeding season. I have removed from Brunswick Street, Edinburgh, to 151, Easter Road, Leith. All communications for the society should be sent there in future.

The team of Greens owned by Mr. Tom Harrison, of Altrincham, and exhibited at our show of February 27th, writes Mr. Jas. Irlam, hon. secretary of the Sale Open O.S., drew a good number of visitors to the show, especially CAGE BIRDS "plate" bird. I may say that I have watched these birds from the nest, and sincerely hope that he may add many more laurels to his name as an exhibitor and breeder of Greens. The following are a few of the places this team has won at: Widnes, Manchester, Warrington, Altrincham, Scottish National, Wigan, Liverpool, Swansea, Leeds, and last, but not least, Salo and Crystal Palace.

We hear that the farmers in the Banchory district (Scotland), have decided to commence war on the rats by systematic use of Danysz Virus in the neighbourhood.

Messrs. W. P. Barnes and J. Maddison have been chosen to judge at our open show on November 27th, 1909, writes Mr. W. Underwood, assistant secretary of the Darlington C.B.S.

Messrs. J. Robson and W. Vardy have been appointed judges for our annual show, to be held on November 3rd, writes Mr. A. S. Treasure, hon. secretary of the Cheltenham C.B.S.

We have received a copy of the revised rules of the Preston O.S. They are very neatly printed on a three-fold pocket card, and include a members' subscription certificate. The secretary, Mr. R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn, Preston, will be glad to forward any necessary particulars to intending members.

The Open Norwich Plainhead Club's balance-sheet shows a sum of £1 3s. 6d. on the right side, a satisfactory result of a year's hard work, in which the shows have been well patronised. The hon. secretary, Mr. O. Mitchell (13, Lodge Terrace, Bowling, Bradford), will be glad to send particulars of this specialist club to intending members. A report of the year's work is given in another column.

We have appointed the following as judges for our show to be held on November 27th, writes Mr. David Kay, hon. secretary of the Musselburgh O.S.:—For Scotch and Border Fancies, Mr. T. Todd (Edin); for Norwich, Crests, and A.O.V., Mr. Ferguson (Glasgow); for British and foreign birds, Mr. P. Pettigrew (Glasgow). Our membership now totals 51, and if any fanciers desire to join, they should do so at once, as our books close at our April meeting. Members will receive their new rules at next meeting, held on March 27th.

Please accept my thanks for the copy of CAGE BIRDS received this morning. I have taken it for a long time. I really do not remember when I first took it. In an old ledger I have pasted the sketches of birds, etc., for this year, with any remarks, articles, advice, etc., relating to the Fancy. This I find is a neat way of saving, and having handy anything I require. I may say I cut out every other (or alternate) leaf of the ledger so that only one half of it remains. Pasting the cuttings in to the remaining leaves fills up the book, and yet the backs fold correctly.—E. FLOYD (Ashington).

### Early Cuckoos.

Two Cuckoos are reported to have been seen in Anglesey on March 4th. If the birds on further evidence should prove to be Cuckoos (which is evidently doubtful), and not Sparrow Hawks, which they very closely resemble, their appearance would be an earliest on record.

### Southern Norwich P.C.

Will members who have changed their address kindly notify me, so that I may get same inserted correctly in the 1909 rule book. Also, will all members who are in arrears be so kind as to forward same, as only members that have paid up to 1908 will have their names inserted in 1909 rule book.—F. S. MATTHES, hon. sec.

### An Acknowledgement.

We expect to issue our balance-sheet very shortly, writes Mr. W. Reid, hon. secretary, Sunderland C.B.A., and it will probably show a small balance on the right side, thanks principally to the levy which our members imposed upon themselves. I believe that our next annual show will be the most successful one we have ever held, for instead of having to pay off our previous debts with this year's contributions (which has been the usual custom), we shall probably have all the money in hand. The members of the association desire to publicly thank Dr. C. D. O'Neal, of Fulwell, for the grand financial assistance he has given them in their efforts to clear off the liabilities. As president of the Fulwell Amateur Dramatic Society, Dr. O'Neal very kindly organised a dramatic entertainment on our behalf, with the result that we have benefited to the extent of £4. As Dr. O'Neal has already returned all prize money won by him at our late show, besides giving us a subscription, it will be seen at once that in Dr. O'Neal we have a grand supporter and a thorough fancier.

### Our Frontispiece.

I am glad your artist has sketched my two even-marked Borders, writes Mr. J. Patterson, the well-known judge and breeder, of Chirnside, for one never knows how soon they may depart this life, and it may be years before I have two such nice hens of this variety to look at again. It had been my intention not to send "Perfection" up to the Palace Show, seeing she had been so many times out this season, but my "Chirsit's Pride" (a young hen I have) got half her tail knocked out at the last moment, so that I had to wash "Perfection" on the Tuesday and pack her off on the Wednesday, and I was glad to see her add another first to her long list. I may say that my boys have named the birds, "Chirsit" being the Scottish form of Chirnside. "Perfection" has won this season first prizes at the Crystal Palace, Newcastle, Gateshead, Dundee, Metropolitan (London), second at the Scottish National, etc., while at Glasgow she got as low as "highly commended." The Cinnamon-marked hen, "Prudence," has won firsts at Kirkcaldy, Broxburn, City of Glasgow, seconds at Berwick, Glasgow and West of Scotland, thirds at Newcastle, Crystal Palace, Scottish National, etc.


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# Hybrid Breeding for Exhibition Purposes.

By JAMES OVENSTONE.

Hybrid-breeding, I consider the most tantalising, and yet, withal, the most fascinating branch of aviculture. Once you have fairly started it, you seem to be held, as in some magic spell, the disappointments and failures of the one year only making you the more eager for the experiments of the next year with their hopes and possibilities.

I propose to treat this subject under two headings. I will deal first with that part of the Hybrid-breeding in which one of the parents is the domesticated Canary; secondly, that part in which both parents are wild birds.

### Canary and Finch Breeding.

In breeding with the Canary and Finch, the course most usually adopted, and that which I believe achieves the best results, is the pairing of the male Finch with the female Canary. The great reason for this is, that the hen Canary is more reliable than its wild relation, which does away at once with the use for foster parents. Of course, there are exceptions to the rule, but, generally speaking, this will be found the most successful way of mating. The Canary-Bullfinch, for instance, is an exception; in this case the only authenticated results have been obtained by pairing the cock Canary with the hen Bullfinch.

In breeding Canary Hybrids, we may get clear, dark and variegated Hybrids. Of these the most valuable are the clears, the darks coming next, and the variegated last. The value of the last-mentioned depends greatly on the markings.

### Light and Dark Canary Hybrids.

To produce the coveted light Hybrid, or Mule, as it as commonly, but to my mind, erroneously called, is the goal of the Hybrid-breeder's ambition. Many different theories have been advanced as to how to breed them, but I think with all there is a great element of chance. Personally I believe Sib.-breeding is the correct way, but you must have the right material to start with, or no matter how long you Sib.-breed, you will only be disappointed in the end. If you can procure a cock and a few hen Canaries from a proved light Hybrid-breeding strain, you have the right stuff already to hand; but failing this, I should procure a few Lancashire Plainhead hens, these having less green blood in them than any other kind of Canary. I should mate these with stout Norwich cocks, bred from birds which have a tendency to throw clears. I should pair the progeny of these with their parents, and there should then be a good chance of some of them breeding Hybrids with variegated plumage.

Test all the hens you breed each year, and any which throw Hybrids with light coloured plumage, don't be tempted to part with. Try and always keep up the size of your strain, for although clear Hybrids are wanted, size is also very desirable. Of course, when trying to breed clears, the different forms of variegation will crop up.

To produce dark Canary Hybrids, get as large and shapely and rich-coloured a Finch, of whatever kind you intend to experiment with, as possible. It need not be an exhibition bird, but one possessing these qualities is likely to transmit them to its offspring. Let the hen Canary be a yellow of the Norwich type, preferably; get it as large as possible. A Crestbred hen makes a very desirable Hybrid-breeder, these being usually larger than the Norwich Plainhead. Get as rich-coloured a bird as possible; a yellow-green makes an ideal match, such a bird being full of colour so to speak.

Some breeders prefer buff hens, owing to the fact of their possessing greater size; but there is no getting away from the fact that birds bred yellow are greatly superior in colour, and all other points being equal, these are bound to have the preference.

### Some Bullfinch Hybrids.

I will now deal with that part of Hybrid breeding in which both parents are wild birds. Of these crosses those which have the Bullfinch as one of the parents are the most beautiful and valuable. A few very desirable crosses are: Siskin-Bullfinch, Redpoll-Bullfinch, Canary-Bullfinch, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, Greenfinch-Bullfinch and Linnet-Bullfinch.

In breeding any of these crosses, let the parents be as large and well coloured as possible. When selecting Bullfinch hens, undoubtedly Siberians are the best, as Hybrids bred from these possess rare size and colour. Failing this, I prefer a large Britisher. Some fanciers pin their faith to German hand-reared hens. Undoubtedly these are very good, being nice and steady; but it is doubtful if they are any larger than the Britishers, and, considering the extreme docility of Bullies, and the quickness with which they adapt themselves to cage-life, I believe the Britishers are the more desirable, as I believe they are possessed of more vitality, being reared in the open.

There are many other crosses which make very desirable exhibition birds. Some of these are the Goldfinch-Greenfinch, Siskin-Greenfinch, Redpoll-Greenfinch, Goldfinch-Siskin, Goldfinch-Redpoll, Siskin-Linnet, the Bramblefinch-Chaffinch, and others too numerous to mention.

### On Feeding and Treatment.

Let us now suppose we have got the birds we intend to experiment with, the first thing we have to do is to cater for their wants. If we can let the birds all fly together during the winter and early spring months, this will be found very beneficial to their health. Failing this, cage each pair separately in large and roomy cages. Give facilities for bathing on all suitable occasions. As a staple food, supply Canary seed, sunflower (this latter is better slightly cracked), teazle, and German summer rape; and give occasionally as a change, hemp, maw, inga, gold of pleasure, and linseed.

Some will perhaps think this too generous a diet for Canaries. This danger if it exists, can be obviated by using a two-compartment breeding cage, with a wire division in it. The Canary can then be given a plainer diet, while the Finch can be fed as directed. If the birds will eat it, a supply of egg-food once a week will be found beneficial, but many wild birds will not touch it. I consider a supply of high-class insectivorous food better, once you can get the birds on to it; but certainly neither of these is as good as live insect food. Give as many spiders, tiny caterpillars and green fly blight as you can get. You will be surprised at the avidity with which they will eat them.

With regard to green food, supply this in abundance, and in as great a variety as possible. Dandelion heads, shepherd's purse, mouse-ears, chickweed, groundsel, plantain stalks, dock, sorrel, hardheads, and the various kinds of thistles, and other weeds which Dame Nature in her bounty has supplied, will be found very acceptable as well as beneficial.

*(To be continued.)*

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## PREPARING FOR AND TREATMENT DURING THE BREEDING SEASON.

**A report of a lecture delivered before the Newcastle C.B.S. on March 4.**

At the last meeting of the Newcastle C.B.S. Mr. James Shepherd delivered a lecture on preparing for and treatment during the breeding season. He said that it was a great pleasure to him to see so many fanciers present. For a large number of years he had been an ardent fancier in what he thought was the most fascinating of all hobbies.

During the winter months he turned all his hens into the flight. The cocks he tried to keep in single cages. To the hens he gave a mixture composed of one part Inga, 1 part hemp, ½ part each of rape and linseed, once or twice a week all through the winter, and occasionally a little egg food; he did not give the cocks as much for he had always found the cocks came into condition much sooner than hens. He always used Osborne biscuits, and in mixing his egg-food used equal parts. This method he maintained until the beginning of March, when he commenced to increase the egg-food to both cocks and hens, more especially to those that were a little backward. He had made it a practice to try and pair up the first week in April, when he increased his stimulants all round. When the hens commenced to lay, he always took out their eggs until they had laid the third, when he set them. He also tried to set as many hens as possible at the same time, so that when the young were hatched, if there should be any bad feeders about he had more opportunities to save their young. During the time hens were sitting he always gave them a little egg-food, as well as plain Canary seed.

Disturb hens, more especially young hens, as little as possible when sitting, he said, as it had a tendency to spoil them. If a young hen should be sitting and he chanced to discover that her eggs were not fertile, he always let her sit her full time, for he had discovered that if you took the eggs away from them about the seventh or eighth day, they never seemed to care about sitting the full time afterwards. On the evening of the 13th day, he gave those that were due to hatch a little yolk of egg only, and so on until the 4th day when he commenced to give egg and biscuit in equal parts. He had great faith in salt baths, and scalded rape seed. He had also used Epsom salts for hens that had slacked off feeding, with good results. About the 15th day he gave egg-food one day and milk sop the next. He never removed the young ones, he said, before the 28th or 30th day. He then transferred them to a nursery cage where he let the cock bird finish them off. When they started to feed themselves, he weaned them off egg-food and fed them on bread and milk; this treatment had been most beneficial. He seldom lost any. He also believed in crushing a little hemp, German rape, and plain Canary seed until such time as they could crack the seed themselves.

Questions were then asked of Mr. Shepherd. Mr. Potts: What sort of green food does Mr. Shepherd favour?—Dandelion at first, then chickweed, which he thought was the best of all; he had also found that some birds liked a bit of cold potato, which was a grand substitute for green food. Mr. Curry: Can you suggest a cure for sweating hens?—I believe in the old-time method, viz., a cork fastened into the nest with a screw nail, pairing the cock as young birds got older. Mr. Atkinson: Do you believe in putting birds direct together, or in letting them make each other's acquaintance through a wire slide?—I prefer double breeders with wire slides, for novices especially, as old fanciers are better able to tell when birds are ready. Mr. Scott: How do you assist hens that are sticking in the moult?—I have found tincture of gentian and rhubarb to be very good.

Mr. Currah said that last year was the most successful one he had ever had, having bred over 90 young ones. He had always found equal parts of egg and biscuit good until last year, when he used nothing but Spratt's puppy biscuits to fresh eggs; he usually soaked the dog biscuits overnight. He also approved of double breeders. As a green food last year, he used nothing but watercress.

Mr. Maddison: Do you think it necessary to always use fresh eggs?—Certainly, if they can be obtained. Mr. Robson: What seeds do you soak for Britishers?—German rape and sunflower. I have found nothing better than sprouting rape for Chaffinches. Mr. Scott: What method have you for preparing milk and bread? Do you prefer scalding the bread with water first?—I soak the bread with boiled milk and add a little maw seed. Mr. Robson said that he remembered some time ago reading an article by Dr. Forbes Winslow on the feeding of children, who said that no doubt many a child had died through bread being scalded with water first, as it took the nutriment out of the bread. It was advisable for mothers to pour the boiling milk on to the bread. So he (Mr. Robson) thought that what was good for children should be good for birds. He also thought it as well to add a little sugar to the milk and bread.

Mr. Crawhall was invited to make a few remarks. He said that he was on his way to a concert, but knowing that it was our meeting night he had missed the concert to join us. He had really enjoyed the meeting. No one knew what pleasure he derived from his birds. It was only three years ago when he first started to keep birds. His first season was bad; his second one a champion; his third moderate. Having heard how our chairman had spoken of Spratt's puppy biscuits, he thought he would take the advice, as one was never too old to learn, and he would feed his birds upon the same food as "Newcastle Limited" intended feeding theirs. Mr. Crawhall advised fanciers not to start the season with rocky hens. Sometimes a change of nests saved young. A little gentian added to water prevented young birds from drinking too much. He had found Epsom salts very good for lagging hens.

Mr. David Scott: Have birds the sense of taste?—Mr. Crawhall could not definitely say, but he thought they had, having found salts, gentian, and coal tar were repugnant to some birds. Mr. Vanner said he was sure birds had the sense of taste. Having tried all sorts of concoctions and decoctions in the drinking water, he found that they did not partake so freely of the drinking water as when it was pure. Mr. Robson said he agreed with Mr. Vanner, for he had found that British birds show a great aversion to a certain kind of larvae, whilst of another kind they would eat quite freely. Mr. Lowery contended that birds had taste. Mr. Currah likewise remembered giving chlorodyne in a bird's water once; the birds went for 14 or 15 hours and would not drink, and as soon as he changed the water they drank too freely. Mr. D. Scott said that Mr. Shepherd had told us what to do, but he had not told us what we ought not to do. Mr. Shepherd gave the following "dont's":—Don't neglect fresh air, don't neglect to keep everything clean, don't interfere too much, don't have too many visitors during breeding season. Mr. Waugh then made a few remarks, having succeeded in rearing over 200 young birds last year. He said he believed in plenty of fresh air, plenty of good, clean hemp and German rape, as well as good Spanish Canary seed. Last year he had a hen which laid 9 eggs in one nest; the next she laid 11. He set 5 under a Border Fancy hen and left 6 under the mother, and he managed to rear 9 out of the 11, which he thought was a record.

# Some Popular and Desirable British Birds

By CHAS. HOULTON.

Being the substance of lectures delivered before the Liverpool and Widnes O. S.

(Concluded from page 234).

### Some Insect Foods.

I used to get bakers, gardeners, and others who used beetle traps to save the insects for me. I instructed them to scald and spread them out and dry them for me, and then let me have them. These would keep well in a dry place, and would always be ready for use. I had glass globe fly-catchers in the shop, for ours was a butcher's business, and in the summer we had plenty of flies. I put beer in this vessel, and the flies were soon attracted there, and when a large stock had got inebriated with and drowned in beer, I would empty them out on to a piece of wire sieve, scald them, and then dry them.

Gentles or flesh maggots of the fly and wasp grubs are grand food, and should be procured in season and stocked, so as to be able to tide your birds over the winter and spring until these appear again in the warm weather. The flesh maggots should be buried in about two feet of sand in the ground if possible; or they may be put at the bottom of a deep box, barrel, old iron boiler, or large tea chest (to be had from large grocers), and covered with slightly damp sand to the depth of a couple of feet, or at the least a foot. They will keep alive and fresh and white in this manner, and may be unearthed when wanted. I have kept millions of flesh maggots in this way for months and even a whole year. People used to bring me wasp nests in scores in the late summer and autumn, and I would bake these in a hot oven, carefully watching that they did not get too hard, dry them on a large tray on top of the stove, and then store them in wicker baskets hung up where there was plenty of ventilation. This saves them from damp and green mould, which would otherwise spoil them.

### Foods for the Smaller Species.

The smaller insectivorous species are a very large and varied group. These must not be given so much farinaceous foods, that is, meals from grain. Ripe fruit, dried fruit, dried flies and other insects, ants' eggs, and particularly the flies, fly maggots and wasp grubs must be given *ad libitum*. Indeed, if a sufficient quantity of bluebottle and house flies could be got, they would practically keep the most delicate small insectivorous Britisher in good health.

I am not an advocate for egg-food for British insectivorous cage birds; I prefer the foods such as they feed upon in their natural, wild state when enjoying their absolute freedom in the open. I have already quoted most of these foods, and if any of you desire to become successful with insectivorous birds, you must first see your way to procure the natural insects and flies I have already referred to. Some fanciers use egg flake and ordinary hard-boiled egg and sweet biscuit, but I am not a strong advocate for egg-food of this sort for small insectivorous British cage birds. I always kept mine in good health and show form on these natural insects and foods. These methods of feeding I have successfully made use of for the greater part of the last 30 years. I have kept such birds as the Nightingale, Redstart, Blackcap, Whinchat, Wheatear, Pipit, various Warblers, Robin, etc., and most of these have thrived for even nine and ten years. I have had the Nightingale keep in good health and song in this manner.

Many years ago when Mr. J. Frostick resided at Workington, in Cumberland, his native home, he was making a journey to Liverpool on business one Monday morning early, when he broke his journey at St. Helens and called upon me. He came, made himself known (I then only knew him as a fancier and exhibitor, but had never before seen him). I had my old 'Gale in the kitchen in front of me, where I was busy with the shop books, and I had just fed him and put him right for the day. Mr. Frostick and I sat awhile, when the 'Gale began to sing, and he treated friend John to a fine melody for some length of time. I shall never forget the surprise and interest he took when he saw my methods of feeding; particularly the manner in which I secured the flies for my birds. It was made a good joke of that the 'Gale might well sing when he was fed so liberally with flies which had been drowned in beer.

My birds did sing well, and were kept in fine health and condition, too. Anyone who can secure large quantities of flies, fly maggots, wasp grubs, beetles and crickets need have little fear of not being able to keep the most delicate insectivorous British birds.

### Breeding and Storing Mealworms.

With regard to mealworms, these are so well known and extensively bred and advertised that little need be said by me. Of course, almost any British cage bird will devour a mealworm; but there is no necessity to give these to the seed eaters proper. Part seed eaters may have them freely. Insectivorous birds, both large and small, may also have them, but for the smaller species, the worms should first be rendered *hors-de-combat*, so to speak, by wounding them behind the head, just over where its legs are, and then when the bird swallows the worm there is no internal danger to the crop, as there might be if the worm were swallowed alive and whole. The flesh maggots of the fly are better killed by scalding just before being given to the birds—just enough for a one-day meal at a time.

My method of breeding mealworms was as follows: I procured two very large boxes or tea chests, about 2 feet 6 inches square, and 3 feet high. I had close fitting lids to these, and in the centre of the lid was a piece cut out about four inches square, and a piece of perforated brass plate, or brass wire gauze fastened over. This was for ventilation. At the bottom of the box I placed a false bottom inside, about an inch less all round in dimensions. This false bottom had two ribs nailed across it underneath about an inch thick, which left a space between it and the box bottom proper. On this I would spread a piece of old flour sack, cut to size, flat all over it. A thick piece of brown paper formed the next layer. Then I would put in some crushed oats, bran, and meal, about an inch thick. Another piece of sack, and a piece of brown paper saturated with black treacle and brewers' ale I put next. This should be soaked and left to dry in pretty well before being put in the box. Another piece of sack is put on this soaked paper, and on top of this some more crushed oats, bran, and meal.

Don't, when doing this, put any flesh, meat, or dead birds in. I put in another piece of sack and brown paper next, and some more oats, bran, meal, and on top of these I placed a piece of sack which had been soaked with black treacle and beer. I took care not to put too much treacle and beer, but just enough to allow of its being well absorbed into the dry sack. I always had a good supply of mealworms after I had established this method. I used out of one at a time, allowing the other time to regenerate a stock. If kept in warm places, the worms will rapidly thrive and increase.


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# The Housing and Treatment of Foreign Birds in Captivity

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

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*S. bicolor*.—Adult male: Upper surface, black; cheeks and under surface, white; white wing-patches at the base of the middle primaries and secondaries, and also white spots at the ends of the median and greater coverts and tail-feathers. Total length 5½ins., tail 2⅛ins. Habitat: Bolivia.

Practically the whole of the above species are hardy (that is, of course, speaking of those which have been imported), and excepting the White-throated Finch, are amiable and may safely be trusted in a mixed series of small birds. Many of the rarer kinds are decidedly handsome birds; and in spite of the lack of brilliant colours, there are but few of them to which the designation plain can be applied. Add to this the fact that, so far, only *S. albigularis* has been bred in this country, their great interest to aviculturists will be at once apparent. In conclusion, I must state my indebtedness under this head to the British Museum Catalogue and also to Sclater and Hudson's Argentine Ornithology.

The Jacarini Finch (*Volatinia jacarini*).—This handsome bird, after being off the market for some years, has recently come to hand in fair numbers, but males only. It is very similar in colour to the Combasou, but is a much more graceful bird, of fine contour and a longish tail, which is widest at the end.

The adult male is glossy blue black, with purplish reflections on the neck in some lights; the shoulders and wing-coverts are silky snow-white. The male when out of colour (if one may use that term, for it has no seasonal change of plumage in the same sense that the Combasou has), is always glossy black, and always retains the white shoulder with a very variable quantity of greenish-buffish brown markings, principally on the breast, imparting to it quite a speckled appearance on the underparts. The female is brown, Mr. R. A. Todd describing it as resembling the female Indigo Finch. Since July, 1907, I have possessed a female of this species. It was brought over for me by my esteemed friend, Mr. E. W. Harper, and I believe it to be the only one at present in this country. It is a very pretty though plainly clad little bird; its garment is umber brown, lighter on the under parts, and as regularly striated as the English Twite. Owing to my aviary being overcrowded, I have not succeeded in breeding them, though all through the season they have been attempting to build, but they would not take to a nest box, and their open cup-shaped nests in the bushes were destroyed almost as soon as made.

Habitat, Central America and South America to Brazil, Peru, and Bolivia; specimens from the different localities are said to vary considerably in colour.

This bird appears to have been first imported in 1894. Mr. Fillmer who had one about that time found it at first peaceable, then later it took to chasing its fellow captives about; Mr. R. A. Todd who possessed a pair in 1895, found them eager for insects; the late Mr. Erskine Allon, who also had a pair or pairs, described the female as very similar to the hen Combasou, and his birds were eager for insects. Mr. Fillmer's bird, on the contrary, would eat nothing but seed.

In demeanour and also in shape my male strongly resembles a Waxbill, in fact as to size and shape it comes very near to the Aurora Finch, a pair of which are occupants of the same aviary; but the bill is stouter. It has a very sweet and fairly strong Waxbill-like trill, and, like the Waxbills, is scarcely ever still, the tail, except when the owner is asleep, being a very fair example of perpetual motion. When feeding, they do not permit any other birds to approach the seed dish, but otherwise are quite peaceable, and when they have satisfied their appetites, the other birds are allowed to do the same without interference. They are very eager for insects, *viz.*, mealworms, earwigs, and spiders. Their diet consists of Canary, white, and spray millet, green food, and a little insectile mixture. They help themselves freely to all the above, and appear to thrive on the same.

After getting over the hardships of importation, my birds proved very robust and but little trouble to keep in condition. Mr. R. A. Todd found his birds of a retiring disposition, keeping mostly among cover. This is certainly true of the female, but the male is always in evidence with his cheery little lay; he is of a very bold and confiding disposition, and will feed with anyone (even a stranger), in close proximity. This fearless behaviour, coupled with his vivacity and sweet little song, constitutes his greatest charm. They are a really handsome species, and should be in all collections of small birds.

This brings to a conclusion what has been a very pleasing task, and though the foregoing series has not been anything like so complete as the writer desired, yet by its aid the veriest tyro should not be at fault, either in recognising the group to which his birds belong or the manner in which to treat them.


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### *A Great Surprise.

I have two Canaries. One of them is very tame and comes out, while I clean its cage out. Its favourite place is on top of the other bird's cage. One morning it flew out of the window, which had been left open. A few hours after I was surprised to hear it singing, and when I looked up I saw it in its usual place.—Sent by Arthur Rider (age 14), 30, Terminus Road, Brighton, Sussex.

### *The Young Cuckoo.

One day last summer, as I was going across the common, I found a bird's nest under a gorse bush on the ground. It contained a young Cuckoo. I took it home a distance of a mile, and put it in a cage outside the back kitchen. Some time after I went to see if it was all right, when I saw two Meadow Pipits flitting about with insects in their bills. So I hid myself from view of them. They fled down to the cage and began to feed the Cuckoo and continued to feed it for three weeks; then I moved it to another cage, but the birds refused to feed it any more, and so it died.—Sent by Harold Edmunds (age 14), Berry Hill, near Coleford, Glos.

### *The Infirmary Sparrow.

Some years ago a wonderful thing was to be seen in the Devonport Infirmary. A Sparrow came down the chimney into the old women's ward, and made its nest on the shoulder of one of the inmates. He chose his position wisely, for the poor old woman had been a sufferer from rheumatism for 20 years, and could not move in bed. As it was plain from the first that the Sparrow meant to stay in the strange quarters he had chosen, one of the nurses made a cardboard nest, lined it with flannel, and about the time birds generally go to bed, the cardboard box was put on the old woman's shoulder. If ever the nurse was late in putting out the box, the Sparrow would go and give her a little peck, as if to say, "It is bed-time, make my bed, please!" If strangers visited the ward the bird would fly out of the window, only returning when they had left.—Sent by Aline Lycett (age 8), Apedale View, Chesterton, Staffs.

# CANARY BREEDING: SOME DIFFICULTIES OF BEGINNERS DISCUSSED.

By MISS BARROWS.

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### Concerning the Eggs.

Three or four days before hatching it is a good thing to place the eggs in warm water for a minute or two; this is of great assistance in softening the shell. If the eggs are late you can continue to do so until the fifteenth day. This season (at the time of writing), for the first time, I have ventured to release young birds from the eggs, but it is most difficult to prick the shell. You need to begin where the beak is, at the thick end of the egg. In one instance, the beak was just showing, but it could get no further. The skull seemed to adhere firmly to the skin. A spot of oil helps; but by the time I had finished, the bird was cold and too weak to raise its head to be fed. Otherwise, I released several young birds.

You can tell if the eggs are full, by holding them up to the light on the eighth day, when they will be opaque. When you are preparing the hen to sit, you must see that she has not shuffled any eggs under the nest, and built on the top of them. Even if you remove the eggs, it deceives you, as you think she has missed a day.

Four or five eggs are a usual clutch, but one often gets six, and on one occasion I had a hen lay a double egg, joined at the thick ends. This she laid on the floor of the cage, but I think it caused inflammation, as she did not sit again, and died later on.

When the momentous day of hatching draws near, I provide yolk of egg only, with bread crumbs in equal parts; a very small quantity at a time; and I also start giving hemp. I do not give green stuff until the third day. The great thing is frequent and fresh food, four times a day when the hens have young. I am not like the early bird myself at 4 a.m., but when I go to bed I wash the pans and put fresh food overnight where there are young. This lasts till breakfast; then at mid-day I arrive with fresh-gathered green, and place water in the cage, and feed again an hour before they go to roost.

### Where to be Careful.

Here again one has to be careful after feeding, as the minute the hen thinks you are well out of the way, out she pops in a hurry, and the chances are she drags a youngster with her.

For the first few days it is as well to return half an hour after feeding, as you can resuscitate one that may have fallen out by blowing on it in front of the fire and replacing it in the nest. I have had one or two young birds paralysed in the legs, and am inclined to think they get injured like this in their early days.

I must tell my readers of a mistake I made the first year. When the birds were two days off a fortnight old the hen came off the nest. Great was my dismay at night! I tried to put her on again, and even tried to induce the cock to cover them! So it is well for a beginner to know the exact time, also to remember that the young are "out walking," as I call it, a day or two before three weeks is up.

Once the youngsters are on the perch, it is time to be careful. No sour egg or dead or fouled green-stuff must be left in the cage, or this they will surely pick up, with disastrous results. When they are about twelve days old, you must keep an eye on the hen, as if she is alone and wants to nest again, she may leave the young, and you will find them dead in the morning.

I always try the cock's behaviour at ten days, unless the hen is doing well alone. I had a hen who lost her mate when the young were a fortnight old. She was a small hen, and there were six of them, and she reared them all. They were grand birds. One took a first prize, another a second. I was a beginner then, and sold that hen for five shillings. I did not exhibit the young until the following autumn.

When the hen wants to nest again, she must have fresh nesting material and feathers, or she will pluck the young; and, if possible, let her have the same place by putting the young in a clean nest in a different part of the cage. Hens are very conservative. I had one once who always turned the young out into the new box, and tidivated up the old one. How she moved her babies, she only knows, but knowing her wishes, I did it for her afterwards.

### On Feeding the Young.

It is best to hang the young in a nursery cage in front of the breeding cage, where they cannot be plucked, but it is a pity, as they like to return to the mother's nest at times. You must put crushed Canary and hemp in the nursery cage, and fresh egg-food and very little water—only a few drops. I always keep a little fine sand on purpose for the young; either sea-sand or road-sand, for now is a dangerous time.

When the young are first weaned they over-eat if they get the chance, and inflammation of the bowels sets in, and they are soon with their heads under their wings. At first I lost a good few through this. Letting them bathe too soon causes a chill, especially if they have been at all plucked. Last season I lost none, and the following is the treatment adopted. But it takes three weeks. One is apt to be in too great a hurry, and expect a cure in three or four days.

You begin by giving them a few spots of warm salid oil direct into the beak, also giving bread and milk or arrowroot soaked in milk. They should have no seed for a few days. The milk-sop seems to purge them less if the bread and biscuit be used cold and strained off. You must use judgment; if the sop suits them, scald it, as it keeps better. Then into the water put five drops of laudanum—not a spot more. Give this for a week, and if they no longer bury their heads and seem lively, you can leave the laudanum and give five spots each of gentian and taraxicum juice. You can buy small quantities of the latter for a penny.

Do this for a week or ten days, continuing the arrowroot biscuit in milk, with the addition of Canary seed only. You then finish up with Parrish's chemical food only in the water for two or three weeks, making it just pink, continuing the plain diet until they start moulting.

When there is inflammation, the vent is red and swollen with dark veins. In bad cases a little turpentine may be applied, but you can, of course, overdo it. I nearly killed a bird the first time. It should be the tiniest brush that is used, and get off the bulk of the turpentine; use the brush just nicely moist and apply it on the reddest part. Do not smear the vent all over. If you do it thus, you may do it two or three days, once daily.


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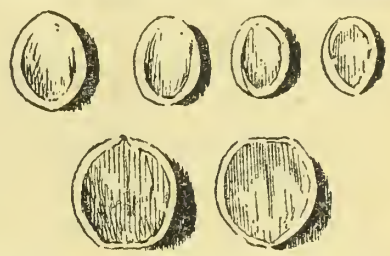
# WILD BIRD LIFE.

**The Hawfinch**—*Continued.*

The natural history books tell us that "The Hawfinch feeds largely on berries, seeds, and the kernels of stone-fruit, which it is able to crush with its strong bill, rejecting the fruit itself and eating only the kernel. In this way Hawfinches do some damage to plum-trees." Now, I have recently seen it stated that these birds are not able to crack the stones of the cherry, and I must confess that although I have offered them to captive birds, which have been in my possession from timo to time, I have never yet had one to crack them. So when Mr. G. S. Gregory, of Clement's Farm, Chorley Wood, sont me the body of a dead bird, together with a letter, in which was the following paragraph, I promptly wrote him for further particulars:—"I shot one by mistake. I saw about a dozen feeding like Starlings together under a cherry-tree, where they cracked the stones which had got buried from last year's crop. I thought they were Redwings at first, and never dreamt they were Hawfinches, not having heard of or seen them feeding in numbers." In reply to my letter, he sent me some of the stones, both whole and cracked, together with a hazel nut. The sketch shows the cracked cherry stones, split quite down the centre as clean as it could be done by any instrument. The



**Cherry Stones and Hazel Nut Cracked by Hawfinch.**

hazel nut was equally well done. Mr. Gregory pertinently remarks "The stones get rotten and soft lying on the ground and among the leaves for so long a time, so that it makes it easy for the hawfinch." And no doubt this is the explanation of their not cracking them when in captivity. Other food is plentiful, and they do not care to undertake the task. One sometimes wonders how such a nice feeding bird as is the Hawfinch can manage to find sufficient food during the winter. The wood nuts are no doubt plentiful, but hard to find, and the Hawfinch would have to share them with the squirrels and mice, the latter taking their portion of the cherry stones, some of which show evidence of having been nibbled. In spite of the severe weather, the bird sent me was fat and in grand condition, a proof that they fare well even during hard winters. All our Finches are supposed to be subject to migratory movements, but although I have from time to time examined lists of birds captured or killed at lighthouses, I have never yet seen the Hawfinch included among the number. Does he migrate?

### Ptarmigan in the Snow.

It is said that the Ptarmigan when disturbed will fly some distance and purposely settle upon the snow, when in consequenee of its winter plumage, it is hardly discernible.

### A Heron and a Weasel.

Herons have been known to swallow some extraordinary catches, but the strangest of all is reported in a Yorkshire contemporary. In the wooded district of Hexham there is a colony of these birds, and a few days ago one was shot which had in its gullet a full-grown weasel. The animal was in perfect condition, having apparently just been killed and swallowed whole. When one considers the savage nature of the weasel, this is a further proof of the power of the Heron.

### Boldness of Grey Crows.

During the autumn great numbers of Crows find their way across the seas to the east coast, where, upon the foreshore and marshes, they manage to exist during the winter. Nothing comes amiss to them in the way of either fish, flesh, or fowl, and a wounded bird or maimed animal will soon be destroyed and its bones picked clean, where these dusky scavengers are at all plentiful. To the wildfowler, they are a constant source of annoyance, killing and carrying off wounded birds before they can be gathered, or clearing the flight nets if the owner is not at once able to attend to the captures.

# THE SHOWS.

## STOCKTON-ON-TEES & DIS. C.B.S.

Pair show held on March 4th in the Leeds Hotel. NOR.: 1, 2, Burton; 3, 4, vhc, Freeman; hc, Acheson; c, Lowes and Son. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Yeates; 3, Freeman. CAN. MULE: 1, Ducas and Angel; 2, 3, Freeman. HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Lowes and Son.—J. W. LOWES, Sec.

## STOCKPORT B.F.A.

Table show of hens, held at headquarters, Boar's Head Hotel, March 2nd. Entries were poor, owing, no doubt, to the heavy fall of snow in this district. Several nice hens, however, were staged, especially in the Yorkshire class. Mr. J. E. Davies judged, and his awards were very well received.

NOR.: 1, 3, Massey; 2, Stafford; 4, vhc, Smith. YORKS.: 1, 2, Potts; 3, Massey; 4, Lees. A.O.V.: 1, Stafford; 2, Massey. SELL., 15s.: 1, Stafford; 2, Massey. Mr. G. H. Massey won the splendid timepiece given by Mr. J. E. Davies, also the special given by Mr. W. T. Hill, for most points in the series of shows. Mr. W. Smith won the novice special given by Mr. Nelson.—W. STAFFORD, secretary.

## STOCKTON HEATH & DIST. O.S.

First members' show held in the Hall Cafe on March 2nd, the awards of the judge (Mr. C. Dukes) giving satisfaction. The classes were well filled, especially the Yorkshires, there being some very noted winners, and the competition was very keen. The entry was good in the cottage singing class (open to Stockton Heath). There were altogether between 50 and 60 birds staged.

YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Langley; 2, Stout; vhc, Potter; hc, Bretherton; c, Harper. BUFF: 1, 3, Potter; 2, Harper; vhc, hc, Bretherton. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Langley; 2, Harper; vhc, Stout; c, Potter. BUFF: 1, Harper; 2, 3, Langley; vhc, Potter; hc, Griffiths; c, Stout. NOR. YELL.: 1, Morrison. BUFF: 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Morrison. MATCHED PAIRS (for Mule or Hybrid Breeding): 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Moss. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Taylor; 2, Moss; 3, Wilkinson and Ward; vhc, Langley; c, Beswick. A.O.S. SEED-EATER, OR PART: 1, Moss; 2, Wilkinson and Ward. COTTAGE SINGING: 1, Leech; 2, Hauds; 3, Turton.

## REIGATE F.A.

The cage bird section held their pair stock show at Mutton's Temperance Hotel, Redhill, on 1st March, after which mine host laid a sumptuous dinner, which was done justice to by some 30 members. Mr. Martin Creest judged, and gave general satisfaction. Mr. Kilby took the chair, and made a very able speech upholding the virtues of the Norwich Canary, and was supported by their worthy secretary Mr. Bacon, who made a few remarks on their progress during the year. Mr. M. Creest also made a few remarks on the exhibits. After several toasts, Mr. E. S. Lugg responded to that of "The Visitors," mentioning how pleasiug it was to see so many ladies present. Mr. Kilby won the cup for most points with his Norwich; Mr. Bacon three specials, principally with a very nice team of Borders; Messrs. Roser and Whitmore special for a grand pair of Yorkshires.

NOR. PAIRS (4): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Kilby, first pair bouncing yell. ck. and evenly balanced mealy buff hen. BORD. (4): 1, spl, 2, 3, Bacon, very nice team, wo wish you luck; 4, Burrage, nicely matched YORKS. (5): 1, spl, 3, Roser and Whitmore; 2, 4, Mrs. Batchelor. A.S. FINCH AND CAN.: 1, spl, Bignell, Greenfinch and nice yell. hen; 2, 4, Gorringe, Linnet and Greenfinch respectively; 3, Ashley. FINCH HYB. (3): 1, spl, 2, Bacon, Goldie Bullfinch and Chaffinch Greenfinch; 3, Gorringe, Greenie Bullfinch.

## RUNCORN C.B.S.

Table show of pairs matched for breeding, held March 5th, at headquarters (Lea's Temperance Hotel). Six classes were provided, the members supporting well with 29 entries. A good attendance of members and their friends watched the proceedings with great interest. Mr. W. H. Cawley proved himself a highly competent judge, his awards without exception satisfying the most critical. After the placing of the cards, the judge invited questions, and members were not slow in responding. Several new members were enrolled. The meetiug terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the judge.

YORKS. (7): 1, 3, Ditchfield, 1st slim typical yell., with a fine buff hen, good pair; 3rd another good pair, cinn. mkd. buff ck., with a nice yell. hen, should produce some fine youngsters; 2, Rone, buff ck., with cl. yell. hen, fine pair. NOR. (10): A grand class. 1, 2, Guy, 1st fine big yell. ck., with good cl. buff hen, well balanced pair; 2nd fine pair, right sort to breed with; 3, Boote, nice pair. A.O.V.: 1, Cook, good pair yell. Budgerigars, admired by all; 2, Lea, yell. Nor. ck., with a big Bullfinch hen, should be pleased to hear of Mr. Lea's success. AMAT.: 1, 3, Baxter, 1st nice compact unfl. yell. Nor. ck., with buff hen of beautiful type and quality, well balanced; 3rd good pair of Nor., which ought to do well; 2, Lea, buff Yorks. ck., good quality, yell. hen, well drawn. NOVICE, YORKS: 1, Glover, yell ck. and buff hen, nice typical pair, in A1 condition but ou small side; 2, Pye, nice pair of birds; 3, Hayes, another good pair. NOR.: 1, Jones, buff ck., with a rare yell. hen.—T. P. BAXTER, secretary.

## HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD & DISTRICT C.B.S.

First show of pairs matched for breeding held at head quarters, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W., on Feb. 27th, bringing together the second largest show of pairs in London, with a total of 127 pairs in 18 classes. In addition, there were some grand Rollers exhibited by Mr. W. G. Dickson, who also had on show the challenge trophy he is giving to the member making most points in Roller classes at the next young stock and annual shows. Roller fanciers will please note this. The largest classes in show were the novice Norwich and Yorkshires, and so keen was the competition that two or three sets of winners could easily have been picked out of same. The Chairman, Mr. Geo. Gardner, presented the prize money and specials, and in doing so, spoke a few encouraging words. When we considered that the Society was celebrating its first birthday that day, he said, to see such a fine show of pairs spoke well for the Society. He also extended an invitation to fanciers to become members, and several names were handed in. Mrs. Giddy, Messrs. W. Knight, Pile, Neal, Jones, Ward, and Walmsley, came in for a fair share of the specials. The attendance was good, although the weather was bad, and everything points to the balance coming out on the right side.

NOR. CHAMP. (31: 1, 2, 3, Bell. AMAT. (3): 1, 2, 3, Neal. NOVICE (21): 1, Knight; 2, Martin; 3, vhc, Walmsley; hc, Mrs. Giddy; c, Byne. CREST, AMAT. (2): 1, 2, Neal. NOVICE (2): 1, 2, Ward. YORKS CHAMP. (3): 1, 2, 3, Jones. AMAT. (3): 1, 2, 3, Neal. NOVICE (29): 1, 2, vhc, Knight; 3, Milson; hc, Mrs. Giddy; c, Turner. A.O.V. NOVICE (3): 1, Abrams; 2, Miss Nickels; 3, Mrs. Giddy. GOLDIE AND CAN. (13): 1, hc, Pile; 2, 3, vhc, c, Mrs. Giddy. LINNET AND CAN. (4): 1, 2, 3, Pile; 4, Walmsley. GREENIE, ETC. (10): 1, 2, Pile; 3, Bell; vbc, Mrs. Giddy; hc, Knight; c, Jones. CAN., ETC., AND BULLIE HEN (2): 1, 2, Mrs. Giddy. A.O.S. FINCH AND CAN. (8): 1, Street; 2, 3, Pile; vhc, Ward; hc, Knight. A.O.V. HYB. (6): 1, 2, 3, hc, Mrs Giddy; vhc, Neal; c, Knight. SELL. £2 (2): 1, Knight; 2, Jones. 30s. (6): 1, Neal; 2, Pile; 3, vhc, Knight; hc, Milson; abs, Neal. 20s. (7): 1, W. Knight; 2, Pile; 3, vhc, Fisher; hc, A. Knight; c, Neal; abs, Neal.—G. H. NEAL, Hon. Sec.

## COVENTRY O.S.

At the Sydenham Palace, on March 3rd, a show of matched pairs for hybrid breeding was held. Mr. Geo. Turrell judged, and gave general satisfaction.

BRIT. AND CAN.: 1, 2, Lucas; 3, Butler and Waring. BRIT.: 1, Peters; 2, Butler and Waring; 3, Frost.—GEO. PETERS, Hon. Sec.

## DARLINGTON C.B.S.

First table show held at Half Moon Hotel, on March 3rd, when some nice pairs were shown. Owing to the inclement weather, there was not as good a muster as was expected.—Messrs. R. Todd and P. Wilcock judged.

YORKS. PAIRS: 1, Pattison; 2, 3, Stephenson; 4, vhc, Stockton and Fullerton. NOR. PAIRS: 1, Lumley. MULING PAIRS: 1, Todd and Son; 2, Carter; 3, Pattison; vhc, hc, Lumley. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Todd and Son; 2, 3, Forster.—W. UNDERWOOD, assistant secretary.

## SWANSEA AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual pair show took place on March 4th, at headquarters. The display of birds was not quite so good as last year's. Messrs. H. Jenkins and G. Balsh acted as stewards, and seemed to have everything spick and span and ready for judging. The judges were Messrs. Kirby, Love, and Jenkins. The awards seemed to give every satisfaction.

NOR.: 1, P. Jenkins; 2, Heal. YORKS.: 1, 2, 4, A. E. Taylor; 3, vhc, hc, W. R. Taylor. BORD.: 1, 2, c, Hammacott and Card; 3, vhc, Richards; 4, P. Jenkins; hc, D. Williams. GREEN OR CINN. BORD.: 1, vhc, c, Richards; 2, P. Jenkins; 3, Hammacott and Card; 4, hc, D. Williams. BORD., NOVICE: 1, Hammacott; 2, Cronin. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, Cronin; 2, H. Jenkins. GOLDFINCH CAN.: 1, Balsh; 2, P. Jenkins. LINNET CAN.: 1, Heal; 2, Balsh. A.O.V.: 1, Ford and Son; 2, W. J. Jenkins; 3, Beed. HYB.: 1, Balsh; 2, Heal; 3, Beed; 4, Ford and Son.—ALF. HITCHINGS, secretary.

## TIBSHELF.

The first annual open show of the Tibshelf F.A. was held on February 27th, in the Coronation Hall, which is well ventilated and in every way a suitable one for the purpose. The secretary, Mr. Joseph Hill, had everything in first-class order, and the management was all that could be desired. Only two of the cage bird classes stood, viz., the Yorkshires and British birds. Mr. W. Vardy judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. UNFLI (10): 1, Cooper, cl. yell., grand length, well up on leg, the best of quality, wins well; 2, hc, Goucher, another cl., good length and quality, well up on leg; 3, vhc, c, Athey, nice length, good stand. BRIT. SMALL (14): 1, spl, vhc, Johnson, 1st grand Hawfinch, good colour, well shown; vhc, Yellowhammer, fine size, with best of markings; 2, 3, Milne, 2nd Bullfinch, large, and the best of quality, well up in colour; 3rd, Blackcap, nicely shown; hc, c, Moss, this was a good class for quality, the birds, too, being well staged.

## DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

The sixth annual pair and British Bird Show, held March 4th, at the Peckham Public Hall, proved one of the most successful yet promoted by this enterprising society, both from the point of view of entries and from the number of visitors who put in an appearance. This is the oldest cage bird society in Dulwich, and although it has lately experienced some slight ups and downs, its future is now particularly bright. The secret of this success lies in the new management, and the worth of Mr. W. Hodson, the secretary, can hardly be expressed in terms that are too eulogistic. He is deservedly popular. There was a capital entry of seventy-eight. The members had all agreed to return their prize-money to the society for the benefit of its funds. Messrs. Fox Bros. also distributed amougst the prize-winners a dozen large tins of their now well-known egg-and-biscuit preparation. The quality of the exhibits was very good throughout. The exhibits were well arranged, being benched on new and up-to-date staging. Messrs. H. E. Tringham (chairman), who was heartily congratulated upon his appointment to the hôu. secretaryship of the L. and P.O.S., E. S. Lugg, L. J. Richardson, F. Johnson, A. R. Jay (the new assistant hon. secretary), F. Cole, H. S. Stephens, and J. W. Norris lent valuable help. Mr. J. Dobson judged, and his awards provoked very little adverse criticism. Mr. Cole, we may add, deserved a "distinguished service" medal for the very smart manner in which he had the catalogues, with awards, on sale.

CHAMP. NOR., YELL. CK. AND B. HEN (8): 1, spl, 3, Baker; 2, vhc, Richardson; 4, hc, Lea and Kearney; c, Lugg. B.H. AND Y.C. (5): 1, spl, Richardson; 2, 3, Lea and Kearney; 4, Warley; vhc, Lugg. NOVICE PAIRS, Y.C. AND B.H. (3): 1 spl, 2, Cole; 3, Bowman. B.H. AND Y.C. (3): 1, spl, 2, Cole; 3, Jay. CHAMP. YORKS., Y.C. AND B.H. (6): 1, spl, Baker; 2, 4, Waterman; 3, hc, Tringham; vhc, Warley. B.C. AND Y.H. (7): 1, spl, Warley; 2, Baker; 3, 4, Waterman; vhc, hc, Tringham. NOVICE, Y.C. AND B.H.: 1, spl, Silverthorn. B.C. AND Y.H. (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Silverthorn. CREST: 1, spl, Johnson. CHAMP. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 2, Barker. NOVICE, A.O.V.: 1, spl, Archer. CAN. AND BRIT. MULING (4): 1, spl, Hodson; 2, Johnson; 3, Lugg; 4, Richardson. TWO BRIT. (3): 1, spl, Johnson; 2, Cole; 3, Lugg. BRIT., GOLD. OR BULLFINCH (10): 1, spl, Botting; 2, Carter; 3, Waterman; 4, Richardson; vhc, Jay; hc, Stevens; c, Johnson. LINNET, ETC. (4): 1, Botting; 2, Graham; 3, Richardson; 4, Carter. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, Botting; 2, Stevens; 3, Carter; 4, Lugg. A.O.V. (5): 1, Carter; 2, Waterman; 3, Graham; 4, Jay; vhc, Botting. SELLING, A.O.V. (6): 1, vhc, Warley; 2, 4, Baker; 3, Cole; hc, Jay.

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## PARTICK AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

Usual monthly meeting held in The Trades Halls, Partick, 5th March. Mr. Graham was in the chair and there was a good turnout of members. Show of Muling pairs held, 30 pairs being staged. Quality, on the whole, was better than previously. Mr. Malcolmson (Glasgow) judged, and his awards were satisfactorily received.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH AND CAN.: 1, Reid; 2, G. G. Henderson; 3, spl., best 3rd in hall, Fairweather; 4, J. Henderson; 5, spl., best 5th in hall, Prust; 6, Roy. FOR. GOLD. AND CAN.: 1, G. G. Henderson; 2, Webster. LINNET AND CAN.; 1, spl., best in hall, Reid; 2, Miller; 3, Fairweather; 4, Roy. REDPOLL CAN.: 1, Miller; 2, Webster; 3, Prust; 4, Roy. GREENFINCH CAN.: 1, Webster; 2, Miller; 3, G. G. Henderson; 4, Aitkenhead; 5, 6, Prust. A.O.V. MULING PAIRS: 1, Miller; 2, spl. best 2nd in hall, G. G. Henderson. A vote of thanks to Messrs. Malcolmson and Graham brought the meeting to a close.—J. HENDERSON, Sec.

## LONDON AND COUNTIES O.A.

The fourth spring show of British birds, Hybrids, and foreign birds was held, on March 6th, at "The Bay Malton," Great Portland Street, W. Classes were provided for both cage and field-moulted birds, which resulted in an entry of close upon 100 exhibits. Many well-known winners in open competition brought further laurels to their lucky owners. Mr. Quantrell sent a strong team from Watford, and was most successful, capturing many of the specials. Mr. Adamthwaite also had a good team out, likewise Mr. G. A. Morrison and that enthusiastic lady, Mrs. Morrison, all of whom did very well. The president, Mr. Thorpe, seemed very satisfied with his favourite Bullie hen adding another first prize to her record. Among other members who did well were Messrs. G. T. Pile, G. Ogle, O. Heine, etc. Mr. W. Gilbert, the new secretary, carried out his duties in a very creditable manner, considering it was his first show. He was ably assisted and instructed by Messrs. Quantrell, O. Heine, and P. Adamthwaite. He is a hard worker, and an enthusiastic fancier, and it is to be hoped the members will ably support him. Mr. Allen Silver judged.

GOLDFINCH (Cage Moulted): 1, spl, Quantrell; 2, Adamthwaite; 3, vhc, spl, G. T. Pile; hc, Goodall; c (2), White. FIELD MOULTED: 1, Ogle; 2, Adamthwaite; 3, Mrs. Morrison. BULLFINCH, CK.: 1, spl, 3, Morrison; 2, Quantrell; vhc, Green; c, Gilbert. HENS: 1, Thorpe; 2, Ogle; 3, Mrs. Morrison. LINNET (Cage Moulted): 1, spl, Adamthwaite; 2, Quantrell; 3, hc, Pile; vhc, spl, Thorpe; c, Heine. FIELD MOULTED: 1, spl, Adamthwaite; 2, 3, Pile; vhc, Morrison; c, Mrs. Morrison. GREENFINCH (Cage Moulted): 1, spl, Quantrell; 2, vhc, Mrs. Morrison; 3, Thorpe; hc, Pile; c, Gilbert. FIELD MOULTED: 1, Morrison; 2, Heine; 3, Adamthwaite. CHAFFINCH (Cage Moulted): 1, spl, Morrison; 2, Quantrell. FIELD MOULTED: 1, Mrs. Morrison; 2, Adamthwaite. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, spl, Quantrell; 2, Morrison; 3, Heine. SISKIN: 1, 2, Quantrell; 3, Ogle. A.O.S., CK.: 1, Ogle, Yellow Bunting; 2, Heine, House Sparrow; 3, Pearce, Yellow Bunting. HEN FINCHES: 1, Pile Greenfinch. INSECTIV.: 1, spl, Heine, Starling; 2, ——, Robin. FOR.: 1, spl, Quantrell, Pekin Robins; 2, Mrs. Morrison, Paradise Whydahs; 3, Pile, Ribbon Finches. HYB., LIGHT: 1, Goodall, Goldfinch Can. DARK: 1, Quantrell, Greenfinch Can.; 2, Thorpe, Redpoll Can.; 3, Mrs. Morrison, Greenie Can.; c, Heine, Linnet Can.—R. J. PRETTY.

## LEEDS C.B.S.

Monthly meeting and pair show held at Lockhart's Restaurant, Briggate, March 6th. Five new members were enrolled, and a large gathering of members and fanciers braved the wintry elements and spent a most enjoyable and instructive evening. The three classes received 37 entries, and Mr. F. King judged with much ability. Type and quality were predominant. Specials were won by Messrs. Hall, Johnson, Medley, and Norton.

YORKS. PAIR (12): 1, 2, 4, vhc, spl. Hall; 3, Hallett; hc, c, Smith. NOR. PAIR (11): 1, 3, spl, Johnson; 2, vhc, Stead; 4, Wilson; hc, c, Chambers. NOVICE A.V. (14): 1, c, spl, Norton; 2, 4, spl, Medley; 3, Buckley; vhc, Middleton; hc, Tosc.—WM. TOSE, Hon. Sec.

## EARLESTOWN AND DIS. C.B.S.

First members' show, held in the Co operative Hall, Earlestown, on February 27th, and turned out a great success. Mr. W. R. Knowles placed the awards, and gave entire satisfaction. Eight classes were provided, in which 42 birds competed. The following won specials:—Messrs. Fletcher, Stout, Mort, Davis, and Appleton.

YORKS., CK., CL., ETC., YELL. (17): 1, spl, c, Fletcher; 2, Lawson; 3, hc, Onions; vhc, Stout. BUFF (5): 1, spl, 3, Stout; 2, vhc, Fletcher; hc, Lawson. HEN (11): 1, 2, vhc, Fletcher; 3, Lawson; hc, c, Stout. NOR., CL., ETC., CK. (7): 1, spl, 3, Davies; 2, vhc, Longworth; absent, Green. HEN (1): Longworth. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, 3, Johnson; 2, Onions; vhc, hc, Appleton. BRIT. (9): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Mort; 2, spl, c, Appleton; hc, Longworth; absent, Longworth. SELL. 10s. 6d. (2): 1, Johnson; absent, Green.—W. P. FLETCHER, hon. secretary.

## SALE OPEN O.S.

Members' show held Feb. 27th, at Queen's Hotel, in a room kindly lent by Mr. T. Shield, President. A very successful show was made of 100 exhibits, including such well-known winners as Mr. Harrison's Palace, Leeds, etc., winning green Norwich hen, and Mr. Smith's teams of British and Foreign. The show was well patronised by the public, and many well-known Manchester and district fanciers put in an appearance. Mr. G. Massey (Stockport) placed the cards, which seemed to give great satisfaction all round. The secretaries, Messrs. Irlam and Whorny, had the show well in hand, backed up by the President, and a hardworking committee. We also made several new members. The winners of specials were Messrs. F. Brennan, F. Fields, W. McCormack, C. R. Fields, T. Fielding, A. Taylor, and T. Harrison.

YORKS YELL. CK. (4): 1, 2, 3, Brennan; 4, McCormack. HEN (4): 1, 2, 4, Brennan. BUFF CK. (4): 1, 2, 3, Brennan; 4, Griffith. HEN (2): 1, Brennan; 2, McCormack. NOR. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Smith; 2, 4, F. Fields; 3, c, Irlam; vhc, Morgan; hc, C. R. Fields. HEN (6): 1, F. Field, 2, C. R. Fields; 3, hc, Smith; 4, Irlam; vhc, Shield. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Irlam; 2, Whalley; 3, Smith; 4, C. R. Fields; hvc, F. Fields; hc, Shield. HEN (7): 1, 3, F. Fields; 2, vhc, Smith; 4, c, Irlam; hc, Whitney and Son. NOR. GREEN CK. (6): All prizes to Harrison. HEN (6): All to Harrison. GOLDIE (6): 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Fielding; 4, hc, Dunkley; vhc, Whitney and Son. BULLIE (3): 1, Taylor; 2, Morgan; 3, Gray. CHAFFIE, ETC. (4): 1, Gray; 2, Taylor; 3, Irlam; absent, Dunkley. GREENIE (4): 1, Mrs. Smith; 2, Whitney and Son; 3, 4, Taylor. LINNET (4): 1, Whitney and Son; 2, 4, Gray; 3, Taylor. LESSER REDPOLL (6): 1, Morgan; 2, Fielding; 3, 4, Whitney and Son; vhc, F. Fields; hc, Gray. SISKIN, ETC. (2): 1, Mrs. Smith; 2, Morgan. A.O.S. HARDBILL (1): Mrs. Smith. SOFTBILL (2): 1, Shield; 3, Whitney and Son. MULES (7): 1, 3, 4, hc, Taylor; 2, vhc, c, Whalley. FOR. (2): 1, 2, Mrs. Smith.—JAS. IRLAM.

## FROME C.B.S.

Annual pair show, held on March 6th, at headquarters, in the club-room. The birds were nicely staged down the centre, about fifty pairs being on exhibition. They made a grand display, which would do credit to many open shows. Some typical specimens put in an appearance, and competition was very keen. The feature of the show was Mr. W. Minty's Crystal Palace winning Dutch Frills, which have caused so much interest of late. Upon a separate table Mr. J. Tottle exhibited six pairs (not for competition), comprising his well-known Lancashires and Crest, which were much admired. The silver medal for most points was won by Mr. G. H. Pickford. Mr. J. Tottle judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR.: 1, 2, 4, Pickford, grand full-chested, sound-coloured yell. cock and buff hen, lovely type and quality, easy win; 2nd large buff cock, nice type and quality, yell. varieg. hen, good type; 3, Miss Walker, very good buff cock and nice hen. YORKS.: 1, 2, c, Miss Walker, very fine pair, leading buff ck., grand length and style, well up on leg. yell. hen, stylish and shapely; 3, Pope, varieg. yell. ck. and charming buff hen, full of quality; 4, Palmer; vhc, Baily; hc, Hoddinott. LANCS. AND FRILLS: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Minty, a grand team leading, with fine pair of Dutch Frills, cl. ck. and varieg. hen, 2nd and 5th Crystal Palace; 2nd tkd. yell. coppy ck., grand length and substance, buff hen, excellent skull and body, plenty of feather; 3rd another grand pair of Lancs., good size and feather. A.O.V.: 1, Rev. Crossing, smart pair of Borders, well matched; 3, 4, Dodge, another pair of Borders, very similar to winners, smart and stylish hen; 3, Stock, large C.B. cock and varieg. Crest hen; vhc, Coombs. MULING PAIRS: 1, Pickford, ck Goldie, very steady, good size, buff Lancs. hen; 2, Bailey, charming ck. Greenfinch, good size, shape, and colour to varieg. buff hen; 3, Pope, Goldie ck., splendid colour, yell. hen; 4, Popo; vhc, Bailey; hc, Hoddinott; c, Dodge. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Palmer, charming ck. Goldfinch, grand colour and condition, large Bullie hen, large and steady; 2, Pickford, ck. Siskin, hen Greenfinch, good size and feather; 3, Dodge, ck. Greenie, large and good colour, hen Bullie, lovely hen, large, well made; 4, Pickford; vhc, Hillier; hc, Hoddinott.

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July 21—**Llandudno (Vale of Conway & Dis. F.A.)** (A. T. Johnson, Ro Wen, Tal y cafn).
Oct, 1 & 2—**Burnley & Dis. C.B.S.**—(W. Clarkson, 30 Pine Street.) H.W.B. & J.H.B.
Oct. 2—**Longton.**—(E. Tams, Church Street.)
Oct. 8 and 9—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Philpott, 28, Jubilee Street, Oswaldtwistle). J.H.B.
Oct, 9—**Broughty Ferry**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place).
Oct. 12 & 13—**Dulwich O.S.** (Woolhouse & Rogers, 54, Willseck Terrace, Dunstan Road, East Dulwich) W.M., J.B., W.H.V. and W.V.
Oct. 13 and 14—**Caterham.**—(Jas Kilby, Caterham Valley.) J.B.
Oct. 15 and 16—**Bolton** (H. Parkinson, 60, Oxford Grove). G.C.B. and J.W.
*Oct. 16—**Coventry (Godiva)**—(W. H. Bray, 12 Lerry Street). J.B.
Oct. 16.—**Darlington C. & C.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace.
Oct. 16—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage.) W.P.B & A.B.
Oct. 19 and 20—**Western Counties (Plymouth)**—(Thos. Pope, 98 Embankment Road.)
Oct. 20 and 21—**Battersea, Open.**—(Easterling and Allin, 340, Battersea Park Road.)
Oct. 22 and 23—**Newcastle-on-Tyne**—(Curry and Hutchinson, 60, Grosvenor Gardens.) J.B., W.V., W.M. and W.C.D.
Oct. 22 and 23—**Hinckley**—(W. Warner, Upper Bond Street)
Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford, Normand Place, Kelty, N.B.) W.B., G.H., A.G.C., J.W.B., G.M.
Oct. 23—**City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 6, St. Catherine's Road.
Oct. 23—**Middlesborough**—(A. Wake, 41, Askew Road). W.M. and J.M.
Oct. 23—**Burton-on-Trent**—(Kirkland & Hadley, 29, Princess Street). J.B.
*Oct. 23 and 24—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street.)
*Oct. 27—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery Sartor House, Winner Street.)
Oct. 27 & 28—**Gloucester C.B.S.** (J. R. Houghton, Dargai, Hatherley Road.
*Oct. 27 and 28—**Grimsby & Dis. O.S.**—(W. H. Moore, 39, Lord Street). J.H.B. & F.M.
Oct. 27 and 28—**Clapham**—(A. C. Askew, 15, Manor Street.)
Oct. 28—**Frome C.B.S.**—(W. Minty, 7, Stony Street.)
Oct. 28 & 29—**Wolverhampton**—(J. Gibbons, 74, Napier Road.)
*Oct. 29 and 30—**Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road.) W.V & R.R.
Oct. 29 and 30—**Manchester.**—(G. W. F. Lythgoe, 25, Stamford Street, Old Trafford.)
Oct. 29 and 30—**York** (A. Waud. 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road).
Oct. 29 and 30—**Shields**—(J. Farrass, 98, Marlborough Street.)
Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan, 23, High Street.
Oct. 30 and Nov. 1—**Norwich Alliance, All England**—(R. Rol), "Dalwood," Cecil Road, Lakenham), C.A.H.
Nov. 2 and 3—**Weybridge**—(H. E. Parrott, Grove Place.) C.A.H.
Nov. 3.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Av.) J.B, and W.V.
Nov. 4 & 5—**Dulwich & Peckham**—(W. Hodson, 209, Crystal Palace Road, East Dulwich.)
Nov. 5 and 6—**Blackburn** (J. W. Marsden, 44, Troep Street).
Nov. 5 and 6—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.) J.B., & H.W.B.
Nov. 5 and 6—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe & Hillmen, 35, Whitefield Road, Everton.) W.M. J.C.B., & G.E.W.
Nov. 5 & 6—**Sheffield**—(Lindsay & Bingham, 202, King James Street, Walkley.)
Nov. 5 & 6—**Sale Open** (Jas. Irlam, 86, Harley Rd).
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Wigan**—(W. Ridge, 55, Poolstock).
Nov. 6—**Rochdale Good Intent**—(W. Adams, 35, Fedford Street).
Nov. 6—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). H.W.B. and C.H.
Nov, 6 and 8—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(C. Draper, 105, Belgrave Street.)
Nov. 9 and 10—**Hastings United**—(A. E. Godden, 50, Harold Road, Clive Vale). J.B.
Nov. 10 and 11—**Swansea.**—(A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, nr. Swansea.)
Nov. 11 and 12—**Cambridge**—(T. S. Moore, 125, Newmarket Road) J.F.
*Nov. 12 & 13—**Wallsend-on-Tyne**—(J. Johnston, 60, Neptune Road), J.H.B., J.W., and J.W.B.
*Nov. 12 and 13—**Preston O.S.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn.)
Nov. 13—**Tideswell C.B.S.**—(A. Flint, High Street, Tideswell, nr. Buxton).
Nov. 13 and 15—**Nottingham**—(G. E. Wilkinson 9, Wellington Square, Parkside).
Nov. 13—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.) D.L., J.Wn., A.C., P.P.
Nov. 13—**Warrington** (C. Duke, 26, Dundonald Avenue, Stockton Heath.)
Nov. 17—**Reading**—(G. A. Charles, 4, Talfourd, Avenue, Earley, Reading) J.F.
Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—(H. J. Niblock, Seatown Place.)
Nov. 19 and 20 **Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19 Lambton Street). W.V. & E.B.
Nov. 19 and 20—**Sunderland**—(W. Reid, 2, Plantation Road, Pallion.)
*Nov. 20—**Coventry O.S.**—(C. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon Road.)
Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.)
Nov. 24 & 25—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze Road, Horfield.)
Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.)
Nov. 27.—**Darlington C.B.S.**—(E. Brunskill, 2, Danesbury Terrace). W.P.B. and J.M.
Nov. 30 and Dec. 1—**Morecambe** (J. H. Ireland, Parliament Street).
*Dec. 1 and 2—**City of Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.) C.A.H.
*Dec. 1 and 2—**Cardiff.**—(W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland Road.) J.H.P. & J.R.
Dec. 4 & 6—**Leicester C.B.S.** (J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road.)
Dec. 8—**Luton**—(E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street). J.B. and A.S.
*Dec. 10 & 11—**Gateshead** (Buck & Johnson, 30 Keswick Street)
Dec. 11—**Ferryhill**—(R. Binks, jun., 27, West Street.)
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Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,) T.McC., J.S., J.M., G.Gn.
Jan. 1—**Guisborough "Priory"** (Atkinson & Wilson, 80, Westgate).
Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H. S. Tibbs, 184, John Street, Toronto, Canada).
Jan. 8—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees).
Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

## ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

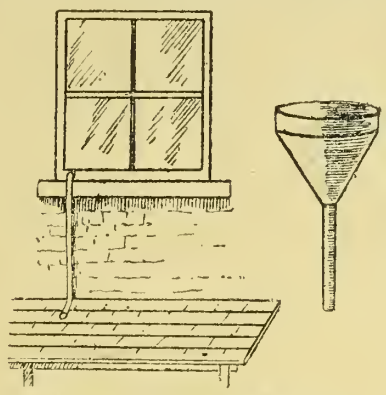
*Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.*

### No. 290.

### TO DISPOSE OF WASTE WATER.

**Sent by A. H. Nickelson, 34, Bicester Road, Aylesbury, Bucks.**

I enclose you a sketch of a novel idea (which I have in use at present in my bird-room) to dispose of waste water where a large number of birds are kept. The idea is to cut a small hole in the frame of the window, and pass a piece of lead piping through, on to an outhouse; or with a longer piece to a sink if necessary. The funnel is inserted into the end within the room. As most bird-rooms are upstairs, in the rear of the house, I think the idea is worthy of the consideration of fanciers. I keep 80 to 100 birds, and find it a great help.—A. H. NICKELSON.



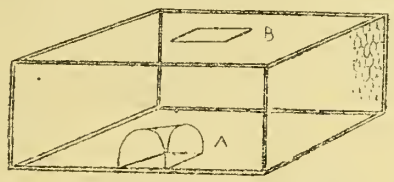
**To Deal with Waste Water.**

### No. 291.

### THE "CATCH ALL" TRAP CAGE.

**Sent by G. W. Palmer, 1, Eldon Row, Dolgelly.**

The sketch is of a simple and easily made "catch all" trap cage, of ½in. mesh wire. Get the frame whatever size you require (according to what you are about to catch). On one side, in the wire, you will make a little wire tunnel (like A), say, 9in. inwards.




**A "Catch-all" Trap Cage.**

Make a hole big enough for a Blackbird, or larger, according to the birds you are catching. Also make a door, as B. The cage is covered with ½in. mesh wire, and is then ready for use. All you have to do is to put it on the ground, put some feed in and a call bird, and leave it all day if you like, for the birds will never get out. I have found it an A 1 trap for catching Linnets, Chaffinches, Greenfinches and Yellowhammers—in fact, nearly every sort (even squirrels). —G. W. PALMER.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## LOWESTOFT & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held March 1st, at "Fox and Hounds," London-road. There was a good attendance of fanciers to hear Mr. Greeves, of Wrentham, tell what he knew about Canaries. Although it was snowing heavily at Wrentham at the time of leaving, Mr. Greeves did not want to disappoint us, and came through it all (a distance of about seven miles). Mr. Greeves, in his opening remarks, said that he thought more could be learned by the asking of questions than by the reading of a paper as members could not remember all that was read to them. He spoke of the time when he first entered the Fancy and of the different types of birds then and at the present day. He invited questions, which he answered in a satisfactory way. He attributed the death of so many young birds at the age of about six weeks to the giving of so much hemp seed; instead of this he advised the use of plenty of milk sop. Mr. Greeves was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Mr. A. Cooper was chairman.—W. LANG, jun., Hon. Sec.

## GUISBORO' & DIS. "Priory" C.B.S.

Annual supper held Feb. 24th at headquarters, Wear's Cafe, Church-st., and proved a great success, everyone doing justice to the excellent catering of Mr. Wear. Mr. Cook presided, and there were also present Messrs. F. Jones (vice-chairman), A. W. Knaggs (treasurer), G. Atkinson and J. T. Wilson (secretaries), G. Jobling, H. Hood, R. Mays, R. White, C. Jackson, E. Blackburn, etc. After supper the open show date was fixed for New Year's Day, 1910 (as last year). The judges for same were proposed. Business over, Messrs. Cook, Hood, Knaggs, Jones, and Atkinson contributed to the musical part of the evening, which was greatly enjoyed. Mr. Cook favoured us with a very amusing dialogue in the Yorkshire dialect, at which he is an adept; next he gave us an account of his visit to some famous bird breeders in Bradford, including Messrs. Holroyd Bros., W. Mundell, W. A. Cowgill, J. W. Denhurst, and Jonas Knight. To all these gentlemen Mr. Cook is very grateful for their kind reception. He related to us what he had seen and learned, and the successes of those he had visited were very encouraging. This concluded a most enjoyable evening.—G. ATKINSON, Hon. Sec.

## OPEN NORWICH P.C.

Second annual general meeting, held at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, on March 6th, Mr. D. Sunderland (chairman) occupying the chair. Balance-sheet for 1908-9 was voted as very satisfactory. Mr. Percy Illingworth, M.P., was again elected president, Mr. Fred Hammond unanimously elected chairman for ensuing year, vice-presidents to be elected by committee, secretary and treasurer O. Mitchell, 13, Lodge Terrace, Bowling, Bradford. A grant of £1 1s. was made to the secretary for services rendered during the past year. The auditors elected were Messrs. H. Simonette, and J. Wilcock, jun. Alteration to by-law 5, to read as follows:—"That the seven highest awards in each class count for points for any trophy or specials provided by the O.N.P.C.; should there be less than seven entries in the class, the lowest award to count one, and so on." Addition to rules of competition: "That all members will be required to mark O.N.P.C. on entry forms, or will be considered not competing for club specials, and points gained cannot be counted in competition." The "Percy Illingworth Cup" is to be competed for in unflighted classes, for most points throughout the season, the three highest birds to count. Ballot papers are to be sent out to all members to elect committee. It was decided that a first prize in a £5 limit show shall not count against a novice member. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to all retiring officials, and this brought the meeting to a close.—O. MITCHELL, hon. secretary. (Kindly note that your letter came unstamped.—ED.)

## WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Usual meeting held Feb. 23rd, at 6, The Broadway. In addition to the "mere men" who were in attendance, a goodly number of the fair sex braved the elements and were present. Mr. W. H. Stoakley presided. One new member was elected, and two ladies and one gentleman were nominated. A vote of thanks was heartily accorded the auditors, Messrs. S. Wright and F. P. Pound. The Secretary reported that all the prize money in connection with the pair show had been paid and the specials handed over. He then read letters from the C.B.U. and the Federation of London C.B.S. With regard to the latter, the Federation asked for assistance to defray the initial expenses of forming the Federation, in addition to the compulsory levy of 1d. per member, and it was decided to forward a sum of 10s. 6d., including the compulsory levy. It was also decided to instruct the delegates to the Federation to vote against novices or amateurs in members' shows returning to novice section after once having taken prizes in the champion section. It was suggested that the annual show be for members only, and that it take place some time in November, but no definite decision was arrived at, and it was left to the Committee to make the necessary arrangements. At the April meeting there will be a judging competition, either of Mules or British birds. A judging competition then took place, Mr. A. W. Curtis being the final judge. Points were as follows:—Mr. G. W. Baker, 11; Mr. A. W. Reade, 10; Mr. S. Wright, 7; Mrs. E. M. Allan, 6; Mr. A. Hare and Mr. T. Brown, 5 each; Mr H. Smith and Mr. F. P. Pound, 4 each; Mr. A. H. Dyke and Miss E. Peachey, 1 each; Mrs. Thynne, Mrs. M. C. Hadley, Mrs. Griffiths, Mr. P. Rorke, Mr. J. Cross, and Mr G. Griffiths, nil. Mr. Curtis very kindly explained his method of feeding when pairing up, and also gave hints as to the feeding and rearing of young, and a most interesting demonstration of the preparation of egg food. He was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks.—H. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

### CLUB NOTICES (continued).

**Sale Open O.S.**—Mar. 15, Technical School, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. W. Bancroft, "Breeding and Feeding for Colour"; friends and fanciers invited. —J. Irlam.

**Stockport B.F.A.**—Mar. 16, Boars' Head Hotel, 8. Table Show of British; date of P.F. Show; nomination of judge.—W. Stallord.

**S.W. London C.B.S.** Mar. 18, Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction, 8.30. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson, "Selection, Breeding, and Feeding during the Breeding Season"; pairs on view and prizes given; fanciers invited. Lidey.

**Sowerby Bridge and Dis. C.B.S.**—Mar. 13, Bull's Head Hotel, 7.30. Annual meeting.—A. E. Morton.

**Wandsworth and Dis. F.S.**—Mar. 18, Ye Old Swan, 8. Annual meeting: alteration of rules, election of officers, etc.—W. Summers.

**West Bromwich and Dis. C.B.S.**—Mar. 16, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Members' Brit. Bird Show, Hardbill, Muling Pairs, and Pairs for Hybrid Breeding. —Duffield and Jennings.

**Wibsey and Dis. C.B.S.**—Mar. 13, Horse and Groom Inn, 5.30. Annual tea and social; tickets, 1/- each.—E. W. Johnson.

## CLUB NOTICES.

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**Ashton-u-Lyne and Dis. O.S.**—March 16, P.S.A. rooms, 8. Framing of new rules, etc.—H. Foden.

**Ardwick and Dis. C.B.S.**—March 16, Blacksmith's Arms, 8. Washing exhibition.—J. Spencer.

**Bradford West C.B.A.**—March 13, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Don't forget tea and social on Saturday next, March 20, 1909.—J. W. Telford.

**Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.A.**—March 17, Jolly Gardeners, Rotherhithe New Road, 8. Fanciers invited.—A. Lupton.

**Barnsley and Dis. C.B.S.**—March 13, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Lecture on breeding and rearing of Canaries, by Mr. Eyre (Dodworth); fanciers invited.—E. Carlisle.

**Bradford East O.S.** — March 16, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Mr. R. Halliday's lecture on "Yorkshires." Arrangements for Easter Ramble and election of delegate for Yorkshire Union.—H. Hill.

**Belgrave and Dis. F. and F.S.** — March 16, New Inn, Loughboro' Road, 8.—W. H. Riley.

**Bolton and Dist. O.S.**—March 17, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8. Demonstration in cage front making, by Mr. J. Smith; fanciers and friends welcome.—H. Parkinson.

**Bath and Dist. F.A.**—March 18, Mr. W. H. Manley (Bristol), will give a paper on "British Birds." Also a table show of Brit.—H. Turtle.

**Birkenhead C.F.A.** — March 16, Temperance Rooms, 8. Table show of Brit. Judge, Mr. Mallinson. Fanciers invited.—J. Richardson.

**Bolton Wood's C.B.S.**—March 13, Victoria Hotel, 8. Report on dinner and concert, appoint union judges, open show discussion. Election of auditor. —M. Skirrow.

**Cardiff and Dist. C.B.S.** — March 18, Maskell's Cafe, Queen Street, 8. Election of officers, balance-sheet, etc.—W. S. Negus.

**Crewe O.S.** — March 16, Burton Hotel, 7.45. Balance sheet for members' show, etc.—T. L. Hancocks.

**City of Bradford O.S.**—March 13, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Classification for members' shows, etc.—F. Rhodes.

**Crook and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 13, Royal Oak Inn, 2.30. Members' table show, 12 classes. Judge, Mr. R. Todd (Darlington).—W. Rutherford.

**Coventry O.S.**—Mar. 17, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Paper by Mr. G. Turrell, on Breeding Cages and Appliances.—G. Peters.

**Cambs. O.S.**—Mar. 18, Prince of Wales Hotel, 8. Committee's report, treasurer's balance sheet, election of officers and committee, etc. — W. Driver.

**Dewsbury Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 13, Royal Hotel, 7.30. Annual meeting and election of officers; distribution of prizes, etc. Intending members invited.—M. Rayner.

**East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.**—Mar. 13, Barley Mow Hotel, 7.30. Washing exhibition, etc.; new members and fanciers especially invited. — L. Booth.

**Gt. Harwood and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 15, headquarters, Towngate, 7.30. Election of judge for young show, etc.—G. Waddington.

**Great Horton O.S.**—Mar. 13, Butchers' Arms, 8. —J. Holroyd.

**Garston B.B.A.** — Mar. 17, Baptist Schoolroom, Earp Street, 8. Members' Brit. Bird Show: Gold., Linnet; Siskin, Twite or Redpoll; Bull, Bramble, or Chaffinch; Greenfinch; A.O.V. Brit Mule; entrance, 6d.; pay out 2d., 2d., and 1d. Judge, Mr. J. Bretherton (Liverpool).

**Hucknall O.S.**—Mar. 15, White Hart Hotel, 8. Special meeting.—R. Greensmith.

**Halifax O.S.**—Mar. 13, Griffin Hotel, 8. Annual meeting, balance sheet and election of officers and Yorks. Union judges.—J. F. Thackray.

**Hatton-le-Hole and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 13, Crown Inn, 7. Election of judges for annual show, etc.—A. J. Nottey.

**Leith O.S.**—Mar. 12, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7. Classification, election of judges, etc.—G. Brown.

**Liverpool O.S.**—Mar. 16, 64, Shaw Street, 7.30. Night show of Brit. Mr. C. Houlton judge; grand list of specials; members to all of specials; fanciers invited.—Metcalfe and Hillmen.

**Loanhead and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 13, Masonic Hall, 7. Booking of hens, to consider extra classes, and election of judges; fanciers invited.—W. B. Smart.

**Long Eaton and Dist. C.B.S.** — Mar. 13, Co-operative Classroom, 7.30.—A. E. Waggitton.

**Longton and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 16, Castle Inn, 8. Federation, selection of judges for open show, and to admit new members.—E. Tams.

**Morley and Dist. C.B.S.** — Mar. 18, Sycamore Hotel, 8.—R. H. Turner.

**Morpeth and Dist. C.B.S.** — Mar. 19, Vose's Rooms, 7.30.—E. Cowling.

**Manningham C.B.A.**—Mar. 13, Mowbray Arms, 6. Annual dinner and distribution of prizes.—W. Holroyd.

**Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.**—Mar. 15, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Mr. S. Birchley will give a lantern lecture "Birds of our Country Side"; table show of British, three classes.—E. H. Jones.

**Middleton O.S.**—Mar. 15, Old Boar's Head, 8. Appointing judge for Young Bird Show, and suggested organisation of societies.—J. Oldham.

**Middlesbrough and Teeside C.B.S.**—Mar. 20, Crown Hotel, 7.30.—A. Wake.

**Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.**—Mar. 17, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 7.30. Election of officers, presentation of cups and medals. Anyone wishing to become a member (subs. 2/6) communicate with me.—J. Bertram.

**North London C.B.A.**—Mar. 17, Public Library, Church Street, Stoke Newington, 8. Members' Finch Show. Mr. J. S. Clarke judge; fanciers welcome.—R. P. Harper.

**Pendlebury and Swinton and Dis. C. and B.B.S.** — Mar. 18, 7.30. New members invited; send name and address to sec.—A. Donnelly.

**Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.**—Mar. 18, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, 7.45. Finch and Foreign Bird Show. Mr. Allen Silver judge; all are welcome.—W. Pawley.

**Perth and Dist. C.B.F.S.**—Mar. 13, Headquarters, 7.30. To elect officers.—R. G. Challenger.

**Scottish National C.B.S.**—Mar. 20, Rooms, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 5. Classification, judges, etc.—J. Winter.

**Sunderland C.B.A.**—Mar. 20, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Washing exhibition by Mr. J. Riseborough; fanciers invited.—W. Reid.

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## CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

### A Persistent Mouiter.

**Anxious.**—As you seem quite satisfied that the bird cannot be exposed to any draught, I think it is not unlikely, assuming that the room is not subject to great variations between the day and night temperature, that the bird was accustomed to a warmer room than yours before you had it. But even in this case the treatment you have been giving should have set matters right. Try the following treatment for three or four weeks, and if not considerably improved in, say, a month, write again and say what condition of body the bird is in; whether plump and fat or emaciated. Also refer to this reply. Keep in a comfortable temperature, not overheated, nor yet chilly, but quite free from draughts and great fluctuations from heat to cold. Feed on staple of plain Canary only; give half a teaspoonful of dry summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with two drops of sherry and one of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it. Twice a week give a pinch of hemp, and three or four times a spray of green food, or a bit of banana as a substitute. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts for two consecutive days as will cover a sixpence, and afterwards twenty drops of Chemical Food every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days twenty drops of the following mixture: Get a pennyworth of citrate of iron and quinine from a chemist and dissolve it in one ounce of port wine. Use as above directed. Limit the bird's diet and treatment solely to what is here named for a month or so.

### Sham Breeding.

**"Rita."**—Am glad to hear bird is better. If you persevere with the treatment it should soon be quite restored. As regards present queries: (1) Am afraid you cannot put a healthy and vigorous pair together with any certainty that they will simply play at breeding and not go further than nest building; I fancy it is only when one is very anxious to rear young that they stick at this point and refuse to go further. Jesting apart, your best plan will be to treat the pair in the ordinary way and let Nature take its course, and if eggs are produced you may either throw them out at once, remove the nest-box for a few days, and then let them start afresh, or you may substitute a dummy egg or two for the hen to sit on for a week or a fortnight, and then let them start over again; (2 and 3) The size would be immaterial, but it should not be less than 20in. long, 11in. deep, and 16in. high; this is the usual measurement of a single breeding cage. You may have one as much larger as you like. A nest-box or pan must be hung securely on the back or end, and a nest bag and a piece of cuttlefish also provided; (4) It is usual to separate the sexes again each autumn, but as this is chiefly to stop them breeding at unseasonable times, perhaps you may prefer to leave yours together. So long as the hen did not exhaust her energies by excessive egg-laying there would be no objection to your doing so; (5) As a rule, the cock does not sing so much nor so well when mated as when living alone. He is apt to put too much "go" and "spirit" into his song. Apart from this, and the risk of overtaxing a very productive specimen, there is practically no danger to the health at all; (6) Gold of pleasure is highly stimulating and specially useful for bringing backward birds into song and good breeding condition. Most large dealers in birds' foods now stock it, but all do not; (7) Yes, you can grow seeds as you suggest, and use the seedlings for green food. It is a very good method of providing green food above suspicion in winter.

### Eyes Affected.

**J. Jack.**—Am afraid your management is badly at fault, or you would not, in the first place, have had the birds mated yet, and the system of using artificial heat only during frosty weather is an absolutely "rotten" one. The birds would be far better without any heat at all. If they have not yet showed any signs of beginning to nest I would advise you to separate them until the end of the month and only mate them then providing they are both in good fresh condition, and ready to begin nesting. Feed as frequently advised in these columns, and see there is no direct draught about the cages. Keep cages, and especially perches, scrupulously clean. Bathe the eye daily with a lukewarm solution of horacic acid—a small teaspoonful of acid to a teacupful of water. After bathing a few minutes shake off surplus moisture from head, and drop on each eye one drop of rose water with five grains of sulphate of zinc and five drops of tincture of opium in each ounce. A chemist will mix you this.

### Doubtful Points.

**"Tail Out."**—(1) Do not mate until end of first week in April at least, and if the weather is at all unfavourable it would be best to wait a week or so longer. By this time the tail will be almost entirely reproduced, and not affect his chances of breeding successfully in any way. Unless the birds are very forward, you would do well to consider the weather conditions rather than mate up the birds upon a prescribed date fixed weeks beforehand; (2) In mating two hens with one cock it is absolutely necessary to have the hens in separate compartments. Mate the cock with the hen that is the freshest (not, of course, until the cock is ready himself), and when she has gone to nest and commenced to sit, remove him and mate with the other hen, leaving the first hen to hatch and rear by herself. When the second hen commences to sit, remove him again, and keep in a cage by himself until the first hen is ready for mating again, when you will repeat the process.

### Two Troublesome Cock Birds.

**Temple.**—(1) As you seem quite sure there are no draughts to which the bird is exposed, I am afraid it is in a room where the temperature varies a good deal, or, possibly it gets chills from bathing. If you have been giving cold baths, discontinue them until the weather is milder. Keep the bird where the heat is as regular as possible night and day, though it need not be higher than you say it now is. Continue to feed as you are now doing, and give as much Epsom salts in the water for two days as will cover a sixpence. After this give linseed tea to drink instead of water every second day in alternate weeks for a month, and on the alternate days for the first fortnight twenty drops of whiskey, six each of syrup of squills, and tincture of lobella, and two of oil of eucalyptus well shaken together. Prepare the linseed tea by putting a small teaspoonful of linseed, a piece of liquorice the size of a large pea, and half a chlorate of potash lozenge in a teacup. Fill three-fourths full of boiling water, stir until all is dissolved, allow to stand until cold, strain, and give in the drinker instead of water; (2) Feed and treat this bird the same as advised to "Anxious." The remarks regarding temperature concerning the other bird also applies to this.

### A Trio.

**Sykes.**—(1) Give the cock that has just concluded his second moult a pinch of Epsom salts in his water every second day for a week, and for a fortnight afterwards, twenty drops of whiskey, six each of syrup of squills and tincture of tolu, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day; and on the alternate days give two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel. If he recovers his health and activity and comes in song he will be quite fit to breed with, but do not mate him for another month yet; (2) You will be able to know when the pair in the two compartments of breeding cage are properly mated by the hen responding promptly to calls of the cock and flying to the wire partition to be fed by him, and by his frequent calls to her, singing at her through the wires, and feeding her; (3) Canaries bred last year will be quite fit for breeding this year. It is advisable, however, to mate them with one over a year old, and not to mate up very late hatched birds early in this season.

### Cause and Effect.

**Miss F. Palmer.**—The bird's condition is undoubtedly due to the recent exposure to draught, which should have been treated at once. Keep him now in a comfortable temperature, without any suspicion of chilliness, but not necessarily over-heated. Avoid above all else the possibility of draughts, or great variations between day and night temperature. Feed on a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple diet, and give in addition half a teaspoonful of hemp twice each week, and every second day until the moulting is stopped give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it. Give a little green food when obtainable quite free from frost three or four times a week, and when not obtainable substitute a bit of banana. In the drinking water give ten drops of glycerine, six each of syrup of squills and tincture of tolu, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day, for a fortnight, or it may be continued longer if necessary, to quite cure the breathing symptoms; and on the alternate days give twenty drops of the following mixture, viz., get a pennyworth of citrate of iron and quinine from a chemist and dissolve it in two tablespoonfuls of port wine. Continue giving this until the moulting is quite stopped. Do not give cold baths until the bird is better.

### Moulting Again.

**Benj. Bordoll.**—No, this certainly is not the proper season for moulting. The proper season is from August to November. Your bird has doubtless been exposed to draughts or to great fluctuations of heat in the living-room. Either or both of these conditions must be removed, and the bird kept, in a box-cage preferably, in a position well away from the fire, where the temperature is of the most equable nature, and also quite free from all draughts. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one of summer rape seed as a staple. Give in addition half a teaspoonful of hemp twice a week, and every second day for the next fortnight half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of sherry and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it. Continue to give green-food as at present. Get a pennyworth of citrate of iron and quinine from a chemist and dissolve this in two tablespoonfuls of port wine, and give twenty drops of this mixture in the drinking water daily for a week, and every second day after, until the feathers have ceased dropping out. When this effect is obtained decrease the frequency of sponge cake to once or twice a week, and omit the additions to it. You may also give a teaspoonful of the seed mixture you have been using as an occasional change in place of the usual supply of hemp as mentioned above.

### Term Defined, etc.

**Novice, Fishguard.**—The meaning of the term "unflighted" is a yearling bird which has not had its flights (*i.e.*, the long quill feathers in its wings) extracted at its first moult. Young Canaries do not naturally shed these feathers at the first moult, and it was formerly a common practice to pull them out, and also the tail, so that the new feathers could be influenced by the colour-food and make the whole bird of a more uniform colour. The practice is not nearly so common now, and a bird which has not been subjected to this treatment is termed an "unflighted" one. Certainly, unflighted birds are quite fit to breed with, just as much so as a flighted specimen. Mate the Green Crest with either a clear Buff, or a Buff lightly ticked on wings, or marked on crown. The Crest-bred variegated with a clear body dark crest of the opposite colour; that is, if your Crest-bred is a Buff, let the hen be a Yellow, and *vice versa*. These pairs, of course, must balance each other as nearly as possible in typical points. Thus, if the Crest fails in size, the Crest-bred must be a good, large, stout bird; if the Crest is small, or badly shaped, particular attention must be paid to selecting a Crest-bred with a well-furnished and nice dome-shaped head, and, if bred from parents not having faulty crests, so much the better. Mate the Buff cinnamon with a Yellow cinnamon to breed pure self cinnamons.

### Aviary; and Sore Feet.

**B.B.B.**—The aviary will accommodate at its full capacity about thirty birds, not allowing for breeding to be carried on. For breeding nine hens and three cocks would be amply sufficient to begin with, and even then if you had good luck with the first broods it would be advisable to remove the first round of young a few weeks after leaving the nests, to avoid overcrowding at the latter end of the season. The perches need not all be arranged in ugly rows from back to front. Put a few in in this way: secure a few natural spars and bushes to the walls, and put in an improvised stand or two, made by planting a stout spar in a large flower-pot full of soil well pressed in, and then nail perches on to this spar of varying length and at intervals all the way up. The spar may be six or seven feet high. Another way would be to fasten the spar to a substantial wood base to hold it securely in the upright position. The nest boxes should be made separately and hung up in various positions singly. Have at least a dozen or fifteen boxes for nine hens to prevent quarrelling. It will not be necessary to remove the eggs as laid. Interfere as little as possible. For the sore feet catch the bird gently each day for a week and hold the feet a few minutes in a luke-warm strong solution of boric acid, bathing them very gently until quite clean, then dry on a bit of soft rag, and anoint them with a little boracic acid ointment. Keep the cage and perches scrupulously clean, and if feet are very bad, fasten a bit of wash leather around perches until the soreness has healed.

### Brevities.

**Will They Die?** (Balloon).—No, I do not think there is the slightest risk of killing your British cock Finches with envy by allowing them to remain in view of the Norwich Canaries whilst the latter are breeding; so you need not suffer any qualms for not providing a few hens for the Finches. Neither will the Finches be at all likely to disturb the Canaries in their family cares, seeing that the latter are caged by themselves.

**Egg-Bound.** (E.M.W.).—You mated the bird much too early and this, combined with the terrible weather we have had, is the cause of the trouble. Give her twenty drops of good gin and ten of glycerine in the water for a few days, and add a pinch of inga seed to her diet every second day for a week or two, and continue afterwards giving it three times a week until the next clutch of eggs are laid. If she does not appear like laying again immediately, I would advise you to separate her until the end of the second week in April.

**Hen Biting Off Toes** (Constant Reader).—Sorry I do not know of any reliable cure for a hen which has a fancy for biting off the toes of young as they are hatched. Try her again this season, and when the young are hatched provide a few mealworms for her, or fasten a scrap of lean raw beef or mutton to the cage wires, and see if that will supply her natural want. If she bites the toes of the young when thus provided for, your best method of retaliation will be to bite her head off—or, rather, let us say, give her a good dose of chloroform, or get your chemist to give her one. This is the only "cure" which I care to give any warranty with.

**Clucking Noise.** (Broadway).—The cock seems to have ruptured a small blood vessel in his vocal effort, and the excitement of breeding will not be without a certain risk of similar troubles arising in an aggravated form. If a valuable bird it would be wiser not to run these risks more than is necessary this year. It would be better to keep the bird by itself away from others for a few weeks and give four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid each day for a week, and every alternate day for another week after. Feed plainly, but well, and keep bowels free by a liberal use of green food, or a pinch of Epsom salts in the water occasionally when suitable green food is not obtainable.

**Crouches on Perch** (C.M.).—Your feeding is at fault, and the bird is doubtless in an overfed condition. Feed on plain Canary only as a staple, and three times a week give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape. Once a week only give a small teaspoonful of egg food on crushed sponge cake, and a spray of green food three or four times a week. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for three consecutive days, and every second day for the remainder of the week. In the second week give four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day, and twenty drops of Chemical Food on the alternate days, continuing the latter for three weeks, and in the third week alternate with it two drops each of tincture of steel and tincture of gentian

**Made a Start.** ("Ernie.").—The fact of having the birds in a warm kitchen may make all the difference between success and failure. Anyway, now the birds have gone so far your best course is to let them go on, and try to avoid getting the kitchen overheated by day, and to keep the temperature up in the early hours of the morning; then you will probably succeed. Sorry I have forgotten whether you described the bird in your last note, so cannot say what they are likely to breed. But this you will soon know if this brood comes off successfully. You should have taken the dummy nest egg away on the evening when the third egg was laid, and replaced the three eggs, and from this time you should interfere as little as possible. Feed on a plain diet until the thirteenth day of incubation, and then to begin to give a small quantity of egg food, and go on from this point as you will find given in full detail in the handbook you have obtained. If there is any point you do not quite understand, do not hesitate to write at once.

**Solution Wanted.** (One in Doubt.)—If you do not want the birds to breed you must certainly keep them caged separately, though it is not really necessary to keep the cages in separate rooms. The cock would most likely cease singing to a great extent when mated. As a staple diet, give plain Canary only, and in addition, and separately, half a teaspoonful of summer rape per bird twice a week, the same quantity of hemp about as often, and a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake or egg food once a week. Give a spray of green food three or four times a week. Occasionally you may give a teaspoonful of the seed mixture you are now using as a staple diet, instead of the hemp, by way of a treat.

**Bare Round Neck.** (Scotch Fancy).—The birds are probably not very young, and I rather doubt your being able to cure the bareness. In any case you will probably find no material improvement until the next moult takes place. Keep the birds in a comfortable and equable temperature and feed as advised to "Anxious," except that you should slightly dust the egg food or sponge cake twice a week with a mixture of two parts flower of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash, omitting any other additions to the soft food on the days when you are giving this. Give twenty drops of Chemical Food in the water every second day for a month. You may also try the effect of adding a few crystals of permanganate of potash to the bathing water when you give a bath—enough to make the water a light pink colour.

## BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

### Canary-Bullies.

**Hope R.**—You don't want to be over-sure, or the disappointment comes all the more severe should no good result. It is much better to remove the Bullie eggs to a Canary foster-mother than to chance the hen Bullie hatching them; it is such a remote chance. The hen Canary, if a good feeder, will rear the young without any trouble on the usual foods supplied to hens having young Canaries under them—i.e., egg food, crushed hemp, soaked summer rape, young leaves of chickweed, shepherd's-purse, lettuce, etc. One word of caution: Don't get messing and fussing about the cage to an utterly unnecessary extent, or you may quite likely put her off her duties. Should she unfortunately neglect them, remember that the hand-rearing of Bullfinch Hybrids offers but little difficulty, even when it has to be undertaken at quite a tender age; the chief things to observe are frequency and regularity of feeding, and giving but a little at a time—not overstuffing them.

### Mice in the Room.

**Perplexed.**—Mice are an awful nuisance once they get on the track of one's Canary seed. They *must* be cleared out. Fill up the runs with broken glass and plaster of Paris. Ordinary poison is not nice, though Battle's Vermin Killer is highly effective, and must be carefully used. If you give plenty of good Canary seed for a few nights as a "bait" then leave them a supper of dressed seed; the havoc it plays among the little pests is astonishing. But the best way to deal with mice is to exterminate them—easily accomplished by the aid of a tube of Mice Virus (or Danysz Virus), which any chemist would obtain for you. Birds will not thrive when mice are continually entering the cages, and fouling the seed, etc. To prevent the little pests climbing up the legs of cage-racks, the best thing is a sheet of tin (say, a biscuit-tin lid), fitted round the leg. Cut out a hole in the centre for the leg to fit through, arranging to leave a sort of flange for tacking to the wood. Mice cannot get round this; but it is astonishing what they will do to get at canary seed—climb walls, drop off ceilings, and perform all sorts of extraordinary feats.

### A Blackbird.

**C. Morgan.**—Your method of feeding has brought the trouble about. No Blackbird will thrive for any length of time on soaked bread and crushed hemp soed. The "seurvy" you speak of, or bareness round about the eyes, may not disappear until after the next moult. Some vegetable ingredients in the soft food are essential, while Blackbirds are passionately fond of ripe fruit. Feed the bird on the following lines (any good corn dealer would mix you the stock food). Stock mixture (store it in tins): Finely ground Chicken or Game (or Pheasant or Partridge) meal, six parts; ground silkworm pupae, meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies, one part each, by measure. Get the Game (or other) meal without grit. If you have any difficulty in doing so, finely crushed puppy cakes (or puppy meal) makes an excellent substitute; or the "broken" biscuit obtainable from the grocer. If the latter be used, add an extra part of meat meal and silkworm pupae. Damp quantity required for daily use with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season, or cold boiled potato. Vary them frequently, and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg flake, or half a hard-boiled egg, finely minced up, occasionally. Give some mealworms daily, and any other insects you can lay hands on, also ripe fruit and berries frequently, and according to season. A bath "every three weeks" is no use at all.

### Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids.

**Verax.**—I think the Goldie-Bullie cross is as pretty as any we have, and certainly they are very pleasing Hybrids, being so amiable, as it were, in disposition. They are great favourites with me. The matter of Hybrid breeding is a lengthy subject, quite impossible to deal with in these query columns, which are intended to help fanciers in doubt on some particular point or other. Several excellent articles on Mule and Hybrid breeding have appeared lately in CAGE BIRDS (you should also see the ANNUAL), and readers should follow the advice therein. You should also read and be guided by the excellent article by Mr. C. Houlton now running in our columns, which is chockful of sound, practical advice on feeding British birds. Both Goldfinches and Bullfinches come into breeding condition in due course if correctly fed. Follow the lines laid down in my recent answers. Both species should have plenty of young dandelion leaves, likewise the flowering and seeding heads of dandelion and groundsel, shepherd's-purse and chickweed. Give good feeds of niger and maw seeds to both birds daily, and do not stint the Goldie of hemp nor the Bullie of sunflower, while the latter may have a taste of egg food every day if she shows any liking for it. Some fanciers believe in transferring the eggs to hen Canaries, and some (but very few) give the hen Britishers a chance to hatch them and rear the young. When the couples are in cages, the former invariably proves the most certain method, especially with hen Bullies, whom I never find any too reliable. Should you get young offer all of the above-mentioned seeding green foods freely, egg food (or rich insectivorous food, if the hen Bullie likes it), small mealworms, live ants' eggs, and sprays off rose or fruit bushes which are infested with smother fly (aphides).

### Feeding a Bramblefinch.

**W. Lycett.**—A Bramblefinch should be fed in almost precisely the same way as a Chaffinch. They have practically the same likes and dislikes. I have always found, however, they could be allowed hemp-seed rather more freely. As a staple seed mixture give the following; Canary and teazle four parts each, summer rape, charlock, and linseed one part each, sunflower and safflower half-part each, maw a quarter part. Smashed walnuts (and other nuts, such as the shelled nuts sold by many fruiterers), are greatly relished also, and should be given occasionally in the light of a special treat, a teaspoonful of hemp might be given every other day. Give a mealworm or two every day or so, varying same with flies, smooth caterpillars, grubs, earwigs, spiders, aphides, gentles, wasp grubs, etc, as obtainable. Bramblefinches will sample most kinds of live food. These birds are not particularly keen on green food, but will nibble a sprig of shepherd's purse, chickweed, groundsel, dandelion, etc. Radish, turnip, and summer rape seedlings, are usually eagerly devoured, however, when just sprouting, which they soon begin to do when soaked in cold water.

### A Muling Goldfinch.

**Tommy Burns.**—As I have remarked in another answer, Goldfinches will come into breeding condition in due course, if well fed. Most fanciers seem to forget that the Goldie is naturally a late breeder, May being the month he selects to "keep house" in. Feed your bird on the following lines: This is the seed mixture I am using at present for my own Goldies; Teazle four parts, Canary and hemp three parts each, linseed one part, safflower, summer rape, and charlock half-part each. In addition I have two other mixtures, of which I give a small teaspoonful daily—one, one day, the other the next day, and so on. They are (1) niger three parts, and maw one part; (2) thistle three parts, dandelion and sesame two parts each, lettuce, gold of pleasure and cornflower one part each. All are mixed by measure. These seeds are those I have found by long experience the Goldfinch is particularly partial to, and as "tit-bits" they help to bring them into song and condition quicker than anything else I know. Plenty of dandelion, young tender leaves, and flowering and seeding heads, are essential also, to bring them along into breeding condition.

### Linnet and Goldfinch for Muling.

**Started.**—The Goldie's food is given in reply to "Tommy Burns" this week. The feeding of the Linnet I have often dealt with, and can only repeat that this is how I feed my own, with the best of results, both as regards song, muling and exhibition. Stock seed mixture: Canary, three pints, teazle two pints, summer rape, charlock, and linseed one pint each. In the winter (if the birds are in a cold room) and during the moult, about one pint of hemp should be added to the stock mixture. A feed of maw and niger, and a good wild seed mixture can be given frequently (varied) by way of a change. Let them have a little green food, especially rape seedlings, in the winter, and ripe seeding shepherd's purse, chickweed, plantain and groundsel freely in the summer. Many good makers put up a special Linnet (or Finch) mixture in packets, and a feed of this occasionally makes an acceptable variation from the ordinary stock mixture. To bring them on to song and in condition quickly after the moult, the great "secret" is to give them plenty of the best old hemp, and crack it lightly, so that they feed well off it. Also put in the "side-pan," or "tit-bit" drawer, daily a teaspoonful of the following mixture; Two ounces each of gold of pleasure, niger, sesame, and thistle, one ounce each of mustard (the golden-yellow seed), dandelion, maw, cornflower and lettuce. It is the finest "tit-bit" or "refresher" (call it what you will) that I know, and there is no waste. This treatment will bring any bird into breeding condition at the earliest possible moment.

### A Siskin-Canary Couple.

**Peter Piper.**—Cock Siskins give unmistakable signs when in breeding condition. They sing vigorously, "bounce" about the cage, and "feed" their feet, or the cage wires, or the perch ends (if a hen is with them they will try to feed her). When a hen Canary is really in breeding condition she always "plays about" with bits of nesting material, and calls out very loudly at frequent intervals, and when she calls out then the cock birds show excitement if they, too, are in high condition. It is no use pairing birds that are not "fit"; nor when one only is ready. It takes two to make a hargain in this as in all things; if hen birds are not ready it is useless to put male birds with them, no matter how forward they may be. At the same time, I believe the proximity of a "rank" cock bird helps to bring a hen forward. Feed up the hen with a little egg food, and a pinch of hemp and niger daily. You must offer the one thing above all things which helps to bring birds into breeding condition—I refer to dandelion. You should certainly let the couple have a liberal supply of this daily, both young, tender leaves, and the flowering and seeding heads, as soon as they are to be obtained. I saw dandelion in plenty when out this last week-end. All muling and hybridising couples ought to have dandelion; not forgetting seeding groundsel, shepherd's-purse and chickweed. I don't think you will find it any advantage to leave the cock Siskin with the hen Canary after she has gone to nest. You can try it, if you like, but he may prove only mischievous. A likely cause of unfertile eggs with a Siskin lies in the pairing of him to an over-large hen—rendering it more or less a physical impossibility for him to fertilise her eggs. I like shortish, chubby, Norwich type hen as mates for Siskins.

### Brevities.

**In a Scullery** (Anxious Learner).—Exposure to the steam caused by washing operations will almost certainly result in injury to your birds, especially if at all "thick." You will be well advised to remove the birds from the scullery when washing day comes round.

**Two Points** (One in Doubt).—You certainly cannot be "summoned" for keeping a performing Redpoll, unless, of course, cruelty is practised. The use of bird-lime has not been stopped, that is to say, its use is not illegal providing that the birds taken by its means are not protected species.

**A Bullfinch** (H. Moulton).—It is not cayenne pepper which is used, but a "bird pepper," termed red-feed by fanciers. You could give a little mixed amongst crushed seed when the Bullie is moulting, if you choose. Bullfinches are in full swing nestling, etc., in a natural state, in the month of May. They make a commencement earlier, of course.

**Hard Swelling on Body** (W. S. P.).—I am afraid the Thrush is troubled with something incurable. The best remedy you can try will be to shake together half a teaspoonful of glycerine and a teaspoonful of colourless tincture of iodine. Take a tiny camel-hair pencil-brush, and paint the place twice daily (morning and evening), with this mixture. Don't let it go on the surrounding parts; use it sparingly.

**In a Cage** (T. E. P.).—I must confess that I do not know anyone who "breeds Skylarks in a cage." I know that some were bred in a large outdoor cage, a kind of hutch; and they have been bred in an outdoor aviary. But an ordinary cage (which I presume is what you mean) is a very different kind of proposition.

**A Cock Chaffinch** (Sandy).—I do not know anyone who has bred Hybrids from a cock Chaffinch, except by the Chaffinch-Bramblefinch mating. It would be a pure experiment trying either Chaffinch-Bullfinch (what a fine Hybrid this would surely make), or Chaffinch-Canary mating, though I believe good eggs have resulted from the latter, but no young have been reared. The fact that it was not house-moulted would not necessarily prevent a cock Chaffinch from breeding in a cage if a steady bird.

**Bullfinches in a Cage** (A. B.).—It might be possible to get Bullfinches to breed in a good large cage, but the trouble would be to get the eggs incubated and the youngsters (if any) fed, the hen Bullie being very unreliable in this respect in captivity. Note other replies this week; in them your Canary-Bullie question is also answered. The best mating is cock Canary to hen Bullie; the other way round is not a success. June, July, and August, are the great months for Hybrid pairs.

## FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

### Treatment for a Red-breast.

**A. J. H.**—(1) I presume you mean the Virginian Cardinal; if not, you must give me further particulars. Give the following seeds:—Canary, white and spray millet, oats, hemp, and sunflower; also ripe fruit *ad lib.*, several mealworms, or other insects, daily, with the usual greenfood, grit, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing. I should also try it with a little of some good soft food mixture. (2) There is no separate book on Cardiual birds, but my booklet, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1d. post free from this office, tells you how to treat Grey Cardinals, Cowbirds, etc., and the treatment is the same. In the booklet you will find much useful information on foods and general treatment of seed and insect-eating birds.

### Books on Birds.

**Rex.**—I cannot tell you what you require re Gould's straight away; he has several, and those with coloured plates are costly indeed. His smaller works have only figures in the text. Butler's "Foreign Birds in Captivity"—a cheaper edition is now being sold under the name of "Beautiful Foreign Finches," obtainable from the Manager, CAGE BIRDS, who would send you a prospectus on application. There are from twenty to thirty plates, which figure, perhaps, half as many species again. The cheap edition is either a guinea or 24s., while the original edition, with hand-coloured plates, costs four guineas or more. I forget what my copy cost me now. If I can help you further, repeat query.

### An Outdoor Aviary.

**D. C. K.**—I should advise 9ft. of this to be roofed in, and a good-sized shallow bath fixed under the end of open roof; 4ft. of its frontage should be formed into a well-lighted shed, or this included in addition to the space you name. Three-quarter mesh would confine the birds, but would not protect them against cats so well as the ½-inch. Stanley Parrakeets or Barnards would make a very nice addition to those you name, but two additional pairs will be ample. I am not allowed to recommend any advertisers; if you watch the advertisement columns for a few weeks, you should get what you want. Do not get all your Budgerigars from one source; each pair should come from a different place.

### What Bird Again.

**Park.**—It is an Alexandrine Parrakeet, and probably a youngish bird. It should make a fair talker if you keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation; also teach it by repetition of short phrases and words. Diet: Canary seed, oats, wheat, dari, hemp, maize, and sunflower seeds in equal parts; well mix, and let this form your staple diet. Also supply such ripe fruit as is will eat, nuts and plain biscuits; with regular suppplies of cuttlefish, grit, and water. Keep it out of draught, but yet it must have fresh air. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food.

### About an Outdoor Aviary.

**G. A. B.**—Your small aviary appears to be well arranged, and I should certainly hang up several seed hoppers in different parts of the aviary; it is less wasteful, and much more tidy than scattering seed on floor. Keep the floor well covered with sandy grit. Put the drinking fountain on the floor in some position where its contents cannot be readily fouled. You are pretty full up as it is, but you might add one pair each Zebra Finches and Gold-breasted Waxbills; some of them will undoubtedly breed, and they are an attractive series. Hang up double the number of husks and nest boxes that you have pairs of birds. In such an aviary do not entertain the idea of mixing Budgerigars with your Finches; it will only lead to disaster. Yes, the same as are given to horses, supply them both whole and crushed, and let the birds choose. Diet Canary, white and spray millet seeds, oats, paddy rice (rice in the husk), greenfood, and when procurable let them have as much grass in flower as they care to take; lettuce, non-poisonous garden and hedgerow weeds all make excellent greenfood, as also does a little ripe apple or other fruit; grit and cuttlefish must also be regularly supplied. When they are feeding young, a little of some good soft food mixture must be supplied daily (consult our advertisement columns).

### Parrakeets for Outdoor Aviary.

**R. E.**—When I penned your first reply I concluded you were only keeping Parrakeets in your aviary, and my reply was couched from that standpoint. I cannot recommend the inclusion of more Parrakeets in a mixed series, and I very much doubt the demeanour of the Parrakeets in the breeding season. I have found Cockatiels, Red Rosellas, and Varied Lorikeets quite safe with Finches, Buntings, and Grosbeaks, but others, including Budgerigars, most unsafe, and sooner or later end in disaster. For months I kept a pair of Red-collared Lorikeets in my mixed aviary, and they did no harm; then all at once they slaughtered for me several very uncommon birds, and though they are very rare, I felt like wringing their necks. And yet they are so tame that it is "almost uncanny." If you wish to increase the Parrakeets, confine it to Rosellas, and if you can get then a pair of Varied Lorikeets, both are amiable and hardy. Black-faced Lovebirds could be introduced, but they would want carefully hardening off. Also I think Barnard's would be safe, but I have not had actual experience with this species. Many colours also would do, providing the larger species you have did not kill them. If I have not covered your need, please repeat query.

### Parrot Pulling Feathers.

**F. H. B.**—Use the following mixture:—Two parts each canary seed and oats, and one part each wheat, dari, hemp, and sunflower seeds; well mix and keep a continuous supply in cage. As soon as it has got accustomed to the mixture, I should gradually wean it from the maize; supply it in gradually diminishing quantities till you cease its use. Baked potato will do no harm so long as it is not seasoned with fats, etc. The following items will suffice to keep up a varied dietary:—Ripe fruit, plain biscuits, nuts in variety, greenfood, also cuttlefish and grit. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scaps, or any kind of animal food. Give the bird three or four doses of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful in an ounce of water), with an interval of three days between each dose, letting the above take the place of the drinking water for the respective days. Twice a week spray the bird with quassia solution, choosing a genial sunny day for the purpose, and protecting carefully against draught till dry.

### Another Feather Puller.

**"J.H.G."**—Such cases are very difficult of treatment, and when of lengthy standing, are almost hopeless. In the majority of cases it is the result of improper feeding, and if taken in time, a correction of the diet will bring about gradual recovery of condition. In some cases it is vice pure and simple, and then little or nothing can be done. I should advise one or two doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, see reply to "F.H.B." Continue to spray with quassia, and diet as under: Seed mixture, two parts each canary and oats, and one part each wheat, dari, hemp and sunflower seed, well mix, and keep a continuous supply in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuits, nuts, cuttlefish, grit and water. Note—Tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, and any kind of animal food must not be given. Keep bird out of draught, yet where it will get plenty of fresh air. Keep its bowels freely moving, but the voidings should not be watery. Also keep it occupied and amused with cotton reels, or a piece of branch, and also keep it in your regular room, so that it will get plenty of company.

### What Bird is it?

**"Edina."**—It is always, even with common birds, very difficult to "name" from an incomplete description; however, I have little doubt, but what you have a pair or two Bronze Mannikins, which is a contraction of Bronze-wing Mannikins from the metallic spot of green on each wing. *Spermestes cucullata* is their classical name, and their habitat is Africa. The sexual distinctions are infinitesimal, but I have found the metallic wing spot of small area, and not as lustrous in the female as in the male. If you have a true pair, you will readily be able to see the slight distinctions referred to—while if you are still in doubt, the demeanour of the two birds, if quietly watched for a short period from a little distance, should soon determine. They are not free breeders under any conditions, but I have heard of a brood being reared in a large box cage; put a nest box in one corner, with plenty of twiggy branches in front of it, supply hay, long grass, etc., and leave the birds to themselves. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, greenfood, cuttlefish, grit, and a little of such ripe fruit as they will take—when they have young to feed, a little of some good soft food mixture should be given. At any time when you can procure them a small insect or any kind of plant lice will be greatly enjoyed, and are very beneficial for the birds.

### Parrakeets for Outdoors.

**R. E.**—Barnard's, Barraband's, Scaly-breasted, Mealy Rosella, Stanley, and Yellow-rump Parrakeets would, I think, agree all together in your aviary; but I am doubtful of the Pennants agreeing with the others in the breeding season. I know of more than one case in which Pennants have slaughtered other Broadtails in the breeding season, though previously all had agreed well together. As a matter of fact, Parrakeets are not really safe together while breeding, and on this account I do not advise more than three pairs, at the outside—say, Barnard's, Stanley, and Scaly-breasted, which would form a beautiful and interesting trio. Again, some Parrakeets will slaughter their young when desirous of nesting again, and you really need a general flight as well as a breeding aviary to be quite safe, into which all young birds could be put as soon as they could look after themselves. You must fix up at least double the number of logs you have nesting pairs. The outward sexual distinctions of Pennants is almost infinitesimal; with adult birds choose a rich-coloured bold bird, and one less lustrous in plumage and with effeminate demeanour. The female is also said to have less green in its tail, but I cannot say whether this is constant. None of the birds are more noisy than the Pennant, and will, I think, agree well together in your aviary; but the Pennants will want watching. Two males will agree together as odd birds, but if you introduce a hen, then they will fight, and it will be a case of the survival of the fittest. Have plenty of nesting logs about, and as far from one another as possible, and I do not think you need anticipate trouble. However, all mixed collections need watching, as occasionally a bird that has been amiable for quite a lengthy period will become savage, and need caging for a time.

### Brevities.

**A Feather Puller** ("Anxious").—I should change the seed mixture. Supply that advised to "F.H.B."; also give one or two doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, as advised to "Constant Reader." Spray its plumage twice or thrice weekly with quassia solution, keeping the bird carefully out of draught till dry. Otherwise at present I can only suggest that you keep it occupied as much as possible, and leave it alone as little as possible, and if it can be trusted and is not too destructive, an hour roaming about the room would be very beneficial. The powdery dust is quite natural to all Greys.

**Nine Queries** ("Erasmus").—(1) A few oats and a little hemp at this season may be advantageously given, and greenfood *ad lib.* as soon as frost disappears. (2) The female Orange Weaver is very similar to the English Corn Bunting; the male can be told by his gorgeous dress in the breeding season. The hen Java has a narrower, less arched, and more pointed beak than the male. (3) Java Sparrows often breed, the White variety more frequently than the Grey. Weavers very seldom make any attempt to reproduce their kind in captivity. (4 and 5) Your Budgerigars are about normal; the weather is largely responsible for their being a trifle erratic. (6) The variableness of individual pairs. They will settle down shortly. Do not give them much encouragement to breed for a month yet. (7) Very nice and comfortable; these birds don't want heat. (8) It will inconvenience it very little, but it should be cut back, but you must not cut back to the small vein to be found there. (9) Nothing extra, save, perhaps, a few oats and a stale crust of bread, though quite probably they will not touch the latter.

**Foreign With British** (Delta).—You give me an almost impossible task, owing to your not saying what species of British you are keeping. Providing you have not heavy pugnacious species and you do not overcrowd, you could include the following:—Zebra, Ribbon, Spice and Chestnut-breasted Finches, Grey, Gold-breasted, Orange-cheek and St. Helena Waxbill, Common and Green Avadavats, Grey and Green Singing Finches, with, say, an Orange and Madagascar Weaver thrown in for colour. Supply white and spray millet, in addition to the Britisher's dietary.

**What Parrot?** (H.M.).—It is a Roseate Cockatoo, an Australian bird, the great majority of which do not do much in the talking line; nevertheless, they have talking capacity, and if you keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, have plenty of company, yet not get continually scared, and repeat to it again and again short phrases and words, it should ultimately talk to some extent. Diet and treat as advised to "F. H. B." omitting the boiled maize. These birds are often to be procured for 7s. 6d. each when newly imported.

**Will It Talk?** (W.B.).—Amazon Parrots have a good talking capacity. Keep yours where it will hear plenty of conversation, and it should ultimately prove a talker. Diet as advised to "F.H.B.," but continue to give a little boiled maize every other day. I should also spray it with quassia solution, as advised "F.H.B.," and after the magnesia treatment, put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food by making the drinking water the colour of pale port wine with the chemical food. If the bird should lose ground at all, repeat query at once.

**Amazon Pulling Its Feathers** ("Constant Reader").—Feed your bird on the seed mixture advised to "F.H.B.," and also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, with a little boiled maize daily; this latter only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel must be kept strictly clean. It must be boiled till soft, but the grains should be left whole. Take the water away over-night, and in the morning give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in one ounce of water, and for the one day do not supply other water till this has been consumed. Give three doses so, with a two days' interval between such. Afterwards put sufficient Parrish's Chemical Food in the drinking water to make it the colour of pale port wine. Do not give any sops or slops. Spray its plumage twice a week with quassia solution, keeping out of draught till dry.

## POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

**Chestnut Finch** (E. W. Ingram).—Chronic enlargement of liver, feverishness involving lungs. More exercise and less food is indicated.

**Buff Canary** (M.W.).—Bird fever.

**Budgerigar** (S. J. Coles).—Chronic softening of liver, recent inflammation in which lungs became involved. An hereditary weakness, or an infectious condition of the stock from which it came is suspected.

## GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

**Judging Extraordinary** (A.E.).—It is against our rules to allow criticism of a judge's awards when it is merely a case of one man liking one bird and another man another bird. After all, everybody is entitled to have his own opinion. And the judge's decision is final in any case. The only thing one can do is to accept his awards in a sportsmanlike spirit.

**The Judges' Lunch** (F. J. Wotton).—Photos of the judges' lunch at the Palace may be had from Messrs. Russell, The Studios, Crystal Palace, London, price 2/6 each.

**Messrs. Cobbett and Co.** (John Dick).—We find there are four firms of timber merchants of the name of Cobbett in London. Can you not supply further particulars, so that we may decide which of them is the firm you want?

**Coloured Plates** (A Regular Reader).—We issued a plate of Border Fancies some two years ago, which will go nicely with the one given with the last Birthday Number. We shall hope to portray the other birds mentioned in due course. The Bullfinch we have already issued, and the Linnet will be found in our ANNUAL for 1909. Thanks for your letter. We are afraid, however, you have no idea of the enormous amount of money coloured plates cost to produce.

**"Poetry"** (We Are Seven).—If you have anything sensible to say on the subject, we shall be only too willing to print it, but "poetry" we cannot stand, especially when it is of a more-or-less insulting character.

**The British Bird Manual** (W. J. Lewis).—Since we received your order, we have had some copies bound in cloth (the two parts together), post free 2/3. We shall be glad to exchange if the parts you have are unsoiled.

**Our Thanks** to A. N. Booker, J.B.W., A. Richardson, W.P., and others, for photographs, interesting news items, cuttings, etc.

**The Lizard** (J. Rukin).—We find it difficult to get a representative of every variety in each year, but will not overlook the claims of the Lizard in the next issue. Thanks for your kind remarks.

**Annual for 1908.** (W.G.).—We have but two or three copies left of the ANNUAL for 1908, with slightly soiled covers; we can send you one of these post free for 8d.

**Photos** (W. Brooks).—We shall be glad to receive the photographs you mention. We are afraid that the one which has just come to hand, is not large and clear enough for the pages of CAGE BIRDS. The result of the "Black Canary Puzzle" was given on page 177 of issue dated February 20th.

**Biscuit, or Another** (G. Wood).—We cannot take it upon ourselves to recommend any particular food or foods; fanciers must decide for themselves. We will say this much, however, that you can with safety use either biscuit or the prepared food mentioned for mixing with the hard-boiled egg. Which is best, we leave to you.

**A Photo** (Henry Smith).—We are very much obliged to you, but the photograph you send is not sharp (clear) enough for reproduction in our ordinary issues. We wish you good luck during the coming season.

**Egg Food Substitute** (W. Moroney).—We make it a rule never to recommend any one particular advertiser; obviously it would be unfair on our part if we did so. There are some good egg food substitutes offered for sale in our advertisement columns, and we recommend you to obtain samples and select the one you most fancy.

# CORRESPONDENCE.

## IS IT A CHAFFINCH RECORD?

SIR,—Can any of your numerous readers inform me whether or not it is a record for a Chaffinch to have lived in a cage for over fifteen years? If they will let me know through the medium of CAGE BIRDS, I shall feel greatly indebted to them.

J. CLARKE.

## LIVERPOOL AMALGAMATED SHOW.

SIR,—A little while ago the new secretary of Carston B.B.A. promised to put the above matter before his society, and get a reason for not holding the show this year. The Birkenhead Society, who were the founders of this show, feel very keenly on the Garston Society allowing the matter to drop. No doubt Bootle will revive the very popular and much-looked-forward-to event, but still the other societies are entitled to an explanation from Garston, and I take the present opportunity of asking the Garston Secretary what his society are doing in the matter?

S. HADWIN.

Delegate, Wallasey Society.

## EARLY CRYSTAL PALACE CAGE BIRD SHOWS.

SIR,—Anent the above and Mr. Verrall's doubt as to whether any Hybrids were exhibited at the Crystal Palace before 1880, I can verify the accuracy of your editorial footnote as to Mr. Sandell being in possession of several hybrids in the year 1875, for in that year there was a capital bird show in the Corn Exchange in this town (Reading). And I can remember seeing Mr. Sandell enter the show in the company of the late Mr. W. A. Blakeston, who was about to judge the birds. I am under the impression that Mr. Sandell was on the staff of "The Journal of Horticulture," the only paper which at that time made any business of the reporting of bird shows. Mr. Sandell kindly staged several Hybrids "not for competition," and so far as I can remember they were all in one cage. These would most likely be the identical specimens shown at the Palace.

Reading. J. NORTH.

## A MEMBER FROM FAR-OFF INDIA.

SIR,—Will you kindly note in your valuable paper that Mr. P. Hunter, the well-known Canary breeder, of Bombay, India, has become a member of the Sunderland Cage Bird Association. Surely this is an honour that is seldom conferred upon a provincial society, and our members greatly appreciate it, for it shows in what high esteem this association is held by fanciers both near and far. I might add that this is the gentleman to whom I forwarded the consignment of Crests and Norwich early in December, although all the birds were not for him alone, some of them being for two other gentlemen. Mr. Hunter informs me in his letter that he is this season putting up nine pairs for Crest breeding, two pairs of Norwich, one pair of Lizards, one pair Goldfinch and Canary, one pair Greenfinch and Canary, one pair Nepaul Goldfinch and English Goldfinch, one pair Redpoll and Canary, and that he intends trying a nest off a Bullfinch and Afghan Goldfinch. It is the wish of all our members that he may have a most successful breeding season. I might add that Mr. Hunter spoke very highly in his letter of the grand report of our late show which appeared in CAGE BIRDS. Should this paragraph catch the eye of any other of our colonial friends who desire to join us, I shall be very pleased to forward to them all particulars.

W. REID, Hon. Sec.

## THE STAINED CANARY AT HERTFORD SHOW.

SIR,—Having read the paragraph in "Twitterings," referring to my suspension from the Hertford Fanciers' Association, for dyeing a Canary, I beg to be allowed a little of your valuable space to explain my side, and ask the opinion of your numerous readers. First, I admit dyeing the bird, but not to win or to defraud the other members. This is proved by the fact that I dyed the worst cross-bred bird I could find, and I invited several members of the committee and members of the Association to come and see the bird before sending it to the show. Secondly, the matter would never have become public, or anything have been said about it in the Society, if I had not exposed the bird myself after the show was over. Now my reason, and only reason, for doing that—which I admit is a very wrong thing to do, especially if done to win, was that I considered on a previous occasion the judge did not carefully judge the members' classes, and I put this bird in to see if he took the trouble to look at them. The result was he gave the bird 3rd prize, when there were two Mules without cards in the same class. His excuse to the committee is that the class was small (only five entries), and there were only two birds worth looking at, and he did not trouble to look at the others. (How did he know what they were like if he admits not handling them?) The bird is not carefully dyed. Any amateur who has ever taken the trouble to look at a fed bird would immediately exclaim what a colour, and what breed do you call it? I should like your readers' opinion of a judge who passes such a bird and the action of a society who suspends a member because he tries to find out a fault in the interest of its members.

W. J. SMITH.

## CAGE CLASSES AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—*Re* the correspondence on the above subject, we beg to state that we ordered some cages, 20in. single breeders, as exhibited at the Palace Show by Messrs. Palmer and Sons, and that they were all up to sample, and gave the greatest satisfaction, the packing being especially commendable.

MILLS AND WRENN.

## WHAT IS A NOPE?

SIR,—In this week's CAGE BIRDS I see a correspondent asking: What is a Nope? I have been a catcher of Bullfinches for thirty years, and in this district we always call Bullie the "Nope." If one catcher meets another and asks: "What are you after?" "I have been 'Noping,'" is the reply, if he has been Bullfinch catching.

O. B.

North Evington, Leicester.

## A NOTED LINNET.

SIR,—While Mr. R. D. Parlett can congratulate himself on the success of his Linnet, it is right to point out to him that it is not the case, as he mentions in his letter, that his Linnet ran so close for the special for the best British bird at the Scottish National Show, the fact being that it was never taken out to compete for the special. The three birds which were taken out were the first prize Fieldfare, the Yellowhammer, and the Bullfinch cock, and the last-mentioned got it.

F. A. WATT.

## THE EARLY BIRDS.

SIR,—In your last issue I read with interest the remarks under the heading of "The Early Birds," by Mr. E. Adams, of Scarborough. It will not fail to interest this gentleman and other of your readers to know that I have four young Norwich Canaries looking well after themselves, which were hatched on February 2nd. The mother of same is sitting on the second nest of five eggs, due to hatch March 10th.

Wimbledon. A. HARE.

SIR,—Seeing the account of some early birds in last Friday's CAGE BIRDS, I thought I would let you know that I have some young birds out. I have had eight hatch out since the 23rd of February up to March 3rd. I expect some more by March 10th. The young are doing well and the heat of the room has not been below 50 degrees. I have also a Linnet in full song and a hen Goldfinch, in the same room as my Canaries. It has been very cold here, with plenty of snow, but I hope we shall have it a bit milder soon. I look for CAGE BIRDS to come round on Fridays. I think it a very nice paper, and wish you every success with it.

MRS. SANDELLS.

SIR,—As a reader is making inquiries as to "early birds," I am glad to say I also have three young Yorkshire Canaries which hatched February 19th, and all are strong birds, doing well. I am in hopes of another five on March 10th. For years I have been a regular reader of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS.

E. G. GARRETT.

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## HARDY CANARIES.

SIR,—I have four Canaries, which I keep amongst several Finches in the yard. They have an open outside flight, and they hop about amongst the snow, and bathe regularly in cold water. One of them has been perching outside in the open flight all night during this frosty weather. Two of them are housebred, and two came from another outside aviary. The Canaries have used the outside flight far more than the Finches during the recent stormy weather.

R. S. SCHOLEFIELD.

Winlaton-on-Tyne.

## GOLDFINCHES BREEDING IN A CAGE.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a small space in your valuable paper to relate my experience with the breeding of the Goldfinch in captivity. In the month of July, 1908, I placed a breeding cage in the open. In one end of it I fixed a strong branch from an elderberry tree. The latter, I have noticed, is a great favourite with the Goldie when nesting. I then placed the birds, cock and hen, inside. In a few days a cosy nest was built. Six eggs were laid and hatched. The second time five eggs were laid. The third time four were laid. All were hatched and the young ones reared. The preceding year eight Hybrids were reared by the same Goldie hen mated to a Greenfinch.

JOHN DAVIES.

## ALLEGED EXHIBITING OF JUDGE'S BIRDS AT ARBROATH.

SIR,—Mr. Milne accuses me of seeking notoriety through your valuable paper; well, I fail to see where the notoriety comes in. He cannot, he says, understand how I could exhibit the judge's birds, not being an exhibitor. I don't require Mr. Milne to tell me that, but I am charged with showing the judge's birds, and have been asked by two of our best supporters if the case is true. I don't think it was fair of Mr. Milne to give away my trump card while I was wanting my friends who charged me to explain. I want to know if it is true that anything of the kind was done. Mr. Milne is stumping Arbroath district. He said to one of our trusted officials, that the whole lot were one as bad as the other—that they were "frauds." I am afraid Mr. Milne is out of the "noo," hence his bad temper against his brother fanciers. He also charges me with giving my birds a rough passage home from the show. I presume by his statement he means that I had had too much "hot feed," and therefore killed my birds. This is another false statement. Neither he nor any other person ever saw me making a "rough passage" from any bar. I could give him a "Roland for his Oliver," but that does not edify the Fancy. I admit my birds have always been the last to leave the show. A Mr. Sheriff and I carried them home (about three minutes' walk), and Mr. Sheriff opened one box and I the other. We did not run the birds out into single cages, but put 14 birds in five cages, and they were alright. The birds were all on the perches, so that the "passage" was not very rough. I was not ten minutes out of the hall before I was back again, and did a good hour's work removing staging and putting the hall in order. The birds appeared all right, but they would have been far better if the boxes had not been opened, because the poisonous matter was placed in each cage—as much of it as would have poisoned all the members of Arbroath Society. So, sir, your information has come from the party who never wished to see anything good, but what he had himself. All the information I could get I gave to the Chief of the Police, with certain names, and with all the particulars I received from a Dundee gentleman, who also received one bird poisoned at a district show a few weeks before. For the benefit of readers I can only give the suspects' names to the Chief of Police (I cannot mention them here), but, nevertheless, the birds were villainously poisoned. Does Mr. Milne know that each postmortem costs £1 1s.? The police expert, and one of the ablest firms of solicitors in Arbroath, worked all the evidence up, and proved up to the hilt that the birds were poisoned, and I am certain I know the party. I cannot name him here, but he is the party who told me what he saw everybody doing but himself. Mr. Milne says this is the fourth season of the society, and it has had a hard struggle to live. I may tell your readers it is the healthiest society that ever was in Arbroath, and has cash in the bank, thanks to Mr. John Napier, our secretary. I do not wish to "kick it out of existence," but I want all fraudulent practices purged out of it. I may tell you, sir, I had the live kick at it, and hatched it into life. The same party who made a similar attack on my dogs as on my birds, trying to poison them, poisoned my neighbour's (Mr. Sheriff's). Mr. Milne also says that I try to make the readers of your valuable paper believe I am a sporting man. I am a sporting man all through, and a suit of knickers just fits my calling, as good as a suit of corduroy fits his. I wish to let the readers of CAGE BIRDS understand what I mean by a "sporting spirit." Any fancier winning a prize at Arbroath show, I shall do my level best to see he gets it. That is my sporting spirit. I could show up Mr. Milne's "sporting spirit" over an incident two years ago, when Arbroath show was held in the small Victoria Hall. Since an incident which happened then, I have got nothing but abuse, and language not fit enough for printing. Putting down dishonourable tactics is the reason for attacking my birds and dogs. Since Mr. Milne has let my friends know that I was not an exhibitor at Arbroath show, every fancier knows it was absurd to blame me. I am wondering if Mr. Milne was the party who showed the birds at Arbroath. Or has the story come from the same party who gave the poison, to try and make the judges as bad as themselves? I would like to see the judges at the last Arbroath show make a public denial, as I believe myself the story has arisen from a disappointed exhibitor.

JAMES STRACHAN.

[We have to express our regret to Mr. Strachan that we permitted a somewhat dubious paragraph to appear in our issue of February 27th, over the signature of James Milne. It is quite possible to read into this paragraph the interpretation that Mr. Strachan was the worse for alcohol when taking his birds home from Arbroath Show; and while it may be open to argument as to whether it was Mr. Milne's intention that the paragraph should bear that interpretation, we, on our part, desire to unhesitatingly disassociate ourselves from that statement, and to express our regret to Mr. Strachan that anything calculated to so injure his reputation should have appeared in our pages.—EDITOR.]

## THE CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

### Testimonial to Mr. J. Tyson.

SIR,—Having accepted the position of hon. secretary to the above-named specialist club, will you kindly grant me space in your columns to appeal to all the members thereof, and fanciers who are not members, but who are interested in the Crested Canary. I shall, in the near future, be placing several matters affecting the welfare of the club before the committee, and I should much like to have a record batch of new members for election. Now, then, old members, some recruits, please. To those whose interest has flagged, and who have dropped out of the club, I would like to say, write at once asking to be re-instated. To any lady or gentleman who takes a delight in seeing Crests well represented at our shows, I would say, help by becoming a member of the C.C.C. It is no use thinking that because the shows are over there is no need to do anything at the present moment. Help now! Doing nothing now means doing a lot of grumbling at lack of classification, etc., later on. Given a large membership (paying members, of course), the C.C.C. will be enabled by a spirited and generous policy to induce the various societies applying for the club's support, to provide a classification equally generous.

J. S. CLARKE.

Sunnyside, Prospect Road,
Woodford Green.

P.S.—I am much pleased with the way C.C.C. members responded to my last appeal. This is the final appeal, and I trust the well-known names, not yet on the list, will be there before it closes. Amount already acknowledged, £7 14s. 6d. Since received from: Mr. T. J. King, 10s.; Messrs. Evins Bros., 5s.; Mr. W. E. Greeves, 5s.; Mr. E. Piper, 5s.; Mr. C. J. Willis, 5s.; Mr. F. G. Bale, 2s. 6d.; Mr. H. T. Jones, 2s 6d.; Mr. C. W. Mead, 2s. 6d; total, £9 12s.


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## THE SISKIN IN SCOTLAND.

SIR,—In the "Wild Bird Life" column last week it is stated that the Siskin breeds very sparingly in Scotland. This is a fallacy, as they breed in hundreds on Spey side, especially about Delfur Lodge and other similar places. Before winter comes on you can see a great many old and young ones up there.

F. A. WATT.

## THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

SIR,—The winners of the C.B.U. medals, which will be sent on in a few days, are as follows: District No. 1, Mr. W. Reid, Sunderland; No. 2, J. Davies, Millom; No. 3, E. Godley, Rishton; No. 5, A. J. Coffey and S. Hadwin, Liverpool; No. 7, A. E. Brooks, Cambridge; No. 9, W. H. Tottle, Plymouth, and T. J. Keegan, Bristol; No. 10, D. A. S. Longden, Swansea. I also wish to point out that meetings of delegates are being arranged in the respective districts, to fix up show dates, and I should be glad if those societies who have not already done so would furnish me with the names and addresses of their secretary, delegate and date of show, along with the affiliation fee, 5s. I would remind them that societies not doing so have no right of voting on the question of show dates. If there is no clashing of show dates, a meeting may not be called.

J. RAYNES, Sec.

9, Richmond Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, near Manchester.

## MIDLAND YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

SIR,—Referring to my letter in your issue of February 20th, anent the above, I am pleased to be able to report that my efforts have been rewarded, inasmuch as it was unanimously decided to form the club at a meeting of Yorkshire fanciers, held on March 3rd, at the Crown Hotel, Station-street, Birmingham. May I call the attention of Midland "Yorkie" men to the fact, and request them to kindly attend a general meeting which it was decided to hold at the above-mentioned hotel on Thursday, March 18th, at 7.30 p.m., when nomination of officers, framing of rules, fixing of radius, etc., will be gone into? Should any fanciers who are unable to attend have any suggestions to make, I trust they will be good enough to communicate with me prior to that date. Before closing my remarks I would like to thank those gentlemen who replied to my previous letter, also to solicit the favour of replies from those fanciers I communicated with direct on February 26th and 27th.

W. C. WELLS.

Helmside, Erdington, nr Birmingham.

## THE YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB OF IRELAND CHALLENGE CUP.

SIR,—It certainly gives me much pleasure in granting Mr. Devins' request by replying to his communication which appeared in your last issue. Perhaps it will be interesting to Mr. Devins to know that I am not an Irishman, neither am I a disappointed Irish exhibitor (as I have not yet sent birds across). Neither have I ever written under a nom de plume, or exhibited under it. I think that if any man was a disappointed exhibitor it was my friend Mr. Devins, when he found he could not sweep the decks, as I presume he had anticipated doing, at Clapham against the novices. There is just one clause in your letter which I must take exception to, Mr. D., and that is your query: "I wonder if you did the same (hand over to F.A.F.), all the prizes and specials you dreamt of winning with birds you said you bred yourself." I am not a dreamer, and I have never stated I bred winners. I can say one thing, that I bred winners and exhibited them long before you had any idea of taking up the hobby. So far as your threat, "to keep quiet," is concerned, I fear nothing from any man, as my character will bear clear daylight and strict investigation, and it will be found that, although W. Henry is only a workman, he is respected and honoured. I would advise that no person should throw stones in case they rebound and hurt. Now, Mr. Editor, I regret through lack of funds I am not in a position to accept Mr. Devin's challenge, otherwise I would certainly take him up without fear; but only being an honest hard-working man, I cannot put my hand on a "fiver" easily. However, Mr. Editor, I did not ask Mr. Devins to prove whether or not he was eligible to compete in novice classes. I merely asked a straight question, as I was interested in Clapham show, as some birds I sold (through lack of employment) were, I believe, exhibited there. Mr. Devins was the only Irish exhibitor who sent exhibits and as I know Mr. Devins by sight (having at one time worked in Sligo), I was naturally interested, and enquired, and found that he had been a novice exhibitor in Ireland during the year 1907, and was fortunate in having won more than three firsts in open novice classes. Even though there were only two and three exhibits in a class, a first prize counts as a first, and, according to the rules of the Union, "a novice is one who has not won more than three first prizes in open novice classes." Hence, a novice, having won three firsts, goes up to champion (or amateur where such classes are provided). Yet my friend sends over, and now claims he was entitled to compete at Clapham in the following year as a novice. In Ireland he has to compete in the open competition. It is a pity he did not send to the Palace as a novice; but I suppose the Clapham results put that out of the question. Perhaps the Secretary of the Clapham Show will decide if a novice who has won six firsts in the open novice classes in 1907, can exhibit the following year at an open show in novice classes. Then Mr. Devins will not run the risk of losing his £5.

WM. HENRY.

## THE NESTING OF THE GOLDFINCH

SIR,—Allow me through your valuable paper to answer Mr. Clark, re the nesting of Goldfinches and the number of eggs laid per nest. I do not dispute the fact that Mr. Clark may have seen three nests with five in each, and clutches of six in four nests; but I also say that I have seen scores of nests with eggs in my time, and I still stand by my average. I would remind him that there never yet was a rule without an exception, and never will be. In our own families we think of an increase of one at a time; yet some folk have three. But that does not alter the fact that the general rule is one; and enough, too, in these hard times! I would also like to remind him that there are other things under the sun that I did not mention besides sycamore trees, and simply because I was not writing a serial story for a magazine. My space was limited, and I was trying to write a short chatty article that I hoped would find favour with my brother fanciers.

W. LLOYD.

## THE TYPE OF PRESENT DAY WINNING NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

SIR,—I greatly appreciate the sketch drawn by our friend, Mr. E. Floyd, in your last week's issue. It is just what we want to aim at, and is our whole ambition, especially just now, wondering which are the best hens to mate up to such male birds. Mr. Floyd says that my clear yellow shown at the Jubilee Palace Show is not above standard length, but is an all-round Norwich. Mr. Floyd is not the only one who has commented on it as just what we want. I hope to breed a few more this season. I wish your valuable paper every success.

(Mrs.) A. MARTIN.

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SIR,—Respecting my sketch that you so kindly published last week, may I offer you first my sincere thanks, and if it is of the slightest help to any fancier, I am repaid for the trouble (if anything can be a "trouble" in the cage bird fancy, and I think not, as all fanciers work free and heartily). May I point out, though, that the copy taken from my sketch rather makes the head too dome-shaped, it being slightly over ⅛in. from eye centre, instead of 7-16in., and the chest being 1½in. deep gives a circular measurement of 4.7 inches, instead of 4 inches. This, I think, is a printer's error.

EDWARD FLOYD.

## BARTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

SIR,—I notice a letter in the last issue, re the formation of the "Barton Canary and British Bird Club." As this letter may mislead some fanciers who are not conversant with the true facts, we take this opportunity of stating that the Society just mentioned is in no way connected with our own, which is the "original," (although only two months old). At our meeting on March 4th it was unanimously decided to extend the limits of membership, and instead of a six-mile limit, as originally agreed to, our club is now open to any fancier residing in the Lindsey Division of Lincolnshire. The date of our first members' show was agreed upon. The fixing of the date for our open show was deferred until our next meeting, although I may say that we practically decided to have our show included in the "Show Dates fixed" column in CAGE BIRDS. Several of our members have left us owing to an unfortunate dispute regarding our meeting-place, but I am glad to say their absence has not affected the welfare of our society; our membership is increasing, and we have every prospect of a prosperous year. Our President is Sir B. C. D. Sheffield, Bart., M.P., our vice-presidents are Messrs. O. Wass, C.C., and F. Hopper, J.P., and our funds are swelling, with evident satisfaction to our worthy treasurer. With careful management, hard work and good support from our friends the public, there is no reason why we should not have as good a year as any society which has been longer established.

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## CINNAMON BORDER FANCIES AND THEIR COLOUR.

SIR,—I am glad to see "Your Reporter" has replied to my letter, re his remarks anent the colour of the Cinnamon Borders at the recent Palace Show. In his attempt to back up his remarks I think your readers will agree with me that he has got a bit mixed, and has failed entirely to prove his statements. I find that "Your Reporter" has thought fit to misquote me. If he reads my letter again he will see that I did not say I had not seen a Cinnamon Border till four years ago. What I said was, that it was only some four years ago since I saw a Self Cinnamon cock. I may say I did not breed Border Fancies when they were known as the Cumberland Fancy, but one thing I know, that prior to six years ago there wasn't a Self Cinnamon Border cock on the show bench that could claim to conform to the club's standard. In those days "Your Reporter" speaks about, the Cinnamon Borders were all hens, and were only sports from the Green, and were not anything like the colour he advocates. He also tells me to ask some of the old fanciers; well, I may tell him that I am pleased to say I am well acquainted with more than one of those he names, and have heard them say that the Cinnamon Border of to-day is streets ahead of anything ever seen before. I can also remember the yellow Cinnamon "Your Reporter" refers to, belonging to Mr. M. Jamieson. I say for type and quality she was a good one, but for colour she failed to what we have to-day, simply because she was bred from the green. I agree with "Your Reporter" that we want them as rich in colour as possible, but I think he is making a mistake when he says that Mr. Jamieson's bird was far superior to any Cinnamon staged in the Border section at the recent Palace Show. I also think "Your Reporter" cannot be serious when he states that colour breeding does not receive the attention it deserves. I know more than one breeder and exhibitor who have birds (natural colour) that they dare not show, as in nine cases out of ten they would be disqualified for "colour feeding." I say we are improving every year since colour feed was barred; now one has to breed (not feed) for colour. I said in my last letter that in my opinion if other types of Canaries were moulted out a natural colour the Border would compare very favourably with them as regards colour. I still hold to what I said, and I claim to know a little about what I have said. I should like to hear some disinterested parties' version of the colour of Cinnamon Borders.

CINNAMON BORDER.

(We have had to delete from the above letter several sentences of a purely personal nature. We are glad to allow correspondents to discuss the colour of Cinnamon Borders; but they must keep to the point. Every fancier is entitled to his own opinion.—EDITOR.)

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SIR,—I would very much like to know through your valuable paper what the Cinnamon Club Norwich Fanciers would term the correct colour of Cinnamon? They would greatly help us out of the difficulty, I am sure, and would prevent one's taking a step in the wrong direction, now the breeding season is commencing.

LOST RUDDER.

## LEICESTER CAGE BIRD SOCIETY'S OPEN SHOW.

SIR,—I was very pleased indeed to read last week in "Twitterings" that the members of the Leicester Cage Bird Society were going to hold an open show on December 4th and 6th. It seems a long time since they had an open show, luck apparently having been against them in the last two shows they held. Although the society lost money, I am pleased to say the old, well-known fanciers have stuck together and kept the society going. Although not in a position to hold an open show, they did what very few All England Societies do—they made all the meetings as attractive as they possibly could for all the members, and any fanciers who might drop in, by getting experienced fanciers and exhibitors to come and judge their table shows, give lectures, and washing exhibitions, and what was more, a fancier could always go to the meetings and enjoy himself. The members were always pleased to see fanciers from other societies at their meetings, and gave them a hearty welcome. The old fanciers—men who in their day have risen to the highest rung of the ladder—Messrs. Judd, Ride, Lander, Stevens, Exton, and many more, were always ready to give advice to the novice. I am proud to say that the Leicester C.B. Society was the one that brought me out as an exhibitor, and a great deal of my success on the show bench is due to the advice given to me by the above fanciers. Leicester was always noted for British birds; some of the very best that have ever graced a show bench were caught and moulted in Leicester. I could mention several birds that were exhibited by Leicester fanciers, and their equals have not been seen since. I well remember the last show but one that was held in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, about seven years ago. What a collection! Undoubtedly that was one of the best shows of British Birds which has ever been held in the Midlands. If the Leicester Society engage a specialist British judge, and give a good classification, I would be willing to guarantee a few of the classes against loss, or I would be willing to join three or four British exhibitors and guarantee the whole of the British classes against loss. And if exhibitors who are interested in the other sections of the show will do the same, then I feel confident that the Society will go ahead, and take its place amongst the leading societies in England.

HERBERT J. CHICK.

## THE BORDER FANCY CANARY IN THE SOUTH.

SIR,—I am writing this letter in the hope of starting a little discussion on the type of the Borders we see winning in this (the Southern) part of the country. Most of the judges down here seem to me (a novice) to want a thick-necked, stout-chested type of bird. The coloured plate with the Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS shows us two lovely Borders if we could manage to breed them as good. I believe, however, they would not do much winning in the South; they would be too small and thin-necked. In the grand article for novices in the same number, we are advised by Mr. Patterson to return all "bull-necked" birds as useless. They appear to me to be just the ones we want down here. Now, I should like to know which we are to do: breed true to type, or to try and satisfy our judges? I noticed at the Palace all the other sections had a specialist judge except "Wee Gems." I am sure we should not see so many chubby shaped ones in the cards if we had some of the North country Border judges down this way. Another thing I noticed at the Palace was the absence of Border novice classes. What is the reason? All other varieties of Canaries had them.

Weybridge. J. SMITH.

**Several letters unavoidably held over.**

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

# IN THE COURTS.

## WELL-KNOWN FANCIERS AT LAW.

A case of considerable interest to fanciers was heard by His Honour Judge Bacon, in the Bloomshury County Court (London), on Friday, March 5th. Mr. G. E. Weston, of 45, Clevedon Mansions, London, N.W., the well-known journalist and judge, sued Dr. O'Neal, of Fulwell, near Sunderland, who has recently been very successful at north country shows as an exhibitor of Yorkshires, for "£5 4s., the price, keep, and care of two birds, a Linnet and a Twite, sold and delivered." The case was originally set down for hearing on February 5th, but owing to Mr. Weston being due to judge at the Crystal Palace Show on that day, he applied for an adjournment. This was opposed by Dr. O'Neal, but consented to by the judge.

The plaintiff's ground of action, as revealed by the evidence, was that he sent a Linnet and a Twite on approval to the defendant. The birds were returned, but the plaintiff alleged that while in the possession of the defendant they had been "dressed" with some preparation, consequently he declined to accept them, and sued for their value and keep. Mr. Warden Gowing appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Marris for the defendant.

The appended account of the case is supplied by a reporter attached to the London "Daily Telegraph."

### The Plaintiff in the Box.

The Judge declined to hear any opening statement from the plaintiff's solicitor, and Mr. Weston at once went into the witness box.

Mr. Gowing: During the month of September did the defendant write you the following letter? (The various letters were admitted and handed to His Honour for perusal).

Dear Sir,—Sometime ago I wrote asking you if you had any really first-class exhibition Hardbills. . . . . if you have anything which you can recommend, send it on, on approval, along with price, and I will forward cheque if satisfactory.

C. Duncan O'Neal.

Plaintiff: Yes.—Did you on October 12th write the defendant this letter?

Dear Sir,—I have a Linnet and Twite ready now, grand specimens, and really fit for keenest competitiou, price £4 4s. the two. . . I am not unwilling to send on 48 hours' approval. . . .

G. E. Weston.

Plaintiff: Yes.—On October 13th Dr. O'Neal replied:—

Thanks for your letter offering me the Linnet and Twite. I shall be very glad if you will send them to me on approval to-morrow, *Wednesday* night. Address them. . . .

C. Duncan O'Neal.

P.S.—Try and send them to-morrow night, as it will suit me much better.

Plaintiff: Yes.—What did you do then?—I took the two birds down to business with me that Wednesday morning, and forwarded them to Dr. O'Neal the same night.—Did you at the same time write this letter?

Dear Sir,—The two birds shall leave this evening (Wednesday), per G.N.R. Co. . . . Please return Friday night if not approved. You must remember that the season is early yet, and that both birds are not, of course, up in full bloom; they are improving daily. I have not touched them—even to spray them with glycerine. The Twite, I notice, has still an odd quill feather here and there.

G. E. Weston.

Plaintiff: Yes.—On October 17 did you receive this letter from Dr. O'Neal?

I am returning the two birds to-night, as they are not suitable.

C. Duncan O'Neal.

Plaintiff: I did.—The birds arrived back again after you had left home for business?—Yes.—In what condition did you find them when you saw them?—I found that they had been "dressed" with some preparation and completely spoiled, their feathers, especially about the neck, being all matted together.—What did you do? I immediately wired Dr. O'Neal.

Mr. Gowing: This is the telegram, your Honour: "Am absolutely astounded at condition of birds; disgraceful thing.—Weston." What did you do then? I followed up my wire with a letter.—The letter was read by His Honour.

Oct. 17, 1908.

Sir,—I have to confirm my telegram of this evening, saying that I am absolutely astounded at the condition in which you have returned the birds, and that it is a disgraceful piece of business. . . I cannot conceive how anyone in your position could have two birds "dressed," and after they have been spoiled in the process, coolly pack them off back again. . . . However, luckily I have a well-known fancier friend who saw the birds just previous to them being sent along to you, and I will see what steps can be taken to redress the balance between yourself and myself. . . . It is unthinkable that other people's property can with impunity be served in the way you have served these two birds (or someone on your behalf).

G. E. Weston.

Mr. Gowing: On October 19th did you receive this letter from defendant?

Sir,—I am at a loss to understand the singular vehemence of both your telegram and letter. Your birds were very much inferior to your description of them, and I looked carefully after them, packed them myself, and returned them (insured) by a fast train on Friday night, as you desired.

C. Duncan O'Neal.

Plaintiff: Yes.—Mr. Gowing here handed the Judge plaintiff's reply, but His Honour, who had previously had difficulty in deciphering Mr. Weston's letters, exclaimed: "What a dreadful hand this man writes," and handed the letter back to the solicitor with a request for him to read it "if he could."

Sir,—I have no objection to your considering the Linnet and Twite "much inferior" to my description (that is a matter of opinion), and returning them on that ground—they were sent for your approval. All I ask, and have a right to expect, is that they should be returned to me in the same condition as they were sent, and not "dressed" and "faked" as I found them to be on their arrival here. . . . I notice you carefully refrain from committing yourself to the statement that the two birds were returned *in the same condition as received*. Fortunately, I can prove to the hilt that they actually were not. . . . I decline to accept the birds back seeing that they have been tampered with while on approval, which, fortunately, I am, I think, in a position to establish to the satisfaction of any judge . . . much though I regret having recourse to law.

G. E. Weston.

Two further letters were then read, the defendant's reply and the plaintiff's rejoinder:—

Sir,—Your last letter has left me as much perplexed as did the preceding one, as I cannot understand what could have happened to the birds. My maid and myself were the only two people who saw the birds, which were only twice touched. . . . When they came the bath was put in for them, which they took and seemed to enjoy. Of the art of faking and "dressing," I am entirely ignorant, although one has heard a good deal of it. I am extremely sorry that anything should have happened to your birds, and am writing you thus (at length) to see whether the difficulties cannot be explained. . . . If the legal measures (which you refer to) seem to you the best, then I am prepared to defend the case.

C. Duncan O'Neal.

Oct. 23rd.

Sir,—I make no charge of "fraud" against you, nor of "faking," using that word in its worst sense. I take my stand on the fact that the Linnet and Twite were not returned to me in the same conditiou as they were sent to you (vide my previous letters). They have been dressed (or "prepared for show") in a way well understood in the North, and "dressed" so badly that they have been spoiled, hence my complaint, for I could not offer them for sale to another possible customer. Unless it were intended to keep the birds, they ought not to have been treated in this way. I must leave the matter entirely in your own hands. I believe myself quite justified in the course I have taken, though I regret the necessity.

G. E. Weston.

In reply to further questions, Plaintiff said that the birds were seen on the Wednesday before they left, by a Mr. Turnher, and on the following Monday by a Mr. House, and afterwards by Mr. Turnber again.

Mr. Marris, in cross-examination, asked: You are sure the birds you received back were the birds you sent to Dr. O'Neal? Yes.—Where were they on the Wednesday? At my office.—Who took them to the railway station? I packed them, took them, and insured them myself.—In your first letter you say the birds are splendid specimens, with all the good points, then in your second letter you point out that they have faults.—Oh, no; I only point out that they are not at their best.—I put it to you that you had never seen the birds at all when you first wrote Dr. O'Neal? It is absolutely untrue.—I suggest that you were selling these birds on commission? I have never sold birds on commission in the whole of my career.—How did you come into possession of them? The Linnet I bought and moulted myself. The Twite I bought from Mr. Turnber a week or two before writing Dr. O'Neal.—Where did you keep them? In a large flight cage.—With other Linnets and Twites? With other Linnets, but this was the only Twite.—You are well acquainted with the various methods of "touching up" birds for exhibition? Certainly; it is necessary, as a judge, that I should be.—Did you do anything of this nature to this Linnet and Twite? Nothing whatever.—In your letter you mention the spraying of birds with glycerine. Do you use glycerine on your birds? Yes; it is a common practice with fanciers who exhibit.—What do you suggest was used on these birds? I should say glycerine, with probably the addition of some spirit. But they were badly overdone, quite spoiled.

### What Were They Dressed With?

Mr. Frank Turnber said that he had been a fancier and exhibitor for many years, also had judged, and was at present aviary-keeper for the Duke of Bedford. He called at Mr. Weston's office, and on his desk saw a Linnet and a Twite. It was on a Wednesday, and he remembered the occasion because it was Battersea Show, and he called about reporting it.—Mr. Gowing asked: What was the condition of the two birds then?

The witness caused much laughter by stating that they looked as though they were "gummed up" and spoiled, and by repeating this assertion after the question had been put to him a second time. He seemed surprised at the sensation caused by his replies. After some trouble, and with the assistance of Judge Bacon, who addressed some heated observations to the witness, he was made to understand that the Court wanted to "begin at the beginning." Mr. Turnher explained that he thought the question referred to the second time he saw the birds. He said that on the first occasion they were in perfect condition. They were very good birds. Later, Mr. Weston sent for him, and when he again saw the Linnet and Twite they were "gummed up." They looked as though an attempt had been made to "dress" them, but the result had been to mess them up. The feathers were all sticky and matted.—He thought glycerine in some form had been used.

In cross-examination by Mr. Marris, witness said the second time he saw the birds they were at Mr. Weston's house in his birdroom.—Had Mr. Weston other Linnets and Twites there? He had some Linnets, but I did not see any Twites.—Were they in a flight? Some of them. Were the Linnet and Twite you called to see in this flight? No, they were in separate cages.—How could you tell they were the same birds that you saw previously? It is easy for fanciers to remember birds. The Twite I could have told anywhere.—His Honour: The shepherd knows his sheep (laughter).—The witness placed the date of Battersea Show as October 15th, and Mr. Marris at once pointed out that this was Thursday, when the birds were already in Sunderland.—Mr. Gowing said the witness had already stated it was on a Wednesday when he first saw the birds, and pointed out that Battersea Show was held on two days, October 14th and 15th.

### Before the Bench.

The Linnet and Twite were produced in Court, in company with a bird whose feathers had not been "dressed," and were closely examined by the Judge. He drew a smile from the fanciers present by laying down one of the show-cages upon its back, which, by the way, the discerning usher quickly righted.—Mr. Turnber said that in his opinion the two birds were those which he saw at Mr. Weston's office and house.

Mrs. Weston was called, and explained that her maid brought the birds to her about midday on the Saturday, and that she unpacked them and put them in the birdroom. No one saw or touched them until Mr. Weston went to look at them in the evening. They were not put back into the flight.

Mr. C. A. House, the next witness, said that he was a journalist and judge. He had been a judge for 21 years. He remembered Mr. Weston calling him into his office soon after 9 o'clock on the morning of October 19th.—Mr. Gowing: Tell His Honour what occurred.—Witness: Mr. Weston pointed to a Linnet and a Twite, which he had in show-cages on his desk, and asked me my opinion of them. Directly I saw them I said: Some one has been trying to "dress" these birds and has made a mess of them. Mr. Weston then explained the circumstances of the case.

Mr. Marris, cross-examining, asked whether it was not customary to "dress" birds with glycerine in order to improve the appearance of their feathers before sending them out to a show?—It is a custom to deal with birds in that way; not with crude glycerine, however.—He did not say that these birds had been dressed with glycerine; he said that they had been dressed with something, and that that something had made them in a terrible mess. Their feathers looked "sticky" and particularly bad round the neck.—Asked whether he could identify the two birds in Court, he said that in the case of the Linnet he was quite certain, because he still saw traces of what he observed on October 19th; of the Twite he could not be positive. He had not seen the birds since October 19th. Fanciers could carry birds "in their eye" for long periods. He could tell his own birds in the dark. (This caused hearty laughter, during which Mr. House explained that he was referring to his pigeons and fowls, by handling them, and made His Honour laugh by reminding him of his own saying: "The shepherd knows his sheep"). He knew nothing about the date of Battersea Show.

After he had left the box, Mr. House was recalled by Judge Bacon, who asked: What was your opinion of the birds when you looked at them? Were they two good birds?—They were two very good birds spoiled, your Honour.

Mr. Charles Prior was called, and said, in reply to Mr. Gowing, that he was a well-known exhibitor, had officiated as a judge, was a specialist in Linnets and Twites, and had written a book concerning them. He had examined the Linnet and Twite, the subjects of this action, and the birds had obviously been overdressed.—In reply to His Honour, he said that he considered they were two excellent birds. They did not show the effects of the "dressing" very much now. This was only what he should expect seeing that five months had elapsed. He considered that if these birds were kept from water they would show traces of the dressing until they moulted.—In cross-examination, he said that he should think it likely that glycerine in some form had been used on the birds. He knew nothing about Battersea Show.

### The Defendant in the Box.

Dr. O'Neal was then called, and said in reply to his solicitor, that he was a medical man in practice at Fulwell, near Sunderland. He answered an advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, and had the Linnet and Twite, the subjects of this action, sent down to him on approval. Immediately he unpacked them he saw that they were not good enough, and decided not to keep them. They were placed in stock cages, and carefully tended, and returned on the Friday night as requested by Mr. Weston. He was having breakfast when they arrived, and they were brought into the dining-room by his maid, in whose presence he inspected them, and said at once that he would not keep them. His maid took them to the station, which was three miles from his house. He did nothing whatever to the birds while they were in his possession. His maid generally attended to his birds. He knew nothing whatever about the process of "dressing." He had never seen a bird "dressed." He had never sprayed a bird in his life, and never "got a bird up" for show. He refused the birds in question because they were inferior specimens. He did not actually touch them. He looked at them as they were in the cages. It was not necessary to touch a bird to judge it. He had merely ordered the birds on approval, and had sent them back as unsuitable.

Mr. Gowing, in cross-examination, said: You made up your mind at once that the birds were unsuitable as soon as you unpacked them? I made up my mind at once to send them back; they did not seem good enough to me.—Did you do anything to the birds while in your possession?—I did not touch them.—Answer my question. Did you do anything to them? Nothing at all.—But look at your letter in which you admit that you gave them a bath. Is it not a curious proceeding to take birds off a night journey and give them a bath? I do not think so. I say the birds enjoyed the bath.—Was there anything in the bath? It was pure water only.—Nothing in the water? Nothing at all.—The witness added that until he read in Mr. Weston's letter a reference to "glycerining," he had never heard of such a process.—Have you read any text-books concerning bird-keeping and exhibiting? Yes.—Do you read Fancy papers? Yes.—Do you mean to say that in these text-books and papers you have read nothing about getting birds up for show, and the use of glycerine? No, I have never read anything.—I suppose you would describe yourself as a novice? What do you mean by a novice?—Surely you know that. An exhibitor for a short time only.—I commenced to keep and exhibit birds about four years ago.—You have won many prizes? Yes.

The defendant said that he had only one British bird, a Linnet, on October 15th. He had not exhibited any that season.—He was asked to look at a catalogue of Morpeth Show, held October 17th, and admitted that he had a Linnet and a Twite entered there. They were the birds he ordered from plaintiff. But as they were not good enough he returned them and forfeited his entrance fees. He admitted that he wanted the birds sent on the Wednesday so that he might have them in time for Morpeth Show.

Mr. Gowing: I put it to you that you were also anxious to have them in time to "dress" them, or "get them up" for show? I have said that I have never "dressed" a bird, or got one up for show.—Have you never washed a bird? I don't call washing a bird "getting it up for show."—Has anyone got up birds for show for you? No, no one.—Do your know Mr. J. Riseborough? Yes.—Has he ever washed any birds for you for show? No.—Or helped to get any up for show? No.—He is well-known as an expert washer of birds? I believe so.—Has he never assisted you? No.

Isabel Moncrieff said she was housekeeper to Dr. O'Neal, and generally attended to his birds. She remembered the Linnet and Twite coming. Her employer made up his mind at once that he would not keep them. No attempt was made to "dress" them for show while they were at Dr. O'Neal's house.

In answer to Mr. Gowing she said she very rarely left the house, and was at home all the time the plaintiff's birds were there.—Judge Bacon: What? all the time? A dull life, is it not, never going out? Who orders the dinner? Who gets in the meat?—Witness: Of course I go out sometimes.—Judge Bacon: I am very glad to hear it.


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Answering further questions, she admitted that sometimes her duties took her into the upper regions of the house; that Dr. O'Neal could be in the birdroom alone; and that she would have been unable to tell whether or not the birds were "dressed" when packed for the return journey.

Mr. Marris, in addressing the Judge, submitted that the plaintiff's case had not been made out. Dr. O'Neal had given his evidence in a very straightforward way, and had withstood the cross-examination very well. He had sworn that he did not do anything to the birds, and his evidence was supported by that of his housekeeper. He drew attention to the evidence of one of plaintiff's witnesses, who had said that he saw the birds on a date when they were, as a matter of fact, in the defendant's possession. He submitted that this witness's evidence was not entitled to be credited, and that he never saw the birds at all.

Mr. Gowing, in reply, said that the witness referred to by the defendant's solicitor had stated that it was the Wednesday of the Battersea Show before any date had been mentioned. He drew attention to the fact that defendant had the two birds entered for a show, and thus had a reason for getting them up for show. He submitted that the evidence pointed to this being the case, and that when he found the birds had been spoiled he sent them back to the plaintiff. What interest would the plaintiff have in "dressing" them? Was it likely he would risk the position he held, and his position as judge, by bringing an unfounded charge of this nature? He received the birds back in such a condition that he could not do otherwiso than take action against the defendant to recover their value.

### The Judge's Decision.

Judge Bacon, when giving his decision, said it appeared that one side or the other so "dressed" the birds as to spoil their appearance. The plaintiff had sworn that he did not "dress" them, and a witness had said that the birds were in perfect condition on the day they were sent away. The defendant had also sworn that he did not "dress" the birds. He had arrived at the conclusion that the birds were "overdressed" when they got back to the plaintiff. That had not been disputed. The defendant had told them that he intended sending the birds to a show. But he at once decided they were not suitable. It was a remarkable fact that Dr. O'Neal, who claimed to be a novice, saw that these birds were inferior specimens at once, as soon as unpacked. Yet expert evidence said they were splendid birds. Three judges—one a judge of 21 years' standing—said so. This was not a sale. The birds were on approval, and it was impossible to believe that the plaintiff would send them in such a state that they were not likely to be accepted. The only conclusion he could come to was that Dr. O'Neal, having entered and paid his entrance fees, did "dress" the birds. Such simplicity as he had evinced was surprising on the part of one who showed birds and won prizes. It was difficult to be convinced that such a man had never heard of "dressing" birds for exhibition. It was well known that gardeners, florists, pigeon, poultry, and dog fanciers all had to prepare their exhibits; they would stand no chance of winning if they did not. He could hardly think that Dr. O'Neal, who, on his own showing, had been an exhibitor for four years, was unacquainted with the preparing of birds for show. He gave judgment for the plaintiff.

Mr. Gowing applied for costs on a higher scale, but His Honour refused this. Mr. Marris then objected to the amount claimed by the plaintiff for "care and keep" of the birds, offering 3d. per week. His Honour said that his judgment was for the full amount claimed, with costs.

## GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

### Annual Dinner.

Annual dinner and presentation of prizes, held at the Bee Hotel, John's-lane, Liverpool, on March 2nd. Mr. Walker, the President, very ably presided, and made the presentations, congratulating the winners on the clean, straight and strenuous fight that had been waged throughout the season. Amongst those present we noticed Messrs. Handley, J. H. Isaac, R. Brotherton, Ryno, Deacon, Metcalfe, Hales, Harrison, Hawkes, Lawson, B. Davies, Douglas, McNulty, J. Bretherton, M. Thompson, Donaldson, McMurtey, G. and J. Lloyd, Abbott, R. Davies, Eccleston, F. J. Isaac, J. Hughes, Hopkins, Wood, Harris, Fielding, Western, Slater, Curran, Ispley, Atherton, Crook, Dixon, W. Walker, Hillmen, Cutmore, Rowlands, Bleasdale, Gore, Crawley, A. Thompson, Humphrey, Bunner, and H. A. Nimmo. The following toasts were given: "The King," by the President, "The G.C.A." by Mr. J. H. Isaac, chairman of the Liverpool B.B.A., and replied to by the Secretary, Mr. S. Hadwin; "Kindred Societies," by Mr. F. Handley, chairman of the G.C.A., and replied to by the Garston chairman, Mr. Crawley. "The President," by Mr. F. Handley, replied to by the President; "The Artistes and Visitors," by Mr. Hales, replied to for the artistes by Mr. Jock Graham, and for visitors, by Mr. McMurtey, who expressed very great regret on account of there being no ladies present. During the evening some capital songs were rendered by Messrs. H. Prosser, T. Edwards, F. Pearson, and F. Roberts. Mr. F. Gorman gave some character sketches, and Mr. Joe R. Graham also sang. The following are the prize winners: Yorkshire Greens, cup, Mr. T. Rowlands; medal, Mr. P. Clayton; cash specials, Rowlands, Clayton, Fielden, Hughes, Pickup, Benson. Novice Cup: Mr. H. A. Nimmo; medal, Mr. R. Atherton; cash specials, Nimmo, Atherton, Duke, Gore, Hawkes. Norwich Greens: cup, Mr. V. H. Deacon; medal, Mr. J. Walker; cash specials, Deacon, Walker, Harrison, Ryno, R. Davies. Novice Cup, Mr. E. Lawson; medal, Mr. J. H. Isaac; Cash Specials, Lawson, Isaac, R. Brotherton, Barker, and Abbott. Most Shows, Novices, Messrs. Lawson, Isaac, and Atherton. Most Points, National Shows, V. H. Deacon. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close by singing "God Save the King."—S. HADWIN, Hon. Secretary.

## WIGAN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

### A Presentation.

Usual monthly meetiug held on March 6tb, at the Adelphi Inn, Harrogate-street. There was a very good attendance considering tbe state of the weather. A washing exhibition was given by Mrs. Ridge (wifc of tbe secretary), aud Mr. Dyer, the assistant-secretary. Mrs. Ridge explained tbe various positions, in which she held the bird, and tben proceeded with the washing, which was eagerly followed. The majority of the members were amateurs, who appeared greatly interested. Mr. Dyer then followed, and made his exhibition as instructive as possible. Mr. Vickers (a novice) then had a try to wash a bird, and although appearing very nervous, made quite a good job of it. A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Ridge and Mr. Dyer. Mr. Dyer said that he had a very pleasant duty to perform, and that was to present to Mrs. Ridge a lady's umbrella, and to Mr. Ridge a gentlemau's umbrella, as a small token of the great respect in which they were held. In Mr. Ridge, he said, they bad a good and faithful official, and in Mrs. Ridge a lady who was always willing to do all that lay in her power to further the interest of the society. He looked upon Mrs. Ridge as the assistant-secretary, and felt quite certain that Mr. R. would never have done bis duties so well if Mrs. Ridge had not been at his elbow. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ridge replied, and said that they were both lovers of birds, and that so long as healtb permitted, their services were at the disposal of the society. Mr. Dyer said he had another pleasant duty to perform, which was to make known to Mr. C. Crahtree that he had been made a life honorary member. Mr. Crabtree (he said) had been a breeder and exhibitor of cage birds almost all his life, and a member of this society for a good number of years, but now feeling old age creeping on, and health not good, he was giving up; but in order that the link should not he broken, he was commissioued hy the members to inform his old friend that he would always be welcome at any of the meetings or shows of the society at any time he felt able and disposed to come. Mr. Crabtree thanked the members for their kindness relating (as most old fanciers like to do) many stories of what it was to be an exhibitor in the days of long ago. Mr. Vickers then showed the members a very simple way of making a nest hanger, water tin holder, or perch holder, also how to make a seed box out of an empty mustard tin. Votes of thanks having been passed to Mr. Dyer, and to Mr. Roberts for his conduct in the chair, the meeting was closed, it being one of the most pleasant and profitable meetings the society have ever held.

## SOUTH METROPOLITAN F.A.

### Annual Dinner.

Fortunate indeed were the members of the S.M.F.A. in securing the presence of their president, Mr. G. Stewart Bowles, M.P., at their annual dinner, which was held at "The Firs," Clapham Park, on March 9tb. The room had been tastefully decorated hy some of the members, a goodly company assemhled, and a most pleasant evening was spent. The presideut was supported amongst others, by Mr., Mrs. and the Misses Aslin, Mr. and Mrs. Spowage, Miss Mills, Miss Hide. Miss Day, Miss Millichap, Mrs. Reece, Mr. and Mrs. Priest, Mr. and Mrs. Cattie, Mr. and Mrs. Whiting, Dr. and Mrs. Dunken, Mr. and Mrs. Jarman, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Ansell, Mr. and Mrs. Ware, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Pollock, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Messrs. Geo. Milledge (vice-chairman), Heppell, G. W. Milledge (bon. secretary), Mills (2), Cottrell, Gibson, Gill, Harrison, Grovan, Bryan, Walton, Harrison, Lee, Hill, West, Clegg, Blake, Coleby, Robson, and House.

In proposing "The S.M.F.A.," the president said it gave him the greatest pleasure to propose what was in fact the toast of the evening. The S.M.F.A. was an association of which they could all feel proud. It was not an upstart society; it had been in existence for nearly twenty years, having been founded in November, 1889. It had had its ups and downs, yet through them all it had prospered, but best of all it had established a firm, sound, bonest reputation among Fanciers' Societies. It had been particularly happy in its officials. It bad only had five secretaries in the whole of its career. Two only held office a few months, hut Mr. Aslin, the second, for ten years held the society together. Since tben, Mr. Heppel, wbo had proved bimself a real friend and benefactor of the society, had held office for six years, and it was with great and unfeigned regret that they heard of his retirement. In Mr. Milledge, who had held office since Mr. Heppel's retirement, two years ago, they bad an officer who could fully and thoroughly enhance the good reputation of the society. It was a pleasure to him to be president of a society which had such a grand past; he hoped to be president for many years to come. Theirs was a small society, but then tbey only counted those who paid, and they numbered over a hundred. Prosperity depended not upon members, however, but upon the quality of tbe members, and he thought they had quality, for the society was conducted on sound lines. He was pleased to see such a large number of ladies present, and hoped the society would go on and prosper.

Other toasts were "The Press," given by Mr. Walton; "The Judges," by Mr. Whiting; "G.U.M.S. and Kindred Societies," by Dr. Dunken; "The Ladies," by Mr. Spowage, and "The Host and Hostess." A splendid musical programme was contributed by Miss Millichap, Miss E. Mills, Miss N. Aslin Miss S. Aslin, Mr. L. E. Aslin, Messrs. G. C. and E. W. Mills, and Mrs. F. Taylor.


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## NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Adjourned annual general meeting, for election of officers, held at headquarters, the "Feathers," Great Chapel-street, Westminster, February 25th. Present, Mr. Trower (in the chair), Messrs. Maxwell, Dewhurst, Wyse, Thurling, Silver, Newley, Cooper, Plumbridge, and Carr. London Committee: Messrs. Dewhurst, Weston, Wyse, Dobson, Newley, Best, Hatbaway, Cook, Cutting, and Thurling. Provincial Committee: Messrs. Galloway, Swaysland, Dewar, Norman, Plumbridge, and Hurst. Officers: Chairman, Mr. Robson; vice-chairman, Mr. Maxwell; auditors, Messrs. Cooper and Silver; hon. solicitor, P. Niebols, Esq.; bon. treasurer, Mr. Trower; hon. secretaries, Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr. A committee meeting followed. Visitors: Messrs. Crisp, Tyson, Mugford, and Miller. Minutes of previous meeting confirmed. Letters were read from Messrs. Robson, Thurling, Newley, Carter, Dewar, Hills, Galloway, Longden, Watson, and Birchley. The cases of alleged staining of birds by Mr. P. M'Quiston and Mr. S. W. Birchley were dealt with at some length, and it was proposed by Mr. Dewhurst, seconded by Mr. Silver, that in view of the secretaries having failed to get a reply to their letters from the secretaries of the shows where the alleged staining took place, the matter should stand over until the next meeting. The question was raised *re* Mr. Fulbrook's hybrid being "wrong classed" at the L.C.B.A. Show. Mr. Tyson, being present, said Mr. Fulbrook was perfectly satisfied with the decision of the judge and the committee of the L.C.B.A. It was proposed by Mr. Newley, seconded by Mr. Silver, that this club accept the decision of the L.C.B.A. committee. Proposed by Mr. Maxwell, seconded hy Mr. Dewhurst, that the medals be engraved by Mr. Lott and sent to the respective winners. Proposed by Mr. Dewhurst, seconded hy Mr. Wyse, that the club's annual outing take place on Saturday, June 5th, the place to be visited to be decided at a later date. The following new members were elected:—Messrs. A. C. Askew (Clapham), S. Palmer (Shoreditch), D. A. S. Longden (Swansea), R. L. Crisp (Chelsea). A vacancy having occurred on the London Committee, Mr. Askew was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.—PLUMBRIDGE AND CARR, Hon. Secs.

## SCOTTISH BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Annual general meeting held in their rooms, 142, High-st., Edinburgh, on March 6th, President Mr. Cochrane in the chair. The secretary then intimated that two members, namely, Messrs. M. Craig and P. McQuistou, had violated rule 11, part of which reads thus: "Any member found unfairly or dishonestly competing at any show, or otherwise guilty of any dishonourable conduct, shall be expelled the club, shall forfeit all interests therein, and shall not be eligible for re-election." In the first case it was a Yellow Bunting, which had been disqualified for an alleged trimmed head. The chairman, Mr. Cochrane, being the judge disqualifying same, at Glasgow and West of Scotland Show, vacated the chair, the vice-president, Mr. Bald, being appointed in his stead for this case only. After being fully reported upon by the judge concerned, Mr. Craig was asked for bis defence, in giving which be strongly denied any trimming on bis part. Both were then asked to retire. The case was fully discussed, and the alleged trimming confirmed by a few of those present who had seen the bird. The judge's decision was upheld, and on the exhibitor being again brought in, he was informed, on the unanimous finding of the meeting, tbat he had been expelled the club. The other case, that of Mr. P. McQuiston (Ayr), was concerning a Bullfinch cock, which had been disqualified for alleged painting at Bathgate Show. Mr. Jno. Brown, the judge, who disqualified the Bullfinch, was present, and be ably stated his case, and informed the meeting that be took four pads of wool running thick with stain off the bird In the presence of some of the officials of Bathgate Show. He also produced the signatures of the following, wbo saw the stain taken off the bird, nameiy, Messrs. T. R. Barkhouse, Wm. Sharp, R. Bald, Wm. Flood, and S. Ward, tbe other judge officiating. Mr. McQuiston admitted the bird was stained, but said that he only bought it a few days before the show. He handed in a letter to that effect from the seller, in wbich tbe latter confirmed selling the bird, and denied having stained the bird. Messrs. Brown and McQuiston then retired, and the matter having been fully discussed, it was unanimously agreed that Mr. McQuiston be expelled the club. It was also agreed after a vote tbat they he presented with what medals, etc., they won previous to tbe time of the shows concerned. It was also agreed after a vote, and almost unanimously, that all societies asking for patronage be not granted if entries be accepted from Messrs. McQuiston and Craig, or if eitber of the two he officiating as judges." The balance-sheet was then approved of. Presentation of medals to winners present was made. Messrs. Arrighi, Livingstone, and Sharp very generously handed their gold medals back, which was highly appreciated by all. Election of office-bearers as follows:—President, Mr. Arrighi; vice-presidents, Dr. Galloway, and Messrs. R. Bald, T. Erskine, C. Douglas, F. A. Watt; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. W. Watson, 8, Commercial-street, Leith, with salary £2; auditors, Messrs. R. Craig and J. Winter; committee, Messrs. Allau, Mason, Bruce, Davidson, Henderson, Pendrigh, Miller, and others, if necessary. A long discussion on rule providing that judges must be members of this society before patronage is granted took place, and after a great many votings the finding was: "All societies asking for patronage must have as their judge a member of this society, but where a judge is appointed outside of Scotland same to he discussed and voted on at September meeting, this being the meeting when patronage is considered." Also agreed that five silver medals instead of four be taken in exchange for a gold one. Gold medal winners: Messrs. T. Erskine, McQuiston, Henderson, Livingstone, and Sharp, Arrighi, Pendrigh, and Bald; silver medals, Messrs. Davidson, Bruce, Duncan, Sharp, Cullen, Aitken (2), Crockatt, Dr. Galloway (3), Duncan and Logan, M. Craig (3) (withheld), Taylor, Calder, Anderson, Thomson, Bruce, Johnstone, Watson, and Ward. Unfortunately, through a printer's error, one or two exhibitors' and winners' names included above, were omitted in the balance-sheet with winners' names; will they please accept my regret for same? Trophy won by Mr. Arrighi, who gets gold medal; runner-up, Mr. McQuiston, silver medal. Next meeting, first Saturday in September, at Bathgate. A hearty vote of thanks to retiring office-bearers brought a very long and representative meeting to a close. Information to be had from the secretary as to membership.—A. W. WATSON, Sec.

## BLAYDON-ON-TYNE & DIST. C.B.S.

At the usual monthly meeting an interesting address on "The Norwich Plainhead Canary: Its Breeding and Rearing," was given by Mr. T. Brown (Newhurny). After a lengthy discussion and several questions being asked and answered, Mr. Brown was heartily thanked for bis address. We enrolled three new members, wbich makes eleven for the year so far.—GEO. HAYVER, secretary.

## UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

FOLLOWING up last week's notes on the ballot paper of the Yorkshire Union, we come to the additions to rules. Here we have under consideration the advisability of denoting in the Yorkshire Union year book, who are novices and eligible to compete in the novice classes. The idea is a good one, and I hope in future to see all novices marked "N."—Next we have an addition to the rule concerning defaulting members, and the addition should be carried, as it will give the Union power to expel such.

PROPOSED new rules embrace a variety of subjects. The first deals with members' shows, and the rule is to read: "That no society holds a members' show during the hours a Yorkshire Union show is in progress." This rule has been much talked of for some time, and in effect has been carried out by many of the societies. It is open to comment. Of course it does not, on the face of it, look quite the thing for a society to hold a members' show when another one is holding an open show, being almost certain it will slightly effect the entries, as many (especially when in the running for good specials) will patronise their members' show to the detriment of the open one. Should the rule pass, the societies will have to fix their dates so as to miss the open shows, or otherwise hold them in the evening.

SECONDLY, we read: "That all entry forms and judges' slips be forwarded to the Yorkshire Union secretary within fourteen days of the close of the show. Any society failing to comply to bo fined £1 1s." This rule is merely to safeguard the checking of points in cases of dispute, and should, therefore, receive many votes for its adoption.—Next we have the proposition: "That show rules be printed in the Union year book, so that rule sheets need not be sent out with schedules to Union members, but only to outside exhibitors." The principal item in its favour is that it will save each society holding a show about 4s. 6d. But great care will have to be taken that schedules sent to fanciers who are not members contain a sheet of rules; and, further, each society must guarantee to deliver the books to their members.

MANY new rules deal with the subject of curtailing the number of shows, or shortening the time taken up by the shows. Firstly, it is suggested that two societies hold shows on the same dates, the classes to be so arranged that no class is provided for at both shows. This idea is, in my opinion, not in the least feasible. For the large exhibitor it may be fairly workable, but for the small one, the fancier who exhibits two, three, or four birds, it is unjust. Say, for instance, a fancier possesses two show birds and wishes to show them. When the schedules come out he finds they have to go to two different places. What can he do?

SECONDLY, it is proposed that the latter third of the shows shall hold first feather shows, thus, If eighteen shows are to be held, the last six must hold first feather shows. All societies holding shows to take the shows in rotation as usual. Thirdly, we have: "That the Y.U. provide a separate competition for first feather shows, prize money, etc., on same lines as winter shows. Any society holding a first feather show shall be exempt from holding a winter show, and shall advance two in rotation of dates for winter shows." The object of this rule is to allow any who hold late dates for winter shows, to hold first feather shows, when probably these will pay better, and at the same time the society will not lose its chance of a winter show when the date gets within reasonable limits.

FANCIERS, don't forget that ballot papers must be in by Monday morning, or they will be too late.

THE Amalgamated social and prize distribution was again a decided success, many being unable to obtain admission, the room being packed to its utmost capacity. The Open Norwich Plainhead Club had a good turn up at 3 o'clock for their annual general meeting, the balance-sheet, which shows a nice balance in hand, and other most important business being on the agenda. At 4.30 a move was made to the dining room, where tables had been laid for 68 visitors, and 67 of these places were filled. And a real good Yorkshire dinner we had. Dinner over, the visitors adjourned to the large room, where the prizes were on view, and a grand display they made; better than ever was the unanimous verdict. Mr. Sunderland makes an ideal chairman for such a gathering, and he filled the office to perfection, being supported by the presidents, secretaries, etc., of the various clubs represented.

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### The Open Norwich P.C.

After an overture on the piano by Mr. E. Clegg, of Dewsbury, Mr. Sunderland opened the meeting with a few remarks concerning the various clubs, etc. He followed on by presenting to the winners the prizes of the Open Norwich Plainhead Club, of which Society he is chairman. He dwelt upon the great progress made during the first year of its existence, the excellent balance-sheet presented by the secretary at their general meeting that afternoon, the grand total of members, 83, and the beautiful display of prizes that he had the honour to present on behalf of the Club. He made special mention of the good work done by their esteemed and genial secretary, Mr. O. Mitchell.

Prize winners, open section, 1st, Messrs. John Haigh and Son, the splendid marble timepiece and bronzes, given by Mrs. C. M. Sunderland. Mr. Sunderland called upon his wife to present the prize, remarking that it was the first time he had ever had the pleasure of calling on his wife to fulfil the last clause of the marriage service, to obey, with any certainty of its fulfilment. (Laughter.) The remainder of the prize-winners were: 2nd, A. H. Waters, tea urn, value £2 2s.; 3rd, A. Hirst, pair of oil paintings on opal, presented by Mr. Harry Virr; 4th, J. Wilcock, dress piece, value 10s. 6d., presented by Mr. J. Whiteley; 5th, Messrs. Pickering and Wright, special, presented by Mr. J. E. Brotherton. Novice section: 1st, J. Mottram, tea urn, value £2 2s.; 2nd, Messrs. Greenwood and Pickles, goods value 10s. 6d., presented by Mr. Shields; 3rd, O. Mitchell, copper kettle, presented by Mr. Heppleston; 4th, Marlow Bros., electro-plated cruet, presented by Mr. S. Wilcock; 5th, J. W. Holmes, briar pipe and case.

### The Y.C. British Bird and M.C.

Mr. Scott then took his place at the piano to accompany Mr. H. Pollard, who sang with good effect "The Raft," which was very well received. Mr. Sunderland now called upon Mr. W. A. Cowgill, the president of the Y.C.B.B. and M.C., to present the prizes for his society. Mr. Cowgill spoke as to the progress of the club, which he thought had not received quite the support expected and deserved, but he hoped that as they would start in a better condition for the next season than they were able to last year, they had better prospects in store. In this section D. Duncan, jun. (Harrogate), last year's novice winner, proved victorious, but owing to a regrettable illness, was unavoidably absent. Mr. Cowgill remarked upon the sterling qualities of Mr. Duncan as an exhibitor, and hoped the club would get a few more of the same stamp to keep him company. T. H. Inman (Bradford) secured second place; 3rd, T. Boyle (York); 4th, P. Mason. The prizes were: 1st cup, 2nd cutlery, 3rd case of carvers, 4th oil painting of British birds (presented by Mr. P. Jowett). Novice section: 1, W. R. Myers, pair of oil paintings, presented by Mr. Jowett.

Mr. W. Northrop next rendered the song, "Will of the Wisp" in fine style, securing the loud applause of the audience. This item was followed by the song, "Down the Vale," by Mr. Bennett, who also "brought down the house," the applause being loud and long.

### The Yorkshire Canary Club.

In consequence of the unavoidable absence of Mr. W. H. Shackleton (the president of the Y.C.C.), Mr. Sunderland called upon Mr. F. Armstrong, the vice-president, to hand over the prizes to the successful competitors. First and foremost in importance was the presentation of the Y.C.C. challenge cup, value 20 guineas, to Mr. James Bailey (of Bailey and Swanger), who have been successful in heading the competition three times in four years, the trophy thus becoming their own property. This splendid cup is very massive and imposing, and will doubtless be much cherished by Mr. Bailey and succeeding generations. Mr. Armstrong dwelt upon the sterling qualities of Mr. Bailey, designating him a thorough tryer in any competitions he entered for. Mr. Bailey responded in true Yorkshire style, stating that eleven years had elapsed since he made up his mind to win the cup. He had had hold of one handle before, but this time was pleased to say he had hold of both. (Laughter.)

Mr. W. H. Shackleton, 2nd, receives the silver cup, value £2 2s., presented by Messrs. Bailey and Swanger; he was only five points behind the winner. Third prize, silver-plated teapot, presented by Mr. R. P. Broome, was won by Messrs. Ogden Bros.; 4th prize, Mr. J. Wilcock. Outside members' competition: Challenge cup, value £5 5s., presented by Mr. J. Sandiford, and silver-plated preserve dish, presented by Mr. J. W. Ramsden, won by W. Broughton. The second place was secured by G. W. Cuthbertson, who received Mr. Davy's oil paintings and Mr. Ramsden's miniature goblet. Third prize, 10s. 6d. cash, was won by H. Foden. Ramsden cup and money specials: First, Messrs. Ogden Bros., challenge cup, value £6 6s., presented by Mr. J. W. Ramsden; 2nd, £1 cash, M. Peel; 3rd, 15s. cash, W. H. Shackleton; 4th, 10s. cash, W. Wadsworth. Next came the smokers' cabinet (presented by Mr. F. Armstrong) and novice competition, won by M. Peel, who received the cabinet at the hands of the donor. Second prize, silver-plated cruet and 10s. cash, J. Robertshaw; third prize, miniature goblet and 5s. cash, Messrs. Shaw Bros.

### The Yorkshire Union.

We then had "The Bedouin's Love Song," which was finely rendered by Mr. H. Pollard. Mr. Riley contributed to the amusing side with a comic song, which was exceedingly well received. Mr. Sunderland now rose to present the prizes of the Yorkshire Union, in place of Mr. Greaves, who did not feel quite equal to the occasion, in consequence of anxiety with regard to his wife, who, we were sorry to hear, is very ill, having been laid up in bed for five or six weeks. The "W. H. Shackleton" 30-guinea trophy, 1st, and medal value £1 1s., was won by W. H. Shackleton; 2nd, and medal value 15s., Ogden Bros.; 3rd, and medal value 10s., Bailey and Swanger; 4th, and medal value 10s., J. Wilcock. This is the second year of competition. First place last year was secured by Bailey and Swanger. The trophy must be won three times before becoming the property of any exhibitor. The "H. W. Naylor" challenge cup: First, W. H. Shackleton, who received a medal value £1 1s., in commemoration. This trophy must be won three times, and has already been won twice by both Messrs. T. Murgatroyd and Son and Mr. Shackleton. The "J. W. Ramsden" colour food specials:—Open section: First, silver-plated cruet, Ogden Bros.; 2nd, silver-plated preserve dish, W. H. Shackleton. Novice section: First prize, silver-plated preserve dish, F. Hammond; 2nd, miniature goblet, W. Beaumont.

The "H. H. Towers" champion novice specials: Prize, medal value £1 1s. for most points in Yorkshire novice section, W. Beaumont; prize, plant pedestal, value 10s. 6d., for most points in Norwich novice classes, F. Hammond. Novice medal competitions, Yorkshire section, were won as follows:—Messrs. Beaumont, White, Lane, Laycock, Clegg, Lumb, Livesey, Gill, Kaye, Sowden, Wilson, and Radley; Norwich section, Messrs. Hammond, Markwell, Fortman, and Greenwood. It is pleasing to note that two medals have gone to a society which has only joined the Union this year, and also that four have been won by the members of the City of Bradford O.S., amongst these being Mr. T. Fortnam, their genial president, and Mr. F. Hammond, last year's secretary of the Union. They will now have to sing "Put us amongst the champions."

### "Cage Birds" Specials.

The musical part of the programme again held sway for a time, the duet, "Excelsior," being admirably rendered by Messrs. Bennett and Northrop. Mr. Stafford then gave a lovely song, and was awarded an almost deafening encore. He responded with "Eileen Allanah," the whole assembly joining in the chorus in true Yorkshire style, the effect being well-nigh magical.

CAGE BIRDS prizes for the amateurs of Yorkshire were next presented by Mr. Sunderland, who expressed regret that Mr. Carl had been unable to attend to present to the successful fanciers the valuable prizes he had so generously given. In these competitions several competitors had been fortunate enough to win more than one special, and by the kind permission of the donor, had been allowed to consolidate them into one valuable prize. Mr. H. H. Towers secured no less than three first prizes, attaining premier honours in the Yorkshire Union, Y.C.C., and C.M.Y.C.C., and also 10s. in the weekly cash prizes. He put them all into a splendid, massive tea urn. Messrs. P. Drake and Son won 2nd C.M.Y.C.C., 2nd Yorkshire Union, and tied for 3rd place in the Y.C.C., their prizes being a pair of silver vases and a pair of silver photo frames. Messrs. Shaw Bros. won 3rd Y.U., tied for 3rd Y.C.C., and received two cruets, one for each partner.

### Useful for the Secretary.

Mr. J. Mottram secured first place in the amateurs of the open Norwich Plainhead Club, his choice of prize being a nickel silver teapot. Messrs. Greenwood and Pickles came in second, and received a pair of photo frames. Mr. O. Mitchell was placed third, and was handed a very useful article for a secretary—a writing desk—Mr. Sunderland complimenting him on his choice, and hoping that he would long use it for the benefit of the O.N.P.C. as its secretary. Mr. J. Robertshaw won second in the Y.C.C., his prize being a splendid china tea service. In the British section, Mr. T. H. Inman came out at the top of the tree, and was presented with a very handsome walnut table; 2nd, Mr. B. H. Wilson, timepiece, a lovely prize; 3rd, Mr. J. Isherwood, who is preparing for a rainy day, and also providing himself (in anticipation of first prize next year) with useful information, for he chose an umbrella and CAGE BIRDS book on "Aviaries"—wise man. The various cash prizes were also paid out to the respective winners (as per report of the Yorkshire Union in CAGE BIRDS, February 20th).

### The Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C.

Mr. Riley now contributed another comic song, to the entire satisfaction of all. Mr. Stafford sang, "Aunie Laurie," and was again loudly applauded. The prizes of the C.M.Y.C.C. were then presented by their worthy president, Mr. Gledhill. Champion section, open: Ogden Bros. here again secured first place, A. Cooper being second, R. Sutcliffe and Son third, J. Wilcock fourth, and for fifth and sixth prizes Messrs. A. Jowett and H. H. Towers tied. Mr. J. W. Ramsden's colour food specials:—Open section, Ogden Bros.; novice section, P. Drake and Son. Novice competitions:—P. Drake and Son were placed first, F. Fawcett second, A. Frankland third, F. Gelder fourth. The president, Mr. Gledhill, made a few interesting observations on the progress made by the club, stating that it was *the* club in which absolutely the best value was given for money (and this is quite true), practically the whole of the amount received in subscriptions being given away in prizes.

Mr. W. Northrop now occupied the attention of the company by his fine singing, and Mr. Bennett also fairly excelled in the rendering of his song, both receiving a great ovation.

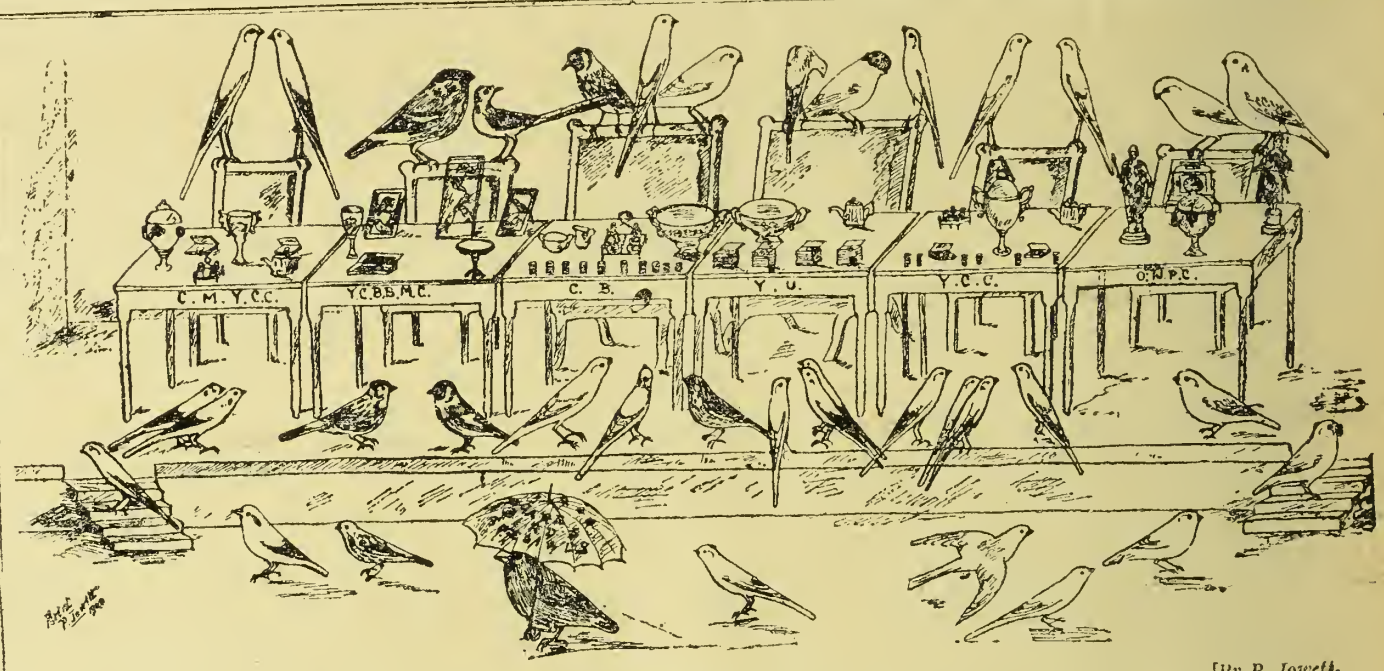
Mr. Sunderland here read a telegram from Mr. F. Carl, in which he regretted not being present, but hoped the company assembled were enjoying themselves. He also stated that he was willing to repeat the offer of prizes for the "amateurs of Yorkshire," if such were accepted. The reply was ringing cheers for CAGE BIRDS and Mr. Carl, and it was put to the company that Mr. Carl's generous offer be accepted, and that the best thanks of those assembled be sent to him. This was carried unanimously, amid further cheers.

Mr. Samuel Dean, the secretary of the Yorkshire Union, proposed a vote of thanks to the many donors of special prizes, etc. This was seconded by Mr. F. Hammond, who also dwelt upon a working arrangement with the Cage Bird Union, and expressed sorrow that so far it had been a failure, but he hoped it would in the near future be an accomplished fact.—Mr. Ramsden responded on behalf of the donors, thanking all present for the vote of thanks accorded to them, and assuring them that it gave the greatest pleasure to give where that which was given was so very heartily received. Mr. Sunderland here took the opportunity to present to the company the future secretary of the Yorkshire Union, Mr. H. Hill, the energetic secretary of the Bradford East Cage Bird Society. He called upon Mr. Hill to present to Mr. G. Bray the Rose Bowl offered for competition by his society for the best unflighted Yorkshire exhibited by its breeder at their annual show.

Mr. Sunderland announced that Mr. J. W. Ramsden had promised a special for the ladies—a tea service, for those who assist their husbands in the management of the bird rooms, conditions to be published later. So read your CAGE BIRDS, ladies, and look out for the terms. You all know that Mr. Ramsden will give one worth winning. Mr. Ramsden also promised to repeat the specials given to the various clubs, and extended them also to the O.N.P.C. (for which they were duly and truly thankful), and the thanks of all went out to him in loud applause.

Mr. R. Halliday proposed, and Mr. H. Hill seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Sunderland for his very able and efficient services as chairman. This was carried, amid great acclamation.

Amongst the visitors to the dinner we noticed Mr. and Mrs. D. Sunderland, Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. H. Simonett, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Towers, Mr. and Mrs. P. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Isherwood, Mr. and Mrs. J. Townend, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilcock, Mr. and Mrs. P. Drake, Mr. and Mrs. H. Dobson, Messrs. W. Mundell, H. W. Battye, O. Mitchell, W. A. Cowgill, W. R. Myers, A. Gill, J. S. Clarkson, A. Haigh, J. Mann, H. Kellet, F. Benn, M. Barraclough, A. Morley, A. Greenwood, M. Broadley, E. Clegg, E. W. Johnson, J. Crowther, A. Cooper, R. Garnett, E. B. Denton, J. Lindley, J. and H. Mottram, W. Bagenall, Ogden Bros., F. Armstrong, Spencer, Overend, A. Hirst, H. J. Chittenden and Son, Beaumont, with many others.

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COCK Goldfinch Mule, Finch song, 7/6; exchange for a large white-legged cock Goldfinch for Muling; mutual approval.—Brunner, Greengrocer, Scott-st., Treherbert, Rhondda.
EXHIBITION cock Bullfinch, winner 3rd, with show cage, 7/6; cock Sborelark, 5/-; Jenny Wren, with cage, 7/-; exchange anything.—Mackwell, Hairdresser, Keighley.
THREE large yellow Muling cock Greenfinches, also one hen, 3/6 the four; two brilliant coloured cock Chaffinches, 2/6 each; bargain.—J. Simons, High-st. North, Dunstable.
EXHIBITORS, Starling and show cage, 2nd at Ferryhill, Magpie and Redwiug, all cocks, what offers in Yorkshires; Yorkshires first.—J. Lawson, Rope Moor, Rushyford, Ferryhill.
GIVING up Muling. Good cocks, Goldfinch, Bramblefinch, Linnet, all been paired; exchange for Yorkshire green cock; yours first.—Whatley, 13, Lloyd-st., Ystrad, S. Wales.
THRUSH, full song, gas or daylight, 3/6; Blackbird or Thrush, commencing 2/-; approval; exchange British, fronts, appliances, seed; offers.—Wainford, Postman, Hertford.
SALE or exchange, Goldfinch Mule, 7/6; Chaffinch, in breeding condition, 4/-; Greenfinch 2/6; all cocks, hen Linnet 1/-; all above Canary reared; exchange Canaries.—Danby, Cotmanhay-rd., Ilkeston.
MR. THOMAS BRISCOL, 289, Delemere-st., Winsford, has for disposal five Greenfinches, three cocks two hens, two fit, for exhibition when moulted; sell lot 7/6; or exchange for Norwich hen.
EXCHANGE large Linnet Mule and Sib. cock Canary, both full song, for large cock Goldfinch, proved breeder, sell 18/-; Finch first, approval.—Devlin, 18, Wilson-st., Girvan, Ayrshire, Scotland.
EXCHANGE young cock Goldfinch in song, for good acetylene cycle lamp, or sell 4/6; another exhibition specimen, splendid songster, 8/6; approval.—Mrs. Holmes, Mill-rd., Whittlesea, Peterboro'.
SELECTED pairs for show and Hybrid breeding; cock Bramblefinch, hen Goldfinch, cock Chaffinch, hen Goldfinch, cock Chaffinch, hen Bramble, 2/6 pair; hen Canaries wanted.—Williams, 15, Pearson-st., Old Hill.
EXCHANGE cock Greenfinch, hatched under Canary, paired with heu Bullfinch last year, flying with another one for three months, for yellow Norwich hen Canary or yellow cinnamon.—H. Mulcock, Bladon, Woodstock, Oxon.
PAIR cage-moulted Greenfinch hen, laid in cage (not been paired), 3/6; also 3 Yellowhammers, 2 Bramblefinch cocks, good coloured birds, 1/- each, 4/6 the five; cage-moulted Linnet and Goldfinch and Redpoll, or useful exchange.—H. Pledger, 66, Albion-rd., Gt. Yarmouth.
GREENFINCH, twice house-moulted, clinking bird, steady as a rock, fit for show or muling, in full song, 6/6; Linnet, once house-moulted, in song, 5/-; or exchange Goldfinch, winners, Linnets, Roller cocks, good Norwich birds; approval both sides.—Henry Marshall, West Cowick, near Snaith.

### Mainly Canaries.
**To be Sold or Exchanged**

PAIR of Yorkshires, 12/6, or exchange Norwich.—Collier, 33, Henry-st., Goole.
TWO cock Goldfinch Mules, cash or exchange.—Kirk, Waterloo Yard, Southwell, Notts.
YORKSHIRE hen and breeding cage, cash 5/-; or exchange.—Hoiath, Sharpe-st., Dewsbury.
THREE pairs Roller Canaries, 7/6 pair; exchange cinnamons, Crests.—Holah, Foggathorpe, Selby.
PAIR prize bred Yorkshires, 12/6; bargain; or exchange crestbred hen.—H., 35, Park-rd., Battersea.
SINGING cock Canary and hanging cage; exchange Mules or British.—Dunning, 62, Talbot-st., Chester.
COCK Budgerigar, vhc Newark Show last year, 3/-; exchange Norwich hen.—Lidgett, Milner-street, Newark.
SPLENDID pair of Norwich Canaries, cock fit for show, 10/- pair; exchauge.—A. Brewitt, West-st., Sleaford.
FEW Norwich cocks from winning strains, 6/6, to clear; approval; offers.—Dale, Rodbourne Green, Swindon.
FOUR Seifert Roller hens, 1908; exchange good pair Yorkshires; sell 12/-.—Apply, 382, High-rd., Tottenham, N.
PIGEONS. Four pairs Tumblers, sell 5/- pair, or exchange Canaries; offers.—Goodacre, Brothertoft-rd., Boston.
EXCHANGE for pair good Norwich, 1 Yorkshire cock, two hens, buff, or sell 10/-.—P. Bird, Dersingham, Norfolk.
WHAT offers in exchange for two hens and one cock Norwich, Pullets preferred. — W. Baguley, Notts-rd., Ilkeston.
BUFF Plainhead cock, prize-winner, 30/-; or exchange Rollers; approval.—James, Homer, 5, Park-st., Old Hill, Staffs.
YOUNG singing cocks, 5/- each; will give two for good Yorkshire or Border Fancy cock.—Bayley, Postman, Seacombe.
GOOD hen Canaries for sale, 2/- each; singing cock Goldfinch, 3/-.—Haynes, 37, Acklam-rd., North Kensington, London.
TWICE house-moulted Linuet cock Muler, 7/6; exchange Norwich cock or hens.—Alexr. Brown, 3, Northfield-avenue, Ayr.
WANTED Cinnamon Norwich Crest or Crest-bred cock; give hens to value.—Cross, 20, Empress-avenue, Cranbrook Park, Ilford.
FOUR new breeding cages, 42 by 17, by 11, 4/- each; exchange hen Canaries.—Smith, Waverley-terrace, Highworth, Wilts.
GOOD Norwich pairs, or hens, in exchange for first-class, large, unflighted yellow or buff cocks.—39, Ossington-st., Bayswater.
PAIR Borders, 5/-; what offers for 50 moleskins? exchange singing Norwich cock.—Reynolds, 35, Horton Hill-ter., Epsom.
COBBY Norwich buff cocks, full song, 10/- each; exchange bird seed, boots, anything useful.—Dale, Wender, Saffron Walden.
HIGH class Yorkshires, also Rollers, in pairs, 10/-; worth double; seen any time.—Bowman, 690, Dalmarnock-rd., Glasgow.
EXCHANGE large typical buff Norwich cock for two large typical yellow hens.—Kent, 8, Derwent-st., West Benwell-on-Tyne.

EXCHANGE Yorkshires for lady's mackintosh or gent's suit; approval.—Wills, Westend, Wadebridge.

SALE, exchange, good Yorkshire cock, full song, and cage, for gun watch, Edison 'phone.—Yeomans, Penketh, near Warrington.

EXCHANGE offers, Scotch Fancy buff cock, cost £1, in good condition, for buff hen.—Address, James Neil, 15, Broad-st., Stirling.

BUFF Cinnamon cock; exchange pair Norwich or yellow Cinnamon cock; hirds first.—J. Kimber, 51, Somerset-rd., Kuowle, Bristol.

ONE cock, two hens, two double breeders and four hox cages, 12/- to clear; exchange poultry.—Jones, 15, Kirtle-rd., Chesham.

A GRAND pair of Yorkshire greens, £1; exchange.—Woodall, Greengrocer, Winsford.

FINE Yorkshire Canaries, 15/- a pair, or exchange blankets, curtains, anything useful.—Middleton Brothers, 32, Unity-st., Keighley.

EXCHANGE Gladstone bag, 10/6, fountain pen 4/-, table lamp 5/0; Canaries, Norwich preferred.—Pickard, 44, Charlton-st., Leeds.

PAIR prize-bred Borders; exchange yellow Budgerigars or large Lancashire hen; sell 10/-.—McVittie, 20, Johu-st., Langholm.

EXCHANGE splendid pair ivorine carvers and steel, also good razor, for pair good Norwich.—Fenwick, 20, Chester-st., Sheffield.

FIVE good heus, cross-bred Yorkshire-Norwich 1908 birds, for sale or exchange.—Clarke, Jubilee Cottages, Beer, Axminster, Devon.

TWO good Bullfinches, cocks, sell 3/6 each; exchange marked yellow Norwich hen, unflighted. —Benstead, Alma House, Snettenham.

GREEN Norwich cock, in full song, 8/6; green Border cock, and marked hen, 10/6; exchange Norwich.—Inkpen, Queen-st., Gravesend.

EXCHANGE large yellow Yorkshire hen, standard length, for cock Go.dfinch Mule, used for catching. —Siddons, Moira, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

YELLOW Yorkshire cock, 1908, bred from prize winners, sell 15/-; or exchauge Rollers; yours first. —Perrins, 9, Walter-st., Warrington.

EXCHANGE buff or yellow Norwich cocks, winners; tickets sent, for two buff or yellow hens, good type.—Gibson, Grant-st., Elgin.

UNFLIGHTED yellow Norwich cock, 14/-, cheap; exchange buff Border cock, or Bullfinch hens to value.—Milne, St. Vigeaus, Arbroath.

MONSTER (1908) Buff-Crested cock, 10/6; exchange Norwich, small house dog; yours first.—45, Grey Mare-lane, Bradford, Manchester.

YOUNG St. Andreasberg Roller, splendid songster day or gaslight, 10/-; exchange hen Canaries.—Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

CREST-BRED cock Canary, good strain, 10/-; Crested cock, 10/-; exchange 1908 Norwich hens, must be good hirds.—Mainprize, Witham.

WANTED, baby's push cart or rocking horse; will give prize-bred Canaries; exhibition Goldfinches.—Darby, 62, Barrows-st., West Bromwich.

CINNAMON cock 7/6, buff Border cock 5/-; three Linnets, singing, 1/- each; or exchange offers.—Inskip, Broad-st., Newcastle, Staffordshire.

YORKSHIRES. Two hens, 1908 (Easterling's straiu); exchange pair Norwich; approval, or sell 15/-.—22, Abyssinia-rd., Clapham Junction.

SMART Toy Fox Terrier bitch puppy, clean and very sharp in house, £1; exchange Canaries.—Westrope, Jeweller, Chesterton, Camhridge.

WHAT offers in Norwich Canaries for two pair of massive show Homers, Duckworth's strain, or sell 25/-.—Carrett, 17, Gladstone-rd., Mitcham.

TWO Norwich hens, buff and yellow, 4/- each; or exchange for muling cock Goldfinch; steady hen Chaffinch, 2/6.—W. Rudkin, Witham, Essex.

EXCHANGE two pairs Norwich Canaries, cocks full song, hens nesting; anything useful; approval; cash 16/-.—Crawshaw, Epworth, Doncaster.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks for sale, large and typical; or exchange good yellow Norwich hens.—Broomfield, Whitefield, Wivelscombe, Somdrset.

WANTED, large cocks, Hawfinch, Cirl Bunting, Siskin, cash or exchange prize-bred Norwich or Borders; approval.—Wilson, Solicitor, Workington.

WHAT offers in Canaries for grand pair of show Homers, and three pairs of Tipplers, Yorkshires preferred.—T. Pratt, 54, Sandgate-rd., Brislington, Bristol.

EXCHANGE a yellow Yorkshire stock cock, same strain as my winners, for a buff stock cock; yours first.—T. Brown, Ivy Cottage, Foxhouses, Whitehaven.

THRICE house-moulted cock Goldfinch, 8/6; do. Linuet, 5/-: both proved grand Mulers; exchange hen Canaries.—Bennett, 115, Stambermill, Stourbridge.

BARGAINS, pair heavily-feathered Crests, 35/-; champion Crest-bred cock, 20/-; exchange poultry; anything; offers.—Inskip, Broad-st., Newcastle, Staffs.

LANCASHIRE Plainhead cock, also Crested cock; exchange Norwich greens, cinnamons, or Crest-bred; sell 22/-.—Chemist, 203, Gloucester-rd., Bishopston, Bristol.

COCK Siskin, perfect bih and markings, 4/6; proved muling Linnet, 7/6; exchange Canary or Mule, songster; approval.—Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

WHAT offers in Norwich Plainhead cocks, buff, or Avaadvats, for splendid pair of O.E.G. Bantams, prize strain, recently purchased for 18/-?—G. Swan, Henfield, Sussex.

VARIEGATED crested cock 7/6: Norwich cock 6/6, both good songsters; two good hens 2/6 each; house moulted cock Redpoll 2/-.—Muscott, Tremont-rd., Llandrindod.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, clear, buff, cock, 7/6; or exchange yellow cock or ticked buff heu, 4/-; approval, deposit.—Luther Gibsen, Wood-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires, not rubbish, Bailey's strain; sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, or anything useful; stamp reply.—M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

YELLOW Plainhead cock, 25/-; yellow coppy cock, £1; and buff Plainhead cock, 25/-; or will exchange Crest for same; stamp reply.—F. Turuer, 3, Clement Royds-st., Rochdale.

HANDSOME cathedral heating stove, 3ft. high, with brass lamp, complete, 21/-; ditto 2ft. high, 14/6; exchange good Norwich clear yellow cock and hens.—Thorn, Priutor, Horsham.

PARROT, acclimatised, grey colour, talkative, don't swear, 45/-, including cage; exchange Scotch Fancies, Belgians, Yorkshires, or Norwich Canarics. —Mr. Cobb, 36, Gordon-rd., Dartford.

EXCHANGE or sell 15/-, yellow unflighted Norwich cock, Iron's strain, for yellow unflighted Lancashire heu for muling purposes; mutual approval. —Price, Green View, Northop, Flint.

PILE Bantams, cock, 4two pullets, 20/-; exchange pair Norwich; pair Birchins, 10/6; exchange two Norwich hens, 1908 bred; approval; birds first — Turner, Brimington Common, Chesterfield.

FOUR buffs, four yellows, clear Norwich hens, 3/- each; four yellows, first-class Yorkshire, Toms, 8/- each; wanted two large yellow Norwich Toms.—Buckett, 45, King's-rd., Henley-on-Thames.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, can spare typical buff Norwich cock, winner two 1st members, 12/6, or exchange for typical yellow unflighted hen. —Duckett, 91, Sepulchre Gate, Doncaster.

WHAT offers six 1908 hen Canaries, very good strain, seven almost new breeding cages, two small cages, glasses and boxes? consider toy Pom.; exchange or offers.—Tennant, York-st., Leeds.

TWO Scotch Fancies, hens, first crosses, good size, one yellow and one buff, for sale, or will exchange either for yellow, buff, or pied cock.—R. Murdoch, 10, Steverton-street, Holytown, Lanarkshire.

WHAT offers, cash or exchange, for young untried hens? splendid condition; 6 Rollers, 1 green Norwich, 2 common; cloth or dress material preferred.—Taylor, Leicestershire Bank, Nuneaton.

TWO Linnets, two Chaffinches, two Greenfinches, one Redpoll, cocks; exchange for good Norwich hen; Canary first.—A. Pritchard, Woodham Mortimer, Essex.

VARIEGATED yellow cock, 7/6; yellow hen, 3/6; buff cock, 5/-; Goldfinch cock, yellow hen, 7/6; winning strain Norwich; exchange phono records, anything; list.—Knowles, 16, Delaware-st., Preston, Lancashire.

LARGE Crested cock, Crest-bred hen, and Crested hen, 30/-; useful exchange; 1 Yorkshire cock, 4 Yorkshire hens, 25/-; exchange twill sheets, silver watch guard; offers first.—Davenhill, Whitebridge, Stone, Staffs.

TWO pairs yellow, one pair marked, two pairs buff, very high-class Norwich; also one large buff hen, cost 40/-; exchange for a good gramophone; no rubbish; or sell £3.—W. Brown, Ightfield, Whitchurch, Salop.

TEN couples cold room Yorkshire Canaries, out of first class show birds, some fit for show; also breeding cages, new last year; best offer, or exchange poultry, giving up the fancy.—John Davies, Sarn, Bodelwyddan.

EXCHANGE two Norwich cocks, buffs, Silk's strain, for large yellow Norwich hen; exchange Cassell's Illustrated History of England, 16 parts, 7d. each, for yellow crestbred hen; approval.—Freeman, 10, Prince-st., Watford.

COCKS. Green Crest, 10/-; green Crest-hred, 12/-; hens, buff Crest-bred, 10/-; Crest, even marked, 10/-; exchange pairs or cocks only for cinnamon or green Borders, Crest or Border show cages and cases.—Allison, Hairdresser, Blyth, Northumberland.

FOR cash, 4 typical buff marked Yorkshire hens, 3/6 each, lot 12/-; 3 pairs high-class Yorkshires, 8/6, 10/6 pair; clear yellow Crested cock, 10/6; or exchange for white Rosecombe Bantam cockerel and pullet; approval, deposit CAGE BIRDS.—Joseph Shuttleworth, Glasshouses, Patcley Bridge.

YELLOW cinnamon cock 12/6, cost £1; or exchange large clear or ticked 1908 buff Norwich cock, or yellow; three matched pairs, typical Norwich, sell £1 a pair, or exchange acclimatised African grey Parrot (good talker); approval.—Reed, Boot Stores, Five Ways, Birmingham.

NORWICH versus Norwich.—I will exchange three Norwich cocks, 2 yellows, and one buff for 2 yellow heus, sound, with type; I will also exchange a graud buff cock and a yellow cock, Sandiford's straiu, for 2 huff hens, type, on approval; yours first.—Truman, Whitwell, near Mansfield.

## Mainly Foreign.
### To be Sold or Exchanged

EXCHANGE Parrot and cage for Norwich cock; yours first.—James Mundell, 15, Church-st., Johnstone, Scotland.

WILL give a good Norwich green cock or handreared cock Goldfinch for a Zebra cock and two hens.—Briggs, Serpentine-ter., Kendal.

MALE Moustache Parrakeet, make talker, cock Bullfinch, twice moulted cock Linnet, muler, £1; exchange Norwich; offers.—Joseph Lenton, Barton-st., Clown, Chesterfield.

ACCLIMATISED Rosy-breasted Cockatoo, says several words, shakes hands, splendid whistler; exchange foreign hirds or Canaries; letters only.—Nickson, Church View House, Ramshottom.

WANTED, green Avadavats, Laveuders, Cordon Bleus, and Zebra Waxhills, in good healthy condition; will exchange books "Birdland," Birds of Our Rambles, Half Hours in Green Lanes, British Birds' Eggs, all illustrated.—Darling, Market-place, Trowbridge.

## Miscellaneous
### Sale or Exchange

PRETTY pet goat, 5/-; drawing-room aviary, 10/-; exchange.—John Brewitt, Sleaford.

PAIR of counter scales, for birds; anything; 10/-. —Brown, 170, Woodhouse-lane, Wigan.

SANDOW'S grip dumbbells, men's, 8/6; offers, Rollers.—Allen, 9, Anchor-st., Bolton.

SPLENDID trio black-red Bantams; exchange hen Canaries.—23, Lancefield-st., Paddington.

LARGE outdoor aviary, 12/6; or exchange hirds. —Feltham, "Broadway," Westby-rd., Boscombe.

PURE-BRED Fantail Pigeons; will sell or exchange.—Apply W. G. Clarke, Montrose, Beer, S.O.

WILL exchange Sandow's developer for yellow cock Norwich.—Fowler, 8, Frederick-rd., Walworth.

GRAND silver Schright cockerell (Donkin's), 9/-; exchange pullet.—J. Wager, Cainscross, Gloucestershire.

SET carvers, silver mounted, value 10/6; exchange singing Canary.—Claude Wright, 3, Mariners-st., Goole.

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires for coachman's livery ,or anything useful.—Mirfield, 14, Mitchell-st., Oldham.

TWO double breeding cages, complete, 36in. long, 6/-; exchange anything.—Royce, Oundle-rd., Peterborough.

BLUE Whippit bitch, grand killer, very fast, 10/-; or exchange for anything useful.—Sewell, 7, Brook-st., Carlisle.

EXCHANGE fine tone mandoline for few pairs small foreign birds.—Mr. Olny, 62, Gordon-rd., Wellingborough.

SMOOTH Airedale bitch, in pup by good dog, 10/-; or exchauge for British or cock Canaries.—Cockerill, See "Greens."

GOLDFINCH, finger tame, 6/-; yellow-green hen, 4/6; boys' hobnails, nine's; offers.—27, Cambridge-rd., Gunnershury.

WHAT offers in Roller Canaries for jewel gem air gun and target? sell 15/-.—Jones, 97, Hall-green, Bradley, Bilston.

EXCHANGE 24 rabbit purse nets for Roller hens or one cock, or offers.—Lister, 2, Bethesada-st., Earby, near Colne.

PHONOGRAPH, 15/-; hand bugle, 5/-; or exchange for Canaries.—77 N, Peabody-buildings, Kingsway, London.

EXCHANGE red Jacobin cock, winner, and black Jacobin hen, for Yorkshires, or sell 7/6.—Madden, 52, Bell-st., Airdrie.

¼-PLATE camera, 15/-; Hobbies No. 4 hand camera, 30/-; exchange Canaries or Bantams.—F. Welland, Haslemere.

300 PICTURE postcards, unused for hirds of any description; no reasonable offer refused.—A. R. L., 28, Tyas-rd., Plaistow.

EXCHANGE stock you don't want for stock you do want.—Lewises, Aviaries, 79, King-st., Ramsgate.

SINGLE muzzle gun, 40in. harrel, steel ramrod, sound condition, 15/-; exchange, offers.—Perry, 7, Arncliffe-ter., Bexhill.

30/- PHONOGRAPH, new November last, and six records, sell 22/-; or exchange.—W. Weeddell, Struan Croft, Larbert.

LARGE rocking horse, cost £10, accept £2; photo sent; or exchange exhibition Norwich.—Matson, 3, Bayura-st., Harrogate.

WHAT offers for 32 parts "Home Preacher" and 35 parts "Franco-Prussian War," 1/- parts?—Swan, High-st., Kirkcudbright.

WIRE fox terrier bitch, 7 months, correct type, sell 17/6, or exchange Canaries.—Fischer, 15, William-st., Sunderland.

THIRTY phonograph records, good condition, 15/-; exchange Canaries; anything useful.—Muscott, Tremont-rd., Llandrindod.

EXCHANGE Crystal Palace aviary 3ft. hy 3ft by 16in., for a good Song Thrush and cage.—Griffiths, 32, Water-st., Rhyl.

EXCHANGE Child's wicker push chair for Yorkshire Canaries, last season's bird.—Davey, decorator, Coldharbour, Bideford.

HAVE to dispose of all my exhibition stock of Norwich, through removal; also cages, cheap; exchange.—Moakessee, Norwich.

B FLAT clarionette, German silver keys, in case, complete, £1, or exchange good Rollers.—Beaumont, 15, Brunswick-rd., Morecambe.

GRAMOPHONE, 12 plates, £1; good bred Pom. bitch, 30/-; exchange Norwich or Yorkshire.—42, King-st., Ardwick, Manchester.

FOR sale, Irish terrier bitch, good guard and catter, 15/-; exchange Canaries.—W. Mackay, 98, Townhead-st., Hamilton, N.B.

HIGH-CLASS pedigree white Bull Terrier bitch, 40/-; exchange Canaries, Finches, Mules, or anything useful.—Spark, Hanwell, London.

EXCHANGE Bovril picture, house-moulted Linnet, for 2 Yorkshire hens, or offers.—Russell, 4, Malvern Buildings, Fairfield Park, Bath.

MARBLE clock, quantity of toys, glass shelves, other goods; sell or exchange Canaries and cages. —Kennard, Haworth, Keighley.

WILL exchange good mandoline for Roller; hird first; mutual approval. — Cirne, 11, Nicolas-rd., Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester.

EXCHANGE two hlow lamps, value 16/6, 10/6, cage birds, or poultry.—Worrell, 20, Homfray-st., Hackney Wick. Auything useful.

EXCHANGE silver-mounted meerschaum pipe, or quantity joiners' tools for pair Canaries; approval.—Plant, 74, Ray-st., Heanor, Notts.

MANDOLINE, exchange for cock Yorkshire, or pair Goldfinches; offers.—Lowe, 8, Hayle's Buildings, St. George's-rd., Southwark, S.E.

WILL sell or exchange three prize bred English rabbits for a rifle, or gramophone records; or offers. —R. Barkley, Gilling East, York.

EXCHANGE three glass cruet, best silver plate, for two cocks, or five hen Canaries.—W. Hinchcliffe, 1 Ct. 4, Gloucester-place, Sheffield.

SALE or exchange, 156 Penny Pictorial Magazine and Penny Magazine, for Canaries.—Mr. Jonah Ball, No. 11, Rydal-st., Leigh, Lancashire.

FOR sale, genuine good joiner's plough, brass stems, box-wood fence, seven irons, 32/6, cost two guineas.—E. J., 1, Bigyn-rd., Llanelly.

PULLETS, laying, finest laying strain in England, 3/- each, 6 with handsome cock 20/-, eggs 3/6 sitting.—Bissell, Woodsetton, Dudley.

EXCHANGE glass-panel cigarette box, polished oak, nickel fitted, for British; or sell, 9/6.—Field, 23, Dagmar-terrace, Islington, London.

FIVE month, well-bred, black Pomeranian pup; exchange good cock and hen Canaries; birds first.—Stephenson, Low Willington, Durham.

EXCHANGE pair hollow-ground razors, in silk-lined case, for one cock or three hen Canaries.—Joseph Royles, 260, Beet-st., Sheffield.

BARGAIN, grand pair of English rabbits, 10/-; or exchange hlue Dutch doe, good strain, 3/6.—Featherston, Great Ayton, S.O., Yorkshire.

ELECTRO-PLATED tea urn, athletic prize, value £2 2s., never used; exchange for gent's cycle; or what offers.—Iliffe, Finkey-st., Oakham.

WIRE-HAIR fox terrier dog, clean, good guard, sell 20/- or nearest offer; exchange toy dog; stamp reply.—Small, 67, Western-rd., Brighton.

SALE or exchange 4 pairs men's woollen drawers, new, 4/- pair; or exchange cresthred Canaries, or Rollers.—Purvis, East High-st., Alrdrie.

SELL pedigree Yorkshire bitch, 7 months old, £1 10s.; or part exchange; stud dog, Bolton, Bounce; what offers?—17, Heath-lane, Worrington.

EXCHANGE pair of field-glasses, case and strap, cost 30/-, for hirds, or anything useful; birds first. —A. Buckley, 27, Canterbnry-st., Oldham.

ONE pair Yorkshires, 10/6; exhibition Bullfinch cock, 3/-; double breeder, carved front, 5/-; offers. —Fairbairn, Easter-st., Duns, Berwickshire.

WANTED, Norwich or Lancashire Plainhead hens; exchange portahle hot-water heating apparatus, 8ft. long.—Schoolmaster, Alderton, Chippenham.

LARGE Persian tom, clean, healthy, jet black, good specimen, 15/-; exchange Canaries; offers; approval.—Newman, Upper Grove, Margate.

½-PLATE camera, with stand, frames, etc.; exchange Siberian cock Goldfinch; no rubbish; bird first.—Joe Williams, Church-ter., Llangefni.

FIVE six-compartment breeders, 10/- each; four two's, 2/- each; good condition; no hirds.—Stoves, Rockcliffe, Church-rd., Low Fell, Gateshead.

LADY'S gold-plated new watch, 15/-; gent.'s silver lever, £1 (Graves'); exchange typical Norwich hens; offers.—Pedder, 149, North-st., Luton.

EXCHANGE double-barrel revolving pistol and 50 cartridges by London maker, value 7/6, for hen Canaries.—Hornsby, 24, High-st., Homerton.

SANDOW'S developer, new, exchange for Seifert Roller, will also give little cash for nice bird.—Thomas, c/o 51, Jordan-terrace, Methil, Fife.

EXCHANGE sitting Black Minorca eggs (Hunter's best pen), for good Norwich cock Canary, full song; offers.—Cyril Higgs, Caddington, Beds.

TWO Sih hens, one cock Linnet, two douhle, two single breeders, six singing cages, sell £1; exchange anything.—3, Lincoln View, Newtown, Leeds.

COCK and two hens, Crested, with douhle breeder, 10/6; exchange for good phonograph, records, and reproducer.—Hairdresser, Union-st., Southport.

FOLDING pocket camera, new condition, 25/-; ½-plate magazine camera, 25/-; exchange Canaries, or good foreigners.—Jas. Murphy, Kirkcudhright.

AVIARY, Crystal Palace, 48 hy 48 by 22, new, 25/-; or exchange phonograph records or anything useful.—North, 4, Devonshire-rd., Bexley Heath.

TWELVE long distance Homers, also clapnets; exchange good Norwich or Yorkshire cocks; sell 38/-.—Gilbert, 2, St. Mark's-grove, Bristol.

SPLENDID suit length, good tweed, value, 25/-; exchange anything, Canaries, British, or poultry preferred.—Herbert, 81, Northgate-st., Colchester.

PAIR black Rosecomb Bantams, 15/-; or exchange Hawfinch or Siberian Goldfinch; approval; birds first.—Peter Gentleman, Aconbridge, Stirlingshire.

—EDISON standard phonograph, nearly new, large brass horn, £2 5s.—Hatfield, Guildford Arms, Chisp-st., Poplar (outside Sth. Bromley Station).

TWO good muling cock Linnets, house-moulted, twice, silver chain, 60 old English foreign coins; exchange Canaries; offers.—Selvey, Tredegar, Mon.

SPLENDID library for beginner, 130 CAGE BIRDS Jouruals, 25 lovely coloured plates, exchange for ratchet brace.—Yates, 46, English-rd., Southampton.

NUN Pigeons, champion strain, Brackstone direct, 10/- pair; exchange winning British Hardhills; no ruhbish; approval.—F. Mead, 27, Powlitt-rd., Bath.

10-INCH gramophone records, first-class condition; field glasses, exchange for Norwich or Goldie, 2/-; records, 1/3 each.—Brownlee, Cumledge, Duns, N.B.

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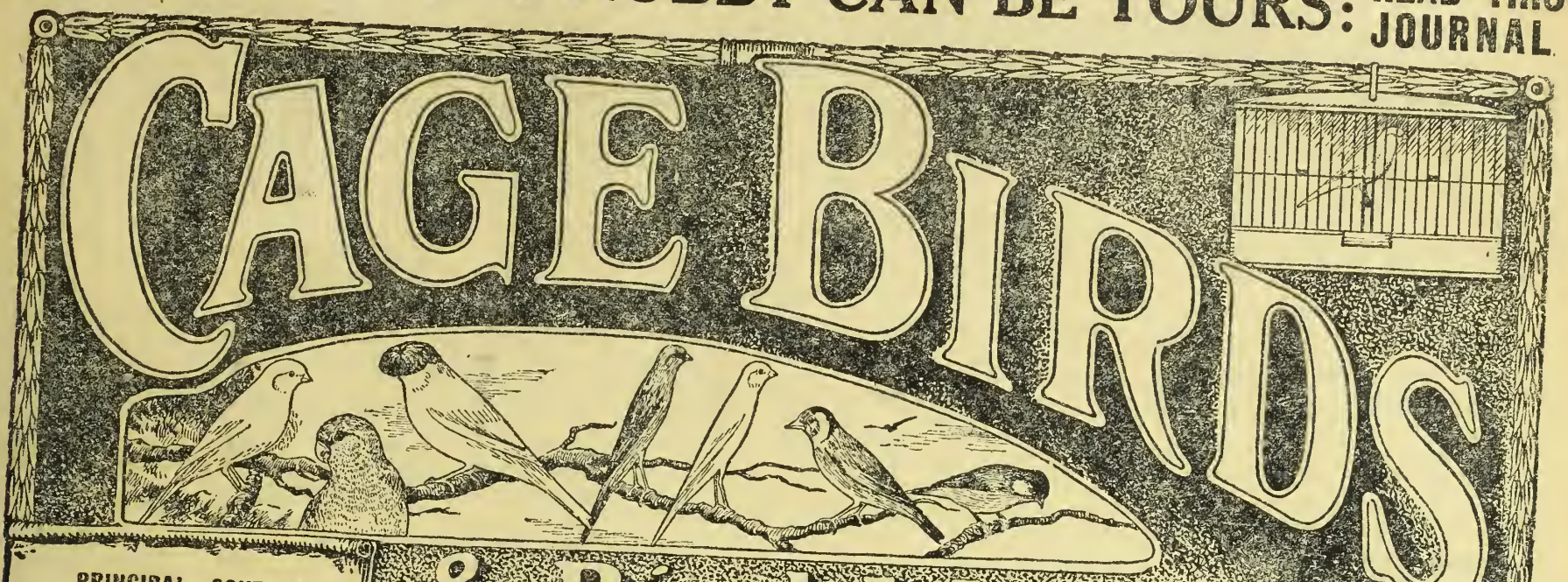


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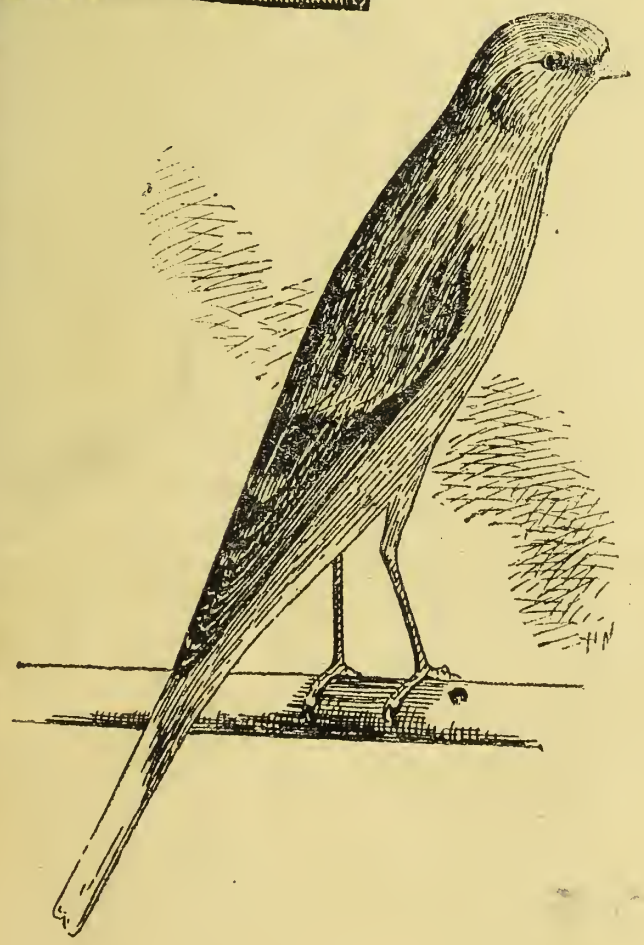

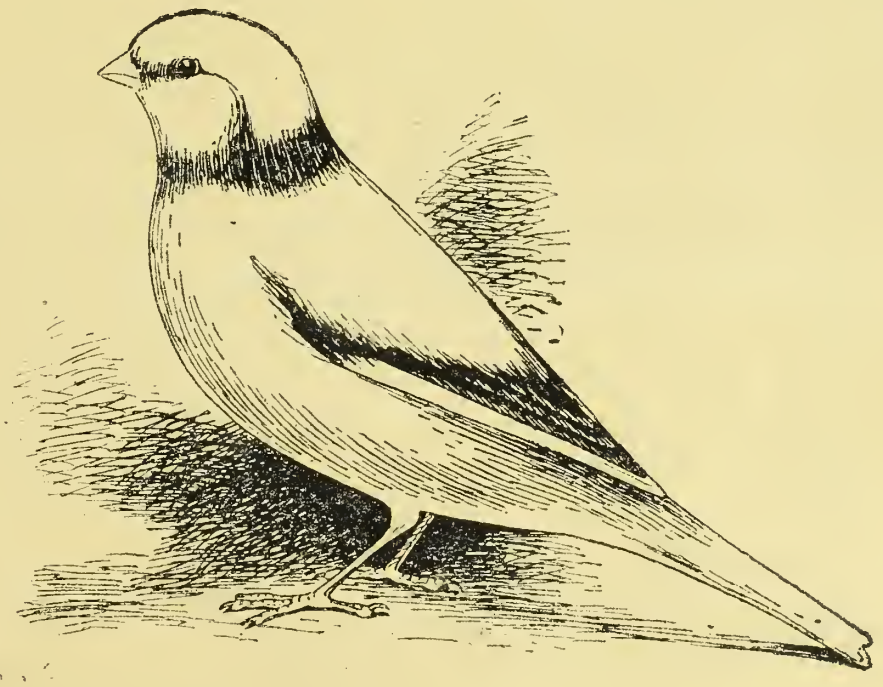

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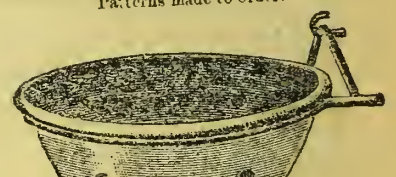

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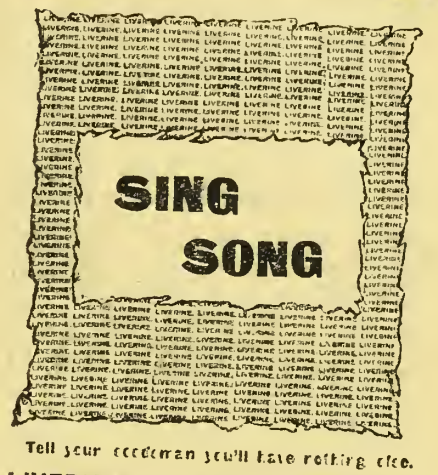


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## Norwich.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
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| Ticked or Variegated Yellow... | 4/6, | 5/6, | 8/6, | 10/6 |
| Clear Buff ... ... ... ... | 3/6, | 4/6, | 6/6, | 8/6 |
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# CLUB REPORTS

### EAST BOWLING AND DIST. B.F.A.

A most successful meeting was held on March 6th, and after the meeting a washing exhibition was given by the following: Messrs. G. Thompson, B. Cowell, L. C. Casey, H. Bleazard, and J. Pownall, which was very interesting. A lot of good information and experience was gained by the younger members. A few more such meetings should bring this society to its old strength. Great interest was shown, and the discussion lasted until 10 o'clock, when a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close.—L. BOOTH, Hon. Secretary.

### MAESTEG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held March 8th, Mr. C. Richards in the chair, in the absence of our chairman. A good number of members turned up. Two new members were enrolled. The balance-sheet was passed. The election of officers for 1909 resulted as follows:—Chairman; Mr. C. Richards; vice-chairman, Mr. T. Miles; secretary, W. Jenkins; assistant secretary, Mr. T. Phillips; show managers, Messrs. T. Miles and W. Thomas; committee, all members. It was decided to fix the date of show at next meeting.—W. JENKINS, secretary.

### BROXBURN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Committee meeting held in the draughts room of the Public Institute, on March 10th. Mr. T. Sharp presided over a large attendance. It was agreed to add seven classes to the Scotch Fancy section. The following judges were appointed:—For the British bird section, Messrs. Sharp (Bathgate) and Brown (Edinburgh); Borders section, Mr. Hislop (Stirling); Norwich section, Mr. Winter (Edinburgh); Scotch Fancy judge will be decided at next meeting. Mr. David Anthony, Main Street, Broxburn, was appointed secretary, in place of Mr. Walter Neilson, resigned.—D. ANTHONY, secretary.

### DARVEL O.S.

General meeting held March 6th, Councillor J. M. Cleland, president, presiding. Last year's office-bearers were all re-elected, and a good number added to the committee. It was agreed to hold Open Show on November 6th. There being a good balance in hand, and with the view of adding some new members, it was agreed to reduce the membership fee from 2s. 6d. to 2s. The question of holding monthly lectures was considered; also that of holding members' monthly shows. Agreed that these be discussed fully at next general meeting, to be held April 17th.—J. ROBERTSON, JUN., Secretary.

### WOOD GREEN AND DIS. F. & F.S.

The first general meeting of the above society was held on March 9th at headquarters, 165, High-road. We had a splendid gathering; a number of new members were added to our list. There is every sign of this being a very successful society. Rules were passed, and the officers elected for the year, and arrangements are being made to make our meeting nights interesting to our members. At the next meeting we shall have a lecture on the "Breeding and Management of Canaries" by a well-known fancier, when anyone interested will be welcome. Due notice of same will be given.—T. CALLEGARI, Hon. Sec., 17, Gladstone-avenue, Wood Green.

### STRATFORD AND E. LONDON F.S.

Adjourned annual meeting, held at headquarters, March 11th. The late secretary (who was not at the meeting) sent a statement of accounts for 1908. The statement showed a deficit on the year's working of £16. The new committee, secretary, etc., were elected. With the loyal help of members they hope to soon clear off the deficit, and again make the society foremost in East London, as in the past. There will be a meeting on March 25th, at Workman's Hall. The challenge cup will then be on view. Members who are in the running for points, medals, etc., must send details of points to the new secretary. Also all who have ticket money for annual show, will they kindly forward same at once along with all unsold tickets, so that books can be cleared. Many subscriptions for 1908 are still outstanding, which I shall be glad to receive at once. All communications to be sent to me at 16, James Place, Poplar, E. W. MAXEY, hon. secretary.

### PENZANCE AND DISTRICT F.A.

Annual meeting held at Rechabite Hall, March 3rd. The Chairman (Mr. W. J. Kelynach) presided. The Hon. Secretary reported that the show was very successful, and that the entries had increased by 45. There was an increased membership of 4. He read a number of letters of congratulation from exhibitors upon the way the show was managed and their birds returned, and promising to support it again. The Hon. Treasurer read the balance-sheet, which showed receipts of £84 6s. 8d., including a balance from last year of £6 11s. 10d., and expenditure of £63 4s. 1d., leaving a balance in hand of £16 2s. 7d. The following officers were elected:—President, J. P. Boyd-Carpenter, Esq.; Vice-Presidents: The Mayor (Mr. A. R. Burnett), Sir Clifford J. Cory, Bart., M.P., Colonel Cornish, Major Harvey, D.S.O., Messrs. P. T. Chirgwin, J. H. Torking, J. Fuzzey, J. Scobel Armstrong, E. A. Saunders, J. P. Milton, W. H. Coulson, S. G. Bazeby, C. E. Vinning, W. Badgery, E. Hall, and W. Colenso. Chairman, Mr. W. J. Kelynach; Vice-Chairman, Mr. E. Michell; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. G. H. Hall, were re-elected. Mr. J. Pearce Sampson (Hon. Secretary) handed in his resignation, but was asked to reconsider his decision, and he accepted on conditions; Hon. Auditor, Mr. T. H. L. Perry, re-elected; Hon. Auctioneer, Mr. A. W. Robinson; Cage Bird Committee, Messrs. W. C. Bodinnac, W. Fox, C. Hosking, T. Treganowen, S. O. Watkins, R. Gendull, J. Caine, W. Warren, F. Richard, and W. H. Bolton. It was decided to hold a two days' show instead of the usual one day, to be held on November 10th and 11th. It was decided to again affiliate with the C.B.U., and Mr. W. C. Bodinnan was appointed delegate. The Hon. Secretary was requested to write to some well-known judges for the show. The meeting terminated with the election of new members, and a vote of thanks to the chairman.—J. PEARCE SAMPSON, Hon. Sec.

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## ASHINGTON AND HURST O.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held March 0th, at the Station-road, Ashington. In absence of Mr. Thompson, Mr. Miles took the chair. We had a very fair atteadance, and after business was gone through, Mr. Edward Floyd read a very instructive paper on hand-washing, aud also gave an exhibition, at the close of which he (Mr. Floyd) was accorded a hearty vote of thaaks. At our next meeting, to be held on April 7th, we intend asking an old hand to read us a paper on "Colour-feeding."—GEO. R. HENDERSON, Secretary.

## DARLINGTON C. AND B.B.F.A.

Meeting held March 10th, Mr. H. C. Carter in the chair. A good number of members were present. The following judges were elected for our fourth annual open show, to be held in the Corn Exchange, Darlington, on October 16th:—Canary section, Mr. J. Wilcock (Eccleshill); British, etc., Mr. F. Marwood (Thornaby). It was decided to hold an open Llanet singing contest on April 3rd, particulars of which will appear in CAGE BIRDS later. It was also decided to have a table show of field-moulted British birds (A.S. seed-eaters) on next meeting night, April 7th. Judge, Mr. T. Cleminson.—R. S. BLACK, Hon. Secretary.

## NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

The result of the election of officers for the coming year was as follows:—President, Mr. J. A. Eckersley 30; vice-presidents (4), Messrs. J. Bexson 31, A. G. Davis 20, W. Aitchison 29, E. Baker 15; committee (12), Messrs. S. Cook 41, J. H. Roe 32, T. Seed 26, J. Trengove 40, J. Towers 28, B. Clegg 21, T. H. Dent 39, J. Hayhurst 30, O. Stringer 18, W. Booth 36, S. Spillman 27, J. Raynes 16; auditors (2), B. Clegg 44, G. W. F. Lythgoe 34; judges (10), J. H. Roe 44, J. Bexson 37, H. W. Battye 33, J. Trengove 40, A. Wellings 37, A. G. Davis 22, J. Robson 38, J. C. Barnes 33, W. Booth 21, Dr. Herd 16; secretary and treasurer (1), J. Hopkins 25, 126, Bury New-road, Bolton. Fifteen voted in favour of continuing to be affiliated to the C.B.U. as their rules stand at present.—J. RAYNES, late Hon. Sec.

## NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held in the usual place on March 4th, Mr. Currah presiding. The following gentlemen were elected to membership, viz., Messrs. J. Smith (Byker), R. Tight, Mather, and Longstaff (Gateshead), Trowhitt (Shotley Bridge), C. Campbell (Heaton), Markwell (Wallsend), A. Fryer (Newcastle), and G. Dohinson (Seaton Delavel). The principal business was the lecture delivered by Mr. James Shepherd on "Preparing for and Treatment During the Breeding Season." There were over fifty members present to hear Mr. Shepherd's lecture, he being a most able and adept speaker. After the discussion, Mr. MacPartling gave a brief account of his visit to the Crystal Palace Show. The members were unanimous in electing him to the committee. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Shepherd and to our chairman brought a pleasant evening to a close. —CURRY AND HUTCHINSON, Hon. Secs.

## SOUTH-WEST LONDON O.B.S.

Special general meeting held at the Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction, on March 4th. Mr. Harris was in the chair. The balance-sheet was read and passed, showing a nice little sum to the good. Mr. Lilley referred to the good the club had done in the past year. After paying all expenses the society has £8 7s. 3½d. in hand. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the secretary, and likewise the auditors, Messrs. Tate and Burgess. The chairman, taking Mr. Lilley by surprise, presented him with a handsome plated tea and coffee service, generously subscribed for by the members in recognition of his valuable services to the club as secretary. He spoke of the way he came amongst us, and steered our ship in the right direction. Mr. Lilley, in response, said he did not know what he had done to deserve such a kindness. He had only done his duty, and hoped he would be spared for many years to continue in the same. Letters were read from Mr. Mason, of Richmond, and Mr. Dales, of Northampton (who, the members were pleased to hear, has taken up birds again), congratulating him (Mr. Lilley) on his long service. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought one of the pleasantest of evenings to a close, and we all went home in the snow.

## ORMSKIRK C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held at headquarters, Buck i' th' Vine Hotel, on March 1st. There was a good attendance. Officials for the ensuing year were appointed as follows:—Chairman, Mr. E. A. Walker; Vice-Chairman, Mr. W. Davenport; Treasurer, Mr. W. Moss (re-elected); Secretary, Mr. T. H. Tiffen (re-elected); Committee: Whole of the members; Auditors, Messrs. P. Mawdsley and P. Wilkinson (re-elected). The Chairman and Vice-Chairman thanked the members for promoting them to their respective chairs, and promised to do their best for the benefit of the Society. Mr. Walker also promised a silver medal for most points at the November show. Rules were revised and show dates fixed, the Young Bird Show on July 10th, and the Old Birds on November 27th. Open classes for the latter show were discussed, but eventually left over. By an overwhelming majority it was decided that in future points gained in gift classes do not count for points specials, whereupon one member promptly withdrew his name from the gift class, and the late Chairman, to supplement that, kindly offered two birds for the gift class at the November show. Previous to the election of officers, the Secretary wished to be relieved of his position, but the members would not hear of it, and from what transpired the official in question will not be classed as an "out-of-work" for some time to come.—T. H. TIFFEN, Hon. Sec.

## LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Annual general meeting held at Ye Old Boar's Head, Manchester, on March 6th. The attendance was not as large as expected, but the bad weather probably accounted for this. However, fanciers from Oldham, Glossop, Middleton, Hazel Grove, etc., turned up, and a large amount of business was done. Messrs. Hampshire and Oldham acted as auditors, and expressed themselves well pleased with the balance-sheet, and with the general way in which things had been conducted. Officers were appointed for 1909, and few changes were made. Mr. John Garner was again appointed president; Messrs. Jno. Dewsnap, Barker Clegg, Jos. Hampshire, and Jno. Vickers vice-presidents; and Messrs. Wm. Lawton, W. P. Barnes, A. C. Dandie, J. Dickinson, J. J. Brookes, H. Oliver, and Jos. Oldham, committee; auditors, Messrs. Jos. Hampshire and Jos. Oldham; treasurer, Mr. Jno. Swalwell; and secretary, Mr. John Rukin, 44, Hall Carr Road, Rawtenstall, Lancashire. We made two new members in Mr. W. Dewsnap (Glossop) and Mr. Goodall (St. Helens), and received promises of several more for next meeting. A short discussion took place regarding the unsatisfactory response of novices, both in Lancashires and Lizards, and it was proposed to go into the matter thoroughly at next meeting, which will be held in Manchester, at Ye Old Boar's Head, on April 3rd, and try and devise some scheme. The two varieties we specialize in are very much alive, and have brighter prospects; it behoves fanciers to join our society, and help push the Lancashire and Lizard to where they ought to be—bang at the front. All fanciers are welcome to attend our next meeting, when cups and medals won during 1908 and 1909 will be presented. Will any intending new members kindly send on their names and addresses, and I will propose them, and so enable them to be in plenty of time to compete for the new season's cups and medals.—JOHN RUKIN

## CANNOCK AND DISTRICT C.B.S

Second meeting of cage bird fanciers held in the old Mission Room, Heath Hayes, on March 2nd, and, in spite of a heavy downfall of snow, we had a good attendaance, and were able to get through a considerable amount of business. We enrolled three new members, namely, Messrs. Horobin, E. Fisher, and A. Sheppard. It was decided that members, if possible, should at our next meeting bring one or more birds for discussion upon regarding their merits for breeding purposes, etc. Copies of CAGE BIRDS were distributed to members to deliver to likely members, some being sent to institute for its members, which may induce some of them to take an interest in the Fancy.—ALF. TROMAN, Hon. Sec.

## PRESTON O.S.

Monthly meeting held at the Tokio Cafe, March 4th. It was decided to hold annual Open Show on November 12th and 13th. A discussion arose as to the advisability of still remaining affiliated to the C.B.U., we having lost several members through Rule 17, which we consider most unfair. It was generally considered a case of being beaten with one's own stick. However, after a few remarks by the Chairman (Mr. Dent) it was decided to again send on the subscriptions. Mr. Dent later gave us a paper on the Norwich Plainhead and breeding, which was greatly appreciated, especially by the novices. Several stiff questions were put, but Thomas was not to be "had." A vote of thanks to him brought a pleasant evening to a close.—ROBT. TAYLOR, Sec.

## TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First annual dinner and presentation of prizes, held March 9th, at the Holme Lane Hotel. Nearly fifty members, with their wives and friends, sat down to an excellent tare, provided by Mr. and Mrs. Blakey. The rest of the evening was spent in listening to vocal music. Mr. T. Ogden was in the chair. Mr. H. H. Towers (Shipley) presented the prizes:—1st, gold medal, Mr. H. H. Clarke; 2nd, gold medal, F. Fawcett; 3rd, medal, J. W. Bedforth; and six other specials to Messrs. A. Gledhill, B. Worsman and Co., H. Shaw, O. Atkinson, A. Tidswell, and W. Dawson. Mr. H. H. Towers promised a special for each forthcoming members' show, and there are eight for this season. He was heartily thanked for his kindness. I hear, by the bye, he has got a few of our members to join the C.M.Y.C.C. A vote of thanks to Mr. H. H. Towers for presenting the prizes, and also to the artistes and all who helped to make the gathering a success, was passed. This is the first gathering of its kind we have had, and I feel sure it will not be the last. A vote of sympathy was passed by the gathering to be sent to Mr. H. Pacey, a member. He is suffering from appendicitis, and is, we hear, progressing favourably.—J. SMITH, secretary.

## GATESHEAD AND DIST. C.B.S.

Usual meeting held at headquarters, Lockhart's Cafe, on March 10th, presided over by the chairman, Mr. T. Almond. The balance-sheet was gone into, and it was found that a printer's error had occurred, and it was agreed to let the matter stand over till next meeting. We enrolled Mr. A. Wood as a vice-president. No less than twenty new members were proposed and elected; it is very pleasing to the new secretaries to see so many of the old members returning to the ranks of the palace of the North. The following well-known breeders and exhibitors were enrolled as members:—Messrs. F. Hawkins, R. Lowery, Holden and Todd, J. Carmichael, E. Atkinson, G. Dowsie, D. Wood, P. Riddle, R. Ridley, W. R. Smith, J. Hunt, T. Burns, and J. Goodman (all of Gateshead), Mr. Mackenzie (Low Fell), Messrs. Bertram and Story, and A. Hermitson (Newcastle), Mr. A. Walker (Sunderland), and Mr. A. McGurk (Dipton). The preliminary arrangements for the election of judges for annual show to be held on December 10th and 11th were proceeded with. The secretary was instructed to write the following gentlemen, who were nominated:—Messrs. J. Robson, J. F. Dewar, J. Dixon, and T. Taylor. A deal of discussion took place over the judge for the Yorkshire section, seven well-known judges being proposed; it was also decided to let this matter also stand over till next meeting. Several gentlemen have promised us lectures, and washing exhibitions, and we are looking forward to spending some pleasant and happy hours in the near future.—G. BUCK and H. JOHNSON, Hon. Secs.

## WEST OF SCOTLAND CLUB.

The West of Scotland N. and B.F.C.M.B. and F.B.A., held usual meeting in Nelson's Temperance Hotel, 83, Ingram-street, Glasgow, President, C. Hunter in the chair. Classes were arranged for the annual show as follows: Class 1, clear or ticked yellow cock; 2, ditto hen; 3, clear or ticked buff cock; 4 ditto hen; 5, varieg. yellow cock; 6, ditto hen; 7, varieg. buff cock; 8, ditto hen; 9, Crested cock; 10, ditto hen; 11, Crest-bred cock; 12, ditto hen; 13, clear or ticked yellow Border cock; 14, ditto hen; 15, clear or ticked buff cock; 16, ditto hen; 17, unevenly marked or varieg. yellow cock or hen; 18, unevenly marked or variegated buff; and 19, green or Cinnamon. These classes are for young birds bred, reared and moulted by exhibitor, and the birds competing for cups must be nominated. Two classes have been added for Yorkshires, a class for Siskin, and one for Redpoll or Twite; also two selling classes of 15/- and 7/6. Classes for young Mules and Hybrids, and all old bird and British bird classes will remain as in former years. The judges will be nominated at next meeting. Three new members were enrolled, and Mr. J. Young has agreed to open a discussion on Crest Breeding at next meeting. Membership is now open to all members of Specialist Clubs, etc., and the secretary will be pleased to hear from any fanciers wishing to join.—GEO. SMART, Hon, Secretary, Carmyle-by-Glasgow.


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## LONDON FEDERATION OF C.B.S

A meeting of the Council was held on March 11th at the "Feathers," Great Chapel-street, Westminster. Present: Messrs. H. E. Tringham (chairman), R. L. Crisp, W. H. Mugford, J. Dewhurst, ex-officio members; H. W. Cook and J. T. Hammond (Poplar and District C.B.S.), F. W. Thorpe and R. J. Pretty (London and Counties O.S.), J. Carson (Wimbledon and District C.B.S.), H. T. Newnham (Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.), R. P. Harper (North London C.B.A.), C. H. Cooper (Leyton and District C.B.A.), H. Churchard and J. Turner (West London F.A.), T. Miller and F. Boxall (London C.B.A.), E. S. Lugg (Lewisham and District C.B.S.), A. Cunningham (Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.), J. C. Birch and W. J. Creamer (Queen's Park and District C.B.A.), W. Honeysett (Battersea and District C.B.A.), and P. Adamthwaite, the Hon. Sec.

Mr. W. H. Mugford reported that in accordance with the instructions received at the last meeting he had taken the opinion of both solicitor and counsel on the question of Mr. Simpson's claim against the L. and N.W. Railway. The sub-committee appointed by the Council now recommended that the Council do not proceed with the case. Mr. Simpson had practically no claim against the railway company. Although it would be possible to get a verdict in the Federation's favour, the railway company would not let the case remain there. It would be better that Mr. Simpson accept the five shillings offered by the company, plus the amount of carriage paid by him. On the motion of Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Hammond, it was decided that the sub-committee's report be accepted.

Mr. Crisp, in moving "That the Council consider the best means for the formulating of a scheme whereby affiliated members may be insured against loss of birds in transit and other causes," said that it was his desire that every unit of the Federation should have some interest in it. The scheme he suggested, would, he thought, help to cement the members together. The present conditions of railway insurance were very unsatisfactory. (Hear, hear.) They had to pay 1½ per cent.—that was, threepence in the pound—if they wished to insure birds on railway journeys, but before they could lay claim to compensation they had to prove direct negligence on the part of the railway company concerned, which was a difficult matter. His scheme obviated this difficulty. Another advantage was that, whereas under present conditions they could not insure birds against loss or damage on the return journey, they would then be able to. His idea was that members should have the opportunity of purchasing books containing (say) six sheets of the value of £1 apiece; so that when a member dispatched a bird he could state on the sheet its destination (as regards the town only), and should also make a declaration that the bird is in a perfect state of health to the best of his belief. He suggested that £5 for any one bird be the limit for which the Federation be held responsible in the first year. He also suggested that the charge for insurance be 2d. instead of 3d. He would even go further and suggest that the Federation insure birds against death or theft at shows, so far as Canaries and hard-billed British birds were concerned. Mr. Honeysett said he thought the levying of an annual subscription of one shilling per member would meet the requirements of the scheme.—Mr. Crisp: I think that would be ample. Allowing for duplications, etc., we may quite easily put the membership at 500, and if 500 paid the shilling there would be £25—ample to carry the Federation over one year. Mr. Honeysett amplified his suggestion by stating that if a member did not care to pay the shilling he need not; but, of course, he would not benefit under the scheme.—It was suggested that the idea be submitted to the respective societies, but it was ultimately agreed, on the motion of Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Cooper, that a sub-committee be formed to draw up a scheme of insurance. Messrs. Harper, Lugg, Birch, and Boxall were appointed to the committee, together with the ex-officio members.—Mr. Crisp afterwards stated that as there seemed to be some apprehension as to the working of the scheme on account of lack of funds, several gentlemen were prepared to guarantee the working of the scheme for the first year provided 400 tickets could be sold between them. (Applause.)

In moving "That the Council consider the question of a novice or amateur returning to such classes after having won in championship classes provided they have not qualified for the latter by the required number of firsts in either of the former," Mr. Crisp stated that some fanciers during the past season showed at certain exhibitions as champions and at others afterwards as amateurs. This was not, he said, according to the spirit of the rules laid down. (Hear, hear.) Once a fancier had passed the novitiate stage, he should not be allowed to go back to it.—On the motion of Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Turner, it was agreed "That any member of the Federation having won in the champion classes shall not be allowed to return to the amateur or novice classes."

Mr. Honeysett moved 'That the Federation grant medals for competition," but there being no seconder the matter fell through.

Mr. Cooper, in moving "That the Council discuss the advisability of holding a Federation show," stated that the holding of a show would tend to bring the affiliated societies nearer together. It certainly was the wish of the society he represented. —Mr. Crisp said he thought it would be excellent if the necessary money were forthcoming. (Laughter.) If this difficulty could be got over, or if the suggested show could be held in conjunction with another in some way, he would be prepared to support the idea. It was a fact that about 80 per cent. of the shows of last season resulted in losses. (Hear, hear.) He did not think it would be possible to run a show successfully even on a sliding scale, as Mr. Harper had already suggested. Mr. Adamthwaite said that as their secretary he would like to see a show run, and he saw no reason why they should not run one. They did not want to make money over it—(laughter)—they only wanted to make it pay its way. Besides, he looked upon the event as a social one, and as something that would bring the societies closer together. The only thing was that they would not get him to run it. (Laughter.)—Mr. Thorpe said he thought Mr. Adamthwaite's last remark from one point of view a very good one. He (the secretary) had spoken as a young and enthusiastic fancier, but after a few more years in the Fancy he would probably tell a different tale. (Laughter.) If all fanciers would combine and show a similar enthusiasm the thing would be done; but, alas! he had had his hopes too often dashed.—Mr. Turner said he thought they had better wait a year. (Hear, hear.)—Mr. Mugford said he did not think Mr. Adamthwaite really knew what it cost to run a show. The working expenses of the last Horticultural Hall Show, he might be surprised to know, were no less than £120.—Mr. Adamthwaite stated that the rent of the Horticultural Hall was £40, but he knew of a hall within three minutes' walk of Baker-street Station which was in every way a suitable one, and which could be rented for a week at less than £10. (Chorus: "Oh," and "Name.") I will undertake to get it if it is wanted. (Applause.)—Mr. Cooper pointed out that they were not a single society, but nineteen strong. (Hear, hear.)—Mr. Adamthwaite added that this was not an ordinary show, but practically a members' show, and they would find that four out of every six members' shows paid well.—This statement was contradicted by several.—Mr. Boxall having asked where the money for running the show was to come from, Mr. Adamthwaite proceeded to estimate both the working expenses and the income, but some laughter was caused when it was suddenly found that he had forgotten to take into account the postage bill. Still, his estimate of income, he said, was a very low one, and he felt confident of success.—Mr. Cooper's motion for the holding of an open show, seconded by Mr. Lugg, received 6 votes for, and 13 against, and it was declared lost.

Mr. Honeysett stated that it had been pointed out to him that the Federation were running in opposition to the Cage Bird Union, and that perhaps a few remarks by the chairman would satisfy those who were under that impression.—Mr. H. E. Tringham, in reply, said he could only repeat that they were not in any sense antagonistic to the C.B.U. The Federation had established themselves to deal with members' cases only in the London area without appealing to the senior and superior union, and they had justified their existence. (Applause.)—Mr. Crisp said he thought they might ask the C.B.U., and perhaps also the Yorkshire Union, to uphold the Federation's disqualifications, the Federation on their part giving the same undertaking with regard to these Union's disqualifications. (Hear, hear.)—Messrs. Pretty and Thorpe endorsed the opinion, and it was decided that the secretary write to each of the bodies concerned.—Mr. Crisp gave notice of motion that a rule he formulated dealing with defaulting committees. The questions of joining with the C.B.U. and the Y.U. in appealing for reduced railway fares and of another insurance scheme were also mentioned, after which the meeting closed.

## HALIFAX O.S.

Annual general meeting, held March 13th, at the Griffin Hotel. There was a good attendance. The balance-sheet was read, and showed a cash balance of £42 15s. 0½d. in favour of the society. During the meeting seven new members were made. The following were elected officers for 1909:—President, Mr. A. Ross; vice-presidents, Messrs. F. Lee, H. W. Walsh, and W. Speak; delegates to Yorkshire Union, Messrs. H. W. Walsh, H. Whitaker, and F. Townsend; secretary, Mr. J. F. Thackray, 82, St. Augustine's Terrace; assistant secretary, Mr. H. Whitaker; auditors, Messrs. J. Mottram and H. Lord; stewards, Messrs. S. Haigh, A. Lloyd, and H. Clegg; sub-committee, Messrs. S. Haigh, J. Mottram, H. W. Walsh, H. Lord, F. Lee, H. Clegg, and F. Townsend. Next meeting, April 3rd, at Griffin Hotel, 8 o'clock, when Mr. T. W. Wilson (Halifax) will give a paper on "Some Breeding Season Troubles." Friends are invited.—J. F. THACKRAY, secretary.

## SCOTTISH NORWICH P.C.

Annual general meeting held at 142, High-street, Edinburgh, on March 13th, Mr. Winter (president) presiding over a full meeting. The committee having recommended that the secretary be paid an honorarium for his services, it was ultimately agreed that the secretary be paid a salary of £2 yearly, plus out-of-pocket expenses. The suspension of a club member by the Scottish British Bird Club for alleged trimming and faking was raised by a member, and after consideration it was decided to take no action, as the member in question had not committed any offence against this club. The financial statement for 1908 was then considered and unanimously passed, the club being in a very satisfactory condition. The president's prize was handed over to the winner, Mr. A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch). The winner of the novice prize, Mr. D. S. Gowans (Glasgow), the secretary, had intimated, already had his prize handed over. Mr. Malcolmson moved that the present show cage be discarded, and the old bow-fronted one, with certain alterations, adopted, but he found no seconder, and the motion therefore dropped. Mr. McFarlane moved that the club adopt two show cages, the one at present in use, and the bow-fronted one; this was seconded by Mr. Campbell. Mr. Dunn moved, and Mr. Ferguson seconded, the previous question, and after letters on same subject were read from Messrs. Watson (Kilmarnock) and Hector (Aberdeen), a long discussion ensued, the result of the vote being that the previous question was carried by 16 votes to 7. Mr. McFarlane's motion that the committee be composed of two members of the club connected with societies obtaining the club's patronage did not find a seconder, and was also dropped. Mr. Aitchison's motion that the committee be composed of six members from the West, six from the East and South, and six from the North of Scotland, was seconded by Mr. Dandie, and was carried by a large majority. Mr. Aitchison's motion that no party be allowed a vote in the club management until he had been a member for eighteen months fell through for want of a seconder. Result of voting for office-bearers for 1909:—Committee, Messrs. J. Young 30, G. Scaife 29, A. McFarlane 28, A. Roberts 24, J. Adams 23, J. McLay 24, W. Jaffrey 23, J. Winter 23, R. B. Jarvie 21, W. G. Muir 21, W. Clubb 21, G. Davidson 20, A. G. Cameron 19, J. Hector 19, W. Watson 18, J. Smeaton 18, W. Aitchison 18, W. Dunn 18; judges, A. McFarlane 24, A. G. Cameron 24, J. McLay 21, A. Roberts 18, G. Davidson 14, A. Malcolmson 13; auditors, J. Young 21, D. S. Gowans 15; scrutineers, A. Roberts 27, J. Young 15; secretary and treasurer, J. Brown 41. Winners of specials during 1908:—President's prize, A. Chalmers, 225 points; next highest, J. Adams, 198 points; novice points; next highest, A. prize, D. S. Gowans, 44 points; next highest, A. Henderson, 30 points; gold medals for best unflighted cock and best unflighted hen at club show, A. Watson and S. Buglass; silver medals were won by A. McFarlane, J. Winter, J. Holmes, J. Smeaton, R. Jeffrey, G. Scaife, A. Chalmers, R. Martin, G. Davidson, J. Adams, J. Calderwood, A. Watson, A. Miller, J. Ferguson, G. Mitchell, W. Clubb. Mr. Miller, J. Ferguson, G. Mitchell, W. Clubb. Mr. Young having gained the highest number of votes was duly elect president for the current year. Meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.—J. BROWN, Sec.


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## TWITTERINGS.

We hear from Mr. Geo. Mitchell, the secretary, that the Biggar Show is down to be held on November 20th next.

Kindly note that I have removed from Emmott Street to 165 Skidmore Street, Stepney, E., writes Mr. G. Batty.

The annual open show of the Muirkirk O.S. will be held on November 27th, writes Mr. J. G. Torbett, the secretary.

Eastbourne Show will be held on October 20th and 21st. The cage-bird section will be judged by Mr. C. A. House.

The Hanley and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. B. Peake, the secretary, will hold their annual show on October 28th, under C.B.U. rules.

At the last meeting of the Teng and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. J. Smith, the secretary, it was decided not to hold an open show this year.

At the show of the Harpenden Agricultural Society on Whit Monday, May 31st, the cage-bird section will be judged by Mr. C. A. House.

I am pleased to tell you, writes Mr. J. Lepla, that I have this month secured four new readers here at Newmarket, and one away at Harlow.

Fanciers, hear Mr. J. Robson on "Seasonable Hints," at Metropolitan C.B.A., "Crown Hotel," Lavender Hill, March 25th, 8.30. Note the date.—(ADVT.)

Our annual show, writes Mr. A. J. Notley, hon. secretary of the Hetton-le-Hole and Dis. C.B.S., is fixed for November 27th, with Mr. A. Brown (Gateshead), as judge.

The newly-formed Llanelly and County Fanciers' Association has decided to hold its first open show on December 7th. The cage-bird section will be judged by Mr. C. A. House.

We have received an advertisement for our "Crest" column from Mr. Thomas Morley, without any address. If the sender will forward same, the advertisement will be duly inserted.

Mr. G. E. Weston asks us to thank for him those fanciers who have written with reference to the recent law action, as he is not able to reply personally to all the letters which have reached him.

The Cambridge and Cambs. C.B.S., writes Mr. T. S. Moore, the hon. secretary, are holding their open show on November 11th and 12th, under C.B.U. rules, with Messrs. J. Robson and J. Frostick as judges.

We were surprised to hear at our last meeting, writes Mr. H. Foden, hon. secretary of the Ashton-under Lyne and Dis. O.S., that one of our members had got a few young Yorkshires about seven days old, and all doing well.

The West London F.A. have issued a neat three-fold card of rules and regulations, and the officers' names. Particulars respecting the association may be had of the secretary, Mr. J. Dewhurst, 52, North End Road, West Kensington, W.

Messrs. H. W. Battye and W. Vardy have been appointed judges for our annual show, to be held on October 27th and 28th, writes Mr. J. Houghton, secretary of the Gloucester and Dis. C.B.S. It will be under C.B.U. rules.

Kindly announce that we have altered our date from November 5th and 6th to November 26th and 27th, writes Mr. J. Irlam, hon. secretary, of the Sale Open O.S., to avoid clashing with Liverpool. Mr. J. C. Barnes has been elected to judge.

I look with interest for CAGE BIRDS every Friday, and find it very instructive. I may say that I used to take ——, but a fancier gave me your paper to look at, and I liked it so much that I ordered it at once from my newsagent in preference.—W. TAYLOR (Walley Range).

We cordially invite fanciers and friends to any of our meetings, which are held on the second and fourth Mondays in each month, writes Mr. H. Clayton, hon. secretary of the Pendleton and Salford O.S. Mr. Barker Clegg will lecture on the Goldfinch and Linnet on March 22nd, at 8 p.m.

The Hayle and Dis. F.A., writes Mr. H. Ware, the hon. general secretary, are holding their sixth open show on November 17th and 18th. Three new secretaries were elected at our last meeting, and with most of the old management we hope to have the finest show in the West

The members of the Hull Cage Bird Society are highly pleased, we hear, at the honour done to one of the members, Mr. Geo. Harland, in being elected to judge the open show of the Norwich Plainhead Club of Ireland. This is only the second show the Norwich Club has held, and Mr. Harland judged the first also.

About a month ago, chiefly out of curiosity, I bought a copy of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL at a railway bookstall. After perusing same I found myself so interested that I began taking in CAGE BIRDS weekly, with the result that I am now going to make a start in the Fancy.—E. CARLILL (Blackhill, Co. Durham).

That enterprising specialist, Mr. W. Rudd, of Norwich, has forwarded us correspondence which shows that he has just completed the purchase of the whole stock of Roller Canaries belonging to one of our largest and best-known English breeders. They are said to be well-bred, well-trained, hardy birds, with many choice specimens amongst them, and all are offered for sale to Mr. Rudd's customers.


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A syllabus of the members' first feather and second feather shows, to be held in connection with the Tong and Dis. C.B.S., has been issued. The shows are to be held at the Holme Lane Hotel, Tong Street, Dudley Hill. The secretary is Mr. J. Smith, 7, Rose Terrace, Tong Street, Bradford.

I am sorry to have to inform your readers, especially Northern fanciers, writes Mr. J. W. Dixon (Blaydon), of the death of Mr. J. Hands' (Ryton), crestbred hen. She was a bird that had been a great credit to Mr. Hands, for she generally stood at the top, and was own sister to and bred in the same nest as his winning grey crest.

In perusing my ANNUAL, writes Mr. Nimmo (Everton), I notice in the list of chief winners in the Green section that my name appears twice. As I am the only person of that name who has exhibited Greens, I should thank you to make a note of same. I have removed from 79, Aubrey Street to 1a, Oakfield Road, Everton, Liverpool.

The first annual balance-sheet of the Ayr and Dis. C.B.C. shows a balance in hand of £1 17s. 7d., which, considering the payment of £1 2s. 4½d. for special prizes (the donors having withdrawn their offers), must be regarded as highly satisfactory, doing great credit to the secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. C. Irvine, and the other officials.

The judges appointed for the annual show of the Aberdeen O.S., on December 17th and 18th, writes Mr. J. Bryson, the hon. secretary, are: for Norwich, Mr. William Watson (Kilmarnock); for Crests, Cinnamons, Borders, and Yorks., Mr. John M'Lay (Kirkintilloch); and for Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds, Mr. James Livingstone (Bathgate).

Since we started the Pendlebury and Swinten Canary and British Bird Society, writes Mr. Alex. Donnelly, the secretary, the sale of CAGE BIRDS round this district through the reports of our meetings that you have published has greatly increased. Newsagents are "sold out" each week at 8 p.m. on the Friday night. We hope you will go on increasing the circulation.

The Sandy Lane and Dis. C.B.A., writes Mr. B. Buckle, the secretary, are having a pleasant function on March 23rd, to congratulate their members, Messrs. Bailey and Swanger, on their splendid achievement in winning the cup outright. All the members, with their wives or sweethearts, have been invited, along with a few friends, to a supper and concert at headquarters, at 7 p.m.

I was most agreeably surprised to see my winning lightly variegated Norwich Canary depicted in so life-like a manner in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. It does Mr. H. Norman great credit as an artist. Please thank him on my behalf for the part he has taken in reproducing such a picture as this. This was the first time the bird was shown. I hope that it will go on improving.—A. HUNT (Cardiff).

The 17th annual statement of accounts of the Bournemouth and Dis. C.B.A., a copy of which reaches us from the hon. secretaries, Messrs. Leech and Jones, discloses a creditable state of affairs, seeing that the deficit on the previous year's working (amounting to £6 10s.) has been reduced. It is to be hoped that in the current year the deficit will be finally removed. The prospects of the society are excellent.

The City and Suburban Association of Canary Breeders (who have now added "and British and Foreign Bird Fanciers" to their name), send their programme for 1909, and we find it a very interesting one, replete, as usual, with helpful lectures, and demonstrations of washing birds, etc.—something, in fact, for everyone. Fanciers desirous of joining should write the secretary, Mr. V. Wynn, 22, Park Lane, London, W.

The balance-sheet of the Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club for 1908 is an excellent one, the balance in hand, £2 12s. 7d., being an increase on that of the previous year, despite very thorough support of the shows with medals, etc. We note that the membership roll totals 129, a fact which must be very pleasing to the able secretary, Mr. J. Brown, and to his fellow-officials. The S.N.P.C. promises to be a big success, and deserves all support.

I have just received your Birthday Number, with the three coloured plates. To say that they are gems and a work of art would be putting it mildly; they are really beautiful, and should appeal to every fancier, I am sure. I intend to have them framed and preserved to adorn my birdroom, as I think they will be most suitable and add to its attractiveness in a great measure. I think the publishers of CAGE BIRDS are to be congratulated on their noble efforts to please their many patrons. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success, and many more Birthdays.—JOHN K. STOREY (St. John, New Brunswick).

### A Lady Bird.

A young woman of Wisconsin, Miss Reina Wright, is said, by the "Manchester Evening Chronicle" to have mastered the language of birds. A natural love of all feathered creatures caused her to pass years in the woods studying their habits, and now she is said to be able to reproduce the notes of birds so perfectly as to deceive the birds themselves. On one occasion she visited a house where many Canaries were kept, and imitated their song. When she stopped the birds all sung in emulation, using every trill and roulade of which they were capable. Again Miss Wright sang, more loudly than before, and so the contest between the birds and their human imitator went on, till finally the birds lost heart and sat silent and sulky in corners of their cages. Miss Wright can outcrow the proudest chanticleer, and as for the wild birds, they will often come to her call and listen while she sings to them.

Very many thanks for the original sketch of my two young buff Yorkshires, which you portrayed in January. I need hardly say that Mr. Norman's splendid drawing was at once taken to the picture framer's. As mentioned before, the larger of the two birds went to a gentleman in Glasgow for a big figure, and I much regret to say that the bird has in some unaccountable manner injured one of his wings, which, according to the owner, will prevent his ever appearing on the show bench again. As I had confidently predicted a great future for this bird, I can assure you the news was a great disappointment to me. The smaller bird I still have, and put him down at our members' show in February, when he stood first and special for best bird in show, which makes his record two firsts and two specials for the only times out.—E. J. BANKS (Cardiff).

I look forward with keen interest to each issue of CAGE BIRDS, which I greatly enjoy reading. Every page of it is full of valuable information, both for the novice and the experienced fancier. Twelve months ago I knew practically nothing about Canary-keeping, but through interesting myself in the various topics of selecting, matching, breeding, and rearing, I have gained immense knowledge, especially so from the "Canary Queries," which I have studied with delight. This part of the paper itself is worth all the money that is charged for it. I intend setting together nine pairs this spring, including Scotch Fancies, Borders, Norwich (Plainhead and Crest), and Yorkshires, and they are all well-chosen birds. I am, therefore, looking forward to putting my knowledge of Canaries into practical operation, and with further assistance in hints from your paper, I hope to have a successful season.—J. MACFARLANE, hon. secretary Cowal O.S.

### Southern Yorkshire C.C.

Will any member who has any proposition, or amendment to rules, to make, let me have same at once, so that they can be placed on agenda for annual meeting? I shall be greatly obliged if the members who have not paid their subscriptions for 1908 will do so at once to enable annual meeting to be convened at an early date.—J. W. RENNIE, hon. secretary.

### Ravenous Ravens.

It was thought that Ravens had almost disappeared from the lowlands of Cumberland, but farmers on the Cumberland plain are complaining of the depredations of these fierce birds on their flocks. This week one agriculturist in the Wigton district caught a Raven in the act of pecking out the eyes of a few-days-old lamb, and on other farms young lambs have been found similarly mutilated. Another farmer speaks as to seeing one carry off a young chicken.

### Good Company.

For the past three years a Robin has hibernated at Fleet (Lincolnshire) Rectory. When the cold weather arrives the bird takes up its abode in the house, roosting on top of a grandfather's clock, and taking its meals from off the table. If a crumb is thrown the Robin will hop to it and pick it up, and it is so tame that it will feed out of the hands of one of the maids, though it will not allow the other people in the rectory to catch it. It only spends its time in the house when the weather is cold, and directly the weather becomes warmer goes outside.

### A Disclaimer.

Respecting Dr. O'Neal's case, only a few words in defence of myself, writes Mr. John Riseborough (Sunderland). As far as dressing birds for Dr. O'Neal, I have never handled a bird belonging to him, neither in his house or anywhere else. Where Mr. Weston had the impertinence to bring my name into the case I do not know. If Mr. Weston had been man enough to write to me, instead of writing all over the north, I would have satisfied him at once. But, as far as I know Dr. O'Neal, he has always been fair and square. If all our so-called judges were the same, we would not want any Cage Bird Union.

### Early Swallows & Sand Martins.

Mrs. Bernard Hopkinson writes from Cambridge to "The Times":—"On March 3rd, between 11 and 11.45, I saw a flight of Swallows and Sand Martins. If I had seen a solitary specimen of either species I should have doubted the correctness of my observation, in spite of the fact that British birds have been my hobby for a number of years. But there were such a number that I could look from one to the other in amazement, confirming their identification. They flew so close to me that I could see the Sand Martins' bibs. I am anxious to know if anyone else has seen them, as, unfortunately, most people being at work during those hours, nobody here seems to have seen them."


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# Through a Bird-room Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

(*Continued from page* 233).

### Chapter XXVII.—My Painted Quails.

Always look out for opportunities, and nail them just as a sensible man nails a mosquito, the first time it settles near him. Of course, a fellow may get another chance, but the odds are that if he misses the first time he will lose a good deal of blood before he gets a second. Mindful of this, I eagerly seized my chance when one day some years ago I was offered a pair of Chinese Painted Quails.

You will always find it a safe rule to take a thing just as quick as it is offered—especially a bird. It is never easy to get one, except when you don't want it, but when you have to get one, and go after it with a gun, you'll find it as shy as an old Crow that every farmer in the county has had a shot at. For years I had been on the look out for something that I thought would be nice and easy to breed. I was tired of rearing Softbills, and felt I had earned a right to a little bit of ease. Quails seemed to offer just what I was looking for. They would lay eggs quite like chickens, sit on them, and save me all trouble. I should merely have to feed them two or three times a day, and they would do all the rest.

When, therefore, I saw a pair of Chinese Painted Quails offered for sale, I at once wrote off in hot haste to say I would have them. They were advertised as "thoroughly acclimatised and in perfect health and condition." I thought this looked all-right. I could not do wrong in buying them! Later on, I found I could.

Some days later the birds arrived, but the moment I turned them out of the travelling cage, I saw that something was very wrong with the hen, as she had a nasty way of heaving her shoulders, which I knew indicated lung trouble of long standing. I had been asked 21s. for the pair, and I thought I had got a bargain. I want to say right here that whenever anyone offers to let you in on the ground floor it's a pretty safe rule to take the elevator to the roof garden. I wish I had done so in this case.

That hen spoilt all one season, as she wouldn't die, and I constantly hoped she would get better as the weather got warmer. Of course, she did nothing of the kind. She merely lingered on, and then just when she ought to have been laying, died. I was the victim of too great trustfulness. If only I had had those Quails on approval, what trouble I should have been saved.

Now if you are going to take my word for some things you are going to save yourself a lot of trouble over one of these things, i.e., always see before you buy. There are some people who like trouble; it's no good speaking to such. It seems to afford some fellows a heap of satisfaction to pull the trigger for themselves, to see if the gun is loaded, and a lesson learned from the muzzle has the virtue of never being forgotten. If you are a fellow of that kind, you will always take birds on trust.

My next duty was to discover a new hen to supply the disconsolate widower. I remember many years ago that the late Mr. Pope, of Langshan fame, used to head his advertisements, "Remember the cock is half the battle." I have no doubt this is so; but what about the other half? It has been my experience that when a fellow has half a thing, he finds that it's the other half that would really come in handy. It was so in my case. Try as I could, I failed to discover a hen. In fact, Painted Quails seemed to have emigrated just when I most wanted them.

All that autumn I tried to replace my lost one, but in vain. Then one day in the spring my eye lighted on the following advertisement: "For sale, two hen Chinese Quails for sale, 25s. pair, bargain; no cocks." The advertisement might have been inspired by myself. I rushed to the post office and sent off a wire: "Will take both hens," so fearful was I that someone should step down before me. I don't suppose I need have run. Probably nobody else tried for them, and no doubt the owner smiled at my impetuosity.

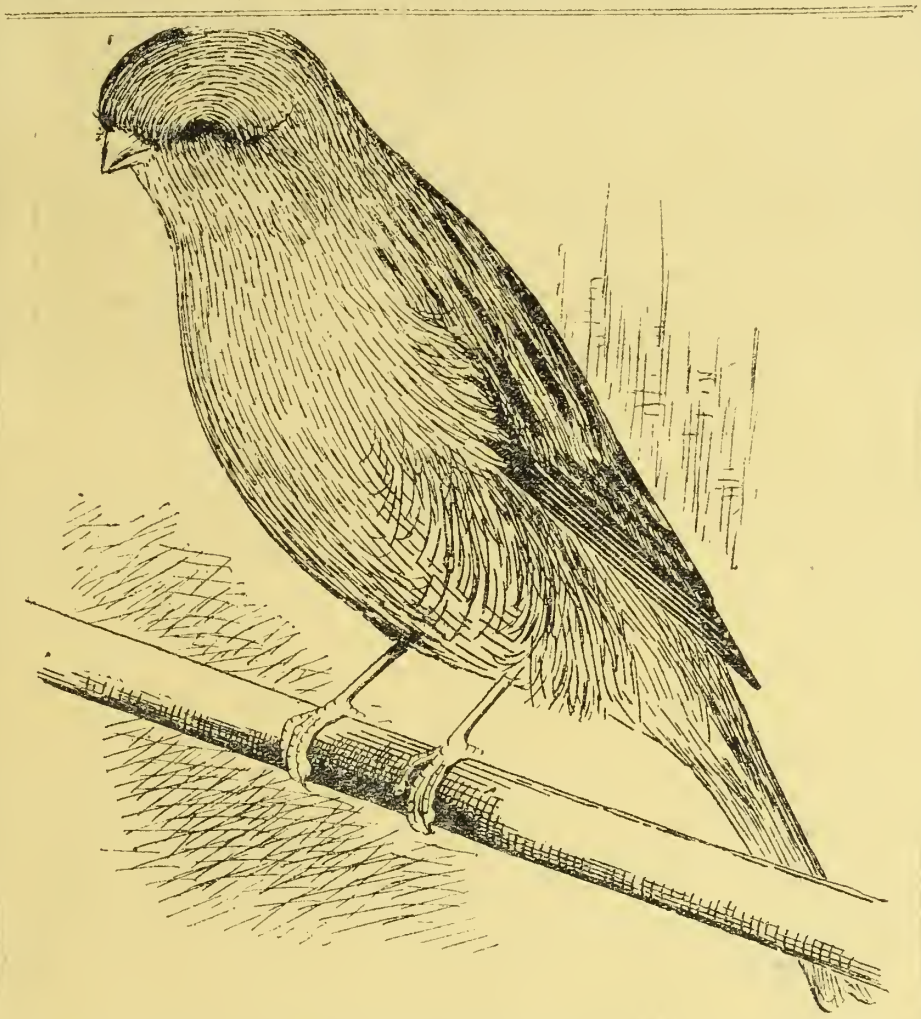
In a few days the birds arrived, and I was delighted to see that they were beautifully plump, and their very sleek appearance told me that they were in perfect health. I at once introduced them to the disconsolate widower, and he brightened up wonderfully and seemed to take a new interest in life. And when later I entered the aviary he and one of the hens were squatting comfortably side by side, while the other hen was clearly out of it. For some days the pair wandered about the aviary, just like a pair of human lovers; and then the hen began to scratch about in one particular corner of the compartment. She formed a little hollow in the sand, and she began to collect stray feathers and bits of groundsel, in fact, all sorts of odds and ends, with which she lined the coming nest.

On looking in the corner casually, some mornings later, I was delighted to see a little olive brown egg deposited, something like that of the common Partridge, very lightly speckled with red. Day after day she added to the number, till there were six altogether, and then she refused to have anything more to do with them. I found them lying about here and there, as if someone had been having a game of golf with them. Who the culprit was I could not discover; I replaced them again and again in the nest, but all in vain; they always got rolled out again. Here was my first disappointment. I found I had yet to sip of that enchanted cup of which I had yet to learn that *plus aloes quam mellis habet*.

#### A Foster Parent.

I did not like to lose the eggs, so I got a bantam hen and put them under her. She sat perfectly, but with no result, as I found afterwards that the eggs were clear. I now determined to try the other hen.

To do this, I first removed the other lady, as I knew that no good could result if both were left together. The removal of the "well beloved" would, I was certain, produce what actors call a "short scene." As a matter of fact, the cock sulked and gave the new hen as bad a quarter of an hour as you ever saw. Apparently, however, he came to the conclusion that it was no good to sulk, and determined to make the best of a bad job.



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The little hen was not at all revengeful, and sweetly accepted his overtures of peace. She would, however, have nothing to do with an indoor nest; but at once began to make one outside under a bush. I was rather frightened as to the result, as the Barometers say, "set fine," but still one has to do, even in bird-dom *ce que femme veult*.

Everything went on in a perfectly normal manner after these little preliminary differences, and as luck would have it the weather proved propitious, or else I don't know what would have happened. Seven eggs were laid, all with their points turned inwards, and everyone of them hatched out, and one morning on going to the aviary I saw the proud parents teaching the young idea to feed. Little Quails are bonny young mites, rather like bumble bees on legs; they are really very little bigger, and yet perfectly formed and able to fend for themselves at once if only the food supply is right.

The ideal food is ants' eggs, fresh ones, of course, and if you can find plenty, the little Quails will ask for nowt else. When the Quail season is on I go out with a bag and shovel, where ants abound, and bring back a sack full of ants eggs, and earth, and then throw it down two or three times a day, and the Quails account for all that is not of the earth earthy. After a time I give some soft mixture, as well as egg flake, and gradually get them on to millet and Canary seed.

I may say in passing, that although the gentleman Quail is not in the least averse to polygamy, the ladies are; in fact, if you introduce a strange lady, the lawful wife's astonishment could not be greater than that of the School Inspector who, having asked how many wives one was permitted to have? was told, "Two only as generally necessary to salvation."

When young Quails are about, it is most necessary to take all precautions against self-destruction, as if a young Quail can commit suicide, it will. A pan of water two inches deep is a ready-made death-trap, and I remember I lost my first baby Quail by carelessly leaving a German mouse trap about; it unfortunately got inside and then died of starvation before I missed it. I could have cried; but it was no good. It generally is'nt, when we find out our follies. Old age, it has been bitterly said (as I have previously pointed out), when it can no longer set a bad example, gives good advice. May be this is true of myself!

#### A Male Nurse.

The father does most of the dry nursing, and broods and tends the little mites most lovingly. Should any bird dare to come too near, or what he thinks too near, he becomes a perfect little fury, puffs out his feathers and goes for them like a small bulldog. "*Nemo me impune lacessit*," seems to be his watchword abroad; at home, when the wife's about, it is "Blessed are the meek."

When once you have got your little Quails over the first few days, your troubles will cease, if only you feed right, and they grow in the most wonderful way; in fact, in a few weeks they are fully feathered, and but for being a little smaller in size, they are bad to distinguish from their parents.

One merit about Chinese Quails is that they are very good to sell. You can readily dispose of any number at 25s. the pair; a sum which I consider pays well for the comparatively little trouble they give to rear. Some people don't like a little trouble, even over birds. They are quite of the opinion of Mrs. Pring, and the poor sick patient: "Who do you think's to wash one feater and miss another, and wear out one's eyes with all manner of fine work of that description for half-a-crown a day?" Well, for people who hate trouble, Chinese Quails are the birds, for they only want food, and that of the right kind. I say the right kind advisedly, for we all remember that the dinner that killed the Duke of Wellington was a cold pie and salad!

(*To be continued.*)


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# Management of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries.

By THOMAS SMITH.

(Continued from page 90.)

The question is often put, "How is it those who have, year in and year out, purchased Mr. So-and-So's birds, make so little progress in producing stock equal to compete with Mr. So-and-So's?" In my opinion, the secret is that Mr. So-and-So, being in possession of knowledge which is never imparted, can breed the stock he knows so much about to far greater advantage than any other person.

Everybody knows that there is one thing that can never be bought, namely, experience; it can only be acquired by working, and that is particularly true in the ornithological world. Breeders have been known to sell the best of their stock, retaining the inferior quality from the same strain, and yet succeed because they knew how to mate the birds they retained.

We often hear the remark, "There is no use my trying to get stock from so-and-so; he will not sell to me." My advice is try; no one can succeed without trying, and instead of sitting down and coming to false conclusions try again and again. The man who wishes to get thoroughly in the Fancy must be up and doing, and making hay while the sun shines.

### In Full Bloom.

By the beginning of December most Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries should be in full bloom, and able to withstand severe weather, which is apt to set in at this time of the year, and also the strain of showing. Though well seasoned and fairly through the moult, the greatest care has yet to be exercised in the housing and feeding, as they are liable to break down; indeed, we frequently hear of a prize winner passing away a day or two after winning a distinguished honour.

The room at this time should be comfortable; not necessarily warm, but free from draughts, which are a great danger to every living thing, whether protected by clothing or feather. Who would ever think of planting his bed right in a draught? To do so would be foolish, and would be to invite serious trouble, while it might end fatally. It would be equally foolish to place a tiny bird in a draught, and a bird so placed would be almost sure to catch pneumonia or some other dangerous trouble. Every fancier should consider the welfare of his stock, and do all that in him lies to keep them in perfect health. A sickly bird is of no use either for showing or for breeding.

Birds that are regularly exhibited should be well looked after, and on their return from a show should have an opportunity of refreshing themselves at the seed box and the drinking glass. Lukewarm milk is a capital drink, and this will in many cases be found to avert a chill.

It is a most difficult task to procure reliable stock of the modern Scotch Fancy type. Those who have not hitherto been suited should lose no time in securing what they are in search of, by visiting shows and getting into touch with breeders by calling upon them; but where that is impracticable by reason of distance or other causes, correspondence can be resorted to. In any case, it is advisable to see the birds before coming to terms as regards the purchase of them. Living specimens can be the better judged then.

### False Moult.

Sometimes false moult sets in, in this month especially, where artificial heat is brought into requisition. The change of temperature will be found to have a tendency to bring it on. But a false moult may come on a bird kept in a cold room.

I recommend that it should be allowed to take its course, as any attempt to stop the moult may lead to complications. A little egg food should be given twice a week, a moderate supply of linseed being added to the Canary seed. A piece of sulphate of iron, about the size of a pea, should also be added to the drinking water twice a week.

The birds should be kept free from draught and hurried through the moult as quickly as possible, it being more dangerous than at the natural time in the autumn. Uniform and constant attention will help to keep birds from falling into a false or second moult. Nothing equals steady attention to stock. To neglect one's birds one day, and to over-pamper them the next, has a hurtful effect. Rich feeding is a mistake at any time. An occasional tit-bit twice a week will help to brace up the stock, and that is all that is required with birds in their usual normal condition of health.

### Breeding Stock.

By this I mean the birds that are kept for breeding purposes only. These should not be fed with the nourishing food that is given to the over-worked show bird. They are kept at home, and have nothing to do but to exercise themselves by flying through the cage or jumping on to the wires, and eating and sleeping; generally speaking they are kept as comfortable as they can be, being protected from the elements. Much harm is done at this period by over-feeding, with the natural result that the birds become too fat, and rarely do good in breeding. The best of strains have been lost in a very short time by over-kindness in the off season. When the summer comes round, the birds that have been over-fed in the winter disappoint the owner, and leave him without issue from his favourites.

### The Winter Diet.

The winter diet should consist of the best Spanish Canary seed procurable, with a pinch of German rape seed raw daily, or twice a week boiled. I prefer giving it, boiled, in the egg mixture. It is desirable to curtail the extras, and not give too many; in the winter time the stock seem ready for almost anything. Hemp seed and an occasional pinch of maw seed may be given to a bird that is losing flesh, but these seeds should be given sparingly.

Green food may be considered out of the question. Well preserved dandelion root might be supplied, but it should be kept indoors for a couple of days before the birds are allowed to partake of it. The safest at this time of the year is a raw or boiled carrot or a ripe apple. They soon become very fond of these, and they are helpful in keeping them in good condition.

The bottom of the cage should be kept clean and free from anything tainted. Spare time can be well employed in tidying the cages.

### Pure Air a Necessity.

Pure air in a bird-room is indispensable; nothing is more disagreeable than to go into a room having a close, sour and unwholesome atmosphere. Such is neither good for man nor for beast, and these conditions have put many a good lady against birds. In such cases the windows at this changeable period should be opened for a few minutes several times a day—at the top and bottom—to admit of a complete change of air. Avoid having the window continually down at this time of the year, *i.e.*, in or about December. In cold rooms it is cold enough with the windows closed, and no risks should be run.

Where birds are kept in a room by themselves with the door opening to the lobby, the door may be left open. More birds die for want of fresh air than from cold.

Some rooms give one the impression that fresh air is unknown, they being close and stifling. By a little attention the air can be kept pure. Remember that the stock have to pass all their days and nights in their abode, and that their surroundings have much to do with their general health.

### Keeping Birds in Pairs.

Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries may from December be kept in pairs, as they are intended for breeding. Putting them together in one cage will avoid quarrels in the spring. They take to one another gradually before they get into breeding condition. By having them in couples, too, it reduces the number of cages, and they keep remarkably clean—certainly cleaner than when a number are together in a flight cage. It is interesting for a fancier to go into a room and see pairs as they are to be bred. Show committees, too, should have classes for pairs at every show, to be judged upon the ground of their suitability or otherwise for breeding.

On the subject of artificial heat differences of opinion exist, and every man prefers his own way. Artificial heat is not absolutely necessary even in the coldest of weather, but once introduced, it will have to be kept up in order to maintain an even temperature, and also avoid a false moult. A cosy room is really all that is required in the severest of weather. A natural equable temperature is the best for Canaries.

(To be continued.)

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# Hybrid Breeding for Exhibition Purposes.

By JAMES OVENSTONE.

(Continued from page 261.)

### When and How to commence Breeding.

About the middle or even the end of April is quite early enough to begin breeding operations. When breeding with the two wild birds, if each pair can be given a separate compartment in an outdoor aviary, we will then have an ideal place for Hybrid-breeding. If such a place is not available, give each as large and roomy a cage as possible.

For nesting sites, nothing in my opinion beats the German wicker cages, with the fittings taken out, and one end left open. Stuck up in a corner, and well screened with heather or broom, the birds will quickly take to them. Give a plentiful supply of nesting materials, hay, moss, cokernut-fibre (Bullies are especially fond of this), and hair.

When dealing with Canary hens, proceed as in breeding Canaries, using the ordinary felt or earthenware nest-pans. When the hens commence to build in earnest, a sharp look-out must be kept, as when you are dealing with the wild birds they have a knack of dropping their eggs, generally in any place but the nest.

The cage must be well padded with some soft material, such as bran, chaff, or sawdust. Personally I use dried grass, and I have found this very suitable, as when the eggs are dropped, they get down among the grass, and are partially hidden from view, which is very desirable when you are dealing with Siskins or Goldies, who are very fond of "testing" them.

When once the clutch has been secured, transfer them to a reliable foster mother, and here let me impress upon you the desirability of having a good strain of feeders, to act as foster parents. Test all the eggs that are laid, as one never knows when fertile eggs will crop up; sometimes those which look least likely will be found to be fertile.

### When the Young have Arrived.

Suppose we have now been successful in hatching one or two Hybrids, let the parents or foster parents, as the case may be, have a supply of egg-food, soaked rape seed, crushed sunflower seed, and a plentiful supply of hemp seed. Give plenty of seeding greenstuff; I don't mean lettuce leaves and suchlike salads, but ripe shepherd's purse, mouse-ears, chickweed, etc. Fed on such a mixture, the young Hybrids will grow apace, and at the end of a fortnight will be hopping about by themselves.

Don't be in too great a hurry to take them away from the parents, but when they are about a month old they will be quite able to feed themselves. At this time give the young Hybrids egg-food daily, as well as soaked rape and crushed hemp. A small piece of bread soaked in scalded milk and covered with maw seed will be a welcome addition to their diet. Give no green food, but ripe seeded weeds will be found beneficial. Given plenty of room for exercise, and frequent opportunities for bathing, they will be in grand condition at the approach of that most critical period, the moult.

### Concerning the Moult.

We have now come to the most critical period in the whole of a bird's life. How often do we see fanciers rearing a lot of birds, only to have them drop off one by one at the approach of the moult! Now this need not be the case; nor would it be if a little discretion was exercised. The strain on a bird, consequent on the shedding of old, and the reproduction of new feathers, is very great.

Whenever a bird is noticed a little thick about this time, a small piece of bread soaked in scalded milk and sprinkled with fine sugar, supplied for two or three days, will, in nine cases out of ten, put matters right. This acts as a gentle laxative, and carries away any obstruction. Of course, with the best of attention there will be losses, but these will be reduced to a minimum by the adoption of this plan.

For exhibition, all Hybrids must be colour-fed. Follow the directions given by the vendor of the feed, and by giving the feed regularly and as directed, good results will accrue. Some breeders do not exhibit their Hybrids until these have completed their first adult moult. This is undoubtedly the best course to pursue. If this method is adopted, of course they will not require colour-feeding. If they can be given the run of a small outdoor aviary, and are well fed, they will develop into fine, strong birds, and will well repay the owner for the extra trouble given.

Suppose now we have got our young Hybrids successfully through the moult, we will want to test their mettle at some show or other. See that the birds are in proper condition before this is done, as no matter how good they may be, they must be shown in the best of condition.

A liberal use of the bath is a grand conditioner, and gives that beautiful gloss to the feathers which adds a finish to an otherwise good bird. Failing this, the birds must be sprayed as often as possible. For show cages, use a box cage, enamelled green inside and black outside.

All that now requires to be done is to enter your birds and await the verdict. If successful, do not be tempted to overdo the thing, as some do. The rough handling which exhibits get, going to and returning from shows, does not benefit the birds at all. As the birds are young and not properly developed, it will be seen that they require careful treatment for a time. I think I have now gone pretty freely into all the points connected with this question. Some will perhaps say, if we follow the directions here given, it will mean a tremendous lot of work. To such I would answer in the words of the poet:

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and kept,
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# How an Irish Fancier Breeds Norwich Plainheads.

By WELBY A. C. ADAMS.

One of the most important factors in breeding birds is suitable accommodation. I prefer the box-cage made of wood, excepting in front, which should be of tinned wire 16 gauge. The length for a single breeding cage should be 21 inches, height 15 inches, and depth from front to back 12 inches. The bottom cross-bar should be 3 inches deep, and the middle cross-bar 9 inches from top, which allows ample head-room.

### How to Clean Cages.

I prefer two doors, one in front for hanging bath on, and one in the side. The side door should be 6 inches from the bottom, 4 inches from the front and back, leaving the door 4 inches wide, 4½ inches high. If the nest is to be hung on the door, so that one may examine it easily, the sides of the door should be flush with the sides of the cage, to make it firmer. The perch should be placed in front 2 inches from bottom, to enable the birds to feed their young.

Any cages which have been used should be thoroughly washed with soap and water, with two tablespoonfuls of carbolic acid added to each bucket; then rinse cages in pure water. Allow the cages to dry in the open air, and when dry paint all the cracks, crevices, and joints with carbolic acid, which should also be allowed to dry before the birds are replaced. The cages should be re-enamelled as the enamel will be found to fill up the crevices so that they cannot afford red mite any shelter; it also brightens the appearance of the bird-room. Never use very hot water, nor allow the cages to dry in a hot place; otherwise the wood will warp, and so make new holes for red mite.

If a special room is devoted to the birds, the handiest way to clean it is to fumigate it with a sulphur candle, all holes having first been blocked to keep the fumes in. The floor should be washed with some disinfectant fluid or carbolic acid, four tablespoonfuls to the bucket. The walls and ceiling should be re-distemperod with some carbolic mixed with the distemper. The bottoms of the cages should be covered with fine sawdust. Some fanciers like trays, but if the whole front comes out these are unnecessary.

### Concerning Nest Pans.

Purchase should be made of moderately soft wood, ⅝in. broad; if some are made round and some flat the muscles of the birds' feet will be exercised. I prefer unglazed earthenware nest pans. I don't like wire hangers. I prefer the back of the nest to be raised in a semi-circle, with two holes for nails; this arrangement keeps the nest much steadier. If the nest is not placed on the door, it should be placed 7 inches from the bottom and 4 inches from the corner next the side door. When placed on the door, it is handier to examine; on opening the door you have full view of the nest. The nest pan should have a broad rim round the top. I dislike platforms, as they harbour red mite too easily. They have, however, some good points. They prevent to a certain extent hens carrying the young out when leaving the nest. Place a perch 2 inches from the nest, so that the young may be fed easily.

Seed and water pans should be placed outside on the bottom cross-bar. I like the flat-side glazed earthenware type, without corners. They are easy to clean, and if hooded prevent birds from wasting their seed. The pans should be thoroughly washed twice a week in boiling water. Glazed egg-pans are best made in a round pattern without cornors, and about 1 inch in depth, 1½ inches wide, and 2½ inches long. The food is more liable to be wasted if placed in shallow pans.

### Where Care is Needed.

Stale egg or green food is most injurious to birds. Egg-food turns sour very rapidly in warm weather, and if placed in shallow pans gets knocked to the bottom of the cage, where it is eaten by the birds, and is thus likely to cause inflammation, usually followed by death.

A liberal supply of cow-hair and moss for building purposes should be kept in readiness and placed in a rack outside cage when birds are building. Nest lining should be stuck on with paste, rye flour preferably. I believe if alum is added it sets quicker and dries firmer. I prefer felt nest linings. It is advisable to sprinkle Keating's insect powder both under and in the nest lining. I was recommended to soak nest linings in some disinfectant, and to dry them thoroughly before placing in nest.

Birds should always have a free supply of cuttlefish and mortar, containing a fair amount of lime. The cuttlefish should be placed between the wires, and the mortar placed in a vessel inside cage.

### The Best Diet.

Diet is another very important matter. The best diet for getting birds into breeding condition is good sound Spanish Canary seed as a staple food, with a pinch of German rape seed twice or three times a week; occasionally a small amount of maw seed to keep up the bird's vigour. Never give green food during the cold months, or green food which is frosted. A piece of ripe apple or boiled carrot twice a week is best.

Egg-food should be made of hard-boiled egg, Oshorne, or Lunch biscuits, with home-made bread crumbs for a change. Give half a teaspoonful of egg-food once a week to each bird. A little hemp in cold weather is beneficial.

Breeding birds must not be in a fat condition. Forward birds should be kept separately, and hens should be kept in flight cages so as to have plenty of exercise and to keep them in good condition. Cocks also should be kept in flights as long as they agree; when they get quarrelsome they must be separated. Over-forward birds ought not to get any egg-food or maw-seed for a while.

Be very careful how you treat over-forward birds, as some if improperly treated lose their condition and become useless for the remainder of the breeding season.

Rape seed soaked, boiled, and served cold, is an excellent cooler. Always give birds pure water to drink. Most fanciers use a wire partition when pairing birds; I prefer it to slide in from front, not from the top. I like nursery cages to be made either all wire (excepting top and bottom) and laths, which should be 1½ inches deep, running round bottom of cage, or top and bottom wood, back and one side wood, to prevent draught. Both cages should be 8 inches long, 7 inches wide, and 7 inches high. The perch should be 3½ inches from the front, and 3 inches from the bottom.

Place nursery cages in front of open door of breeding cage. Always cover the floor with sand. If your room is heated the risk of giving green food is much reduced. I prefer young rape or lettuce, but when this is used fanciers should be sure it is fresh.

### On Giving Baths.

Red mite cause breeders any amount of trouble and vexation. It is generally allowed that all vermin comes from dirt, so keep your cages scrupulously clean; prevention is much better than cure in this case. Allow the birds baths daily; add a little essence of quassia to the water occasionally. Some birds have a great dislike to bathing; this is usually the fault of the breeder not allowing them a bath when young. These birds should be sprayed. The mode of procedure is thus: Place the birds in a small cage (a show cage is excellent), then spray the bird with some tepid water, to which some essence of quassia has been added. Keep on spraying till the feathers have been fairly moistened through. The bird enjoys this very much, as the delight he displays when returned to his cage, preening his feathers and shaking himself fully testifies.

It is very difficult to know when to pair up birds, but the man who can heat his bird-room may pair at the beginning of March all his forward birds. Personally I do not recommend early pairing; I prefer to commence in April. Hens become over-forward in a much shorter time than do cocks; at least, it is more noticeable, and in trying to prevent them from laying you may incapacitate them for the whole season; so you will see it is much better to let them go to nest at the risk of clear eggs or the loss of a nest of young. Of course there is the risk of egg-binding, but this is much easier overcome than to restore a hen to breeding condition who has lost her health through incorrect management when over-forward.

When hens are about to lay give them a pinch of niger seed on alternate days, with some damped sugar added to the egg-food; it will greatly reduce the danger of egg-binding. Put a little maw seed on the top of her egg-food if the weather is cold.

A heated room is not all; a heated room with a draught through it, blowing right on the birds is much worse than a cold room. I like plenty of ventilation. I do not recommend coddling birds, but Canaries cannot be expected to thrive in an ice-house. It will pay a person who has a cold room to buy a stove, or to heat it with any safe apparatus (hot water pipes are best). A man with a cold room may also pair his forward birds. As I have said, it is much better to risk clear eggs or a nest of young than the health of the parent birds. If hens are treated as advised above when about to lay, there ought not to be much trouble with them. Of course, there are exceptional cases when steaming will have to be resorted to; but I find that on giving the hens some maw seed when you think they are going to lay, it greatly soothes them. I have often proved this. Most hens lay at night, or in the early morning. If they do not lay by the morning, after you notice the hen has an egg, it is better to steam her.

Get a large pickle bottle with a fairly narrow neck. Fill it almost full of boiling water, then place a piece of muslin over the opening. Put one or two drops of pure olive oil into the vent, and then place the hen over the bottle; steam her for about ten minutes or a quarter of an hour. If she does not pass the egg, repeat the process three or four hours later. It usually has the desired effect. There is another method, pressing the egg out, but it is not to be recommended.

Do not give any egg-food when the hen has finished laying her clutch of eggs, until the young birds appear.

Before I conclude, it would be advisable to say these few things:—Have your flights as large as possible; use the best seed, which is the cheapest in the long run; and if you have a cold room, get a stove. The risk of losing young birds in the early part of the season would then be much reduced, and the bird room would be free from damp, which is a great evil.

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# THE HAND-WASHING OF BIRDS FOR EXHIBITION.

**Paper read before the Ashington and Hurst C.B.S. on March 9th, by Mr. Edward Floyd.**

This paper is down to be short, so I will begin right away with the subject before us. Rain water is by far the best in which to wash birds, especially Canaries. This should be stored for a few weeks before the show season, to allow it to settle. When needed, the quantity required should be carefully strained through some finely-woven linen, for the purpose of getting rid of all the dirt. Even when boiled, a scum generally forms on the top of rain water. Skim this off before filling your basins or dishes. About two gallons of water are necessary for a dozen birds.

### The Four Basins Described.

Next comes the soap. I have tried many kinds, but I find the pure white curd is by far the best. No chemicals are required to impart a sheen to the feathers if rain water and pure curd soap are used. I prepare the soap by cutting it up small, and putting it into No. 1 basin, pouring hot water over it, then working it into a good lather with the brush. No. 2 basin of water I make to a temperature of about 80 or 85 degrees F. In this water I do the washing proper. I begin by allowing the feathers to soak a second or two; this softens the wing and tail feathers, and they can be washed without fear of being broken. No. 3 is a rinsing basin, the water being from 60 to 65 degrees and is for taking the most of the lather out before placing the birds into, or over, No. 4 basin, which is the final rinse. The water in the last basin should be lukewarm, the chill having been taken off by a little hot water being added.

Our outfit should be ready, *i.e.*, four basins. No. 1, soap; No. 2, water 80 to 85 degrees; No. 3, 60 to 65 degrees; No. 4, lukewarm; two badger hair brushes (shaving brushes); and two pieces of flannel about 8 inches wide by 14 or 16 inches long. I prefer old sheeting for drying cloths, although small Turkish towels are very good, and an old soft silk handkerchief—this latter may be done without. A box 22 inches by 14 inches makes a good drying box; knock out the bottom and insert a piece of glass for the back; cover the top or front with cotton—this is the side nearest the fire. Cut a circular hole five inches in diameter in the top, keeping the piece for a lid. Place an old clean rag on the bottom, and fix a perch two inches up. Cut some ventilating holes in the ends near the top. We are now ready to wash.

### When Ready to Wash.

Catch your bird, but be steady and do not chase him about. He will need all his breath. Place him in the left hand with the claws on the middle finger. The bird will grip the finger with his claws. Being nervous it is a comfort to him to have his claws firmly fixed on something. The fore finger should be placed on the front of the neck, and the thumb on the back of the neck. This gives you a good hold on the bird, and at the same time plenty of freedom to work and wash. If the bird loosens his grip on your finger, tighten your finger and thumb around his neck, and bring the third and little finger against the body, as he intends to get away if possible. Dip the brush into No. 1 basin for soap; then into No. 2 for water, and begin to wash at the back of the head and neck. This is after the second or two's soaking previously mentioned. Then continue down over the end of the tail. Turn up the wings and wash the under parts well in the downward journey. Now turn your bird over and well wash the chest and neck (this is important, as it is the frontispiece of the bird), continuing downwards as before right to the end of the tail. Use the side of the wrist or the side of the basin for a back hold to the wings and tail. The feet and legs are washed in doing the abdomen. Next wash the head. Do this quickly, gently, but well. Do not be afraid to cross wash here, but carefully finish by stroking the right way.

Remove the bird now to No. 3 basin, and with the other brush get out as much of the soapy lather as you possibly can. Change again to No. 4, and do a good finish by stroking the way of the feathers—from head to tail—removing all soap and lather. If any lather is left in the feathers a bad wash is the result. The feathers should dry stiff and straight. With a piece of old sheeting or fine towel mop out as much water as you can, drying carefully the bill and eyes, also the feet and the vent.

### After the Wash.

Have one of the pieces of flannel warm, and roll the bird gently in it, not too tight, but firm enough to hold it. Be sure your bird can breathe easily. Place him near the fire with his head away from it. The heat will draw the web of the feather the right way. Let the bird remain here a minute or two to recover his breath. Take the bird out of the flannel now, but be easy; do not give him a spin that will daze him. Place him carefully in the drying box, near the cotton front. Behind the glass at the back place a lighted candle, and as soon as the birds are able to perch they will do so looking out at the light; this places them with their backs to the fire, and consequently the heat will draw the webbing of the feathers the right way. By stages remove the bird from the fire, until far enough away to be left for the night. Next morning let your birds loose into the flight. After a feed a general retouching will begin, and the day will be spent by the birds in feeding and giving themselves a general overhaul. Next day place a dish of clean soft water for them to bathe in. Birds that will not bathe should be sprayed, and all washing should be done at least three days before the show.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

# Birds Eggs and Some Problems of Colouration.

By J. B. BROWN.

**A paper read before the members of the Hawick O.S.**

(*Continued from page* 218.)

We have to consider the bird which lives entirely upon insects and yet lays a coloured egg. You will all agree with me that there is an abundance of colour in insects. Some of the most beautiful blendings of colour are seen in different kinds of insects. It is not difficult then to understand how the bird that feeds on insects only, possesses the power of colouring its eggs.

**The Canary for Example.**

We have still to try and explain why the bird in captivity continues to lay a coloured egg; the Canary, for example. In all animal or bird life old habits linger long. A dog on the hearthrug will turn round two or three times before lying down, an inherent trait of the days when all dogs were wild. He is treading the grass to make his bed comfortable for him. It must be remembered that the Canary in captivity is being given food as nearly as possible like what it would eat if free; it therefore is obvious that it obtains the pigments it requires to colour its eggs from this food, and tho old instinct guiding it to colour its eggs has never left it.

The different markings on the eggs of the same bird have been attributed to this fact, that some eggs remain longer in the bird's body than others; and the circular spots at the thick end of the egg show that this deposit of pigment has taken place when the egg is at rest; whilo the peculiar smears and blotches are deposited when the egg is in motion.

The eggs of young birds are usually richer in colour than those of older birds, while the first eggs of a clutch are said to be more richly coloured than those which follow it. Fright and excitement may also account for many of the variations of blotches in the eggs of the same bird. But this power possessed by birds of being able to colour the shells of their eggs is as much an inscrutable mystery as is their migratory habit. That there is a reason for it none can deny, and "whoever denies to the bird intelligence," (and here I am quoting Mr. W. H. Adams in "The Bird World,") "and intelligence considerably developed, knows nothing of the bird's true nature. He leaves out of sight the fact that a bird can be educated; can be taught to leave and to return to his cage; that he can be trained to imitate the human voice; can be taught to sing." May not this intelligence of the bird, in some manner unknown to us, determine it to colour its eggs for some specific reason which we cannot discover.

He would be a very bold man who would attempt to describe all the various markings and colourings seen in a large collection of eggs, such as, through the courtesy of Mr. Shaw, at Holmbank Nurseries, it was my good fortune to see a few days ago. The first thing that attracts one's attention is that the colours displayed bear no sort of relation to the colours of the birds themselves. Secondly, that there is little about those eggs to enable him to decide to which particular species such and such an egg belongs. Some of course are recognised at the first glance.

**A Striking Fact.**

The markings of the shells range through minute frecklings such as are met with in some game-birds, to blotches and smears, and peculiar lines and streaks; while many eggs are what is called "double-spotted"—that is, that many of the spots are but faint, and evidently deposited in a deep layer of the shell and not on the surface. The most striking fact about this colouration is, that there is no uniformity in the colour of the eggs of those birds which are very much alike in their plumage; while birds which are in no way alike may lay very similar eggs—and much the same is true of the shape of the eggs. On the whole, those of the larger species of birds can be easily distinguished. Thus those of the Petrel tribe are known by a belt of spots or smears running right round the thicker end of the egg. The goose tribe, without any exception, lay whole-coloured eggs. The eggs of birds of prey are either wholly white, or have a ground colour of white, bluish white, or buff, spotted and blotched with various shades of red and purple. In some cases the ground colour is covered by spots so thickly clustered together as to give to the egg an almost uniform tint of red or dark purple. And so the eggs of this group are sometimes of very rare beauty. Game-birds, as a rule, lay whole-coloured eggs, generally cream or buff-coloured, but there are some whose eggs are "spotted," and some "double-spotted." The grouse and the red-legged partridge (or "Frenchmen" as they are called in the eastern counties of England), lay spotted eggs; so also do quails.

Of the Plover tribe, in which are included all the gulls, the eggs are all spotted with various shades of brown, sometimes nearly black, on a ground-work ranging in colour from white, cream, brown to blue and green. There is one exception, the Jacana, which lays a white egg, but the bird is not known in this country.

I may be allowed to mention one other bird which is common on our coasts. The Guillemot; in the matter of variety of these markings, none can compare with those eggs. In the Natural History Museum of London there is a special case containing thirty of their eggs of which the great range of colouring is really wonderful, and why there should be such a variety is far from apparent; but it has been suggested that the end to be gained is to enable the hen-bird to recognise its own egg there in that colony of birds, because a Guillemot only lays one egg and hatches but one at a time, and they congregate together in their thousands at breeding time at some favourite spot. Here, then, we have another reason why birds colour their eggs, and that is, that each bird may recognise its own.

**A Wonderful Collection.**

Now, although that collection of Guillemots' eggs in the Natural History Museum is a very fine one, it is beaten altogether by that which Mr. Shaw has, because if he shows you one, he will show at least a hundred or more, and every egg different. He also explained the difference between the Razorbill's egg and the Guillemot's. They are similar in size and colouring outside, but the Razorbill's is coloured inside as well, while the Guillemot's is white. But what took my attention most was the Cuckoos' eggs; for Mr. Shaw showed them with the same eggs belonging to the nest in which they had been found.

I was interested in these, because in all probability, no bird is associated with more quaint superstition and legends than the Cuckoo. Although the ancients held many traditions concerning it, it was during the middle ages that the greatest number of strange beliefs were connected with it, and its name derived from its cry is almost the same in every European language. In Germany, it is sometimes "Gauck" derived like our local work "Gowk" from the Saxon "Gæc," which means a fool or simpleton. We speak of "April Gowks" and a "Gowk's nest, equivalent to a Cuckoo's nest, or as the Japanese say, "to a thing which is not."

Opinions differ widely as to the resemblance between the eggs of the Cuckoo and those of the dupes upon whom they are foisted. According to some this resemblance is more imaginary than real. Others say that the resemblance is real, and is a rule and not an exception. But I think the best solution of this problem is that of Professor Newton, which Mr. Oswald H. Latter endorses. Anyone seeing Mr. Shaw's collection will at once notice the great resemblance in colour to those of the bird in whose nest the Cuckoo's egg was laid, those of the Hedge-Sparrow excepted. But in one instance, in that collection, I saw the bluest Cuckoo's egg it was ever my lot to see. Since this was written, I have learned on good authority, that blue eggs are not so rare as generally supposed. According to Professor Newton, and his reasoning is rather keen, it is to be assumed that the eggs of the Cuckoo were originally subject to a considerable range of variation. This being so, the indiscriminate dropping of eggs wherever nests were available, resulted in a large number being rejected; the remainder, passing muster, were hatched. The females of these survivors, in their turn, laying eggs of the same type as those of their parents, naturally looked for the same kind of nest. Thus a series of "clans" of Cuckoos became evolved—Thrush Cuckoos, Wagtail Cuckoos, Meadow-pipit Cuckoos, and so on. The fact that Hedge-Sparrow Cuckoos' eggs rarely resemble those of the Sparrow, is possibly due, Professor Newton says, to the fact that the Hedge-Sparrow is not gifted with a nice sense of discrimination in the matter of a size and colour; and the same applies to a few similar cases. A little while ago I read an article on this subject, in which it was suggested that the Cuckoo prefers the nest of the Hedge-Sparrow, because that bird takes it as a matter of course that the Cuckoo will lay an egg in its nest and never contests the fact, like some other birds do.

**A Selective Process.**

That Cuckoos return each year to the same locality, and that each female lays the same type of egg throughout its life, are now well-known facts. Mr. Latter's study of this question seems to show conclusively that there is a selective process at work tending to bring the eggs of these birds into agreement with those of the other birds both in size and colour. His observations on Wren-Cuckoos' eggs are important in this respect. The absence of colour-matching, in this instance, is very significant, but, as he points out, is of no importance, as neither Wren nor Cuckoo, from the construction of the nest, can see the eggs. But in the matter of size, the case is different. In this matter of size, the eggs of Wren-Cuckoos differ from those of all other Cuckoos, and approach those of the Wren. The accuracy with which Cuckoos' eggs are deposited in appropriate clutches is so remarkable as to tempt one to assume, that it is by choice and deliberation on the part of the female Cuckoo, and not by chance, that it is accomplished.

Finally, and most remarkable of all, we must suppose that this peculiar evolution of Cuckoo clans is a dominant characteristic transmitted in the female line alone, and not in the male. If otherwise, the tendency would be swamped by the females intercrossing with the males of another clan; inasmuch as only by rare chance would sexes of the same clan succeed in pairing together. It amounts to this—that if a Cuckoo was born in a Hedge-Sparrow's nest, what more natural, when its migratory habit brings it back to its birthplace, than that it should seek a nest in which to perpetuate the family of the same kind as that in which it first saw the light? The egg of the daughter would resemble that of the mother, and the laying of the egg in the same kind of nest as its ancestors, may thus be termed a hereditary habit. I never heard tell of but one reason why the Cuckoo does not build a nest for itself, and that reason is a Danish one. The bird is too busy answering questions when it first arrives. All the girls go out into the fields and ask it—how long will it be before we are married?

**The Kingfisher's Eggs.**

If colouring matter had to do with plumage, as some allege, one would reasonably expect to see in a collection of eggs, that that of the Kingfisher would eclipse all others. But this bird produces a white egg—the clearest white, glossy egg among all eggs that are laid. In some books you will find it stated that the egg is pink. I am inclined to think that it may be either white or pink when first expelled by the bird. For this reason the shell is opalescent; I mean, that certain faint tints can be observed in it, if held in a certain position with regard to the light.

Moreover, one must remember that the favourite haunt of the Kingfisher is when a stream has cut its way through the red sandstone formation. It is seen elsewhere, of course, but where this sandstone is seen with a trout stream running through it, Kingfishers may be more frequently met with. As it nests in a hole bored by it into the red sandstone, it is just possible that its eggs, when found in its nest there, may evince a pinky hue when discovered, because this opalescent, or reflective quality of the shell would show the general colourings of its surroundings, but which if brought to the light, would evaporate and leave the egg apparently a pure white. The Kingfisher, of all birds (and all birds evince this habit, to some degree, but the Kingfisher more than any), is king of his castle. He is tho sole riparian owner of the fishery for a certain distance from his nest. He will brook no interlopers as poachers in his domain. Woe betide any other bird that comes there if he sees him. With his strong sharp beak and his rapid flight, he is more than a match for many a bigger bird.


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## UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

THE Tong and District C.B.S. held a dinner and social on the 9th inst., when they had a good turn-up of members and friends, no less than 45 sitting down to a substantial feed. A good muster, this, for a society practically in its infancy; but, my, ain't it precocious! During the evening the medals and prizes won in the competition at members' shows during the previous season were presented to the fortunate exhibitors, Mr. H. H. Towers, of Windhill, having the honour of handing them over.

WIBSEY Society also held its annual tea and social last week, this event taking place on the 13th. As usual, there was a very large muster, close on 100 sitting down to the splendid knife and fork tea provided. Enough for all and to spare was the order of the day. Afterwards a very successful social evening was spent. They have some splendid amateur talent in this district, always in full soug—must get plenty of egg-cake! The three highest scorers during the past season each received a grand medal. There was also presented the Ramsden Colour Feed Medal, won at their Boxing Day Show, and last, but not least, the steward, who has acted at the members' shows during the year, received a splendid medal as a mark of esteem for services rendered. Mr. Samuel Dean had the pleasure of presenting the prizes to the successful ones.

BRADFORD West C.B.S. hold their annual social to-day (Saturday, March 20th), and will be pleased to welcome any friends who care to come. In consequence of the illness of their hostess, the "Westers" have had to forego the usual tea, so this time the proceedings will start at 7 p.m., light refreshment being provided during the evening.

LAST week's cartoon, anent the Amalgamated Prize Distribution, has caused no little amusement. Many attempts (some of them very successful) have been made to name those who were going up to receive their prizes, the British bird with the umbrella puzzling many.

THE ballot of the Yorkshire Union has closed, and the following is the result of the poll. Out of a total of 1,140 papers sent out, only 343 have been returned, a very meagre total indeed. For the post of Vice-President, Mr. F. Hammond scores an easy victory, securing no less than 152 votes, his nearest opponents being Mr. H. W. Walsh with 47, and Mr. Samuel Dean with 33. As Secretary, Mr. H. Hill is returned unopposed. As Trustees and Auditors, the previous holders, Messrs. Brotherton and Mitchell and Messrs. Armstrong and Holroyd are far ahead of the rest of the competitors.

REVISION of rules: The annual ballot is again to the front, being 150 votes ahead of the proposed general meeting. Next in importance is the question of representation, and here the amendment is lost, the old rule still holding good by a margin of 25 votes. In regard to judges, the old rule that they be nominated by the societies, quite overwhelms by 171 votes, the proposed alteration of being nominated by the Council, and also that they should judge two shows, which proves the existing rule is considered satisfactory. Nearly 100 votes carry the amendment for expelling defaulting members from the ranks of the Union. The rule about the "minimum classification" is wiped "off the map" by a majority of 65. The price in the Novice Classes is to remain as before, 226 being in favour of the £5 5s. limit, and only 98 in favour of the price being open. That the exhibitors are in favour of providing their own water tins is shown by a majority of 110, a uniform pattern, of course, to be adopted. The alteration of the rule in regard to claiming birds from selling classes obtains, the large majority of 161 proving that the old rule was not quite satisfactory.

NOVICE members must now be marked with the letter N to denote their qualification to compete for medals. So, novices, don't delay, but see to it that you have your names so marked by your respective secretaries. With regard to defaulting members, those who are members of more than one society must pay their liabilities in all, and not be in arrears with one, or they are liable to be expelled from the Union. Members' shows must not now be held during the hours an open show is in progress; this only obtained a majority of 20. Two hundred and ninety-six are in favour of show rules being printed in the Union book, and only fifteen against, thus proving that members are in favour of saving their societies a little when possible.

LAST, but not least, comes the question of shows. The proposed two shows on one-day system receives only 65 votes for and 201 against. The motion relating to compulsory first feather shows, one-third of the societies to hold such shows receives fair support, but the optional first feather shows and the provision of a competition for them, along with the advancement of dates for winter shows, comes out at the top of the poll.

STRAIGHT 'UN.

## SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager

* Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

July 21—**Llandudno (Vale of Conway & Dis. F.A.)** (A. T. Johnson, Ro Wen, Tal y cafn).
Oct, 1 & 2—**Burnley & Dis. C.B.S.**—(W. Clarkson, 30 Pino Street.) H.W.B. & J.H.R.
Oct. 2—**Longton.**—(E. Tams, Church Street.)
Oct. 8 and 9—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Philpott, 28, Jubilee Street, Oswaldtwistle). J.H.R.
Oct, 9—**Broughty Ferry**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place).
Oct. 12 & 3—**Dulwich O.S.** (Woolhouse & Rogers, 54, Wilbeck Terrace, Dunstan Road, East Dulwich) W.M., J.R., W.H.V. and W.V.
Oct. 13 and 14—**Caterham.**—(Jas Kilby, Caterham Valley.) J.R.
Oct. 15 and 16—**Bolton** (H. Parkinson, 60, Oxford Grove). G.C.B. and J.W.
*Oct. 16—**Coventry (Godiva)**—(W. H. Bray, 12 Derry Street). J.R.
Oct. 16—**Darlington C. & [illegible]**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace.) J.W. & F.M.
Oct. 16—**Morpeth.**—(A. Cowling, Newbeck Cottage.) W.P.B & A.B.
Oct. 19 and 20—**Western Counties (Plymouth)**—(Thos. Pope, 98 Embankment Road.)
Oct. 20 and 21—**Battersea, Open.**—(Easterling and Allin, 340, Battersea Park Road.)
Oct. 22 and 23—**Newcastle-on-Tyne**—(Curry and Hutchinson, 60, Grosvenor Gardens.) J.R., W.V., W.M. and W.C.D.
Oct. 22 and 23—**Hinckley**—(W. Warner, Upper Bond Street)
Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford, Normand Place, Kelty, N.B.) W.R., G.H., A.G.C., J.W.B., G.M.
Oct. 23—**City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 6, St. Catherine's Road.
Oct. 23—**Middlesborough**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road). W.M. and J.M
Oct. 23—**Burton-on-Trent**—(Kirkland & Hadley, 29, Princess Street). J.R.
*Oct. 23 and 24—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street.)
*Oct. 27—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery Sartor House, Winner Street.)
*Oct. 27 & 28—**Gloucester C.B.S.** (J. R. Houghton, Dargai, Hatherley Road,) H.W.B. & W.V.
*Oct. 27 and 28—**Grimsby & Dis. O.S.**—(W. H. Moore, 39, Lord Street). J.H.R. & F.M.
Oct. 27 and 28—**Clapham**—(A. C. Askew, 15, Major Street.)
Oct. 27 & 8 **Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Magg, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown). C.A.H.
Oct. 28—**Frome C.B.S.**—(W. Minty, 7, Stony Street.)
*Oct. 28—**Hanley**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head)
Oct. 28 & 29—**Wolverhampton**—(J. Gibbons, 74, Napier Road.)
*Oct. 29 and 30—**Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road.) W.V & R.R.
Oct. 29 and 30—**Manchester.**—(G. W. F. Lythgoe, 25, Stamford Street, Old Trafford.)
Oct. 29 and 30—**York** (A. Waud. 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road).
Oct. 29 and 30—**Shields**—(J. Barrass, 98, Marlborough Street.)
Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan, 23, High Street.
Oct. 30 and Nov. 1—**Norwich Alliance, All England**—(R. Roll, "Dalwood," Cecil Road, Lakenham), C.A.H.
Nov. 2 and 3—**Weybridge**—(H. E. Parrott, Grove Place.) C.A.H.
Nov. 3.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Av.) J.R, and W.V.
Nov. 4 & 5—**Dulwich & Peckham**—(W. Hodson, 209, Crystal Palace Road, East Dulwich.)
Nov. 5 and 6—**Blackburn** (J. W. Marsden, 44, Troop Street).
Nov. 5 and 6—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.) J.R., & H.W.B.
Nov. 5 and 6—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe & Hillmen, 35, Whitefield Road, Everton.) W.M, J.C.B., & G.E.W.
Nov. 5 & 6—**Sheffield**—(Lindsay & Bingham. 202, King James Street, Walkley.)
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Wigan**—(W. Ridge, 55, Poolstock),
Nov. 6—**Darvel**—(J. Robertson, Junr., 5, Hastings Place).
Nov. 6—**Rochdale Good Intent**—(W. Adams, 35 Bedford Street).
Nov. 6—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). H.W.B. and C.H.
Nov, 6 and 8—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(C. Draper, 105, Belgrave Street.)
Nov. 9 and 10—**Hastings United**—(A. E. Godden, 59, Harold Road, Clive Vale). J.R.
Nov. 10—**Leek**—(R. Hall, Hallscroft, Rudyard, Staffs). W.V.
Nov. 10 and 11—**Swansea.**—(A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, nr. Swansea.)
*Nov. 11 and 12—**Cambridge**—(T. S. Moore, 126 Newmarket Road). J.F. & J.R.
*Nov. 12 & 13—**Wallsend-on-Tyne**—(J. Johnston, 60, Neptune Road), J.H.R., J.W., and J.W.B.
*Nov. 12 and 13—**Preston O.S.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn.)
Nov. 13—**Tideswell C B.I.S.**—(A. Flint, High Street, Tideswell, nr. Buxton).
Nov. 13 and 15—**Nottingham**—(G. E. Wilkinson 9, Wellington Square, Parkside).
Nov. 13—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.) D.L., J.Wn., A.C., P.P.
Nov. 13—**Warrington** (C. Duke, 26, Dundonald Avenue, Stockton Heath.)
Nov. 17—**Reading**—(G. A. Charles, 4, Talfourd, Avenue, Earley, Reading) J.F.
Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—(H. J. Niblock, Seatown Place.)
Nov. 17 & 18—**Hayle**—(H. Ware, Pond Rd.)
Nov. 19 and 20 **Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19 Lambton Street). W.V. & E.B.
Nov. 19 and 20—**Sunderland**—(W. Reid, 2, Plantation Road, Pallion.)
*Nov. 20—**Coventry O.S.**—(C. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon Road.)
Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 89, Telford Rd.).
Nov. 24 & 25—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze Road, Horfield.)
Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.)
Nov. 26 & 27—**Sale Open**—(Jas. Irlam, 86, Harley Rd.) J.C.B.
Nov. 27.—**Darlington C.B.S.**—(E. Brunskill, 2, Danesbury Terrace). W.P.B. and J.M.
Nov. 27—**Hetton-Le-Hole**—(A. J. Notley, 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs, Co. Durham). A.B.
Nov. 30 and Dec. 1—**Morecambe** (J. H. Ireland, Parliament Street).
*Dec. 1 and 2—**City of Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.) C.A.H.
*Dec. 1 and 2—**Cardiff.**—(W. S. Negus, 104, Moorland Road.) J.H.P., & J.R.
Dec., 3 & 4—**Altrincham**—(T. Harrison, 4, Shaws Lane).
Dec. 4 & 6—**Leicester C.B.S.** (J. A. Tyler, 220 Narborough Road.)
Dec. 8—**Luton**—(E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street). J.R. and A.S.
*Dec. 10 & 11 **Gateshead** (Buck & Johnson, 30 Keswick Street)
Dec. 11—**Ferryhill**—(R. Binks, jun., 27 West Street.)
Dec. 18—**Broxburn**—(D. Anthony, Main Street). T.S., J.B., G.H., J.W.

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Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,) T.McC., J.S., J.M., G.Gn.
Jan. 1—**Guisborough "Priory"** (Atkinson & Wilson, 80, Westgate).
Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H. S. Tibbs, 184, John Street, Toronto, Canada).
Jan. 8—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees).
Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

## AN INTERESTING ENGAGEMENT.

### The "Human Linnet" Takes to Himself a Mate.

I hear, writes a local correspondent, that a marriage has been arranged, and will take place in Hull sometime during May, between Mr. Fred Allen, of Leeds, and Miss M. Fay, niece of Mr. R. Dearlove,

bird specialist, of Hull. Mr. Allen is widely known as a very clever Linnet whistler, and has been called in CAGE BIRDS, "The Human Linnet." His fiancé is also a lover of birds. I am sure all fanciers will wish them a happy and prosperous future.

We are enabled, by courtesy of our correspondent, to give a photograph of Mr. Allen.

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We hear that Mr. W. P. Barnes, of Grantham, has been elected by the Darlington C.B.S. to judge the Canaries at their annual show on November 27th.

We hear that the fifteenth annual show of the Weybridge F.S. will be held on November 2nd and 3rd next, when Mr. C. A. House will judge the cage birds.

Many thanks for the picture of my bird appearing in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. Little (Newcastle-on-Tyne). It is sketched very well indeed, and whilst it is the first, I hope it will not be the last of my birds that has such an honour.

Kindly note, writes Mr. W. Atkin, hon. secretary of the Bangor and Dis. F.S., that Mr. F. Millard, Ormo Road, has been elected chairman of the society, and Mr. W. Jones vice-chairman. Twelve fanciers have been elected on the committee. Any fancier wishing to become a member should forward the entrance fee of 1s. to me at 1, Belmont Street, Bangor.

Kindly note that my society have secured the services of Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield), as judge at our members' show, to be again held on New Year's Day, January 1, 1910, writes Mr. W. Vart, hon. secretary, Kendal and Dis. C.B.S. We have also secured the Market Hall for our next show, as the St. George's Lower Hall was far too small and too crowded on the occasion of our last.

I have taken your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, this last few weeks after an interval of nearly seven years, writes Mr. T. Pickard (Leeds). I used to take it when in the Fancy, and staying recently in Glasgow I could scarcely recognise it again, there being such a tremendous improvement. And now that I have started with cage birds again, I shall also take the old paper, and I hope you will continue to send us the good reading that I now find. Your contemporary is not in it now. I have given both a trial—result, orders for CAGE BIRDS per newsboy every week.

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CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL is the best sixpennyworth I have ever invested in.—JOHN DIXON, hon. secretary, Choppington and District C.B.S.

I have already found your CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL to be of real value, and I think every fancier should find a place for it in his birdie library.—Mr. Higgins (Wimbledon).

I think CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL is better than ever. The coloured plate of the Linnet is extra good. When I look at it, it makes me wish I had one to equal it.—W. RATCLIFF (Grantham).

I have sold all my CAGE BIRDS ANNUALS. The members seem delighted with them. I hope to send you an order for some more soon.—R. H. TURNER, hon. secretary Morley and Dis. C.B.S.

Allow me to thank you for your grand CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. It is indeed a boon to fanciers, and contains a host of good things. You deserve our hearty thanks for this grand ANNUAL.—J. RUKIN (Rawtenstall).

I received CAGE BIRDS ANNUALS. The ANNUAL is full of valuable information, and I think no fancier should be without it. It is a cheap 6d. worth.—J. R. HENDERSON, hon. secretary, Ashington and Hurst C.B.S.

I received CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL all right, and allow me to congratulate you on this year's number, it being full of useful information to both old and young fanciers. I wish you and your paper the best of luck.—W. DALGETTY (Scarborough).

### Spend your Money to Advantage.

I am pleased to state that I sold all the Norwich I had through my advertisement last week in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. C. Hill (Matlock).

Through my last advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. A. T. Selvey (Tredegar), I had about 30 answers, so that speaks well for the paper.

To my last advertisement I received replies from all over England, writes Mr. Walter Bell (Sheffield), and I think that yours is *the* best paper for advertising in.

Kindly thank all applicants, in reply to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. F. Cockerill (Stockport). I had so many answers that I could not answer all.

I am pleased to say that I have disposed of all my stock, which I advertised, writes Mr. J. W. Lawton (Crewe). The applicants are too numerous for me to reply to all individually.

I had no need to advertise last week, writes Mr. A. Brown (Wood Green), as my last two advertisements in CAGE BIRDS brought me splendid results. I have sold about 100 through your valuable paper, all of which I bred last season.

I advertised some of my Bantams in your paper the other week, and I could not answer all of the many letters that came to me. I thank you and those who replied for their kindness. Good luck to CAGE BIRDS.—W. BROADBENT (Thornaby-on-Tees).

I have had a good sale through CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. A. Thomas (Loftus). I have sent birds all over the country, and have had inquiries from Ireland and Scotland. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success, as it is the best paper for advertising in I have ever tried.

This week I have an order from Rockhampton, Australia, for 12 show birds, of various breeds, writes Mr. J. A. Taylor, the well-known bird specialist, of Frizinghall, Bradford, through my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS. The results from my advertisements have been splendid.

I must thank you for the last advertisement which I had in CAGE BIRDS of February 27th issue, writes Mr. H. Satterthwaite (Morecombe). It brought me 42 applications from all over the United Kingdom, which speaks volumes for your paper. The journal is without doubt the best of all papers to advertise in.

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisment *re* black Pom. dog in exchange for birds, writes Mr. Johnson (Bacup). I may say it was altogether impossible for me to reply to all, as I had upwards of forty replies, which shows the circulation CAGE BIRDS must have. I wish good old CAGE BIRDS continued success.

Owing to the large number of letters I have received through my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. Pilot (Welshpool), I am unable to answer all. Kindly thank the writers for me. I had replies from all parts of the kingdom, which clearly shows the vast circulation your paper enjoys. You deserve every bird-keeper's patronage.

I am very pleased to tell you, writes Mr. J. Walsh, the well-known Blackburn bird specialist, that we are very busy in every department. This week, too, we have had to engage two extra men to keep up with the demand, and I am pleased to inform you that most of our orders come through CAGE BIRDS readers. Just lately we have sent out orders to Punjaub (India), Montreal (Canada), New Zealand, United States, and all parts of the British Isles. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

## CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

**Altrincham C.B.S.**—Mar. 23, Victoria Restaurant, Oxford Road, 8. Mr. A. Royle will lecture on the Norwich Plainhead. Fanciers and friends invited.—T. Harrison.

**Burnley and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 30, Club Room, 7.30.—W. Clarkson.

**Barrow and Dist. C.B.A.**—Mar. 24, Club Room, Paxton Terrace, 7.30. Nest Feather Show.—J. Higman.

**Bramley O.S.**—Mar. 27, Carnival Rooms. Lecture on Pairing and Breeding of Canaries, by Mr. W. Richmond (Rodley). Fanciers invited. — A. H. Craven.

**Crook and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 27, Royal Oak, 7.30. —W. Rutherford.

**Choppington and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 27, 7. Both old and new members expected.—J. Dixon.

**City of Wakefield O.S.** — Mar. 29, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7. Balance sheets for open show, etc.—Parker and Parkes.

**Carlisle and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 25, Viaduct Hotel, 7. Washing exhibition by Messrs. T. H. Jones and F. Lawson; fanciers invited.—W. H. Wright.

**City and Suburban A.C.B.**—Mar. 22, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. Lecture by Mr. G. Wheller, "Railway Transit," and payment of prize money. Visitors warmly welcomed.—V. Wynn.

**Darlington C.B.S.**—Mar. 27, Half Moon Hotel, 9 o'clock. Table show of British and Foreign Birds. Saturday afternoon, all birds to be field moulted.—W. Underwood.

**Dalziel O.A.**—Mar. 20, Y.M. Christian Institute, Brandon Street, Motherwell, 7.—J. Mathieson.

**Ealing, Hanwell and Dist. F.S.**—Mar. 25, Mission Hall, Church Road, Hanwell. To confirm rules and points competition, etc. Visitors welcome.—W. Bird.

**Fife and Kinross Nor. P.H. Club.**—Mar. 20, Penman's Masonic Arms, 6.45. Rules and printing, etc. —A. Dickson.

**Guisborough and Dist. Priory C.B.S.** — April 3, Wear's Cafe, 7.—Atkinson and Wilson.

**Green Canary Assn.**—Mar. 25, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool. General meeting, 8.—S. Hadwin.

**Glasgow and Western Counties Club.**—Mar. 27, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 6. British bird show, Goldfinch (Brit.), Linnet, Siskin, Lesser Redpoll, Mealy Redpoll, or Twite, Greenfinch, Goldfinch (For.).—T. Drysdale.

**Highgate, Hampstead, C.B.S.**—Mar. 25, Spencer Hall, Spencer Road, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W., 8.30. Questions and answers on "Selecting and feeding for Breeding." Note change of night.—G. H. Neal.

**Hasland, Grassmoor and Dist. C.B.S.** — Mar. 22, Devonshire Hotel, Hasland, 7.30. Cage bird fanciers invited.—H. Naylor.

**Heywood and Dist. O.S.**—Mar. 23, Rechabite Hall, Pine Street, 7.30. F.F. Show business, selection of judge, etc.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

**Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 20, Centre Hotel, 7.30.—D. John.

**Leicester C.B.S.**—Mar. 24, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Table show, Linnets, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite, A.V. Brit. Hen. Judge, Mr. E. B. Hunt. Fanciers invited.—J. A. Tyler.

**Larkhall C.B.A.**—Mar. 27, Miners' Hall, 7. To decide if we shall hold an open show, distribution of Spratt's samples.—J. Pollock.

**Maesteg and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 22, Oddfellows' Hotel, 7. To receive subscriptions for 1909. To fix date of open show and nominate judges for same.—W. Jenkins.

**N. Manchester C.B.S.**—Mar. 23, Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 8. Mr. J. Hampshire (Oldham) on "The Lizard Canary." Fanciers and friends invited.—J. Davey.

**Northern Yorks. C.C.**—Mar. 24, Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 8. Arrangements for Nest Feather shows, etc. Friends welcomed.—T. C. Crawhall.

**National B.B. and M.C.**—Mar. 25, "Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8.—Plumbridge and Carr.

**Oldham and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 23, Textile Dining Room, 8. Debate on the Yorkshire Canary; fanciers invited.—F. Steeple.

**Pendleton and Salford O.S.**—Mar. 22, Chapel Street Hall, 8. Lecture by Mr. Barker Clegg on "The Goldfinch and Linnet." Friends cordially invited.—H. Clayton.

**Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.**—Mar. 25, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Lecture by Mr. F. Easterling. Subject: "Preparing for Breeding and Feeding Young Birds." Visitors cordially invited.—J. C. Birch.

**Queen's Park and Dist. (Glasgow) C.B.S.**—Mar. 26, Marie Stuart Hall, Langside Road, 8. — G. N. Thompson.

**Rochdale O.C.**—Mar. 24, Club, 8. Lecture on "Lizards," by Mr. L. Butterworth (Rochdale). Fanciers welcome. Committee meeting Mar. 29.—J. Butterworth.

**Shirebrook and Dist. F.A.**—Mar. 25, Great Northern Hotel, 7.30. Election of officers and committee and presentation to secretary. Local fanciers please note.—W. H. Ashwell.

**South Manchester C.B.S.**—Mar. 22, Headquarters, 8.—J. C. Spilsbury.

**Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.**—Mar. 25, Station Hotel, 7.30. Election of officials, etc.—J. Johnston.

**Watford and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 23, 8.15. Lecture by Mr. C. A. House, on in-breeding.—W. Quantrell.

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Kindly stop my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Wm. Cook (Ipswich), as I have more orders than I can supply at present.

I thank all those who answered my advertisement, re Hawfinch, in last week's issue, and beg to inform them that I am now suited.—C Bonus, Alphington, near Exeter.

To my last advertisement in CAGE BIRDS I have to date 45 replies. I think this is a record, and I hope I shall always secure the same success.—W. BELL (Sheffield).

Please stop my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. S. Dean (Gt. Horton), as, thanks to C.B., I have completely "sold out." My record is 48 replies in one week.

Kindly inform the numerous applicants in reply to my advertisement—too numerous to answer individually—writes Mr. J. S. McCreath (Ashford), that I have cleared my Borders out and am suited.

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

## DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

**Queries will be answered under the following Conditions:—**

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side only of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—**Queries must not include** *or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who require letters of complaints written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence, otherwise their letters will not receive attention. All the fees received from this source will be handed over in full to the "Referee's" Poor Children's Dinner Fund (London).*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed* **the Editor, "Cage Birds,"** *154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

# CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

### Sore Feet.

**J.W., A Reader of CAGE BIRDS.**—Keep cage floor and perches scrupulously clean, and if the bird seems to have pain in standing or gripping the hard perch, bind a strip of wash leather round it for a time. Bathe feet until quite clean daily in a warm solution of boracic acid—say, a small teaspoonful of acid to a teacup of warm water—dry carefully on a soft rag, and gently anoint them with zinc ointment, being careful not to apply too thickly so as to leave any for the bird to pick off. A very slight smear is sufficient. If this does not quickly heal them, use a solution of extract of wych hazel to bathe them instead of the boracic solution.

### T'other from Which.

**J.C.**—Perhaps it would ho best to ask a more experienced fancier than yourself to look at the birds and tell you the sex. I am rather inclined to think they are two hens. All the differences are comparative, and not very easily recognised by an untrained eye. The cock is bolder and more dashing, and his call more full and clear, and when singing, as he should be now, the throat swells and throbs perceptibly right down on to the front of the neck. If caught, and the feathers of the abdomen blown up, the vent of the cock is more prominent and pointed, whilst that of the hen is comparatively flat and expansive. You had better describe your Finches more clearly in a query for our British bird specialist. Your supposed Chaffinches are probably something else.

### To Bring on Song.

**A.A.**—If the birds are really cocks they certainly ought to have been in song by now. The loss of feathers is indicative either of draughts or great variations of heat. Take care to avoid these, and treat as follows for a few weeks:—Keep in separate cages; for staple food give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful of hemp, and every second day for a fortnight the same quantity of egg-food or crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry mixed in it, and a few grains of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it. On each of the alternate days give a spray of green food. Discontinue all other seeds for the present. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and six drops of dandelion juice for two days, and afterwards two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel every second day, and twenty drops of chemical food on the alternate days.

### Treatment of Norwich Hen.

**A. Locke.**—The treatment given below will be all that your bird requires. As regards the mixtures, although they may be useful enough to resort to at a pinch when proper remedies are not handy, I do not consider them quite safe or suitable for general use. Keep the bird quite free from draughts, and great variations in day and night temperatures, and in the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, six each of syrup of squills and tincture of tolu, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and if not quite cured in that time, continue same medicine every second day for another week. Feed as frequently advised here, and if the bird is in a poor condition of body, you may also give her a small piece of bread and milk, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it three times a week for a fortnight. The fumigation you suggest can hardly be necessary, I think, and if anything of the kind is required a simple inhalation of eucalyptus and benzine would be better. You may try this if you wish, but be careful the bird does not get a chill after it. Place twenty drops of tincture of benzine and ten of eucalyptus oil in a teacup, fill nearly full of boiling water, and stir well. Now place cage containing bird on a table, with the cup standing in front, but not close enough for the bird to touch it, and cover all over with a shawl or blanket. After ten or fifteen minutes remove the cup, but allow the cover to remain another ten minutes or so. It is best to keep the cage covered lightly over for a day or two after this treatment.

### Preventing Rust.

**D. Todd.**—I do not know any good method of permanently preventing rust appearing on the wires of cage fronts other than using tinned wire and bars and keeping the fronts free from damp when stored away, and, of course, wiping the cage fronts dry regularly after the birds have been bathing. You can get wirework fronts, which are tinned all over after the front is made, so that there is no place for rust to get a start. Another plan would be to paint them over with "Moronite" when new. This is an invisible lacquer varnish which prevents rust or tarnish for a very long time, but I should not like to call it quite a permanent protection. I have never tried the aluminium paints, so cannot express an opinion, beyond saying that the method does not appeal to me. I should prefer a good, hard drying enamel of the Brunswick Black kind. A black wire, mark you, shows up the birds far better than a shiny one.

### Making a Start.

**Novice.**—In selecting the Border Fancy, you have hit upon a very nice variety to start with, as it is not only a good breeder which gives little trouble, but is hardy and active. I am sorry I cannot give you the names of particular breeders here; but look in our ANNUAL, under the review of the year, for this variety, and note who have been most successful as breeders and exhibitors, and you may also profitably consult our advertisement columns weekly, and select a breeder who has a reputation to maintain, and write for a quotation for a pair, or what you require, of birds. Tell him what class of bird you desire, and what you want to breed, and leave the selection to him. You may, if you like, put a limit on the price you are prepared to pay, but a decent type of bird will probably not come less than 30s. or 40s. per pair, and may be much more than that. Note: If you ask to have birds selected to breed even marks, do not expect to find the birds sent even-marked ones—probably this would not be the case.

### Two Gone Wrong.

**"Constant Reader."**—(1) Your treatment of this bird was quite unnecessary, as it is clearly not egg-bound. Feed and treat as advised to "H.S."" except that in your case the staple diet should consist of three parts Canary to one part rape. You evidently mated her before she was ready, as if she is not braced up and began nesting, I would advise you to separate her for a fortnight or three weeks whilst you are giving the above-named treatment a fair trial. Keep in a comfortable temperature, and avoid great and sudden fluctuations as carefully as you must do draughts. (2) The treatment of this bird is obviously incorrect. Feed same as advised for No. 1, but in this case omit the extra mixed seed twice a week, and give an extra spray of green food instead. Also give the salts and dandelion juice to this bird two days in every three for a week, and after this two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel every second day for a week, or fortnight if necessary, and on the alternate days twenty drops of chemical food.

### Not Singing, etc.

**Novice, H.W.B.**—See that your seeds and water supply are above suspicion as regards their purity, and that the former is not visited and soiled by mice. Also see that the hens are not kept in a damp position, as this alone may be the cause of the diarrhœa. Feed the cock as advised to "A.A."; also give him the same medicines in the water. Feed the hens on plain Canary only as a staple. Give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it. Give no green food until quite recovered. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and six drops of dandelion juice for three consecutive days, and afterwards as much carbonate of bismuth in the water for a few days as will cover a sixpence. Twenty drop doses of chemical food every second day for a week or two will do good as a finish when the diarrhœa has stopped. If you have any doubt concerning the purity of your water supply, boil it all before use.

### Those Substitutes Again.

**New Subscriber.**—I have no doubt whatever that the substitutes for egg, of which you sent recipes, would be very efficient articles for rearing young birds without the use of eggs if the parent birds took to them kindly and feed the young well with them. But in my experience, and I have put a few of these substitutes to a practical test, the "if" is a most important factor. If you were hand-rearing the birds so that you knew you were stowing the capacious maws of the young well, you would doubtless succeed in raising quite as good and robust young on the mixture as the parents would with egg-food. Still, for all this there are so many unexpected side issues to crop up that, whilst fully recognising the possibility of using such substitutes with unqualified success, I must advise you not to jump on to experimental ground with both feet at once. Go cautiously, and use substitutes at first experimentally on a portion of your stock only, at the same time treating them in every other respect the same as the other portion which are being fed on orthodox lines. Then you will be able to note results side by side, and either extend or curtail the use of substitutes as your experience decides. This method of procedure for one or two seasons is worth more than hundreds of volumes of precepts for carrying conviction.

### About a Hartz Roller.

**H.S.**—It is more than likely that your management is the real cause of the bird not resuming its song. As you seem to think your kitchen may be too warm rather than otherwise, it seems fairly clear proof that the cause of the continual moulting is the excessive fluctuations which are apt to occur in kitchens where the place gets very hot by day, and is correspondingly cold at night. This must be remedied. Keep the bird well away from the fire, in a box cage, so that the heat where it is will keep as equable as possible night and day. Feed on a staple [illegible]re of two parts Canary to one part summer rape, and twice a week give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp and inga. Every second day for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of sherry and one of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with a few grains of gold of pleasure; on the alternate days give a spray of green food. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for three days, and after this give twenty drops of the following mixture every second day until the feathers have quite ceased dropping. Mixture: Dissolve a pennyworth of citrate of iron and quinine in two tablespoonfuls of port wine. A Hartz Roller has no external captivating beauties; its beauty all lies in its vocal abilities. The colour is a very much washed-out yellow or buff, with no particular form of markings.

### The Other Norwich.

**L.S.**—If there really is no draught which can affect the birds, there is practically certain to be considerable variations between the day and night temperature, or sudden fluctuations at other times. Do you use any kind of heating apparatus, which you only requisition on certain occasions? If you do this, it would quite account for your birds' protracted moulting. You must see that they are kept in an equable temperature, not necessarily overheated, but still comfortable, and free from chilliness. Feed on plain Canary only as a staple, and every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape seed, and on the alternate days until the moulting is stopped, half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, or egg food, in which two drops of sherry and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion have been well mixed. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful of hemp, and on each of the remaining days a spray of green food. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice, and two each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel every second day for a fortnight, if necessary. On the alternate days give the old hen twenty drops of chemical food, and for the young one, which is also wheezy, instead of chemical food give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, six of oxymel of squils, and two of eucalyptus oil on the alternate days.

### Singing Hen.

**Blitey.**—Am glad to hear you have been so successful in treating your bird on the advice given here for a similar case recently. There is really no foundation for the theory that a hen that sings is no use for breeding. It might be so in certain cases where the singing powers were developed after some abnormal condition of the ovaries, which is sometimes the case, but there are many so-called singing hens which would not come under this description, and which breed quite successfully. You should not attempt to mate the bird for two or three weeks after the plumage appears to have got quite fine, and as you must now allow the weather to get quite settled and mild before returning her to the cold room, it would be best to wait until the middle of April or thereabouts before mating her, and this will give you an opportunity to take advantage of a spell of mild weather at the beginning of April to return the bird to the room, and would avoid disturbing her unnecessarily after she is mated.

### Diarrhœa and Cages.

**Nulli Secundus.**—It is more than likely the former is simply the effect of the latter, as it is extremely difficult to keep these tiny wicker cages in the least semblance of an hygienic condition, and the birds probably pick up and eat food soiled with excreta, which, of course, is responsible for the diarrhœa, and sooner or later will doubtless be responsible for a far more fatal epidemic. Be warned in time. These cages are just tolerable for conveying the birds in transit from place to place; for regular use they are abominations. If you kept the birds in proper cages, and cut the linseed out of the staple diet you would find the trouble vanish. If you cannot do this, keep the cage floors as clean as possible by scraping out at least once every day; strew well with gritty sand, cut the linseed out of the staple diet, and give instead twice a week half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and maw. This will probably stop the looseness recurring. If it should not, when another attack occurs give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in the drinking water for one day, and afterwards about the same quantity of carbonate of bismuth for a day or two.

### Not Singing.

**"Songster."**—The real cause of the bird's not singing is probably some error of diet or management, as the injury to its foot would not affect its singing powers so long after the injury had been cured. The seed mixture you use is not quite suitable for constant, regular use. Try the following treatment for a few weeks, and note the effect. For staple diet, give a mixture of three parts canary seed to one part summer rape, and twice a week give a small teaspoonful of the mixture you now use as a staple for a treat. Every second day for a week, and twice a week afterwards, give half a teaspoonful of egg-food or crushed spongo cake, with four drops of sherry well mixed in it, and a few grains of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it. Give a scrap of green food three or four times a week. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the following week give four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day, and on the alternate days two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel.

### Lies on Her Back.

**J. Alcom.**—Your bird must be an avine suffragette, or something of this modern description, as it is most exceedingly rare to find a bird acting in this unseemly manner. Candidly, I do not care to hazard a guess as to what may be wrong with her, in the absence of any information as to how she is fed, where she is kept, and whether she has had any accident or not. Also, it would be useful to know how old she is, whether plump and fat, or wasted, and whether she was "flighted" or not last moult. In the latter case, if the operation was unskilfully performed the wings were probably permanently crippled. Try the following treatment for a fortnight, and if the hird has not improved in that time, write again and give the above particulars, and also refer to this reply. Staple diet, plain canary only. In additiou, give every second day half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of port wine and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it. On the alternate days between this give a spray of green food. Limit diet to this; keep in moderate size cage, and supply clean, gritty sand. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsoin salts every second day the first week, and every third day the second week, and on the intervening days give two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel.

### Pecking at Feathers, etc.

**Novice.**—The cage in which you first had the bird was in all probability infested with red mites, which were the cause of the irritable condition of the bird. A colony of these mites had also probably located themselves around the nail on which the cage hung, or on the wall at the back of the cage, and when the bird was changed into the clean cage the pest promptly took up new quarters in it, and thus continued, with scarcely any break, to plague the occupant. Examine well, and if you find this is the case, change the cage again for a thoroughly clean and disinfected one, but take the precaution of giving the bird a bath daily for a few days, in which a few quassia chips have been soaked before putting it in the clean cage; then, before hanging the cage in position, see that the nail and surrounding wall space are perfectly clean and free from any mites. Feed on a diet of plain canary seed only as a staple, and give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, the same quantity of hemp once a week, and three times a week give half a teaspoonful of egg-food, with a few grains of gold of pleasure sprinkled over it. Give green food every second day. In the drinking water give ten drops of dandelion juice, and as much Epsom salts every second day, for a week, as will cover a sixpence, and on the alternate days two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel. As regards a mate for the other bird, as you give me absolutely no idea of the colour or marking or parentage of it, I can only say you should mate it to a Norwich Plainhead hen, of the opposite type—then if your bird is a yellow, mate it with a buff hen, and if yours is a clear bird, let the hen be a ticked or lightly variegated one, and vice versa.

### Seeds and Heat.

**"Star."**—(1) All the samples are of very poor quality, being small, in at least two cases (Nos. 1 and 3) very small indeed, and thin in substance. They appear clean and bright, and all except No. 1, which is a little doubtful, are quite sweet, which is the only good quality they possess. No. 2 is the best sample, and worth the extra money, but even this is very poor. (2) The aviary you wish to heat is very small, and any oil stove arrangement inside fitted with a proper cover and flue would take up a disproportionate amount of space in such a small place, so that I would advise you to put in a small portable hot water apparatus which can be heated by an oil stove kept in a little chamber adjoining the wall outside the bird room in such a position that it can be protected from wind and weather. If you cannot arrange some system of this kind I would rather advise you to give up the idea of heating it at all, although you think it seems so cold. Of this you may be quite sure — a cold room without draughts is infinitely preferable to a warm room

### A Point about Pairing.

**No Name.**—Am sorry I cannot quite understand your query. You ask how to pair your birds, and then go on to say you have a Cinnamon cock and hen to match, etc. Of course, if the birds match each other, that is all you need. You certainly do not want to put together a pair of birds that do not match. If you are doubtful about the Yorkshires, your best plan is to pair the green cock with the buff hen, and get a buff cock for the yellow hen. If this is marked at all, even only slightly ticked, you should mate her with a clear cock, as you will have plenty of marks in the young from the green cock to deal with next year. By the way, if it is the actual procedure of putting the birds together that you enquire about, I may say that if you use double breeders, put the hen in one compartment, and the cock in the other, with the wire slide between. Feed the birds generously until they both seem anxious to start nesting at once, the cock continually singing lustily at the hen through the wires, and calling her to take food from his beak, and the hen on her part frequently flying to the partition and responding promptly to his calls, and allowing him to feed her through the wires. When they are in this condition draw the wire slide out, and let them run together, when they will probably set to work at once. If you use single breeders, put the hen in the breeder, and the cock in a small wire cage, and hang the latter on to the front of the breeder until you see the birds acting as just described, when you may turn the cock in with the hen.

### Brevities.

**Sample of Hemp** (F. Chadwick).—The sample of hemp sent shows a seed of poor quality. Apart from its age, it contains a rather large proportion of unripened grain, and the husk of a large proportion is damaged, allowing the air to get at and deteriorate the kernel. The latter is really the chief objection to old hemp seed. The seed you have may do to use up in limited quantities for common stock, but I would not advise you to feed valuable birds with it.

**Would Not Sit** (G. E. L.).—Sorry I know of no method of making your hen sit, and hatch out her eggs if she is not inclined to do so. Beyond seeing that the nest is clean and free from insect pests, and in such a position that the bird can have a certain amount of privacy when sitting on it, and not be scared by people moving about in the vicinity, you can do nothing at all to compel her to sit. If she is a valuable bird, and worth the trouble, your only plan is to do as you did last season, and mate up another hen to hatch and rear the young of this one.

**Swollen Gland** (Miss R. Morton).—Unless there appears a distinct "head" or "core" on the swelling you should not attempt to prick it. Anoint it daily with carbolised vaseline—or Zambuk, if handy, would do—and if it should break anoint it afterwards with a little cold cream. Feed the bird for the present on plain Canary only, with a spray of green food daily, and a small teaspoonful of summer rape seed twice a week. Every second day for a week, or until swelling has begun to subside, give a small piece of bread and milk, slightly dusted over with flowers of sulphur. Keep the bird in a comfortable temperature and free from draughts and damp. When the swelling subsides feed more generously on the lines frequently mentioned here, and give four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid in the water every second day for a week, and on the alternate days twenty drops of chemical food, continuing latter for two or three weeks. Should the bird commence moulting after this, treat as advised to "Anxious" for "A Persistent Moulter" in our last issue.

**A Probable Error** (W.W.).—I imagine you must have made a mistake in thinking the cock turned such a cad as soon as the babies arrived as to make the hen feed him until she had nothing left for the young. The probability is that what really happened was the cock carrying good supplies of food to the hen, and handing them over to her as it were, to be distributed amongst the family. However, as he wanted to usurp her place on the nest at the same time, and she would feed the young quite well without him, you did quite right to remove him, and leave her to rear the young alone. You may return him to the cage when the young are from twelve to fourteen days old, when he will probably lend a hand in feeding, and finish off the brood if they require any attention after the hen has gone to nest again. Watch him for the first day after returning him, and you will soon see whether he will be safe to leave with the young.

**Egg Substitute** (A. J. Shipton).—Yes, I think the food a very good substitute for fresh egg and biscuit, and where biscuit is used instead of bread-crumbs there is probably nothing to choose between them. You should not give a very full feed last thing at night. It would be much better to give a small quantity which the birds will clear up before breakfast time next morning, then a full feed at breakfast, and another small ration at tea-time. If you cannot see them at breakfast-time, I would advise giving a good feed before leaving in the morning; leave instructions with those who will be at home to give just a small quantity of fresh green-stuff at breakfast, remove all stale bits, and give a bit more fresh at mid-day. When you return empty and clean egg-drawers, and give about as much fresh egg-food as will be cleared up before roost-time; last thing at night repeat this operation, but give only a very small quantity of egg, as the birds will not require much before having the early morning supply.

**Changed Conditions** (R. Aitchison).—It is the changed conditions from comparative freedom to caged life that are the cause of your bird's condition. Repeat the dose of Epsom salts you gave before writing every second day for a week, and every third day afterwards as long as the sluggishness appears to return. Feed on plain Canary only for a week, and give a spray of green food, tender young groundsel if you can obtain it, every day, and a pinch of inga three times during the week. After a week or so of this treatment gradually return to usual routine diet frequently given in this column, but continue to use green food rather freely until all danger of constipation recurring has passed.

**Another Moulter** (W. G. Buck).—See reply to "H.S.," and feed and treat the Yorkshire cock as there advised. I think it is most probable that the change from the aviary to an all-wire cage in the kitchen is the indirect cause of the mischief, the bird being in this new position and in an open cage far more fully exposed to all variations of heat and draughts. It would be far better to keep him in a box cage, which should be hung well away from fire, where the extremes of temperature are not so violent, and well out of all draughts. If you attend to these points, and follow treatment named for two or three weeks, the bird should soon get right.

**Lancashires v. Yorkshires** (C.W.G.).—There is, I think, very little to choose in these two breeds as regards the ease or otherwise with which they may be bred. The Lancashire is, perhaps, not quite so productive, but, all round, I should say the one was no more difficult to breed than the other. The comparative value of the breeds is undoubtedly chiefly governed by the limited supply of Lancashires as compared with the Yorkshire, which is one of our commonest breeds. For a beginning I would advise you to get good, active and healthy hens from eighteen months to two years old for this year's mating, and cocks not younger than the first brood of 1908. Many thanks for kind remarks *re* CAGE BIRDS and these columns.

**A Surplus Hen** (A.C.T.).—Your hen is not necessarily too old to breed successfully at six years old providing she is strong, healthy, and active. Still, as you have already two pairs, I would scarcely advise you to get another cock on the chance of this hen breeding. Instead of doing this, wait until the two hens that are paired have begun to sit, and then if either of the cocks are too medlesome, and interfere with the hens whilst sitting, remove him and leave the hen to hatch and rear the brood alone. You will then be able to pair the cock with this old hen in the interval, and if she is any use at all for breeding she should be gone to next and sitting before the other hen is ready to have the cock returned to her. The old hen, of course, would, in turn, be left to hatch and rear by herself.

**Cock or Hen?** (Jonathan).—I fancy the bird is a cock. See reply to "J.C," for differences. But with a bird evidently in high condition, you could soon satisfy yourself by hanging an undoubted hen in a small cage on the front of the breeder, when, if the hen was in anything like breeding condition, the cock after a violent outburst of song would probably be feeding her through the wires in a very short time. Singing hens vary a good deal in their capabilities; most of them merely utter a more or less prolonged twitter, and it is not often that one finds much, if any, of the throbbing and inflation of the throat. In exceptionally rare cases, however, they run a cock rather closely in their vocal performances.

**Nest Boxes v. Pans.** (G.W.B.).—I certainly think the earthenware pans would be much preferable to the boxes, of which you send a sketch. The boxes are badly shaped, and besides taking up an undue amount of nesting material, the isolated spaces in each corner would probably afford an harbour for countless red mites. If you refer to "Canary Breeding for Beginners" again, I think you will find the boxes there advised a very different shape to those you have, the front and sides being put on at an oblique angle, so that the bottom of the box is smaller than the top; whereas, all four sides of your boxes appear to be put on at right angles.

## BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

### A Quartette.

**A. G. Kent.**—1: Judging from your description and the feathers sent, I should say that the Mule is a Greenfinch-Canary. 2: He has gone into a "cross-moult" (a moult out of season), probably due to the changeable weather; or perhaps you have just bought him, and he had previously been used to a heated room. You can only wait for him to go through with it. Stir a small teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food into his drinking water on alternate days. You would be well advised to put him in a room which is not "dead cold." 3: The absence of song may be due to the extreme severity of the weather, and the Thrushes may "tune up" again, as soon as springlike conditions prevail. Mix a small half-teaspoonful of the chemical food into their soft food daily for two or three weeks. 4: The seed is a very fair sample, but contains millet (which is no use) and too much linseed; niger, too, should not be given in a stock mixture. I have frequently advised a mixture for Mules.

### A Nuthatch.

**Snob.**—Your bird won't sleep in the seed-box if you supply a "tube" of bark; the latter they require to "run" on, not being perching birds, like Goldfinches. I let mine have one perch in the cage, however. The insectivorous class is the correct one. There is no regulation size and pattern of show cage. A box-pattern cage, about 15 or 16 in. long by 14 high by 9 wide, would answer well, with a piece of bark (as flat as possible) fixed to the back so that the bird cannot get behind it, and water and food vessels which fit inside, preferably swing-in from the front. The inside and wires should be enamelled white. In the stock cage the Virginian cork (or bark) should be semi-circular in form, and arranged so that a "tube" is left at the back, down which the Nuthatch may pop when so disposed. An entrance hole should be arranged at the top (not over large), and another near the bottom. I strongly advise you to have two pieces of cork (or "bark," as some term it) and change them fairly frequently, thoroughly scalding the one last used with boiling water, or stoving it for a time in a fairly warm oven. This is necessary to keep down insect pests. The bird is very fond of bathing, and should be allowed to freely. Its main food should be good quality insectivorous mixture, such as is supplied to small softbill birds, moistened with grated raw carrot, or finely-chopped lettuce, or other green-food. Several very good "soft-foods" will be found advertised in our columns. Suitable live-foods must also be given, according to season, and a few small nuts (cracked, if necessary) and sunflower and hemp seeds. One particular favourite I had, possessed a wonderful appetite, and very varied tastes. He liked (in addition to the above things) hard-boiled eggs, bits of cake, currants and things, all sorts of nuts (especially the mixed shelled nuts from the greengrocers), mealworms, live ants' eggs, wasp grub, beetles, flies and tiny beetles, and many kinds of fruit, peeled grapes being a "speciality."

### Points About Muling.

**Leo.**—1 and 2, Your indoor place would hold about a dozen hen Canaries, with, say, four cock Goldfinches, and four cock Linnets. You don't want to overcrowd, by any means, or you will seriously jeopardise your chances of success. If possible, turn in all the birds at once, or the cock Finches, at any rate, for I have found the introduction of a strange cock Finch, after the others have got settled down in a place, sometimes leads to his being attacked and chivvied about. 3, You would probably have a fair amount of luck with the birds flying loose, providing you put up a good number of nest-boxes (about twice as many as there are hens), and kept an eye open for quarrelsome customers, especially hens squabbling for possession of the same nest-box. If paired up in cages, one has the birds better under control. 4, I should use a thick layer of coarse-cut pine sawdust on the floor, and keep plenty of gritty sand in various parts of the place (also cuttlefish), say in cigar boxes, which have had the lids removed, or in any suitable dish.

### Puzzlers.

**J.D.**—I cannot, frankly speaking, quite fathom your questions. Are you trying to "pull my leg," or has someone been filling you up with high-flown yarns? Exhibition Goldfinches are not made with "chemicals," or produced "artificially," as your letter would lead one to assume you thought to be the case. However, here goes! 1, I do not know of any "chemical" which will "increase the blaze" of a Goldfinch. I wish I did. One has to take it as Nature made it. Colour-food (the ordinary "red-feed," or "sweet pepper" of the fancier), will deepen the colour of a Goldfinch's wing-bars and body chestnut, but it also clouds its whites, and does not, in my experience, do the blaze any good—rather the contrary, in fact. The thing to do is to get a jonque (rich coloured) Finch with a big blaze to start with; then, given a good moult, neither "chemicals," nor colour-food is required. 2, It certainly is not necessary "to wash Goldfinches every day for them to keep their colour good, and enable them to moult well." If by "wash" you mean let them have the opportunity to bathe, then I certainly say do so. But "wash" to the fancier conveys hand-washing. 3, I know of no "chemical" that will "brighten the blaze and clean it." One needs to get a bird with a bright, clean-coloured blaze to commence with. It won't go dirty; at least, soap and water will suffice to do all the cleansing required.

### In a Greenhouse.

**R.H.S.N.**—Greenhouses, as a general rule, are not very suitable places to keep birds in, but yours seems likely to be a success, judging from the description given. I think the ventilation would be ample; the door could be left open in very hot weather, a wired frame (or false door) being fitted into the door frame. You would need to cover the glass (inside) with half-inch mesh wire, both as a precaution against breakage, and to prevent the birds dashing against the glass. I think you would find it necessary to whiten the roof in summer, or shade it in some way. You might keep a pair each of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, and Redpolls, along with a collection of small foreign birds; also one or two pairs of Canaries. The latter would be more likely to breed than the Britishers. You will have to get your list from Mr. W. T. Page, our foreign bird specialist, to whom I will send your query, and he will doubtless reply next week. Why not get a copy of his book from this office, "Foreign Birds for Beginners"? It would help you very much. Parrots in cages would hardly do, I am afraid, for if any tiny birds flew on the latter, they would stand a chance of getting mauled; Mr. Page will tell you for certain.

### Three Points.

**A Fancier.**—I hope you will have success with your British birds. 1: Yes, there are certainly "exhibition points" to consider in connection with British birds—that is, if you want them for show. Last year CAGE BIRDS published a number of "charts" describing both pictorially and by means of letterpress the correct show points (also common failings) of certain of the best known British birds. These you could obtain from the office, and would find exceedingly useful. "Standards" are published in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, and these also you might peruse with advantage. 2: The only way for a novice to learn whether he has bred a good Mule or not, is either to submit it to an expert fancier (two, if you like), or to trot around a good show or two, and size up the winners on view thereat. He should, of course, take steps to learn at the earliest possible moment what constitutes a good bird of any cross he may be trying for. A study of the coloured plates of Mules and Hybrids which have been issued by CAGE BIRDS would be very helpful. If you join a good cage bird society, you will have no difficulty in getting a reliable opinion from some member or other. 3: There is a vast difference between Siberian and British Goldfinches. The former are twice the size of the latter, and much more white-looking in appearance.

### A Seed Mixture, etc.

**New Reader.**—1, I often explain that it is wasteful, consequently expensive, to use a seed mixture in a large aviary containing many species of birds. The best method is to give the principal seeds (say canary, teazle, hemp, summer rape, charlock, and sunflower, or preferably, a mixture of half-sunflower and half safflower) in separate hoppers or dishes, and throw a little of the other seeds in occasionally, by way of a change, or as "tit-bits," as fanciers say. If you must have your seed-mixture, then for a varied collection of Finches, you will find it difficult to beat this: Canary and teazle three pints each, hemp two pints, summer rape and charlock one pint each, linseed half-a-pint, with about a half-pint of mixed sunflower and safflower seeds, increasing or decreasing the quantity of these latter according to whether the birds eat it all up or not—it depends on the composition of the collection, as some birds like these seeds more than others. The other seeds—niger, maw, wild seeds, wild seed mixture, etc.—you can give now and again, as indicated above. The exact quantity of hemp should vary according to the season (less in summer than in winter). A little more linseed is also useful during the moult. 2, You will find the following colours very hard to beat (I presume you refer to show cages): Very dark green for Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, and Bramblefinch (many use it for all Finches), with a light (not too light) blue for the Siskin, Greenfinch and Chaffinch.

### Sex of Linnets, etc.

**W. Clements.**—I have not as yet heard of a Hybrid being bred from a cock Linnet and hen Chaffinch. Nothing like trying, though. As regards sexing Linnets, the best guide for the novice is to choose a bird with a good edging of white to the tail feathers, and which has the white on the flight (wing) feathers extending right back to the quill (shaft), and white underneath the wing as well as on top. The hens are grey in colour, and heavily streaked with markings on the breast; the cock has a nut-brown back and wing butts, and signs of red are to be observed on the breast feathers, especially if ruffled with a finger, and at the end of winter and the approach of the breeding season, the breast of the cock becomes very perceptibly red. On the breast of the cock the tips of the feathers have a "mooned" appearance—an edging of colour disposed in a shape resembling that of the new moon. Any red feathers on the breast infallibly denote a cock—unless, of course, the "red" has been applied by human hands. A three-year-old cock Linnet in the breeding season develops a really gorgeous crimson head and breast. To sum up: in an adult bird always look for good whites, a rich nut-brown back, and a "mooned" breast, and you can't go wrong.

### Seeds for Bullfinch.

**J.W.P.**—I certainly think "a large percentage of hemp seed" is bad in the stock mixture for a Bullfinch. They get very fat and wheezy, as a rule, on excess of it, and specially if kept in but a small cage. Probably you will know, too, that it is well established that excess of hemp affects the colour of the Bullfinch, and will even cause it to moult out black, or partially black. I have found that safflower and sunflower seeds are far better than hemp, as a regular thing, for the Bullfinch. The following would make your bird an excellent stock mixture, and any good seedsman would put it up for you. Canary and teazle three pints of each, linseed, summer rape, and charlock, half a pint of each, safflower and sunflower a quarter pint of each. In a tin you could keep a mixture of niger two parts, maw three parts, and give a pinch twice a week, also a little hemp once a week. Then you have thistle and dandelion seed and wild seed mixture, small feeds of which may also be occasionally given. For green foods give any of the following, according to season: — Shepherd's purse, dandelion, groundsel tops, chickweed, flowering grasses, watercress, lettuce, rape or Canary seedlings, etc. The seeding kinds may be freely given. Bullies are very fond of many berries (black, privet, etc.), also fruit, and the buds of fruit trees and bushes; on such things they feed largely when wild. Charlock, dock, thistles, hardheads, and many other wild seeding plants; these birds are also very fond of, likewise, mealworms.

### Eight all at Once.

**Novice.**—Eight questions at once are too many, three being supposed to be the limit. 1: Yes, if steady. 2: You might possibly succeed indoors, but if you get good eggs from the Bramblefinch-Chaffinch pair you would have to provide a hen Canary to sit on them and rear the young. 3: I give a little egg-food to those muling Finches (any species or sex) which I find will eat it. 4: British birds require other seeds than just plain Canary—hemp, teazle, charlock, summer rape, linseed, sunflower, thistle, maw, niger, etc. Note other replies this week. 5: See reply to "New Reader" for a good mixture. 6: If in a really large aviary, a collection of Canaries and British Finches will be found to agree very well. Odd birds often, however, prove very quarrelsome and aggressive, and these are best removed. Beware of odd (unmated) birds—such as, for instance, two cock Bullfinches and only one hen. 7: Have never seen a Bramblefinch-Canary Mule yet, nor heard of one, so can't answer this. 8: You write: "Are Canarics away to hens when muling?" I can't understand this, and am afraid you must have omitted some word or words, or else you meant to have written "always." If the latter is the case, then I may say that Mules are sometimes bred from cock Canaries and British Finch hens, but not very often.

### Brevities.

**Blackbird and Two Thrushes** (F.A.M.).—1, The Blackbird will sing right enough when it becomes steady and used to cage life. You are feeding it wretchedly, however. Note the reply given "C. Morgan," in last week's issue. 2, The Missel Thrush is much larger than the Song Thrush, and ashy-grey in colour by comparison. It has white tips to the outer tail feathers, and is white on the undersides of the wings. The sexes are alike in plumage.

**A Linnet** (Birdy Man).—I really cannot quite comprehend what you mean by "poor feathers." Are the feathers broken, or "slack" and untidy, or has the bird bare patches? If slack and untidy, then I should suspect the presence of redmites, the usual, and often unsuspected cause of this trouble. When these pests are exterminated, and the bird is allowed to bathe freely (or is sprayed) its plumage should be all right. Why not feed it as I recommended the other week?

**Thrush Ailing** (H. Hickling).—You do not give any particulars which help me. Are its bowels in proper order? Does it seem to have a cold? One cannot, of course, guess these things. If your scullery is heated, then putting the bird outside now and again, during severe weather, would be certain to bring you trouble. Try the chemical food, as advised "A. G. Kent" (answer to question 3) this week, and write me again if necessary, giving fuller details.

**Will He Breed?** (G.W.B.).—There is no reason whatever why a Goldfinch caught last October should not breed Mules this coming season, providing he is of a "kind" disposition—that is, has settled down to cage life, and is getting stout in song. "Feed him up" as advised "Tommy Burns" last week.

**Linnet and Goldfinch** (G.L.R.).—No doubt you would note that last week I gave the method of feeding Linnets in the reply to "Started," and that for the Goldfinch in the reply to "Tommy Burns."

**Bullfinch Ailing** (Will).—Possibly the bird had been used to a heated room, and you placed it in a cold one. If it seems all right in plumage, that is, tight and sleek, then try for 10 to 12 days a good half-a-teaspoonful of the following mixture in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water; One ounce each of glycerine, oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine. Keep the bird in a warmed room. Give him a little ripe fruit daily.

**Mating Matters** (Plasterer).—You could mate the cock Chaffinch with the hen Bramblefinch, and the cock Redpoll with the hen Greenfinch. The cock Goldie you could fix up with either a hen Canary or a hen Bullie, and the two cock Greenfinches the same. All these couples would be likely breeders. The cock Goldie would, of course, also mate with the hen Greenie; if you pair him with her, then put a small hen Bullie with the Redpoll cock.

**"Cock" Skylark and an Egg** (L. Miller).—I certainly have never known of a hen Skylark singing so well all one summer out of doors, and for the winter indoors, as to deceive its owner into believing it a cock, and then to go and present him with an egg. I have never known a female Lark to "sing well." True, I never have kept any number of Larks. Possibly some Lark fanciers who happen to read this will tell us if they have known of a similar case.

**Linnet "Queer"** (Morley).—Are you sure the Linnet is not pestered with redmite? It is quite possible for one bird out of a number to get infested. The "blowing himself out and shaking himself" reads as though this were the case. As a tonic, get one ounce of crystals of citrate of iron and quinine from a chemist, and dissolve as much as will just cover a sixpence in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water (use a glass or pot vessel only). Continue using for 12 or 14 days, watching its effects on the bowels.

**Ailing Goldfinch** (W.C.C.).—Let the bird have plenty of thistle seed, teazle, niger, and cracked hemp. For three days stir a small teaspoonful of dandelion juice (taraxacum), from the chemist, into its drinking water, and afterwards give the iron and quinine, as recommended in the reply to "Morley," this week. He ought to pull round, I think.

**Mating and Showing** (S.W.E.).—1, It certainly is quite possible to mate a hen Canary to a cock Goldfinch, even though a cock Canary is within earshot. Probably the hen will not take the slightest notice of the latter; still, you must not forget that sometimes they fall in love with the voice of the charmer. 2, I would rather say nothing about the "dressing" of Goldfinches for exhibition, if you don't mind. If your bird commences to moult early, and bathes freely, you will have nothing to worry about.

**A Trio** (Timothy).—1, It is nonsense for anyone to say that cock Goldfinches will not breed during their first year in captivity. Why, Greypates, such as you bought last September, are about the best once can try with. Go ahead. 2, If you have won a first prize in open competition, then I am afraid you cannot again exhibit as a "novice." In some societies, however, a "champion" in British birds can be a "novice" in Canaries. 3, The bird must have had its wing broken at the shoulder (put out of joint), and you cannot remedy this now.

**Goldfinch and Thrush** (E.J.T.).—1, I hardly understand this; personally I should call a Goldfinch which sleeps during the daytime very queer indeed. Try the food, dandelion juice, and iron and quinine recommended "W.C.C." this week. 2, I don't know whether I should interfere, as only local applications would be of service, such as painting the places lightly twice daily with a camel-hair brush dipped in an astringent lotion, say sulphate of zinc (or "red") lotion, from the chemist

**Blackcap Not Singing** (W.E.A.).—It is a puzzle I cannot solve, I am afraid. The hen Blackcap Warbler has the crown of the head a distinct rusty-brown colour, not black at all. I give my own Blackcaps very considerably more ripe fruit than you seem to be doing; they are great fruit-eaters. Possibly bird No. 2 will break into song very soon now.

**Goldfinch Ailing** (E.M.W.).—Treat your bird exactly as advised "W.C.C." this week. You would be wise to feed him on the lines I lay down; also to give him all the early dandelion leaves (or a daily feed) you can find, taking care it is not in a frosted condition when offered. I hope you pull him together.

**A Pairing Point** (Mrs. Sandell).—You write: "Can I breed with a hen Goldfinch and cock Linnet and cock Canary?" Do you mean let the hen have two husbands at one and the same time? If so, then I am afraid it won't work. The hen would probably be pleased with either; but there would be hair flying if you left all three together. Linnet-Goldfinch Hybrids are pretty little birds. Why not try for them?

**About a Linnet** (J. Patchett).—No doubt you would notice that I dealt fully last week (reply to "Started") with the feeding of the Linnet. I should not care to try to breed with a Linnet which has damaged its wing to such an extent that it cannot fly. If your bird is so nervous that he is "always in the cage bottom, seldom perching," then I am afraid he does not promise to be a success at Mule breeding. He would, perhaps, be newly caught when you bought him 10 weeks ago.

## FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

### A Feather Puller.

**Despair.**—Make sure and keep a good supply of seed mixture in cage, and I should continue to use the quassia solution. I should also give a dose of Dinneford's magnesia frequently, but not sufficiently often to occasion diarrhœa. It will be some time before it gets over the effect of its former unwholesome diet—though the bread and water will not harm it. Make the water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's chemical food before soaking the bread in it. The bird's drinking water can also be treated the same way. In addition to your diet, supply boiled maize; boil till soft, drain off all water, and dust with flowers of sulphur. Note: The maize only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel must be kept strictly clean. Report progress in a month's time.

### Seed Samples, Budgerigars, etc.

**"Donabate."**—As regards the hemp, I preferred sample No. 1; both samples contained more pale green seeds than I care to see. As regards the millet, samples No. 1 and 4 were the best, and I rather incline to advise you to supply these half and half. It is a decided advantage to ring young Budgerigars, and if you have a distinctive ring for

each nest, you can then be sure of securing unrelated pairs for your own stock, and also for sending away. This is a very difficult question to answer from the data you supply. It largely depends on the size of your aviary, providing the birds have room to get out of another's way. I do not think either the single Ringneck or a pair would interfere with your Budgerigars, but if the aviary is small a pair of Rosellas would be quite as handsome and much safer. Value depends entirely on the market, sometimes as low as 10s. a pair, at others double or more. The hen Ringneck has no ring; this is also the case with young males. Diet: Seed mixture, canary, millet, oats, hemp, wheat, maize, and sunflower seeds, in about equal parts, well mix, and let this be your staple food. Also supply plain biscuit, nuts, fruit, cuttlefish, and grit, with regular supplies of water for drinking and bathing. The above diet will not hurt your other birds if they partake of it. Note: There is so much character and individuality among Parrakeets that no large species should be left among smaller species till their demeanour has been ascertained.

### A Grey With Running Eyes.

**H. H.**—You cannot do better than continue treatment already advised. The seed you name will give a sufficient variety; only supply those it at present refuses in very small quantity. You can get over the eye trouble by saturating a feather in the solution and letting the liquid run into the eye from the upper lid; also stroke the solution into the bare skin round the eye. I cannot remember the whole detail of my previous reply, but if spraying with quassia solution, was not advised, I certainly now advise you to spray the whole of the plumage with this, twice weekly, keeping the bird carefully out of draught till dry. Your bird will certainly be one by itself if it will not take grapes, and one thing leads to another; it will be the better for fruit, and I should continue to tempt it with such varieties as you have for general use. With returning health the plumage will improve, and I do not think you have any cause for alarm. Do not be tempted to give slops or messes under any condition, and I opine your bird will gradually recover condition. Keep up the chemical food, and also let the cuttlefish hang in its cage.

### Violet-necked Lory, etc.

**E.D.P.**—Milk sop must be the main diet of this bird, supplemented by such ripe fruit as it will eat. It can also have the seed and insectivorous food. Prepare the milk sop so: take plain crushed biscuit, sugar, and the requisite quantity of milk, put in a pannikin and boil, and, when cool, supply to the bird. So prepared, I have not found it to go dry during the hottest days we get in this country. I cannot give you the sexual distinctions at the moment, but will do so in some near issue. Keep the bird out of draught, and in a room where the temperature is as even as possible. Get a camel-hair brush and bathe the nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline twice a day—well cleansing the brush for each occasion. Put six drops of glycerine in two tablespoonfuls of water, and let this form its drinking water, giving a fresh supply daily for several days. (2) Glad to note the Tricolour Tanager is doing so well. Gradually discontinue the sulphur, but I should continue to use the chemical food till the bird is in full plumage, when this also can be gradually discontinued. Let the Tanager have as much ripe fruit as it chooses to eat.

### Brevities.

**What Parrakeet?** ("Sirron Duob").—(1) It is a Red Rosella, a native of Australia, quite hardy and a free breeder in an outdoor aviary, suitably furnished with logs. (2) There are very few Gouldian Finches about at the present time, and I question if you would get one under 20s. at the present time, though their usual value is little more than half that amount. The Parrakeet was very cheap if healthy.

**Food and Treatment for Black-cheeked Lovebird** (H.P.).—Keep carefully out of draught while the inclement weather lasts. Diet: Canary and white millet seed and a few oats, any kind of ripe fruit they will eat; but I expect preference will be shown to apple, cuttlefish, grit, and water. Treat similarly to Budgerigars, but of course till they are thoroughly acclimatised and carefully hardened off they must not be subjected to exposure. Their robustness or otherwise is not yet fully known.

**A Mate For Orange Finch** ("Orange Finch").—This name is quite new to me; I presume it is really an Orange Bishop or Weaver; it may possibly be a Saffron Finch, and I incline to the opinion that your bird is the latter. In such case try a Norwich Canary. The Saffron Finch is said to have crossed with the Canary. You might also try it with a Yellowhammer. I do not care to name a foreign Bunting to cross with it, as so few hens come over. The recent importation of Yellow-browed Buntings—were all males, I believe—and this is the case with many species, and I advise either the Canary or Yellowhammer.

## GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

**New Readers** (J. Lepla, Newmarket).—We greatly appreciate your kindness, for which accept our best thanks.

**Sketches** (J. Kershaw).—Thanks for your interesting sketches, which we shall hope to publish in our next issue.

**Photo** (R. Dallmans).—It is not clear (sharp) enough for reproduction. Only exceptionally good and clear photographs are suitable.

**A Perch** (R. H. Thompson).—Your idea is certainly a very good one, but we have already illustrated one or two perches which resemble it more or

**The Black Canary Puzzle** (R. L. Bruce).—We are under the impression the result *did* appear on the date spoken of; anyway, you will find it on page 177 of our issue for February 20th last. Evidently you overlooked it. Thanks for your kind remarks.

**Our Thanks** to T. Burton, A. Sands, W.E., and others, for interesting cuttings, photographs, etc.

**Timber Merchant** (John Dick).—The address you want is, we should think, Messrs. Cobbett and Co., Virginia-rd., Bethnal Green, London, E.

**A Cure** (Nemo).—We quite understand that your motives are excellent ones, but we regret to say that we cannot publish a letter such as yours—it would be so open to abuse by unscrupulous persons.

**Photographs** (A. Townsend).—We are very much obliged to you for sending the photographs, and should have liked to reproduce one of them, but unfortunately they are all too small, and not sufficiently clear. Note reply to R. Dallman.

**A Law Case** (Regular Reader and T.S.).—We are much obliged to you for the trouble you have taken in sending the cutting, and appreciate your motives, but really we have neither the time nor space to devote to correcting misrepresentations which, as you point out, are too obvious and malicious to deceive anyone.

# CORRESPONDENCE.

### WHAT IS THE RECORD?

SIR,—Could any of your readers tell me the earliest time they have known Goldie Mules to be hatched out? If they will reply through CAGE BIRDS I should be obliged.

ROWLEY ELSTON.

### LIVERPOOL AMALGAMATED SHOW.

SIR,—I agree with Mr. Hadwin that an official explanation from the Garston Society would be welcomed by all local exhibitors who look forward to this annual event, why they, in their turn, did not have a show. I have been informed that someone (acting for Garston, I presume) wrote the late Bootle Secretary, who was away on his holidays, and did not consequently get the notice. But what I would like to know is, why the remaining societies did not have a show without Bootle? It certainly is very gratifying to the Bootle Club members to think an amalgamated show cannot be held in Liverpool without their (Bootle's) assistance. However, if the Secretaries concerned will kindly communicate with me I shall be delighted to let everyone interested see the Bootle boys and their birds are all on the job next New Year's Day.

JOHN HUNT, Sec.
Bootle and Dis. C.B.S.
18, Albert Road, Waterloo, Liverpool.

### HOW TO INDUCE LINNETS TO SING.

SIR,—Can any of your numerous readers advise me as to how best to induce my birds to sing? I have several Canaries and Linnets; the former sing right enough, but the Linnets won't. I bought them fresh caught about two years ago, and for a good time they sang well. But for a long time now they do nothing except tick-a-tick and tuck-a-tuck, and so on. One is a Redpoll, the other a Goss Linnet. I get the best of seed, as I think, packet and other mixtures, and keep birds in the window where, of course, there is plenty of light. Perhaps it is the position. Anyway, they won't sing their natural song, and when I can hear my friends' Linnets in full song, and mine only tick-a-tick and so on, I feel a bit downhearted. The advice of one of your numerous readers through the medium of your valuable journal will be greatly appreciated. I should like to get them right for Muling, if possible. They are young birds.

ANXIOUS.

### PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR DUNFERMLINE AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—Definite steps have now been taken in the formation of a Cage Bird Society for Dunfermline. At a well-attended meeting of fanciers, held in McGilvery's Temperance Hotel, on March 13th, a set of rules and regulations were read over and agreed upon. The following officials were appointed:—President, Mr. John Rankine; vice-presidents, Messrs. Henry Dunn and Alex. Howie; secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. Campbell; committee, Messrs. W. Malcolm, G. Rae, W. Peden, J. Hamstone, and A. Pringle. The society have got a good send-off, with a membership of 33. It has been named the "Dunfermline and District Cage Bird Society," with an eight miles radius from the "Cross." Now that the ball has been set a-rolling, it is to be hoped that all fanciers within the radius will come in and give the society their help, and let the old tradition of the City be upheld with a good progressive Cage Bird Society. To those who may desire any information *re* same please communicate with me at 19, Reid Street, Dunfermline.

R. T. CAMPBELL, Hon. Sec.

### ALLEGED EXHIBITING OF JUDGE'S BIRDS AT ARBROATH SHOW.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Strachan's letter under the above heading, would he please give the name of the gentleman who accuses him of exhibiting the judge's birds? But I don't expect he will; it would not suit his purpose. He asks me if I was the party who showed the birds. Na, Na, Mr. Strachan, I am not "having any"! He does not think it fair of me to play his trump card, but I have still the Jack left, and I intend playing that too, if necessary. He now believes the story has arisen from a disappointed exhibitor. Yes, it is a bag of mystery. He also states that a trusted official informed him that I said they were all frauds. I am very sorry for the length to which I would trust the official that made that statement, as his information is far from reliable. As regards my temper; am I to take it that Mr. S. is a judge of human flesh? Na, Na! it's not for him to judge. My temper is quite moderate compared with his at times. Mr. Strachan also states that he "hatched the present Society" and wants all fraudulent practices purged out of it. But why not prove first that such practices exist? He states that he could show my sporting spirit in connection with an incident at the 1906 show. He is quite justified as far as I am concerned. I expect he refers to a special prize; I am not responsible for what another says. I neither received nor asked for a special that I was not entitled to. What proof has Mr. Strachan shown us that his birds were poisoned before leaving the hall? His evidence on that point is as weak as the Horan Water. He states that it was proved up to the hilt by the Chief Constable and a solicitor that his birds were villainously poisoned and that he is certain he knows the party. Then why not convict him? I don't believe there is a solicitor or a "Bobby" in Arbroath who could tell an egg-bound hen at sight, far less a poisoned bird. Are we to take it that Mr. Strachan is an expert in poisons, seeing he did not require to have a small quantity of it analysed? The Arbroath fanciers are not the tender crowd that he makes out.

JAMES MILNE.

P.S.—Regarding the said-to-be dubious paragraph in my letter of 27th February, I regret that Mr. Strachan should think that it accused him of indulging in something stronger than lemonade. I fail to see in the said paragraph the interpretation that Mr. Strachan was the worse for alcohol.—J.M.

### CAGE CLASSES AT THE PALACE SHOW.

SIR,—To clear ourselves from the complaint that was made to Mr. Ramsden re charges for packing cages, we may say that we exhibited at the 1908 show and received a number of orders for single cages, and we challenge anyone to prove that we ever asked or charged for packing. We consider it the duty of the cage maker to pack and put on rail orders for single cages at the price named on exhibits at the Palace, or any other show. If cage makers are to give a commission to wholesalers they can well afford to pack a cage for the retail customers. We should have replied to this before, but I have been confined to my bed since Xmas, this being the first chance I have had to do so. It was owing to this severe illness that we could not exhibit at the Palace this time. I think there should be one rule only for the cage classes, and that is, that the retail price should include packing and putting on rail, and anyone refusing to do this should not be allowed to exhibit.

W. LINSEY & SON.

### HOW I FEED MY SKYLARKS.

SIR,—As I take in CAGE BIRDS every week and am keenly interested in the notices *re* the feeding of the Lark family, I thought I would just tell you my method, as it might be of some use to fanciers. As the Lark is my favourite bird, I have got seven altogether. I keep three in the kitchen and four in the back yard in a cage 4ft. long, 18in. wide, and 18in. high, and the birds are as straight as pins, and singing all day inside and outdoors, and the four out in the yard have been there all the winter. As to the food, I get 2lbs. of barley meal, 6ozs. of ants' eggs, 6ozs. of dried flies, 1lb. of Canary seeds, 1lb. of biscuits, and crush them up. I put it all in a wash-up basin, and mix well together, and then get ½lb. of lard, and, having melted it down, pour it in and mix it all well together. I have then food enough to last seven birds a month, and it will stand good, as there is nothing in it that will turn bad. I give the birds grated carrot along with this food, as much as the boxes will hold, and also a few mealworms, and a clover clod if I can get one. I always feed my birds in the morning, as this is the best time; I know some fanciers feed their birds at night, which I think it a little bit "off," as when you feed Larks at about 10 o'clock at night (and you should make the food a little damp), the food will go bad in the night, and not be fit for the bird to have in the morning. All my birds can be seen out every day in the summer, wet or fine.

FREDERICK SHORE.


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### SENDING BIRDS ON JOURNEYS.

SIR,—Might I, through CAGE BIRDS, ask advertisers why, when sending away birds, many of them will persist in putting them in wretchedly shallow boxes, oftentimes chocolate boxes, or such like, between two and three inches deep. Possibly they have a very long journey in such a cramped position, unable to stand upright, and with no space to move about. Small wonder, then, they so often reach their destination in a deplorable condition. What of the feelings of the buyer who, after paying carriage and expecting something good to look upon, receives such a bird? Another item I would call special attention to in regard to shallow boxes, is that when putting on the address label a very strict look-out should be taken that the points of the tin-tacks that are used do not penetrate the lid, as I have several times had them do so, the poor birds, therefore, being liable to be pricked with the sharp points about the head and body. Another matter I should like to put before readers is that in advertisements the county should be stated in all cases, as there are several places of the same name, although possibly wide apart. By its being omitted it often causes a lot of delay in delivery before the right one is found, and then perhaps the letter arrives too late.

CONSTANT READER.

### THE KENT COUNTY C.B.A. SHOW RADIUS.

SIR,—As one of the committee of the Kent County C.B.A., and the mover of the resolution to alter Rule 7, kindly allow me the space in your columns to give my motive in doing this, and also to voice the opinion of not a few of the members on points vital to the interests of the Society. I will preface my remarks by saying that two years ago I gave up exhibiting, another movement claiming my spare time. So I am not actuated by personal motives, but as convener of the first meeting of the Society I still retain my interest in its welfare. My attention was drawn to the report of Colchester Members' Show, held on December 3rd, wherein the name of one of our vice-presidents figured in the prize list, and as I had at the formation of the Society, and also at the 1908 general meeting, and (if I mistake not) the intervening meetings also, moved "that vice-presidents be allowed the same privileges as other members, providing they reside in the County of Kent," I immediately communicated with the secretary, drawing his attention to the circumstance. Per return I received a copy of the 1908 Rules, and was surprised to find that the Headquarters' Committee, without informing the county members, had added a clause to Rule 7, giving members subscribing 10s. 6d. complete immunity in the matter of a radius limit. If this addition did nothing but put a premium on slender means I would object, but it is a complete violation of Rule 21, which distinctly stated that the Hon. Secretary shall give 14 days' notice of the proposed alteration to the officers and members. There was no mention of this addition on the agenda paper sent out in 1908; therefore this clause is invalid. A rule, widening or restricting members' privileges is constitutional and one on which every member should vote, and I think that something definite and in order should be passed, expunging this clause, and restricting the "showing" radius to Kent only. It may be said that the members have voiced their opinion on my proposition, but I doubt if one quarter knew what was wanted of them, seeing that the motion was put on the back of the balance sheet, and not on the voting paper. To me it was significant. No account was given of the number who voted for the resolution; instead, we were informed of another breach of rule in the shape of a counter to my resolution, an amendment of which no notice was given, brought up at the meeting, which cannot stand in the minutes of the Society if rules are rules. Under the circumstances I must ask that the Society shall vote on this question in proper fashion. I must admit that the apathy shown by members generally does not give the Secretary or Headquarters' Committee a high estimation of their enthusiasm, but to create that quality so necessary for the success of any organisation it is necessary to give everyone equal opportunity to assist in the management. Towards this end I suggest that the Secretary notify through the Press that motions for agenda for general meeting be sent, say, 21 days before the date of meeting, such motions to be put on agenda paper with instructions to vote for or against the motion. I regret having to run tilt against the Headquarters' Committee, and especially on a matter in which a personal friend is concerned, and I hope they may take these remarks as they are given—without prejudice, and in the interests of the Society.

G. S. MCCREATH.

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### INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Can any of your readers inform me where I can purchase the food and water vessels with the registered No. 493,474? They are the best that I have used, and are so easy to get clean, but I cannot get any down in this part.

SOUTH WALIAN.

### THE BRISTOL F.A. SHOW AND THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

SIR,—Our next show is fixed for October 27th and 28th. This is absolutely the only date for which we can get the hall, and you will appreciate the awkward position we are in with regard to the Cage Bird Union in face of the new rules recently passed, giving absolute preference to purely Cage Bird societies in the matter of dates. If the Union will not confirm this date, we shall have to consider whether or not we shall abandon our Cage Bird section and withdraw the cups.

G. T. H. MAGGS, Hon. Sec.

### A NOTED LINNET.

SIR,—On reading Mr. F. A. Watt's letter to CAGE BIRDS last week, I find I am not the only individual who can make a slight mistake, as I fail to see where I do "congratulate myself," but, rather, the Linnet, "The Unbeaten." Also I congratulated CAGE BIRDS on being so fortunate in having such a skilful artist as Mr. Norman. Why I mentioned the Scottish National in the few remarks which seem to have grieved Mr. Watt somewhat, was because I had a letter from a Scottish exhibitor, "not a disappointed exhibitor, either," congratulating me on my success at the Scottish National, and wanting to buy the Linnet, as he thought it the best he had seen, and thought he could win at the Crystal Palace. He thought it was the best specimen of the species there and worthy of the special for best British bird. This led me to believe he had a close run for it, as the bird that did get it did not even win in his class at the Palace. I am sorry my slight error has caused Mr. Watt some grief and trouble.

R. D. PARLETT.

### A NEW SOCIETY FOR ROCHESTER AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—A meeting of Cage Bird fanciers in Rochester and District was held on March 3rd, at Angel Hotel, Strood, and resulted in the formation of a Cage Bird Society, to be called the "Medway C.B.S." Twenty members were enrolled, and officers and committee elected as follows:—Chairman, Mr. H. W. Casemore; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. A. Acland, School House, Higham, Kent; committee, Messrs. Hunt, Giles, Smith, Wade, Robinson. It was decided to purchase a £5 cup, for most points with six nominated entries, four highest to count, to be competed for at Table Shows, and shows patronised by the society. A show of pairs, matched for breeding, and also British, was held the same evening, and it was also arranged to hold two First Feather Shows in June and August, and probably a Members' Show in December. Several members kindly contributed to the Cup fund, and other specials have been promised. It is felt that the formation of this society should give a filip to the Cage Bird Fancy in this district, and it is hoped the membership will be considerably increased during 1909. All communications should be addressed to me.

G. A. ACLAND.

### THE CAGE BIRD FANCY IN BARTON AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—On receiving CAGE BIRDS this week, and on going through the correspondence, I was pleased to see a letter from the secretary of the Barton C.B.S. to the effect that fanciers who were not conversant with the true facts may possibly be misled. Now, the other Society that has been formed is called the Barton Canary and British Bird Club, and it is not intended to lead anyone astray. What we want is that persons shall thoroughly understand which Society they ought to join. I am also pleased it was mentioned that they have no connection with our Society. They were connected, I am sorry to say, but we could never have a voice in the matter as to the choice of a room. Now, at a general meeting on February 4th, the proper time to decide on a room, ten members were present, so we decided on a room. Seven were in favour of the one suggested, and two remained neutral; so a few days afterwards by most of the members (who work at the same firm) it was decided to take another room, which they did, and then called a committee meeting to overrule the general meeting. Now, room No. 2 had been arranged for, and those who felt the grievance are evidently fanciers of many years' experience. We have members who have bred birds for over forty years. One notable veteran is Mr. Thomas Smith, of South Ferriby, who has staged birds at the Palace shows. Now, could this gentleman and others of a like experience submit to men who only have a songster or two? Six of our members, if united last breeding season, could muster close upon three hundred birds. The secretary of the Society goes on to state that our absence has not affected the welfare of their Society; then why does he keep reproaching those who have left? We have been threatened, but we smile at the idea of disaster. Their funds are swelling, we are told; I hope they are, for they will need it. As for careful management and hard work, I think those words might have been omitted.

H. CHAMBERLAIN, Hon. Sec.

### PROPOSED NORTHERN YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

SIR,—I should be pleased if you will allow me a small space in your valuable paper with regard to the above subject. Seeing that a Yorkshire Canary Club has been proposed for the Midlands, fanciers round here think that a Union could be formed, say, for Cumberland and including North Lancashire. Or, if a better scheme, we could extend same. We should like the opinions of other fanciers, seeing that this variety of Canary is being taken up now on all sides in the North, especially in our own town, Millom and district.

JIM PARK.

(Possibly our correspondent is unaware of the fact that a "Cumberland Yorkshire C.C." is already in existence (so far as we know), while the Northern Yorkshire Canary Club is to-day a very live body indeed.—EDITOR.)

### THE SLAUGHTER OF A RARE-FEATHERED BIRD IN SALOP.

SIR,—The above-mentioned matter was brought to my notice by an intelligent country lad, who, in showing the bird, deplored its loss as much as I did, and we gave vent to rather strong expressions. It had been shot by an ignoramus who, it is a pity, had not had the gun reversed at the time. The bird was a cock pied Blackbird, in splendid condition. It had a white collar round its neck, white cheeks and a speckled head with a lovely orange-coloured beak. No artist could have excelled its beauty. Other rare-feathered birds in the same district have been promised a like fate. I can assure readers of CAGE BIRDS that I have taken action that I feel sure will prevent the others from being killed by bird murderers. I feel sure it is the wish that more of these rare-feathered birds may be seen on the show bench by a large number of readers of CAGE BIRDS, and I am sure it is the wish of myself.

WILLIAM P. BELL.

### THE EXPULSIONS FROM THE SCOTTISH BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

SIR,—As late Secretary of the Scottish B.B. and M.C., I have read with great interest the recent report anent the expelled members, and from an outsider's point of view it is a matter which is very delicate to write about. I have all along detested these actions, trimming, staining, and other illegitimate practices, and whilst the club must protect its interests, it must do so justly. Three years ago, if I remember correctly, the club expelled two English members for infringement of the rules. But what did they also do in addition? They expelled others who had committed no offence, or broken any rule whatever, simply because they did not reside in Scotland. Now, sir, while clubs have every right to expel members for breaking rules, there are fanciers who also have a right to claim justice, and who at the present time in Scotland have no chance whatever to appeal to any Union for consideration of their case. We all know what human nature is—"To err is human"—and personally, I think if a fancier commits an offence once, he is doomed once and for all time to come. A Union formed for the purpose of protecting both clubs and fanciers might be the means of placing any case under suspension for a year (at the least), thus giving a reasonable time for offenders to reform. It would also help, I think, to encourage new recruits in the Fancy. Scotland by its apathetic frame of mind has no Cage Bird Union, and the sooner one is in existence the better. It would be an obstacle, also, for so-called genuine judges who, when they have a good specimen moulted, get some fancier to show it under them at a show they are judging, and who have no hesitation whatever in awarding a prize to themselves. Sooner or later Scotsmen will have to face this question of a Cage Bird Union, otherwise the hobby will naturally degenerate and many will give it up in disgust. I trust during the summer months something will be "attempted," something done, to uphift not only our weaker brothers in the Fancy, but to purify the latter also.

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### PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR AUCKLAND AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—There is to be a meeting held on Saturday, April 3rd, at the Bridge Hotel, Newton Cap Bank, Bishop Auckland, at 7.30 o'clock, with the object of forming a Cage Bird Society. All fanciers wishing to join, please attend.

H. HUNTER,
Sec., pro tem.

### WOOD GREEN & DISTRICT F. & F.A

SIR,—Will you allow me a small space in CAGE BIRDS to draw the attention of readers to the above Society? We have started with every prospect of success, and hope to make this one of the strongest clubs in this part. Any of your readers can have full particulars from me. We have already a good number of fanciers in each section, but we want many more, and now is the time to join. The entrance is 1s., and the yearly subscription 2s. 6d.; so come along fanciers, join at once, and have a voice in the arrangements for the table and young stock shows.

T. CALLEGARI,
Hon. Secretary.
17, Gladstone Avenue, Wood Green.

### THE NESTING OF THE GOLDFINCH.

SIR,—Mr. Lloyd is, of course, quite welcome to his opinion, re the number of eggs a Goldfinch lays; but that does not alter the fact. He must not think that because I quoted the years 1907-8 that I had never seen a nest before. I have been a bird fancier for over 50 years, and have seen nests in Carmarthenshire, Suffolk, and Lincolnshire, and all with the same result—average five. Late nests (say, in October) will not be found to average so many, as the hen bird will by then be getting exhausted. If Mr. Lloyd will peruse Mr. Davies' letter on page 268 of your issue of March 13th, he will see that five was the average the Goldfinch laid in captivity, and surely they would lay as many when at liberty. I merely wrote in the first instance to prevent a novice seeking a nest in an unlikely tree, such as the ash. Every one knows the ash is about the last to put out its foliage, and Goldfinches are very cunning in finding a suitable place. They would not, at any rate, build their first nest there. Again, should the novice come across a nest with five or six eggs in it, he must not think it is not a Goldfinch's nest, but rather the contrary.

R. J. CLARK.

### WHAT IS A "NOPE"?

SIR,—The word "Nope" is a name given to the Bullfinch by some people. Now, the Bullfinch being a favourite bird of mine, the word "Nope" is as repulsive to me as that of "Tupenny Joey" as applied to the Greenfinch is to the writer of the letter signed "Sunny Jim" in CAGE BIRDS. Why the name of "Nope" is given to the Bullfinch, one of our most beautiful British birds, I know not; but let us remember that a rose by any other name smells just as sweet.

WILLIAM P. BELL.

### THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

SIR,—On the 5th December last I lodged a protest (with fee of 10s. 6d.) against a champion exhibiting in the Novice classes at the Horticultural Hall Show. Although it is over three months ago, I am still waiting for the verdict. The Secretary's reply to me a month ago was to the effect that owing to the dilatory action of the C.B.U. his club had decided to act on their own responsibility and uphold the protest. So whatever good the Union is I fail to see. There is not much business about it. If they woke up and made the fee about 50 per cent. less there would be a few more "Novices" pulled up and made to show in their right section.

C. MARTIN (alias George).

### UPS AND DOWNS OF EXHIBITION BIRDS.

SIR,—Referring to the paragraph in your issue of February 20th, entitled "Ups and Downs" under "Echoes from the Palace," relating to Mr. Lamb's exhibit, I should like to mention that I exhibited my Redpoll-Bullfinch Hybrid in good form at the City of Wakefield exhibition, held on February 13th, and although he has had such a successful career on the show bench, he arrived back for the first time from any show (with the exception of the Horticultural Hall, where he arrived too late for judging owing to neglect on the part of the railway company) without even a card to his credit.

CHARLES J. WARD.

### CINNAMON BORDER FANCIES AND THEIR COLOUR.

SIR,—I have been deeply interested in the letters in your last few issues signed by "Cinnamon Border" and "Your Reporter." "Your Reporter" has given plain facts in reply, and for the benefit of both writers and Fancy generally, I am in a position to give you details as they appear in catalogues dating from 1893 to 1898. These details verify your reporter's statements, and plainly prove that Cinnamon Border Fancy Canaries are of old standing. In 1893 you will notice that I was 3rd at Hawick with a self-cinnamon cock, and in my opinion he was a better colour than those I have seen exhibited this year. The catalogues in my possession are for Hawick shows, and Hawick at that time was considered the most prominent of Border Fancy shows. The following are the details:—

In 1893, one class, 13 entries:—1, 2, John Maltman (Langholm); 3, John Dixon (Wigton); 4, T. W. Dickson (Selkirk); vhc, Walter Smith (Hawick); hc, W. and S. Lamb (Kelso); c, J. Dodds (Hawick). In 1894, two classes, 12 entries and 5 entries respectively: 1, W. Smith; 2, Thomas Arnot; 3, Ballantyne and Sons; 4, A. MacMillan; vhc, J. Dixon; hc, J. Deardon. In the second class the results were: 1, T. Martin; 2, Douglas; 3, W. Smith; 4, G. Edmond. In 1895, one class, nine entries:—1, 4, T. Arnot; 2, G. Edmond; 3, W. Smith; vhc, W. Bell; hc, W. Kyle; c, G. Alexander. In 1896, one class, 12 entries:—1, Patterson and Hannah; 2, 3, W. Smith; 4, T. Arnot; vhc, J. McLaughlan; hc, J. Waugh; c, R. Elliott. In 1897, one class, 15 entries:—1, Patterson and Hannah; 2, T. Martin; 3, Arnot and Jamieson; 4, vhc, W. Smith; hc, J. McLaughlan; c, R. Armstrong. In 1898, one class and four entries:—1, T. Martin; 2, W. Smith; 3, Arnot and Jamieson; 4, W. Bell; vhc, Bennet and Rutherford; hc, Patterson and Hannah; c, Laidlow. I must apologise for taking up so much of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, which I wish every success.

Wigton. JOHN DIXON.

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## THE EARLY BIRDS.

SIR,—Seeing the correspondence in CAGE BIRDS concerning early hatched Canaries, I write to inform you that I have two pairs that started sitting in February last, and hatched off 8 young on March 11th and 12th, in an outdoor bird-room. I have not used any heat. On March 3rd it was only 19 degrees out-of-doors. I have been a reader of your valuable paper, I may say, for five years.

G. STARES.

Romford.

SIR,—Seeing that the breeding season is at hand, I had a look round amongst a few fanciers. One has three young ones and four other hens sitting. I went a little further, and saw a hen feeding two brown Linnet-Mules, and then I went down to the Fleece Hotel, Bishop Auckland, where I found four Goldfinch-Mules a week old, and they are doing well.

H. HUNTER.

SIR,—I read with interest the remarks in CAGE BIRDS under this heading by Mr. A. Hare. It will not fail to interest this gentleman and other of your readers to know that I have a Finch-Mule a month old and four Finch Mules fourteen days old and all thriving and doing well. I had a nest of same on January 20th last, but through my not looking after them they died. They were from the same mother that has the four Mules now doing well. I have a nest to be hatched on March 20th.

T. ALLEN.

SIR,—In your last issue I was much interested in reading of the Early Birds. I might say that I had three Yorkshires hatched on the 22nd of January, and three on the 12th, and four on the 13th of February, and all are doing well. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

JOHN PEARSON.

## THE BORDER FANCY CANARY IN THE SOUTH.

SIR,—Your correspondent Mr. Smith seems to have been paying great attention to the "Wee Gems" on the coloured plate presented with CAGE BIRDS' "Birthday Number," and my remarks on same. To my mind, he strikes out for the true type of a Border Fancy, and at the same time with a good show of cause, as I know from letters received from fanciers in the south that poor birds are continually in the money with some judges. And nearly all my correspondents wish for the more modern type of bird, which we in Scotland try to breed, to come more to the front. I therefore trust that now Mr. Smith has opened up the question with his remarks on the type wanted, breeders generally will give their opinions on the type of bird they admire and want to produce. They might also tell us whether they think the thick-necked type of bird should be discarded. As I have already said, to my mind a bird that does not show freedom of head and neck is quite away from the standard of our club model, and ought to be discarded. Further, I have no hesitation in saying that this is the point of excellence wherein a high-class Border Fancy takes its place as one of the most graceful birds we have on the show-bench at the present day. The graceful movement of its head draws new recruits to our ranks every year. I hope to see a friendly discussion on the subject for the future good of our wee pets.

J. PATTERSON.

SIR,—The letter in last week's issue, by Mr. J. Smith upon the type of Border Fancy Canary required, comes at a very opportune time. The variety is making some headway down south, and as soon as the weather breaks, breeding will commence. The success of any variety depends almost solely upon the correct matching of the birds, and the Border Fancy Canary is no exception. Their simplicity of contour, and their smallness and fineness of points, make them difficult subjects to handle, both in the breeding-room and upon the show bench, and to do them justice in the latter position a man must be a breeder and lover of the variety. Dealing with the recently published coloured plate in CAGE BIRDS, J. S. says: "I believe, however, they would not do much winning in the South." Possibly not, nor would they at one Northern show I visited this season; but they would have been "in it" at Glasgow, Gateshead, and the Scottish National, and, after all, these are the great centres of the variety, and, what is more to the point, men are appointed to judge them who are breeders and experts, who thoroughly understand and know every point, and who have the delicate touch required to handle them to perfection. I would advise Mr. J. Smith and other Southern novices (for I presume he is one) to procure a copy of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, if they have not already done so, and in it they will find a printed standard of the variety. Let them study this, and pair up accordingly, and if they breed a bird or two like it, and some of our judges fail to "know them," they can select their shows. In time, as the variety increases in popularity, other judges will be found, and breeders will have the satisfaction of knowing they kept to the right path, and will have the fewer "crank points" to breed out.

H. NORMAN.

## THE BORDER CITY (CARLISLE) ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

SIR,—The first general meeting, since the formation of the above-named new society, took place at its headquarters on March 10th, and was very well attended. The membership now is over forty members. The Chairman outlined fully the reasons for the formation of the society, and the intentions of the committee for its furtherance. The officials for this year are: President, The Rev. Dr. Barker, Dean of Carlisle; secretary, Mr. Jas. Chaplow, 20, James Street, Carlisle; treasurer, Mr. G. Davidson; show manager, Mr. T. Robson; committee, Messrs. Holmes, W. Davidson, D. Bunting, Thomlinson, J. Robson, J. Robinson, F. Bell, A. Davidson, and J. C. Bell. The first annual show will take place on October 27th and 28th, and the judges appointed are Messrs. J. Robson (London) for Canaries, and W. Nicholson (Stockton) for British and Foreign birds. Suggestions and questions being asked for, discussions took place on various matters, and the outcome was: (1) A pair show to be held at headquarters on March 18th, Messrs. Holmes and O'Neill promising medals for most points in Canary and British and Foreign bird sections respectively; (2) an annual supper at a date to be fixed by the Committee; (3) a series of Rambles to take place in the summer under the guidance of that old "Rambler," Mr. Geo. Davidson, for the study of wild birds in their natural haunts; and (4) a nest feather show at a date to be fixed by the Committee. The enthusiasm shown by the members in all matters augurs well for the new Border City Society.

J. CHAPLOW, Sec.

## SOME QUESTIONS FOR LARK FANCIERS.

SIR,—I have always taken a great interest in all kinds of birds, but I have never kept the Softbill birds until lately. I received an invitation to go to a Lark singing contest. I had always said that the Lark never ought to be caged. Since going to the contest, however, I have changed my opinions. The Larks I have seen on the markets or in bird shops have usually been of a wild nature, trying to get out. These, however, are not the kind of Larks that the Lark fanciers take to. I am proud to say that if a Lark does not settle down in a week's time, it is usually given its liberty. The Lark singing Fancy is more interesting than Canary breeding at times. I have seen Larks as happy as could be and singing anywhere. I have decided to try my hand at keeping Larks. Could some Lark fancier, therefore, kindly tell me what to feed the birds on, when getting them ready for contest singing? Have they to be covered up? If so, for how long prior to the contest? Why do the birds when singing in good order stop to shake their heads, as if they had something fast in their throat? Is it as well to have sand in the bottom of the cage? Sometimes I have seen the birds stop and shake themselves in the sand. Is it wish to keep a meat box on the cages, as I have seen the birds stop to pick at the meat? It is well known that every Lark fancier has his own little secrets. Perhaps there is a Lark fancier amongst your readers who is not afraid to give them away? At one time I had some good birds (not Larks) for local shows. I entered my birds at two or three shows, but after the first show I always got my entries back. Fanciers said, "What is the use of my showing when I know you will win?" It will be the same at Lark contests. If one man wins a few times he will soon be barred or handicapped.

NOVICE IN LARKS.

**Several letters unavoidably held over.**

### Woodcock in Scotland.

Years ago the Woodcock was regarded simply as a migratory bird in Scotland, but from time to time eggs have been found in the more southern countries, so that now there can be no doubt about its occupying the same place as a breeding species in the north as it does in England and Ireland.

### Rare Birds in Wales.

The Buzzard, a large bird measuring nearly thirty inches across the wings, and closely resembling the Eagle when in flight, is not quite extinct in Great Britain. Several pairs manage to nest in Wales, and we are told upon good authority that they are actually increasing. Of course, they have received every protection or would have had their nests rifled by egg collectors, etc., long ago. Wales is also responsible for the protection of a few pairs of Kites—grand birds, which were once common enough everywhere. Just the very spot where the Kites dwell must remain a secret. The eggs are so valuable that the collector would run almost any risk to obtain them.

# ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

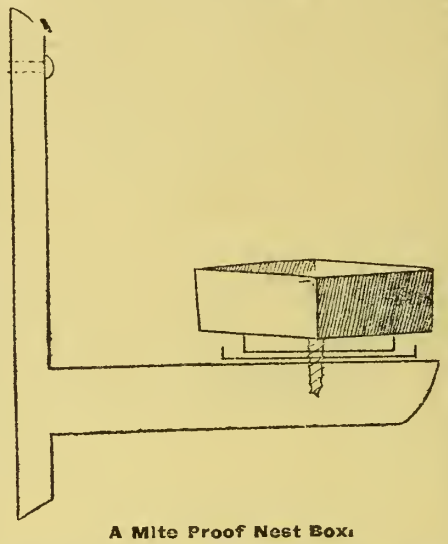
*Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.*

## No. 292.

### TO PREVENT REDMITE GETTING INTO THE NEST-BOX.

[Will the sender please forward name and address?—EDITOR.]

The sketch shows an ordinary wooden nest-box, on a wood bracket, with a slot screw-hole for hanging it up inside the cage. The box is 3¾in. square by 1⅞in. deep inside, and is to be made of yellow pine. The upright bracket is 5in. by 2in. by ¼in., and the beam 4½in. by 1in. by ½in., with an ordinary tin



A Mite Proof Nest Box.

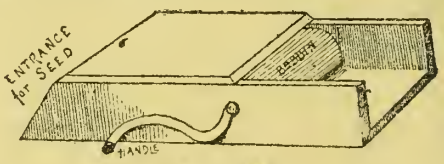
lid placed on, as shown in sketch. Then you require a piece of pine about ¼in. deeper than lid, and about ½in. thick. This should be fastened to the nest-box. Now you require an ordinary screw to fasten the box on to the bracket. The next thing is to put a layer of Keating's insect powder all round the inside of the lid, under the box. This will make the redmite's journey short. This is the only way that has proved successful with me.

## No. 293.

### A SEED MILL.

**Sent by S. Ferguson, 129, Raploch Street, Larkhall.**

Enclosed is a sketch of a seed crusher, which my father has used successfully for over thirty years. Make the sides and bottom of a box about six inches long. Then get an empty thread bobbin, or spool, and cut the rim off till it is level with the barrel;




A Seed Mill.

then groove all round the barrel with a knife. The box should be the same width as the bobbin, but make the sides about 1-16 of an inch higher than the barrel of the bobbin. Then bore holes in the sides of the box, 2 inches from the end, and 1-16 of an inch higher than the hole through the bobbin. You then put the bobbin in the box level with the holes in the sides; then fix in a handle that fits tightly, so that when you turn it the bobbin turns also (put the handle through the holes in the box and through the hole in the bobbin). If this does not crush the seed small enough, you can put a sheet of tin in below the bobbin. Put a cover on the top of the box.—S. FERGUSON.

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## MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

Annual dinner and concert held on March 13th in connection with the distribution of prizes, at headquarters, Mowbray Arms. A substantial dinner was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Newton, and was thoroughly enjoyed by about 50 members and friends. Mr. Huddleston occupied the chair in the unavoidable absence of the president, Mr. H. Grange, and presented the cup, medals, etc., to the successful exhibitors, and complimented the members on their success. The various winners suitably replied. With a few well-chosen words, the Chairman remarked on the advancement made by the society during the past year, and hoped to see some of the M.C.B.A. novices winning their Yorkshire Union novice medals next year. The musical part of the programme was ably sustained by Messrs. Wright, Price and Coulson, Slater, Metcalfe, Dennison, Battye and Lunn. Mr. Rawlings was the accompanist, each artiste receiving hearty applause. Votes of thanks were given to the chairman, host and hostess, and artistes.—W. HOLROYD, Sec.

## KIRKSTALL AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters, Congregational Schoolroom, February 27th, Mr. Chew in the chair. After the usual business, Mr. Richmond (Rodley) gave a lecture on the "Breeding of Cinnamon Marks." Beginning with the situation of the room, he mentioned that it was immaterial to him whether it faced north, south, east, or west, having had as good results in rooms facing north as any other. The chief thing to look for was good light, and one should avoid damp and draughts. He then gave particulars and dimensions of cages, selecting of stock, and various points to avoid in pairing, feeding, etc. The practical experience, coupled with his open and straightforward delivery, made his remarks very interesting. Many questions were asked, and were all answered in a satisfactory manner. A hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. Richmond, and also an invitation to visit us at some other time. This brought a most instructive and enjoyable meeting to an end. We have some more splendid papers expected from other practical men at future meetings, and we give a hearty invitation to fanciers interested.—WHITELEY AND HORNBY, hon. secretaries.

## ILFORD F. AND F.S.

### Breeding Cages.

A very interesting and instructive lecture was given by Mr. C. H. Cooper (East Ham), at 4, Cranbrook-road, on March 9th, on "Breeding Cages." The meeting was fairly well attended, several ladies being present. A specimen of the cage made and used by the lecturer was shown. Every part of the cage was made in sections, and the process was explained in detail, some of the parts being patented by the lecturer. Iron brackets (to hold the cages) were a feature of great interest, and valuable, especially where one has not much room at his disposal. They presented a neat appearance in the bird room. The cage when made in sections, is a great boon to cage bird breeders, and as the lecturer explained, "Cleanliness is next to Godliness," and this applied in the breeding of birds. His cages could be cleaned thoroughly in a short time. The patent seed hopper was also of interest; this does away with the waste of seed, and also prevents the birds picking their food over. It is also fitted up with a small sieve at the bottom to free the seed from dust. The drinking utensils were of glass, which are easily cleaned—a very good idea, as no dirt can get in the corners as is seen in some. The nest brackets are an improvement; they are made of iron, and are fitted into a small slot at the back of the cage. They are easily taken down and examined, and everything is made very neatly and strong. The perches are made so that they can be taken out and cleaned, one end of them being hollow so that if any insects should get into the cage this would be the place where they would get and a smart rap on anything would quickly dislodge them. The numbering of the cages for reference was done by a neat figure being placed in the corner in white enamel; this presents a tidy appearance to the cage and also does away with the unsightly chalk marks so often seen on the fronts of breeding cages. The lecturer also urged young fanciers to start with good stuff. Several questions were put to the lecturer, which were all satisfactorily answered, and the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to him. Eight new members joined.—A. WEBB, Hon. Secretary.

## ASHTON-U-LYNE & DIS. O.S.

### Rearing Young Canaries.

A large number of fanciers assembled at headquarters, P.S.A. rooms, on March 2nd, to hear a lecture by the chairman, Mr. W. Foxall, on "The feeding and rearing of young Canaries." The lecturer was introduced by the vice-chairman, Mr. Green. Mr. Foxall's paper was framed more for fanciers who had lately taken up the hobby of Canary breeding, of which this society is largely composed. He showed how well fanciers were catered for as regards information on various matters connected with the Fancy. He advised anyone interested in cage birds to join a society. He said it was the best means of gaining knowledge. He spoke for some time on the methods of preparing egg-food for the feeding of young. As soon as these were hatched he preferred feeding on yolk of egg and biscuits, say for the first few days, and afterwards on food prepared from the whole of the egg and bread crumbs. He impressed on all that an egg diet was essential in successful Canary breeding. He also called their attention to the new preparations placed on the market, and said the Fancy was ready for a good food, easily prepared, that had the same feeding value as egg-food. As for green food, he had a strong leaning towards dandelion, and named an idea for forcing young shoots of diet, and he recommended whole and crushed hemp seed, scalded rape and groats. Fanciers should try and find each hen's particular fancy, and feed her accordingly. He recommended putting the cock back again to the hen about the tenth day to help feed the youngsters. When the hen had laid her third egg of the second round, he took both cock and youngsters away from the hen, and let the cock finish off the feeding. He impressed on all present when weaning young birds not to take the egg-food away too early. He also recommended milk sop to be given from the time of leaving their parents to when they were about eight weeks old. He also dealt in an able manner with the difficulties a fancier is placed in during the breeding season—egg binding, bad feeding hens, sweating and plucking of young, and inflammation; he also dealt with young birds, and spoke for some time of the remedies and treatment for these difficulties. The lecture was greatly appreciated by all, and at the close a good number of questions were asked, and were answered to the entire satisfaction of all. A good discussion followed. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Kelsall, seconded by Mr. Colville, to Mr. Foxall, for his interesting and instructive lecture.—H. FODEN, Hon. Secretary.

# THE SHOWS.

## PENDLETON AND SALFORD O.S.

Very successful table show, held at headquarters, March 8th, when 24 birds were staged—16 Yorkshire and 8 Norwich. The Yorkshires were divided into two classes. Mr. Durnford took the prizes for most points in Yorkshire classes, and Messrs. Cleaner and Espley divided the prizes for equal points in Norwich. Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe judged, and gave every satisfaction.—H. CLAYTON, Hon. Secretary.

## CATERHAM F.C.

Members' show, held March 2nd, at the Railway Hotel. There was a large number of visitors. Entries reached a total of 50 in all. The Norwich were a strong and a fine lot. The cage bird section was judged hy Mr. Geo. Gardner, whose awards appeared to give every satisfaction.

NOR.: 1, 2, 3, spl, vhc, hc, c, A. J. Kilby. YORKS.: I, 2, 3, Harris. BRIT.: I, 2, spl, Murton Gill; 3, vhc, Gorringe.

## LEICESTER C.B.S.

Successful table show of British Birds, the first of the season, held on March 10th, at Saracen's Head Hotel. The exhibits turned up well, and some very good birds were staged. We again bad our old friend, Mr. Judd, to judge the classes; he is again looking more like himself after his illness, and we hope to see him for many more years to come.

GOLDFINCH, ETC., BRIT. (12): 1, 3, Seal; 2, hc, c, Christian; vhc, Tyler. GREENFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, 2, Tyler; 3, Christian; vhc, Weighton; hc, Harrison; c, Turner. PART SEED-EATING, BRIT.: 1, Tyler; 2, Claypole; 3, Christian.—J. A. TYLER, secretary.

## BERMONDSEY & ROTHERHITHE FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION.

Very successful table show of cage birds, held at headquarters, the Jolly Gardeners, Rotherhithe New Road, S.E., on March 6th, the show being well attended in spite of the bad weather. Mr. Matthes kindly judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. In the subsequent judging competition, Mr. S. Jordan was the winner, Mr. G. Thomas being runner-up.

NOR., CK.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Thomas; vhc, c, Tyrrell. HENS: 1, 2, Tyrrell; 3, vhc, Lupton and Jordan; c, Deely. NOR. PAIRS: 1, 3, Tyrell; 2, Lupton and Jordan; vhc, Jessop. CREST AND C.B. PAIRS: I, spl, 2, Jessup; 3, Glass. LINNETS: 1, 2, 3, vbc, Ashwood; hc, Deely.—A. LUPTON, secretary.

## FROME P.P.R. AND C.B.S.

Members' Show, held at Central Mart, on March 4th. There were about 64 eages of birds. Mr. C. I. Young acted efficiently as secretary, and was assisted by Messrs. A. Baily, W. Dodge, P. Edmonds, J. Yeo, A. Baily. Mr. J. T. Miles (Trowbridge), judged. Mr. C. I. Young had on view (not for competition) the Dutch Frill Canary with which he took a championship (gold medal and diploma) at the Crystal Palace last month. With the bird that took second place on that occasion Mr. W. Minty secured first prize in the local class of the eage-bird section.

NOR. PAIR: 1, 3, Pickford; 2, Young. YORKS. PAIR: 1, Rollinson; 2, Young; 3, Balsh. LANCS. OR CREST PAIR: 1, 2, 3, Edwards. A.O.V. PAIR: I, 2, Dodge. FOR MULE BREEDING: 1, Yeo; 2, Pickford; 3, Baily. FOR HYB. BREEDING: 1, Hillier; 2, Dodge; 3, Pickford. SINGLE NOR. OR YORKS.: 1, 3, Baily; 2, Young; res, Singer. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Yeo. BRIT.: I, Baily; 2, Dodge; 3, Edwards. FOR.: 1, Sneigrove; 2, Miss Porter; 3, Fricker. LOCAL (open to non-members): 1, 2 and 3, Minty. MEDAL FOR BEST CAN. (given by Mr. Vincent): P. Edwards; for most points (given by Mr. C. I. Young): H. G. Pickford.

## DULWICH O.S.

The second pair show was held at headquarters on March 4th. An entry of 50 pairs faced the judge, Mr. J. Robson; the number would have been considerably increased but for the inclement weather. The Norwich section was a grand one. The birds shown by Messrs. Rogers and Mazzoni (a firm who have acquired from another partnership some of London's best), and those of Messrs. Woolhouse and Sprules were of exceptional merit; nor were those in the novice section far behind. The Yorkshires were not numerous, but the birds shown by Messrs. Wall and Warley are splendid specimens. The class for Muling pairs was one of the warmest seen for some time, competition being very keen. During the evening the judge presented the special prizes. The prize money was also paid. Messrs. Woolhouse and Rogers conducted the arrangements in a satisfactory manner, the latter having the marked catalogues on sale simultaneously with the last card being put up. The show was well attended, and Mr. Kirkham (Peckham) was nominated for membership.

CHAMP. NOR.: 1, spl, 3, Rogers and Mazzoni; 2, 4, hc, Woolhouse; vhc, c, Sprules. YORKS.: 1, Wall; 2, 3, Warley. A.O.V.: 1, Wall, Borders. NOVICE, NOR.: 1, spl, vhc, hc, c, Foster; 2, Parker; 3, Rees. MULING PAIRS: 1, spl, Parker; 2, 3, Mrs. Mazzoni; 4, Rees; vhc, hc, c, Sprules. HYB. BREEDING: 1, 2, Wall; 3, Sprules. SELL. PAIRS: 1, 3, Rogers and Mazzoni; 2, Woolbouse. SINGLE: 1, hc, Woolhouse; 2, 3, 4, c, Rogers and Mazzoni; vhc, Parker.

## MEDWAY C.B.S.

The members of this newly-formed society held a most successful show of pairs matched for breeding, at the Angel Hotel, Strood, on March 3rd, when the number of pairs was excellent, and the quality of a high order. The day was a most unpropitious one, but this did not damp the enthusiasm of many of the members, although it literally prevented such keen fanciers as Messrs. Wickham, Wade, Young, and Kimbers from getting their birds to the show. In addition to breeding pairs, some capital British birds were shown. Mr. G. Gardner judged, and made a few remarks on some of the exhibits afterwards. Mr. Casemore (chairman) and Mr. G. A. Acland (hon treasurer and secretary) had control of the arrangements, and everything passed off most satisfactorily. The members (many of them) took tea together at the close of the judging, and the most hearty good feeling prevailed, many being the hopes expressed for a successful career to the society.

NOR., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 4, Casemore, former grand yell. ck. and rare quality buff hen; 2, 3, Acland, 2nd very nice quality ck., and smart hen. B. C. Y. HEN: I, 3, Acland, leaders lovely quality, in the pink of feather; 2, 4, Casemore, good. NOVICE, NOR.: I, bc, Woodcock, natural colour, typical cock, lovely quality hen; 2, 3, vhc, Hunt, very shapely; 4, Smith. A.O.V. CAN., PAIRS: vhc, Smith. GOLDIE OR LINNET AND CAN.: 3, Smith. A.O.V. FINCH AND CAN.: 1, Casemore, grand Greenfinch and yellow Nor. hen, good pair; 3, Acland, another greeny and buff hen. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Casemore, well matched; 2, Acland. GOLD, ETC., FIELD MOULTED: 1, 4, Richardson, former rare face, bars, etc.; 2, Webb; 3, Casemore. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Casemore, Siskin, graud cap and bib; 2, Acland; 3, Webb. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC.: 1, Casemore, lovely Chaffinch; 2, Acland, good Brambling. GREENFINCH, FIELD MOULTED: 1, Acland, good size and colour; 2, Hunt. GOLD, ETC., HOUSE MOULTED: 1, Casemore, Goldfinch, a gem; 2, 3, Webb; 4, Hunt. A.O.S. HARDBILL: I, Acland, Hawfinch; 2, Hunt, Linnet. INSECTIV.: 1, Webb, Thrush; 2, Hunt.

## CAMBRIDGE C.B.S.

Table show for British birds held at the Forester, Burleigh-street, on March 3rd. About 60 birds were staged, and the special for best bird went to Mr. E. Watson.

GOLDFINCH: 1, Watson; 2, Banyard; 3, Jeeves. BULLFINCH: I, Watson; 2, Cutting; 3, Jeeves. LINNET: 1, Gifford; 2, Cousins; 3, King. SISKIN, ETC.: I, Hearne; 2, Marsh; 3, Cutting. GREENFINCH: 1, Hearne, Cousins, Williams. A.O.S.: 1, Bainbridge; 2, Cutting. PAIRS FOR HYB. BREEDING: 1, Hearne; 2, Rogers, A. Bye. LIGHT HYB.: 1, Lambert. DARK: 1, Bloy; 2, Lambert; 3, Gifford.—T. S. MOORE, Hon. Sec.

## LEEDS C.B.S.

Annual pair show held March 6th, at Lockharts', Briggate. There was a fair attendance of members and visitors, considering the wretched weather. Mr. C. E. Hall won special for most points in champion section, and Mr. Johnson that for second most points. In the novice class Messrs. W. H. Norton and J. Medley took the specials. Altogether 33 pairs faced the judge, Mr. F. King (Leeds).

YORKS. PAIRS (8): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Hall; 3, Hallett hc, C. Smith. NOR. (11): 1, 3, Johnson; 2, vhc, Stead; 4, Wilson; hc, C. Chambers. HYB.: Cancelled. NOVICE CAN. HYB. (14): 1, Norton; 2, 4, Medley; 3, Buckley; vhc, Middleton; bc, Tose.—J. CHAMBERS, chairman.

## GRANTHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Third monthly show held in a room at Exchange Hall, on March 6th. Mr. P. R. Kirkby carried out the secretarial duties. The birds, which were for the most part exhibited in pairs, numbered about sixty. With the exception of one class, the show was confined to members. The exhibits were judged by Mr. W. P. Barnes, who also showed, not for competition, some of his noted Lizards.

YORKS: 1, 2, 3, 4, and hc, Allen; vhc, Mann. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, and 4, Ratcliffe; vhc, Mann. A.O.V.: I and vhc, Bond; 2, 3, and 4, Eldred. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, Greenfinch, 3 and 4, Bullfinches, Kirkby; 2, Ratcliffe, Goldfinch; vhc, Bond, Goldfinch. BRIT. OPEN: 1, Allen, Bullfinch; 2, Newcome, Goldfinch; 3, Vincent, Goldfinch. A.O.S.: 1 and 2, Eldred, Linnets. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Ratcliffe, Greenfinch and Bullfinch; 2, Kirkby, Siskin and Greenfinch.

## SPEN VALLEY F.A.

On March 9th, Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bolton Woods) gave us an excellent lecture on the breeding and management of the Yorkshire Canary. He gave us many useful hints, and was listened to by a real good turn-up of fanciers and friends. Many questions were asked which Mr. Chittenden answered to the satisfaction of all. We also had a pair show, of two classes. Mr. Chitteuden judged, and gave every satisfaction. It was voted the best show ever held in the Spen Valley. This being the first show for the silver rose-bowl, the competition was very keen.

PAIRS MATCHED FOR BREEDING (Clears or Ticks): 1, 3, Grayshon; 2, c, Bentley; vhc, hc, Wood. MARKED: 1, 2, 3, Bentley; vhc, Wood; hc, Grayshon; c, Fawcett.—FRED ALLEN, hon. secretary.

## YORK C.B.S.

Successful show of pairs for Mule and Hybrid breeding was held at headquarters, All Saints' Church Rooms, March 8th. The quality of the specimens was excellent, and if some of the owners are fortunate enough to breed Mules or Hybrids from some of the pairs, some beautiful specimens of the bird breeders' art ought to be seen. Special mention should be made of a grand pair put down by Wm. Warriner—an English Goldfinch cock and a yellow Norwich hen, which took first in class 1. Another romping pair put down by Mr. J. Chittenden took first in class 2. Class 3 was a disappointment as regards numbers; Mr. T. Wright, however, secured first with a fine big Siberian Goldfinch and a cl. yell. Norwich hen. Five new members joined the society, this bringing the total membership to over 40. Messrs. A. Richardson and J. H. Davison acted as judges, and their awards seemed to give every satisfaction. The usual vote of thanks was given to the judges. At the next meeting Mr. Nicholson will give a paper on "Birds I Have Kept and How to Breed and Rear Them."

CLASS 1 (15): 1, Warriner, Goldfinch and Can.; 2, Hunter, Bullfinch and Can.; 3, Hunter, Linnet and Can; vhc, Wright, Goldfinch and Can.; hc, Sissons; c, Shorney. CLASS 2 (12): 1, Chittenden, Goldfinch and Bullfinch; 2, Boyle, Redpoll and Bullfinch; 3, Hunter, Greenfinch and Goldfinch; vhc, Sissons, Goldfinch and Siskin; hc, Shorney; c, Thompson. CLASS 3: 1, Wright, Siberian Goldfinch and Can.; 2, Boyle, Java Sparrow and Yellowhammer.—A. WAUD, hon. secretary.

## YARM, EAGLESCLIFFE & DIS. C.B.S

Members' table show, held March 11th, at the Town Hall. There were 70 exhibits staged, including some well-known winners. Mr. W. Johnson staged a good team, including his well-known winning cock Bullfinch, which added another first to its credit. The awards were placed by Mr. F. Marwood, and gave every satisfaction. Mr. R. T. Hansom won special for best exhibit with a jonque pair of Norwich. There was a good muster of friends, and several new members were enrolled.

YORKS. PAIRS: I, 2, 4, Johnson; 3, vhc, Hansom. NOR.: I, 2, Hansom; 3, vhc, Henderson; 4, hc, Honeyman; c, Johnson. A.O.P.: 1, Hansom; 2, Johnson. MULING: 1, 2, Hansom. BULLFINCH HYB. PAIRS: 1, 3, Hansom; 2, Weedy. YORKS. CAN.: 1, 2, 3, Johnson. NOR.: 1, Hansom; 2, Henderson; 3, Honeyman. LINNET: 1, Garbutt and Clement; 2, Weedy. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, c, Johnson; 2, 3, Garbutt and Clement; 4, hc, Weedy; Clement; 2, Weedy. A.O.S. SEEDEATER: 1, 2, vhc, Wilson. GREENFINCH: 1, Garbutt and Clement; 2, H. Weedy. A.O.S. SEEDEATER; 1, 2, vhc, hc, Weedy; 3, 4, Garbutt and Clement. NOVICE, YORKS. PAIRS: I, Wallenger. NOR.: 1, 2, Honeymoon; 3, Chadwick. BULLFINCH HYB. PAIRS: I, Wallenger. BRIT. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Wallenger. LINNET: I, Wallenger; 2, Smith. GOLDFINCH, ETC: 1, 4, Wallenger; 2, Smith; 3, Wilson; vhc, Danby and Wilford. GREENFINCH: 1, Smith; 2, Willis; 3, Danby and Wilford; 4, Wallenger. A.O.S. SEEDEATER: I, Danby and Wilford; 2, 3, Wallenger; 4, Smith; vhc, c, Chadwick; hc, Willis. SOFTBILL: Galloway.—WILKINSON AND DANBY, hon. secretaries.

## LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Pair show held at Constitutional Club on Feb. 13, when there were a good lot of birds staged. Mr. J. S. Clarke judged, giving every satisfaction.

CHAMP. YORKS. (6): All to A. B. Forse. NOV. (2): 1, 2, Cooper. AMAT. YORKS. (6): All to B. F. Forse. NOR. (5): All to F. Williams. NOVICE YORKS. (8): 1, c, Farmer; 2, 3, Bennett; vhc, hc, Burbidge. NOR. (5): 1, vhc, Handscombe; 3, Hale. MULING (4): 1, 2, Cooper; 3, Hale; hc, Handscombe. HYBRID PAIRS (1): Handscombe. SELL. (4): 1, Handscombe; 2, Williamson; 3, Burbidge; vhc, Hale.

## CROOK & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly table show, held on March 13th, at Royal Oak Inn. Entries only came up very moderately, owing to the unsettled weather. Mr. R. Todd (Darlington) judged, and gave entire satisfaction.

NOR. CK.: 1, Rutherford and Bright; 2, Musgrave. HEN: 1, Clough; 2, Rutherford and Bright; 3, Musgrave. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, Clough. LINNET: 1, Rutherford and Bright; 2, Musgrave; 3, Reed; 4, Smurthwaite. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Clough. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, 3, Rutherford and Bright. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Clough. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, Rutherford and Bright. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Rutherford and Bright; 2, Reed; 3, 4, Clough. CAN., A.V., NOVICE: 1, Musgrave; 2, 3, Clough.—WM. RUTHERFORD, secretary.

## CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting, and also a table show for matched pairs, held at Crown Hotel, Station Street, on March 3rd, Mr. Broadhurst in the chair. Mr. W. Read was elected to membership. Permission was given to the secretary to send the usual guarantee to CAGE BIRDS to ensure the date of the open show being inserted in the "Dates Fixed Column." A discussion took place as to whether a nest feather show should be held as in previous years, or a young stock show later. The advocates for a nest feather show carried the day by pointing out that same would best tend to show the individual progress made, while it would be possible at a young stock show to exhibit bought specimens as the fanciers' own breeding. The members approved the action of the treasurer and secretary in appointing Mr. E. J. Ingram trustee. A resolution was also passed that all hon. members pay a subscription of at least 5s. per annum. This concluded the ordinary business. Mr. Paddock then proceeded to make the awards in the pair show, but owing to the severe snowstorm only a few birds were staged. NOR. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, 2, 3, Broadburst. B.C. AND Y.H.: 1, 2, 3, Broadhurst; vhc, Harris, YORKS., Y.C. AND B.H.: 1, Caine and Hay; 2, Uzzell. B.C. AND Y.H.: 1, Uzzell; 2, Caine and Hay. Special for most points, Mr. Broadhurst. At this stage the Yorkshire fanciers and friends present withdrew to one end of the room to discuss the proposed Midland Yorkshire Canary Club, and before the close a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Paddock.—J. H. DE MAILLET, hon. secretary.

## COVENTRY (Godiva) C.B.S.

Annual pair and British bird show held on March 6th. Some grand birds were staged, and all seemed in the pink of condition. Although the entries numbered 53, owing to the inclement weather, we did not get as many as we expected. Messrs. J. Bent and T. A. Cooke officiated as judges, Mr. Bent taking the Canaries and Muling pairs, and Mr. Cooke the Hybrid pairs and British birds; both gentlemen gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Symonds and Son; 3, Blackshaw; vhc, hc, Wright; c, Bushy. B.C. AND Y.H.: 1, Wright; 2, Saunders; 3, Bushy; vhc, Symonds and Son; hc, Cooke; c, Lucas. A.O.V. CAN. PAIRS: I, Symonds and Son; 2, 3, Wright. MULING: 1, Wright; 2, hc, Cooke; 3, Busby; vbc, Lucas; c, Saunders. HYB. BREEDING: 1, vhc, Wright; 2, Saunders; 3, Symonds and Son; hc, Bray. BRIT. FINCHES (excepting Greenfinch): 1, Lucas; 2, 3, Blackshaw; vhc, Bray. GREENFINCH: 1, 3, Wright; 2, vhc, Saunders; hc, Bray; c, Blackshaw. A.O.S. BRIT.: I, 3, c, Lucas; 2, Saunders; vhc, Blackshaw; hc, Bray. SELL.: 1, Saunders; 2, Busby.—W. H. BRAY, Hon. Sec.

## CATERHAM F.C.

On the occasion of the last members' show, held March 2nd, Mr. G. Gardner gave an address on the breeding of cage birds. He remarked that he was told that the Caterham Club was endeavouring to build up a cage bird section in the annual shows worthy of the other sections. (Loud applause from the birds, which gave rise to roars of laughter.) If they succeeded in doing that they would have done something for Caterham. Pair shows and young stock shows—such as the present one—brought fanciers together; they served to increase interest in some cases, they served to awake an interest—and induce others to join. He suggested that the members bind themselves together and steer clear of jealousies. If they succeeded in making the section a success, he counselled them to alleviate the difficulties of the secretary in carrying out his additional duties. Commenting on the exhibits which had come before him that evening, Mr. Gardner said that in breeding Norwich they needed to match for size and for quality. Size was no good without quality. One of the most essential points was shape. The bird that suited him was the one with the best head, the best body, and the shortest neck. And he did not mind how little there was behind the leg, so to speak, and he wanted the feather to sit just as if it had been ironed—the feather that looked like wax, with bloom upon it like that on the peach, and in the buff bird with the under colour peeping through with the bloom on the top. A male bird that did not show that wonderful under-colour peeping up through the bloom was of no use for breeding purposes. As short a tail as possible was desirable, and also short legs, and they needed to get as much colour as possible into the birds. They would never attain real success unless they used their brains and persevered. Haphazard methods might give some success, but they would never give any sustained success. His opinion was that they could never make a success of feeding for colour unless they had colour in the blood—in the strain. To obtain that they would have to breed for colour and then feed for colour. As regarded Yorkshires, he advised a breeder never to mate two buffs, because they generally bred what were called "trousers." (Laughter.) There could be no object in mating two yellows together unless it was to produce smaller birds, or two buff Yorkshires, unless they wanted to get shaggy thighs or "trousers." Mr. Gardner proceeded to give the points of a good Goldfinch, dealing more particularly with the colours, which should, he said, be deep, rich and lustrous. With respect to Greenfinches, he liked to see them of size and green—not a dirty drab green—pure and quiet. After a reference to Linnets, Mr. Gardner said most of all in British birds they needed lustre. The feather needed to shine like glass. On the motion of Mr. A. J. Kilby, seconded by Mr. P. Shelley, Mr. Gardner was heartily thanked for his lecture.

# SINGING CONTESTS.

## LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest for quality singing, held March 14th, at Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe-lane, when 20 birds sang: 1, King; 2, Fickling; 3, Sellers. Judges, Messrs. W. Naylor and Symous.—WALTER NAYLOR, Hon. Secretary.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon Street, on March 13th, when 16 birds were hung. 1, Stead; 2, Crowther; 3, Robinson. Judges, Messrs. Summers and Melia. Also on March 14th, when 23 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Summers, Melia, and Cooper. Some very good singing was heard. 1, Crowther; 2, Sissons; 3, Stead; 4, Robinson.—WILSON NAYLOR, hon. secretary.

## SHEFFIELD.

Contest, held March 7th. Result: I, Brown; 2, Cole; 3, Coleman. On March 14th also: 1, Brown; 2, 3, Coleman.—J. BLACKADDER, secretary.

Results of contests held March 7th and 14th, at Newmarket Hotel, Sheaf-street, were as follows:—March 7th: 1st, Palfreyman, 91 secs.; 2nd, Wainwright, 72 secs.; 3rd, Spatswood, 58 secs. March 14th: 1st, Wainwright, 62 secs.; 2nd, Palfreyman, 55 secs.; 3rd, W. Lowe, 37 secs.—H. FENN, Sec.

## NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual contest held March 14th, when 20 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Jackson and Jennings, and some very good singing was heard. 1st, Hardcastle; 2nd, Bryan; 3rd, Howorth. Timekeeper, Mr. G. Towers.—W. DEAN, Hon. Sec.

## LEIGH.

Open contest March 27th, at the Railway Tavern, Leigh. The landlord will give 10s. for quality for a first prize, 10s. for time for a first prize, and the other prizes according to the entry. We hope this will bring some of our Blackburn Linnet fanciers down to Leigh.—J. W. JONES.—Advt.

## YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Bricklayers Arms, Palmer-lane, Hungate, March 13th, when 24 birds faced the judge, Mr. J. W. Paver, whose awards gave every satisfaction. Result: 1st, Oldroyd; 2nd, Laverick; 3rd, Limbert; 4th, Whitehead; 5th, Harrison; 6th, Whiteley. Mr. Limbert, sen., timekeeper.—WM. EMPSON.

## PENDLEBURY.

Lark singing contest will be held March 20th at headquarters, British Queen. Singing to commence at five p.m. Bob Smith and Alex. Donnelly have promised to give a donation towards prize money. Admission free. Fanciers specially invited to come and arrange for big event to be held at Easter.—ALEX. DONNELLY.—Advt.

Lark singing match, held March 13th between J. Hyde and G. Bates. Hanging 3 mins., singing 12 mins. J. Hyde's bird was hung first and sang 6 mins. 49 secs. G. Bates' bird sang 9 mins. 42 secs. Timekeeper, G. Boardman; judge, Jack Lees. Another match was arranged between G. Williams' and J. Lees' birds. The former bird sang in time to catch the watch, and did well throughout; 11 mins. 49 secs. Lees' bird did not start until too late to win. Timekeeper, Mr. Smalley; judge, Mr. Royle.—A. DONELLY.

## WARRINGTON.

Linnet singing contest held at Unicorn Inn, March 13th, when 24 birds sang. Result: 1st, Sefton, 100 secs.; 2nd, Statham, 89 secs.; 3rd, Mather, 63 secs.; 4th, Stanway, 58 secs. Judges, Messrs. Lawton and Crawford; timekeeper, Mr. Jones. After the contest we had a very enjoyable evening. Next contest at Millstone Hotel, Wigan-lane, Wigan, March 20th.—J. W. JONES.

Linnet singing contest, held at the Unicorn Inn, Winwick Road, March 13th, when 25 birds sang. 1, Sipton, 100 seconds; 2, Statan, 87; 3, Mather, 64; and 4, Stanway, 59. Open contest March 27th, at above house, for time singing only.—W. PEET, secretary.

## BLACKBURN.

Week-end rehearsal, held on March 6th; 15 birds entered. 1, Rostron; 2, Topping; 3, Dobson. Judges, Messrs. Tepping, Christhoperson, and Moulding; timekeeper, Mr. Smith. Also on March 13th, when 16 birds entered. 1, Harrison; 2, Topping; 3, James. Judges, Messrs. Rostron, Clarkwell, and James.—G. ROSTRON, hon. secretary.

## POPLAR.

Mariners' Arms, Granby Street, held usual weekly handicaps (Linnets, Sunday morning and Tuesday evenings; Chaffinches, Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings). There were some good scores, and the Mariners' Arms birds well for a success. It is now running home-and-home races with the Bee Hive, Pentonville Road.—GEORGE BELL, timekeeper.

## WEST HOUGHTON.

Linnet singing contest held at Cross Guns on March 13th, when 20 birds sang for four good prizes. Result: 1st, Green, 113 secs.; 2nd, Jones, 97 secs.; 3rd, Seddon, 70 secs.; 4th, Ellison, 33 secs. Judges, Messrs. Poole and Cook; timekeeper, Lady Groen.

## HULL.

Grand quality singing contest held at headquarters, North Bridge Hotel. Some extraordinary singing was heard. Mr. S. Saul gave a silver cup as first prize, which was won by C. Conyers; 2nd, S. Saul; 3rd, R. Dearlove; 4th, J. Neeves; 5th, J. Scarf; 6th, E. Mawer. Judges, Messrs. Allen ("Human Linnet") and Conyers. Timekeeper, Mr. E. Mawer. Another cup will be sung for next week.—E. MAWER, Hon. Sec.

# REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

**Carnarvon** (C.B.U.).—April 12th (Easter Monday), at the Institute.—Judge, Mr. C. Houlton. 17 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 3, Bord. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 5, For. I, A.O.V. Can. I, Sell. 1. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close April 3rd, to J. W. JONES, 40, William-street, Carnarvon.

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# THE BREEDING AND REARING OF CANARIES.

**Lecture delivered before the members and friends of the Barnsley and District C.B.S., by Mr. J. Eyre, of Dodworth, on March 13th, at the Clarence Hotel.**

In giving this lecture on "The Breeding and Rearing of Canaries," I must ask you to forgive me if I make any mistakes, for although I have been in the Fancy a good many years, this is the first time I have been called upon to give my experience as a breeder of Canaries.

### A Word to Novices.

My first remarks will be to the novice. When you enter into the Fancy, or if you have started to keep birds, always try to have your cages of a uniform size, as nothing looks so nice as a birdroom where the cages are of an equal size. I can tell when I go into a man's room whether he will make a good fancier or not by his cages; and as you can buy a good rack of cages at 2s. 6d. per cage, you will see that it will pay you better to start with new cages than to be buying an old cage here and an old cage there. Besides it makes your birds look a lot better than if you have them in any old cage which you happen to come across. I myself like cages with sand trays, as they are easier to keep clean. Some will say that they do not like sand trays because these breed red mites; but if you paint the cage bottom with paraffin oil and then sprinkle it with Keating's insect powder you will not see any red mite.

### Making a Choice.

Let us now turn our attention to the variety of Canary you intend to keep. My advice is, keep only one variety. My reason for this is because if you keep two or more varieties and are doing well with one variety, you are likely to neglect the others. Further than that, it is as well to get well acquainted with one sort before you think of taking up with another. Although I have kept Yorkshires for a great number of years, my Fancy at the present time is the Norwich Plainhead, and I must admit it is only this last three or four years that I have become properly acquainted with what constitutes a Norwich Canary; and as these are birds which I keep, my remarks will be chiefly concerning that variety.

With regard to the pairing up of one's birds, I think the best method is to run one cock with one hen; but if you cannot do that, keep as many cocks as you can, because if you are running only one cock with two hens and he goes wrong, it leaves you in a rather difficult position. Now, in pairing up your birds always try to run year-old cocks with young hens, or vice versa, as I think that by pairing up in this way it has a tendency to keep up the stamina of your birds.

### Concerning Type and Quality.

Now let me have a word or two on the type and quality of one's birds. Look well after your hens, as it is from these you must look for both type and quality. Supposing you keep Norwich, you must have them as short as possible (with plenty of substance), a good, broad, round head, short beak and neck, well filled in back, short wings, tail and legs, and a nice jaunty carriage. I do not like to see them hugging the perch too much, as this spoils the look of an otherwise good bird. But those who keep Yorkshires will want them with plenty of length all round.

Having chosen your hens, you need to turn your attention next to the cock birds. I like to have my cock birds as large as I can get them, and as good in colour as possible, as it is to these one must look for both size and colour. If you have a good medium-sized pair you would like to run together, do so by all means, as I find that from such a pair you will get good, medium-sized, young ones; whereas in running a large cock with a small hen you not only get the large birds you are after, but you get a good percentage of small birds as well.

### How to Introduce Colour.

Let me strongly advise the novice not to double-buff until he is thoroughly acquainted with his stock, as I think it is a rather delicate matter to deal with. My reason for advising the novice not to double-buff is, that if you do not know your stock you will most likely find that your young ones will come out with a pair of very coarse trousers on. But to those who know their stock and want to increase the size of their birds, I would say, try double-buffing. Of course, I am speaking with regard to the Norwich Plainhead now. While we gain size by double-buffing we must not forget that we shall lose colour. Now how shall we remedy this? Well, let us take it that we thoroughly know our stock, and let us pair two good marked yellows together. Keep the best and largest birds bred from such a pair, and pair them to the young bred from those which you have double buffed. Now in double-yellowing you may chance to breed a buff bird; if you do, and it is good in type, stick to such a bird, as you will find it teeming with quality and colour. Another method of introducing colour into your stock is to get some green blood into your birds. By green blood I do not mean Liverpool green, as these are grass green; but I mean a good bronze green. This is the method I should advise novices to adopt. Some fanciers advise the use of Cinnamon blood, but I do not, as I think you cannot use it as safely as you can in Yorkshires. In the breeding of Yorkshires it has been used long enough to get it thoroughly fixed down, but in the breeding of Norwich it has not been used to such an extent as to make it safe for fanciers in general to use or of any great assistance to the Fancy at present, it having a tendency to make the birds breed long in feather.

### Don't Stay at Home.

In conclusion let me advise all young fanciers to visit a show or two, because by staying at home they are likely to think birds are better than what they really are. If you do send some of your birds to a show do not complain if your birds fail to carry off the prizes, but compare them with those that have won, and if you cannot see where your birds fail, ask some fellow fancier to point out where yours are at fault. You know any man will make a good winner, so make it your aim to be a good loser.

Mr. Hinchcliffe asked: What do you use for your egg-food—bread or biscuits?—For twenty years I used biscuits, but for this last three years I have used bread, although I have not been so successful, so I shall again use biscuits. Mr. Carlisle: One of the greatest drawbacks to a novice is egg binding; what do you do to prevent this?—I think myself that if you give a liberal supply of grit and cuttlefish bone and mix a little treacle with the drinking water you will not be trouble with egg binding. Mr. Race: What kind of green food do you give your birds?—Green food I am not a great believer in; I give a little watercress in season, but prefer a bit of good apple. Mr. Hinchcliffe: What would you think of a hen that laid four eggs, sat a few days, and then laid three more?—I should think that through over-feeding of the birds the hen had become over-amorous. After a vote of thanks had been passed, Mr. Eyre said that if anyone was in doubt on any subject, he would be pleased if they would call at his home, and he would try to enlighten them. With a few appropriate remarks by our chairman, Mr. Rapson, this concluded a very pleasant evening. — E. CARLISLE, secretary.

# IN THE COURTS.

### Catching Birds With Hooks.

At St. Ives on March 10th, says the "Western Morning News," Richard Taylor, fisherman, was charged with catching wild birds with a hook and line. He pleaded guilty.

Supt. Barnfield said the charge was brought under the Act, which was passed last year to amend the Wild Birds Protection Act. This was probably the first case under the new Act. Several of the birds were brought into court. —Replying to the Mayor, defendant said he had a wife and one child, and he caught the birds for food.—The Mayor, addressing Taylor, said the name some of the young men of St. Ives had earned for themselves was not at all an enviable one. It was through such as he (the defendant) the Act had been passed. If they wanted the birds for food they must adopt some more humane method of catching them. Fined 2s. 6d. and costs, or 14 days.

Joseph Quick, fisherman, charged with a similar offence, said he was guilty of setting the hooks, but he did not catch any birds. If he had taken any he was going to carry them home for food. He had only earned £2 for the past six months. He did not try to catch the birds for pleasure, but he wanted them for his wife and four children.—The Magistrates' Clerk pointed out that the defendant was liable under the Act for "attempting" to take the birds the same as if he had actually caught them.—The Mayor said although it was evident the birds were wanted for food, the Bench were bound to mark their disapproval of this cruel practice, and fined Quick the costs of the court (10s.)

Benjamin Penberthy and William John Rowe, fishermen, pleaded guilty to a similar offence. In each case the defeidant said he wanted the birds as food for the children.—The Bench ordered the men to pay the costs (6s. each).

The Mayor said God alone knew the extent of the poverty existing among the fishing population and the hardships they had had to endure during the past few months. The Bench could but express their horror at the cruel and painful manner in which the birds were taken. At the same time, in such periods of depression as those through which they were passing at present there was a certain amount of justification in catching wild animals. He believed the birds were meant in some way for food for poor people, but, as he said in the first case, they must devise some more humane method for catching them.

Superintendent Banfield said the fishermen should know that the close season for wild birds was from March 2nd to July 31st, so that they could not legally catch them now with hook and line or in any other way.—The men were allowed a month in which to pay the fines.

# THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

**Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given each week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.**
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### *The Carrion Cro .

The Carrion Crow is a sexton bold,
He raketh the dead from out the mould;
He delveth the ground like a miser old,
Stealthily hiding his store of gold.
Caw! Caw!
The Carrion Crow hath a coat of black,
Silky and sleek, like a priest's, on his back;
Like a lawyer he grubbeth, no matter what way;
The fouler the offal, the richer the prey.
Caw! Caw! the Carrion Crow!
Dig! Dig! in the ground below.

Sent by Cyril Millott (age 12), 1, Howard Road, Westfield Lane, Mansfield, Notts.

### **A Magpie in the Stable.

Recently a friend of mine had a clever Magpie. In the daytime Mag was allowed to have the run of the house, but at night he slept in the stable. When the groom went into the stable one morning, he found the horses' rugs under them. He could not account for this as the horses were restless at night. My friend decided to sit up. Just at daybreak he heard a slight russle, and Mag commenced shouting: "Stand up," "Come over," "Gee up," and many other phrases, and the poor horses began to move about, much to Mag's delight. After that Mag slept in the coachhouse.—Sent by J. M. Jackson (age 14), High Street, Bawtry.

### *The Persecuted Dodo.

We say "as extinct as a Dodo." This bird was an immense Pigeon. It was a helpless, quiet, clumsy bird, too heavy and too short of wing to fly. It had no weapon of defence, no sharp, strong bill, no tearing claws. Such a bird was easily caught and torn to pieces by dogs and cats. When these animals were taken to the Island of Mauritius, where the Dodo lived, they were allowed to run wild in the woods, with the result that they became more like wolves and panthers than decent dogs and cats. When ships began to visit the islands where the poor Dodos lived, men, dogs, and cats soon put an end to the lives of the gentle birds.—Taken from the school monthly, and sent by Willie Allen (age 11), 26, Mount Street, Cleckheaton, Yorkshire.

### Bird Collectors in the East.

It will be remembered that last year Mr. Walter Goodfellow, Mr. Horsbrugh, and Mr. Stalker returned from New Guinea, bringing with them Birds of Paradise, which had never before been imported. Those obtained by Mr. Goodfellow went to the aviaries of private individuals; the birds secured by the other two collectors were exhibited at the Zoological Gardens, and among them was the famous Rudolph's Bird of Paradise. Now Mr. Stalker is once more travelling eastward, and he has with him Mr. W. Frost, who is making his first trip. They will work the Aru Islands, and when they have spent some time there, Mr. Frost will bring back the birds, some of which will be sent to Sir William Ingram's aviaries, and some that gentleman proposes to liberate on his estate in the West Indies. On Mr. Frosts's departure, Mr. Stalker will, according to "The Queen," become a member of what is one of the most important expeditions of modern times—the exploration of Dutch New Guinea, undertaken by the British Ornithologists' Union, in commemoration of their jubilee last year. Mr. Walter Goodfellow will be in command. The expedition will land on the south coast, just under the highest point of the Charles Louis Mountains, which will be thoroughly explored. This is estimated will occupy at least a year, and the expenses have been calculated at £3 000. It is from this northern part of the island that the stranger forms of Birds of Paradise have been brought within the last quarter of a century, and there is every reason to believe that such an expedition will obtain a good collection of all the species already described, and probably of others that will prove to be new to science. The Mr. Frost referred to will be well-known to many of our readers (especially Metropolitan fanciers). He exhibited one or two birds at the last Horticultural Hall Show.


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# WILD BIRD LIFE.

### Songsters in a Snow Storm.

Yesterday, the 14th day of the month, was rough and stormy, with a cold cutting north-east wind, and snow during the greater part of the day. The weather conditions since Christmas have been as bad as they possibly could be; it is now more like the commencement than the end of winter. We have only the lengthening daylight to encourage us to hope and to look forward to better things. And yet, in spite of all this, we feel that we are steadily advancing towards the summer solstice. There is greater evidence of this in the doings of the birds, than there is in the vegetable world. All through yesterday's storm the rich wild notes of the Thrush sounded from the tall elms, and on the lower branches of an old walnut tree a melodious Blackbird fluted his somewhat melancholy lay. He sang as though despondent and out of humour. In the early morning a reckless Skylark rose in the air and fluttered among the whirling snowflakes; mounting higher and higher, he trilled and carolled as blithely as he would in sunshine. He rose until he was lost in the storm, and an occasional passage of sweet music alone told us he was still on the wing. It is only within the last few days that the birds have commenced to sing with any spirit. The time of song and love and marriage has arrived, and even the unusual March weather can no longer restrain them. Their partners have been chosen some time, and some of the more precocious pairs have already selected sheltered positions on the ivy-clad walls, so common around the old gardens in the village.

Cold and exposed as it must be in the tall elm trees, the Rooks have been busy for some time, and it is quite a common sight now to see one feeding its partner upon the nest. When the snow lay thickly upon the ground, a pair daily visited an old walnut tree opposite my house. The male bird would descend to the ground, and hunt among the snow for some time. When his partner joined him he at once changed his attitude, and dropping his wings and raising his tail, began to strut round her like a love-sick Sparrow, at times making little rushes at her, which she easily avoided by simply stepping on one side without apparently noticing him. This behaviour of father Rook would not attract much attention in a smaller bird, but in such a sedate member of the wild bird community, it looks exceedingly comical.

### Pigeons in Hants.

In the county of Hants, the wild Pigeons are so numerous that arrangements have been made for periodical shootings. Upon one day in February no less than 676 were accounted for, over a hundred falling to one gun.

### The Lordly Eagle.

Like many smaller birds, the Golden Eagle allows no feathered intruders of its own species within its haunts. Consequently, although they are slightly upon the increase, they can never become numerous, as they are only tolerated within certain districts.

### Protection Time.

The beginning of March is the time when many birds receive protection under the Wild Birds Protection Act, to allow them to nest in security. Birds pursued for sport benefit by this as much as any, as no sportsman would think of shooting a Woodcock, for instance, after the second day of the month.

### Scarcity of Snow Buntings.

A northern paper reports that the Snow Bunting has not been seen of late years in its usual numbers. "At one time these Alpine birds were wont to appear in large flocks, but they do not seem to have visited the slopes of the Pennines in force for some years. It is said that a few pairs breed as far south as the Yorkshire moors."

### Fate of Goldcrests.

The following interesting cutting is taken from a daily contemporary, and was sent by a reader residing at Grantham:—"He says: 'I remember in the winter of 1867, in the month of December, during a severe spell of frost and snow, I and a companion were leading stones in a deep quarry at Ryhall, Rutlandshire. On looking up at the face of the rock, we were surprised to see a party of little birds huddled close together on a small branch of whitethorn growing out of a fissure, and in a sheltered position. After looking for some time, and finding the birds made no movement, my companion climbed to the top of the cart and took them off the branch one by one in his hand, when he found that they were all dead and frozen stiff. On taking them to a naturalist for identification, they turned out to be a family of Golden-crested Wrens. They numbered eight.'"

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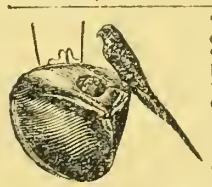

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WANTED full song Thrush or Blackbird, hand-reared, or Toy bitch; exchange three prize-bred Nuns and racing Pigeons, high-class Bantams, or sell cheap.—Aston, 216, Dudley Port.

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WANTED cash offers for unflighted Yorkshire cocks, two Yellows, two Buffs, from my winning strain; see reports Hayle, Penzance, Marazion shows.—John Mitchell, West End, Marazion, Cornwall.

SUPERIOR Roller singing cage, azure inside, black outside, sand tray, shutters, complete, as new, sell 4/6; what offers Hardbill songsters in exchange; only letters answered.—Woollard, The Links, Shrewsbury.

WANTED, offers in high-class Norwich or cash for Butler's £2 2s. volume "Foreign Finches in Captivity," containing 60 full-page coloured plates, condition as new; genuine.—Pressey, 9, Promenade, Bridlington.

WANTED, to purchase, Canaries, British birds, dogs, guinea pigs, rats, Pigeons, etc.; exchange entertained for other live stock.—Barlow's Aviaries, 33 and 35, Woolwich-rd., Greenwich. Telephone, 1417 Deptford.

WANTED, Siberian cock Goldfinch and Siberian hen Bullfinch in exchange for bird-room heating appliance; will keep outside bird-room at 50 degs. with small oil consumption.—T. B. Gray, Grayburn, Coupar Angus.

WANTED, Siberian cock Goldfinch for Mule breeding; will give yellow green Yorkshire cock and a hen, also a Roller and Yorkshire cock and a hen for clear buff Yorkshire cock; yours first.—F. Paul, Burnt Yates, Clint.

WANTED, lady's shoes, small sizes; good Yorkshire stock cock; offers; would exchange smooth fox terrier bitch puppy, highest breeding, long black and tan head, white body, tiniest ears, eyes; sell 15/-; mutual approval.—13, Speckland-st., Liverpool.

WANTED cock Goldfinches, good songster, white-legged preferred; also Canaries, Norwich or Yorkshires; will give in exchange good laying pullets, first cross, or pure bred; approval both ways; particulars.—W. P. Thomas, Pantteg, Ystalyfera, Swansea Valley.

WANTED, offers in cash or foreign birds for "Modern Physician," complete 5 volumes, cost 37/6, perfectly clean and new, by Dr. Andrew Wilson; also complete "Living Animals of the World," cost 14/-; stamp, particulars.—Naylor, 59, Kent-st., Hasland, near Chesterfield.

WANTED good talking Grey Parrot and cage, or Plainhead Norwich or Crest; or what offers in exchange for new mandoline, cost 70/-, or six Bovril pictures at 10/- each; two thoroughbred Field Spaniel puppies, at 20/- each; eight volumes National Encyclopædia.—W. W. Leaton, 8, Union-st., Stonehouse, Devon.

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# SALE OR EXCHANGE.

**Mainly British**
**To be Sold or Exchanged.**

COCK and two hen Bullfinches, hand-reared; cash, or exchange Budgerigars; approval. — P. Brown, Potton.

HOUSE-MOULTED Linnet cock, sure mule; exchange pair gent's boots, size 8.—Hodson, Standon Villas, Longton.

COCK Linnet, father 8 Mules, 7/6; exchange for stout 1908 yellow Norwich hen.—Smith, 102, Russell-st., Northampton.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch Mule, full song, for good cock Goldfinch; approval.—G. Wells, Yard 171, Highgate, Kendal.

COCK Brown Linnets, well on seed, 6/6 dozen; or exchange cock Mules or Canaries.—W. Underwood, Metheringham, Lincoln.

GRAND 1908 exhibition British cock Goldfinch and cage, 20/-; exchange anything useful.—Gribbin, Newcastle, Staffordshire.

WARRANTED cock Larks, 3/9 dozen; or exchange good fierce singing Linnets.—C. Brightwell, Beck-row, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

NOTICE, dark Goldfinch Mule, winner, 10/6, or exchange buff Yorkshire cock.—A. Hoddinott, 52, Alexandra-terrace, Frome.

EXCHANGE two house-moulted Linnets, for yellow Norwich hen; approval.—John Traverse, 131, Peasley Cross, St. Helens.

TWO cock Brown Linnets, two cock Green Linnets, pair Goldfinches; exchange young Norwich cock.—Fosbury, Tunworth, Basingstoke.

HOUSE-MOULTED hen Bullfinch, two cock Goldies, 3/6 each; exchange young hen Canaries.—Hornsby, 2, Bath-square, Oxford.

EXCHANGE Bullfinch, Siskin, Linnet, all cocks, singing, also hen Bullfinch, for pair Yorkshires.—98, Markfield-road, South Tottenham.

LARGE 1907 Siberian cock Goldfinch, 21/-, or exchange for clear Lancashire or Yorkshire cock.—Salisbury, 46, Tower Bridge-st., S.E.

SPLENDID cocks, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Linnet; offers in hen Canaries; Canaries first; or sell, 8/-.—Stewart, Granby-buildings, Morpeth.

EXCHANGE one hen Bullfinch, one Linnet cock, and Bramblefinch, for Persian kitten, or Yorkshire cock, value 10/-.—D. R. Jones, Talsarnau.

EXCHANGE two very large hens, Bullies, for muling, also good coloured cock for proved muling Goldie.—Hughes, Boot Maker, Henley, Oxon.

THREE Greenfinches, one singing, one Chaffineh, one Redpoll, all cocks, and 4 dozen Cage Birds for one pair Norwich.—C. Lees, 107, Monk-st., Derby.

TWELVE grand cock Goldfinches, for muling, 4/- each; exchange three for good pair Canaries, cock singing; approval.—Salmons, The Lodge, Towcester.

TWICE house-moulted exhibition Bramblefinch, winner, 7/6; or exchange good exhibition Chaffinch, Greenfinch, or Linnet.—Mellish, 59, Asylum-rd., Peckham.

GRAND house-moulted cock Chaffinch and two good Norwich hen Canaries, 6/-; or exchange tame cock Hawfinch.—Chopping, Taxidermist, Stansted, Essex.

EXHIBITION Bramblefinch, won 1st Crook and 3rd Yarm, in big classes; exchange for good Yorkshire cock; approval.—H. Blackett, East Mount, Darlington.

EXCHANGE two Reedbuntings, cocks, and large house-moulted Greenfinch hen, for three 1908 Norwich hens, yellow or buff; approval.—Wyse, High-st., Rothesay.

GOLDFINCH Mule and Canary, guaranteed singers, for cock Siberian Goldfinch or yellow Norwich cock, valued 15/-; approval.—Thomas Brownlie, 9, Glengowan, Larkhall.

EXCHANGE hand-reared 1908 exhibition Thrush, in full song, very tame, for Norwich Border, or Goldfinch cock, or sell 10/-; yours first.—Dunlop, 11, High-st., Irvine.

TWO cock Linnets, pair Redpolls, pair Brambles, two Greenfinches, hens, from outdoor aviary, 5/-; or exchange pairs small Foreigners.—J. R., 96, High-st., Aylesbury, Bucks.

LARGE Siberian Goldfinch, bred Mules, 10/6; Britisher, 4/-; Mules, 8/6; or exchange good yellow Yorkshire hens, or Norwich pairs.—Newman, Compton Agency, Easthourne.

EXCHANGE twice house-moulted cock Bullfinch, winner of 1st and 3rd only times shown, for good Goldfinch Mule cock, or sell 10/-; approval.—Palmer, Newbuildings-lane, Frome.

I WILL exchange six grand cock Greenfinches, two hens, three Great Tits, and two hen Chaffinches, for hen Canaries or one cock Norwich.—H. Samworth, New Hinksey, Oxford.

HOUSE-MOULTED muling Greenfinch, 4/6; Linnet, 5/-; Redpoll, 3/-; would exchange for moulted hen Bullies; pair Cordon Bleus, laid in aviary, 10/-.—James, Jeweller, Westgate-on-Sea.

EXCHANGE superior cock Linnets, Chaffinches, Bramblefinches, Yellowhammers, for foreign birds, Crystal Palace aviary, flight, exhibition, or Canary cages.—Suttle, 28, New-square, Cambridge.

THREE cock Goldfinches 3/6 each; 2 pairs Bullfinches 2/6 pair; one cock 2/-; four steady hen Greenfinches and 2 cocks, sure breeders, exchange Canaries.—Davison, Buncefield, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

EXCHANGE house-moulted Greenfinch and hen Canary, for pair adult Budgerigars; also house-moulted Twite and hen Canary for singing cock Goldfinch; yours first.—T. Threlfall, Holland-st., Coppull, near Chorley.

WANTED, to sell, four hen Bullies, selected, house-moulted cock, and hen Greenfinches, right Yorkshire, and three feeding hen Canaries, cheap, or exchange Crests; must be good; deposit.—J. Fysh, Swaffham, Norfolk.

HAND-REARED cock Thrush and Blackbird, in full song, fit for competition, sell 10/- each; or exchange anything to value; also good Scotch Terrier, splendid ratter, good house dog, will accept 15/-; or exchange, Canaries preferred.—Roberts, Tailor, Elmgrove, Brighton.

WILL give in exchange, three good house-moulted cocks, brown Linnet, for a house-moulted cock Goldfinch, must be good size and white collar on neck, one that has bred Mules preferred, or sell 7/6; on approval both ways; Goldfinch first.—T. Brown, 2, Lydia-st., Willington, co. Durham.

AVIARY-MOULTED hen Hawfinch, with cock Greenfinch, 5/-; cock Bramblefinch, with hen Chaffinch, 2/-; cock Bullfinch, 2/-; cock Meadow Pipit, 3/-; hand-reared cock Tree pipit, 6/-; good young cock Blackbird, 3/-; cock Skylark, 2/-; or exchange British or foreign.—Underwood, 65, Wellington-st., Kettering.

HYBRID breeders, can spare a few Bullfinch hens, 3/6 each; Lesser Mealy cock Redpolls 1/6 each; cock Linnets, selected for muling, 2/6; 1 muled last year 4/6; cock Goldfinches, aviary moulted, 4/6; 1 extra muled last year, 8/6; trio of modern Game Pile Bantams, Cockerell, 3 Pullets, 21/-; grand birds, all on approval; deposit preferred.—G. Stevens, 62, Roman-rd., Cheltenham.

BILLIARD cue and case (Ormes, 15/-), as new, 12/6; fishing rod, reel and tackle, bag, used twice, 6/6; stud of black English Rabbits (Tarlton's direct), black buck, sire of 1908 cup winning adult grey, 17/6; two black does to match, 6/- each; or exchange any for muling Canary hens, Bullfinch, Goldfinch, brown Linnet, and Siskin cocks to value of above; mutual approval.—W. Holmes, Boot Manufacturer, 1 and 2, Market-place, Ironville.

## Mainly Canaries.
### To be Sold or Exchanged

PAIR Canarics, five Border hens; exchange Yorkshires.—Pearce, 9, Pontcanna-terrace, Cardiff.

SEIFERT Rollers, 8/6; or exchange lady's, gent's boots, 5's and 8's or 6's.—Rix, 75, Stanley-rd., Ilford.

BREEDING pair of Canaries, breeding cage; exchange brooder; offers.—104a, Garthorne-rd., Forest Hill.

FEW high-class 1908 Yorkshires; cocks, 7/6; hens, 3/6; or exchange.—Dr. Sloane, Stanlord-le-Hope, Essex.

TWO large Norwich hens, 7/-; or exchange for a Cinnamon hen, Yorkshire; hen first.—36, Church-st., Whitby.

EXCHANGE five yellow Yorkshire cocks for two pairs of Yorkshires, or sell £2.—W. Bolt, Stratford-on-Avon.

SEIFERT Roller, hens 3/6 each; exchange boots, clothing, or anything useful.—3, Lincoln View, Newtown, Leeds.

TWO house-moulted Linnets (for muling), 10/-; exchange Norwich hens.—Culshaw, 445, Blackburn-rd., Darwen.

FEW good Norwich hens, cold-room, 3/-; or exchange for cocks in proportion.—Canning, 65, Ealing-rd., Brentford.

EXCHANGE splendid carman's leather apron for cock Canary.—Harness Maker, 31, Stepheudale-rd., Fulham, S.W.

THREE Norwich Plainhead cocks, cheap, 3/6 each, 9/ lot, or exchange two good hens.—J. Wilson, 19, Ann-st., Kendal.

COCK Linnet, Mule, full song, 8/6; exchange Seifert Roller, or Seifert Norwich cock.—Apps, Noah's Ark, Seal, Kent.

THREE pairs of Crests (Greeve's strain); exchange for Norwich songsters; 20/- pair.—Jones, 169, Church-lane, Aston Manor.

EXCHANGE variegated 1908 cock Canary, full song, for two cock Goldfinches.—Flannery, 11, Birch-avenue, Brooklands.

CLEGG, 5, Branch-st., Farnley, Leeds, exchange for anything useful, 10 Norwich Canaries, all 7/6 pair, mixed colours.

EXCHANGE three Norwich cocks, 1908, one Crested hen, 1907, three cages, for fowls.—Warwick, 8, Iverson-rd., Kilburn.

EXCHANGE a Yellow variegated Border hen for a Buff variegated Border hen, or sell 5/-.—Gibson, 14, Hood-st., Kilmarnock.

NOTICE, what offers for phonograph and 15 records, cost £4, all in perfect order.—M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

FEW typical Yorkshire hens, Bailey and Swanger's; wanted, cocks; useful exchange.—Bickerton, Basford Park, Stoke-on-Trent.

TYPICAL Norwich cock, full song, breeding condition, 7/6; approval, deposit.—Thomas Manders, Bloscope, Senghenydd, Cardiff.

PAIR of Bullfinches, hen Siskin, all house-moulted, sell 5/-; or exchange pair of Norwich hens, or cock.—Smart, Waulkmills, Arbroath.

WILL exchange or sell, 30/-, large 1907 Crest-bred hen, for large green, 1908 Crested cock; must be good.—7, Rosa-st., Spennymoor.

TYPICAL matched pair 1908 Norwich, 15/6; exchange trained Roller; approval; Roller first.—H. Massey, 29, Maple-st., Southport.

PAIR of high-class Crests, large, sound, healthy birds, no rubbish, 30/-; offers exchange.—Pennington, 87, Harrington-st., Grimsby.

EXCHANGE one Norwich cock and three hens for poultry or phonograph or gramophone.—Frampton, 50, Clarence-st., Southampton.

PAIR Yorkshires; exchange Roller hens, or sell 18/-; see report Dudley.—S. Weekes, 21, Cross Guns-st., Kates Hill, Dudley; hen first.

EXCHANGE pair Norwich Canaries for six Bantams or 12 Pigeons, carriage paid.—Robert Simpson, 10 Court, 4 House, Fawcett-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE prize-bred Buff Norwich cock, two Bullie hens, for two good unflighted Yellow Norwich hens.—Burnett, Burnside-terrace, Camelon.

EXCHANGE two Norwich and one Yorkshire hen for a good Norwich cock, or anything useful.—Barber, 44, Davy-st., Dean Bank, Ferryhill.

NOTICE, what offers in Canaries for suit length tweed, value 25/-, or lady's dress length, value 12/6.—M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

WANTED, fowls; exchange splendid pair Lancashires or Norwich Canaries, breeding condition and cages, complete.—Coles, 104, Park-st., Luton.

THREE pairs Canaries; exchange two pair Yellow Budgerigars, house-moulted cock Goldfinch, for Green hen.—Dudley, 56, Occupation-st., Dudley.

EXCHANGE 3 cocks, 1 hen Blackbird, 2 cock Thrushes, full song, offers Canaries, Hardbills.—Simmons, Crown-st., New England, Peterboro'.

SIX high-class Yorkshire hens, sell, exchange, description; two Sibs, light mulers, two Cinnamons, two dark mulers; offers.—Todd, Girvan, Ayrshire.

EXCHANGE Buff Crest-bred cock (Barnett's strain) for Yellow Norwich cock and two Buff hens; must be good.—F. Ling, River View, Oulton Broad.

NOTICE, what offers in Canaries, any variety, for lady's or gent's, free wheel cycle, in perfect order, or sell £5.—M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

EXCHANGE two cock Linnets (one finger tame) and Norwich hen for yellow Yorkshire cock, or offers.—F. T., 14, Middle-st., Sumner-rd., Peckham, S.E.

TWO unflighted yellow Norwich cocks, well bred, sell £1; or exchange for pair Cinnamons or Norwich hens; approval.—Mrs. Bushby, 18, George-st., Bedford.

FINE pair 1908 Yorkshires, 12/6, for good Roller cock; yellow Norwich hen, 3/6; buff Sib. hen, 3/6; for Seifert hens.—Bracey, 27, Bridle-rd., Wollaston, Stourbridge.

EVEN-MARKED Fox Terrier dog pup, 12 weeks; exchange two singing Norwich cocks, or sell 10/-; approval both ways.—W. Skillen, 106, Homesdale-rd., Bromley, Kent.

EXCHANGE a first-class Crest-bred cock, variegated, for a green Crested hen; I gave £7 for its father, a thorough good bird.—Address, J. T. Grice, Olton, Birmingham.

EXCHANGE two pair good Borders, 1908 bred, for large typical yellow variegated Norwich hen, 1908 bred Plainhead; approval; hen first.—Lyall, 31, Montrose-st., Brechin.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires, not rubbish, Bailey's strain; sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, or anything useful; stamp reply.—M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

SIX months' edition Illustrated London News (1865), handsomely bound, also pedestal lamp; exchange for pair of Canaries.—Wood, 117, Park-buildings, Rotherhithe.

THREE variegated and Crested hen Canaries, 1908 birds, eager to nest, 2/6 each, 7/- the three; Crested and Plainhead cocks, full song, 0/- each.—Nicholls, Newsagent, Whitstable.

WANTED, pair of good-class Seiferts or Norwich or Foreigners for good jacket, vest, and overcoat, suitable tall working man; approval.—Tellah, Albany-rd., Wolverhampton.

THREE 1908 Roller hens, 2/6 each; or lot for 7/-; all ready for nest; or exchange a good buff Norwich hen; approval both ways; yours first.—R. Collins, Marsh-rd., Burnham-on-Crouch.

WANTED to exchange, one Yorks. cock for two Yorks. hens, value 8/6; also Goldfinch Mule, for Foreigners to the value of 8/6; approval.—Lewis, 8, King's-terrace, Nantyffyllon, Maesteg.

YELLOW cinnamon marked Yorkshire hen; exchange gent.'s double silver albert or boots; sell 15/-; approval.—Irmondroyd, Beckside-rd., Bradford.

TWO Scotch Fancies, hens, first crosses, good size, one yellow and one buff, for sale, or will exchange either for yellow, buff, or pied cock.—R. Murdoch, 10, Steverton-street, Holytown, Lanarkshire.

ALL house-moulted cocks; Goldfinch, feed from hand, for yellow Yorkshire hen; 3 Linnets for 3 yellow German hens; Bullfinch, 4th and vhc, for yellow German cock.—Widdas, 156, Histon-rd., Cambridge.

UNFLIGHTED buff variegated Norwich cock, 6/-; even marked buff hen, 3/-; yellow variegated hen, small, 3/-; Norwich feeder, 1/6; exchange good Gold Lizard cock; offers.—Smith, 4, Caroline-place, Aberdeen.

WANTED typical large Norwich cock, good stock bird; exchange ¾ size violin and bow, new condition, or sell 15/-; no rubbish offered or wanted; approval; bird first.—Hoskins, Verandah-buildings, Dalton-in-Furness.

GOOD pair of Norwich, 10/6; Yorkshire cock, full song, 8/6; variegated Norwich cock, full song, 10/6; Norwich buff hen, 4/6; Yorkshire buff hen, 4/6; or exchange Mules, or offers, anything.—Ames, 149, Seven Sisters'-rd., London.

EXCHANGE seven grand typical prize-bred Norwich cocks, £3 10s.; and three pure Seifert Roller hens, very deep tone strain, 15/-; and a 3-compartment and three single Roller box singing cages, loose fronts, 10/6; for a genuine talking African grey Parrot, with red tail and square cage; must be in good health and condition; offers.—Johnson, Jeweller, Bacup.

## Mainly Foreign.
### To be Sold or Exchanged

EXCHANGE two hen Budgerigars for two cocks.—10, Saxton-st., Gillingham, Kent.

HANDSOME grey Parrot, rose-breasted, in good cage, 22/6; or exchange phonograph.—Foster, 51, Fitzwilliam-rd., Rotherham.

PARROT, just commencing to talk, with cage complete; will exchange Canaries; or sell 15/-; birds first.—Holderness, Queen-st., Gravesend.

THREE pairs tame cage-bred Bengalese, 4/6 pair; exchange pair Long-tail Grassfinches, or offers.—Freeth, 36, Vincent-square, Westminster.

YOUNG Amazon Parrot, talking a few words, with cage; exchange singing Canaries; sell £2; approval.—Williams, 2, Caerphilly-rd., Nelson, Glam.

ACCLIMATISED, rose-breasted Cockatoo, great mimic, healthy; good cage, 20/- cash; useful exchange entertained.—W. Atkins, Raunds, Wellingboro'.

HANDSOME cock Malabar Mynah, finger tame, singing, 10/-; exchange Budgerigars; ditto red-vented Bulbul cock, 7/6.—W. White, 259, Harrow-rd., London, W.

GRAND cock Pekiu Nightingale, singing, 8/6, or exchange "cherry" cock Bullfinch; exchange large buff and yellow Norwich cocks for British.—Harrison, Imperial-avenue, Leicester.

TWO Orange Bishops, Madagascar Weaver, out of colour, hen Whydah, acclimatised, perfect health; exchange small seed-eating foreign; or offers.—80, Manchester-rd., Swindon.

PAIR Cockatiels, 10/6; pair Budgerigars, 5/6; cock silky Cowbird, 4/-; cock Java Dove, 2/-; or exchange for good trained Roller, Goldfinches or Pulletts.—J. Dawes, Leabrooks-rd., Somercotes, Derbyshire.

ACCLIMATISED. Pair Redbill Weavers, 3/6; pair Bishops, 5/6; pair Avadavats, 3/-; cock Cordon Bleu, 4/6; 2 Cole Tits, 1 Blue Tit, 2/6; what offers in good class Norwich?—Herrington, Inverary, West Southbourne.

## Miscellaneous
### Sale or Exchange

BANTAM cock, two hens, beauties, 7/6.—Robinson, Ketton, near Stamford.

HUNDRED birds' eggs, exchange British or cash.—Willan, Bromsgrove-road, Burnley.

LARGE new Thrush cage, 3/0; or exchange hen Canary.—Welland, Grocer, Haslemere.

FOUR self Tumblers, 10/-; exchange Canary, Jay, Magpie.—R. W. Kane, Kirkby, Notts.

EXCHANGE two grand Homers, hens, or sell 7/-.—B. Woodbridge, Freckenham, Soham.

EXCHANGE black Fairy Swallow hen, winner, for Crested cock.—H. Pinnell, Warminster.

PAIR exhibition black Hamburgs, 30/-; exchange hen Canaries.—23, Lancefield-st., Paddington.

GOLDFISH, six large fish, been in ontside tank last four years, 5/-.—Bonner, Clarence Hotel, Sheerness.

NIGHT Lark net, good condition, sell 10/-; exchange.—J. Brightwell, Beck-row, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

WILL give pair of Red Pouters, high-class birds, winners, for cycle tyres.—Hilda Clyne, Moray-st., Wick.

EXCHANGE overcoat for birds, wire-netting, or boarding for making aviary.—Phillips, 79, Arran-st., Cardiff.

EXCHANGE pair Japanese waltzing mice for cock Goldfinch.—E. Argyle, 21, Little Broom-st., Birmingham.

KENNEL, as new, spit collie, 10/-; exchange Canaries; no cards.—Oxley, 16, Gresham-rd., Brixton, London.

76 "CAGE BIRDS," 6 plates, various dates; exchange anything.—Bell, Woolleywood, Wincobank, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE pair first class carvers for 1 cock or two hen Canaries.—Joseph Royles, 260, Beet-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE ¼-plate hand camera and accessories for pair Seifert Rollers, or sell 12/6.—39, New-rd., Blackpool.

EXCHANGE silver watch (10/-) for large green (yellow) Norwich cock.—Hobbs, 5, Howard-rd., Broadstairs.

EXCHANGE printing outfit (complete), cost 10/-, for Norwich hen, or sell 5/-.—Hume, 164, Engine-st., Bathgate.

¼-PLATE hand camera, holds 12, cost 21/-; exchange pair Norwich Canaries.—Breslin, 55, Orchard-st., Aberdeen.

GUN, 410 bore (single), 55 cartridges, exchange mandoline, or anything, sell 25/-.—Hayward, Tartar Hill, Coliham.

¼-PLATE camera, cost £2 2s., various accessories; exchange typical Norwich or Yorkshire.—Elmer, Witney, Oxon.

EXCHANGE two good Border show cages, for good yellow Border cock.—W. Minto, Cringle Bank, Jedburgh, N.B.

GREYHOUND lurcher bitch, 12 months old; sell 10/-; exchange Goldfinch, anything.—Higgs, 33, Hind-st., Poplar.

EXCHANGE winning black English doe, for good large Norwich hen; approval.—T. Barnes, 43, Cherwell-st., Banbury.

COCK Linnet, and hen Canary Mule, breeder, with new cage, 8/-; exchange.—Miller, Craven-st., Barnoldswick, Yorks.

EXCHANGE 37 parts of History of the World, for pair of Yorkshires.—Strachan, 7, Leven-st., Newtown, Dumbarton.

103 "CAGE BIRDS" and 17 plates; will exchange for yellow Yorkshire cock; bird first.—Harris, 29, Gillard-st., Merthyr.

SPLENDID pair Squirrels, brush like fox, 3/- each; exchange for free singing Mule.—J. Gainsford, Calder Bridge, Cumberland.

EXCHANGE ¼-plate camera; also quantity of ¼ and ½ plate frames; what offers in birds?—Photo, 118, Queen-st., Cardiff.

LARGE rocking horse, cost £10, accept £2; photo sent; or exchange exhibition Norwich.—Matson, 3, Hayura-st., Harrogate.

GENT'S massive gold ring, and china tea set, 21 pieces, exchange anything.—Morton, 11, Main Place, Hunslet, Leeds.

WHAT offers in Canaries, Norwich preferred, for fine toned violin, perfect condition, cost £2.—South, 86, Hampton-rd., Luton.

JONES' sewing machine, perfect order, £1; exchange pair good Norwich; offers.—Pedder, 149, North-st., Luton, Beds.

TWO large, typical black Plymouth Rock hens, orange legs; offers exchange; sell 15/-.—Snell, 5, Lucas-terrace, Plymouth.

PAIR prize-bred black Jackobins, cr. r, exchange for pair of Roller Canaries.—Mitchell Duncan, West Shore, Pittenweem, Fife.

EXCHANGE six English eight weeks old, Blue Buck, 10 months old, for cage birds.—Hutchinson, Nunnery-lane, Darlington.

EXCHANGE pair Wellington boots, size 7, nearly new, for birds, or sell 7/6.—Holland, 3, St. Thomas-square, Hackney, London.

CHAMPION singing Linnet Mule, 1907, in singing cage, 10/6; exchange silver watch.—C. Wardle, Hare Gate Terrace, Leek.

CAMERA, good as new, cost 7/6, ruby lamp, developing dish; exchange Budgerigars; offers.—Spink, 8, Bow-lane, Poplar.

POWERFUL air-gun, shoots darts and slugs, 12/6; cock Thrush, singing, 4/6.—Finn, Overstream House, Victoria-avenue, Cambridge.

FLEMISH rabbits, buck and doe, eight months, good strain, 12/-; exchange birds; offers.—Manning, 19, Hambro-rd., Streatham.

CAMERA, No. 1 Brownie and outfit, including developers; what offers in Borders?—H. McAnsh, Gordon-st., Camelon, Falkirk.

EXCHANGE whippit bitch, fast, six Goldie cocks, caged 7 months, for fowls, 30/-.—Maybank, Boot Maker, Dartnell-rd., Croydon.

BARGAINS, gem safety razor, 12/6; mincing machine, 10/-; exchange birds; yours first.—Kay, Duke-st., Liverpool-rd., Manchester.

SILVER hunter watch, 15/-; exchange Canaries, Budgerigars, anything; approval; yours first.—Geo. Wilde, Netherton, Huddersfield.

EXCHANGE new gramophone, with 19 records and case, for good pair Norwich, or two cock Rollers.—D. R. Jones, Talsarnau.

WANTED, four good Yorkshire yellow hens; exchange rocking and revolving office chair.—Douglas, 56, Grove-vale, Dulwich, S.E.

EXCHANGE Wilson's "Tales of Borders," six vols., 10/-, for yellow Plainhead cock.—John Morrison, Low Palaceeraig, Coatbridge.

WILL exchange two pair 1908 conference rung Blue Dragoon Pigeons for a good Yorkshire cock.—Maynard, Redan Hill, Aldershot.

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NEW gramophone, Excelsior, Ruby, cost £4; and records; sell 30/-; or exchange something useful.—Gough, New Duke-st., Abertillery.

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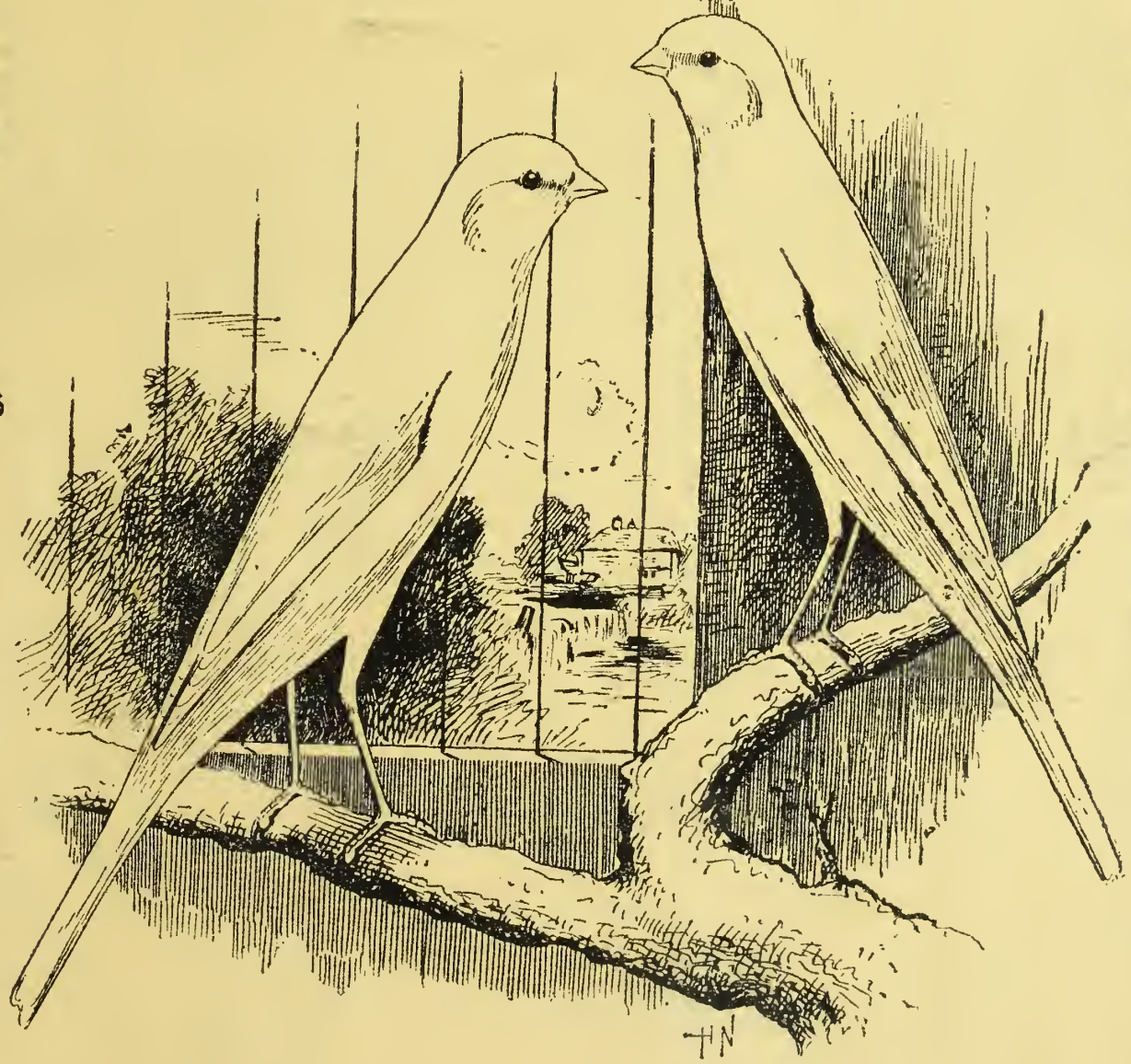

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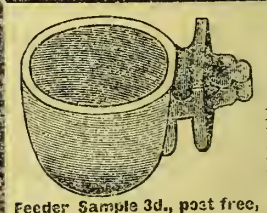

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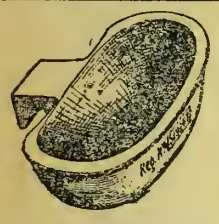

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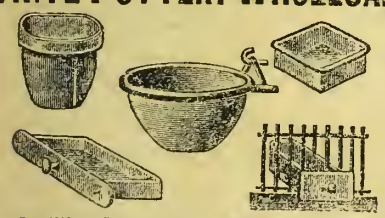

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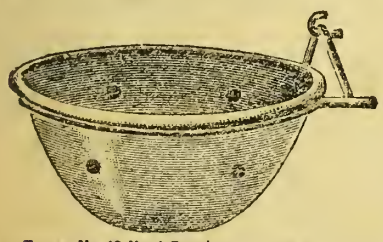

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Beautiful cock Goldfinch, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6 each; warranted singing cock Linnets, 1/3, 1/6 each, three 3/6; warranted singing cock Larks, 1/-, 1/6 each; singing cock Lark and cage, 2/- each; Norwich cocks, 5/6, 10/6 each; hens, 3/6, 4/6 each; Yorkshire cocks, 6/-, 7/- each; hens, 3/-, 5/6 each; double breeding cages, 4/6; single, 2/3 each; cage fronts, any size made to order, 5d. per foot.—Matt. Hopkins, Bird Specialist, 11, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire.

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A FEW surplus Canaries, cheap.—Mrs. E. Galloway, Clarendon-rd., Bedford.

CRESTS and Crest-breds; own; send for list.—Denham, Belmont House, Exeter.

FOUR Crest-bred hens, 4/6 each; one cock, 10/-.—G. Broadberry, Collingham, Notts.

TWO excellent 1908 C.B. hens, large birds, 5/- each.—Daniels, Prospect-row, Bury, Suffolk.

CANARIES. Green Crested cocks, full song, 5/-; ditto hens, 2/6; 1908 birds.—Houghton, Rayleigh, Essex.

CRESTS and C.B., one hen, three cocks, 8/6 to 25/-; approval or deposit.—A. Love, 74, Ferry-rd., Dundee.

FEW splendid Crests and Crest-breds from 5/- to 10/- to clear; stamp.—R. Newsholme, 11, College-st., Keighley.

YELLOW green crested cock, 1908, 20/-; or exchange buff Crest-bred cock.—Glover, 26, Water-st., St. Helens.

DEALERS invited. Show Crests, yellows, buffs, worth £5 each, sacrifice at £1.—55, Southdean Gardens, Southfields.

WELL-MATCHED dark Crest pairs, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-, in splendid condition; approval.—North, 435, Oxford-rd., Reading.

CRESTS, large birds, Barnet's strain, pairs 10/- to 20/-; or separate; good stock birds.—Walter Johnson, Wavendon, Bucks.

EXCELLENT pairs, value 10/- to 60/-; also odd Crest-breds for nothing; stamp, list, particulars.—North, Chemist, Reading.

LARGE feathery Crests and Crested-breds, cheap; approval before payment.—J. N. Harrison, The Lawn, Belper, Derbyshire.

A. WARD, 10, St. Paul's, Norwich, has a few Crest-bred hens from 7/6 each; grey Crest cock, 15/6; Norwich yellow hens, 5/6.

WELL-BRED Crest-bred hen, 1908, 10/-; small green Crested hen, 10/-; both bred from winners.—Lewis and Dymond, see "Norwich."

LARGE, feathery, clear body, double Crested cock, clear body dark capped Crest-bred hen, 10/6 each (Barnett's).—183, Thorold-rd., Ilford.

GRAND pair Crests, winners, 30/-; also good pair Plainheads, 15/-; few Rollers, grand songsters, 10/- each.—Gorton, 25, Geoffrey-st., Bury, Lancashire.

TO breed winners. Two pairs, also Crest, Crest-bred hens, and Crest-bred cocks; reasonable; approval.—Goulden, Edenhall, Langwathby, Carlisle.

WALLACE, winner, Palace bronze medal (points), can supply same blood matched pairs, cocks 15/- upwards; approval.—115, Rosemount-place, Aberdeen.

CREST and Crest-bred cocks from 7/6 to 13/-; hens from 4/- to 12/-; cold-room; stamp reply.—W. G. Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., Kilburn, London.

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COBBY even-marked Yellow dark Crest cock, 12/6; Buff Grey Crest hen, 10/-; pair, 21/-; approval.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarge, Middlesbrough.

THREE pairs Crests from 30/- pair; several odd ones; heavily feathered, good birds, feather to end of beak.—Campling, 8, Greenhill-rd., Harlesden, N.W.

C. ROBERTS has still several champion matched pairs of Crests to spare, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-; also single birds from 15/6; approval.—67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool.

THREE yellow cocks, 12/6, 10/6, 7/6; these are bred from first-class birds; also large grey Crest cock, grand bird for stock, 12/6.—Palmer, Newby-st., Ripon.

YOUNG variegated Crest-bred cock, good bird, from long-fronted Crested cock, 20/-; approval.—Walter Radley, Paradise-square, Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield.

TWO large buff Crested cocks, ready for nest, 7/6 each; two ditto hens, 4/- each; sound and healthy, from cold room; approval, deposit.—Monk, Owen-ter., Halstead, Essex.

T. J. KING, Ingogo, Cheltenham, has 30 Crest, Crest-bred cocks, full song, ready to nest, from 20/- up to £5 each; bred from best blood out; also several good pairs £3, £4, £5.

GIVING up, Crests, matched pairs, 10/- upwards; must be sold; few odd crested hens; state wants; also cages and utensils for sale; stamp. — J. E. Ashby, 73, Chelverton-rd., Putney.

CAREFULLY matched pairs from my winners, L.P.O.S. championship diploma, Crystal Palace, etc.; 15/6 upwards; approval, stamp; "not a dealer."—Woollard, Sprowston, Norwich.

CREST and Crest-bred, best blood. Having selected my pairs, have a few pairs and singles to spare at reasonable prices to make room; stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crest-breds; same strain as my winners of many firsts Crystal Palace, hundreds of other prizes; approval.—Horton, 18, The Avenue, St. John's Park-rd., Blackheath, London, S.E.

HIGH-CLASS Crests. I have several 1908 Crested cocks to part with; very large good crests, bred from the very best of stock; half value; approval. —T. Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

WM. BOWYER, Gladstone-st., Leek, Staffs, can spare young clear buff Crest-bred hen, 15/-; clear body, dark Crested hen, 7/6; wing mark Crest hen, 7/6; clear body, dark Crest bull cock, 10/-; not half value; approval.

GREEN Crested hen and cock, Yellow Crested hen, dark crest, and variegated Crest-bred cock, variegated Crested hen; all large, healthy birds, on approval, cash or deposit, 10/6 each.—W. Cayless, 278, Humberstone-rd., Leicester.

WING-MARKED Crested cock, 15/-; Crest-bred cock, 10/-; two Crested hens, 8/6 each; Crest-bred hen, 10/-; 1908 bred; will exchange any of above to value for six hens, feeders, 1908 birds; approval. —Hesketh, 29, Kirkland-st., St. Helens.

HAVING selected my stock for 1909, have few pairs Crest for disposal, from 30/-; and few Green Plainheaded cocks from 20/- each; none better; heaps of feather; sent on approval for P.O.—Fletcher, 216, Wilford-rd., Nottingham.

TO make room for breeding I have a few pairs Crest to dispose; also surplus Crested and Crest-bred cocks to sell cheap; having no hens for them; they breed from healthy and best strains; approval. —Tetin, 130, St. Mary's-rd., Plaistow, E.

WANTED, in exchange, a young Crested cock, clear preferred, for foreign Goldfinch cock, 3rd at Crystal Palace in 1908, a really good bird and a Muler; also 12 young feeding hens for sale; mutual approval.—Gardiner, 62, Milton-st., Motherwell.

WANTED, a good, healthy young Crest hen, do. Crest-bred, on approval; no rubbish; will exchange to value cash and Crest and Crest-bred cocks from my valuable strain of winners; hundreds of medals, cups, specials, and other prizes.—Smith, Royston, Alverstoke.

HAVING decided to greatly reduce my stud of Crests, Crest-breds, I am offering matched pairs from 15/6; single birds, both sexes, from 9/6; to effect a quick clearance; approval, deposit.—Guttridge, Grocer, Haleburton-rd., St. Margarets, Twickenham.

SPECIAL, special; can still supply really grand Crests or Crest-breds, ready for immediate breeding; please state requirements; typical prize-bred breeding pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- upwards; cold-room bred; approval willingly.—H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

GREATEST bargain ever offered; large, feathery, well-browed Crest-bred cock, with grand large feathery dark Crested hen, Barnett's, King's strains, 1908, cold-room, healthy, sound, breed winners, 25/-, cheap at 50/-; week's approval receipt cash, or deposit.—Address, C., Laundry Cottage, Milfield, Alnwick, Northumberland.

DARK or light Crested cocks, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each; Crested hens, 4/6, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; Crest-bred cocks, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/- each; Crest-bred hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; pairs, matched for breeding, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- pair; money returned if not approved.—Stewart Brothers, Surrey-st., Norwich. Stamp reply.

MONSTER Green Crest cock, 10/-; monster clear Crest cock, 10/6; monster variegated dark Crest cock, 10/6; massive feathery variegated dark Crest hen, 8/6; massive feathery even-marked ditto, 8/6; massive clear Crest hen, 7/6; monster variegated Crest-bred cock, 11/6; monster Green ditto, 11/-; monster clear ditto, 10/6; massive feathery clear Crest-bred hen, 10/-; massive feathery variegated ditto, 10/-; large feathery Green ditto, 10/-; variegated ditto, 7/6; all large healthy birds; Barnett's strain; must clear at half value; approval willingly.—Hatton Aviaries, Belper.

HAVING selected my breeding stock can offer following exceptional value in highest class Crests, Crest-breds, Barnett and Joyce's strains, at half value to clear; monster even-marked dark Crest cock, perfect crest, 14/-; monster clear Crest cock, grand crest, 14/6; monster variegated dark Crest cock, 14/-; massive heavy-feathered clear body dark Crest cock, 12/6; monster Green Crest-bred cock, 15/-; monster variegated ditto, beauty, 14/-; monster Yellow ditto, 11/6; monster marked Buff ditto, 13/6; massive feathery Green Crest-bred hen, 10/6; massive feathery variegated ditto, 10/6; all grand stock birds; in perfect condition; genuine reductions; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

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Colledge, Kilburn, Derby, massive clear C.B. cock, full song, 25/-, cheap at 60/-; dark capped, long, coarse head C.B., 12/6; pink of condition; grand young green C.B. hen, 40/-; several small C.B. hens, 7/6, 8/6 each, to clear at once; approval.

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**COCKS! COCKS!! CRESTED.**

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**Crested Bred Cocks.**—Clear Yellow, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 30/-, 40/-. Clear Buff, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 30/-. Ticked or Variegated, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 21/-, 30/-.

**Crested Hens.**—Clear Buff, Grizzle, or Light Crest, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 30/-. Clear Buff Dark Crest, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 30/-. Marked Dark Crest, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 21/-, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-. Selected Stock Pairs for Crest Breeding, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 30/-, 42/-, 50/-.

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## Greens.

LARGE Buff Green Norwich cock, good head, bred 1908, 12/6; bargain.—Robert Hall, Rudyard, Staffordshire.

GOOD high-class Yorkshire Greens, both sexes, also cages; giving up.—Apply A. Jennings, 55, Lyell-st., Everton.

TWO pairs, matched for breeding high-class Greens, Norwich, 12/6 pair; deposit.—Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

GREEN Yorkshires, 10 cocks, 8 hens, high-class, cheap to clear; approval on deposit.—Hayden, 64, Upper Pitt-st., Liverpool.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich and Yorkshire Greens, also Green Borders, prices reasonable; approval.—Walker, 197, Great Homer-street, Liverpool.

FEW good stock birds left, bred from winners; on approval; best blood obtainable.—Metcalfe Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield rd., Liverpool.

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THE Lizard Prince offers 2nd and 4th Nottingham, etc., broken cap Silver cocks, price 25/- and 20/- each; cocks, 7/6 to 20/-; pairs from 15/-; approval; inspection invited.—Rukin, Hall Carr-rd., Rawtenstall, Lancashire.

JOHN DEWSNAP, 68, Princess-st., Glossop, winner Lizard Challenge Cup two years in succession, also champion diploma Palace 1909 for best Lizard, has a few pairs from 15/-; single cocks from 10/-; all my own breeding; stamp reply; inspection invited; cold-room.

## Lancashires.

LARGE yellow Lancashire coppy cock, bargain, 35/-.—Hadwin, 28, Pembroke-pl., Liverpool.

BUFF Plainhead Lancashire hen, 10/-; clear silver Lizard cock, 6/6.—Wrigley, 115, Crompton-st., Oldham.

WANTED, three large strong yellow, 1908 hens, for muling; approval; cash.—Howe, Herriotts-lane, Wellingborough.

WELL-BRED Buff Plainhead Lancashire cock, large bird, 8/-; approval.—J. Day, Fornham-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

YELLOW coppy cock, 9/6; buff Plainhead cock, 9/6; dark crested cock, 9/6; cash or deposit; stamp.—W. Sanger, Hele, Cullompton.

1908 CLEAR yellow Plainhead cock, 21/-; also few British, horse-moulted; approval; stamp reply.—Entwistle, Passmonds, Rochdale.

1908 LANCASHIRES. Must be cleared to make room for breeding; buffs from 10/6 to 25/- a pair; approval, stamp.—Turner, 88, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

"THE ART OF FANCY."—Grand coloured plate of Lancashire Coppy and Gold Clear Cap Lizard Canaries sent post paid, securely packed, on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS Office, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

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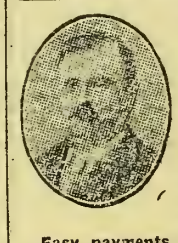
AFTER selecting stock for breeding, I find can spare the following really good stock birds: Clear Buff coppy cock, 15/-; Buff Plainhead hen, 12/6; good Green C.B. hen, 10/-; Green C.B. cock, 10/-; rare opportunity for new beginners to get useful stock; approval; stamp reply; inspection invited.—T. Broadhead, Grocer, 32, Derby-st., Macclesfield.



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## Norwich.

**BREEDER'S CARD.**

**ALBERT HIRST,** Breeder and Exhibitor of champion Norwich, few for sale; note new address, 17, Ramsbottom-st., Accrington.

PEARSON, Greenwich Market, wants Norwich; cash or exchange.

GOOD young healthy hens, 2/6 each.—E. Warner, 3, Park-st., Leamington.

NORWICH cocks 6/-, hens 2/6, pair 7/6.—G., 41, Swaffield-rd., Wandsworth.

DEALERS supplied with Norwich Canaries.—T. E. Powley, 33, Napier-st., Norwich.

FEW Norwich, cheap; bred from winners; stamp, reply.—80, Oswald-st., Blackburn.

HERE'S a snip; four cocks, two hens, 18/-.—Freeman, 88, Oliver-st., Northampton.

CLEAR Norwich cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/-.—H. W. Bryant, 37, Tennyson-rd., Kettering.

NORWICH yellow cocks from 7/6; grand 1st prize bird, 1907, 16/-.—W. Burrows, Diss.

NORWICH cocks, 5/-; twice house-moulted Linnet, 4/-.—Dutton, Crofts Bank, Urmston.

TEN pairs good Norwich Canaries, 70/-; hens, 3/- each.—McCane, 65, Benford st., Leicester.

EXTRA large stock birds, from winners; approval.—W. Growdridge, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley.

YOUNG Buff Norwich hens, ready to nest, 2/6, 3/-.—Munn, 318, Upper Richmond-rd., Sheen.

NORWICH, two cocks, six hens, lot 24/-; single cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/-.—Hall, Brandisburton, Hull.

TO make room for breeding hens ready to nest, 2/6; cocks, 7/6.—Manning, 71, West-rd., West Ham.

NORWICH Canaries, cold-room bred; cocks from 10/6; hens, 5/-.—Wick, 80, St. John's-rd., Deptford, S.E.

COLD-ROOM bred birds, hens 2/6, cocks 7/6; clearing.—76, Rushmore-rd., Lower Clapton; call only.

COCKS, 8/6; hens, 4/-; pairs, 12/-; cold-room bred.—Miss A. Fooks, Devonshire House, Brentwood.

NORWICH Canaries; cocks, 7/6; splendid songsters; hens, 2/6.—Morton, 15, Francis-rd., Ashford, Kent.

SIX large yellow cocks, unflighted, 6/6, 8/6; can be seen any time.—Ellis, 43, Southview-crescent, Sheffield.

HEALTHY birds, ready to pair, real good cages, very cheap to clear.—24, Cunard-st., Albany-rd., Camberwell.

NORWICH Plainheads cocks, 7/-, 8/- each; bred from winners.—J. Hale, 32, Nightingale-rd., Clapton, London, N.E.

TWO pair 1907 Norwich cocks, in full song, good breeders, 8/6 a pair.—Atkinson, 29, Monument-st., Peterborough.

SOME good Buff hens, bred from winners; stamp reply.—McLaughlin, 87, Westhenhar, Harthill, Lanarkshire, N.B.

EXHIBITION Yellow stock hen; give Buff cock, with Yellow and Buff hens; sell 13/-.—34, Endwell-rd., Brockley.

GEORGE BOLTON, 165, Blackman-lane, Leeds, has Norwich Plain and Crested cocks, from 6/-, 8/-, and 10/- pair.

A FEW extra large Buffs and variegated Norwich cocks, 7/6 and 8/6 each; approval, deposit.—Atlee, Royston, Herts.

THREE pairs Norwich, cold-room, bred ready to nest, 7/6 pair; approval.—John Starling, Barney, Guish, Norfolk.

LEWIS and Dymond, 71, Clive-road, Cardiff, have few pairs, same as their winners, also few Yellow hens, from 10/-.

WORTH notice. Grand Norwich cocks, warranted, 3/6; cock and hen, 5/6.—M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

FINE healthy Norwich Plainhead cocks, 1908, on full song, cold-room, 6/6 each; approval.—Clayton, Duck-hill, Ripon.

NORWICH hen Canaries, 3/- each; less by taking three.—Gwyer, 5a, Selhurst-rd., South Norwood; open on Sundays.

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GOOD Norwich, cheap to clear, pairs from 8/6; cold-room kept, Sainter's strain; approval.—Barker, Grinoside, Sheffield.

W. STEVENS, Coleman-rd., Leicester. Norwich, from winners, cocks, 8/6, 10/-; hens, 5/-, 6/-; pairs, 12/6, 15/-; approval.

GOOD Norwich cocks, 7/6 to 12/6; pairs from 10/-; not suited, money returned.—Fred Burchnall, High-st., Enderby, Leicester.

NORWICH cock, clear, 1908, 10/-; also two hens, 3/6 each; deposit.—McAdam, 24, Cambridge-terrace, Hyde Park, London.

YELLOW, buffs, clear variegated cocks, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-; hens, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-; approval, stamp.—Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton.

W. CROSLING has a few pair of prize-bred Norwich for sale, 10/6 upwards; cash or deposit.—8, Fern-st., Darlington.

SEVERAL yellow and buff cocks from 10/6; some winners this season; see show reports; approval.—Inch, Wotton, Aylesbury.

H. WICKER. Three good Norwich hens, clear Buff, ticked Yellow, variegated Buff, 3/- each.—Head-st., Halstead, Essex.

BUFF Norwich hens, 3/-; yellow, 3/6 each; young, healthy, good size, ready to nest.—Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

TWO yellow and two buff Norwich hens, lot 14/-; four buff Norwich cocks, lot 18/-; approval.—Imeson, Somerset-pl., Ripon.

TWO typical Norwich variegated yellow, two clears, hens, 3/- each, 10/- the lot; approval.—Hughes, Danybank, Velindre, S.O., Henllan, R.S.O.

FEW good Norwich colour-fed cocks from 7/6; hens, from 4/-; inspection invited.—Espley, 26, Cakfield-st., Cheetham, Manchester.

NORWICH Buff cocks from 6/-, loud songsters, good breeders; approval.—Robinson, 6, Barton-st., Egerton-st., Hulme, Manchester.

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NORWICH Canary breeders. Don't let your young stock die; recipe how to rear all hatched, post free.—Northern Aviaries, Preston.

FOUR pairs Goldfinch Mules, sell cheap; or exchange first-class Norwich or Lancashires.—A. Pritchard, Woodham Mortimer, Essex.

THREE grand Norwich cocks, 6/6 each; cock Bullfinch, 3/6; cock Chaffinch, 1/6; or cash offers.—White, 202, Barnby-gate, Newark.

THREE buffs and variegated hens, 2/6 each; one yellow, one buff, grizzle Crest, 3/6 each.—Baldock, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst, Kent.

HIGH-CLASS Buff Norwich cock, Haughton's, 10/6; steady, good colour cock Goldfinch, hen Bullfinch, 7/6.—Mares, Hosier, Hereford.

SHORT cobby hens, half-price to clear; also cocks, good stock, Cooper Bros., 5/- upwards; inspection.—Roberts, 39, Ossington-st., Bayswater.

A FEW well-bred Buff and variegated Norwich cocks, large birds, to clear, 6/- each; approval.—J. Day, Fornham-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

NORWICH, nice young hens, 1907-8, Yellows and Buffs, from 3/6; seen after six, and two Saturdays.—Ayling, 43, Etherley-rd., West Green, N.

NORWICH, in breeding condition; cocks from 7/6; hens from 4/6; on approval.—Wm. Bishop, Beeston Regis, Sheringham, near Norwich.

TWO pairs of Norwich, 9/- the pair; also four complete breeding cages, 3/6 each; approval.—W. Evans, Gardeners Arms, Edge-lane, Droylsden.

FEW unflighted clear buff and buff var. cocks for sale, of noted strain, winners, and bred from winners.—Crawford, 251, St. Vincent-st., Glasgow.

COLD-ROOM bred. Six pairs 1908 healthy Norwich Canaries, anxious to nest, 10/6 pair; cash or deposit.—W. J. Cook, Grocer, Bimbrook, Market Rasen.

SMART Norwich hens, cold-room bred, clears and variegated, 3/- and 4/-; breeding condition.—Willson, Rockbourne House, Windsor-st., Wolverton, Bucks.

NORWICH Canaries, in prime condition, at moderate prices; seen evenings, and all Saturday.—Richards, 10, Dewhurst-rd., Shepherd's Bush Road.

W. YATES has a few more good Norwich, related to winners, to spare; bargains; must clear; state wants; stamp reply.—London-rd., Chesterton, Staffs.

HANDSOME cocks, grand songsters, 5/6, 6/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 7/6, 8/6; grand value; satisfaction guaranteed; approval.—Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

GRAND Norwich pairs, matched for breeding, vhc Coventry, 15/6 pair; he same show, 12/6 pair; yellow cocks, 8/6; buff, 7/6.—Spann, Stivichale, Coventry.

NORWICH Canaries, cocks 5/6 upwards, hens 3/6 upwards; pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; bargains; approval, cash or deposit.—Franklin, 3, Wellington-street, Coventry.

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YORKSHIRES for sale, from 15/- pair, ready to nest; and several odd hens cheap; also Goldfinch muling pair, guaranteed mulers, grand pair, 15/-; and two pairs Crest and Crest-bred, all bred from my cup winners; also three double and four single breeding cages, cheap to clear.—Slade, 154, Broomwood-rd., Clapham Common. Stamp reply.

SUIT beginner. Having chosen breeding stock, can spare following high-class Yorkshires cheap to make room, 1908 birds and in full song: large, extra long, slim, ticked buff cock, well up on leg, showing a bit of thigh and breed, 12/-; also very large, long clear, rich yellow cock, 8/-; another nice clear yellow cock, 6/-; satisfaction guaranteed; approval, deposit.—William Colling, Mariners-ter., Filey, Yorks.

WORKING men, breed your own winners; no fancy price; own breeding; champion strain; accumulated after many years careful selection and great cost; surplus stock; warranted bred from birds costing £1 to £7 each; 17 fanciers bred own winners from my birds last season; only few left; slim racy hens, Yellow or Buff, 7/6, 10/6 each; cocks, 10/6, 12/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed.—Saml. Russell, Steeton, Keighley, Yorks.

SIXTY pairs of typical Yorkshires in green, cinnamon marked, ticked, and variegated, and clears, from winning strain, to clear at workman's prices. Cold-room bred, and ready for nest. Matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; cocks in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6. Call and see them any time. Inspection invited. Will send at my own risk, on seven days' approval, cash or deposit note.—Marsh, Freemason's Arms, Mercerton-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd, London. See Norwich advertisement.

# YORKSHIRES

Testimonials arriving by every post. Read these few out of hundreds received lately. 19, North Street, Newcastle, Staffs. March 21, 1909.—Birds to hand, and are grand value. Thanking you for prompt despatch and honest dealings.—Geo. Lea to J. Taylor. 79, Lower Parr Street, St. Helens. March 21, 1909.—Yorkshire cock you sent me last week gives every satisfaction. I have had a few fanciers to look at him, and they all like it well. It is singing grand this morning.—H. Sheridan to J. Taylor. Another, from 7 Court, 2 House, Parr Street, Liverpool. March 20, 1909.—Pair Yorkshires to hand quite safe, in good condition, and I am very well pleased with them. Thanking you for prompt despatch. —T. C. Donnell to J. Taylor. Another, from Portland Street, Daybrook (Notts.). March 21, 1909.—Norwich to hand on Monday night and I am highly pleased with them. — W. Johnson. Another, from 118, Blake Street, Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts. March 20, 1909.—I received pair Crests alright, and they are very good value. Will recommend you to all I know.—H. Dairson to J. Taylor. I have still 600 (six hundred) high-class Yorkshires in all varieties, and every one in fine breeding condition. All cold rooms kept, and for style, position, length, and quality of feather they cannot be equalled elsewhere at double my prices. Inspection invited at any time. Remember, the old firm for value; honest dealings, and prompt despatch. Not here to-day and gone to-morrow, but a regular advertiser in "Cage Birds" since first issue. I don't profess to have won hundreds of so-called prizes, etc., as I leave this for my customers to do. I have supplied on an average 100 winners every season during past ten years, and never retain any for own use, to bluff advts. up, or to gull the public. Fine lengthy yellow Yorkshire cocks at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. Buff cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. All on full song and worth double. Pairs accurately matched to breed own winners at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- per pair. In clears, ticked, green marked, and cinnamon marked. Extra smart racy yellow hens at 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each. Buff hens 3/6, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6 each. All anxious to nest at once. Show specimens very reasonable. Illustrated new price list post free. Travelling cages 3d. extra, with sufficient food for journeys. Safe arrival guaranteed any distance, and all on 7 days' approval; cash or deposit system. Note my only address.

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**FRIZINGHALL, BRADFORD.**

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Greaves and Crabtree have a few good birds left, including cinnamon-marked and whole Greens. For 25 years this strain has produced as many winners as any in Bradford; all in breeding condition; cheap to clear; approval.—279, Hollings-rd., Bradford.

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you with the best possible quality birds at the most reasonable prices, and send every Canary to your address on seven clear days' approval, at my risk; it is quite easy to copy the prices of birds, but it is

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impossible to get better birds than mine at anything like the prices. I do not deal in wasters; all my birds are bred by experienced fanciers from specially selected highclass stock birds, including many winners.

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quality is what you require, and no matter however small or large your order, if entrusted to me, you can rely on me sending you typical birds of the

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possible quality. During the past 15 years I have received many thousands of unsolicited testimonials from delighted customers, hundreds of which have been published in this paper; the originals of which are open for your inspection. I guarantee every customer satisfaction, with superior

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Yorkshires, the right type, tight in feather, etc.: cocks 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; hens, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 each. Matched breeding pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; neat travelling cages 3d. each extra.

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Send me your name and address on a post-card for copies of unsolicited testimonials and illustrated price list of all kinds of birds. New illustrated list of birds, cages, etc., 1d. for postage.

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You can read all the claims, and you may or you may not believe them; but if you will allow me to send **One** or **One Pair** of mine on approval against any others advertised, at any of the following prices, I shall feel obliged. That's making it actions in place of words. I have some of the best extant cocks, **5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-**; Hens, **3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-. Pairs matched** for breeding, **8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** upwards. Cages 3d. extra.

**Please read four opinions out of many scores received during past week.** 2, Orchard Walk, Aberdeen. March 17, 1909.—Received Yorkshire in splendid condition, none the worse for the long journey. I consider it would have been cheap at double the money. Thanking you for promptitude.—J. J. Sutton to W. Rudd.

Broad Street, Alresford, Hants. March 19, 1909. —The hen Yorkshire arrived safely, and am very pleased with her. Kindly send price list.—H. J. Phair to W. Rudd.

**Good for money.**

Llangoed, Llyswen. March 21, 1909.—Mr. Rudd,—The pair of Yorkshires have arrived safely. I must say I am pleased with such good birds, for the money, and hope to get some good stock from same. I shall probably write you soon for a couple of hens for muling.—Yours truly, Henry Bryant.

**Far above expectation.**

66, Harpour Road, Barking, Essex. March 22, 1909.—Thanks very much for the prompt attention to my order. The yellow Yorkshire hen arrived safe Friday morning; it is far above my expectation —proper value for money. Shall give you another order shortly.—H. Masters.

See my other advt. on this page.

## W. RUDD, BIRD SPECIALIST, NORWICH.

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## CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.

Champion Yorkshires; Buff cocks, 5/6, 7/6; Yellow cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/-; splendid hens, ready for nesting, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; also few good Crests and Crest-breds; cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; Norwich Plainheads, cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-.—Arthur Thompson, 197, Bradford-rd., Friz-

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## SOME STARTLING OFFERS.

I can just now offer some birds at remarkably low prices. I have a large stock of every variety mentionable, including the largest stock of Yorkshires in the world, collected from some of our best known local breeders, and never before have I been in such a position to offer such value at such low prices. It is an easy matter to advertise thousands of specimens, but readers should note that here you get quality as well as quantity. Remember, the same old terms, of which I was the originator.

A full week's approval with every bird sent out, and cash can be deposited with the editor of this paper.

My large illustrated catalogue printed in colours, together with bird price list, post free to any address on receipt of postcard.

Remember, I have thousands of testimonials, which is proof that my birds give satisfaction.

**Yellow or buff Yorkshire cocks 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-., 12/6, 15/-, 20/-: hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- 6/-, 7/6, 10/-.**

**Pairs properly matched for breeding Yorkshires, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- and 21/-.**

**Very choice lot of Exhibition Birds at reasonable prices.**

**Bargains in Plainhead Norwich; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-., 20/-: hens, 3/6, 4/6, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-.**

**Properly matched pairs at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 and 15/-.**

**Crested and Crest-bred Norwich; cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-: hens, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/. Matched Pairs at 12/6, 15/-, 20/- and 25/- upwards.**

**Cinnamons; cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6.**

**Lancashires; Coppies and Plainheads, cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-; hens 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-.**

**Hartz Mountain Rollers (Seifert strain), the World's best songsters, cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-.**

**German Songsters, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6.**

**Siberian Goldfinches and Bullfinches.**

**Yorkshire and Norwich Songsters, specially selected, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6 each.**

**Also Border Fancies, Lizards, Dutch Frills, Belgians, Linnet Mules, Goldfinch Mules, cage moulted Linnets, and Goldfinches and suitable muling Hens.**

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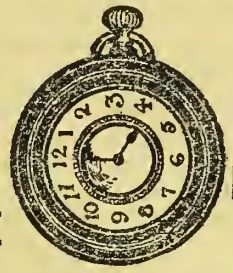

**For you are not in the least too late, and not too early.**

**All the following are in prime breeding condition with the Cocks in full song, properly and judiciously matched by me personally; it is impossible to get better value, and the chances are a thousand to one they cannot be approached at the respective prices quoted.**

## Here are really reliable Bargains.

My special matched pairs of prize-bred **Norwich Plainheads at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 20/-; Crested** ditto, **15/-, 20/-, 25/-,** and **30/-; Yorkshires, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 20/-; Lancashires 25/-, 30/-, 40/-; Cinnamons, 8/6, 9/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; Lizards, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; Border Fancies, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6.**

## To Beginners:

If you cannot afford a big price send for a pair of my correctly matched Norwich at **8/6** or **9/6**; and now note this.—In most cases where you send for pairs at this price, you are sent two buffs, often both marked birds—this is where you do not get what is required—well, I send you **one marked, and one clear, one buff,** and the **other yellow.** Travelling cage 3d. extra. Then for **3/6** I will send you a Double Breeding Cage fitted with everything complete for an immediate start. Total for Birds and Cage **12/3** for **8/6** birds, or **13/3** for **9/6** birds. But, I would strongly recommend you to have my Cage No. 100; it has sand drawers and is fitted with sanitary furniture throughout, and the price is only **5/-.**

## Songsters.

Thousands now on hand, specially selected, not haphazard birds, quality sent to each, according to price sent, and in all cases the best I can do, and what I cannot do in this line, no other man (or fictitious trader) can in the world. **Norwich, Yorkshires, Mules** (Goldfinch, Linnet, or Siskin). Note prices:—**7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-.**

These are the best value ever offered. For all others see positively free illustrated list and easy payment system,

**Kindly note the few following extracts of unsolicited opininions out of several hundreds received during the past week; but the few should prove conclusively my claims as to giving the utmost satisfaction:—**

**Is not this ungarnished evidence.**

49, Russell Street, Brandon Colliery, Durham. March 15, 1909.—I received birds alright, and am highly pleased with them; they are constantly singing, both day and gaslight, and I will recommend you to all my mates. Hoping to give you another order soon—and I think you are just an honest man to deal with, and I shall send you all further orders.—W. Wilson to W. Rudd.

**Surprised, etc.**

3, Station Road, Earl Shilton, Hinckley. March 16, 1909.—Birds arrived safe this morning, and give every satisfaction. I was quite surprised to see such birds for the price paid. I shall place all further orders with you.—A. Bailey to W. Rudd.

**Though such a small order.**

20a, Burnbury Road, Balham, London, March 11, 1909.—Bird arrived quite safely; seems none the worse for journey. I am more than satisfied, and thank you for the way you executed my order, though it was such a small one.—R. Allen to W. Rudd.

**Big, bonny, etc.**

West Auckland, March 19, 1909.—The bird I sent to you for has come to hand safely. He is big, bonny, and bright; in fact, the bird might have been sent from a house in the street, so little has the long journey affected him; you can count me among your many satisfied customers.—A. Ramsden to W. Rudd.

**More than satisfaction.**

Hatfield Road, St. Albans. March 19, 1909.—Birds give entire satisfaction. I am more than pleased with same, and shall certainly send to you again when I am wanting more.—H. W. Benuett to W. Rudd.

**Highly delighted.**

15, Wellington Street, Devonport. March 19, 1909. —I am pleased to say I received bird and cage yesterday quite safe. I am highly delighted with both, and I shall send to you again.—N. Perryman to W. Rudd.

**For Rhodesia.**

Canterbury. March 9, 1909.—Birds for Rhodesia arrived at Dulwich safely. Very pleased with them, also cages.—H. Lercsche to W. Rudd.

**Both eager to nest.**

16, Marchwood Road, Millbrooke, Southampton. March 20, 1909.—Birds arrived safe, and in pink of condition, both eager to nest. Given every satisfaction.—F. Bagg to W. Rudd.

**Easy Payments by joining my**

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This is no mere paper boast, but **A Reality,** and you are cordially invited to come and look around on any day but Sunday. It will be a sight never before seen and one that cannot be equalled by any establishment in the World.

I stand in the open and I desire and court the fullest enquiry and investigation, both as regards my premises, my stock, and my business methods.

I have some really high class specimens of the following varieties now in stock, and can supply them on the shortest notice.

**YORKSHIRES,** bred from, and related to, winners at all the leading shows, including Palace, at the following cut prices:—

**COCKS,** grand, long, typical birds, 6/-, 6/6, 7/-, 7/6, 8/-, 8/6, up to 20/- each.

**HENS,** long, slim, racy hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-, 5/6, 6/-, up to 15/- each.

**SPECIAL.** — Grand properly matched pairs, to breed own winners, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- per pair.

**YORKSHIRE GREENS.**—See advert. under "Greens."

**NORWICH PLAINHEADS,** large typical cobby birds, bred from some of the finest strains in the country. Cocks, hens, or pairs, same price as Yorkshires.

**NORWICH CINNAMONS,** guaranteed bred from Mr. Sellars' noted strain. Some real beauties, cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each.

**CRESTED AND CRESTED-BRED,** massive feathery birds, correct type, and full of quality; cocks, 8/-, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, each; hens, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/- each upwards.

**LANCASHIRE COPPIES AND PLAINHEADS,** See Advert. under Lancashires.

**SCOTCH FANCIES,** splendid type, good size and circle, cocks or hens, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-; a few special birds, bred from Mr. Cobb's noted winners, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/- each. Write for particulars.

A few **PURE BRED BELGIANS,** every bird guaranteed bred from this year's Palace winners (full particulars on application). Cocks or hens 25/- to 60/- each.

**HALF-BRED BELGIUM YORKSHIRES,** 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each.

**BORDER FANCIES,** smart, stylish birds, cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/- each.

**SIBERIAN COCK GOLDFINCHES,** some real beauties, 6/-, 6/6, 7/- each.

**HOUSE-MOULTED LINNETS,** for muling, 3/6, 4/- and 5/- each.

**SIB-BRED HENS,** to pair with the above, for Mule breeding, 3/6 to 7/6 each.

**SONGSTERS** in every variety of Canary or Mule, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6.

**AMATEURS** cannot possibly do better than send for one of my matched pairs of Yorkshires or Norwich at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, or 15/-, together with one of my splendidly fitted breeding cages, all complete, at 3/-, for single, and 5/- for double compartments.

**Easiest of easy payments** arranged to suit the convenience of fanciers, and as the breeding is now approaching, birds will be sent immediately on receipt of first payment.

Remember this: I trust you; I send every bird on 7 clear days' approval, delivered at your door at my risk. I do this knowing that the birds will speak for themselves.

If you want any variety of Canary, or anything in the shape of appliances for the bird room, send a post-card for free illustrated catalogue, to

## JOE THOMAS,

***Canary Specialist,***
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**YORKSHIRES—continued.**

YORKSHIRES. Now is the time to obtain good lengthy birds, correct type, shape and quality to breed winners from; cocks, 7/6 to 30/-; hens, long leggy birds, real gems, 6/6 to 15/-; pairs, 11/6 upwards; cash or deposit; satisfaction guaranteed; three days approval.—Townend, 1, Ellerton-st., Bradford Moor, Bradford, Yorkshire.

THE old reliable Yorkshire breeders; birds need no puff; they are known throughout the country; grand selection in clears; Green-marked, Cinnamon-marked, champion cocks, full song, cold-room bred, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; pairs, properly mated, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; approval; cash or deposit.—W. H. Berry, Ingrow, Keighley.

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**YORKSHIRES. CHAMPION PAIRS.**

More than I can follow; can spare four clinking pairs; also four Yellows, four Buffs, young cocks, grand birds; stamp reply; inspection invited.—Harry Jennings, 3, Anne-st., Great Horton, Bradford.

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**AN OPPORTUNITY IN YORKSHIRES.**

Having purchased the entire stock of valuable Yorkshires from Dr. O'Neal, of Sunderland (winner N.Y.C.C. cup, etc., etc.), I have some grand birds to dispose of, singles or pairs; approval.

**HUDSPETH, "Rose-Neath," Hertford, Herts.**

**Advertisements continued on page 329.**

## A WASHING EXHIBITION.

**Given before the Sunderland C.B.A. on March 20th, by Mr. J. Riseborough.**

A good attendance of members and friends assembled at the Fawcett Street Cafe to witness Mr. Riseborough's exhibition of his skill in washing birds. The birds operated upon were supplied by one of the members, and judging by their very dirty appearance had been specially selected for the occasion. This, however, said Mr. Riseborough, was all the better, for the younger fanciers would be able to appreciate more fully the difference between a dirty bird and one spotlessly clean.

**Have all Materials Ready.**

Commencing, Mr. Riseborough said, that when preparing to wash birds it is necessary that you should have all your materials ready to hand, so that they can be used when wanted. A good supply of water, both hot and cold, a pot for soap, three dishes for washing and rinsing, a soft-haired shaving brush, and a sponge were the chief things. You also require a soft cloth, preferably an old silk handkerchief, for the purpose of taking as much water as possible from the bird immediately after it has been sponged in the last water. Then come the cloths for wrapping the birds in. I prefer old flannel. Finally comes the drying cage, of which at the present time there are many elaborate designs used by different fanciers. In our case it will consist of the ordinary Norwich show cage. The soap I intend using is known as "feather beautifier," and is very useful in giving a gloss to the plumage, although I have found a good curd soap to be equally as effective in this respect.

We now come to the water. Have your first water just hot enough to enable you to comfortably bear the back of your hand in it. The second water I like to have just barely warm, and the third just between the two, not so hot as the first, nor so cold as the second. I prefer this method to using the coldest water last, for I have found that by using the coldest water in the second basin it acts as a reviver to the bird after it has gone through the ordeal of washing.

**How to Proceed.**

Now, everything being ready, catch your bird as gently as possible, so as not to flurry it, for you do not want to have a bird about to be washed lying palpitating heavily. Place the bird in your hand breast downwards and immerse it in the first water, with the exception of the head. This soaks the feathers through, and you may now begin to use the soap and brush. Here Mr. Riseborough proceeded to wash the first bird, fully explaining as he went along the best way to hold the bird, first washing the wings, tail, and back, then smartly turning the bird over and washing the underside of the wings and tail, then the throat and breast, finally turning the bird over again and doing the neck, finishing off with the head. He then proceeded to rinse off as much soap as possible with the first water, repeating this process in the second water. Here he explained that it was necessary to see that all soap was off the hands before proceeding to the third and final water, which should be quite free from soap. Having finally rinsed the bird, he took as much water from it with the sponge as possible, then taking the bird to the fire he applied the silk handkerchief to it, absorbing a great deal of moisture from it before finally wrapping it up.

Mr. Riseborough had previously stated that the drying cloths and cages should be thoroughly warmed before putting the birds into them; and he now showed them how to wrap the bird in the cloth, explaining that the cloth should not be placed too tight around the bird's body, and that the bird should always be placed with its tail towards the fire. He carefully impressed upon those present that a bird should never be placed upon its back, pointing out that the less a bird was placed upon its back during the washing process the better. Two more birds were then washed, Mr. Riseborough relating one or two anecdotes of the way in which he had seen birds washed by other fanciers, some of which were very amusing.

While the birds were drying, Mr. Riseborough was plied with questions by the younger fanciers, to all of whom he gave the greatest satisfaction. Mr. Riseborough also advised those who had never yet washed a bird to try their hands at once. "Have a try to-morrow," said he; to which one of the visitors replied that the wife would be telling him he had better start and wash the bairns instead—a remark which evoked a general and broad grin. After the birds were thoroughly dry they were handed round for inspection, and their spotless condition drew from those present great appreciation of Mr. Riseborough's skill, especially from the visitors, not one of whom left before the meeting closed. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Riseborough brought a most enjoyable and instructive evening to a close.—W. REID, hon. secretary.

### Wild Birds in Edinburgh Park.

The Parks Committee of the Edinburgh Town Council have had under consideration a letter from the chairman of the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, asking that the capture of wild birds in the city public parks and open spaces should be made an offence under the Parks By-laws. It was stated that complaints had been made to the Society of the trapping and catching by professional bird catchers (and others) of birds, particularly Linnets, Chaffinches, and others, in the public parks and open spaces. It was agreed to reply that the by-laws for the public parks were being recast, and that the Committee intended to insert a clause for the protection of wild birds.

# CLUB REPORTS

## METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

At the last meeting, held at headquarters, the Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., on March 11th, an extremely interesting and instructive lecture was given by Mr. Geo. Gardner, the club room being crowded. Mr. Gardner took for his subject the condition of birds before pairing. Mrs. Box, Mrs. Maddison, Mrs. Cooper, and Mr. Edwards were proposed for membership. Mr. W. Brook was elected a member.—E. Box, Hon. Sec.

## GORAN AND DISTRICT O.C.S.

Usual meeting held in Boiler Makers' Hall, Greenhaugh-street. The president, Mr. J. Fraser, presided. A deal of discussion took place regarding judging for special prizes. Mr. A. Fergison moved that specials be judged for as last year. Mr. D. Black seconded, with recommendation that it lie over to next meeting. The judges for our next show were nominated and balloted in the usual manner. This concluded the meeting.—R. FERNIE, Hon. Sec.

## BOLTON AND DISTRICT O.S.

There was a good muster of members and friends at headquarters on March 17th, to witness a practical demonstration of cage-front making, by Mr. J. Smith, one of the members. Mr. Smith first dealt very fully with the methods employed by him of making the spirit, tinning the iron, etc., and then proceeded, in a good, workmanlike manner, with the operation. In a very short space of time there was handed round the room for inspection a front as neat and as well-made as anyone could wish for, and which, as the lecturer explained, was capable of being produced for a fraction over 3d. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Smith, on the proposition of Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Taylor.

## SALE (Open) O.S.

First annual tea and dance held on March 20th, at Masonic Hall, Tatton Road, when a good number of fanciers and friends sat down to a "knife and fork" tea. After justice had been done to this, the secretary, in the absence of the chairman, who was suffering from a severe cold, thanked all those who had joined in trying to make the affair a success. The programme was opened by Mr. Jenkinson's selections on the gramophone. Then Mrs. Smith, who presided at the piano, led off the dancing with a waltz, under the very able conducting of Colour-Sergeant Ellingham, of the Sale Territorials, who also gave very valuable help with his piccolo. Among those present were Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe, secretary of Manchester and N.C.O.S.; the well-known Altrincham secretary, Mr. T. Harrison, who, we hear, ties for the gold medal of the Green Club; also Mr. Buskey, the well-known exhibitor of Borders, and Mr. Wardleworth, of Altrincham, who came quite unexpected, and favoured us with a splendid song. The committee and president did all in their power to make everybody feel at home, and, needless to say, succeeded, as everyone expressed their satisfaction.—JAS. IRLAM, secretary.

## MORRISTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A most enjoyable evening was spent on March 20th, at the Woodfield Coffee Tavern, the society's headquarters. The members did ample justice to themselves. The function was the partaking of a cold luncheon, this being their second annual event of this kind. A vote of thanks was passed to the host and hostess for catering; also to Mr. D. M. Powell (chairman) for presiding so well. After the "feast" a meeting was held, as it was the society's final one for the year. The auditor's report was accepted. The society have to their credit close on £18 in the bank, so with such a balance in hand and the members catering so well as regards classes for exhibitors, I think they ought to patronise this society's show well next year. The retiring officers were given a hearty vote of thanks for their services during the past year. The new officers elected were:—Chairman, Mr. R. Stamp (Sketty); vice-chairman, Mr. W. R. Morgan; secretary, Mr. W. H. Lewis, Timothy Row, Morriston, near Swansea; auditors, Messrs. T. Phillips and D. M. Powell; treasurer, Mr. Harding Williams; committee, Messrs. W. Powell, Gervyn Jones, P. J. Rees, E. M. Evans, A. E. Taylor, W. H. Wilcox, T. Thomas, F. Heal, and T. Hopkins; show manager, Mr. D. Jeremy. It was decided to hold our next show on November 18th. It was with regret that the members accepted the late secretary's resignation, as he is reluctantly compelled to give up the office owing to his having no time to attend to same this year. But they would not free him from work, as they unanimously elected him as show manager. Will all intending members attend a meeting at headquarters on March 27th, this being the first meeting of the year? It is hoped all members will attend.—D. JEREMY, late secretary.

## CLAPHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

On March 16th, a large number of members and fanciers assembled at headquarters, Landor Hotel, to take part in a washing competition of Canaries, for valuable prizes given by Mr. Hayward and money prizes by the club, for birds that dried the best in one hour. The following members entered:—Messrs. E. J. Warley, L. Priest, E. Sexton, S. A. Sandy, C. Cutting, J. Brighty, F. Clark, W. J. Honeysett, C. Askew. Mr. Vale first gave an exhibition to the members present, explaining in detail the best methods to adopt in washing, and very quickly put a bird through the process, and it looked very smart indeed after its tubbing. After a very brief time one of the competing members found his bird had gone to its last rest, to the surprise of the younger members. The remainder turned out their birds in quick time. Mr Vale acted as judge, and it did not take him long to find the winning bird. He stated that, had there been a quarter of an hour more allowed, the winning bird would have been lower down, as the longer-feathered birds were longer in drying, but looked very smart. The result was as follows:—W. J. Honeysett, 1st with a Border Fancy (case of fish-knives and forks); F. Clark, 2nd with a tight-feathered Yorkshire, washed well and clean (amber cigar-holder, gold-mounted); E. Sexton, 3rd (money prize given by the club); vhc, C. Cutting, nice Yorkshire; hc, J. Brighty, Norwich; c. L. Priest, fine yellow Norwich. Several members, owing to unforeseen circumstances, could not be present; so it is proposed to hold a British bird competition in a short time. After a vote of thanks to Mr. E. J. Warley for lending his patent drying cage, and to Mr. Vale for judging, and Mr. C. T. Maxwell for giving valuable assistance, an enjoyable meeting was terminated.—A. C. ASKEW, secretary.

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## SANDY LANE AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

A lecture by Mr. S. Dean was given recently on "What we want in the Yorkshire Canary." There was a very good turn up of members and friends, who enjoyed the lecture. The way in which the speaker answered the numerous questions helped also to make it altogether a very pleasant evening.—B. BUCKLE, secretary.

## SALE OPEN O.S.

At our meeting on March 15th we were treated to a very bright and instructive lecture by Mr. J. W. Bancroft (Sale) on Breeding and Feeding for Colour. There was a very good number of members and friends present. Everyone seemed bent on learning something new, if possible, which, I fully believe, most of us did. After a vote of thanks to the lecturer, Mr. Bancroft suitably replied, and backed his speech up by promising to give a washing demonstration in June.—JAS. IRLAM, Sec.

## BRADFORD (West) C.B.A.

The annual social was held at their headquarters, Red Lion Hotel, on March 20th, about 100 members, friends, and their wives being present. A very enjoyable evening was spent. The Moire Quartette Party rendered glees, etc., and Mr. H. Farquahar created quite a sensation with his comic song. Mr. A. Penningroth presided at the piano. Mr. J. Townend (president), who makes a most affable chairman, presented the prizes to the winners, viz., Champion section: 1, Mr. J. Clark; 2, Mr. T. H. Inman. Novice section: 1, Mr. H. Graham; 2, Mr. W. Helliwell.—J. W. TELFORD, hon. secretary.

## FIFE AND KINROSS NORWICH O.S.

Meeting held March 20th, in Penman's Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, Mr. T. Barclay in the chair. Mr. J. Millar (Kinross) was elected hon. vice-president, and Mr. A. Hynd, Kinross, on the committee. The rules were reviewed and passed as ready for printing, and the printing contract was settled, the books the secretary had bought being approved of. There was a general discussion on the Norwich Plainhead, in which all present took part. Five new members were enrolled. Any fanciers wishing to be enrolled are requested to write to me.—A. DICKSON, 37, Adam's Terrace, Kelty.

## LOANHEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A meeting was held in Masons Arms, March 13th, Mr. A. Jardine (president) in the chair. Motions: That a class be added to Border Fancy section for Buff Greens; also that British birds be divided into two classes instead of one. After a little discussion both classes were added to. British birds have now a Softbill class, and one for Hardbills. Messrs. A. Gilebrist and G. Harper were appointed members of committee in place of Mr. J. Yule resigned. On the motion of the president, it was agreed to extend the time for admitting members to April 30th instead of the end of March. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought a very successful meeting to a close.—WALTER B. SMART, Secretary.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES Y.C.C.

First general meeting held at Crown Hotel, Station Street, Birmingham, on March 18th, Mr. J. Burke (Small Heath) in the chair. The following officials for the ensuing year were nominated:—Chairman, Mr. A. Paddock (King's Heath); vice-chairman, Mr. A. E. Bishop (Worcester); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. C. Wells (Erdington); committee (for Birmingham district), Messrs. J. H. Allen, J. Burke, J. L. Beck, E. C. Latham, S. Mole, and W. H. Uzzell; Outside Birmingham: Messrs. W. P. Foster (Loughborough), W. H. Raybould (Dudley), A. E. Bishop (Worcester), T. Hawley (Hanley), J. W. Lawton (Crewe), and A. Harris (Rugby). Election of president and vice-president was left in abeyance until next meeting, to be held on May 13th. It was decided to name the club the "Midland Counties Y.C.C.," with membership confined to the counties of Warwick, Worcester, Stafford, Northampton, Leicester, Derby, Nottingham, Bedford, Salop, Huntingdon, Hereford, Radnor, Rutland, and South Cheshire. An excellent set of rules similar to those of kindred clubs was drawn up, and copies will be sent to all members shortly; also to the hon. secretaries of Midland cage bird societies for distribution amongst their "Yorkie" members. Subscription was fixed at 2s. 6d. per annum, and in addition a nomination fee of 1s. Next meeting fixed for May 13th, at Crown Hotel, Station Street, Birmingham, 7.30 p.m. —W. C. WELLS, hon. secretary.

## HARROGATE C.B.S.

Annual meeting held at King's Cafe on March 15th, Mr. L. Hewson in the chair. The secretary, in presenting his report, stated that the balance in hand had been augmented by a profit of £12 10s. from a successful prize-drawing. The show season had been a failure, they had lost close on £7. The monthly shows had turned out fairly well. The society had lost by death one of its most esteemed members, Mr. Bennison. The financial statement showed that there was a balance in hand of £2 10s. 6d. On the motion of Mr. Fergusson, seconded by Mr. Head, the report and balance-sheet were adopted. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. H. Milling; Dr. Wilson (Kirkby Overblow), Councillor H. Abbott, Alderman I. Dickinson, Mr. O. F. Bates, and Mr. A. Chippindale are to be asked to stand as vice-presidents; Mr. G. H. Barnwell was re-elected treasurer; committee, Messrs. Fergusson, Walker, Hewson, Lealman, Duncan, Head, Ireland, Brown, Bousfield, Gregg, Bielby, and Veitch. The following additional rules were adopted:—"Should any vacancies on the committee occur, the existing committee shall have power to fill such vacancies up"; "Any member found borrowing or lending birds for show purposes shall be expelled, and forfeit all prizes or prize money due to him"; "The committee shall have power to deal with any matter not provided for in these rules." Messrs. W. Robson and W. Roberts were elected members. The chairman then presented the prizes won at the monthly shows as follows:—Yorkshire section: 1 (cup), W. Brown; 2 and special (rose bowl and pipe), T. Head; 3 (cup), W. E. Fergusson. Novices, Yorkshire section: 1 (cup), H. Robinson; 2 (timepiece), G. Ireland. Norwich section: 1 (cup), G. H. Barnwell; 2 (pair of curtains), A. Mason. British section: 1 (cup), D. Duncan, junr.; 2 (cruet and toast rack), J. Bousfield. Mr. Barnwell intimated that he would be pleased to give a cup for competition at one of next year's shows. An interesting little ceremony was then witnessed, the members showing their appreciation of the services of Mr. Barnwell, who has been secretary and treasurer of the society for four years, by presenting him with a handsome silver "gipsy" kettle and lamp. The kettle bore the inscription:—"Presented to Mr. G. H. Barnwell by the members of the Harrogate Cage Bird Society in recognition of his valuable services as secretary, March, 1909." The chairman said every member whom he had asked to subscribe had done so willingly and with great pleasure, evidence that the secretary was held in great respect and esteem. Mr. Barnwell suitably acknowledged the compliment, and said he would endeavour to do as well, if not better, in the future than he had done in the past. (Applause.) The remainder of the evening was spent in a convivial manner, an enjoyable programme of songs, etc., being contributed by Messrs. T. Coleman, H. Lunn, Harry Baines, H. Garrett, D. Duncan, junior, and J. H. Walker, with Mr. H. Burrill as accompanist.

## LEITH O.S.

Usual meeting held in the Liberal Club, Hope Street, on March 13th, the president, Mr. James Henry, in the chair. The classification for annual show to be held in October was gone into. After a deal of discussion, it was agreed to have the following classes:—Scotch Fancies 12, Norwich P.H. 10, Crests 2, Crest-Breds 2, Border Fancies 8, A.O.V. Canary 1, British 8, Mules 2, making a total of 45 classes. The membership now stands at 50, an increase of 16 over last year, but fanciers have still an opportunity of joining at the April meeting, which is the last for admitting new members.—GEORGE BROWN, secretary.

## LONDON AND COUNTIES O.A.

Usual meeting, held March 16th, at headquarters, "Goat and Compasses," Euston Road, N.W., Mr. F. W. Thorpe, president, in the chair. Prize-money and specials were paid out in respect of the late British and foreign bird show. Mr. J. Robson then gave us a lecture on "British Birds: Their Keeping and Exhibiting." Afterwards many questions were asked, and were ably answered. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. G. A. Morrison, and supported by P. Adamthwaite. Mr. P. Adamthwaite moved a hearty vote of thanks to the chair, which brought an enjoyable evening to a close.—W. GILBERT, hon. secretary.

## DEWSBURY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual meeting held at headquarters, Royal Hotel, on March 13th, Mr. W. T. Pickering presiding. Mr. N. Rayner gave the secretary's report, and a review of the past season's work, thanking all the officials for their loyal support. The year has been a prosperous one in all respects, and this ought to be an encouragement for us to face the future and do even better. The enthusiasm which the members have shown in everything they have taken in hand is capable of accomplishing great things. For the ensuing year Mr. W. T. Pickering was again elected president, Mr. H. Blaimires, vice-president, Mr. S. M. Ainley treasurer, and Messrs. S. Taylor and W. Clennett auditors. Mr. N. Rayner was unanimously re-elected secretary. The president is also the Yorkshire Union delegate. After the general business, the vice-president handed over the prizes won at several shows during the year, and in doing so addressed remarks of encouragement and congratulation, and spoke of the pride they must feel in receiving those prizes. Mr. W. T. Hall obtained the gold medal for the champion section, and as an old-time breeder and fancier of the "straight 'uns," he is to be congratulated. Mr. W. T. Pickering has pulled off a similar memento for the novice section, whilst Mr. H. Pollard took the silver medal as runner-up. A discussion respecting F. F. shows took place, and the first Saturday in June and July were the dates selected.—N. RAYNER, hon. secretary.

# THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

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### **In and Out of Distress.

A natural history student had the following remarkable experience with a Blue Jay. He and a party of friends were having a picnic at Stanton Drew, a village about seven miles from Bristol. They bivouaced in a small wood, near a stream. While there they heard piercing cries as from a bird in distress. These continued so long that two of the party proceeded in the direction from whence the noises came, to investigate. They had not gone far when the bird met them, still uttering these distressful cries. They called gently to it, and after a time it came to them, when one of them stretched out his hand and caught it. It proved to be a Jay. On examining the bird's mouth they found a growth at the back of the tongue, and as this interfered with its feeding, one held the bird while the other cut out the growth with a pair of pocket scissors. It was a wart-like substance, connected with the tongue by a narrow junction. They gave it something to eat and then let it go. Was not this cry an appeal to them to relieve it?—Sent by Edwin Atkinson (age 13), 158, Abel Street, Burnley.

### *A Parent Bird's Love.

During a stay in the country a boy friend of mine caught a young Thrush which he put in a cage in the window. Next day, and for a few days, the mother Thrush came and fluttered around the window until her young one was released, when they both flew off together, thus showing the parent bird's love.—Sent by David Duguid (age 13), 28, Bedford Place, Aberdeen.

### *The Blind Woman's Guide.

An old woman who had a gander, taught it that whenever the church bells rang on Sunday he must take in his bill the corner of his mistress's apron, and accompany her to church. The bird well fulfilled his charge, and as soon as he had led his mistress to church he would go and feed in an adjoining meadow until the close of the service, when he returned to the church door and led the old woman home.—Taken from "Children's Sunshine," and sent by Willie Chattle (age 10), 36, Rake Head, Stackstead.

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## NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

At meeting held March 9th, Mr. C. C. Blackshaw (Altrincham) gave a lecture on Borders, in which he gave some good advice to beginners especially. After some discussion, in which Messrs. Odell, Aspinall, Jones, Morris, Pike, and Clarke took part, Mr. Aspinall proposed, and Mr. Jackson seconded, that the best thanks be given to Mr. Blackshaw for his very able lecture.—JOHN DAVEY, Secretary.

## NORTHERN BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Annual meeting held March 17th, in Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Granger Street, Newcastle. Business was commenced by enrolling new members. That ardent fancier, Mr. T. C. Crawhall, was accepted as a member. It was proposed by Mr. Maddisen and seconded by Mr. McKenzie, that we draw for cups, viz., British, Mules, and foreign birds. After deciding upon the cups, the report and balance-sheet were then gone into. Messrs. G. Taylor and Curry, as auditors, gave their report, and it was decided to accept same. Presentation to medal winners: those present were Messrs. J. Maddison, J. McKenzie, G. Graham, C. J. Pettersen, and C. Waters. Mr. Currah being asked to hand over the foreign bird cup to Mr. McKenzie, said it gave him great pleasure to perform the duty, as it was the second cup he handed over to Mr. McKenzie, and he wished him every success in the forthcoming show season. Mr. McKenzie, in responding, said he was proud of being the successful exhibitor, and it gave him the greatest of pleasure to be amongst so many fanciers where so much friendly spirit existed. He wished the society every success. Election of office-bearers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. W. J. Taylor; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. T. Harris, T. Robson, J. T. Porteous, G. Davidson, Dr. O'Neal, J. W. Nicholson, and that hard-working and true fancier, Mr. Currah, who replied thanking the members for the honour they had conferred upon him; Chairman, Mr. J. Shepherd; vice-chairman, Mr. Curry; committee, Messrs. P. J. Maddison, T. C. Crawhall, J. McKenzie, E. Atkinson, J. Irving, G. Taylor, J. R. Slack, A. Story, G. Graham, C. Waters, M. C. Potts, T. Appleby, C. J. Pettersen, and M. Vanner; auditors, Messrs. G. Taylor, W. Curry; secretary and treasurer, J. Bertram, 95, Gainshro' Grove, Newcastle-on-Tyne. It was agreed to hold a table show at next meeting, four classes to be provided, viz., Goldfinch-Bullfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, A.O.S., Field-Moulted, Mr. Slack to judge. A hearty vote of thanks was given, which brought a long and representative meeting to a close. Anyone desirous of becoming a member (subscription 2s. 6d.), please communicate with me.—J. BERTRAM, secretary.

## HEREFORD F.A.

### Annual Dinner.

Annual dinner held at the Shire Hall on March 18th, a company of over 100 sitting down under the presidency of Mr. P. R. Harrower, amongst those present being Councillors Wren, Baker, Hammond, and Partridge, Messrs. Dixon (2), Hammond (3), Stone, Fountain, Alexander, Bowman, Smith (4), Shepherd, Wigton, Fleming, Ball, Chalk, Scoley, Johns, Golding, Braund, Ilott, Price, Garratt, Pinkham, Waddington, Sharpe, Mitchell, Hall, Dunn, Bates, Poyser, Bardale, Ramsey, Drever, Wheatcroft, Farley, Hudspeth, Tomlinson, Welch, Hoare (2), Dickens, Cooper, Scales, Woodland, Denn, Howe, Seymour, Stout, Peck, Harry, Rose, Looker, House, etc.

After the loyal toasts had been honoured, the Chairman, in proposing the "Hertford Fanciers' Association," said that for five years they had been endeavouring to further the interests of breeders in Hertford and the district. They started the society with eleven members, went on to forty, then to sixty, now they boasted of 110, and thirty vice-presidents—men who were vice-presidents in deed as well as name. They had made good progress in working the association, and could boast of doing what few societies could, and that was to make a profit of £10 on their annual show. The success achieved was due to the strenuous endeavours of a most excellent treasurer, a hard-working secretary, and a most harmonious committee. It was a great pleasure to attend the meetings and see all working for the benefit of the association.—Mr. Ilott, the hon. treasurer, in response, said he was pleased to say the association was never in so sound a position as it was to-day.

Mr. Looker, the hon. sec., in his remarks, said it was said twelve months ago that they were going to the wall, but the set-back of last year had not broken their spirit nor dismayed them, for they had gone on working, and to-day were stronger than ever. Their present committee was the best they had ever had, all earnest and enthusiastic workers for the society, and whilst they had such, and with Messrs. Harrower and Ilott as president and treasurer, they would go on to greater deeds.

Mr. Lloyd-Patch gave "The Judges," and remarked that in considering the work of the judges, which was at all times most difficult, they should ask themselves how many of us are infallible? The greatest criticism of the judges came from the novices, who often thought they knew more than the judges. As fanciers they should be sportsmen, and as sportsmen take the judges' ruling in good spirit, knowing that the judges had wider knowledge and experience. The older they got the more they would find they had to learn, and the more they learnt the less inclined they would be to criticise the work of the judges. He held the judges in great respect, and it was his ambition to one day be a judge himself, and if he could he second to such judges as they had at Hertford he should count himself a good one.—Mr. C. A. House responded. Other toasts were "Donors and Subscribers," "The Chairman," "The Visitors," and "The Press." During the evening Messrs. A. Pinkham, Harry Hall, and Finlay Dunn contributed to the enjoyment of the company.


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## ARDWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held March 16th, at headquarters, when Mr. R. B. Fryer (Manchester) gave a washing exhibition. There was a large attendance of fanciers and friends. He explained all the while he was washing the first bird the different methods that experienced fanciers adopted in getting the birds up for exhibition. The one adopted by Mr. Fryer himself was greatly appreciated, and everyone seemed interested and eager to gain as much information as possible. There were a few questions which Mr. Fryer answered in a straightforward manner. A very instructive and interesting meeting was concluded by a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Fryer, who promised to, at some future date, give us a lecture on Mule breeding.—J. SPENCER, Secretary.

## SOUTH WEST LONDON C.B.S.

On March 18th Mr. Robson delivered a lecture at the Plough Hotel, St. John's Hill, Clapham Junction, his subject being "Selection, breeding, and feeding during the breeding season." Those who were absent missed a lot. The lecturer dwelt quite threequarters of an hour upon the various points in regard to selection—a subject in itself so great and of such importance that I doubt whether many of our greatest breeders really think out for themselves the many points that should be thought out when pairing their stock up for breeding. The members very much appreciated the knowledge imparted to them. After the lecture members asked questions and raised many points of interest, which Mr. Robson answered. At the close Mr. McLaughlin proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was seconded and carried unanimously. Mr. Robson proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, which was also seconded and carried. This brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.—LILLEY, Hon. Sec.

## Y.C.C. OF IRELAND.

Annual general meeting held on St. Patrick's night in the Douglas Hotel, Eden Quay, Dublin, the chairman (Mr. J. J. Cloke) presiding. The report and balance-sheet were passed.—Mr. Gillen raised the point that the balance-sheet had not been audited in accordance with the rules of the club. Mr. Cloke explained that the reason the financial statement had not been audited was that the auditors had not, owing to an oversight, been appointed at the previous annual meeting; the committee had no power to appoint auditors. The balance-sheet showed that after discharging all liabilities, there was a balance to the credit of the club of 6s. 10d. The conditions governing the Closed Ring Cup were agreed to, as were also the new rules proposed by Mr. Devins and Mr. McDonnell. Thus in future the competition for the challenge and novice cups, and also the Closed Ring Cup, will be confined to colour-fed birds, and where two persons reside in the one house both must show in the champion classes. Mr. Devins was declared the winner of the Open Cup, and Mr. Coyne runner-up, and the Novice Cup was won by Mr. Fleming, the runner-up being Mr. Birse. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Major P. Trotter, R.A.M.C.; vice-presidents, Messrs. Barclay, Rowe, and Bray (re-elected); chairman, Mr. Cloke (ditto); hon. treasurer, Mr. R. F. Duigenan, 13, Gardiner's-place, Dublin (re-elected); hon. secretary, Mr. J. P. Rooney, 41, Munster-st., Dublin; committee, Messrs. Lambert, Kenny, McDonnell, and J. P. Rooney (all re-elected), and Messrs. C. A. O'Reilly, Dowling, Carroll, and Hyland (Dublin); Messrs. Devins, Hawkins, C. J. Mulligan, McQuaide, South, Keating, Thompson, and Dr. Lavery (Provincial). Mr. Rooney having been elected hon. secretary, a vacancy will occur on the committee, which will meet this (Saturday) evening at 51, Raymond-st., Dublin, at eight o'clock.—J. P. ROONEY, Hon. secretary.

## WESTERN COUNTIES O.S.

At general meeting held at Boro' Restaurant, on March 15th, a table show of Linnets and Goldfinches was held, 30 cages being staged. In the Goldfinch class the judge, Mr. L. S. B. Clarke, in his critique of the exhibits, specially commented on the winning bird (Mr. Pridham's) as evidencing great care and attention having been paid to its condition; also on the 3rd prize (Mr. Large's), as being very promising for a fresh caught bird. Good birds were also shown by Messrs. Wills, Cheshire, and Woodland. The Linnet class contained two exceptionally fine birds, viz., 1st (Woodland), and 2nd (Pridham), and there was a great diversity of opinion as to their proper placing. Mr. Clarke, in reply to questions, stated that he gave preference to winner as it was of better size, had better head and pencilling; he also allowed that the second had the richer colour, but it appeared to have very indistinct crest pencilling, owing, he considered, to colour feed. Other exhibitors in the Linnet class were Messrs. Rowe, Large, Wills, and Pope. Mr. Clarke then gave a few hints how to moult and keep Goldfinches in condition, and stated that he considered a diet of hemp seed only to be injudicious. He preferred a mixture of hemp, canary, teazle, go'd of pleasure, and maw seed. He also strongly advised giving wild seed of every description that the Finch would eat; his method being to take a country walk occasionally and gather anything he thought of use. In early spring, before the seeds were fit, he recommended young dandelion leaves and shepherd's purse. Mr. Clarke also laid great stress on the question of a good supply of grit, and said that he had found on post mortem examination of Finches that had died, that very often the gizzard was almost destitute of grit. He was a firm believer in always hanging up a bath for his Finches, and stated that he had found that the fact of having a bath hung on the cage often would induce a Finch that would otherwise roost hanging to the front wires to either remain on perch or roost close to the bath. In proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Clarke, the chairman (Mr. C. Dart) said he was pleased to see the good attendance that evening, and the evident interest shown in the doings of the society.—THOS. POPE, Hon. Sec.

# SINGING CONTESTS.

## CARBROOK, SHEFFIELD.

We had a contest on March 21st. The result was as follows:—1, Brown; 2, 3, Darby.—J. BLACKADDER, secretary.

## LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest for quality singing held March 21st, when 19 birds sang. 1st, C. Ward; 2nd, Sellers; 3rd, Gally. Judges, Messrs. Naylor and Symons.—WALTER NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Usual contest, held at King's Head, Shannon Street, on March 20th, when 16 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Melia and Harold. 1, Sissons; 2, Robinson; 3, Crowther. Also on March 21st, when 22 birds were hung up, and were judged by Messrs. Summers, Melia, and Cooper. 1, 2, Lister; 3, Sissons; 4, Crowther.—WILSON NAYLOR, hon. secretary.

## PRESTON.

Open contest, March 27th, at Fazackley Arms Hotel, Oxford Street, Preston. The landlord will give six good prizes for quality singing; 1s. per entry.—JOHN SUTTON.—(Advt.)

## PENTONVILLE (London) N.

Usual contests held at Bee Hive, Cynthia-street, Pentonville-road, during the week. Some very good scores were put up, "Hughes," "Nelson," "Country Dick" proving the winners. Nelson would like to sign articles for a race, Chaffinch against Chaffinch, home and home, Bee Hive and Mariners Arms, Poplar. Challenge through CAGE BIRDS will be attended to.—F. WESTMORE, Timekeeper.

## BOLDON VILLAGE.

Linnet contest, held at "Black Horse," on March 20th, being first one this year. Mr. Yates gave three good prizes, and there were 34 entries. Judge, Mr. Bailey; timer, Mr. Wilson. Result: 1, 3, Tracey; 2, Honey. Also a match was arranged between A. Tucker's bird and J. Tracey's, for £10 a side, at next contest, which will draw a big company.

## RYHOPE.

Linnet singing contest held March 20th at Grange Hotel, when Mr. Kirtley gave three prizes. There were 37 entries. 1st and 2nd, Machin (dinner set and set of carvers); 3rd, Dixon and Proctor (cruet stand). Judge, timekeeper, and bookkeeper, Messrs. Spencer, Stewart, and Cope.—TOM DAVIS, Sec.

## WIGAN.

Open Linnet match for time singing, held at Millstone Hotel; 36 birds came from Wigan, Leigh, Westhoughton, and Warrington. The winner broke record for time; it did 169 in 5 minutes' hanging. Winners: 1, Lady Green, 169; 2, Fairhurst, 129; 3, Millingan, 118; 4, Sephton, 117; 5, Mather, 113; 6, Seddon, 94; 7, W. Jones, 81. Timekeepers, Messrs. Higham, Mawsdley, and Green. A most enjoyable evening was spent amongst the Linnet fanciers.—A. PARKER.

## SHEFFIELD.

The result of the weekly Linnet contest held at Newmarket Hotel, Sheaf-st., was as follows:—1, 2, Palfreyman, 93secs., 71secs.; 3, Spatswood, 70secs. Timekeepers, Messrs. Ballington & Fenn; judge, Mr. Beard.—H. FENN, secretary.

## DURHAM.

Linnet singing contest will be held at Burton Hotel, Gilesgate, when prizes of 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., and 1s. 6d. (guaranteed) will be offered. Entrance fee 6. Judge, Mr. Geo. Reed (Brandon).—(Advt.)

## YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet contest held at Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer-lane, Hungate, March 20th, when 24 birds entered for competition. Result: 1, 4, Oldroyd; 2, Limbert; 3, Laverick; 5, Whiteley. Mr. J. W. Paver officiated as judge, Mr. J. Limbert, senr., timekeeper.—WM. EMPSON.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Crown Inn, North-street, when 24 birds competed. Result:—1st, Bean; 2nd, Chaplin; 3rd, Kirby; 4th, Gurden; 5th, Massheder. Judge, Mr. W. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest, held at Crown Inn, North Street, when 22 birds competed. Result:—1, Oxbury; 2, Cole; 3, Lee; 4, Gurden; 5, Massheder. Judge, Mr. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH, hon. secretary.

## DARLINGTON.

Darlington.—Open Linnet singing contest, at George Hotel, Saturday, April 3rd. First prize, cruet; second prize, silver medal; entrance, 6d. Commence at 2.15 p.m.—R. S. BLACK, hon. secretary.—(Advt.)

## HULL.

Usual week-end contest held at headquarters, North Bridge Hotel. The day was beautiful, the birds taking advantage of it by singing well. Dead-heat between F. Broadbent and C. Conyers for 1st prize; 3, C. Conyers, jun.; 4, H. Davinson; 5, R. Dearlove; 6, E. Moore. Judges, Messrs. Moore and Conyers, sen. Timekeeper, Mr. Broadbent. The room was literally crowded out with fanciers.—E. MOORE, hon. secretary.

## NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual contest, held on March 20th, when 16 birds sang. Result:—1, Hardcastle; 2, Binns; 3, Hardeastle. Judges, Messrs. Jackson and Jennings. Timekeeper, Mr. Towers. Contest on March 21st, when 20 birds sang for three good prizes. 1, Hardcastle; 2, Binns; 3, Hardcastle. Judges, Messrs. Jackson and Jennings. Timekeeper, Mr. Towers.—W. DEAN, Hon. Sec.

## BLACKBURN.

Blackburn Quality Linnet S.A. held week-end rehearsal on March 20th, when 15 birds sang for three prizes. A large number of members and friends were present. Result: 1, J. Harrison; 2, G. Rostron; 3, R. Hayhurst. Judges, Messrs. Dobson, Cardwell, and Feuder; timekeeper, Mr. Topping. After the contest members and friends enjoyed some excellent singing by the birds.—G. ROSTRON and T. SLATER, joint secretaries.

## PENDLEBURY.

Lark singing contest, held March 20th, at "British Queen." There was great interest taken in the contest, as it was "daylight singing." We were pleased to welcome fanciers from Bolton. The terms were as usual—hanging three minutes, singing 12 minutes. 1, Lee, 8mins. 45secs.; 2, Smith, 7mins. 39secs.; 3, Williams, 6mins. 34secs. Timekeeper, Mr. Cordwell; judge, Mr. C. Royle. Match at headquarters, "British Queen," between J. Lee and G. Boardman. Same terms as above. J. Lee, 11mins. 38secs.; Boardman, 11mins. 30secs. Same timekeeper and judge.—ALEX. DONNELLY.

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# TWITTERINGS.

I find CAGE BIRDS, a very helpful paper, and full of good suggestions, writes Mr. T. Cross (Manchester).

Kindly note, writes Mr. J. Bertie, that I have removed to 521, Woodborough Road, Mapperley, Nottingham.

Mr. Montague E. Feltham (late of Boscombe), writes that he is now residing at 128, Commercial Road, Bournemouth.

The Penzance and Dis. F.A., writes Mr. J. Pearce Sampson, will hold its annual show on November 10th and 11th, when Mr. C. A. House will judge the cage birds.

The Hartlepools C.B.S. draw, writes Mr. H. J. L. Williams, the hon. secretary, will not be published until next week, owing to some of the books not having been returned.

In Mr. John Boxall's (of Brighton) advertisement of Norwich Canaries in our last issue there was a printer's error. "Norwich cocks 4s. 6d.," should have read "Norwich cocks 7s. 6d."

The Lockeraig F. and F.A. (Fife), writes Mr. Robert Balloch, the secretary, will hold their first annual show on December 4th. Will all Fife secretaries please note so that there will be no clashing of dates?

We regret to learn that Mr. W. Hodson, the popular hon. secretary of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., is laid aside with a severe attack of influenza. All will wish him a speedy and complete restoration to health.

An important purchase of light Muling hens, with a few cock birds, has just been completed by Mr. W. Rudd, the well-known bird specialist of Norwich, from a noted (fifteen-year) breeder in the Midlands.

# OBITUARY

### Mr. ROBERT ADAMSON (Glasgow).

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. Allan Chalmers (Kirkintilloch), that I have to announce the death of the esteemed secretary of the Scottish Crest Club, Mr. Robert Adamson, of 56, Petershill Road, Glasgow, who passed away on March 16th. He died from that fell disease pneumonia. His loss to the S.C.C. will be felt very much, as he was always willing to help to further its interests. Though not an extensive exhibitor himself, he was a thorough Crest enthusiast. His early demise at the age of 34 years will be felt more keenly in his home circle, where he leaves a widow and four young children (the oldest being seven years old), who, I feel confident, have the sympathy of fanciers in general in their sad bereavement.

One of the "oldest inhabitants" of Roath Park, Cardiff, is said to be a black and white Blackbird. Its head is white, and so is a part of its body. The bird has been there for two years, and it is whiter this year than last.

We hear that Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham), is one of the judges elected to officiate at the annual show of the York C.B.S., to be held on October 29th and 30th, and is the judge elect for the Consett (co. Durham) Show on November 13th.

We are holding two nest feather shows this season, one on June 12th, 1909, and the other on July 31st, writes Mr. Benj. Bullough, hon. secretary, Southport and Dis. C.B.C. Mr. J. W. Cleminson (Preston), is engaged to judge the first one.

A good substitute for egg-food will be welcomed by many bird-breeders, and to such we can recommend the "Woodland Bird Milk," of the Creamery Co., Garstang, Lancs. (a preparation in powder form), which has been tried and found excellent by noted breeders.

Owing to pressure of business, writes Mr. Albert V. Lane, Mr. Albert B. Forse has been obliged to resign the secretaryship of the Walthamstow F.A. In future all communications for the association should be addressed to me as hon. secretary, at 9, College Road, Walthamstow.

The Pendlebury, Swinton and Dis. Canary and British Bird Society, writes Mr. Alex. Donnelly, the secretary, have arranged to hold meetings every fortnight. The next meeting is to be held at headquarters "Blue Ribbon Hall," April 1st, at 7.30., when all members are asked to attend.

Two fanciers were journeying from Wales to a recent show, writes "Taffy," and in the afternoon, just after leaving a certain junction, one of them remarked: "What a red sunset!" "Yes," replied the other, "it has been partaking of Ramsden's pepper and has come out a red 'un."

The pictures of my Bullfinch and my Goldfinch which you published in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Frank Jones, jun. (Wrexham), I was very pleased with. I am sure great credit is due to Mr. Norman upon the natural and life-like way in which the birds are drawn. Please thank him on my behalf.

The judges elected for our show, to be held on October 30th, writes Mr. J. Logan, hon. secretary of the Dysart C.B.S., are as follows: Messrs. J. Holmes (Edinburgh), for Norwich; G. Hyslop (Stirling), for Border Fancies; J. Brown (Edinburgh), for British and foreign birds; and D. Low (Dundee), for Scotch Fancies.

At a meeting to be held at the "Old Boar's Head," Middleton, on March 27th, at 7 o'clock, writes Mr. W. Adams, sec. of the Lancashire C.A., we are having Mr. Barrass' articles on Lancashires read, and as Mr. Barrass is recognised as one of the best men amongst Lancashire fanciers, we hope we shall have a crowded meeting which, I may say, is open to all, whether members or not. This being about the time to commence breeding operations, the meeting is sure to be full of interest. If time allows a discussion will afterwards follow.

At a committee meeting of the cage bird and fur department in connection with the Redruth Exhibition, write Messrs. Opie and Kemp, hon. secs. of those departments, Mr. J. North, of Reading, was unanimously elected judge of the cage-bird section at the forthcoming shows on June 30th and July 1st.

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We are now preparing our manual for 1909, writes Mr. B. F. Forse, hon. secretary of the Leyton and Dis. C.B.A., and I should be glad to hear from any fancier desirous of joining the association. Members who have not yet paid their subscription for 1908 should do so at once to ensure their names appearing in the list of members.

I have resigned the secretaryship of the Morriston and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. D. Jeremy, as I find that all my time will be taken up otherwise this year. The new secretary is Mr. W. H. Lewis, Timothy Row, Morriston, near Swansea, and all future correspondence in connection with the society must be addressed to him.

The Exeter and District C.B.S. have issued a capital programme of events for 1909, which includes lectures by Messrs. D. Browning (on "Breeding and Showing of the Crest"), and W. J. Smith (on "Wild Birds and Their Seeds"); an impromptu debate; a ramble; a "convivial" evening, etc. The secretary is Mr. R. H. Folley, 28, Rosebery Road, Exeter.

We have secured the services of Messrs. J. H. Roe and R. Barrass (Rochdale) as judges for our annual open show, to be held on November 6th, writes Mr. Wm. Adams, hon. secretary of the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S. We are again holding the exhibition in the Parish Church Schools, and the committee are hoping to make it one of the best one-day shows in Lancashire.

About a fortnight ago, writes Mr. H. Deeming (Wolverhampton), I stopped to look in at a newsagent's, and seeing CAGE BIRDS there I thought I would buy it. I was so interested in it that by the time I had finished reading it I had made up my mind to go in for Canary breeding. I shall now be a regular reader of your valuable paper, as I think it will be very useful to me in my new hobby.

Through lack of funds and interest in the Nortbern Norwich Plainhead Club, and owing to championship bowl being won outright this season, the members have decided to abandon the club in the meantimo, writes Mr. Anthony Hay, the hon. secretary. As my duties as secretary now cease, anyone requiring any information respecting the club should communicate with me before the end of April, all letters to be addressed to 30, Main Road, Tweedmouth, Berwick-in-Tweed.

I arrived quite safely in the "old country" about two weeks ago, writes Mr. C. Henfrey (East Kirkby), having had a very pleasant journey. I had to leave my place in Strathcona, Canada, in a hurry, as I had received very bad news respecting an accident which had occurred to my father. I am glad to say, however, that he is progressing favourably. I mean to go in for birds properly now. I take in CAGE BIRDS every Friday. I have learned quite a lot from it already, and am always anxious for Friday to come.

The rule book and programme for the 1909 season of the London and Provincial O.S. reaches us from the secretary, Mr. H. E. Tringham (Old Barge House Wharf, Commercial Road, London, S.E.). A very neat little production, it contains a splendid list of lectures, instructive washing exhibitions and competitions for the delectation of members. Included among the lectures we note a cinematograph display by Mr. Kearton, the celebrated ornithologist, which should be a great attraction; also a lecture by Mr. Wesley T. Page, on "Foreign Birds."

I resigned the secretaryship of the Spen Valley C.B.S., writes Mr. R. Bennett, at our general meeting on March 15th. Mr. J. Lewis, of Howard Park, Cleckheaton, has been elected in my place. Mr. J. W. Wharton was elected president in place of Mr. J. M. Greig (resigned). It was resolved to offer for members' shows, 1909 and 1910 a silver cup as first prize, to be won three times in all; also a gold medal value 21s. Our late president (Mr. J. M. Greig) very generously promised a silver rose bowl as second prize, to be won three times in all. The society also gives a medal, value 10s. 6d., as second prize, and a third prize, medal value 5s., for British bird classes, soft billed bird medal, value 5s., and a hard billed bird medal, value 5s. All communications in future in connection with the society must be addressed to Mr. J. Lewis, the hon. secretary.

"Bird Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club—for March, constitutes the first part of volume 7, and is full of interesting reading. The frontispiece is an excellent reproduction of a picture by Mr. H. Goodchild of the living specimen of the Great or Giant Barbet in the possession of Mr. S. M. Townsend, who contributes notes on the species. Other notes are also supplied by Mr. W. T. Page. Lady Dunleath gives us some "Miscellaneous Notes (1908) from the Ballywalter Park Aviaries," which are supplemented by two photographs taken by the authoress. Mr. R. Suggitt's article on "Experiences of Foreign Bird Importation," and Mr. O. Millsum's on the "Parasitical Habits of the Silky Cowbird," afford capital fare, and there are also some editorial notes on the foreign bird section of the last Crystal Palace Show.

The North London C.B.A. have issued quite a nice little manual for 1909. It contains a list of fixtures for the year, including many very interesting lectures; the rules and regulations of the society and the show rules; and a list of members' names and addresses. The secretary is Mr. R. P. Harper, 26, Brighton Road, Stoke Newington, N.

Compressed hair is claimed to be one of the most perfect nesting materials known, and Mr. T. C. Crawhall (St. George's Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne), has sent us a sample of the very excellent hair which he is advertising in our columns this week, with prizes for users of the same. Those who have never seen this compressed hair should make a point of doing so.

Two or three weeks ago, writes the Rev. Bernard Wilton ((Middlesbro'), I received an offer of a Cirl Bunting from an unknown correspondent. I asked him to forward the bird and I would send cash or exchange. He did so, but unfortunately I lost his address in the interval. I have been expecting him to write again; but he has not done so. I should be glad if he would kindly communicate with me.

### "Popular Bird" Competition.

A letter from a correspondent has led to a little competition being put before our readers this week. Particulars will be found in the correspondence pages and should not be overlooked.

### Scottish Crest Club.

Owing to the sudden and regrettable demise of Mr. Robert Adamson, tho secretary of the Scottish Crest Club, writes Mr. Allan Chalmers, all future correspondence in connection with the club may be addressed to me at 69, Hillhead, Kirkintilloch, until a new secretary has been appointed.

### Yorkshire Canary Club.

The nominations of officers for 1909-10, must be in the hands of the secretary not later than March 31st. Will members kindly fill up the form in the centre of the club's handbook and forward at once to the secretary?—JOHN GREAVES, hon. secretary, Y.C.C., 279, Hollings Road, Bradford, Yorks.

### Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.

A meeting of delegates will be held on March 27th, at the Market Tavern, Bradford. Business: rumoured irregularity of late Union shows; balance-sheet; auditors' report; scrutineers' report of ballot; ballot result of judges for open show, etc., etc. This is the final meeting for the old delegates.—SAMUEL DEAN, hon. secretary, Y.U. of C.B.S., 6, Ashmount, Gt. Horton, Bradford.

### A Yorkshire Matter.

At the next meeting of the Yorkshire Union (held to-day, Saturday), a case of alleged irregularity at Union shows is to be brought forward. We understand that the irregularity referred to is a rumoured case of a novice showing the birds of a champion exhibitor in novice classes. We hear that the novice states that he bought the birds in question, and that the professional borrowed them to exhibit at a members' show with the object of winning a cup.

### The Welsh Cage Bird Club.

The annual general meeting will be held on April 3rd, at the Ship and Bell, Merthyr, at 3.30 o'clock, when the balance-sheet for the year, also for the club show, will be presented. Other business is as follows: Proposed alteration of rules; club show for 1909; refusal of entries; presentation of cups and medals, also cash to those who preferred this to medals. Nominations will be received for the various offices. At the close of the business Mr. T. H. Melhuish has promised to give a lecture on "Breeding and Management." Anyone wishing to join the club will oblige by sending on their names, with 3s. subscription, to me.—D. H. TEDSTONE, hon. secretary, Welsh C.B.C., 4, George Street, Brecon.

### Our "Ladder of Progress" Competition.

We desire to call the attention of our readers to a competition we have instituted this week, and to ask their kindly co-operation in its carrying out. We want to obtain the names and addresses of keepers of pet cage-birds—every keeper, if possible—who have not as yet had our journal, CAGE BIRDS, brought to their notice. There must be many such, and who, if they but knew the wider delights of the hobby open to them, would take it up with thoroughness and enthusiasm. By co-operating in our competition, then, readers will be helping our hobby, helping themselves, and helping the bird-keepers whose addresses they obtain. We will give one of our coloured picture postcards in exchange for every name and address of a bona-fide keeper of cage-birds, who has never yet heard of this journal, which is sent in to us. In addition, we offer a first prize of £4 (cash), a second prize of £1 (cash), and a handsome pair of framed plates of birds to the three readers sending in the three highest lists of such names and addresses. Full particulars, and a few hints for intending competitors, will be found on page 327.


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# The Colour-feeding of Birds.

By J. W. RAMSDEN.

**A Lecture delivered before the members and friends of the London and Provincial O.S. on March 18th.**

We have met together this evening to consider the question of colour-feeding. A more important subject, in my opinion, is breeding for colour, for unless you breed for colour it is practically impossible to colour-feed to perfection. Breeding for colour is a subject too often neglected, and before speaking on colour-feeding, I should like to say a few words on colour-breeding.

### Breeding for Colour.

To breed for colour, it is important to have a certain amount of green blood in your birds. Green stock birds are somewhat hard to purchase, but they are comparatively easy seller; but having bred a green stock bird, you have to rely on the good faith of the seller but having bred a green stock bird, you know exactly what you have got. To obtain an ideal green stock bird, I advise you to pair two heavily-variegated yellows together. For the moment, I am thinking of the Norwich Plainhead. Let the two heavily-variegated yellows be birds of good type or substance, and of good quality of feather. A yellow green bred from two such birds will prove to be of wonderful value in breeding for colour. He will be a bird of colour and quality, and of the rich golden green so seldom seen nowadays. There are greens and greens. The bird known as the Liverpool green is not the bird needed—that bird is too much of a grass green, and is not nearly so rich in colour as the green bird I have advised you to breed.

Having bred your green stock bird, mate him to a clear buff hen, and the produce of the union will be some rare coloured birds, especially the yellow cocks. Mr. J. H. Payne, when speaking on the Norwich Plainhead, advised breeders to double-yellow, and reserve for stock any buffs bred from the two yellows. I agree with Mr. Payne, for a buff bred from two yellows is full of colour and a most suitable bird to mate with the green previously referred to. The young from such birds are teeming in colour and quality, and when colour fed are what our show reporters like to call "balls of fire." Fanciers sometimes say to me, "I have colour-fed some twenty to thirty birds, and have all shades of colour." I reply, "Exactly so, for according to the amount of colour bred, into your birds, so you must expect appearances, even after you have colour-fed on the finest feed procurable." You must breed for colour, as well as feed for colour.

Some fanciers endeavour to improve the colour of their birds by the introduction of Cinnamon blood, but experience has satisfied me that this is not a satisfactory method. The Cinnamon will improve the quality of the feather, but more often than not produces a colour that may be described as salmon-pink-yellow, instead of the golden yellow required.

### The Advantages of Colour-feeding.

On the question of feeding for colour, I am afraid there is very little to be said that has not been said before, and fully reported in the Fancy Press. Colour feeding has been practised now for some 35 years. It was in the year 1873 that the late Mr. Bemrose first announced to the Fancy that the sole agent used in obtaining the wonderful colour in his birds was cayenne pepper, and since that date the majority of exhibitors have colour-fed either on pepper or some other colouring agent. It is an undisputed fact that the colour-feeder has an immense advantage over the non-feeder—an advantage he has ever held where both have started in the race on the same terms as regards the quality of the birds. There is no doubt that colour-feeding will always be practised, because of this advantage, no matter what rules clubs or societies may pass to the contrary. We will now consider what is the best agent for colour-feeding. Drugs, fruits, flowers, and wines have and can be used, but to-day the article most frequently used is what is known to most of you as tasteless pepper.

As there still remains some doubt in the minds of many fanciers as to what tasteless pepper really is, and also whether it is really harmless to the birds, I propose to go fully into the question, so that you may rest assured that in tasteless pepper you are using a fruit that is perfectly harmless to the most fragile and delicate bird.

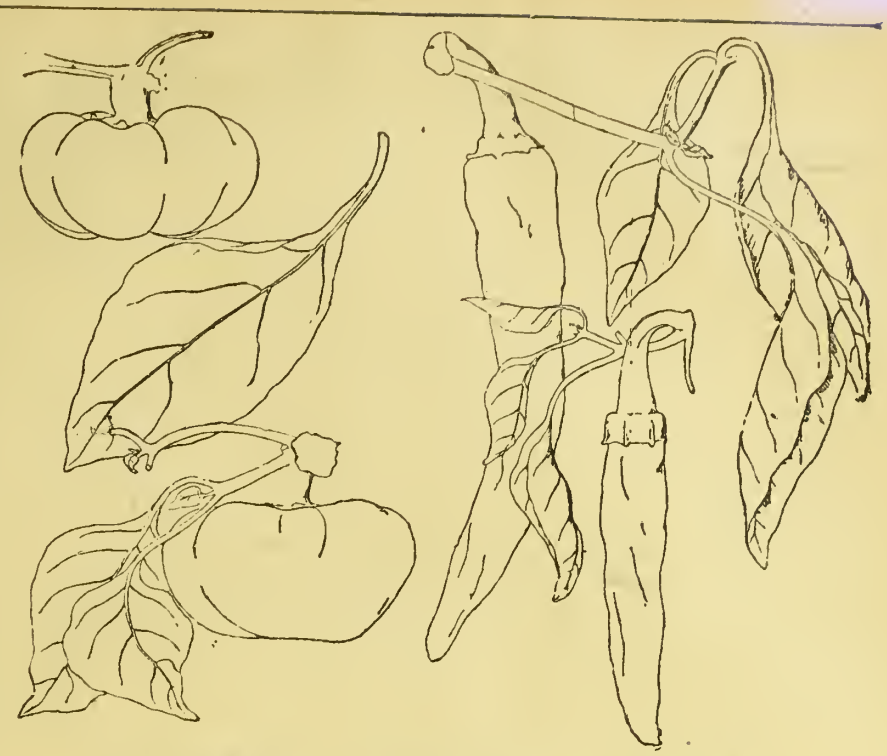
Tasteless pepper is obtained from the pods of several species and varieties of the Genus Capsicum—the same family of plants as the tomato, egg plant, etc. Capsicums are cultivated in many parts of the world, and of recent years have been grown and reported on by the Missouri Botanical Society at their gardens in Missouri, St. Louis. Their report is most interesting, as the following extracts will show:—"All garden varieties which were procurable, together with numerous so-called species, have been cultivated at the garden for four years, furnishing most valuable material in the prosecution of the work on the Genus Capsicum." It would take far too long for me to wade through the report on some 54 species, so I will first quote one or two items of general interest, in order to prove that Capsicums are harmless as a bird food; also the reports and descriptions of the species most suitable for bird feeding. In this report Dr. Rusby writes:—"I have seen a good deal of the Genus Capsicum in South America, and have observed a great tendency to variation. I have seen but few well distinguished forms, and about these are grouped hosts, presenting every shade of variation in size, colour, form and surface planes of fruit. There are corresponding differences in pungency and flavour, in detecting which the natives are very expert. Each man will have some cherished plant, that to him is very distinct and far superior to anything that his neighbours can boast." Mr. Irish, in the same report, writes that the economic value of the fruit has long been known. Tho southern natives used it as much in ancient times as they do at present. In Spain and India, as early as the sixteenth century, the fruit was employed in dressing meats, and was supposed by many to be very valuable for dyeing. "Apart from its value as a food, Capsicum is considered a very healthful bird food, and is used to some extent for this purpose. (It is not stated whether Capsicums were used as a colour food, but simply as a healthful bird food.) Many of the Capsicums are more or less used either in pickles or in the raw or cooked state, the milder sorts being much preferred by northern consumers, and tho more pungent ones by the southern people. They are sliced, and either mixed with salads or served like tomatoes, with vinegar and salt."

### Different Varieties Described.

I will now give you the descriptions of the varieties we are interested in. First, our old friend the pungent Capsicum, known to you as Natal or cayenne, here described as Capsicum annuam acuminatum. This variety is cultivated to the best state of perfection in Natal. I produce a plate and some of the pods, also some of the pepper for your own inspection. Secondly, we have two varieties that are only slightly pungent, viz., Capsicum annuum longum Cardinal, and Capsicum annuum longum elephant's trunk. These two varieties are somewhat acrid and coarse. The pods are a deep dull red, and the flesh somewhat pungent.

Of the varieties known as "sweet," "mild," or "tasteless," I propose to mention but two or three. There are many, but the others will not interest us. First is Capsicum annuum grossum, "The Bell." Secondly, "Sweet Spanish," and thirdly "Sweet Mountain." These are the smaller plants, bearing larger and milder fruits than the others, and are the plants from which the better qualities of tasteless pepper are obtained. I show you the plates, dried pods, also the pepper. This you will observe to be very fine both in colour and quality.

Some of the more prolific species of Capsicum bear pods that are not so deep in colour. These are very useful for yellow feeding, but not deep enough for red feeding. This pale pepper is cheap, and when sold for red colour feeding is usually artificially coloured. I can show you here two samples, one genuine, one faked. From the colour I shall obtain from each on a clean piece of paper you will be able to tell the amount of artificial colour used. I have often been asked if the artificial colours used are harmful to the birds. I am of the opinion that if colour feeding lasted for a week only, no great harm would be done, but as it lasts weeks, or even months, I am of the opinion that it is harmful. Arsenic and strychnine can be used by us in minute doses to advantage, but if taken in excessive doses daily, or several times daily, as birds take colour food, it would probably finish us off in the same way that these faked peppers will finish off the birds that are fed on them.



**The Plants from which Colour Food is obtained.**

**Sweet, or tasteless pepper, comes from the fruit which resembles a tomato (seen on the left), and the hot, or cayenne pepper, from the long, pointed fruit (seen on the right).**

### The Oil in Tasteless Pepper.

Before proceeding to the actual process of colour-feeding the birds, there is one more point I must refer to, *re* tasteless pepper, and that is with reference to the amount of oil it contains. According to the species, age, and dryness of the pod before grinding, so the proportion of oil varies. Upon analysis, tasteless peppers have been found to contain from 4 per cent. to 17 per cent. of oil. I prefer a pepper containing about 12½ to 15 per cent. of oil, as oil certainly produces a gloss upon the feathers. At the same time, if you have a pepper containing 15 per cent. of oil, you would only court disaster if you added 2oz. of oil to the pound, as is so often advised. This would cause an excess of oil, and probably cause a slackness of feather in the bird. If, however, you have a dry pepper, then 2ozs. of oil could be added to the pound, using for preference the finest sublime salad oil. This, if the quality is right, is expensive, but the best is always the cheapest in the end. Pepper containing the full proportion of oil has a better appearance, and apparently contains more colour than the dry peppers. Some of these dry peppers I have shown you would look 10 per cent. better if I added 15 per cent. of oil to them.

### The Use of Cayenne Pepper.

Now, we often read in the Fancy papers that various gentlemen advise the use of hot cayenne pepper for colour feeding. I don't agree with them. In my opinion, feeding on hot cayenne is wrong, excepting within certain limits. If we turn to "Squire's Companion" to the British Pharmacopœia, we find the medicinal properties of Capsicum fruit, or cayenne pepper described as follows:—"A powerful stimulant, used chiefly as a condiment; given in intermittent fevers with quinine, in low forms of fever, diarrhœa, cholera and in the black vomit of hot climates, also in alcoholic dyspepsia, dose half to one grain of the powder." There are in one ounce of cayenne pepper 437 full doses for a human being, and yet we are told to use hot and cold pepper in equal parts in colour-feeding our birds. Cayenne pepper is a caustic irritant, and to feed a bird on it for two or three months at a stretch must be injurious to the bird.

I have on previous occasions stated that I did not believe in colour-feeding on cayenne pepper, and in consequence I receive some scores of letters on the subject from well-known fanciers who, with one exception, were against me. I was invited to inspect rooms where birds were being colour-fed on hot pepper, and I accepted the invitations. I found birds being colour-fed on 75 per cent. tasteless and 25 per cent. cayenne pepper. One ailing bird I asked permission to kill and examine. This was granted, and on opening the bird I found the intestines inflamed and slightly ulcerated, due, in my opinion, to the excessive use of cayenne, given in the colour food. In another room I visited, the room of a well-known Yorkshire fancier, I found some 300 birds being fed on tasteless pepper, to which had been added one ounce finest Natal to each pound of the tasteless. My host explained that he found tasteless pepper relaxing to his birds, and the addition of the one ounce of cayenne corrected this, and the warmth of the feed appeared most gratifying and comforting to the bird. I examined many of the birds, and found them in perfect health, and was bound to admit that appearances were against me. I saw this fancier's birds again after the moult, and they were really a splendid colour. A large number of fanciers have assured me that they obtained better results when they added from half to one ounce best cayenne with each pound of tasteless pepper, some commencing to do so when their birds were about half-way through the moult, others starting to do so immediately the moult commenced. From these experiences I am forced to admit that cayenne is not injurious when used in very small quantities.

### Colour-feeding Not Injurious to Birds.

A vote was taken by one of the Fancy journals a short time ago on the subject of colour-feeding. Readers were asked to say if they considered colour-feeding injurious to the health of the birds, and the result of the vote was "No," by a large majority. Strange to say, 740 voted for colour-feeding being abolished, against 710—a majority of 30—the chief reasons being: 1, expense; 2, trouble caused. Now, it costs 6d. to colour-feed a bird—whether this is too expensive I leave you to decide. Trouble? Yes, lots of it.

To colour-feed properly, your birds must have daily attention, often at a time when you could be away holiday-making. Leave your birds on seed only for a few days, and the result will be that they will be patchy in colour. We, therefore, admit that colour-feeding is perhaps expensive, and certainly causes a great deal of trouble. I do not propose to treat on the question of alleged cruelty, as no man in his senses could maintain for a moment that colour-feeding, as practised in these days, could by any stretch of imagination be termed cruel.

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# Hints on Pairing Up Birds and Rearing Young Ones.

By J. C. BARNES.

This article I shall endeavour to make as plain and as easily understandable as possible. Much matter, at one time or another, has been written concerning the breeding of birds, and one feels it difficult to speak of something which shall be fresh. Many times have I had the pleasure of placing before the Fancy (especially the younger fanciers) hints of various descriptions appertaining to the delightful hobby of Canary culture, so I cannot conscientiously crave indulgence as a "novice" at such business, but at the same time I may be allowed to express the hope that a few of my readers may find this present article helpful. It is to the beginner in the Fancy that I wish to convey a serviceable hint or two, if within my power. Years ago I was myself a novice, ever ready to absorb advice, and many items I picked up greatly helped me. My advice to budding young fanciers is: Never think you know it all; always be open to learn. When amongst the older fanciers, keep your ears at attention.

### Before Pairing.

Now to business: In the first place perhaps it will be advisable to outline briefly the methods I pursue previous to the pairing up of my stock.

The flight cages accommodate most of my hens for a matter of two months or even more previous to matrimonial duties commencing. Exercise of this description is beneficial in almost every way. One great benefit is that it keeps your hens from getting too fat, therefore assisting very materially against egg binding. In many instances egg binding is brought about by hens being too fat internally.

Should I find any of my cock birds putting more flesh on than I consider good, or which I think might interfere with the fertilisation of the eggs, then into the flights they go also. A fortnight or so will put matters right, as a rule. Unfertile eggs can be caused by the male bird being too corpulent.

All birds have their good and bad ways, so study their "tempers," and use your discretion. Some birds are very obstinate (like some human beings), and some are very vicious, almost exhausting one's patience. Still, by judicious management (of which I shall speak), the time comes when the "lion" may be led like a "lamb," and the "sinner" become a "saint," and all things go merrily as the proverbial marriage bells.

If at all possible, it is wise to keep the cocks in one room and hens in another. This, I know, is not convenient to the majority of fanciers, and where unworkable, keep the sexes as far away from each other as possible—out of each other's sight, as best you can.

When breeding for the show bench, judicious matching is necessary. The owner of the birds acts as the introducer of suitable partners, and officiates as parson at the "wedding festivities." His task often proves of a very difficult nature, should the birds have been kept where they can see, and make overtures to, each other. They will pick out partners they like, and a thousand to one such will be undesirable. This makes matters rather unpleasant when "Harry," who has been making love to "Harriet," has to have "Charlotte" forced on to him. Here come in squabbles and forced separations—sometimes even murder, should the eye of the owner be turned in other directions for too long a period. Do your best to avoid mishaps of this description.

### Help One Another.

Naturally, previous to pairing up clean cages should be provided; this I need hardly mention. Whatever variety you favour, the standard of perfection, which all specialist clubs have, should be vividly before you. Cocks that are deficient in points that make up the ideal specimen, should have hens placed with them that are strong in these points. Say your male bird has a capital head, but fails in body properties, the hen must show a chubby, thick-set frame to counterbalance this defect. A cock bird, slovenly in carriage, should have a smart, lively partner. Correct matching tends to correct breeding; no other way spells success. Many fanciers (both old and young, I fear) make a sad mistake in not paying stricter attention to this item of items. Don't run away with the idea that because you have, say, a cock and hen bred from tip-top parents, that all required is to place them together and things will come out all serene. Oh, dear no! The birds must match each other, no matter what they're off.

Birds that do not possess robust constitutions find no accommodation in my rooms. You must have stamina; weakly birds are useless. Never breed with sickly specimens, no matter how well bred they may be. A castle built on rock will stand, but one built on sand will not. Put a good foundation into your strain by breeding with healthy specimens; then you will reap as reward strong, fine progeny.

No hard or fast line need be laid down as regards which of the birds (cock or hen) should be the senior. Of course, different fanciers hold different views; some prefer the male bird the older, others the female. For my own part I lean somewhat to the hen being the younger. I think that the progeny from a two-year-old cock and a young hen (unflighted) are both stronger and fill out better than do the youngsters from an unflighted cock and a two-year-old hen. One cannot, of course, always follow out a method of this kind, having to utilise the birds at command regardless of age limit, and I don't think any trouble need be anticipated in this respect.

Often I have been asked at what age I consider a hen past her best. My idea on this point is that when a hen has bred three years in succession, she has given of her very best. At times even a much older hen will throw winners, but such occasions crop up rarely. As regards the male side, I have on many occasions done well with birds five years old; at the same time, I prefer the cocks that have not seen so many "Valentine days." I really like a three-year-old bird better than any other, but four-year-old birds I certainly don't discard. From five-year-old birds I, as a rule, expect little, and am surprised when much crops up. Now I am speaking of breeding something worth looking at, and suitable for the show bench and stock cage. If breeding for songsters only, I should not be very particular respecting the age, as long as the birds were healthy.

### The Date for Pairing Up.

As regards the most suitable date for placing one's birds together for breeding purposes, that varies somewhat. In the South of England, where the weather is more favourable, birds can be on the "war-path" at an earlier date than, say, those in the Midlands. The farther North one gets, the later should be the "wedding day." Whatever the district, however, the weather and the birds should be one's guides. At any time between the middle of March and the second week in April, a commencement can be made. This allows ample time for three nests to be taken before the moulting season steps in and puts an end to all the breeding operations.

Take care not to pair up too soon. Very early partnerships are often spoiled by East winds, chilly, frosty nights, and so on, which so often prevail early in the year. These things spell disaster, and account for hens becoming egg-bound and inflammation making its presence felt, while the cold makes the hens unable to deposit their eggs, or irregular in their laying, or refuse to sit if eggs are laid. Taking all things into consideration, the first week of April is about the best to commence in, providing the weather is of an inviting character; if at all unsettled it will pay to wait even a few days longer.

### When Paired.

Feed the birds liberally when matched up. My egg food I make up as follows: The eggs should be boiled hard (about 15 minutes). When cold, chop up fine. Mix with bread crumbs (bread 3 or 4 days old is far preferable to new), in the proportion of 1 part egg and 2 parts of crumb (or biscuit, if you prefer it; I like bread best). Then add to this a little soft sugar and a pinch of maw seed. To each pair of birds give one teaspoonful per day. A little hemp seed once a day is also relished; about a teaspoonful to each pair.

When the birds have been together a matter of three days or so, hang inside the cage a nest-pan or box, also a little building material (dried moss and cowhair). If the birds are at all on good terms with each other, and in fit condition, they will utilise it to the best advantage; but should the reverse take place, you will have to deal with them according to the merits of the case. Some cock birds are very troublesome, and hens, too, can be very annoying.

### Cooling His Ardour.

At times a cock bird will be found too vigorous and molesting the hen in a most ungentlemanly fashion, perhaps knocking her all over the place. When this takes place, it is well to place him in such a position that he can see the hen but cannot harm her. A double breeder, with the wire partition in the centre, answers well. Failing this, place the male bird in a wire cage (Yorkshire show cage or such like) and hang him on the front of the breeding cage. A few days like this often bring about the desired result and teach him to behave more considerately.

A cock bird may fail to fill the eggs, especially in the first round. Don't worry over-much; let him try again. If he be an unflighted bird (perhaps also a late hatched bird) maybe he is not properly matured. A little more time will assist such a bird. Birds that have attained to, say, 9 months, will more often than not prove all right.

On the other hand, you may have troubles with her "ladyship." She may apparently go on with her duties, but only poor results be attained. Again, she may be dilatory in the building of her nest, in the laying of her eggs, or in taking to her companion. All these failings are generally attributable to the hen not being "ready for action." In cases of this kind, take her away from her mate for a few days and feed her well, and the absence very often makes the "heart grow fonder," and the difficulty is overcome.

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# MY OUTDOOR AVIARY OF WAXBILLS.

By "BLUEBIRD."

Foreign bird-keeping is a most delightful pursuit, and need not be an expensive one. The necessary trouble and thought bestowed on the little captives is amply repaid for by the pleasure and interest they afford. I am going to describe my small aviary of Waxbills—a large class of tiny, lively birds, to be procured at mostly all bird shops and at little cost.

### The Aviary Described.

This aviary is by no means perfect, and had I enough space, and if the expense were no object, I should have planned and placed it differently. Still, it is so far a success that the inmates when once safely over the fatigue and knocking-about of their journeys, thrive in the most satisfactory way; indeed, I may say after five years that I have hardly lost a bird, and their bright and happy demeanour and tightness of feather are a great pleasure to see.

The aviary is 12ft. long by 4ft. wide, and from 9ft. to 12ft. high, with a glass roof. It fills an angle of a greenhouse (outside), which forms its back and one side; the front facing south, is formed of ½in. netting painted with Brunswick black. The floor is netted, also covered with zinc, which is bent so as to form 4ft. of the front and one side; this keeps mice and rats at bay. I had intended the front to be open to the air, with glass shutters for use in cold weather, but I found, after the aviary was finished, that the corner was so draughty that I had to make the shutters permanent, only leaving the 4ft. by 8in. door to the west open, although even that is closed in stormy weather. A ventilator gives the necessary air.

Hot water pipes from the greenhouse pass through, and are turned on if the weather is very damp and cold, but even with this the temperature is generally about 47 or 48 degrees in cold weather, by sunrise. But the snug hay-lined cocoanut shells keep the small inhabitants warm and cosy. It is the long darkness more than the cold which makes our winters so trying to the birds, involving, as it necessarily does, long absence from food. Some system of artificial light for such tiny birds as Waxbills would, I am sure, be a great benefit, could it be safely arranged for.

### Provisions for the Inmates.

I give the birds about a mealworm each for supper and breakfast during the dark weather, which I flatter myself helps to keep up their system. With the exception of the Green Amaduvades, this supply is greedily enjoyed by all the Waxbills.

There is a 4½ft. square cage, with a wooden roof and back, in the greenhouse, having a window opening into the aviary, where the seed dishes are and the mealworms are given, and there the birds are driven when any extra cleaning of the aviary takes place, such as the giving of fresh gravel or the syringing of the standard oranges, which live there. The oranges, by-the-bye, seem as happy and well as the birds, and are kept perfectly free from insects by the busy inmates. It is pretty to see them after a syringing hopping and flying from leaf to leaf sipping the drops. Of course, any other non-poisonous trees would give as much pleasure.

I keep pieces of fresh turf on the pots, equally agreeable to trees and birds. The hot-water pipes are covered with trays of sea-sand, which are easily taken out and changed, and there are one or two other shelves or trays at different heights with sand or grass seed, which latter the birds love to pick about in.

### What the Birds Enjoy.

I give bunches of grass in seed, or flower, during the season, and chickweed, and always millet sprays, and a saucer of soft food—damped sponge cake, with a pinch of ants' eggs, and crumbs of Osborne biscuits and soft food mixture. This feed is especially enjoyed by the Lavender Finches and the Cordon Bleus. A basket of weeds from the garden (roots, earth and all) are thrown occasionally on the ground. This is evidently a great treat, and any non-poisonous plants with green fly on them that I can get I put in. These latter are instantly covered by the birds, and in an hour or so the plants may be removed without a green fly left on them.

### Some Nesting Experiments.

I have never been fortunate with the nesting of my birds, but I continue to hope for better fortune. The eggs I have had, and I have got as far as the birds coming out of the shells, but that is all. Perhaps they disturb each other. At the time of writing I have a nest (in a cocoanut shell) of Zebra Waxbills, and another of Cordon Bleus, both containing eggs. The Cordons make a large and untidy nest in a branch of gorse which is put in to shade the birds from the glare of the sun on the glass.

I have never been able to try any of the more rare and expensive Waxbills, but anyone can have a very delightful, if small aviary from among the ordinary Waxbills. The tiny and common Avadavat is very handsome in its breeding plumage, but the whole race is delightful. I strongly recommend any one who thinks of going in for this fascinating hobby, in the first place to purchase and study good books on foreign bird-keeping, and in the second place to take in CAGE BIRDS, and never miss reading Mr. Page's answers to questions relating to foreign birds. If new beginners will do this, and follow the advice given, they will find their difficulties vanish, always providing they have a real love for and interest in birds, and that they never grudge the necessary trouble involved, and as far as possible do not hand over the care of their pets to any one else, unless that one be equally interested.


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# The Breeding of Winning Norwich Plainheads

By R. TAYLOR.

**A lecture delivered before the Rochdale O.C. on March 9th.**

When I was invited to give you a paper on the Norwich Plainhead, I was none too confident that I could add much to what you have already read scores of times in the Fancy Press, and knowing as I do that there are some older fanciers here who have been connected with the Fancy for a longer time than myself, my task is all the harder. My parents always taught me not to prate so much to older people than myself, so you will understand my feelings. However, my connection with the Fancy goes back to 1890, and I can tell you it was all uphill work. The Fancy journals helped us along, but this was as nothing compared with the advantages of the present-day. Anyway, I am here chiefly for the benefit of young fanciers, and should my paper appear a bit out of date to the old ones, I hope they will forgive me. It is original and I speak from practical experience only, knowing this is what you naturally expected when you invited me. My reading will be on a stock pair most likely to produce winners, the breeding and management of young birds after they leave the nests, and colour-feeding.

### Big-headed Birds Wanted.

I will deal with the case of the cock bird first; my own experience is that the head is the most important thing, as without a good large head on your bird you will be nowhere. It must be round, lifting nicely up from the beak (which must be short), and the highest point must be the centre. I prefer it like a pin-cushion on the top and as round as I can get it. I also want it full at the cheeks, and it must not have that eye-sore of a gutter running from the eye to the back of the head. I must have the head to appear as round as possible without any breaks or gutters whatever, and having a fine bold eye; and then, and not until then, do I consider I have a good head for a Norwich stock cock.

As this is the hardest part to breed about a Norwich, take my tip and never introduce a small-headed bird into your room; if you do, it is quite possible you will never breed it out as long as you are a fancier. So beware.

When you have got these excellent points your bird is almost certain to have a good neck. Fanciers cannot keep this in mind too much. It is very rarely you see a nice large head on a thin neck. As regards the body, I want it broad in front and with plenty of width from shoulder to shoulder; it must be level on the back. The flights must be short and compact and then I don't care how large he is. I am not particular as to whether he looks a bit overdone in head and size so long as there is no coarseness.

### A Suitable Mate for a Suitable Bird.

Now, as regards his mate, the hen: I like a medium-sized one. I don't mind one that looks a little on the small side, providing she is of the correct type and stands well across perch. If there is one thing more than another I like to see in the hen, it is the going about with the tail well up. Now, in my idea, this is most important. As this is the kind of hen that has produced my best show birds, my advice to you is, look to your hens for style, for without it you won't gain much success on the show tables. What is more pleasing to the eye than a bird hopping from perch to perch in the come-and-look-at-me sort of style? There is no doubt these are the sort of birds that catch the judge's eye.

### Pairing to Produce Stock Birds.

Having got a pair of birds of this description, you should breed something out of the common. Some might say, how are we to get these big stock cocks? Well, you have to mate up for stock birds just the same as for show birds. I will therefore tell you how I do it.

I take the very largest cock bird I have in the room and pair him up to the largest hen; they must, however, be of the correct type, otherwise they won't be of much use as a pair likely to produce good stock birds. I want you to be very particular here, as this is the foundation for what is to come afterwards. The pairing of buff to buff, I am not a believer in. Some fanciers will say that you get larger birds this way; my own experience has been that you get more feather, so on that account I leave it alone. What we want is size in frame and not abundance of feathers.

Now, the pairing of yellow to yellow. I must confess, has produced for me some of my best show birds. My noted "Invincible" was off a buff hen from two yellows. My partner, Mr. Cleminson, bred "Lady Dainty" from two yellows, and I am mating this season one of my largest yellow cock birds to one of my large yellow hens, and I shall expect to breed some good stock birds off these; and I shall not be at all surprised if I breed a good show bird from them. You must not for a moment think that I am advocating double-yellow breeding as the best way to breed stock birds; I am simply telling you what has been the case in my own experience.

### The Feeding and Treatment during Breeding.

Now we come to the breeding itself. I commence to prepare my birds at about Christmas time. I give egg food once a week for a few weeks, then twice a week until about the end of February. When March comes in I give it every other day, and at the end of the second full week in March I pair the birds up, and, of course, give it to them every day, and continue to do so until after the hens have finished laying. Then I only give it to them three times a week. When the birds have been sitting for twelve days, I keep them well supplied; I also put a pot inside the cage which I keep filled with hemp and groats (the latter, I think, helps to avoid little young ones). Having done this, you will have the hen well prepared for her task.

**A Good Type of Stock Cock and a Stylish Hen.**

**From Sketches by Mr. Taylor, which were used to illustrate his lecture.**

When I know the young are out, I supply the hen with a little green food. I prefer watercress to all other green food, as I think it induces a hen to come off the nest more than anything else. I know that some people don't give green food for two or three days after hatching takes place; I have not, however, seen any ill-effects from its use so early. Mind you, it must be fresh-cut every day. And I know from experience that if anything will get a hen to commence her duties it is a little green food. As the young get larger I let her have as much of it as she will eat four times a day; the same with egg food.

### Concerning Egg Food.

It will be as well perhaps if I tell you how I mix my egg food. To one egg I add a good thick round of bread a couple of days old at the least. I put the egg through the mill first and then the bread. I don't rub it together or paste it round a basin with a spoon; it keeps better and the birds like it more if it is only mixed. Any of you who go to work early in the morning can make your egg food ready the night before; put the egg in one basin and the bread in another. You can do this with safety providing the food is kept cool. If you rub it together it will go sour.

### Attending to the Young.

Now we will deal with the young about to leave the nest. Here you must be very careful not to touch them. Keep them in the nest as long as you can, and as soon as you see them out on the perches (don't wait until "to-night or "to-morrow"), put them in a nursery cage, or very likely the hen will take a fancy to some of their feathers for the next nest. Mind you, I am not speaking of youngsters that might have been frightened out of the nest before their time; in this case I should put the nest in the bottom of the cage.

My nursery cages are something like the Yorkshire show cage, only flat on top, and not so high. Nursery cages must be placed so that the parent birds can feed the young birds through the wires, but low enough to keep their tails out of reach of the old ones, or most likely out they will come. Place a little egg-food in the cage for them, and also let them have water on the outside.

Now, when shall we remove them away? There is so much difference betwixt one brood and another that I think this is a matter which is best left to those who look after them. One can't go far wrong if they are all eating and drinking. We come now to one of the most trying times in a bird's life, and now is the time you want to keep your eyes open. When I cage my young birds off I have a lot of ground Canary seed ready, and to two parts of egg and bread, I mix one part of ground seed; I find this a grand mixture, and have had very few sick birds that were fed on it. Should you have any go a little hit off colour, put them on bread soaked in hot milk. This is the grandest pick-me-up for both old and young birds that I know of; it very rarely fails. I get a round of bread or half-a-round—just what I want—put it in a shallow dish, hot some milk and pour it on until the bread is soaked through, and let it cool, when it is ready for use.

Instead of sand, I throw a few quaker oats on the bottom of the cage for them to pick amongst. The reason I don't give them sand when they are first caged off is because I believe they eat too much. I have found that young birds that have died suddenly have been simply "blocked up" with it; so on that account I don't let them have any until they have been caged off for about a week or so.

It is a very good plan at about this time to tie some hemp string above the perches for them to tug away at; it will do away with a lot of plucking. Also do not keep your perches too near together, or you will find the birds pulling one another's tail feathers out, if within reach. The best plan is to cage a good youngster by itself, as a good unflighted bird is many a time spoiled through having a second tail, which grows almost half an inch longer than the first one, and, competition being so keen now, one cannot afford to be handicapped with a second tail.

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# Is It Necessary to Colour-feed British Birds?

By CHARLES PRIOR.

**A Lecture recently delivered before the Members of the City and Suburban F.C.B.**

Mr. Prior, who was received with an ovation seldom surpassed, rose to thank the members and friends for this kindly welcome, a welcome which he supposed indicated their pleasure that he was there at last, after two previous attempts, ready to begin. He greatly feared, however, that there would shortly be a similar outbreak of applause, indicating their pleasure at his sitting down and leaving off. This lecture had been a veritable nightmare to him for some months past, every time he thought of it, and probably it would now be a nightmare for many months to some of his audience. Having by means of these and a few other jocular remarks put his listeners into a good humour, Mr. Prior proceeded with the lecture. The subject, he said, was the question, "Is it necessary to colour-feed British Birds?"

**A Preliminary about Bogies.**

This subject was so much in a nut shell that he would take the opportunity of making a few remarks upon quite a different matter altogether. This preliminary subject he would call "Bogies"—not exactly the sort of bogies that our nurses, or our elder sisters, or maiden aunts, used to raise to terrify our baby imaginations with in the nursery, but bogies just as fanciful, just as imaginary and unreal, as those of our childhood days. They were those of the Cage-bird Fancy, and the places of our nurses and aunts were mostly taken by those who had somehow or another missed the realization of every fancier's dream—the winning of honour and renown, such as it was, on the show bench. They were really novices in knowledge, whether they had been in the Fancy twenty years or only twenty minutes; further, they were the worst kind of novices, for they never sought knowledge with that open mind which was ready to learn. Therefore, he would no longer call them by the honourable title of novice; they were the malcontents, and as such they should be spoken of.

**The "Incompetent Judge" Bogey.**

These were some of the "bogies" they conjured up, said the lecturer: First, there was the "incompetent judge" bogey. We were all aware that judges were selected because of their possessing some special knowledge of the varieties they were expected to adjudicate upon, coupled with an ability to place them in their correct order of merit.

Very well; let us, then, take a walk round our shows in the company of our friend, "Malcontent." We arrive at the winning specimen in the first class we visit. "There!" says "Malcontent," "what do you think of that? He must have been a fool to have given that thing first." Then he trots out another of his bogies. "Don't you know what it is," he says, "it's the cage. He knows the cage. What I say is this—there ought to be a standard—all cages should be alike." We could see what it was, the lecturer proceeded; he (the "Malcontent") wanted to bring everybody else's method of staging down to his own level.

Up to now we had probably had eyes for nothing else but the bird, but having our attention directed so pointedly to the cage, we bestow a glance upon it. Surely enough, it bears the hall-mark of the painstaking exhibitor, every detail of it being thought out; it represented the last word in what a show cage should be. We smiled inwardly, and passed on to the next class. There we found the winner installed in quite a different sort of cage. "What about this, then?" we might ask of "Malcontent," "you can't say he knew his bird by his cage." "Oh, yes you can," says he. Then he would let loose more of his bogies. "He knows that first one by the perches. This one has got a wire to hold the prize card. That one over there is varnished outside instead of blacked. The other one has some brown stuff in the bottom," and so on.

It didn't seem to occur to him, however, that he was perfectly at liberty to copy in every detail the cage which was to catch the judge's eye. He didn't seem to think that the judge's verdict could hold water for a moment against the weight of his own opinion. But, after all, we ought not to be too severe with him. He was fearfully keen on winning, and desperately disappointed when he lost. So his case was far from hopeless, for that in itself was the stuff of which the best fanciers were made. But so far in his career he hadn't gone to work in the right way.

The first thing for him, for us all, to learn as to accept defeat as all true English sportsmen should—with fortitude. The next was to take the true lessons of defeat to heart, to use each reverse as a stepping stone to greater effort; to rectify each mistake as it was discovered, and so finally to triumph over every obstacle until the top was reached. And even then there was still a lesson to learn and that, seemingly, not by any means the easiest. The final lesson was to accept the role of the conquering hero with that modesty which became a true champion, even bettter than the wreath of laurels.

**The Show Reporter's Bogies.**

The lecturer then passed to another group of bogies, viz., those of the show reporter. A reporter, he said, like a judge should be possessed of a special knowledge of the birds he was expected to criticise. When a supposedly expert critic devoted nearly half a column of the Fancy paper to describing some specimen which he fancied was about the best of its species ever seen, but which was really but an ordinarily good specimen, and perhaps in the same report condemned a real champion for some such trifle as an occasional crossing of the wings, which no bird yet ever failed to do sometimes, then he was merely supplying amusement to those who knew better. But when, through lack of really expert knowledge, he characterised the Goldfinches and Bullfinches as being many of them obvious Foreigners, when he flung broadcast insinuations that many of the Chaffinches were passed by the judge as being "too good in the whites," when he said that certain Yellow Buntings were "too clear in their head markings," and such things as that, then, in his would-be smartness, that reporter was playing with fire.

Possibly he had been rubbing noses with our friend "Malcontent," or perhaps comparing notes with some more or less knowing novice of twenty minutes' (or twenty years') standing. In either case, he was committing a very grave indiscretion. We have grown accustomed to the illogical ravings of our noisy, although small, coterie of grumblers, and could appraise them at their true value. But when these vapourings were given weight to by being published in all good faith as the conclusions of an expert critic, then a "bogie" was raised, which could not be too quickly or too conclusively laid to rest. These things, however, were but "bogies" after all, and we should by no means lay our commonsense on one side so much as to allow them to frighten us.

**A Warm Subject.**

And now he would dismiss the "bogies," and begin on the subject matter of the lecture—the question, "Is it necessary to colour feed British birds?" He had said that he would dismiss the "Bogies," but here, at the very outset, he found himself stumbling against one of the most respectably old-established "bogies" he was acquainted with. It was true that the grumblers of some ten or twelve years ago invariably laid the foundation stone of their grumbles about the winner, by accusing him of being colour-fed. You see, of course, that they made a grievance of it. "Marvellous colour," they used to say. "Yes, marvellous colour. Wonder how many hundredweights of So-and-So's red-hot he's eaten? Wonder where he'd have been without it?" Likely enough they were wrong again, but even if they were right, they seemed unable to grasp the fact that it was always open to them to take a leaf from the victor's "book." No, they seemed to prefer to grumble. Well, let them see what advantage they might have gained if they had.

We were all aware, by this time, that there were the same two great distinctions of colour in British birds, as were so well established in Canaries, viz., Yellow and Buff; or it might be more correct to say Jonque and mealy. The better coloured ones amongst the buffs were not to be despised as show specimens, but colour was such an important thing that the birds very much to be preferred were the Jonques, and a Jonque bird of the right clearness of colour was an acquisition to be prized indeed. That was the point in colour—clearness and purity, as well as richness. He thought he could best illustrate it by comparing it with the beautiful clear complexions possessed by just a few of the people we came in contact with—chiefly ladies. This same clearness of colour was almost as rare in birds as in people. Canary breeders would understand what he meant; he believed they called it transparent brilliancy. Nature, however, did not usually lavish all her gifts upon one individual, and it would often be found that some specimens, which did not possess quite the fascinating purity of colour of the very select few, yet had a very fair share of the same, and some compensating excellence in size, shape, markings, etc. Such birds as these were by no means to be despised, for, after all, what was wanted was all-round excellence. There were also many specimens with no pretensions to excellence of colour at all ("washed out," "smoky," or "cloudy," were the terms applied to these); and no amount of excellence in other respects would enable these to get on even terms with those in the "transparent brilliancy" class.

**A Perfectly Natural Aim.**

It was perfectly natural for an exhibitor, upon becoming possessed of a moderately-coloured specimen, to wonder what he could do to improve its colour. And it appeared equally natural for the idea to turn to colour feeding. Well, he (the lecturer) had no hesitation in saying that, so far as the washy specimens were concerned, there was no system of feeding, or colour feeding, which would bring them anything like on a level with those who were naturally gifted with colour.

With regard to those who were moderately well coloured, the case required further examination. What they had to consider was that, in most of the British Finches, the colours should be well contrasted, as well as clear, rich, and brilliant. The use of colour food had a tendency to destroy these contrasts of colour. In the case of Linnets, for instance, assuming that the pepper took effect, the tendency would be to destroy the markings and to produce a sort of plain, self-coloured appearance. The same spoiling of contrasts would be apparent in Goldfinches and Bullfinches. Chaffinches should also in their feathering be well contrasted in colours; but colour feeding would tend to bring them one colour all over, and might even introduce a creamy appearance into the whites, which must be avoided. In the case of Yellow Buntings, Siskins and Greenfinches, there might be room for two opinions; but even there the effect would be to alter rather than improve.

**The Solution of the Difficulty.**

The solution of the difficulty lay in varied and generous feeding on natural foods, rather than the employment of pepper food. Generous feeding would be found to improve each colour uniformly without sacrificing brilliancy and contrasts. He was well aware that colour-fed specimens had won the highest honours possible—even including special prizes for best colour-fed birds. He would say, however, that these birds won, not because of their being colour-fed, but in spite of it. They were birds of great technical excellence, coupled with the highest class of natural colour, and could take their premier honours just as easily without the assistance of colour food, as with it. He had in his mind many instances of winners of premier honours which had never tasted colour food, although sometimes reported upon as "fed to perfection." He would just mention one case, that of a Yellow Bunting. (He selected a Yellow Bunting as colour feeding with this species was thought to be indispensable.) This Bunting was the property of Mr. Lloyd James, and was about the best representative of its species he ever remembered seeing. It was within his knowledge that colour food was not used upon this bird, and while he often beat colour-fed birds, he was never himself defeated.

He wished it to be understood, however, that he did not think that colour feeding had any injurious effect upon British birds, so no one need hesitate to experiment upon that ground. Years back it might have been the fact that colour-foods were adulterated with injurious ingredients, but nowadays there were respectable vendors of colour-foods of undoubted purity.

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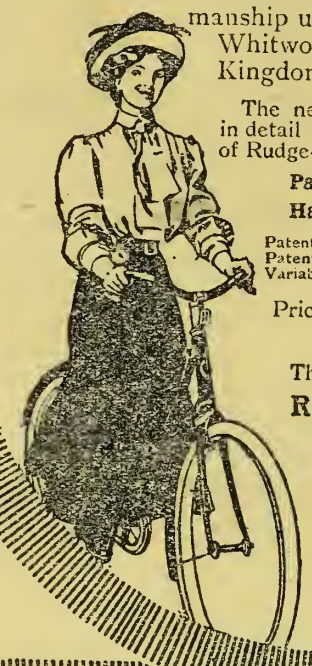

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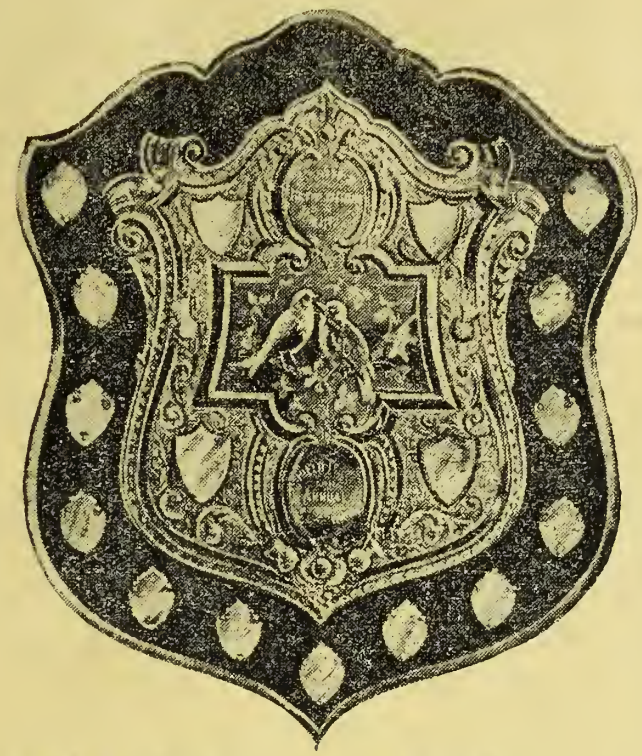
Nov. 5 & 6—**Sheffield**—(Lindsay.) & Bingham. 202, King James Street, Walkley
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Wigan**—(W. Ridge, 55, Poolstock),
Nov. 6—**Rochdale Good Intent**—(W. Adams, 35 Bedford Street).
Nov. 6—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). B.W.B. and C.H.
Nov. 6 and 8—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(C. Draper, 105, Belgrave Street.)
Nov. 9 and 10—**Hastings United**—(A. E. Godden, 50, Harold Road, Clive Vale). J.R.
Nov. 10—**Lesk**—(R. Hall, Hallsenroft, Rudyard, Staffs). W.V.
Nov. 10 and 11—**Swansea.**—(A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, nr. Swansea.)
*Nov. 11 and 12—**Cambridge**—(T. S. Moore, 125, Newmarket Road). J.F. & J.R.
*Nov. 12 & 13—**Wallsend-on-Tyne**—(J. Johnston, 60, Neptune Road), J.H.R., J.W., and J.W.B.
*Nov. 12 and 13—**Preston O.S.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn.)
Nov. 13—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.**—(A. Flint, High Street, Tideswell, nr. Buxton).
Nov. 13 and 15—**Nottingham**—(G. E. Wilkinson 9, Wellington Square, Parkside).
Nov. 13—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.) D.L., J.Wu., A.C., P.P.
Nov. 13—**Warrington** (C. Dukes, 26, Dundonald Avenue, Stockton Heath.)
Nov. 17—**Reading**—(G. A. Charles, 4, Talfourd, Avenue, Earley, Reading). J.F.
Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—(H. J. Niblock, Seatown Place.)
Nov. 17 & 18—**Hayle**—(H. Ware, 2, Pond Rd.)
Nov. 19 and 20—**Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19 Lambton Street). W.V. & E.B.
Nov. 19 and 20—**Sunderland**—(W. Reid, 2, Plantation Road, Pallion.)
Nov. 19 & 20—**Pendleton & Salford**—(H Clayton. 42, Anno St., Higher Broughton, Manchester).
*Nov. 20—**Coventry O.S.**—(G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon Road.)
Nov. 20—**Crook Original**—(Bird and Siddle, 15 Church St).
Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.).
Nov. 24 & 25—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze Road, Horfield.)
Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.)
Nov. 26 & 27—**Sale Open**—(Jas. Irlam, 80, Harley Rd.) J.C.B.
Nov. 27.—**Darlington C.B.S.**—(E. Brunskill, 2, Danesbury Terrace). W.P.B. and J.M.
Nov. 27—**Hetton-Le-Hole**—(A. J. Notley, 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs, Co. Durham). A.B,



**The Challenge Shield of the Scottish British Bird & Mule Club.**

**This splendid Challenge Shield, subscribed for by members of the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club, was offered for competition last season, and the first fancier to inscribe his name thereon was Mr. L. J. Arrighi, of Edinburgh, who scored 129 points at the City of Glasgow, Cupar, Bathgate and the Scottish National Shows, the four fixtures selected to hold the competition at.**

Nov. 30 and Dec. 1—**Morecambe** (J. H. Ireland, Parliament Street).
*Dec. 1 and 2—**City of Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.) C.A.H.
*Dec. 1 and 2—**Cardiff.**—(W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland Road.) J.H.P., & J.R.
Dec. 3 & 4—**Altrincham**—(T. Harrison, 4, Shaws Lane).
Dec. 4 & 6—**Leicester C.B.S.** (J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road.)
Dec. 8—**Luton**—(E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street). J.R. and A.S.
*Dec. 10 & 11—**Gateshead** (Buck & Johnson, 30 Keswick Street)
Dec. 11—**Ferryhill**—(R. Links, jun., 27, West Street.)
Dec. 18—**Broxburn**—(D. Anthony, Main Street). T.S., J.B., G.H., J.W.

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Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,) T.McC., J.S., J.M., G.Gn.
Jan. 1—**Guisborough "Priory"** (Atkinson & Wilson, 80, Westgate).
Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H. S. Tibbs, 184, John Street, Toronto, Canada).
Jan. 8—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees).
Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**

## UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S. has arranged a good series of lectures to take place during the next few weeks, the first being to-day (Saturday, the 27th), when Mr. James Hartley, of Bingley, will open a debate on "The Pairing of Yorkshires," truly a very interesting subject for this time of the year, and also a subject that "Jimmy" will no doubt handle well and make instructive to novice and professional alike. On April 10th they have booked Mr. W. A. Cowgill, on the "Norwich Canary"; so ye novices who have eyes on next season's novice medals, please attend. No doubt "Will" can give you points that will be of use to you. Last, but not least, the redoubtable Philip of Windhill will, on April 24th, lay down his strong ideas on the "Yorkshire Canary," and fanciers will do well to attend. Mr. Mason knows a "Yorkie" when he sees one, and is not afraid of saying what he thinks. All fanciers, intending fanciers, and friends will be cordially welcomed to these gatherings at the headquarters, The Flying Dutchman Inn, Leeds Road, Bradford.

BRADFORD EAST had one of their usual well-attended gatherings on Tuesday, the 16th, to hear Mr. R. Halliday on his pet subject, "Yorkshires." Mr. Halliday's remarks were upon the faults of Yorkshires seen in the show bench during the past season. The subject caused much more than the usual discussion, several fanciers taking a very prominent part; in fact, almost overwhelming were the questions asked, and no doubt the fanciers present reaped great benefit. To celebrate the success attained by two of their members in winning the Yorkshire Union Novice Medals during the past season, this society is to have a pie supper and social evening on April 6th, and a hearty invitation is extended to all.

THE BRADFORD WEST social evening on Saturday last was a brilliant success, about 100 members and friends with their wives and sweethearts atending. Good talent had been engaged, Mr. A. Pennington officiating at the piano in first-class style, whilst the "Moire" quartetto party rendered some fine glees, etc. Mr. H. Farquahar supplied the comic element, fairly bringing down the house. Mr. J. Townend makes a most efficient and affable chairman, and during the evening he presented the prizes to the successful competitors in last season's members' shows. Champion section: Mr. J. Clark, 1st; Mr. T. H. Inman, 2nd. Novices: First place to Mr. H. Graham; second, Mr. W. Helliwell.

SANDY LANE and District members turned up in full force on March 16th, to hear a lecture on "Yorkshires," by Mr. Samuel Dean, of Great Horton. After the lecture a number of questions were asked and answered, such well-known fanciers as Messrs. Bailey, Smith, Wilson, Watmough, etc., joining in the discussion. The use of Green blood as an aid to obtaining quality caused considerable discussion, all present being of opinion that it is by far the best means for obtaining that commodity.

BAILDON ORIGINAL C.B.F.A. held a smoking concert and prize distribution on Saturday evening last, which was very well attended, the room being packed. Mr. Head, one of their vice-presidents, occupied the chair. Although not a fancier himself he takes a considerable interest in the society. After a few songs, Mr. Head presented the two cups belonging to the society to the winners, and complimented them on their success. He also presented the runners-up with cash prizes, and urged them to further efforts for next season. Then he called upon Mr. Samuel Dean, of Great Horton, to deliver a lecture on "The Breeding and Rearing of Canaries," which was listened to with rapt attention by the fanciers present. After a few more songs, a number of questions on various subjects were put and satisfactorily answered. At the end a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer. Then came more songs. The comic element was splendid throughout the whole evening. A very enjoyable and interesting time was brought to a close at 11 p.m. It is hoped that before long a re-union of the two societies in this "village" will take place. With all working together a strong society of nearly 100 members could be formed. "Union is strength."

"STRAIGHT-'UN."

### CLUB NOTICES (continued).

**Widnes C.B.S.**—April 1, Grosvenor Hotel, 7.30. Young show, and other business.—S. Andrews.
**Welsh C.B.C.**—April 3, Pup and Bell, Merthyr, 3.30.—D. H. Tedstone.
**West Bromwich and Dis. C.B.S.**—Mar. 30, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Election of judge for open show.—Duffield and Jennings.
**Warrington C.B.S.**—Mar. 25, Blue Bell Sale Rooms, 7.30.—C. Dukes. (Possibly April 1st is meant.—Editor.)
**West London F.A.**—April 1, Bush Hotel, 8. Lecture by Mr. Easterling.—J. Dewhurst.
**Wallasey and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 1, St. Mary's School, 8. Judges and schedule for young and old show; also to vote on removal of headquarters.—W. Mallinson.
**Y.C.C. of Scotland.**—Mar. 30, Muir's, Saltmarket, Glasgow, 8. Lecture by Mr. R. B. Gibb, "Preparing for Breeding," fixing new club rooms; note new meeting-place.—F. Bowman.
**Wigan and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 3, Adelphi Inn, 8.—W. Ridge.
**Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.** — Mar. 27, Market Tavern, Bradford, 5.—S. Dean.

## CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

**Admiral Duncan O.S.**—April 3, "Admiral Duncan," 8. Arranging schedule, electing judge, and date for F.F. show.—W. Healey.
**Ashton-u-Lyne and Dist. O.S.**—Mar. 30, P.S.A. Rooms, 7.30. Table show of Brit. A.S.; judge, Mr. R. Baron.—H. Foden.
**Bonnyrigg and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 27, Forester's Arms, High Street, 7.—G. Harper.
**Brighouse and Dist. C.B.S.**—Mar. 30, Round House Inn, 8. Union business.—F. Mitchell.
**Barnsley and Dist. C.B.S.** — Mar. 27, Clarance Hotel, 7.30.—E. Carlisle.
**Blaydon and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 3, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Prize money for next show, and lecture by Mr. J. Hands, on "Crest and Crestbreds,'; discussion invited.—G. Havver.
**Belgrave and Dis. F. and F.S.**—Mar. 30, New Inn, 8.—W. H. Riley.
**Cowdenbeath and Dis. C.B.S.**—Mar. 27, Waverley Rooms, 7. Paper by Mr. Wilson; fanciers are requested to note change of meeting place.—J. Simpson.
**Choppington and Dis. C.B.A.**—March 28, headquarters. Nest feather show business.—W. Woollett.
**City of Dundee C.B.S.**—April 7, Doig's Rooms, 8. Nomination of judges for open show.—A. Miller.
**City of Bradford O.S.**—Mar. 27, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Debate (on "Pairing of Yorkshires"), by Mr. J. Hartley (Bingley), late of Bradford. Fanciers and friends invited.—F. Rhodes.
**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.**—April 1, "Montpelier" Hotel, Choumert Road, Peckham, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson on "Canary Breeding as a hobby." Fanciers invited.—A. R. Jay.
**Derby C.B.C.**—Mar. 27, Victoria Street Congregational schoolroom, 7. Discussion re open show.—W. Stevens.
**Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S.**—April 1, 142, High Street, 8. Booking of hens, election of judges, etc. Last meeting for new members.—W. Holton.
**Edinburgh Western O.S.**—April 1, Riego Street Hall, 8. Booking of hens and appointing of judges for show.—R. Lile.
**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.**—Mar. 31, Lockhart's, High Street, 7.30. Election of judge for Yorkshire section, correspondence, new members and anyone wishing to join (subs. 2/6) please attend.—G. Buck and H. Johnson.
**Gt. Harwood and Dis. C.B.S.**—Mar. 29, headquarters, Towngate, 7.30. Classification for young bird show.—G. Waddington.
**Grimsby and Dis. O.S.**—Mar. 29, Slatter's Rooms, Freeman Street, 8. Discussion on seeds used by fanciers, etc.—H. Harding.
**Glossop, Hadfield, and Dis. C.B.S.**—Mar. 30, Howard Arms, 8.—F. Greig.
**Great Horton Good Intent O.S.**—Mar. 27, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 7.30.—H. Schofield.
**Goran and Dis. O.C.S.**—April 7, Boilermakers' Arms, Greenhalgh Street.—R. Fernie.
**Gloucester and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 1, Saracen's Head, 8.—J. R. Houghton.
**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks) O.S.**—April 3, Lesser Town Hall, 7. Cage-making demonstration, by Mr. A. Malcolmson. Fanciers welcome.—A. Cant.
**Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.** — Mar. 30, "Cricket Players," Lindsay Street, 8. Table show, Sell. Class, A.V. Price not to exceed 10/6; friends invited.—W. Cottingham
**Houghton-le-Spring Linnet Club.**—Mar. 28, Prince of Wales Hotel, 1 o'clock. Election of officers, and revising of rules, also altering contributions.—A. Widdowfield.
**Houghton-le-Spring and Dis. C.B.S.**—Mar. 27, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Election of judge for F.F. Show. Fanciers invited.—A. Widdowfield.
**Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.**—April 1, Nutclough Tavern, 8.—W. Parratt.
**Kirkstall and Dis. C.B.C.**—Mar. 27, Congregational School, 8. Lecture by Mr. G. Yelland, on "Breeding and Rearing of Canaries." Fanciers invited.—W. E. Whitley.
**Keighley and Dis. C.B.S.**—Mar. 30, King's Head Hotel, 7.30. Next season's shows, specials, etc.—W. Wright.
**Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.**—Mar. 31, Railway Hotel, 7.30. To fix judge for N.F. Show; new members and friends invited.—R. H. Davies.
**Lancashire C.A.**—Mar. 27, Boar's Head, Middleton, 7. Secretary's resignation; subscriptions now due, etc.—Mr. Barratt, Readings on Lancashires.—W. Adams.
**Musselburgh O.S.**—Mar. 27, Central Halls, 7. New members enrolled.—D. Kay.
**Morley and Dis. C.B.S.**—Mar. 27, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Address by Mr. Clarkson (Halifax).—R. H. Turner.
**Newcastle C.B.S.**—April 1, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. Paper on "The Cinnamon Canary," by Mr. J. Robson. Intending members please attend.—Curry and Hutchinson.
**North Manchester C.B.S.**—Mar. 30, headquarters, 8.—J. Davey.
**Pendlebury, Swinton, and Dis. C. and B.B.S.** — April 1, 7.30, headquarters, Blue Ribbon Hall.—A. Donnelly.
**Provincial Roller C.C.**—Mar. 27, Swan Hotel, Manchester, 6. Rings, etc.; friends invited.—A. Percival.
**Preston O.S.**—April 1, 8. Committee, 7.30. Judges for open show; fixing date for F.F. Show, distribution of prize cards for late show, etc.—R. Taylor.
**Rochdale O.C.**—Mar. 31, 8. Lecture on Lizards, by Mr. L. Butterworth (postponed from last week).—J. Butterworth.
**Runcorn C.B.S.**—April 2, Lea's Temperance Hotel, 8. Following business: Mr. W. H. Cawley will give a lecture, subject, "A Few Points of Interest in the Fancy of To-day."—T. P. Baxter.
**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.**—Mar. 31, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Committee meeting.—W. Adams.
**Rotherham C.B.S.**—Mar. 27, St. George's Hall, 8. To decide about subscriptions, etc.; new members, etc.—G. Oakes.
**Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S.**—April 1, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Lecture by Mr. G. Browning on "Breeding and Rearing."—Lindsay and Bingham.
**Sale Open O.S.**—Mar. 29, Technical Schools, 8. F.F. and other show business, and settling of the judge.—J. Irlam.
**Stockport E.F.A.**—Mar. 30, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. New members invited.—W. Stafford.
**Sunderland C.B.A.**—April 3, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Annual report, etc.—W. Reid.
**Stirling and Dis. O.S.**—April 3, Douglas Hotel, 8. Office-bearers, judges, and general business, etc.; intending members invited.—G. Hislop.
**Stockton-on-Tees and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 1, Leeds Hotel, 8. Table show of British and For. Fanciers and friends invited.—J. W. Lowes.

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

## CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

### After the Wars.

**"Lairage."**—If the feathers have been out of the wings ever since the cat mauled it, two years ago, the probability is that the feathers were broken off close to the skin, and the stumps have not been cast off. If, on examining the bird carefully, you find this is so, you should very carefully extract the stumps one or two at a time, with an interval of a week between each operation, when the new flights would probably start to grow at once. Give the bird a tepid bath daily in which a little boracic acid has been dissolved, and if that does not soon cause the sore place to heal, add a few drops of extract of witch hazel to the bath for a time. When the bird has bathed and is quite dry, you may catch it and very sparingly anoint the hare place with fine ointment twice or three times a week.

### Last But Not Least.

**Robert Henry.**—(1) You have doubtless been exposing the Yorkshire cock to draughts or extreme fluctuations. Keep it in a comfortable, but not necessarily overheated, place, quite free from draughts, and where the heat is regular, day and night. In addition to the staple diet frequently recommended here give a half-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of sherry and one of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it three times a week. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, ten of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a fortnight, or until bird is better. (2) As the pair of Norwich seem in good condition for mating, you may now put them together at any time. (3) This poser "floors me" entirely: "How much money will it take to start a cage bird association to hold a show every year?" Candidly, I do not know. It depends entirely upon the extent of your operations, the membership of the association, the amount of support you get from local hon. subscribers, the size of the show, extent of prize list, and—but is not that quite enough?

### When Turk Meets Turk.

**Bird Lover.**—You certainly did wrong in separating the pair of birds you put together because they elected to have a scrimmage before settling down. Many birdy couples act in this way, particularly when both are in nice fresh condition, and the inexperienced owner is apt to believe that a vast amount of damage is being done; whereas, if they are left to settle the dispute, they generally settle down amicably in the course of a day, or even less, when it is found that absolutely no mischief has resulted from all the apparent strife. By all means mate them again in a fortnight or so, and if you hang the cock on the front of the breeder containing the hen until you see him feeding her through the wire, it may help to prevent a recurrence of heated arguments when they are put together. But, in any case, if they appear to quarrel again, just hang in a nest box a piece of cuttlefish, and a nest bag, and leave them alone. The probability is that matters will then soon be running smoothly. Yes, remove the first three eggs as laid, replace with a dummy, and finally see that the nest is well made, and return the eggs on the evening before the fourth egg is due.

### Swollen Abdomen.

**J. Y. H.**—I do not think your bird could have been suffering with any serious inflammation, but it is impossible to say what the swelling may be without seeing it. It may be nothing more serious than constipation, and I advise you to try the following treatment for a fortnight or so, and note result. For staple diet give plain canary only, with half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake every second day as an extra, and twice each week a pinch of a mixture of equal part inga, linseed, and maw. Give no green food until better, and also withhold baths until quite well. Instead of water give the following decoction to drink two days in every three, and on each third day give plain water that has been boiled. Decoction: Add a small teaspoonful of linseed, and half-a-teaspoonful of honey to a teacup, fill three parts full of boiling water, stir well, cover over, and allow to stand until cold; then strain, and add to the drinker when filled with this decoction ten drops of syrup of rhubarb. After a fortnight of this treatment give four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week, and then if you find the bird much improved, but the swelling not quite all gone, begin over again and repeat the three weeks' treatment, but this time omit the honey from the decoction and substitute a similar quantity of extract of dandelion.

### Spring Cleaning.

**St. Michael.**—(1) It would be preferable in any case to temporarily remove birds whilst the house is limewashed and drying, as there is a great risk of their being exposed to draughts and getting chills during the process. You do not say whether the birds fly loose or are kept in cages. If the former, their removal is absolutely necessary; but otherwise the walls and ceiling may be quite safely limewashed without removing them, providing proper precautions are taken to prevent chills and draughts. (2) This again depends upon whether the birds are caged or not. If they are in cages, limewashing the walls will not hurt the birds' eyes at all. If flying loose, it is as well to be on the safe side, and avoid the use of fresh lime. Either well slaked lime, whiting, or any of the distempers on the market are good substitutes. (3) Put a tablespoonful of carbolic fluid in each gallon of preparation to make sure of more effectually destroying insect life. Some of the prepared sanitary distempers have an insecticide added in the manufacture. (4) Is answered in No. 1.

### Does Not Sing.

**A Young Beginner.**—Your treatment is decidedly faulty, and you are doubtless correct in thinking it may be the cause of the bird's not singing for so long. Try following treatment for a few weeks. As a staple diet give plain Canary only, and give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape three times a week, and on two other days a few grains only of hemp. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with three or four drops of sherry mixed in it, and a few grains of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it. Give these extras alternately, one each day. Every second day give a little fresh green food. Keep cage clean, free from red mites, well strewn with gritty sand, and in a comfortable place quite free from draughts and extreme changes. In the drinking water give ten drops of glycerine, six of dandelion juice, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence two days in every three for a week. In the second week give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of oxymel of squills, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together every second day, and on the alternate days two drops each of tincture of steel and tincture of gentian. If it is not quite well in that time, discontinue the medicine for a week, and then begin again, and repeat the two weeks' treatment in same order.

### The Cause Apparent.

**J.A.A.H.**—As you seem to fully recognise the draught from the window as the cause of the second bird's condition, you will perhaps be able to see how either draughts at some time or other, or great variations in the day and night temperature, are responsible for the other bird's illness. Keep both birds in an equable temperature, not overheated, but as free from extremes as possible, and quite free from any suspicion of draught. Feed on plain Canary as a staple, and give half a teaspoonful of rape twice a week, a few grains of hemp on two other days, and three times a week half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of sherry and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it. In the drinking water give No. 1 bird ten drops of glycerine, six of dandelion juice, and as much Epsom salts, every second day for a week, as will cover a sixpence. In the following week give twenty drops of whiskey, six each of oxymel of squills and tincture of tolu, and as much chlorate of potash every second day as will cover a sixpence, and on the alternate days twenty drops of the following mixture, continuing this for a fortnight. Mixture: Get a pennyworth of citrate of iron and quinine from a chemist, and dissolve it in two tablespoonfuls of port wine. For No. 2 bird give twenty drops of the wine and iron mixture every second day for a fortnight. This should suffice for this bird if you remove the cause as advised.

### Match-making.

**Hopeful.**—I do not think you could improve upon the pairs you suggest for attaining your object. Am afraid, however, you have rather too much marked blood in your small stock to breed a large percentage of clear birds. Still, you will certainly breed a few, and perhaps some very nice slightly variegated or ticked birds, which will make your object very near for you next season, when you should be able to breed a good number of clear birds with a nice, deep, rich, natural colour. To attain this, have at least fifty per cent. of your breeding pairs next season composed of one clear bird, and one ticked as lightly as possible, and another twenty-five per cent. composed of one clear with clear underflue, and the other clear on the surface but with more or less dark underflue. As regards the progeny from No. 4 pair, it depends solely upon whether the cock has any cinnamon blood in his veins or not. If he has not, then the young will probably be all green-marked, ticked, or variegated and clears, but no cinnamon-marked.

### A Group of Five.

**E.G.F.E.**—(1) The colour of a "pink" eye varies a deal, probably with the proportion of pure cinnamon blood. In some pink-eyed birds the eye looks quite black when looking direct into its depths or in a poor light when the bird is adult, but even in such birds as these the pink colour is quite pronounced when the birds are callow young in the nest. The colour is also quite distinct when the eye is looked at obliquely in a good light. In other specimens the pink colour is easily recognised when looked at directly. (2) It may be possible to buy pink-eyed Sib hens at the price, but, in my opinion, it is not probable you will get anything sensational. Personally, I should not expect more of them than of the commonest of hens. A careful breeder who knows how his birds are bred also knows their value, and is not likely to dispose of Sib hens that are really good light mulers at practically the price of common ones. (3) No, it would not be any serious bar for a Sib-bred to show signs of being Crest-bred. (4) Limit diet to plain Canary, with half a teaspoonful of rape twice each week for a fortnight, and give a supply of green food four times a week. In the drinking water give twelve drops glycerine, and six each dandelion juice and syrup of rhubarb, two days in every three for a week. In the second week give two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel every second day. If she gets active and lively, she should be quite fit for breeding, but if she keeps apparently short of breath, you should not allow her to sit. Employ a foster to hatch and rear her young. (5) Unless you wanted to mate the cock with a second hen it would be best to leave him with the hen whilst sitting, if he does not interfere with her or drive her off the nest. In the latter event, of course, you must remove and keep him separate.

### In a Bad Way.

**D.S.E.**—Your feeding is very faulty, and, in addition, the bird has almost certainly been subjected to some draughts or great variations of heat. Attend to these points. Keep bird in a fairly comfortable temperature, not necessarily overheated, nor yet chilly, and, above all, perfectly free from draughts. Feed on three parts Canary and one part summer rape mixed together, as a staple, and give separately a few grains of hemp twice a week, and three times a week a half teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of sherry and one of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it. Give a little green food four times a week. Do not give linseed nor anything save what is advised above. In the drinking water give six drops each dandelion juice and syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts for two days as will cover a sixpence. After this give twenty drops of whiskey, six each of syrup of squills, and tincture of tolu, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and, if necessary, continue giving every second day for another week or fortnight.

### A Little Anxiety.

**Mrs. E. Cooper.**—It is very probable the Roller, being cold-room fed, is adversely affected by the variations which must exist by having a fire in the room where it is kept only during the evenings. When the fire is burning move the bird well away from the heat of it, and if the room is at all chilly cover the cage over for the night with some light material, and see it is quite out of reach of draughts. In the mornings and during the day see it is not exposed to any draughts from windows or doors. Give the bath only on nice mild days. Instead of giving the bread and milk, give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of port wine mixed in it twice a week only until better, and afterwards you may continue giving the sponge cake, but omit the wine. In the drinking water give, two days in every three for a week, twenty drops of whisky, ten of oxymel of squills, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. If the bird is not quite well in that time give the whisky and squills as above, and two drops of eucalyptus oil every second day for another week. Shake well together. The letters B.R.C.C. on ring mean British Roller Canary Club. The wearing of the ring is no advantage whatever in a private capacity, as it were.

### A Trio.

**T. H. W. B.**—(1) Your bird may be a barren hen, and in that case her behaviour last year in building a nest and sitting in it would not be very unusual. It is not at all likely that a cock would have acted in the same way. It may be worth while trying her with a vigorous young cock this spring, and if she builds and commences to sit without laying, give her two or three common eggs from other pairs to hatch out, and she may rear these, or come in useful as a foster mother, as these barren hens will often make the best of feeders for the young of other pairs. (2) Taken altogether, I am inclined to give preference to the song of the Yorkshire in comparison with a Norwich. There is really very little to choose here, but upon the whole I consider the Norwich rather more of a ceiling lifter or ear-splitter than the Yorkshire. (3) There is practically nothing at all to choose between Norwich and Yorkshires as suitable breeds for the beginner, so far as ease of management and rearing are concerned.

### Place for Breeding.

**New Reader.**—Certainly, I should say your incubator room would make a most suitable place for breeding Canaries in, if, as I assume, the chicks when hatched by the incubators are removed to another room, or, at least, disappear from the incubator-room. Of course, I am also assuming that the room is well lighted and a fairly bright one. The quietude due to the room only being visited morning and night would be all in favour of the birds doing well, though you would find it most advisable, if not really necessary, to pay a third visit at mid-day when young birds begin to arrive, to give the birds a fresh portion of egg food and green stuff. The morning and evening feed could both be attended to at the same time as the room was visited to attend to the incubators. The regular temperature which will arise from the working of the machines will enable you to mate up birds at any time now when they are ready; but see that the air in the room is kept pure and sweet, and not allowed to become stagnant and foul with the fumes from burning oil.

### Use of Aviary.

**T. A. Young.**—The aviary you describe is, I fear, too small to be of much use for breeding birds in cages, as by the time you have set up cages and rack to accommodate about eight to a dozen pairs you would probably have very little space left to allow of any freedom of movement in getting about the necessary duties of attending to them. In these circumstances I should advise you to adopt the plan of letting the birds fly loose, and provide plenty of nesting places, and allow about three hens to each cock—say, ten or twelve hens and four cocks. This number would be amply sufficient for a breeding stock, and from fifty-five to sixty birds all told would be "a full house," so that if you succeeded well in raising young, and this number seemed likely to be exceeded, it would be advisable to remove the first broods about the middle of the season, so as to avoid overcrowding at the close. As regards the type of bird, it would be suitable, for that depends entirely upon the structure and its position and aspect. If protected from bad weather, sudden changes, well lighted, and free from damp, almost any breed should succeed in it; otherwise, an ordinary type of Roller, or Norwich, Borders, or Yorkshire would be most suitable.

### Asthma or Not?

**W. H. Stone.**—You have made a great mistake in treating the bird so liberally for a supposed complaint, which you say you now find he never had at all. It would have been far better to have written at first and described the bird's symptoms. If not now too late to be of any use, try the following treatment for a week or two. Staple diet, plain canary only, with a half-teaspoonful of summer rape twice a week. Every second day for a fortnight give half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of sherry and one of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it. Give a little green food, dandelion, chickweed, or lettuce on each alternate day. In the drinking water give twenty drops whisky, six of daudelion juice, and ten of syrup of rhubarb every second day for a week. After the first week give two drops each of tincture of steel and tincture of gentian every second day for a week. Limit the diet to what is mentioned above; give no egg food, and see the cage is perfectly clean and free from mite, and not exposed to draughts or great variations of heat. The one that is troubled with red mite should have a few baths with a few quassia chips soaked in the water, and then be changed into a perfectly clean cage, the place where the infected cage has hung being thoroughly cleaned before the clean cage is hung in position. The probability is that all your cages require a thorough overhaul, as you will often see advised here, and the sooner they get one the better for your success in the coming season.

### Brevities.

**Birds and Plants** (Nurse E. Wilkie).—As a rule, a greenhouse is by no means an ideal place for keeping birds, but in such a position as yours, and being unheated, I am inclined to think you would find the combination work very tolerably, providing you do not allow it to get overheated by the sun in summer, and keep it thoroughly well ventilated at top by means of top lights, which can be raised to any required height to keep air cool at top, and allow superfluous moisture to pass off. Try the experiment first with a hardy breed, such as common Germans, Borders, or Norwich, and allow plenty of space for exercise.

**Caught Cold** (Onward).—Keep bird in a comfortable temperature, free from draughts. Give half-a-teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, in addition to the staple diet of plain canary. Discontinue the bread and milk entirely, and give instead on days when you are not giving rape as an extra, half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry well mixed in it. After giving this one week, drop the number of times you give it to twice a week, and omit the sherry, and in place of the decrease give a pinch of hemp twice a week. In the drinking water give, two days in every three until better, twenty drops whisky, ten glycerine, two eucalyptus oil, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, well shaken together.

**Loose in Bowels** ("Light").—Feed on plain canary only as a staple, and every second day give half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and on the alternate days a few grains only of hemp. Limit diet strictly to this for a fortnight, save that you may give a small piece of banana three times a week; but do not give green food or any other substitute. In drinking water give daily for 3 days, and every second day for the remainder of the week, ten drops of glycerine, six of dandelion juice, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence. On the alternate days after the first three days are past give four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. During the second week give two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel every second day, and if the looseness is not stopped after the first day or two of the second week, give twenty drops of whisky and two of tincture of opium on the alternating days for once or twice, as may appear necessary. Don't apologise for writing; am always pleased to help.

**Pair of Queries** (C. R.).—(1) No, you certainly must not take away the usual seeds when your birds have young to hatch. Allow an unlimited supply of canary all along, and gradually add the additional rape and hemp as you may see frequently advised here, or in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," when the young are a few days old, and the usual supply of green food and egg food is, of course all in addition to, and in no sense a substitute for, the regular seed diet. (2) This pair was not ready for mating when put together. You can only wait patiently now until the hen freshens up with the approaching spring, and settles down to business more practically. Feed as you would a pair you were preparing for mating, but instead of giving egg food give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with a pinch of inga and gold of pleasure mixed in it on alternate days. Also give two small leaves of dandelion daily.

**Strange Antics** (J. D.).—It is probable the cage or the place where the bird is kept is chiefly responsible for its curious habit of throwing its head back in "taking its perches." Is it kept in an all-wire open-top cage, or has it been lately removed from a much smaller cage? Either of these things might explain its habit. Anyway, as it is evidently in good condition, there is no reason why you should not mate him up in a week or so if ready, and in the meantime give him a pinch of Epsom salts in his water three times in one week.

**What Are Crest-Breds?** (Ruhtra).—If you mate a Crest with a Norwich Plainhead the young will not be pure Crest-breds, but simply cross-bred: Plainhead Crest. Although the Crest-bred proper has not a crest, it is so intimately blended with Crest blood that it has practically the same blood as the bird adorned with the best Crests, and one of its parents has been a Crested bird for several generations backwards, with probably a couple of Crests occasionally for one parentage. The Crest-bred is a decidedly larger and more massive bird than a Plainhead, and has considerably longer and more profuse plumage.

**Breeding Sibs** (Lucky).—If your birds are not the produce of birds which have already been inbred, there is no serious objection to mating them together this year with a view to starting a strain of Sibs for light Mule breeding, seeing that they are strong and healthy, and fully matured. Next year you should try Finches with the young hens bred from the cross, and any that throw Mules showing any light in the plumage should be mated back to the male parent, and a dark-eyed clear yellow cock introduced to mate with the old hen, and, perhaps, one of the young pink-eyed hens, for change of blood, as you should not repeat the mating of brother and sister next year, neither with the old birds nor any of the young.

**Trimming For Breeding** ("Trimming").—It is quite unnecessary to trim Rollers for breeding in any way whatever. It is only the very long and heavily feathered breeds, such as Crests or Lancashires, that require any preparation of this kind.

**Would Not Sit** (Beginner).—Give her another trial, and be careful not to interfere with her nesting arrangements more than is absolutely necessary. Many hens are upset, or ruined, by too much fussy meddling. By the way, did you remove the eggs as laid, and fail to put a dummy in the nest whilst the clutch was being laid? I have known this to be alone responsible for a hen's refusing to sit. You can do nothing to make her sit. The only way out of the difficulty is to transfer the eggs to another hen just commencing to sit.

**A Songless Roller** (Anxious).—First see the bird is quite free from chills and draughts, and great variations in temperature. Then feed and treat as advised to "A Young Beginner." Give also the same medicines, except that during the second week you should substitute this mixture for

the eucalyptus one, viz., get a pennyworth of citrate of iron and quinine, dissolve it in two tablespoonfuls of port wine, and give twenty drops of this every second day for a fortnight, or until the moulting is stopped. Of course, you will give the steel and gentian on the alternate days as advised to the querist referred to, though it should not be necessary to continue them longer than a fortnight.

**Pants and Throbs** (Elm).—Feed for a fortnight on a staple of plain Canary only, with just a pinch of summer rape twice a week, and half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake on two other days each week as the only additions. A little green food—chickweed, groundsel, or dandelion—may be given three or four times a week. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and six drops of syrup of rhubarb two days in every three for a week; and in the following week two drops each of tincture of steel and tincture of gentian every second day. If it is not quite well by that time, repeat the two weeks' treatment in same order.

**Diet in Outdoor Aviary** (J.T.O.).—As a stock diet give an unlimited supply of Canary and summer rape, which you will find most economical to provide in separate vessels. In another vessel you may give a mixture of two parts hemp and millet, and a half part short oats, winter rape, and inga, adding another one part each linseed and maw when the moulting season arrives. Give this as a stock diet regularly, with a supply of green food, and when there are any young in the nests add a pan of soft food of any kind you favour, and during the most prolific part of the season, when young are abundant, give also a pan of hemp, about enough to last the birds from breakfast time to tea time.

**Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.**

**An Unnatural Mother** (Mrs. Deries).—Am sorry I cannot give you any remedy to prevent your hen dropping her eggs from the perch and pecking holes in them. It is a vicious habit which is quite incurable, although there are some who believe that giving them an egg-shell surreptitiously filled with some nauseous substance to break, or giving them a china nest egg to work off energy upon, will cure them of the habit. Personally, I have no confidence in such plans, but you may try them if you care to do so. If your nests are properly made and lined, the only certain remedy for such a habit is to cover the floor of the cage with some soft material to prevent eggs being broken by the fall, and then putting them under a foster parent to batch and rear.

**Something in Throat** (Bert).—See reply to "A Young Beginner," and feed as there advised, and also carry out same suggestions respecting general treatment. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, ten each of glycerine, and oxymel of squills, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, two days in every three for a week, and if it is not quite right by that time, continue same mixture, excepting the potash, which you may omit, and add two drops of eucalyptus oil instead, and shake well together, every second day for another week.

**Effects of Seeds** (Cymro).—It is rather too big a subject to go into details concerning the good and bad effects of all seeds in this column. The subject has been fully dealt with several times in other sections of the paper, and once as recently as last summer in our "Novices' Notebook." However, we will see what can be done at an early date. Meantime, briefly, Canary and rape may be regarded as the bread and cheese of Canarydom; hemp and linseed may be compared in effect with suet pudding; niger has been called, and perhaps not inaptly, the birdy *eau de vie*; maw, beyond being a general favourite to entice birds to eat otherwise not very acceptable soft food, is most useful during the first half of the moult to help the birds to get rid of the plumage.

**A Great Improvement** (Novice, F.H.).—Am glad to hear there is such an improvement in your birds' condition. You should be able to dispense with all special treatment now. Leave off all extras on the bill of fare gradually, and omit all medicines for a week. If the birds show any signs of going back give them the same treatment again for a few days, then omit it for a few days, and then break it off gradually. You may take advantage of any spell of nice mild weather now to transfer the birds from the kitchen to the other room. Thanks for kind remarks about "Canary Breeding for Beginners." Glad you find it so useful.

**A Broody Male** (Crossbred).—Assuming you are not really mistaken about the sex of your bird, it is certainly a little unusual for the cock to completely take charge of the hatching business. You do not say whether the hen sits on the nest as well as the cock, but if she does, and both birds agree amicably, you should let matters take their course. It would be a mistake to separate them, as the chances are that the hen might refuse to sit when the cock was removed, and there will probably be no harm in both birds sharing the shackles of matrimony. After all, it may only be that the cock sits on the side of the nest to make believe he is sharing the business.

**Repeated** (T.H.W.B.).—Sorry your last queries could not be replied to last week. You will find the omission rectified in this issue, which, I think, will fully reply to all in your repeated letter.

**Sitting Hen Sneezing** (W. Smith).—As your bird is so near hatching, I do not advise you to attempt any drug treatment at all beyond giving a few drops of glycerine in the water. Try what a few grains of hemp and a pinch of maw added to the diet will do, and see that the bird as she sits on the nest is not exposed to any cold current of air from anywhere—such as a window, or in the opening and shutting of doors. It sometimes happens that a hen which appears to be wheezy and breathless whilst sitting comes round all right as soon as the young are hatched—possibly through excitement, or, maybe, the apparent wheeziness is nothing more serious than nervousness. This may be the case with yours.

## BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

### Concerning a Song Thrush.

**T. Brown.**—It is a bad time of the year (too near the breeding season) for Thrushes to be caught with any expectation of their becoming steady. Keep the cage of the bird hanging breast high in a room where people are constantly about, and partially cover the cage front for a time. When you go near throw a few mealworms in; try to gain the confidence of the bird; later, try to get it to take the mealworms from your fingers. You must have great patience, and trust to this and time to get the bird tame. I have dealt with the feeding—twice within the last five weeks. What a pity readers do not look up recent back numbers. Here you are again, briefly: Feed the bird on the following lines (any good corn dealer would mix you the stock food). Stock mixture (store it in tins): Finely ground Chicken (or Game or Pheasant or Partridge) meal, six parts; ground silkworm pupæ, meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies, one part each, by measure. Get the Chicken (or other) meal without grit If you have any difficulty in doing so, finely crushed puppy cakes (or puppy meal) makes an excellent substitute; or the "broken" biscuit obtainable from the grocer. If the latter be used, add an extra part of meat meal and silkworm pupæ. Damp quantity required for daily use with grated raw carrot, or finely-chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season, or cold boiled potato. Vary them frequently, and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg flake, or half a hard-boiled egg, finely minced up, occasionally. Give some mealworms daily, and any other insects you can lay hands on, also ripe fruit and berries frequently, and according to season.

### Mate for Cock Roller.

**X.Y.Z.**—You can use a cock Roller Canary for Hybrid breeding, certainly, if you do not mind the likelihood of any young being small in size. You seem unaware of the fact, however, that hen British Finches are not to be relied upon to sit their eggs and feed their young (if any hatch) when in a cage. I have known odd cases where the hen has been successful—both Bullie, Goldie, Redpoll, Linnet, and Greenfinch hens—but they are, unhappily, rare. Most fanciers rely upon Canary "fostermothers" to hatch and rear their young Hybrids. If the hen Finch will do her part, the cock Canary can practically always be relied upon to help. You must read the many replies I have given during the last month on Hybrid pairs and Hybrid breeding generally, and adopt the feeding methods, etc., given therein. Cages are dealt with in a reply given this week. You could choose, with prospect of success, either a Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Siskin, Goldfinch, Redpoll, or Linnet hen, but she must be steady and domesticated (not fresh caught).

### In a Cote.

**Mule Breeding.**—If you want to use several hens, then you should turn in Canary hens only. You will be well advised not to turn in more than four, with a cock Goldfinch, Linnet, and Bullfinch (the latter, by the way, is a doubtful breeder). The place is rather ill-shaped, being too high in proportion to the length and width. It is only like a large flight cage. Both light and ventilation ought to be all right if the front is wired (½in. mesh) from the top to within two feet of the bottom. As the place has very little depth front to back, you may find it necessary to rig up a waterproof cover (or blind) to keep out heavy storms. I presume you have a means of entering the cote when necessary; by hanging a sheet over the opening one can easily get in and out with but little chance of releasing a bird. I should think the birds would be better flying loose than caged up; they would stand the cold weather better that way, and you would have very little cage space. Canaries (when co'droom bred) often stand the cold with less apparent discomfort than British Finches—the latter often show its effects very quickly. Sanitary distemper will be found much better than whitewash for use inside the place.

### In an Aviary.

**E.T.**—Pleased to hear you have taken the "bird fever"— hope it will prove a lasting complaint. Your aviary is a nice size, but a depth of 4ft. instead of 3ft. would have been a decided improvement. You should be careful to have the sexes equal when keeping both cock and hen of the same species; it is a mistake, for instance, to have two cock Bullfinches and only one hen, as it leads to fighting as a rule. The others will probably agree all right; any persistently quarrelsome and aggressive individuals should be removed. Hawfinches are not among the satisfactory aviary birds. They are not quarrelsome, but painfully shy—hide in any corners or dash wildly about when anyone approaches. A very tame bird (say, hand-reared) would be the best to try. Sand (coarse and gritty) is much better than sawdust; anyway, the birds must have grit. The feeding of the Hawfinch is dealt with in another reply this week.

### On Hybrid Breeding.

**Hybrid.**—In my recent answers you will no doubt have gleaned some information concerning Hybrid breeding, what nests to use, and foods, etc. You should also study the articles appearing in our columns and read the "Annual." If you are pestered by both cats and small boys, then you must certainly choose the workshop in preference to the yard. I like an indoor place, personally, and prefer each couple to have a roomy cage to themselves (see another reply this week). I don't think British birds would take to the style of nestbox you illustrate; it is more suitable for certain species of foreign birds. Hang up wicker travelling (Roller) cages, with the inside fitments removed and the bars taken out at one end, screened with dried grass or even hay. The stack of cages you illustrate is excellent—would answer admirably. The workshop is all right, too, and would make a grand "flight" in the winter. Caged pairs are much better than couples flying loose indiscriminately, however, so far as breeding results go. By the way, your pairing is very unusual and ambitious. For instance, if you rear any Hybrids from your Chaffinch-Greenfinch, Bullfinch-Bramblefinch, and Yellowhammer-Greenfinch couples, they will be the first on record. Don't, of course, be discouraged from trying.

### A Pair of Redpolls.

**Irene.** It is quite possible to breed with a pair of Redpolls in a good-sized breeding cage. Simply turn the couple in and leave them to "go as they please." When the warm weather comes the hen will be pretty certain to desire to "keep house." Keep a few sprigs of nesting material about, and the hen will commence to fuss about with them when she feels fit. Then hang in a nest-box, or nest-pan, or the prepared wicker travelling (Roller) cage adopted by many fanciers. One of my own successful couples, to my great surprise, chose a white earthenware nest-pan, and built the nest entirely of white charpic—not a particle of anything else. It is astonishing what strange things some British hens take to when nesting in captivity. The nest of this couple was a huge affair, projecting upwards a long way from the rim of the nest-pan—it reminded me of a Yorkshire pudding which had risen well. The hen could hardly be seen when sitting, so deep was the cavity. But she made this uncommon nursery a huge success. Both birds fed the young, and chiefly on ripe seeding shepherd's purse and chickweed, with the tiny "creeping things" to be found amongst it. They ate the ordinary seeds, and I saw them at the dishes of insectivorous food and egg-food. Before breeding operations commence, Redpolls should be fed the same as Linnets. Stock seed mixture: Canary, three pints, teazle two pints, summer rape, charlock, and linseed one pint each. A feed of hemp, maw and niger, and a good wild seed mixture can be given frequently (varied) by way of a change. Let them have a little green food, especially rape seedlings, in the winter, and ripe seeding shepherd's purse, chickweed, plantain and groundsel freely in the summer. To help forward into breeding condition tender young dandelion leaves, and the flowering and seeding heads are indispensable. Also put in the "side-pan" or "tit-bit" drawer, daily, a teaspoonful of the following mixture: Two ounces each of gold of pleasure, niger, sesame, and thistle, one ounce each of mustard (golden yellow seed), dandelion, plantain, maw, cornflower and lettuce. It is the finest "tit-bit" or "refresher" (call it what you will) that I know, and there is no waste. This treatment will bring any bird into breeding condition at the earliest possible moment.

### A Quartette.

**Stag.**—(1) I don't think you ought to have removed the cock Finches out of sight of the hen Canaries which they had been running with. It does not hurt to part them (say, with a wired slide) for a week or two until both sides are ready to begin in earnest; (2) It will not make the slightest difference providing the couples are properly mated—that is, the hens agree with their partners. When a pair has arrived at a proper understanding, the presence of other birds in the same room will not "put them off"; (3) If you took the bird out of a warm kitchen into a cold bedroom, then this would be the cause of the trouble. Nothing is more certain to throw birds out of condition than sudden changes of temperature; it is highly dangerous to suddenly shift a bird which has been housed in a warm room into a cold room, or vice-versa; (4) We have published illustrations in Cage Birds of plantain, chickweed, shepherd's purse, etc. Shall be pleased to tell you whether you have gathered the right weeds if you send a sprig or two of them.

### Stock Cage, &c., for Linnets.

**Viking.**—1: The cage I use myself (and most well-known fanciers of my acquaintance) is that which has now come to be widely known as the "Finch Stock Cage." It is made and stocked by all up-to-date cage-makers; you could get one from most of those advertising in our columns. My own are 16 and 18 inches long, by 11 high and 8 and 9 wide. The front bottom rail is made very deep (not less than 3½ inches) and a hole is cut in this, through which the seed-drawer runs, to the back of the cage. 2: The perches are two in number, and they rest on the bottom rail. In position, one should be on the wire next the water-hole, and the other about 3 inches from the seed-drawer. This gives a jump of about nine inches in the smallest size of cage. 3: You will have noted that two is the correct number. In shape they should be square underneath, rounded at the top—one rounded to a half-circle, the other only the corners taken off. One perch should be a full three-eighths wide, and the other a full half-inch; thickness, about three-eighths of an inch. Variety in the size and shape of the perches prevents slipped claws, stiff claws, and other similar troubles. 4: As a colour for the insides of stock cages, a very pale blue cannot be beaten; a very pale green, however, is just as suitable.

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### Another Quartette.

**Midlothian.**—1: There is no recognised type, and no recognised size, for the breeding cage of Finches. When muling, some fanciers pin their faith to single breeders (one compartment), others to double-breeders (two compartments, with a sliding division between them), and others to three compartment breeders. Personally, I use the double-breeder, 40 inches long, 16 high and 11 wide. Some so-called breeding cages, especially the low-priced ones—are ridiculously small, and if used only conduce to failure. Another type of muling cage has lately sprung into fashion—one with a large compartment for the hen and a smaller at the side for the Finch, when necessary to shut him off. For use with two British birds, then I like a cage very deep from back to front, and as large as possible—not less than 30 inches long by 16 high by 16 wide. Get a catalogue or two of cages from one or other of the leading makers (see advertisement columns), and you will find the patterns I have mentioned illustrated therein. They should be severely plain, but as well made as possible. 2: With regard to perches for Canaries and small Finches, note reply to question 3 given "Viking" this week. 3: It is very doubtful, indeed, whether any of the birds you mention will breed in a cage. The hen Goldie would probably accept a cock Linnet or Redpoll or Siskin for a husband. 4: I don't recommend millet for the reason that British Finches exhibit no liking for it.

### A Snow Bunting.

**J. Young.**—The three great show points in a Snow Bunting are size, steadiness, and purity of the white parts of the plumage. They vary a good deal in size, and as a rule only an extremely large bird stands a chance in keen competition—a bird with a wide, bold head, and very wide, rounded chest. The white plumage should be as snowy as possible, and whatever brown it may have across the chest and elsewhere be of a warm, rich tone, while the markings on the wings and tail should be distinct, and a dense, glossy black. Your present diet is very good. All the Buntings feed very much alike. The only "stock mixture" you will need is plain Canary seed. Few Buntings will eat any quantity of other seeds, though small oats, wild seed mixture, rape, cracked hemp, coarse oatmeal, maw, and one or two other seeds will be picked over and a few eaten, while some get to like crushed sunflower and safflower. To make a little variety in the diet, it is best to give a feed of soaked ants' eggs frequently, and live insect food (mealworms, flies, scoured gentles, small beetles, and grubs generally), according to season. Fresh (live) ants' eggs are relished exceedingly. "Shop" ants' eggs (get the best quality only) are well liked if soaked in a little new milk, drained on a cloth, and then given the birds; this helps to bring them into song and condition. It is well to mix a sprinkling of a good insectivorous food among the ants' eggs, gradually increasing the quantity, as in this way Buntings (other species, too) can be got to eat it readily; and it is very good for them. Green food these birds are not keen on, but you can always offer them a sprig of whatever you may happen to have in the place. Corn Buntings will usually eat a little "seeding green-food" (grasses, shepherd's purse, etc.), and Reed Buntings, too.

### Management of Hawfinch.

**Beak.**—It is not possible, within the limits of my space, to give full details of the management of any bird. You should peruse some up-to-date book on the subject, say, Mr. Norman's "British Bird Manual" (price, 1s. 1d. from Cage Birds office), which deals with the Hawfinch. The best house cage is the "Finch stock cage," described in another reply this week, but not less than 20 inches long by 14 inches high by 10 inches wide, and the two perches should be ¼in. and ⅜in. respectively. The water-hole should, naturally, be a very large one. As regards the proper feeding, the principal food for a caged Hawfinch is sound, plump, white sunflower seed, or mixed sunflower and safflower. Sunflower seed which is black, or striped, however, is not bad, by any means; still, I prefer white myself whenever obtainable. Given this, and a mealworm or two every day or so, the bird asks for little more. The mealworms are a great help in keeping (and getting) a bird steady. The bird also appreciates hemp, linseed, canary, oats, small wheat, and sometimes a little buckwheat, summer rape, small Indian corn, etc. His powerful beak makes short work of beechmast, suitable nuts (walnuts, etc.), plum and cherry stones, hawthorn, privet, etc., berries and the like. They appreciate a little young lettuce, watercress, chickweed, shepherd's purse, also ripe apple, pear, etc., occasionally. They make no exception in favour of tender green garden peas, of which they are passionately fond, and these are especially good given in the pod. They are fond of a bath, so let him have one whenever the weather is suitable; daily, if possible. The free use of water is the finest possible thing to keep him in good condition.

### Brevities.

**Hen Goldfinch-Canary Mule** (R. J. P.).—It is extremely unlikely that your hen Mule would produce any young. Many hold that Mules will not breed at all. Have never personally known of a case, but I consider it is now established that in odd instances Mules have successfully bred. If you want to try the experiment, then pair your hen to either a cock Canary or Goldfinch.

**A Goldfinch** (R. S. G.).—The bird seems to be in a very sorry plight, with which its age may very likely have something to do. I really don't see that you can hope to get it right again; in fact, the probability is that it will drag on, getting worse and worse, until death releases it. You might try dressing the places lightly twice daily with sulphur ointment. If no improvement in a fortnight or so, then, personally, I should have the bird chloroformed.

**A Matter of Capacity** (F. M. Y.).—The three pairs will not be too many, providing you see that each couple gets "acquainted" before being turned into the flight (they should all go in at the same time). Provide plenty of nesting sites, and see that no two hens engage in a struggle for the same nest-box or nesting-place.

**Sex of a Mule** (F. Yardley).—I should be inclined to write the bird down as a hen. Healthy young cock Linnet Mules "record" stoutly when still in their nest-feathers; and they commence to sing out directly the moult is well over. Hens will certainly tootle a bit, but give a very desultory and jerky performance, not at all like the loud, sustained song of the cocks. The hen is a dull, greyish brown; the cock a warm nutty brown, with distinct traces of yellow about the throat, cheeks and breast. Your feeding is good. Try the bird in a room by itself for a week or so.

**Not Singing** (H. T.).—Removing the Thrush from the aviary would come as a shock, certainly; but it will sing again this spring, I have no doubt, providing the "sneezing," etc., disappear. Try the following for 10 or 12 days: crush a chlorate of potash lozenge and dissolve half in a little hot water, then stir in half a teaspoonful of honey, then make up to two tablespoonfuls with cold water, and give it to the bird to drink. Prepare afresh daily. For hints on food, note reply to "J. Brown" this week.

**A Skylark** (Novice, A. M.).—Sometimes the fault lies with the cage, many being much too small. I have found a mixture of dry sand (bird sand) and road dust (equal parts) answer admirably as a floor covering, put on very thickly. Have also used coarse sawdust and peat-moss litter (very finely ground) with success. A duplicate "false bottom" should be obtained, made of thin zinc, and run in frequently filled with chickweed, or even with grass, made very wet. This helps splendidly to keep the feet in condition.

**With Cock Chaffinches** (F. W. Stubbs).—Your cage is not over big for one couple only, and I very much question whether two cock Chaffinches will agree together; they can be frightfully pugnacious. So far as I know the first Chaffinch-Canary Mule has yet to be bred; one or two reputed examples have been exhibited, but have always been doubted. You cannot do better than try the cross. The hen Canary would require to be treated on the same lines as though she were breeding with a cock Canary.

**A Sex Problem** (W. Garthwaite).—I should think the Thrush must be a hen, seeing the time it has been caged and the fine condition it is in. I advise you, however, to keep it a month longer; by then we are sure to get some sunny weather. If you could fix the bird up in a room which gets the sun, and in which it would not be disturbed, that should soon induce it to sing, if a male.

**Another Sex Problem** (W. D.).—I certainly think that both the Redpolls are cocks. The fact of one "bossing" the other, which is very afraid of the aggressor, points to this being the case. Your Bullfinch, which will not eat green food and turns berries out of its cage, is a kind of double-strength freak. I have never seen his like. Have you tried him with ripe seeding shepherd's purse and chickweed and ripe blackberries? Bullies' "song" is very peculiar, and might well be likened to a sort of "chuckling."

**A Trio** (C. F.).—(1) I should think that 10 to 12 pairs would be the limit. You should see that the inner shed is fairly well lighted; (2) ½in. mesh wire netting is the best, taken all round, for a collection including Finches, though ¾in. mesh is small enough for many species. I should think 2in. mesh would be right for pigeons; (3) I don't know of any book which deals with British birds in aviaries on the lines you mention. There is not one, I am sure. Most books deal with both cages and aviaries.

## FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

### What Mynah, etc.

**M. L.**—Am of opinion your bird is the Common Mynah (Acridotheres tristis), which ranges over the whole of India, Burma, and Tenasserim. These birds are practically omnivorous and can have any of the following soft foods (see advert. columns): table scraps, ripe fruit, mealworms, and any other insects you can capture, and about twice a week a little minced cooked meat. Of course, the cage of a bird indulging in such a diet and a large eater at that, needs frequent attention, and it should be sufficiently large to allow the bird to take exercise. The Pekin Robin should have a diet of soft food, ripe fruit, and several mealworms, and any beetles, spiders, smooth caterpillars, etc., you can capture for it; and most individuals appreciate a little white millet seed, say, a teaspoonful twice a week.

### Amazon Parrot Retching.

**A. K. G.**—It is the after-effect of the milk-sop that is giving the trouble, and it will be some little time before the effects of this are received. You could just dip its piece of biscuit or crust of household bread in the chemical food water, merely to moisten, not to saturate it. Continue the magnesia water every third day, so long as there are no signs of diarrhœa. Be liberal with the ripe fruit (apple is good), nuts and plain biscuit, but do not on any account be tempted to give slops, table scraps or animal food. A clean piece of cuttlefish should be continually hanging in the cage, and a little grit might with advantage be mingled with the seed mixture. Do not leave the water continually in the cage, but let the bird have a good drink three or four times daily.

### Cockatoo Sick and Unwell.

**H. S. V.**—Very probably there yet clings to the cage wires some dressing, which occasioned the sickness. Get a small dish mop and some boiling water, into which put a handful of washing soda, and thoroughly wash every part of the wirework; finally well swill with cold water, and then leave it exposed to the atmosphere for a few days—of course, where it will be protected from wet. The cage should then be quite safe to use. All Parrots climb about the wirework of cage, and also bite and suck same, and there is no means of preventing this; but you should have no further trouble if you treat cage as above. If, however, there are little lumps of metal about the wire, I should remove these, so as to obviate any chance of the bird biting them off and swallowing them.

### Cardinal with Abnormal Thirst.

**R. J. P.**—Supply drinking water in a small glass drinker, holding about one ounce, and well colour this with Parrish's Chemical Food; do not leave it in the bird's cage continually, but let is have a good drink, say, three times a day, and a bath only once a day. Dict: A seed mixture of canary, millet, oats, hemp, and sunflower seeds, the two latter kinds in only half the quantities of the three former. Also supply ripe fruit (apple or banana they usually favour) and a few insects, say, three or four mealworms daily, a little later small beetles, spiders, and smooth caterpillars will be procurable, and will be very beneficial. If it will take it, a teaspoonful of some good, soft food mixture (see advertisement columns) will also be very wholesome, or a few ants' eggs, as bought, scattered over sand.

### Finches for a Greenhouse.

**B. H. S. N.**—Our Mr. Weston has already answered you *re* the British birds. I may add that I consider Chaffinches and Greenfinches dangerous company for a mixed series, such as you suggest. The greenhouse will answer for them very well indeed, but it will be best to get a good stove for very severe nights. I also strongly advise the glass to be covered over with roofing felt as far down as the ventilator. I really advise you to divide it up into about four enclosures, with a passage between from door to door. If you care to send me a stamped-addressed envelope per the Editor, I will send you a rough ground plan of such divisions as I suggest, which you will find far better than cages and much more economical in the long run, besides being more likely to give better breeding results. If you send for plan, send dimensions over again, also width of doors. It does not do to overcrowd for breeding; twelve to fifteen pairs would be ample. Avadavats, Waxbills, Bronze Wings, Zebras, Gouldian, Ruficauda, Ribbon, and other Finches, etc., would all agree well together.

### Parrot Not Talking.

**A. W.**—I cannot suggest any reason, as you give no clue as to the nature of its illness or treatment, and even if you received advice through this paper, I have no recollection of the details. It would appear as if it had not entirely recovered yet from the illness you mention, but you can safely conclude that, unless the illness has permanently affected the vocal organs, with complete recovery it will in due course become spirited and talkative. Possibly if you give me full details as to its illness, treatment, and its present demeanour, I could suggest something to help. In the meantime, put four drops of pure glycerine into its daily supply of drinking water, say, one ounce. You give me no clue as to how you are feeding the bird, but slops, table scraps, and animal food must not be given; the diet should be confined to seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, and a little of such green food as it will take, lettuce, salads, etc. Cuttlefish, grit, and water should be continually in the cage. The bird should get plenty of fresh air, yet must not be subjected to draught.

### A Sick Parrot.

**J. S.**—It is a case of indigestion, for which I think the boiled maize and coffee sop are responsible. Give two or three doses of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful to each ounce of drinking water), but stop this at once at the least sign of diarrhœa. I should advise you to wean it from the boiled maize as soon as possible, but you must not stop it suddenly. An adult Grey Parrot is better on a diet of seed, fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, and a stale crust of household bread. Stop the toast and coffee at once. The toast will do no harm, but simply dip it in water, just to damp it, not saturate it. I do not think you have cause for anxiety if you get the bird on to the above diet as soon as possible; if after two or three days the sickness continues or the bird becomes weak, repeat query with full details. The bird should have the opportunity of satisfying its thirst at least twice a day, and if it appears to need a stimulant, let it have a few sips of very weak brandy and water.

### Amazon Breathing Heavily.

**A. C.**—I am assuming that you are feeding the bird in accordance with my previous reply. On receipt of this, take away drinking water overnight, and first thing next morning give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in one tablespoonful of water, and give nothing else to drink till that has been consumed; follow this by giving the ipecacuanha, oxymel of squills, and glycerine mixture; also the chemical food in accordance with previous directions. Also bathe the nostrils (use a camel-hair brush) with diluted glyco-thymoline. Supply liberally such ripe fruit as the bird will eat. Do not neglect to keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in its cage. Supply a little boiled maize every other day. Prepare this as follows:—Boil till soft, drain off all surplus water, dust with flowers of sulphur, stir up, but not so as to crush the grains of corn, and supply to the birds. Note: The boiled maize only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel must be kept strictly clean. I must repeat former warning: do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. Keep the bird carefully out of draught, but not in a vitiated atmosphere. If the breathing should not improve in a week or ten days, repeat query, with full details of treatment, etc.

## Brevities.

**Is It a Cockatoo?** (New Reader)—Yes, it is the Long or Slender-billed Cockatoo (*Licmetis nasicus*). The majority of those imported to this country do not talk much, most of them not at all. I have never met with a talker, but have heard of one or two. Keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, also teach it by constant repetition.

**Grey Parrot Improving** (M. Aikman).—Am glad to note the improvement being maintained, and you cannot do better than continue on the lines of previous replies. I am of opinion the improvement will be continued to a complete recovery; if, however, there should be any relapse, write at once giving the fullest details. The fruit will be very beneficial and the little potato a good change, providing there is no fat of any kind on it.

**The Sex of Violet-Neck Lories.**—A friend who at present possesses a true pair of this species, writes me that the distinctions are but slight. The male is slightly the slimmer and is more active-looking; his head is more rounded, his beak is smaller and more rounded from side to side, that of the female being more angular. The purple head-mark of the male is rather more intense in colour than that of the female. I should add that the above distinctions would only apply to fully adult birds.

**Grey Parrot Not Talking** ("Grey Parrot").—The healthy Grey that does not at any rate speak a few words I have never met, and I should most certainly not readily part with a healthy, well-plumaged specimen. Keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation. Your living room should be a good place. Also teach it by constant repetition. As it becomes tamer there will be more probability of its talking. I should certainly advise keeping it another six months at least. Healthy Greys are none to easily got hold of, save at high prices.

**Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.**

**Aviary For Budgerigars** (Peggie).—You do not give me your county, but Budgerigars are hardy birds, and make ready use of husks, etc., so that they should thrive and increase in your aviary. I think, however, better than forming a sleeping shelter inside, it would be far better to glaze in, outside the netting, half the front of roofed-in portion; as the front is 6ft. high, the lower 2ft. could be matchboarding and the remaining portion glass. Fix up a dozen or more husks under the roof and against the wall, and put in plenty of natural branches for the birds to disport themselves about on. Do not overstock at first; make a start with, say, four pairs, each pair from a different source, and only buy the best—that is, large, well-coloured and well-feathered birds; refuse all birds said to be in moult.

**Ring-Neck with Small Birds** (Donabate).—While I do not think the Ring-Neck would do any harm to your Budgerigars or Cardinals, yet I cannot assume the responsibility of advising you to put it in, as there is certainly a great risk in doing so. Why not keep it in the cage? But don't feed it on table scraps, please. You can safely put the Red-Crested Cardinals in with the Budgies and Javas. Your aviary appears to be well arranged, and I certainly advise you not to put the Ring-Neck in. Why not try the Black-Cheeked Lovebirds? These should be worth breeding.

**What Bird?** ("A Novice").—I fear I cannot give you the exact species, as many of the genus *Serinus*, to which your bird evidently belongs, have their marking pretty generally as you describe, varying only by having a greater or less amount of yellow and a different placing of the various colour areas of their plumage. I take your bird to be either a Green Singing Finch or a St. Helena Seedeater, both of which, I believe, have crossed with the Canary; at least, I have recently seen a stuffed specimen of the last-named cross, which had been bred, and which lived for two years in an English aviary. Put it up at once in a large double-breeder, take out all partitions, and leave birds to themselves; don't give up hope this season till well into autumn.

**Treatment for Yellow-Wing Sugar Bird** ("Northumbrian").—I prefer milk sop made so: take sufficient milk in a small pannikin, add sufficient sugar and crushed plain biscuit, and boil whole up together, supplying to bird when cool. Test the bird with all kinds of ripe fruit as in season, till you find what it favours. I should also give a little soft food mixture, say, equal parts sponge cake, ants' eggs, and dried flies, made just crumbly moist; also give it one or two mealworms daily; sweetened stewed fruit is also good for them as a change. Keep the bird out of draught, but not in a vitiated atmosphere. They are very ready to suck out all the juice of grapes, and with evident appreciation. Milk sop is a good mainstay, but they want variety.

**Value of Gouldian Finches** (L. D. P.).—The normal value of Gouldians is as follows: Red-heads, 25s. pair; Black-heads, 17s. 6d. pair; Yellow-heads, extremely rare, very few have been seen, and consequently very costly on the rare occasions one comes to hand. At the present time Gouldians are very scarce on the market, and are worth about double the prices named above, and I question if you will get any, save by advertising for them, and I am doubtful about your getting Red-heads even by this means. There are few, indeed, in the country at present.

## GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

**Our thanks** to H. Owen, F. Dunn, E. P., and others for interesting newspaper cuttings, photographs, etc.

**A Trading Matter** (Troubled).—A person or persons trading as a firm under the title of Messrs. So-and-So Bros., or So-and-So and Company, do not require to be registered, but a limited company—that is, a company comprising shareholders—must be duly registered.

**Books** (G. H. B.).—We can send you a book dealing with bee-keeping for 1s. 2d., post free. The Canary rearing article has never appeared in pamphlet form, but we can spare you a copy of The Annual in which it was printed, post free 8d.

**A Cup** (G. H. B.).—Yes. The cup you mention is offered in the annual competitions of the Northern Yorkshire Canary Club.

**Norwich Plainhead Club** (J. M. Mapp).—The matter is dealt with in this issue.

**Y.C.C. of Ireland** (J. P. Rooney).—The correspondence is the result of a letter concerning the challenge cup of the Y.C.C. of Ireland, sent by Mr. Devins. We make no charge for publishing club reports.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

### INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—I fancy the water and seed glass your reader requires (only he is a figure wrong) is Seed and Water Bottle No. 493,473. Anyhow, I supply a glass with that registered number and wire-holders to fit.

Blackburn. J. WALSH.

### PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR BRANDON COLLIERY AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—There is to be a meeting held on Wednesday, March 31st, at Mr. G. Reed's, 35, Newcastle-street, Brandon Colliery, at 7.30 o'clock, with the object of forming a Cage Bird Society. All fanciers wishing to join please attend.

G. REED, Sec. *pro. tem.*

### THE PREPARATION OF BIRDS FOR EXHIBITION.

SIR,—Being somewhat of a novice in the Fancy, although I have had the pleasure of winning a 1st or two with birds I have bred, and being an aspirant for show bench honours, I feel curious as to the preparing of birds for show. I have sought eagerly for the "secret" of getting rid of those "few loose feathers" and putting on that "gloss" which one sees on birds belonging to professionals. Are these indeed "secrets" which are only known to the favoured few? How often do we hear of a bird winning "hands down" after it has become the property of a pro? I should esteem it a favour if you would give this letter publicity, and should it promote controversy, I am sure I am not the only novice who would welcome the knowledge we should gain in your valuable columns.

SEEKER OF KNOWLEDGE.

### PROPOSED NORTHERN YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent, Mr. J. Park, seeing that the want of a Yorkshire Canary Club for Cumberland and North Lancashire is at present being felt in Millom and district, may I ask Mr. Park how it is that the Yorkshire fanciers he refers to have not joined the Cumberland Y.C.C., which was formed four years ago? They must be aware of its existence, as I (as the secretary) received a letter from the Millom secretary previous to their show on January 1st last, in which they gave their classification (and a very good one, too), and asked for our support. I admit the Society has not been very much in evidence during the last twelve months but what is the cause? Want of members. And yet there are plenty of Yorkshire fanciers in the county to make a good, strong club, if all would join. I think every fancier of the variety, whether he keeps only one pair or twenty pairs, ought to join together, for the benefit of the variety, of themselves individually, and last, but not least, of the various Societies in the district. If one good fancier in each town would take it upon himself to get every fancier he knows of to join together, it would be the most effective way of furthering the interests of the "straight 'un" in the district.

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10, College Street, Whitehaven.

### HOW I KEEP MY FOREIGN BIRDS IN HEALTH AND CONDITION.

SIR,—Of all hobbies Foreign bird-keeping is, I think, the most fascinating. I started some years ago with a delightful Grey Parrot. I fed it most carefully on freshly-boiled maize (it would eat nothing else in the way of seed), fruit and a little green food, and sheltered it from draught and cold, and brought it safely through the winter. But in the spring it went the way of so many Grey Parrots, much to our sorrow. Since then I have had several of these birds, but it seems an impossibility to get one to live. I have kept Indian Ringnecks, Rose-breasted and Amazon Parrots, and by feeding them on maize, corn, hemp, Canary seed, plain biscuits and fruit I have always had them in splendid health and feather. But birds in cages, however healthy and interesting, are never seen to such advantage as when flying with comparative freedom; and last year, in the early spring, I began to east longing eyes on a warm south wall we have in our garden, and at last, after much planning and thought, induced the "head of the house" to have a lean-to aviary built for me. It is 27ft. long, 16ft. high, and 6ft. wide; it could with advantage have been 2ft. wider, but we did not wish to take up more ground. It is divided into two parts: 8ft. is given up to Finches and Waxbills, and the remainder to the Parrakeets. The roof is half boarded over, and covered with felt tarred and firmly nailed down. At one end is the shelter shed for the Parrakeets; it is match-boarded 4ft. up, and then glazed to the roof, which makes it nice and light for the birds, and they readily use it for their sleeping quarters. At the other end, and for the Finches, is a smaller shelter shed which is made in the same way, and fitted up with rush nests and husks for the birds to sleep and bring up their young in. The Finches' aviary is divided from the other with ½in. wire netting, and the whole of the aviary is covered with the same. The floor is half grass and half gravel, which latter is raked over daily and renewed frequently. For perches I have dead branches of apple trees and twigs fixed in the sheds, and in the flight I have an apple tree planted with the largest branches thinned out. This I find a great source of pleasure to the Parrakeets, which spend hours whittleing the dead wood. The seed pans are placed on small one-legged tables, as I find the mice cannot run up these; the one leg, of course, is put firmly in the ground. They have a large shallow pan for the drinking water and for bathing purposes, and it is washed out every day. In the Finch portion of my aviary I have Waxbills, Grey Javas, Saffrons, Black-headed Mannikins, and one pair of Zebra Finches, which have had since May 12 young ones. During the summer I am able to find plenty of ants' eggs, and these I gather up (earth and live ants as well) and put in the Finch house, and I think this is what makes my birds look so well. I give them besides white and spray millet, Canary, rape, and hemp, and plenty of the seeding grass from the garden paths. In the Parrakeet portion of the aviary I have pairs of Cockatiels, Rosellas, Java Parrakeets, which the dealers call "Moustache Parrakeets," and six pairs of Budgerigars; the last-mentioned have 16 young ones, ad are very tame, often taking spray millet from my hand and perching on my shoulder or head. Besides millet and Canary seeds I feed them on oats, white sunflower, oranges, or any ripe fruit, and seeding grass, groundsel, and lettuce. I have just put in the aviary a sheaf each of oats and wheat, and this they enjoy immensely. I look forward with great eagerness every week to receive CAGE BIRDS, and it is to this that I owe all my success. And those who read Mr. W. T. Page's answers to correspondents will soon learn from his valuable advice, how to keep their birds in health and beauty. Now that I have obtained some experience, I mean next year to try my luck with Tanagers and other softbills.

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### THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

SIR,—Allow me to draw the special attention of Norwich fanciers to the fact that the Norwich Plainhead Club has withdrawn from the Cage Bird Union, and the committee would be pleased if those fanciers who withdrew when the club joined the Union would now rejoin us. I should also be pleased to hear from any other fanciers desirous of joining, and will give them any particulars they may require. Mr. Raynes having resigned from the secretaryship of the club, and I having been elected to the post, all communications in future should be addressed to me at 126, Bury New Road, Bolton, Lancashire.

JNO. HOPKINS, Hon. Sec.

### THE CAGE BIRD UNION.

SIR,—I notice in your report of the election of officers for the Norwich Plainhead Club, it is stated that 17 voted in favour of continuing to be affiliated to the C.B.U., but it is not stated how many voted against. I do not know how many voting papers were sent in, but at least 44 were, so that unless a great number did not vote, I presume the club will not be affiliated this year. I should be glad to see the publication of the correct balance-sheet of the C.B.U., as the balance-sheet submitted at the general meeting (as stated by the late Secretary), was only a rough balance-sheet, and would require bringing up to date. When the value of the typewriter is placed on the credit side, the year's working will probably show a profit instead of a loss.

ROBT. HALL.

(Our report gives 15 as voting in favour of affiliation to the C.B.U., and the number voting against should have been given as 29.—EDITOR.)

### SENDING BIRDS ON JOURNEYS.

SIR,—The letter by "Constant Reader" will open the eyes of some people who send off their birds nicely packed. To receive a bird in one of these narrow boxes is enough to break the keenest beginner down, and is much to be deplored. Now I have never received any in these narrow boxes, but I have fared worse. The other week I wrote about a bird, and got a very satisfactory answer. I sent off the money (I fancy I can hear readers calling me "fool"; but remember I am dealing with a first-class man, and paying a good price), and received a letter, thanking me for the favour, and saying "bird will leave Euston to-night at midnight, Thursday." I went to the station on Friday, fully expecting the bird to be there; but, no. Waited for the next train, no bird. Came home, and went again at dinner-time; then again at tea-time; then again at night. But no bird. You will see I was keen on having it. Went again on Saturday morning; no bird. Again at dinner-time, again in the afternoon, and the station is three miles from my home! So I did a bit of walking. But not a feather. On coming home I telegraphed about it, as I thought it might have gone astray. But no answer. At nine o'clock on Saturday night a little lad came to tell me the bird was at the station. I had got a severe cold through sweating and walking in the cold, and was in bed with influenza. But I got up and fetched the bird. The seller had never sent a word about it, although I sent a stamped addressed envelope. However, on Monday he sent me a post-card, which he had dated the 13th (Saturday), but the post mark distinctly says 15th. He had sent it two days after the bird!

JOHN CANNING.

### CINNAMON BORDER FANCIES AND THEIR COLOUR.

SIR,—I was pleased to see such an old fancier's letter as Mr. Dixon's on the above in last week's issue. I must thank him for the information he gives, re the early Hawick shows. He has omitted to say if the classes he refers to were for Greens and Cinnamons. I presume they were, and that in the year 1894 (the year of the two classes) there would be one for yellow and one for buff. Mr. Dixon says he was 3rd with a self-cinnamon cock in the year 1893, and that in his (Mr. Dixon's) opinion this bird was a better colour than those he has seen exhibited this year. I must apologise to Mr. Dixon for having said that in those days the Cinnamons were all hens, as it seems Mr. Dixon had that one cock he showed at Hawick. But, then, in those days colour-feed was allowed, and I take it that most Borders at that time were colour-fed. Will Mr. Dixon tell me straight if this bird he refers to was moulted out a natural colour? What I mean by that is, did he give any colour food in any shape or form, either the colour-food as is sold now, or cayenne, or marigolds, or any other condiments that would tend to enrich the colour of the said bird? Also will he state if he knew of any other parties having self-cinnamon cocks at that time coming anything near to the Club's standard, and if there were any other Cinnamon Borders shown by other exhibitors at the above shows, and give me an idea haw many there might be? I would also ask Mr. Dixon if he visited any of the undermentioned shows last season, and looked carefully at the Cinnamon Borders that were shown, viz., Newtown St. Boswell's, City of Glasgow, Glasgow and West of Scotland, Hamilton, Scottish National, and last, but by no means the least, the Crystal Palace? There was a fair good turnout of Cinnamon Borders at each of the aboove shows, and one had a fine chance of comparing them. I may say that I visited four of the above shows myself, and I heard some rather broad hints thrown out that some of the Cinnamon Borders had partaken of the forbidden fruit. Ono bird in particular was left cardless at one of these shows. I asked the judge why it was out, and he said he doubted its colour—he believed it was colour-fed. Surely Mr. Dixon didn't see those particular birds whose colour has been doubted? I am afraid not. Mr. Dixon says that "Your Reporter" has given plain facts. Well, I fail to see it, as I have visited all the largest shows in Scotland these last ten years or so, and I am speaking from what I have seen and heard. I think I am quite safe in saying I only saw three Self Cinnamon Border cocks shown in the first seven years. In fact, there were always more Greens than Cinnamons shown; say, in a class of 10 to 15 there would be perhaps two or three Cinnamons, and in many cases only a solitary one. If the Cinnamon Borders are of such old standing as Mr. Dixon would have us believe how is it we did not see them on the show bench? Is it likely the breeders would always show the Greens, and keep the Cinnamons at home? I fail to see the use of breeding birds to keep them at home for no end or purpose, as in any articles I have read on mixing the Cinnamon with the Green it was always advised to put it in on the hen's side. So what would have been the use of Cinnamon cocks (unless for the purpose of breeding Cinnamons)? The cinnamon colour always being on the hen's side, I fail to see where you would get Cinnamon cocks. And if you did they most certainly would not be the rich chocolate shade aimed at nowadays. I fail to see yet that the Cinnamon Border of to-day is lacking in colour to any of the other types of Cinnaman Canaries if they were also moulted out a natural colour. I see Mr. Dixon states that in the catalogue of the 1898 Hawick Show it gives the number of entries as four, yet there were seven tickets awarded—surely a mistake!

CINNAMON BORDER.

(Mr. Dixon's figures are rather indistinct, but we believe 14, and not 4, should be the number of entries in 1898.—EDITOR.)

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### A NOTED LINNET.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. R. D. Parlett's letter in your last issue, I would just say that it is his ignorance of the English language which made him write as he did in the first part of his letter. As regards the concluding paragraph of his letter, I can assure him his first letter caused me no "grief and trouble," my sole object in writing being to contradict a statement and not to correct one.

F. A. WATT.

### WHAT IS THE RECORD?

SIR,—I claim to hold the record for Goldie Mule breeding, and that I established two years ago, on February 23rd. I put a Goldfinch and a hen Canary together on January 1st and had four young Mules by the 23rd February, all of which I reared till they were feathered. Then I lost one of them. I now have a cock Canary and a hen Bullfinch together, the Canary being also run with a hen Canary. I had young ones off the Canary. The Bullie has laid six eggs. She laid her first on March 1st. I have put the eggs under a Canary which has never laid an egg; still, she is sitting well on these Bullie's eggs. I bought the Bullie in the market for a shilling. It was caught last November, so I hope, sir, I shall be lucky enough to break the record with regard to Hybrid breeding.

CONSTANT READER.

### LEICESTER CAGE BIRD SOCIETY'S OPEN SHOW.

SIR,—In your issue of March 13th, I was very much pleased to read a letter from our old friend, Mr. H. J. Chick, respecting the open show to be held by the above Society on December 4th and 6th. It is quite true we have had some grand shows in the past, and fanciers have supported us well with entries. Still, oven shows of this kind cannot always be made to pay, but we have always paid out prize money in full within seven days. I would like to stato here that this was not the main reason for not continuing this show (as Mr. Chick seems to think). The difficulty we havo had has been to find a room suitable to hold it in, and keep up the high standard of the exhibitions we have held in the past, those rooms we have hitherto had not being available. However, we have now secured a room known as the old Free Library, a really ideal placo for a show, lofty and well lighted, nicely heated, and quite free from draught. I may say also that we have engaged specialist judges, and hope to have the support of all fanciers as it is our intention to make this show one of tho finest that has ever been held in the midlands.

W. STEVENS.
Chairman, Leicester C.B.S.

### MIDLAND COUNTIES Y.C.C.

SIR,—A very enthusiastic meeting was held on the 18th inst., a report of which I am sending separately. I feel confident the club will be a big success, judging from the numerous offers of assistance I am receiving, and I sincerely trust (now that a radius has been fixed) that all Midland fanciers, both champions and novices, will rally round us. Fanciers will see by the report that I had the honour to be elected bon. secretary and treasurer, but, unfortunately, unforeseen circumstances connected with my business have arisen since the meeting which compel mo to at once relinquish the post. Luckily, with the kind assistance of our chairman, I have been able to find a very capable substitute (who was at very short notice kind enough to help me out of the difficulty) in Mr. W. H. Uzzell, 76, Drayton Road, King's Heath, near Birmingham, who (providing members have no objection) will in future receive and answer all correspondence. The club may still rely upon my active assistance and support, I am glad to say.

W. C. WELLS.

### THE YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB OF IRELAND SPECIALS.

SIR,—I shall be pleased if you will allow me a small space in valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, with reference to the above matter. I was an exhibitor, at the show held on November 26 and 27, and won 1st and special in the Lark class. I got 8s. prize money, less 2s., but no special. I inquired about it of the secretary, and he told me that he heard I had been paid. I wonder if any other non-member was treated the same? I see hy the Dublin daily papers that they had a good year, and a balance in hand.

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## WILL THE WORCESTER AND DIST. C.B.S. CEASE TO EXIST?

SIR,—I write to inform you that I have resigned the secretaryship of the Worcester and District C.B.S. I have sent each member a copy of the balance-sheet for the year 1908, showing a balance of £1 12s. 7d. on the year's working, which I have disposed of by vote, as I could not get members to attend meetings. I have not heard of anyone being appointed in my place. I take it there will be no Worcester and District C.B.S. after this date.

A. E. BISHOP.

## THE EARLY BIRDS.

SIR,—I noticed in CAGE BIRDS an account of early birds, so I thought I also would like to tell you about my luck. I have not seen yet whether there are any who have bred birds as early as myself. I had some hatched on December 28th, 1908. There were four of them altogether, but one fell out of the nest when a fortnight old, and one died. The other two are fine birds. They have just finished moulting, and the cock is shaping for whistling in grand style. The next nest of young I had were hatched on January 22nd, 1909. The hen had four young, and are all doing well. The same hen has had two nests, and the latter were hatched on March 14th, 1909, and there are five, all of which are doing well. I should like to know if anyone has had young ones earlier than the first nest mentioned? I am only a novice, and I am very pleased to let you know this. At the same time, I wish all who deal with birds, and all who read your good paper, CAGE BIRDS, every success.

J. FAIRBROTHER.

## TYPE OF PRESENT-DAY WINNING NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

SIR,—I have followed with interest the correspondence which has recently appeared in your columns on this subject, and trust the outcome will eventually prove a step forward in the efforts being made to keep the "chubby bird" to "type and quality" instead of "size and colour," which appears to be the predominating feature. There is one thing which I think has had a good deal to do with the latter point of recent years, and one which has been overlooked, i.e., that judges have not had sufficient time at their disposal when officiating. For instance, in the majority of cases one judge takes the whole show, and the classes invariably average 12, 16, and upwards, and in some cases 20 per class. The time stated to commence is 9 a.m., but it is generally half-past before a commencement is made. The doors open as near 12.30 o'clock as possible, and the judge has to make it a point to have done by this time, in order that a satisfactory attendance may be obtained. What is the result? The first two or three classes (generally Yorkshires) are judged carefully and given proper time; then the judge looks at his watch and finds the time is getting on, and that he also must get on. Naturally, the following classes (Norwich) are got through as quickly as possible, and in many cases are just scanned over. The one which catches the judge's eye at first sight is put in the cards, whereas, if each bird had been given a proper chance, matters would no doubt be different. Is it not a fact that many good birds require "working up" in order to show themselves properly? Which further confirms my statement. These few remarks are not made as casting any reflection on our judges, but they only prove that if more time were at the disposal of judges when officiating, each bird would have a fair chance. Furthermore, it would give the judge an opportunity of studying the various points minutely. Thus, instead of the big coarse feathered specimens winning, we should have those cobby ones, carrying the right quality of feather, and above all clean cut away behind. These are the kind which every true lover of Norwich should endeavour to breed —regular Berties and a la Floyd.

W. HORNBY.


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SIR,—We have made a bit of a competition here over the popularity of the 17 birds mentioned in my list, and we wish you to be so kind as to name them in what you consider is their proper order. The birds are:—

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| Yorkshire Canary. | Norwich Canary. |
| Redpoll. | Blackbird. |
| Linnet. | Goldfinch. |
| Hawfinch. | Thrush. |
| Bramblefinch. | Woodlark. |
| Bullfinch. | Skylark. |
| Parrot. | Starling. |
| Chaffinch. | Siskin. |
| Greenfinch. | |

J. SUTTON.

### Framed Plate as a Prize.

We are afraid we are not equal to the task of determining the relative popularity of the 17 birds mentioned by our correspondent. We shall be very pleased, however, to learn what readers think on the matter, and we will give a handsome framed plate, of either Canaries, Hybrids, British or Foreign Birds, to the sender of the coupon (printed below) which gives the positions as they are determined by AN ANALYSIS OF THE TOTAL COUPONS SENT IN. Failing a correct forecast, then the nearest list will take the prize. The decision of the Editor to be binding and final. All coupons must reach us not later than first post Friday, April 2.

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## SHOWS AT LLANELLY.

SIR,—With regard to last week's "Twittering" announcing the date and judge of the Llanelly and County Fanciers' Association Show, I should like you to remind the readers and fanciers who have given their patronage to the Llanelly and District C.B. Society, that the same is a mixed society, with poultry and pigeons, and also that their cage bird section is confined to a radius of seven miles.

DANIEL JOHN.

Secretary Llanelly and District C.B.S.

## PRIZE MONEY AT THE WELSH NATIONAL SHOW.

SIR,—Having read recently several letters in your valuable paper concerning prize money at various shows, I thought I would let the Fancy know the treatment I have received from the above society. I might say that my exhibits were a British Goldfinch and dark Greenfinch-Canary Mule, which stood 1st and 3rd in their respective classes. Having read the schedule carefully, which stated all prize money guaranteed and paid within ten days, I got a little uneasy when about three weeks had elapsed, and having heard nothing, I dropped the Secretary, Mr. R. J. Truscott, a few lines, stating I had not received my prize money, 16s., thinking it might be an oversight. In reply I received a letter, dated January 4th, 1909, but bearing the post date January 20th, 1909, which read: "Dear Sir,—I have much pleasure in handing you 16s., in payment of your prize money won at our recent show. I much regret to say that, although it was the finest show ever held in Wales, it was very far from a financial success, and if you feel disposed to give a small donation it will be thankfully accepted.—W. Truscott, Treas." Another type-written letter came with the prize cards, and said that, "owing to a very heavy deficit, we shall not be able to send out all prize money for a few weeks, and must ask your consideration. We are getting up a drawing for help to meet the deficit." In reply to this I wrote Mr. W. A. Truscott: "Yours dated January 4th came duly to hand yesterday (rather a long time on journey), and in it you say you have much pleasure in handing me 16s. prize money won at your recent show. I much regret to say there was no enclosure of prize money, so shall be pleased to receive same at your earliest convenience." In reply I received post-card dated January 28th, 1909, stating: "Yours to hand, and I hope to send you cheque next week. I trust this will do.—W. A. Truscott, Treas." But up to the present time I have not received my money. I might also state that I won a special prize of two framed plates for best Goldfinch in the show, and have not received them. Is it any wonder so many shows are failures, when fanciers get treated in this fashion? I should think it is a matter that the Cage Bird Union ought to investigate, seeing that such prominent exhibitors have the management of the society. My expenses were 7s. I should like to know if there is any other fancier who has not received his prize money, or am I the only selected one?

ALBERT SOMERFIELD.

## THE MANCHESTER AND N.C.O. SOCIETY'S ANNUAL SHOW.

SIR,—The Committee of the Manchester and N.C.O.S. have decided to hold the next annual show at the Zoological Gardens, Belle Vue, and the committee think that this change should be the means of making the show a much greater success than ever. A very much larger room has been retained, which will be suitably heated, and will accommodate any number of visitors, without the crowding we have formerly had to contend with. The usual number of free tickets will be given to our exhibitors making over a certain number of entries, which will admit to the Gardens, with the thousand and one attractions, which are so well known all over the country, thrown in. The show being held in the firework season, this should prove an extra inducement to visit the fixture. Admission to the Gardens is 6d., but bookings are made from some 200 stations direct to the Gardens for an additional 4d., including admission, and the proprietors will make arrangements for special excursions from any station not already having cheap bookings. We have retained already Messrs. Roe, Battye, Houlton, Garner, Godley and Hadwin as judges, and altogether are looking forward to making the Manchester Show this year a record one in every respect.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE.

## THE LIVERPOOL ANNUAL AMALGAMATED SHOW.

SIR,—Under the above heading there have appeared recently in your columns several letters asking for an explanation as to why the Garston B.B.A. did not hold the annual amalgamated show on 1st Jan., 1909. Being a member of the Garston Society, and having been one for a considerable time, my feelings were very much upset upon reading the correspondence, but not having an inclination to enter into a controversy with a writer who conceals his identity by the adoption of a nom de plume, I decided to allow the queries to pass by, so far as I personally was concerned, although I was fully cognizant of the fact that a serious blunder had been committed, and one that would cause disappointment to genuine fanciers. But reading in this and last week's issues letters signed by fanciers who have in my opinion the courage of their convictions, I feel it my duty as a member, and whether or not any official explanation is sent from the Secretary for publication, to reply, and to assure your numerous readers, especially the members of the clubs forming the Amalgamation, that the fault is entirely due to the unfortunate oversight, of Mr. A. Thompson, the recognised secretary at that time, who had absolute power to arrange everything for the carrying on of the show. At our recent monthly meetings we have thoroughly discussed this unfortunate matter, and are agreed as to who is culpable. At our general meeting the members when selecting the officers for the ensuing year appointed fanciers who, it is hoped, can be relied upon to prevent a recurrence of this regrettable affair. In conclusion, I venture to asert that I am voicing the desire of the members of the Garston Association in asking each and every member in the Amalgamated Society to accept their sincere regret at the disappointment caused, and to assure Mr. John Hunt, the respected Secretary of the Bootle Society (which is expected to hold the next Amalgamated Show on 1st January, 1910), that he can rely on our members giving him their hearty support, together with a bumping entry.

A. CHRISTOPHER.


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SIR,—In reply to Mr. Hunt's letter as to why the amalgamated show was not held this year as usual, certainly this requires some explanation from the officials of the Garston Society, and might I suggest that Mr. A. Thompson, the one-time Secretary of that Society, be good enough to enlighten us on the subject? I can assure Mr. Hunt that the members of our Society were greatly disappointed that the show was not held. From what I have heard, Mr. A. Thompson was acting on behalf of the Garsten Society and was also Secretary of the Liverpool Bird Breeders' Association; so he practically held the arrangements in the hollow of his hand. Perhaps the Secs. of Birkenhead and Wallasey will explain if they were consulted on the above at all? I am very pleased to see that Mr. Hunt intends to take the running of the amalgamated show next year, and I have been authorised on behalf of the members of my Society to support him in every way to make the show a success.

R. E. HAWKES,
Secretary Liverpool Bird Breeders.

SIR,—In reference to Mr. Hunt's letter, he says that the late Bootle Secretary was informed by some one acting for Garston Society. Does he mean to say that Bootle got information that Garston was not going to run a show? If so, why did not Bootle run it? Does Mr. Hunt think that no other society can run one without referring to Liverpool? Mr. Hunt must not run away with that idea, knowing that the Liverpool Bird Breeder and Wallasey Associations have taken a turn, and were well merited with success. I hope Mr. Hunt will run this show for Bootle next year, and we all hope for a record entry and a good gate, and then he will find out that the other society's boys and birds will be on the job next year. We all hope he will not fail at the eleventh hour, as we will want rooms and judges.

A MEMBER OF THE B.C.F.A.

## THE CAGE BIRD FANCY IN BARTON AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—May I claim a little space in your valuable paper, in order to answer Mr. Chamberlain's letter of last week? I don't want to write a series of letters, but I think Mr. Chamberlain is a bit unfair. Now, Mr. Chamberlain, of course you may vindicate your own cause, and try to persuade people that your club is the best, but don't you think that by talking round our members, abusing our hon. secretary, and telling us through the medium of CAGE BIRDS we have only a few "songsters," you are overstepping the mark? When we formed the club it was unanimously agreed to hold our meetings apart from a public-house, but as that didn't suit you and others, you were quite in order in leaving us and forming a rival society. But now you have left us, please leave us alone. I and others joined the club in a sporting spirit, and we mean to carry it through in the way we joined. A little "friendly" rivalry is a very good thing, and ought to be acceptable to all. I want no one to praise my "songsters," but like to have the opinion of anyone who understands them. Neither you nor any of your party have seen any of our birds (barring those you sold to one of our members; but perhaps you had forgotten that), so how can you form any adequate idea of what they are like? Perhaps you have some good birds now; of course, everyone can change. As regards your six members who had last season 300 birds, I understand one of these persons has about 50 for sale; if they are good stuff, how is it that you and others in your club are sending out of town for birds? It is my first and, I hope, my last time of writing on this subject, and I will say in conclusion that when the shows come round we will stage as good birds as we can, and then if you beat us, all credit to you. But don't count your Canaries before they are hatched.

E. A. OLDRIDGE.
Chairman of Barton and District C.B.S.

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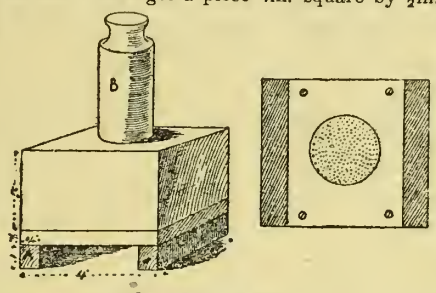
### No. 294.

**AN EGG CRUSHER.**

**Sent by W. Bond, Hulme Street, Bromley Cross, near Bolton.**

I enclose a sketch of an egg-crusher, which I think those who have not got an egg-mill will find very handy when breeding-time comes, which won't be long now. First get a piece of wood 4ins. long by 4ins. wide by 2ins. thick, and bore a 2in. hole in the middle. Then get a piece 4in. square by ½in.




**An Egg Grater.**

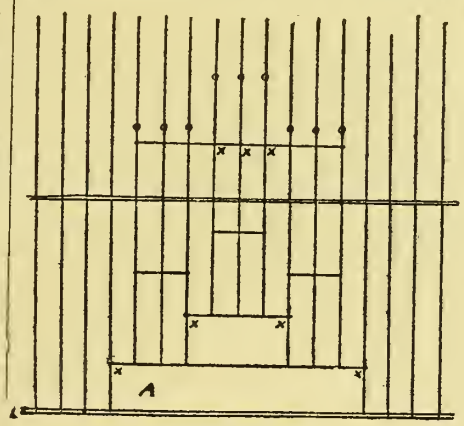
thick, with a similar hole in the centre, and screw it to the bottom of the other piece. with a piece of perforated zinc between the two. Before, however, you screw the ½in. piece on, make two pieces 4ins. long by 1in. thick by ¾in. wide, and nail (or screw) to the bottom to form feet (as A in Fig. I). Then get a piece of wood turned like B, or make a piece round 1⅞in. diameter, to push the egg through the zinc with. The bottom is made to come off, so that the zinc can be replaced with a new piece any time required; a piece 2½in. square is plenty large enough to put in at a time.—W. BOND.

### No. 295.

**A NOVEL DOOR.**

**Sent by W. S. Dell, 22, Dane Road, Sale, Cheshire.**

Enclosed you will find a pencil sketch of the type of door I have in use on my loose fronts. I find it not only improves the appearance of the fronts, but also does away with any hole in the fronts for the egg-drawer. It is practically a door inside a




**A Novel Door.**

door. The places marked X are not soldered. The idea will be readily understood on examining the drawing. When using my cage for Yorkshires, I put the egg-food pan underneath the large door, in place marked A. Then I open the small door wide and hang on a show-cage as usual. The birds do not have to pass over the egg-food to enter the show-cage. A piece of wire is soldered across the lower part of the door, to strengthen it, and is afterwards cut at every third wire from the side. Another piece is soldered across near the top.—W. S. DELL.

## THE SHOWS.

### GUISBORO' & DIST. (Priory) C.B.S.

Pair show and usual meeting held March 13th, at Wear's Cafe, when three new members were elected, one from Dinsdale and two from Lingdale. Mr. J. C. Barnes was elected to adjudicate at our open show on January 1st, 1910. It was proposed that we have a concert in aid of the society's funds. Young stock show, July 17th. The pair show and judging competition proved a huge success, the cup being won by Mr. J. O. Cook for the competition. The principal awards were: YORKS.: 1, 2, Cook; 3, Taylor. NOR.: 1, Jackson; 2, 3, Jones. CREST AND C.B.: 1, Starling; 2, 3, Blackburn. BORD.: 1, 2, Atkinson; 3, Knaggs. HYB.: 1, Taylor; 2, Jackson; 3, Atkinson. BRIT.: 1, 2, Jobling; 3, Dunning. SELL. (20/-): 1, 2, Cook; 3, Hood. Mr. G. Jobling adjudicated, assisted by Mr. H. Hood; they both gave every satisfaction.—G. ATKINSON, Hon. Sec.

### STOCKPORT B.F.A.

Usual meeting and table show of British birds, held March 16th, at Boar's Head Hotel. A good number of members and friends were present, but the show was rather disappointing, the entries, considering the classification, being rather poor. We hope that next time we shall have more entries. The specimens reflected great credit on the owners, especially the winning Goldfinch, Yellowhammer, and Thrush. Mr. G. H. Massey judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.—

LINNET: 1, Potts; 2, Smith. SISKIN. ETC.: 1, Watson; 2, Greenhalgh. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Watson; 2, 3, Greenhalgh. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Smith; 3, 4, Greenhalgh. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Potts. SOFTBILL: 1, Smith. MULING: 1, Potts. Messrs. W. Smith and S. Greenhalgh take specials for most points, tieing with 26 each; Mr. S. Greenhalgh, special for most entries.—W. STAFFORD, secretary.

### LEYTON DISTRICT C.B.A.

A capital show of British birds was held at the Constitutional Club on March 8th. The exhibits "had their fortunes told" by Mr. J. S. Clarke, and the awards were well received. There was not a bad specimen staged. The hon. sec., Mr. B. F. Forse, loyally assisted by a splendid working committee, achieved another success. The association is going very strong.

GOLDFINCH (7): 1, 3, Hale, 1st nice-coloured Finch, good size and steady; 3rd, very neat; 2, vhc, Bartlett, fresh caught, extraordinary blaze and colour, very steady, hall-marked British; hc, Cooper; c, Godfrey. BULLFINCH (2): 1, 2, Burbidge. GREENFINCH (12): A red-hot lot. 1, vhc, Hellens, 1st immense bird, rich colour; 2, B. F. Forse, another fine bird; 3, vhc, Godfrey, big one, had slightly spoilt feathers at base of beak; vhc, hc, Ovenden. LINNET (7): 1, Ovenden, rare size and shape, easy winner; 2, Wood, good colour, well shown; 3, Bassingthwaight, very neat exhibit, shown in perfect fettle; vhc, special for best vhc, Burbidge, rich colour, steady; hc, Ovenden. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, Bartlett, good-coloured Twite, nice size, well shown (apparently in perfect health, fell dead during the evening, a bad loss); 2, B. F. Forse, bright-coloured Siskin; 3, A. B. Forse, Lesser Redpoll; vhc, Ovenden, Mealy Redpoll; hc, Hellens; c, Cooper, all good birds, and well staged. A.O.S. FINCH (5): 1, 3, Wood, Bramblefinches, 1st large rich-coloured bird; 2, Godfrey, Hawfinch, possessing size and colour, perfect tail; vhc, Hellens, big Bramblefinch; hc, Forse. BRIT. HEN (1): 1, Godfrey, rich-coloured Goldfinch hen; as she had the class to herself, the judge did not argue with her as to her nationality.

### CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

The City and Suburban Society held its annual British and foreign bird show at headquarters, on March 13th, and scored another success. The entry was splendid, and the quality of the exhibits and the manner of their staging can only be spoken of in terms of the highest praise. Many well-known exhibitors are members, and they gave visitors a display that few open shows could better. Most points for the "Francis" cup were scored by Mr. F. Wyse, who showed a good team, and also had on view his electric drying cage, much the best thing of this kind we have ever seen, and which attracted much attention. Miss Shepherd won the lady's special with a lovely Scarlet Tanager. There was a good attendance, and Mr. Wynn, the popular secretary, and his staff of helpers, are to be congratulated on the admirable arrangements. During the evening a buff Norwich Plainhead, kindly given by Mr. H. Robbins, was offered for sale, the proceeds going towards wiping out the deficit on the pair show. Mr. C. Prior made the awards, and gave entire satisfaction.

GOLDIE, A.N. (Cage Moulted) (11): 1, Wyse; 2, Curry; 3, spl, Botting; vhc, spl, Page; hc, Adamthwaite; c, Curry. GOLDIE (non-Cage Moulted) (11): 1, Botting; 2, S. Grahame; 3, Wyse; vhc, Page; hc, c, Marley. BULLFINCH, A.N. (9): 1, spl, 2, Vincent; 3, Morrison; vhc, hc, Wyse; c, Botting. LINNET (Cage Moulted) (9): 1, spl, 3, Marley; 2, Adamthwaite; vhc, spl, Botting; hc, Curry; c, Wyse. LINNET (non-Cage Moulted) (8): 1, Adamthwaite; 2, S. Grahame; 3, Botting; vhc, Wyse; hc, Marley; c, Page; w.c., Marley. GREENFINCH (Cage Moulted) (12): 1, spl, 3, Marley; 2, Kelly; vhc, Thorpe; hc, Mrs. Morrison; c, Adamthwaite. GREENFINCH (non-Cage Mounted) (4): 1, 2, Page; 3, Wyse; vhc, Morrison. SISKIN (4): 1, Mrs. Morrison; 2, Page; 3, Curry; vhc, Wyse. REDPOLL (7): 1, spl, S. Grahame; 2, Mrs. Page; 3, Wyse; vhc, Botting; hc, Taviner; c, Morrison. TWITE (7): 1, Curry; 2, vhc, spl, Mrs. Page; 3, Botting; hc, Mrs. Morrison; c, Marley. CHAFF AND BRAMBLEFINCH (8): 1, spl, Page; 2, Morrison; 3, Curry; vhc, Thorpe; hc, c, Botting. A.O.S. FINCH (1): Mrs. Maher (House Sparrow). YELLOW BUNTING (6): 1, Curry; 2, Marley; 3, vhc, c, Wynn. A.O.S. BUNTINGS (8): All prizes to Mr. Wynn. BULLIE HEN (4): 1, Page; 2, Thorpe; 3, Wyse; vhc, Mrs. Morrison. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC., HEN (9): 1, spl, 2, 3, hc, Wynn; vhc, spl, Curry; c, Taviner; w.c., Morrison SOFTBILL. SMALL (6): All prizes to Miss Shephard. LARGE (3): 1, Page; 2, 3, Mrs. Maher. FOR: JAVA, ETC. (7): 1, 2, 3, hc, Miss Shephard; vhc, c, Mrs. Maher; absent, Watts. LARGER (5): 1, spl, 2, Miss Shephard; 3, Morrison; absent, Watts.

### TIDESWELL C.B.I.S.

First annual pair show held at the Star Inn on March 29th. There were 41 entries, and some grand specimens were exhibited. Mr. Fox (Chesterfield) judged, and gave satisfaction. At 6 o'clock the members partook of a supper, provided by Miss Bagshawe in a splendid manner. After this the evening was spent in songs and the general advancement of the cage-bird Fancy.

NOR. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, W. Millward, fine pair, shown in grand style; 2, vhc., Longstow, marked ck. cl. buff hen, in good form; 3, hc, W. S. Flint, cl. ck., wing and head marked hen; c, F. Millward. B. C. AND Y. H.: 1, hc, c, W. Millward, grand lot; 2, Brightmere, cl. ck, heavy marked hen, good pair; 3, Longstow, cl. ck., head mkd. hen, nicely shown; vhc, W. S. Flint. YORKS. Y. C. AND B. H.: 1, 3, A. Flint, nice lot, in good style; 2, Barton, fine, long, straight pair; vhc, hc, Oven. B. C. AND Y. H.: 1, 2, hc, A. Flint, nice clears; 3, Hartle, another fine pair of clears; vhc, Oven; c, Swarbrick. MULE OR HYB.: 1, vhc, hc, Oven, nice Goldie and Can.: 2, 3, Swarbrick, 2nd grand Siskin and Can., 3rd fine Greenfinch and Can.; c, Barton.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# The Construction and Furnishing of an Outdoor Birdroom.

By J. W. LAWTON.

This subject will, I hope, be of interest to those about to start in the fascinating hobby of bird-keeping, and also to those old stagers who have kept their birds indoors and are desirous of removing them to outside quarters.

### A Point to Remember.

The first thing, of course, is the amount of room a fancior has at his disposal for the erection of an aviary or a suitable outdoor birdroom, and as the by-laws of our large towns are of a very stringent character in this respect it is not every fancier that will have the necessary 15 feet between the main building and the one he wishes to erect, this being the prescribed amount of air-space required by the municipal authorities in most towns; and it would be well for any fancier to make himself acquainted with the particular by-laws in his own town before proceeding with the erection of anything appertaining to an outdoor birdroom. There are many fanciers who favour a southern aspect, but I do not think this matters a great deal, as by choosing a northern or eastern aspect you get a more equable temperature in the summer, and if your aviary or room is made "right and tight" you will be able to keep the birds nice and cosy through the winter.

### An Outdoor Bird-Room Described.

I will now try to describe in the best way I can the way in which to construct an outdoor birdroom, such as the one I have built myself. I may say I make no pretensions to being a master hand at joinery. I will deal first with the size of the room and the materials required.

Dimensions of aviary: — Outside measurements, 6ft. by 9ft. by 6ft. 7ins.; height, 7ft. from floor to eaves, and 8ft. 8ins. from floor to ridge. The frame is built of 2in. by 1½in. sparring, and is made in sections to bolt together, the roof to be in two sections. The window, 4ft. by 3ft., is made in three sections, the middle one being made to open.

Materials required, and the cost of same:—1,000ft. matchboards, 4s. 2d. per 100ft., £2 1s. 8d.; 200ft. spruce for frame, 8s. 4d.; oilcloth for floor, 4s. 6d.; a door (second-hand), 2s.; sash styling and bars for window frame, 2s. 6d.; glass for window, 1s. 6d.; 100ft. of flooring boards, 6s. 6d.; pediments and B. boards for roof, 2s.; felting, 4s. 6d.; paint, 5s.; sundries, 4s. 6d. This makes a total cost of £4 3s.

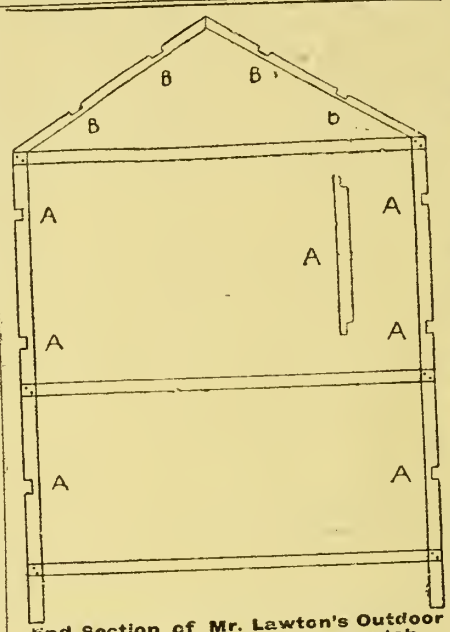
### Constructing the Birdroom.

First of all, start with one of the end sections. Take two pieces of the 2in. by 1½in. sparring, cut them both the same length for the corner uprights, and then cut two pieces for the top and bottom crossbars. Slot these together at each corner as per sketch A; see that they are cut as true as possible, then your place will be straight and level when finished. Next screw at the corners. The bottom crossbar should be fixed about four inches from the bottom of the corner uprights, the portion below the crossbar forming four legs or feet one at each corner, which will keep your birdroom off the ground and allow plenty of fresh air to get beneath it. This will also keep out the damp.

Next cut two pieces to carry rafters for the roof; slot them out as per sketch marked B, for letting rafters in. Then cut the right size and nail it to the top crossbar, and your frame for the end section is complete. Lay the frame flat on the ground (which must be as level as possible), and then run the square over it. Get it true, and then take your matchboarding and start at one edge of your frame. Mark the board off the top, and nail on level, and so on until you have covered the whole with matchboards, keeping them close up as you proceed. When you have done this, make the other end section, leaving a space in this one for the door in the centre.

Place each of the two end sections now completed in position on the space where your birdroom will stand; get them perfectly level. Then let in the bars for carrying the side sections (marked A in sketch), leaving a space for the window on one side, whichever you prefer. Then belt the bars together at the points marked A, and cover both sides with matchboarding; next let the rafters in for the roof at the points marked B in the sketch. Lay on the roof and nail it to the rafters, allowing the boards to overlay about two inches at each end, and four inches at sides. Cover these over with a good felt. Then fix B. boards, ridging board, and pediments, put the window in, and hang the door. If you can get a window second-hand, so much the better, as it will save your having to make one, this being a tedious job unless you can get a practical man to mortise the frame together for you.

Next cut spaces out at each end, about ten inches from the top, for ventilation purposes; make and fix the ventilators.




End Section of Mr. Lawton's Outdoor Birdroom, ready for nailing matchboarding to.

Then give the whole a coat of paint outside; this will keep the wet out while you proceed with the inside work.

You must now cover the whole of the inside (roof ends and sides as well) with matchboards, packing the space between the boards with fine shavings, straw, or sawdust, whichever you prefer. When this is done, give the inside of your birdroom one coat of paint. Then lay the floor in. Give another coat of paint inside, and let this get thoroughly dry, and then your birdroom will be ready for use.

### Furnishing the Interior.

The next thing is the furnishing of the interior. If you should have sufficient cages, it will not be necessary to make any of these, but if you have not got the cages, I would advise you to make them to fit your room, and all to one pattern. For a room such as I have described I would advise two four-compartment cages with sliding divisions, which could be used for breeding and then turned into two good flights for the winter. These should be placed on the side facing the window. You should have single cages for the end facing the door. This will then give a finish to your room, and you will find your cages have a very neat appearance.

You will also find that a bench or table placed underneath the window is a very useful article of furniture, especially so if you have two or three drawers fixed beneath same; you will find these very useful for storing seeds, nest pans, drinkers, tools, etc., in. The bench or table will also be a great aid in keeping your room nice and tidy. A shelf placed beneath the drawers will come in handy, too, for packing away cases, show cages, etc.

If you require any artificial heat, I would advise the use of a good patent stove, one of which I have used with very good results.

So much then for the inside of the birdroom. You must now turn your attention to the outside again. Give two more coats of paint, adding plenty of driers to it, and, in addition, put to the last coat a small quantity of best varnish; this will give it a good finish, and it will also last longer. When all this is done, your birdroom will not require much doing to it for a considerable time. If there are any points that are not quite clear, I shall be pleased to answer any questions relating to same through CAGE BIRDS.

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## WILD BIRD LIFE.

### Grey Wagtails in Winter.

During the severe weather, when the ground was covered with snow, many birds frequented the margins of the streams and pools, so plentiful in the district. The gorgeous Kingfisher came right into the centre of the village, and was frequently visible round the large pond opposite the old church. This water is partly surrounded by trees, some of the branches of which overhang, spreading some distance from the bank. From these he would drop into the water, but did not appear to be very successful in his fishing operations. It is very doubtful if small fish can be at all plentiful here, for the semi-wild ducks are constantly hunting round the edges, and a pair or two of dab-chicks are continually fishing; and these little fellows are so smart that very few small fish can escape them. This water never freezes, not even in the most severe weather, so, naturally, wild birds make for it in bad times. At another part of the village a stream runs beside the roadway, the opposite bank being private ground, with a thick hedge growing down by the water-side. Here Thrushes, Blackbirds, Redwings, Tits, Wrens, and several Finches, were busy. It is to this spot the graceful Grey Wagtails come every autumn to spend the winter months. While staying here they get exceedingly tame and confiding, and by standing perfectly still under the archway of the bridge one can observe their movements almost as closely as though they were caged, or in an aviary. There are not more than two hundred yards of this stream by the roadway, and yet these beautiful birds seldom leave it for more secluded stretches of water. There is something about the Wagtail that is exceedingly fascinating, and the grey bird is no exception to the rule; in fact, I am inclined to think that he is the most engaging of the whole family. He flies from bank to bank with quick, jerky movements, occasionally settling upon some mass of floating rubbish, searching it carefully as it moves slowly down the stream. If one could only depict the scene, and give it the life and movement, it would make a most delightful subject. There is nothing exceptionally beautiful in the mass of rubbish or old log, gently moving with the current, but directly the "two or three ounces" of bird life settles upon it, the dark patch in the middle of the water becomes suddenly endowed with life and beauty.

### Nightingales in Spain.

It is said that the Nightingale builds its somewhat ragged nest higher from the ground in some countries than it does here. This is especially the case in Spain, where snakes and lizards are common; the higher nest builders have survived, and so in time this habit has become established.

### Cole Tit Hiding Food.

The Blue, Greater, and Cole Tits have all visited our hanging larder during the winter months, but the Cole Tits have only come occasionally, and when they do their doings are somewhat different to the others. They will first cling to the lump of fat and eat as much as they can, then breaking a piece off will fly with it to a rustic archway, and hunting among the crevices of the bank, find a snug hiding place and there hide it, flying back immediately for another supply. This they will repeat several times.

### A Rook Battle.

"Country Life" publishes an account of a battle of Rooks, which took place some years ago in Ireland. The fight lasted three successive days over the city, and numbers of the killed fell into the streets. These fights between rival rookeries are not uncommon, but do not generally last so long.

### Hardy Ground Birds.

During severe weather ground birds must have a very bad time of it, for as a general rule they sleep right in the open, disdaining to seek cover of any kind. When crossing a field at twilight one can put up Skylarks from any position, right out on the bare hillside or in the valley below, almost equally exposed, or among the turnips, where they appear to have a certain degree of shelter; but whether this is premeditated or accidental, one is unable to say. The Skylark is by nature so hardy that shelter of any kind appears quite a secondary matter, even in the selection of the nesting site, security from observation seems to be of chief importance.

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## To Exhibitors & Breeders

I have one of the finest stocks of Yorkshire Canaries it is possible for any man to have (over 200). Just the sort to breed your winners from; all in good health, teeming with quality, of extra length, not a duffer in them. Cannot be beat, except with absolute winners, both cocks and hens, in clears, pink eyed, and dark eyed, green marked, or cinnamon marked, at very reasonable prices; all untried. Can be seen at any time, or will send on approval, on P.O.O. or deposit with Editor. I don't want your money if I cannot satisfy you. Honest treatment is my motto.—Chittenden, 108, Bolton Hall-rd., Bradford.

### A. E. PATTRICK.

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### CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.

Having selected our breeding stock, we have a few very choice pairs for disposal, also a few chukking hens; better cannot be bought; see our winnings this season, five 1sts and c Preston, five 1sts, special for best in show Morecambe, four 1sts one c Baildon, four 1sts Great Horton, three 1sts and c Leeds, two 1sts, special and c Palace; finest strain on earth; approval.—Messrs. Amblers, late of Bradford, 138, Westminster-rd., Morecambe.

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### HUDSON'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES

are what you want if you want to breed your own winners; send to the fountain-head and have your birds paired up so as to breed you something worth looking at; prices to suit all pockets; I have received scores of testimonials for birds I have sold and results they have had from them; clears, ticked, green, marked, matched pairs at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, £1; single cocks, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens ready for breeding, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-; remember my old terms, 4 days' approval.—Hudson, Confectioner, Thackley, Bradford.

### WILCOCK'S YORKSHIRES.

Having selected my breeding stock, I have some real toppers for sale; every bird bred from my champions; this strain is one of the oldest and the best in the Fancy; every bird teeming with quality; pairs from 10/-, cocks from 6/-, hens from 5/- to effect a quick sale; all cold-room bred; inspection invited; all birds sent on 3 days' approval. —11, Chapel-st., Eccleshill, nr. Bradford, Yorkshire.

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is what the name implies, viz., the best of its kind the world can produce. It is not of recent growth, but has stood the test of time, and is the result of careful study and practical experience extending over a period of forty years. My record as a breeder and exhibitor of Yorkshire Canaries has never been equalled by any other firm or fancier during the period I have exhibited this variety. I have no special judges, my birds win at all leading shows and under all judges, and their continued success year after year is ample proof that the "Paragon Strain" stands pre-eminent as the most pure and reliable strain of the present day. If you desire to come to the front you should have the best, therefore send your requirements to the fountain-head. Three days' approval; stamped address for particulars.—W. B. Shackleton, Melrose House, Lytton-rd., Girlington, Bradford.

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FOUR healthy hens, cold-room, 7/-; offers.—Roy, 317, Argyle-st., Glasgow.

HEN Canaries, cold-room bred, 1908 birds, healthy, 3/- each.—Call 5, Alma-rd., Highbury, N.

THREE Norwich hen Canaries, 2/6 each, 7/- the lot to clear.—J. Blackshaw, 68, Butts, Coventry.

TEN cock Canaries, five yellows, five buffs, 5/- each, 47/6 the lot.—Heathcote's, 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

CANARIES, 2 hens, 1 cock, 7/-; white-leg cock Goldfinch, Sib. hen, 6/-.—Hall, 5, Holly-ter., Whelstone, London.

NORWICH and Yorkshires, buffs or yellows, warranted healthy; cocks 6/-, hens from 2/-.—Lowe, 16, Tubbs-rd., Harlesden.

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PAIR good Norwich, cock grand songster, breeding cage complete, 7/6 lot.—W. Cornwall, 353, Gladstone-st., Peterborough.

TWO pair Yorkshires, 8/- pair; two pair Norwich, 7/- pair; one pair Rollers, 7/- pair.—Woodcock, Adderley-st., Pippingham.

FOUR pairs splendid Rollers, £1; three Norwich cocks, two hens, 12/-; particulars.—Dear, Maitland House, Kidmore, Reading.

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FOR sale, 3 Yorkshire, Norwich cocks, 6/6, 18/- the three; Goldfinch and hen Canary 7/6.—A. Cannon, 3, Southover, Wells, Somerset.

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MATCHED pairs, 10/6, cocks 6/-, 7/6; hens, buff 3/-, yellows 4/-, in both varieties.—Broadhent, Decorator, 23, Langsett-rd., Sheffield, Yorkshire.

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FOR sale, Goldfinch Mules, in full song, 7/6 each. —Radford, 7, Marcus-st., Derby.

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GOLDFINCH Mules, large, champion singers, 1908, 6/6, 7/6.—48, Southview-cres., Sheffield.

SIX Norwich hen Canaries for Muling, 2/6 each, two for 4/6.—J. Blackshaw, 68, Butts, Coventry.

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GRAND cock Goldfinch and Sib. hen Canary, guaranteed Mule breeders, only 5/6.—W. Lewin, Oakham.

GRAND cock Linnet Mule, full song (Linnet notes), 7/-; approval; cash, deposit.—Noble, Haile, Carnforth.

WOULD suit bar or club, Linnet-Canary Mule, singing hard, 10/6, with cage.—E. Wesdall, Littlerlans, Winsford.

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GRAND cock Linnet-Canary Mules, Linnet song, colour-fed, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6 each; strong, healthy, bred and kept outside; approval.—A. Manning, 49, Clipstone-st., Leicester.

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29, Prospect Place, Hurst, Ashton-under-Lyne. March 8, 1909.—Muling pair arrived safely, and give every satisfaction. The Finch is a grand bird; best I have seen for some time.—R. McDonald to W. Rudd.—See my advt. on page 313.

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YELLOW Goldfinch Canary Mule, full song, Goldfinch note, clean breast, neck, with brass cage, 12/-; without, 10/-; three hens, variegated, 3/-; approval.—Onseley, Stokecanon, Exeter.

TWICE house-moulted Linnet, cock, proved muler, 5/-; house-moulted Twite 2/6, Linnet Mule, cock, 8/6; full song, Norwich hen Canary 3/-.—Barrett, 34, Linden Avenue, Kensal Rise, Willesden, London.

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FOR sale, 1908 Greenfinch-Canary Mule, show specimen, 7/6; grand Greeny, father of above, 2/6; good hand-reared Greypate, 5/6; splendid hen Chaffinch, 6d.; hen Goldie, laid in cage, 1/6; hand-reared hen Bullie, 3/-.—Leeson, Wellingborough-rd., Rushden.

TWO cock Siskins, one colour-fed, 5/6, 7/6; three hen Siskins, 2/6 each; hen Bullfinch, laid nine eggs last year, very steady, 4/-; Russian Goldfinch, cage-moulted, breeder, a picture, 12/6; large dark Linnet-Canary Mule, 10/6.—Easterling, 340, Battersea Park-rd., London.

CHAMPION Canary Bullie, 1st, Palace; and unbeaten, perfectly clear Linnet Mule, a topper, uneven yellow Goldie Mule, 1st Scottish National, dark yellow Goldie Mule, big winner; what offers, cash only; single or lot. — Duncan and Logan, Home Place, Coldstream.

LIGHT Goldfinch Mule, ticked on wing, winner two seconds only time out, 40/-; parents of the above, mother yellow Yorkshire, father a large house-moulted Siberian Goldfinch, grand Muler, 20/- pair; also Sib. Canaries from the above, 12 year inbred, from 10/- each; also exhibition cock Goldfinch, a winner, grand Muler, with show cage, 30/-; exhibition Siskin, a winner, grand Muler, with show cage, 15/-; all in show form; deposit, approval; no rubbish.—Chas. Richards, 7, Hill-st., Nantyffyllon, Bridgend.

HOUSE-MOULTED Linnet, winner, and proved Mule breeder, 20/-; dark Greenfinch Mule 20/-, light Linnet Mule 20/-, dark Linnet Mule 20/-, variegated Greenfinch Mule 30/-, Redpoll Goldfinch Hybrid 20/-; all the above are winners, and in perfect order; ideal muling hen Canaries, Yorkshire or Norwich type, 4/-, 5/-, and 6/- each; approval.—Walsh, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.

HIGH-CLASS Sibs., few grand hens, also cocks for light muling, 40 years inbred, warranted, 10/- each; breeder Mr. Jones's champion light Mule Kitchener, winner 57 1sts and special prizes; bred 1905 clear Mule, eight lightly-marked; bred 1906 ten light Mules, including even marked; bred 1907 ten light Mules, including ticked Yellow; bred 1908 even-marked Yellow ticked Buff, nine lightly marked; Goldfinch, father six light Mules, 8/-; 42 years breeder high-class Birds; approval.—Samuel Sperry, 133, Curzon-st., Leicester.

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Some real gems in pure bred Sib. hens, Norwich and Yorkshire type, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each. Muling cock Goldfinches and Linnets, cocks 2/6, 3/6, 5/- and 6/- each, any on approval; scores testimonials. Scores of winning Mules bred from birds supplied by us. Send for list of same. Breeder 30 years. — Sandiford, Canary Breeder and Judge, Preston, Lancs.

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RING Doves or Barbary Doves, fine pairs, in breeding condition, 1/6 per pair, 2 pairs 2/6; packed free; send for list.—Northern Aviaries, Preston.

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WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire hens, for cash. State lowest price, with deposit with editor. —Marsh, 22, Thoydon-rd., Grove-rd., Bow, London.

WANTED, pair Lancashires, pair Norwich, also two yellow Yorkshire cocks; must be good; exchange laying fowls, Pigeons, Bullie Hybrids and Mules.—Hingley, Central, 195, Quarry Bank, Staffs.

WANTED to purchase or exchange, all your surplus live stock. Parrots, Canaries, British birds, Pigeons, Dogs, Rabbits, Guinea Pigs, Poultry.—Barlow's Aviaries, 33, 35, Woolwich-rd., Greenwich.

GOOD Norwich hen Canary in exchange for 3 hen Bullies, caged all winter, or sell 5/-; good Norwich cock in exchange for 3 cock Bullies, caged all winter, or sell 6/-.—D. Terrington, Dersingham, King's Lynn.

BARGAIN. 4 yellow Yorkshire cocks, 6/- each; 1908, good birds, cold-room bred; 2 breeding cages, detachable fronts, woodwork all one piece, 2/- each; also 2 Yorkshire hens, 2/6 each.—Boggett, North-st., Ripon.

WANTED Yellow hen Budgerigar, adult; buy or exchange pair handsome White, 2/6; Fantails, White Rosecomb Bantam cock, little beauty, 3/6; Zebra cock Finch, 3/-; for Foreigners.—Little, Crocer, Egham.

WANTED.—Gent.'s free-wheel cycle, in good order, or anything useful; exchange pair exhibition Crests, or sell 70/-; also new aviaries or cages, any description.—Partienlars, Martin, Cage Manufacturer, Castle-Douglas.

WANTED, clean, healthy Canaries, in exchange for high-class table cutlery, tools, electroplated goods. Rubbish declined. Special sample silver-plated teapot or biscuit box given for two singing cocks or four hen Canaries.—Cutlery Company, 24, Carnarvon st., Sheffield.

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**To be Sold or Exchanged.**

EXCHANGE cock Hawfinch for Muling cock Goldfinch.—Lees, 15, Oldham-rd., Rochdale.

GOLDFINCH Mule, large, for Lancashire hen or Goldies.—48, Southview-crescent, Sheffield.

COCK Linnet Mule, 7/6; exchange Norwich cock. —Saunders, 118, Crownfield-rd., Leytonstone.

SELL or exchange three cocks, one hen Greenfinches.—Ingram, 52, Earlswood-rd., Earlswood, Surrey.

WHAT offers sale or exchange for Canaries, 1 pair of Jays; approval.—S. Allington, Barley, Royston, Herts.

COCK Linnet, Roller hen; cocks, Greenie, Redpoll, Cirl Bunting; exchange Canaries, anything.—Criddeford, Honiton.

COCK Bullfinch, price 4/-; fine cap and bars, pipes splendid; or exchange cock Siskin.—Roberts, 43, Young-st., Derby.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Linnet, and hen Canary, for good Norwich cock.—Bissett, 92, Hornsey Park-rd., Hornsey, London.

FOUR cock Linnets, good singers, been caged four months; exchange anything, or sell lot 7/-.—Bassett, 8, Queen-st., Gravesend.

WHAT offers for four Bullfinch cocks, one colour-fed Greenfinch, Chaffinch, and Bramblefinch?—Duncan, Citadel, Inverness.

COCK Redpoll and Greenfinch and hen Canary; exchange Norwich cock Canary.—C. Britton, 5, Norfolk-st., Park-lane, London.

LIGHT Goldfinch-Canary Mule, 7/6; or exchange good singing Roller; approval.—Ferguson, Snade Cottage, Dunscore, Dumfries.

LARGE cock Linnet and eage contest singer, proved muler, 5/-; bargain; exchange Roller.—104, Kew-rd., Birkdale, Southport.

LARGE selected cocks, Chaffinch, Yellowhammer, and Greenfinch, 5/-; approval, deposit; offers.—Downing, Raunds, Northants.

EXHIBITION Hawfinch, for exhibition; Siskin or yellow Norwich cock, or sell 10/-.—R. Witton, 7, Winsley-rd., Colchester, Essex.

TWO house-moulted cock Linnets, hen Goldfinch, two steady hen Bullfinches; exchange.—Winstone, 2, Soundwell-rd., Staplehill, Bristol.

SPLENDID cock Thrush and cock Blackbird, commencing to whistle, 3/- each; or exchange.—Hubbard, Victoria-avenue, Cambridge.

TWO house-moulted Greypate Finches, box cage, loose front, fittings, 12/-; exchange pair Canaries.—Rink, 90, Wimberley-st., Blackburn.

FOUR cock Chaffinches, 1/- each, or exchange cock Goldfinch, Bramblefinch, or house-moulted hen Bullfinch.—Cockburn, Hairdresser, Innerleithen.

THREE Linnets, one Goldfinch cock, three hen Canaries; exchange 1908 Yorkshire or Roller songster.—Allum, 35, Bevens-rd., Kensal Rise.

CANARY-REARED hen Greenfinch, also two others; exchange Canaries, hens; approval.—F. Chapman, 93, Allhallows-rd., Easton, Bristol.

FOR sale, two cock Siskin Mules in full song, and two hens in good condition, 10/6; or exchange china tea set; offers.—Cole, 16, Caroline-st., Llanelly.

WORCESTERSHIRE Muling cock Goldfinch, thrice house-moulted, safe eggs, etc., 10/-; exchange hen Canaries.—Bennett, 115, Stambermill, Stourbridge.

LIGHT-MOULTED Greenfinch, whopper; another, deep colour, massive bars, moult winner, 2/6 each; offers, exchange.—Godfrey, Tanyard, Northallerton.

ANYONE requiring a Song Thrush, pure wild notes, send me 5/-; or exchange a large cock Goldfinch.—N. Hayden, 76, Amwell-st., Hoddesdon, Herts.

I HAVE 3 good cock Linnets, singing, been caged 4 months, worth 2/6 each; will exchange for healthy English cock Goldfinch.—W. Butler, 20, West-st., Gravesend.

SPLENDID large cock Yellowhammer, show specimen; nice large cock Bullfinch, cock Linnet in song; exchange Norwich.—Manders, Fairfield, Treharris, Glam.

LARGE British Goldfinch, Blackleg, in full song and muling condition, large blaze, steady, 10/-; or exchange cock Hawlinch; approval.—Ford, 83, Llanishen-st., Cardiff.

FOUR grand, large, stout aviary-moulted cock Linnets, well pencilled, grand contest singers, good Mulers, 2/6 each; bargain.—J. Simonds, 202, High-st. North, Dunstable.

GRAND large, stout aviary-moulted cock Linnet, loud songster, with grand large typical clear buff Norwich hen, 1908 bred, sure Mulers, 6/6 pair.—F. Simonds, High-st. North, Dunstable.

SIX cock Brown Linnets, full song; cock Bramble, beauty, cock and hen Chaffinch; exchange pair pure-bred Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries, or sell lot 12/-; bargain; Canaries first.—Glover, Stanley-rd., Nuneaton.

OWLS, pair 1907 hand-reared, nearly all white, plumage a picture, cage; exchange for focussing camera, 5 by 4 or ½, boy's bicycle, 20in. wheels, or offers in Canaries.—Lewis, 28, Priory-rd., South Park, Reigate.

### Mainly Canaries.
**To be Sold or Exchanged**

BLACK pug dog; exchange Canaries; stamp.—Blackett, 10, Phillip-st., Kingsland, London.

ROLLERS, 7/6 pair; cock Goldfinch, 5/-; exchange Yorkshires.—Derrick, Mayfield-rd., Worcester.

EXCHANGE foul Green Norwich hen for Buff Yorkshire, or sell.—R. Mudd, Albert-rd., Bedale.

THREE yellow Norwich cocks, 7/6 each; exchange British or foreign birds.—Fox, Albert-st., Penzance.

PAIR of Canaries for Green Budgerigars, or sell 7/6; singing cocks, 4/6 each.—McVittie, 20, John-st., Langholm.

1908 LARGE yellow green Norwich hen, one clear, 5/6; exchange cock; approval.—Hance, 22, King-st., Tring, Herts.

EXCHANGE 4 Norwich songsters for good pair of Norwich to value; approval.—Bourton, 19, Waller-st., Leamington.

WILL exchange gentleman's new solid silver watch and albert, for Canaries.—Heathbank, 3, Richmond-rd., Leyton.

CHILD'S push-cat, bassinette, both good condition; exchange Canaries; offers.—Mrs. Lanham, 42, Walcot-street, Bath.

TWO rich yellow, 2 buffs, one splash, Norwich hens, 1908 bred, 2/6 each; or exchange, value 5/-.—P. Brown, Potton.

PAIR large typical clear Norwich, cold room, 12/6; approval; exchange entertained.—Turner, 4, Southgate, Sleaford.

PAIR of high-class clear Yorkshires: reliable strain; sell or exchange for good Greens.—Bowmar, 9, Nuncargate, Notts.

FOR sale, Norwich cock Canaries, from 7/6; or exchange grey Parrot; approval.—Walker, 53, Biugfield-st., King's Cross.

CAN spare few fine buff Yorkshire cocks, 10/6 each, or exchange anything useful for house.—J. Crathorne, Bridlington.

BUFF cock, two yellow hens, Yorkshires, Bailey's, Morgan Lewis strain; 18/-; or exchange.—Tomlinson, 8, Florida-st., Oldham.

SPLENDID light Green Greenfinch, 2/-; hen, 1/-; Thrush, 2/6; or exchange anything useful.—Wallan, 17, Park-st., Cambridge.

A GOOD green Norwich hen; exchange for good clear buff Norwich or Yorkshire hen; sell 6/-.—Snell, Rea Barn, Brixham, Devon.

EXCHANGE two pair Norwich Canaries, one clear, one variegated, for anything useful; no live stock.—Bradshaw, Penyhryn, Bridgend.

SALE or exchange Scotch Fancy yellow cock; or sell £1, yellow Plainhead cock preferred.—Muirhead, Wellpark Terrace, Bonnybridge.

LARGE Liverpool foul green Yorkshire hen, 7/6; variegated or clear yellow Yorkshire cock wanted.—Cockerill, Mahood-st., Stockport.

PRIZE buff Border cock, 8/6; exchange for yellow Norwich, Goldfinches, trout tackle, anything.—A. Short, 10, Kilnhill, Tweedmouth.

GRAND pair Norwich, been reserved for own breeding, 20/-; approval before cash.—Lloyd, 4, Pott-st., Pendlebury, Manchester.

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SPLENDID Yorkshire Canaries, 12/6 a pair, or exchange blankets, curtains, anything.—Mrs. Harrison, 32, Industrial-st., Fell-lane, Keighley.

EXCHANGE large buff 1908 C.B. cock (Barnett's) and cash for good green Crested cock, or sell 8/6.—Salmon, 11, Ariel-rd., West Hampstead, N.W.

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SALE. Few beautiful Canaries, Norwich and Yorkshires; yellows, cocks, real schoolmasters for singing, 6/-; hens, 2/6; cheap.—Thos. McLaren, Fintona, Co. Tyrone.

EXCHANGE Seifert hen, Roller hen, and Roller cock, Andreasbergs, for good schoolmaster; no rubbish; yours first.—T. Round, Dennis Park, Stourbridge.

HIGH-CLASS Borders, one or two pairs, even and even marked, bred many winners bought from me; sell or exchange.—Robt. Dyer, Haystoun Farm, Peebles.

GREEN crestbred winner 35/-; or exchange for black Pom. pup, two collie pups, good pedigree; good heads, 25/- each.—Carr, 37, Merefield Terrace, Rochdale.

EXCHANGE hand-reared cock Greenie, pure Canary song, 3/6, or good hen Bullie, 3/-, in exchange for feeding hen Canary.—Pickford, Stanley Villa, Frome.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, four yellow cocks, one buff, 7/6 each; 4 yellow hens, 2 buffs, 4/- each, in breeding condition; offers.—Wm. Dale, Rodhourne Green, Swindon.

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OUTDOOR bred Canaries, muling pairs, all prices; state wants; sell or exchange; my recipe for asthma 1/-, with tip for clearing out redmite.—Matthews, 78, Barclay-st., Leicester.

HEAVILY variegated exhibition Buff Yorks. cock, 15/-; exchange extra big muling hen, or cock Hawfinch, for moulting.—Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

TWO pairs Kestrel Hawks, 1908 birds, reared from nest, perfect plumage, 12/6 pair; or exchange for Canaries or British Hardhills; no rubbish offered or wanted.—Baylis. Highfield-terrace, Chesterfield.

THREE pairs high-class Yorkshires and three double breeding cages, cost 12/6 each, new last October, sell £3 10s., or exchange good gramophone or cycle.—Espley, 26, Oakfield-st., Cheetham, Manchester.

BUFF Plainhead Lancashire cock, 1908 bred, 15/-; large yellow ditto, 30/-; exchange for green or yellow Norwich hens, Bullfinch hens, or steady British Hardbills.—Law, Joiner and Undertaker, Merefield, Rochdale.

NORWICH clear yellow cock, two clear buff hens, one large buff variegated hen, one green hen, two cock Bullfinches, 21/-; exchange two yellow Norwich hens; must be good.—Wagg, Poplar-ter., Snettisham, Norfolk.

CHEAP to clear, 1908 bred, pair 15/-; one yellow, one buff hen, 6/6 each; bred from my winning Yorkshires, Palace, Westminster, Wimbledon, North London, Southend, etc.; approval willingly.—Moss, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.

EIGHT pair of Yorkshires, cold-room bred, strong, healthy, 1908 birds, 7/- pair; will exchange for young talking Parrot and cage to value, old mail or trolley carts, or anything useful.—Bate, 4, Durban-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.

CANARIES for sale or exchange. I have 7 pairs of Norwich, good birds, all ready for breeding; no rubbish offered or wanted; will sell in lot, or exchange anything useful; send stamp for list and particulars.—H. Gould, 11, Little South-st., Coventry.

I AM reluctantly compelled to part with the whole of my birds, through want of time to attend the same; 3 buff cinnamon cocks 10/- each; 4 cinnamon hens, 2 yellow, 2 buff, Norwich type, 7/6 each, 1 clear buff Norwich cock 7/6; one pair of Crests, clear C.B. cock, with variegated crested hen, £1; all good big stock birds, 1 cock Goldfinch Canary Mule, 7/6; champion songster; also 4 very good feeding hens 2/- each; will accept best offer for lot, or separate.—Sutcliffe, 15, Boardman-st., Harley Bank, Todmorden.

### Mainly Foreign.
**To be Sold or Exchanged**

PRETTY pair Java Rice Birds, paired for breeding, only 3/6; bargain; exchange anything.—2a, Wellfield-rd., Walton, Liverpool.

BURGERIGARS, two pairs and one odd cock for sale, green, aviary bred, 15/-; or useful exchange.—H. Gould, 11, Little South-st., Coventry.

ONE pair Green Budgerigars, 6/6; 2 cock Bullfinches, 2/- each, in outside aviary; exchange yellow Norwich hens.—Barrett, Bugle, Hartwell, Aylesbury.

EXCHANGE splendid pair Ringnecks for pair Blossomheads; also two good singing cock Norwich for other Foreigners.—Lees, Brookland Villa, Heaton Norris, Stockport.

GREY or rose-breasted Australian Parrot and cage, good plumage and healthy, 20/-, or useful household exchange.—Dryland, 17, Blenheim Avenue, Manley Park, Manchester.

### Miscellaneous
**Sale or Exchange**

WILL exchange pure-bred chick for any live stock. —Pearson, Greenwich Market.

WILL exchange high-class fancy pigeons for any live stock.—Pearson, Greenwich Market.

WHAT offers for joiner's smooth plane; anything. —Earmont, Arthur-st., Newton Stewart.

76 PLATES, 11 "Bird Worlds," sell or exchange Crestbred hen.—Muir, The Ayre, Kirkwall.

THREE hundred birds' eggs; exchange Canarics; cash offers.—43, Clonmell-rd., West Green, N.

PEN black rosecomb Bantams, cockerel, three pullets, good offers.—Lunn, Hairdresser, Spalding.

FOR sale, bird-catcher's outfit, nets, and all complete, 15/-.—R. Thorne, 19, Lower Keyford, Frome.

MULING Linnet and 2 cock Mules, 15/-; boots, hearthrug, anything useful.—8, Cosford-st., Liverpool.

SELL or exchange fine tone mandoline, 30/-, for Canaries.—Joseph Pearson, Mason-ter., Goole, Yorkshire.

ZITHER banjo, 14/-; gent's ball-bearing roller skates, Winslow's, 8/-.—Fowkes, 13, Colledge-rd., Merton.

EXCHANGE phonograph and records, value £2, for poultry or Canaries; offers.—Crecse, Francis-rd., Leyton.

RIFLE, Winchester pattern, .22 bore; exchange for pair Canaries, or offers.—Roberts, 16, Castle-st., Conway.

MUZZLE-LOADER rifle, by Conway, Manchester; approval; exchange Canaries; offers.—Criddeford, Honiton.

EXCHANGE box of cigars for cock Canary or Goldfinch.—Sweeney, 100, Christchurch-rd., Newport, Mon.

40 PHONOGRAPH records, £1 4s.; healthy Norwich hens, 10/-; exchange.—Banks, 11, Atlingworth-st., Brighton.

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EXCHANGE ½-plate hand camera and accessories for pair Yorkshires.—Roberts, 41, Snowdon-st., Penygroes, North Wales.

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BLACK Orpingtons, five pullets, cockerel, 35/-; exchange cross pullets, Canaries; offers.—146a, St. James-rd., Bermondsey.

SALE or exchange, eight breeding, three show, one flight cages; offers anything.—9, Saxon st., West Derby, Liverpool.

SPLENDID guitar, in case, with machine head and tutor, 18/-; approval, or exchange.—A. Massey, 29, Maple-st., Southport.

FIELD Glasses, 7/6, for Canaries, Siskin, Bullfinch, Goldie, good Linnet; no cash.—Allan Doyle, 32, Muncher-st., Dumfries.

SKYLARK, phonograph and six records, cost 30/- last November, sell 16/6, and birds to 22/-.—Tenant, Bramage, Larhert.

GENTLES for birds and fishing, 1/6 per pint; exchange for Finch hens for breeding.—Address, Fishburn, Silsden, Keighley.

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PIANO harp, recently cost 39/-; exchange air gun or birds, or sell 15/-.—Lukey, 8, Hastings-st., East Cramlington, Northumberland.

FOUR brown Tipplers, four Macclesfields, 1/6 each, 10/- lot; exchange for poultry.—Wrighton, 9, Albert-place, Horsforth, Leeds.

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TWO hens and cock, prize-bred Silver Seabright Bantams; hens laying; sell cheap, or offers.—Fiddling, 236, Albert-rd., Heeley.

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THE Household Physician, complete, fourteen 2/- parts, new, exchange best offer in Canaries.—Crowsley, 9, Bower-st., Bedford.

SELL new burning off lamp, 12/6, or exchange typical yellow 1907 Norwich cock; bird first.—Johnson, 15, Trelawny-rd., Tavistock.

FIFTY chicken rearer, hot air, quite new, and oyster crusher, sell 7/-; exchange anything useful.—Hammond, 23, Glyn-rd., Clapton.

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SEVENTY-FOUR Cage Birds, 19 coloured plates; exchange Canaries, anything; offers sent first.—Hughes, 83, Stane-place, Shotts, N.B.

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SPLENDID black Leghorn cockerel, 1908, sell 9/-; young Lancashire cock, 8/-; offers; exchange.—Hall, Old Gardens, East Macclesfield.

FOX-TERRIER bitch, spot, even marked white and tan; kill anything; exchange Rollers; or sell 12/-; approval.—W. Wild, Bradwell, Sheffield.

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CHAMPION Fox Terrier bitch, 10/6; grand pair Pile Bantams, 10/6; Black Rosecomb cockerel (Purden's), winner, 10/6; exchange Canaries; offers.—Weedall, Greengrocer, Winsford, Cheshire.

HAND lockstitch sewing machine, splendid worker, equal new, cost £3 10s., sacrifice 30/-; exchange Canaries.—Thornton, 298, Kensal-rd., W.

EXCHANGE gent's silver watch, good timekeeper, and 80 Cage Birds, for typical Norwich hen (yellow).—H. Shires, Grovehill-rd., Beverley.

MODEL sailing boat, 3 ft. long, complete; make splendid steamer; what offers singing Canaries or British.—Baines, 98, Hornby-st., Liverpool.

LARK net, 10/-; rabbit net, set 44 yards, 11/-; two brass fishing reels, 3/-; exchange Canaries.—J. Brightwell, Beck-row, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

HALF-PLATE Lancaster hand camera (no slide), 7/6; flight cage, 4/-; or exchange Norwich Plainheads.—Marshman, 57, Estcourt-rd., Watford.

DALMATIAN dog 20/-, pair dragons 15/-; travelling rugs, lady's fawn coat, furniture; exchange singing Canaries.—C. Youngman, Scarborough.

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EXCHANGE pair waterproof fishing waders (value 12/6) and little cash for good Yellow Norwich cock. —Jas. Macrae, 19, South Portland-st., Glasgow.

WELSH terrier bitch, good ratter, rabbiter, for two large hens, Norwich or Yorkshire; birds first; sell 10/-.—Ouseley, Stokecanon, Exeter.

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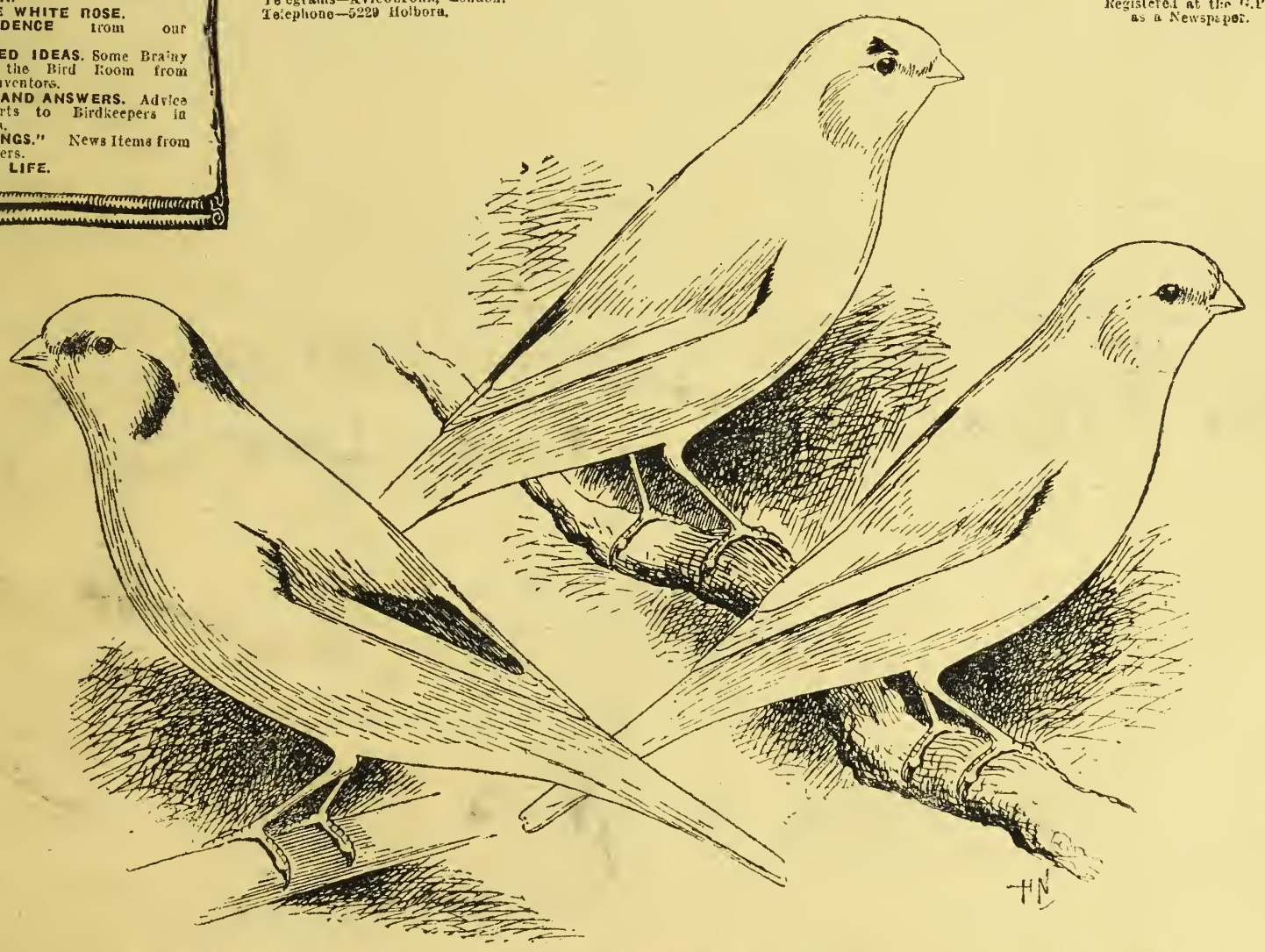

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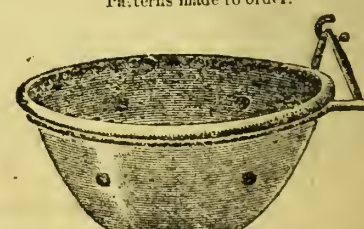

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The sure guide for contest singers. Owing to the many letters that have been sent to me from different parts, how they sing at contests, I have made up my mind to publish a new book. It gives the correct rules of the Linnet Club, also states how they sing at contests, and how they hang their birds and follow in turns. It gives the correct time for quality and time singing. This will enlighten every purchaser. My book of secrets is also printed in this book; and how to save Greypates and Goldfinches from dying when fresh caught. Also how to keep Larks for contest singing, and what to feed them on, how to make your own food, and how to get them fit in a very short time now. All members of Linnet clubs and Lark clubs should send for one of these at once. These are the same rules as I won all my contests with, which are the finest rules in the world. The price of this book is the small fee of 9d., sent by return of post. No waiting. Linnets that can beat three score in two minutes in any window; send stamped addressed envelope. I am the only dealer in the world that can supply this class of birds. Over 1,000 beautiful red-breasted cock Linnets in stock. Very large steady muling Linnets, 2/6. I hold the world's record for mulers. Linnets, in full song, with a beautiful polished cage, and my book of secrets, and a packet of my special mixture, 3/6. This is a real bargain. Look! Fierce singing cock Linnets, with blood-red breasts and extra loud voices, with new cage, and my book of secrets, right for catching or contest singing, only 2/6. I defy any dealer in the world to supply the same for the money. I have 200 beautiful cock Greenfinches, nearly all yellows, and many of them can win, 1/6 and 2/-. Deposit your money with the Editor of this paper for honest stuff. All on seven days' approval. Linnets, taught by the world's champion, will sing anywhere, only 1/6; they are beautiful birds. Larks, singing grand, as steady as rocks, and as straight as arrows, 1/- and 1/6. A few singing extra loud, 2/6. I have 300 beautiful Canaries, cocks, singing hard, 7/6, 8/6, and 10/6; good muling hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, and 6/6; red-breasted Redpolls, with hen Canary, 4/-; cock Greenfinches, with hen Canary, 3/6; cock Linnet, with hen Canary, 5/-; guaranteed to mule beautiful cock Thrushes and Blackbirds, singing extra loud, and in show condition, 4/- each. I have 50 beautiful cock Chaffinches, some fit to win, 1/6 and 2/-. Best Linnet whistlers in England, 6d. Four packets of my special mixture, 1/-. I thank Mr. Young, of Whitehaven, for having sent me a Linnet contest bill, which I think is very good, to be sung for on April the 20th, and the prizes are as follows: 1st prize, £3 10s.; 2nd prize, £2; 3rd and 4th prizes, 15/- each; 5th to 8th prizes, 6/3, to be sung on grass 10 yards apart, 2/6 each bird; you can enter your birds with Jos Gafraway, Anchor Vaults, Ginns, Whitehaven. Please read what others say. "5, Hamilton-road, Rutherglen.—Dear Sir,—I am more than satisfied with the Linnet you sent me. He is a splendid bird. You deserve to be encouraged for honest dealing. You are at liberty to use this testimonial in any way you please.—Yours truly, Henry Johnstone to H. Allen." Those who want real honest value for their money, write to the largest British bird dealer in the world.—Harry Allen, Bird Specialist and Judge, City Aviaries, 40, Beckett-st., Leeds.

### Softbills.

BEARDED Tits, 15/- pair.—Miss Rosey, Eastbourne.

PRICE List.—Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

WANTED tame hen Starlings; on approval.—Miss R. Lyon, Harwood, Horsham.

GRAND singing cock Skylark, very steady, 1/6; moulting cock Linnet, large and splendidly pencilled, 1/6.—Miss Bartholomew, Dunstable.

WANTED, a finger-tame hand-reared cock Starling, healthy and strong.—Bush, Newport, Mon.

DEVONSHIRE Woodlarks, warranted cocks, in full song, 3/6 each.—William Marles, 4, Park-st., Crediton.

HAND-REARED Jay, beautiful plumage, just commencing to talk, 7/6.—Miss Paterson, Rifleman, Dunstable.

SKYLARK Fanciers, few hand-reared cocks, best of birds, unbeatable songsters, 7/6 each.—L. Nevin, 6, Shaw-st., Birkenhead.

LOVELY singing cock Skylark, sings its pure wild note day and gaslight, sacrifice 2/-.—Miss Paterson, Rifleman, Dunstable.

THREE hand-reared cock Thrushes, singing, with good cages, 15/- the lot, worth double.—Miller, 17, Tilenton-place, Sunderland.

WANTED cock Skylark, in full song (on approval); exchange good British Hardbills.—Apply 21, Hardy-rd., Wimbledon, S.W.

MAGNIFICENT cock Blackbird, finger-tame, just coming in full song, sacrifice 4/-; approval.—Huggins, 143, Freeman-st., Grimsby.

DEVONSHIRE Woodlarks, warranted cocks, in full song, 3/6 each; Skylarks, full song, 2/6.—Rowley Elston, Park-st., Crediton.

GRAND cock Song Thrush and cage, 8/-; exhibition cock Blackbird, with cage, 5/-; Jenny Wren and cage, 7/6; exchange anything.—Mackwell, Hairdresser, Keighley.

BEAUTIFUL hand-reared singing cock Skylark, no fresh caught rubbish; very loud, sings his wild note, 1/6; approval; see what you are buying.—King, 63, Kingsbury Terrace, Dunstable.

LARKS, Larks, Larks. Cock Larks, 5/- dozen; singing Larks, 1/- each, 3 for 2/6, 6 for 4/-; cock Blackbirds, 1/- each; the same old firm upwards 20 years. —Hugh Twist, Tarleton Moss, nr. Preston, Lancs.

"FOUR FAVOURITE SOFTBILLS."—Mr. Norman's beautiful coloured plate of Larks will be forwarded post free to any address on receipt of four penny stamps.—F. Carl, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., E.C.

MRS. DUTTON, West-st., Dunstable, has a most beautiful exhibition singing cock Skylark, been caged over twelve months, singing its pure wild note incessantly day and night, sacrifice 4/-, or with his cage, 5/6.

SPECIAL select singing cock Skylark, been caged 4 months; can be heard 200 yds., good shop attraction; will match him to sing any Lark in Bedfordshire, 2/-; approval; secret of feeding free.—George Holt, Dunstable.

"A FAMILIAR Contrast," lovely coloured plate of Blackbird and Robin, admired by all, post free, carefully packed, on receipt of 6d. postal order. Send at once, as we have but a few in stock.—CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

SKYLARK, guaranteed 1908 bird, hand-reared from nest, now in full song day or gaslight, warranted to sing anywhere at any time, reared by myself, illness cause of selling, too much noise, price 4/6; approval on receipt.—Weston, Railway View, Langley Green, Worcestershire.

Skylark, singers and exhibitors, two handsome, very large, upstanding incessant singing real Dunstable bred cock Skylarks, champion songsters, in or out of doors, sing pure wild notes; make grand show or contest birds; sacrifice 2/- each, 3/- the two; approval, not satisfied money returned. —Dixon, New Inn, Dunstable.

BRITISH BIRD KEEPERS.—The fullest and best information on the keeping and feeding of all kinds of British birds is given in the "British Bird Manual," by H. Norman, now ready in two parts, "Hardbills," and "Softbills." Coloured plate and many illustrations in each part. Price 1/1 per part, post free; or 2/- for the complete Manual.—Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-street, London, E.C.

## Miscellaneous.

GRAND twice house-moulted cock Skylark, with cage, hen Bullfinch, sell 7/-.—W. Seaward, Buckfastleigh.

WHEATEARS, for show, 2/6 per dozen; cock Linnets, 6/-; Chaffinches, 6/-; Greenfinches, 1/6.—Fenn, Station-rd., Isleham, Cambs.

BRAMBLEFINCHES, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, 1/-; hens, 6d.; Linnets, Larks, 1/-, 1/6; Java Sparrows, 2/6 pair.—L. Trewhitt, Shotley Bridge.

DARK Linnet Mule, young, 5/-; hand-reared cock Blackbird, on song, 5/-; two cock Greenfinches, hen Hawfinch, 4/-.—Cole, Sudbourn Villa, Cowper-st., Ipswich.

WORKING Redpoll and cage, complete, 6/6; hand-reared cock Greenfinch, 2/-; six large Goldfish, 5/-; square heating oilstove, 3 ft. high, 6/-; beautiful cock Blackbird, 4/-.—Bonner, Clarence Hotel, Sheerness.

BLACKBIRDS, Song Thrushes, Missel Thrushes, Starlings, 9d. and 1/- each; same, extra good, 1/6 each; 12 mixed aviary birds, 1/3; Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Bramblefinches, Linnets, Robins, 1/- pair; Blue Tits, 1/6; exchange.—George Fenn, Near Pit, Isleham, Cambs.

HAND-REARED Blackbird, 5/-; others, 1/6, and 2/-; extra large Greenfinch, Brambles and Chaffinch, 1/- each; large Bullfinch hen, 3/-; Larks, hand-reared, 7/6; others, 2/- and 2/6; grand singers; all kinds of animals and reptiles kept in stock; state wants.—Norfolk Aviaries, 2, Market-row, Gt. Yarmouth.

WALSH, Pheasant Aviaries, begs to offer from our cold aviaries, the following cocks, Goldfinch 4/-, Linnet 2/-, Larks, 1/-, Woodlarks 3/-, Robin, full song, 2/6; Blackbird, full song, 3/6; grey Wagtail 4/-, Meadow Pipit 2/-, Great Tit 2/-, Redpoll 1/-, Bramblefinch 1/-, Chaffinch 1/-, Greenfinch 1/-, Meadowbunting 6/-, Cornbunting 2/-, Yellowbunting 1/-; bright mixed aviary birds, all seed-eaters, 6/- dozen; illustrated catalogue free.—Walsh, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.

**GOLDFINCHES, LINNETS AND LARKS.**
Siberian, few grand beauties, in pink of condition, with grand blaze, 4/-, 5/-, 7/-; British Goldfinch cocks, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, well on seed and in song. Linnets, Linnets. I will challenge these against anyone advertising and in full song before sent, 1/- each, three 2/-, six 3/6, 6/- dozen; cock Bramblefinch, 1/6, make show bird; cock Chaffinch, 1/6, in song; cock Greenfinches, 6d.; cock Skylark, hear him 1,000 yards singing, 4/6; one in song, 2/6; cock Woodlarks, day or gaslight songsters, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6; Goldfinch and Linnet Mules in song, 4/6; see my advertisement on page 356; week's approval.—Baker, Bird Specialist, Bedminster.

## CANARIES.

## Belgians.

JOHN D. HORRILL, Barnstaple, has one pair; also few buff cocks; approval; cheap to clear.

GEORGE BAKER offers grand pairs, also single cocks and hens; approval.—24, Reform-st., Barnstaple.

HIGH-CLASS Belgians, all bred from a winning strain; cheap; approval; room wanted.—F. Butts, 7, Well-st., Barnstaple

## Border Fancy.

PAIR Borders, breeding condition, 9/-; deposit. Broxup, Pendle-st., Burnley.

TYPICAL young Borders, cocks, 6/-; hens, 6/-.—Holmes, 169, Fountainbridge, Edinburgh.

HANDSOME pair prize Border Fancy, building, full song, 8/-, worth 12/6.—Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering.

BORDERS, a few left, cocks 5/-, hens, mostly buff 3/-, to clear. — Geo. Walker, 46, Bridge-st., Brechin.

BORDERS, even-marked strain, cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; cold room bred.—Lyall, 31, Montrose-st., Brechin.

NINE Borders left, including winners, sell cheap; offers lot or separate; approval.—Atkinson, Market-place, Gisborough.

BORDERS. Clear buff cock, 4/6; 5 buff marked hens, 3/- each; even marked bred.—Graham, Rowanburn, Canonbie, N.B.

BORDERS, yellows, buffs, marked green cocks, from 7/6; buff hens, 3/- to clear.—Edgar, 41, English-st., Dumfries.

PAIR winning Borders, 12/6; two yellow cocks, 5/6; ready for breeding; approval.—Gillies, Hill of Beath, Crossgates, Fife.

FOR sale, one matched pair Borders, 12/6; also 3 buff hens, 3/6 each to clear.—Archie McWatt, Bankview, Bonnybridge.

BORDERS. Cocks, 5/-; matched pairs, 7/6; all colours; large Scotch cock Linnets, 1/6.—Douglas, 187, Montrose-st., Brechin.

BORDERS, clears, uneven, yellows, champion buff cocks, and hens, matched pairs, very cheap; stamp. —Craig, High-st., Brechin.

BUFF, 1907 cock, 9/6; buff, 1908 hen, 7/6; variegated ditto, 6/6; yellow ditto, 5/6; approval.—Young, Reston, Berwickshire.

HIGH-CLASS Borders, all colours; cocks, 4/6, 5/6, and 7/6; hens, 3/- and 4/-; approval.—Ross, Practical Canary Breeder, Forres, N.B.

YELLOW uneven cock, cinnamon bred, 7/6; or exchange buff cinnamon marked cock, yellow green hen, 5/-.—McVittie, 20, John-st., Langholm.

BUFF cock, yellow green cock, both 2nd Haddington, 7/6 each; six clear cocks, 5/-; six hens, 3/- each.—Walker, Ellenslea, Lesmahagow, Scotland.

WANTED good Green, Cinnamon, or Yellow Border hen; exchange house-moulted cock Goldfinch, hand-reared hen Chaffinch.—Sampson, Pontardulais.

GRAND Borders for sale, stock or show, all our own breed; cocks from 7/6; hens from 3/6; approval; see show reports.—Hopper Bros., Millbeck, Keswick, Cumberland.

SEVERAL pairs, also odd hens for green, marked and clear breeding, to be sold cheap to make room for breeding stock; state wants; stamp reply.—Clinch, 370, Edge-lane, Liverpool.

OVERSTOCKED, still some grand birds for disposal, all colours, reasonable; see reports, Bolton, Manchester, Dulwich, Palace, etc.—Hancock's, Border Fancy Aviaries, Liverpool-terrace, Crewe.

SPLENDID Border cocks, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-, 4/- and 5/- each; good; never mind the low price; they are equal to plenty sold at double; cage, 3d. extra; approval.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

CHAMPION Borders, we are reluctantly compelled to part with the whole of our Border fancy Canaries, nine properly matched pairs, that can win, and have won both in the North and the South; every bird bred to type; also the whole of our breeding and show cages, and carrying boxes; full particulars on application.—Duncan and Logan, Home-place, Coldstream.

## Cinnamons.

TWO cinnamon hens, 3/6 each; green cock, 6/6; prize-bred Border Fancy cock, 8/-.—Connell, View Park, Leith.

DOUBLE-CRESTED variegated buff cinnamon cock, yellow crested cinnamon hen, 13/- two.—183, Thorold-rd., Ilford.

LARGE typical Buff hen, 1908, 12/6; one-year-old Buff hens, 12/6, good size; approval.—T. Yates, Albany-rd., Reading.

J. DOBSON has some good pairs of cinnamons, also odd cocks, for sale; reasonable prices; approval. —18, East-rd., London, N.

FEW grand yellow 1908 cinnamon cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6 each; half value; approval.—T. Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

J. DONNE, 120, St. James, Brighton, has cinnamon cock Norwich pied hen, 10/6; also Yellow cinnamon cock, Buff hen, prize strain, 18/6; must clear.

CINNAMONS; last pair, 12/6; 1907 Buff hen, 3/6; grand large foul Green Crest-bred cock, Joyce's, 10/-; worth double.—Miss Hall, Confectioner, Basingstoke.

CINNAMONS from 15/- to 60/- pair; also odd cocks from 8/6 each; bred from birds that I have won all over England with; all birds on approval.—R. Ingram, St. Ives, Hunts.

T. J. KING, Ingogo, Cheltenham, having paired his Cinnamons, finds he has selected 30 pairs, which is 10 pairs more than he can attend. These are for sale, and few odd Buffs, cocks, hens, one Yellow cock, cheap to clear.

# HUGE BARGAINS

Cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-; hens, 3/9, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6 to 20/-; pairs, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, all on approval; cages 3d. extra.

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## Crests and Crestbreds.

BREEDER'S CARD.

**T. J. KING,** Ingogo, Cheltenham. Champion Crests, Cinnamon Crests, Cinnamon Plainheads. Holder Roberts' Crest Cup.

CRESTS and Crest-breds; own; send for list.—Denham, Belmont House, Exeter.

LARGE var, Crest cock, 25/-; clear C.B. cock, 15/-.—T. Wilkinson, 63, Henry-st., Leigh.

FEW splendid Crests and Crest-breds from 5/- to 10/- to clear; stamp.—R. Newsholmo, 11, College-st., Keighley.

MONSTER green crestbred cock, good skull and lashing, must clear, room wanted, 12/6; dirt cheap. Silk, Whitstable.

DEALERS invited. Show Crests, yellows, buffs, worth £5 each, sacrifice at £1. 55, Southdean Gardens, Southfields.

# HENS! HENS!! CRESTED BRED.

**4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, up.**

# COCKS! COCKS!! CRESTED.

**7/6, 8/6, 10/6 to 100/-.**

# HENS! HENS!! CRESTED.

**5/6, 7/6, 10/6 up.**

# COCKS! COCKS!! CRESTED BRED.

Some large feathery birds—simply given away at **6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 up.**

# PAIRS! PAIRS!! Matched for Breeding.

**12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- up.**

All on approval. Cages 3d. extra. All guaranteed marvellous value.

**W. RUDD,** THE Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

GOOD Crests and Crest-breds, feather to end of beak; hens, 10/6; cocks from 15/-.—Campling, 8, Greenhill-rd., Harlesden.

WANTED, offers in Crests for gent.'s sound free wheel cycle, perfect condition, or sell £4.—McKeand, Hamilton-pl., Castle Douglas.

A. WARD, 10, St. Paul's, Norwich, has a few Crest-bred hens from 7/6 each; grey Crest cock, 15/6; Norwich yellow hens, 5/6.

SEVERAL surplus pairs and odd Crest-breds, highest class, wonderful value, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-.—North, Chemist, Reading.

CRESTS, large birds, Barnett's strain, matched pairs 10/- to 20/-; or separate, good stock birds. —Walter Johnson, Waverdon, Bucks.

GRAND buff grey crested cock, large, with extra good crest, bred from yellows, 20/6.—W. Vardy, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts.

FINE Crested cock, only 12/6; Crested-bred hens, 10/6 and 15/6 each; approval before payment.—J. N. Harrison, The Lawn, Belper, Derbyshire.

CRESTS and Crest-breds; cocks from 7/6 to 12/6; hens from 4/- to 12/-; cold-room; stamps reply.—W. G. Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., Kilburn, London.

WALLACE. Won 1st, 3rd, 5th, bronze medal, Palace; same blood guaranteed, pairs 30/-, single 15/- upwards; approval.—115, Rosemount-pl., Aberdeen.

C. ROBERTS has still several champion matched pairs of Crests to spare, 30/-, 40/-, 60/-; also single birds from 15/6; approval.—67, Whitegate-drive, Blackpool.

CREST hen, Buff dark crest, wing-marked, 7/6; ticked dark cap, wing, 5/6; Green, 5/-; all 1908, in nesting condition.—John Bale, 63, Victoria-st., Barnstaple.

LARGE variegated Yellow Crested cock, with dark crest and plenty of feather, unflighted, prize strain, 20/-; worth double.—H. E., 13, Fonthill-rd., Finsbury Park, N.

LARGE 1907 variegated Crest-bred cock, good quality feather, good breeder, 60/-; variegated 1908 Crested cock, 40/-; approval.—F. G. Bale, 66, Victoria-st., Barnstaple.

NOTICE, grand lot Crests and crestbred, many winners, prices low, easy payments taken; enclose stamp, stating wants; approval.—M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

GIVING up, Crests, matched pairs, 10/- upwards; must be sold; few odd crested hens; state wants; also cages and utensils for sale; stamp. — J. E. Ashby, 73, Chelverton-rd., Putney.

TWO cock grey Crest hens, bred Mules, one Crest Mule, cock Greenie, hen grey, feeding; Muling hen Greenie; sell, exchange cycle; offers.—Kirkpatrick, 13, Fusehill-st., Carlisle.

CREST and Crest-bred, best blood. Having selected my pairs, have a few pairs and singles to spare at reasonable prices to make room; stamp.—Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

T. J. KING, Ingogo, Cheltenham, having paired his Crests, finds he has selected 100 pairs, which is 30 pairs more than he can attend; these, with 25 odd cocks, are for sale; view by appointment.

HURRY up, only few more left. Good stock Crest and Crest-bred cocks (Barnett's champion strain), 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; satisfaction guaranteed, or money returned.—Bushell, Carrow-rd. Bakery, Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS Crests. I have several 1908 Crested cocks to part with; very large good crests, bred from the very best of stock; half value; approval. —T. Searle, 64, Gowan Lea, Scotforth, Lancaster.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crest-breds; having selected my breeding pairs, I have several 1908 pairs for sale from 20/- pair; bred from and related to my winners; approval.—Alex. Onion, Old Robin Hood, Hoekley, Nottingham.

HAVING selected my stock for 1909, have few pairs Crest for disposal, from 30/-; and few Green Plainheaded cocks from 20/- each; none better; heaps of feather; sent on approval for P.O.—Fletcher, 216, Wilford-rd., Nottingham.

TO make room for breeding I have a few pairs Crest to dispose; also surplus Crested and Crest-bred cocks to sell cheap; having no hens for them; they bred from healthy and best strains; approval. —Tetin, 130, St. Mary's-rd., Plaistow, E.

DARK or light Crested cocks, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each; Crested hens, 4/6, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; Crest-bred cocks, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/- each; Crest-bred hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; pairs, matched for breeding, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- pair; money returned if not approved.—Stewart Brothers, Surrey-st., Norwich. Stamp reply.

SELLING out; large 1907 Green Crest-bred cock, 10/6; large 1908 variegated ditto, 10/6; variegated ditto hen, 7/6; large grizzle Crest hen, good perfect Crest, 15/-; variegated ditto, first cross Lancashire, 7/6; large clear body dark Crest hen, 7/6; 20 single breeding cages, loose fronts, own make; all on approval; see Lancashires.—Arthur Hill, Joiner, Halebank, Widnes.

HAVING selected my breeding stock can offer following exceptional value in highest class Crests, Crest-breds, Barnett and Joyce's strains, at half value to clear; monster even-marked dark Crest cock, perfect crest, 11/-; monster clear Crest cock, grand crest, 14/6; monster variegated dark Crest cock, 14/-; massive heavy-feathered clear body dark Crest cock, 12/6; monster Green Crest-bred cock, 15/-; monster variegated ditto, beauty, 14/-; monster Yellow ditto, 11/6; monster marked Buff ditto, 13/6; massive feathery Green Crest-bred hen, 10/6; massive feathery variegated ditto, 10/6; all grand stock birds; in perfect condition; genuine reductions; approval willingly.—Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

MONSTER Green Crest cock, 10/-; monster clear Crest cock, 10/6; monster variegated dark Crest cock, 10/6; massive feathery variegated dark Crest hen, 8/6; massive feathery even-marked ditto, 8/6; massive clear Crest hen, 7/6; monster variegated Crest-bred cock, 11/6; monster Green ditto, 11/-; monster clear ditto, 10/6; massive feathery clear Crest-bred hen, 10/-; massive feathery variegated ditto, 10/-; large feathery Green ditto, 10/-; variegated ditto, 7/6; all large healthy birds; Barnett's strain; must clear at half value; approval willingly.—Hatton Aviaries, Belper.

HAVING paired up my birds, I find I have the following for disposal, all bred from my winning strain; massive Yellow Crest-bred cock, massive Green Crest hen, 50/-; dark Crest cock, Green Crest-bred hen, 40/-; Green Crest-bred cock, grey Crest hen, 37/6; dark Crest cock, Yellow Crest-bred hen, 30/-; Yellow Crest-bred cock, Green Crest hen, 25/-; grey Crest cock, Green Crest hen, 22/6; Green Crest cock, marked Crest-bred hen, 15/6; Green Crest-bred cock, dark Crest hen, 15/6; bargains; approval, deposit.—W. Gutteridge, Grocer, Haliburton-rd., St. Margarets, Twickenham.

**ON APPROVAL OR DEPOSIT.**
Have still few pairs good crest, £1 pair; dirt cheap, to clear.—Pass, 48, Annesley-rd., Hucknall, Notts.

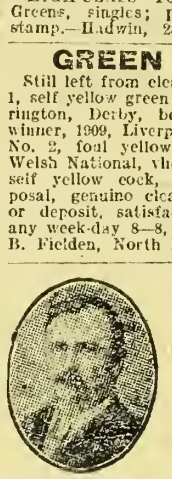
## Greens.

FEW good stock birds left, bred from winners; on approval; best blood obtainable.—Metcalfe Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield-rd., Liverpool.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire, Norwich and Border Greens, singles; pairs well matched; approval; stamp.—Hadwin, 28, Pembroke-place, Liverpool.

## GREEN YORKSHIRES,

Still left from clearance: Note reduced prices. No. 1, self yellow green cock, winner of 1st Leeds, Warrington, Derby, besides many 2nds, etc., 1907-8; winner, 1909, Liverpool 1st in class of 37; price £5; No. 2, foul yellow cock, winner, 2nd Leeds, 3rd Welsh National, the Palace; unflighted, 35/-; No. 3, self yellow cock, unflighted, 15/-. All for disposal, genuine clearance sale; approval, for P.O. or deposit, satisfaction guaranteed; can be seen any week-day 8—8, except Thursday, 8—1.—Norman B. Fielden, North Parade, Halifax. Tel. 874.



## PALACE WINNERS.

The finest collection of Greens in the world. Having bought Mr. P. Clayton's stock, and also Mr. E. Helliwell's, both of whom are leading exhibitors of Yorkshire Greens, having won highest honours at all leading shows, including Palace, I am now able to offer marvellous value in this variety. Cocks 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-. Also a few Cinnamons from same stock. Travelling cages 3d. extra.

**Easiest of payments** arranged to suit fanciers, and as the breeding season is about to commence birds will be sent on receipt of first payment.

Send postcard for catalogue of birds, appliances, and advice to breeders,

**JOE THOMAS, Canary Specialist, Amblerthorn, Halifax.**

## Lizards.

CAN spare Yellow Coppy cock, 25/-; Buff Plainhead Lancashire hen, 15/-; or the pair for 37/6, unrelated; also two Silver Lizard cocks, one Gold, all prize winners; approval.—J. Hampshire, 7, Cowper-st., Brunswick-st., Oldham.

JOHN DEWSNAP, 68, Princess-st., Glossop, winner Lizard Challenge Cup two years in succession, also champion diploma Palace 1909 for best Lizard, has a few pairs from 15/-; single cocks from 10/-; all my own breeding; stamp reply; inspection invited; cold-room.

## Lancashires.

HAVE few buffs and Lancashire coppy cocks for sale; cheap, young, and healthy; stamp reply. — Smith, 50, London-rd., Oldham.

TWO Yellow Plainhead hens, 20/- each; Buff Plainhead cocks, 10/- each; 1908 bred; approval, stamps.—Lowe, 4, Grange-st., Oldham.

1908 LANCASHIRES. Must be cleared to make room for breeding; buffs from 12/6 to 25/- a pair; approval, stamp.—Turner, 88, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

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ON Sale, clear yellow Plainhead cock, won 2nd Manchester, 4th Nottingham (1907), 30/-; clear buff coppy cock, 1907 bred, 20/-; yellow-ticked coppy cock, 1907 bred, 20/-; deposit.—S. Nelson, 55, Brown-st., Macclesfield.

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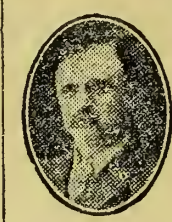

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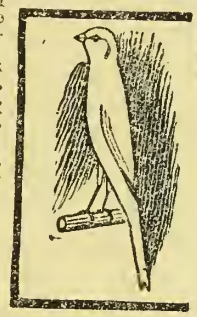

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SELLING out. Norwich pairs, 8/6; cocks, 5/6; hens, 3/6; 2 cinnamon mark Yorkshire hens, 4/- each; approval, cash or deposit.—Franklin, 3, Wellington-st., Coventry.

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# CLUB REPORTS.

## STRATFORD & EAST LONDON F.S.

General meeting, held March 25th, and was well attended. The president (Mr. T. H. Harrison) took the chair. A list of fixtures for 1909 was drawn up. Monthly evening shows: For cage birds, etc., June 24th; annual young stock show, all sections, October 26th (all day); annual show, all sections, January 11th, 1910 (all day).—W. MAXEY, hon. sec

## MANCHESTER & N. COUNTIES O.S.

A splendid gathering of members and friends attended a limelight lantern lecture at the Deansgate Hotel, on March 15th, given by Mr. S. W. Birchley. Some very beautiful pictures, taken direct from Nature, of the birds in their natural surroundings, were thrown on the screen, and in many instances the parent birds were shown feeding their young. The pictures were without doubt the best we have seen, and the lecturer described the subjects and their habits in a most attractive and interesting manner. He also showed some most life-like pictures of the present-day winning British birds, which were his own work, and amongst them we particularly noted the splendid Hawfinch, "Midland Chief," the property of Mr. H. J. Chick, of Nottingham. The views of the quaint nesting places of Robins, Tits, Wrens, etc., were charming, and the various places in which the lecturer described having found them were astonishing in number and character. Mr. Birchley has a most genial delivery, and this, combined with practicability, made the lecture well worth the earnest attention accorded him by his audience. Two songs were rendered by Miss Bancroft, which were heartily received. After most appreciative speech-making, the evening ended by a hearty vote of thanks being accorded Mr. Birchley.—E. JONES, assist. secretary.

## WIBSEY AND DISTRICT O.B.S.

Annual tea and social, held on March 13th, at the Horse and Groom Inn. The host and hostess catered, and placed one of their splendid knife-and-fork teas on the table. Eighty members and friends sat down to do justice to the bill of fare. After tea a programme was drawn up, and songs were sung and encores given by Messrs. P. Bastow, W. Hillas, and H. Barker. Mr. Barker's contribution, "When the missus is in," justed suited the ladies. Mr. S. Dean was then called upon to present the medals to the winners for points gained during 1908, and in a few well-chosen words presented that for most points to Mr. J. Chapman (of Messrs. Chapman and Bateman). Mr. J. Crowther, our president, was the winner of the second medal, and Mr. C. Hardaker of the third. Mr. W. Jowett received Mr. Ramsden's medal for best cock bird on Boxing Day. Mr. S. Hindle, the show steward, was also presented with a medal for his services at the show. Anybody who has seen the manner in which the birds are handled and attended to will say he earned what he had got. After this Messrs. Bairstow and Chapman sang a duet, and this was followed by the secretary's report. At the present time, he said, the society is close on 90 strong, and has a balance in hand of nearly £6. We are looking forward to still better results during the coming year, and give all fanciers a hearty invitation to join us. The remainder of the evening was devoted to music, and songs were sung by Messrs. W. Chapman, A. Hiley, J. Baldwin, and Fawcett. Closing time came, as usual, too soon. —E. W. JOHNSON, hon. secretary.

## SOWERBY BRIDGE AND DIS. C.B.S.

The annual tea and social were held on March 20th, at the Bull's Head Hotel, close upon fifty members and friends being present. An excellent tea was provided by the host and hostess, and afterwards a capital programme was gone through. Songs were given by Miss Nora Tasker and Mr. Harry Tasker, and these songs were beautifully illustrated by limelight views by the Secretary, and were thoroughly appreciated. Songs were also rendered by Miss Barnes and Mr. Kenyon. Mr. J. Nicholson delighted everyone with his humorous characters. Miss Nora Tasker proved an efficient accompanist. Two recitals were given by Mr. E. Crossley. During the evening the Secretary presented the prizes to the winning members for most points gained at the monthly shows. The silver challenge cup (to be held for the ensuing year) was won by Messrs. Taylor and Haigh, and along with it a lady's gold bangle in Section I. J. E. Priestley (also cup), 2; J. Robertshaw, lady's umbrella, 3; Crossley Bros., silver spoon, 4. Section II.: C. Pickles, gold medal, 1; E. Sutcliffe, lady's gold necklet, 2; H. Tasker, pair of vases, 3; W. Wild, silver-plated jam dish and spoon, 4. The Society has had a very prosperous year, and are to be congratulated on their success. After giving the aforementioned specials, and also buying a silver cup for yearly competition, they are still able to show a balance on the right side. It is hoped during next season to again offer some good prizes. Will fanciers therefore help the Society by joining them and giving it their hearty support? After votes of thanks, dancing brought to a close a most pleasant and enjoyable evening.—A. E. MORTON, Hon. Sec.

# CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

**Attercliffe and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 8, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Table show of British. Critic, Mr. W. Bagnall (Rotherham).—W. Richinson.

**Ayr and Dis. C.B.C.**—April 5, Good Templar Hall, New Bridge Street, 7.30. Distribution of samples of Spratt's specialities. Nomination of judges for open show. Enrolment of new members.—C. C. Irvine.

**Arbroath Scotch Fancy C.B.S.**—April 7, Crockat's Rooms, Catherine Street, 8. Election of office-bearers, date of classes for annual show; intending members cordially invited.—J. S. Napier.

**Altrincham C.B.S.**—April 6, Victoria Restaurant, Oxford Road, 8. Business: Lecture on "British Birds," by Mr. J. W. Bancroft. Fanciers and friends invited.—Tom Harrison, Sec.

**Accrington and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 8, headquarters, 8.—J. W. Philpott.

**Ardwick and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 6, Blacksmith's Arms, 8. Lecture by Mr. Downing on Yorkshire Canary Breeding and Management.—J. Spencer.

**Battersea Open C.B.S.**—April 8, headquarters, 8. Finch show, and judging competition.—Easterling and Allen.

**Burton C.B.S.**—April 6, New Inn, Station Street, 8.—Elliott and Wood.

**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.**—April 7, Bakers' Room, 8. Election of judges for open show.—R. Whitton.

**Bristol C.B.S.**—April 7, headquarters, City Hotel, Winc Street, 8. Concert and dance in aid of show funds.—W. H. Manley.

**Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.S.**—April 7, Jolly Gardeners, Rotherhithe New Road, S.E., 8. Selecting judges for annual and young stock shows; fanciers invited.—A. Lupton.

**Bolton and Dis. O.S.** — April 5, Joiner's Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8.—H. Parkinson.

**Baildon Original C.B.F.A.**—April 3, Bull's Head inn, 8. Quarter night.—L. Haithwaite.

**Bradford East O.S.**—April 6, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Patronage of specialist clubs, and other business; also meat pie supper, at 9. Price 6d. each; fanciers and friends invited.—H. Hill.

**Crewe O.S.**—April 6, Burton Hotel, Victoria Street, 7.45. Arrangements for young bird show, etc.—T. L. Hancocks.

**Carmarthenshire P.P. and C.B.S.**—April 5, 8.30, Plough Hotel, committee meeting. On April 7, at 8.30, Plough Hotel, monthly meeting. A paper and a judging competition take place. Anyone in sympathy with the objects of the society welcomed.—Fred King.

**City of Wakefield O.S.** — April 3, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.—Parker and Parkes.

**Clitheroe and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 6, Bennett's Tea Rooms, Moor Lane, 8. Discussion on pairing and breeding. To be opened by Mr. Barnes.—R. Lambert.

**Clapham and Dis. C.B.A.**—April 5, Avondale Hotel, 8.30. Special prize moneys will be paid out for pair show. Also prizes for washing competition. Selection of judges for annual open show, etc.—A. C. Askew.

**City and County of Perth O.S.**—April 5, City Cafe, Methven Street, 8.—J. Kerr.

**Crook Original C.B.F. and F.S.** — April 7, Club Room, Crow Hotel, 7. Appointment and classification for open show, to be held Nov. 20th.—Bird and Siddle.

**City of Birmingham C.B.S.** — April 7, Crown Hotel, Station Street, 8.30. Discussion on Breeding Difficulties. Fanciers invited.—J. H. de Maillet.

**Chester C.B.F.A.** — April 6, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30 p.m. Discuss advisability of holding nest feather show; arrange schedule for the season, and fix date of annual show.—J. Swindley.

**Cramlington and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 7, usual place. Paper, "Colour Feeding," by Mr. Jacques. Confirmation of joining C.B.U.—J. R. Chestney.

**Coventry O.S.**—April 7, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Selection of judge for annual show, and fixing date of F.F. show, etc.—G. Peters.

**Dulwich O.S.**—April 5, Imperial Hall, Grove Vale, E. Dulwich, 8.15. Whist drive, M.C.'s, Messrs. Rogers and Bruty. Members please attend and help us to make it a success. Splendid prizes.—Rogers and Bruty.

**Denholme and Thornton C.B.S.**—April 6, Bull's Head Inn, Thornton, 8. Arranging dates for F.F. shows.—J. Holroyd.

**Derwent Valley C.B.S.**—April 3, Church Hall, 7. F.F. show business; anyone wishing to join can do so.—J. Brown.

**Dewsbury Dis. C.B.S.**—April 3, Royal Hotel, 7.30.—N. Rayner.

**Dewsbury O.F.S.**—April 3, Little Saddle Hotel, 7.30. Mr. T. Bentley (Cleckheaton), will lecture on Pairing, and also the rearing of young birds. Friends invited.—G. G. Stafford.

**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.** — April 7, George Hotel, 8. Table show of field-moulted British birds (seed-eaters).—R. S. Black.

**Dudley and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 7, headquarters, 8.30.—J. J. Mullett.

**Eccleshill C.B.A.**—April 7, Fountain Inn, 8. — T. Elsegood.

**Edinburgh Eastern Dis. O.S.**—April 5, Free Gardener's Hall, Abbeymount, 8. New rules, booking hens; last meeting of the year for new members joining.—G. R. Smith.

**Edinburgh O.S.**—April 6, 114, High Street, 7.30. Settling up of last year's business, booking of hens. Appointment of judges, contributions, etc.—W. M. Campbell.

**Grangemouth and Dis. O.S.** — April 7, Boiler-Makers' Hall, 8. Judging competition, enrolling new members.—G. Smith.

**Garston B.B.A.**—April 21, Baptist Schoolroom, Earp Street, Garston, 8. Minutes and correspondence.—J. F. D. Alexander.

**Greenock, Port-Glasgow, and Gourock O.S.** — April 7, Co-operative Hall, P.G., 7.30. Table show, Wild Linnet, Redpoll, Chaffinch, or Bramblefinch, Dark Mule. Judge, Mr. G. W. Lyll. Judging competition, points to count.—J. Forrester.

**Hull C.B.S.**—April 5, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Members' show, classes for pairs for Mule and Hyb. breeding. Judge, Mr. J. Calam; and questions and answers.—E. R. Ridley.

**Hanley and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 7, Albion Hotel, Hanley, 8. To approve schedule, appoint judge, and make general show arrangements, etc.—B. Peake.

**Hyde and Dis. C.B.S.** — April 5, St. George's Schools, 8. Questions on the Fancy; fanciers invited.—F. Barraclough.

**Halifax O.S.**—April 3, Griffin Hotel, 8. Mr. T. W. Wilson will give a lecture on Some Breeding Season Troubles.—J. F. Thackray.

**Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.** — April 6, Cricket Players, 8. To arrange open show.—W. Cottingham.

**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—April 7, Y.M.C.A., 8. Result of draw, election of judges, etc.—H. J. L. Williams.

**Jarrow, Hebburn, and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 5, Lockhart's Cafe, Jarrow, 8.—R. Blore.

**Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.**—April 6, Gothenburgh, No. 2 6. Business left from last meeting. New members for election, and general business. —J. Ford.

**Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.**—April 6, White Swan Hotel, 8.15. Lecture by Mr. Walton, on "Pairing for Breeding Exhibition Norwich, and Rearing of Young." Fanciers invited.—C. Draper.

**Lowestoft and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 5, Fox and Hounds, 8.15.—W. Lang, Junr.

**Longton and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 6, Castle Inn, 8. Classification for open show, to admit new members, etc.—E. Tams.

**Lewisham and Dis. C.B.S.** — April 6, Roebuck Hotel, High Street, Lewisham, 8. British bird table show; birds staged 7.30. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. Friends and fanciers kindly let us have your support, and make this show a record for entries. —G. Phillips.

**Laisterdyka B.F.A.**—April 7, Railway Hotel, 8. Date and time for members' shows, etc.—A. Bottomley.

**Leeds Roller C.C.**—April 3, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 8. Few notes concerning Seifert Rollers, by Mr. C. Towes; Roller fanciers invited. — T. W. Walton.

**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.** — April 8, Co-op. classroom, 7.30. Secretary's report; arrangements for nest feather show.—A. E. Wigginton.

**Larkhall C.B.A.**—April 10, Miners' Hall, 7. Election of office-bearers; annual subscription now due. —Jas. Pollock.

**Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 3, Centre Hotel, 7.30. To elect officers for ensuing year, and other matters.—D. John.

**Lancashire and Lizard F.A.** — April 3, Ye Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove, Manchester, 6.30. Presentation of cups and medals, patronage, subs; everybody welcome.—J. Rukin.

**Liverpool B.B.A.**—April 8, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, 8. To elect judges for young and old bird shows, and to arrange schedule for young stock show.—F. E. Hawkes.

**Leyton and Dis. C.B.A.**—April 5, lecture on Cage Making, by Mr. C. H. Cooper; fanciers are cordially invited.—B. F. Forse.

**Leeds C.B.S.** — April 3, Lockhart's Restaurant, Briggate, 7.30. To decide where June show is to be held. Also lecture on "Breeding and Rearing," by Mr. Farrar. All fanciers heartily welcome.—W. Tose.

**Leith O.S.**—April 10, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7. Election of judges, booking of hens; last meeting for enrolling new members; Spratt's samples.—G. Brown.

**Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.**—April 5, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Lecture on Norwich Canary, etc.—E. Jones.

**Manningham C.B.A.**—April 3, Mowbray Arms, 8. Classification of members' shows, etc.—Wm. Holroyd.

**Newsham and Dis. C.B.C.**—April 3, Willow Tree Inn. Election of judge and classes for next show. Anyone wishing to join please attend.—C. Snowdon.

**Nottingham and Notts. O.S.**—April 7, Mechanics' Hall, 8.—G. E. Wilkinson.

**Ormskirk and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 5, headquarters, 8.—T. H. Tiffen.

**Oldham and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 13, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Selection of judge for F.F. Show, and debate on Lancashire Canary; fanciers invited.—F. Steeple.

**Poplar and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 8, 147, East India Dock Road, Poplar, E., 8. Annual general meeting. H. W. Cook.

**Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A.**—April 8, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8.—J. C. Birch.

**Rochdale O.C.**—April 5, 8. Quarterly meeting.—J. Butterworth.

**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.**—April 7, 8 o'clock, Temperance Club, Toad Lane.—W. Adams.

**Reading and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 7, Palmer Hall, West Street, 8. Actual object lesson on the Why, and Why Not, of mating Canaries. By Mr. C. J. Howlett. Members please bring birds, and make effort to attend.—G. H. Charles.

**South Manchester C.B.S.**—April 5, headquarters, 8.—J. C. Spilsbury.

**South Shields C.B.S.**—April 7, Gregg's Cafe, 7.30. Election of judges for open show, etc.—J. Barrass.

**South-West London C.B.S.**—April 8, Slough Hotel, 8.30. To receive proposals for the advancement of society.—Lilley.

**St. Helens and Dis. O.S.**—April 5, George Inn, 8.15. Annual "hot pot." After meeting all old members and likely new ones cordially invited.—A. Goodall.

**Stocksbridge and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 3, National Schools, 8. Paper on "Pairing and Breeding." By Mr. H. E. Wilkinson.—H. E. Wilkinson.

**Seaham Harbour and Dis. C.B.B.A.**—April 3, Station Hotel, 7.—H. Dobson.

**Shipley O.S.**—April 6, Prince of Wales Hotel, 8. Specials for members' shows.—D. Marsden.

**Swansea and Dis. C.B.A.**—April 8, Market Coffee Tavern, 7.30. To consider removal of headquarters. —A. Hitchings.

**Tong and Dis. C.B.S.** — April 6, Holme Lane Hotel, 7.30.—J. Smith.

**Vale of Leven and Dumbartonshire O.S.**—April 2, Co-operative Hall, Bank Street Alexandria, 7.30. To prepare schedule of annual show.—R. Conely.

**West of Scotland.**—April 3, Nelson's Hotel, 83, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 7.30. Nomination of judges for annual show, and a talk on Crests, by J. Young. Fanciers cordially invited.—G. Smart.

**Wolverhampton C.B.S.**—April 6, Swan and Peacock Hotel, 8. Table show, mule pairs, hyb. pairs, Greenfinch class, A.V. British; judge, Mr. R. Willoughby, and a lecture on Hybridizing, by Mr. J. A. Tonks.—J. Gibbons.

**Wibsey and Dis. C.B.S.** — April 3, Horse and Groom Inn, 7. Union rules, etc. Important.—E. W. Johnson.

**Windhill, Shipley, and Dis. O.S.**—April 3, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Members' shows.—E. Broadley.

**Wath and Dis. C.B.A.**—April 4, Cross Keys Hotel, 7.30. General business.—H. A. Watson.

**West Stanley and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 3, Commercial Hotel, 7.30. Judge for F.F. show.—W. Elliott.

**Weston-super-Mare C.B.S.**—April 6, Star Coffee House, 8. General business.—G. W. Read.

**Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 5, 6, The Broadway, 8. Lecture by Mr. H. Norman on "The Keeping of British Birds," and judging competition of British birds.—H. Smith.

**Wandsworth F.A.**—April 8, new headquarters, Red Lion Rooms, 8. To arrange for a judging competition, to take place on April 15.—W. Summers.

**York C.B.S.**—April 12 (Easter Monday).—Meeting postponed till April 13, 8, when a paper will be read by Mr. J. Nicholson; friends invited.—A. Waud.

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## DERBY CAGE BIRD CLUB.

Club meeting, held March 2nd, Mr. J. Drakeley in the chair. There was a discussion on the advisability or otherwise of holding an open show this year. It was decided that, as we had not "got over the last one yet," we do not hold one. But we shall have a members' show for old and young birds instead on the first week in November. It was also decided that all members who had not paid their levy before the night for the nomination of young birds in May be not allowed to nominate any, as this was felt to be an injustice to those members who had fulfilled their obligations. We had the pleasure of admitting three new members to our club.—W. STEVENS, Hon. Sec.

## EDINBURGH EASTERN DIST. O.S.

The following is the list of honorary members and office-bearers for the ensuing year:—Hon. president, Councillor Lorne MacLeod; hon. vice-presidents, Councillors Hunter and Stewart, and Wm. Fletcher, Esq.; office-bearers: President, R. S. Spence; committee, Messrs. Dalling, Morrison, J. Dougall, Gourlay, Sneth, R. Smith, and McLennan; secretary and treasurer, Geo. R. Smith, 16, Lochend-road (West), Edinburgh; auditors, Messrs. A. Dougall and McLennan. The annual show will take place on 13th November, in Free Gardiners' Hall, Abbey Mount. We have been fortunate in securing the services of the following gentlemen to judge, viz., Mr. John McLennan, for the Scotch Fancy and Border sections, and Mr. D. Buchan (Falkirk) for the other sections.—GEO. R. SMITH, Secretary.

## CARLISLE C.B.S.

Open meeting, held March 25th, when a washing exhibition was given by Messrs. T. H. Jones and F. F. Lawson, before a good muster of members and several visitors who greatly appreciated both gentlemen's efforts. They went about their business admirably in washing several birds. Mr. Jones had forward a drying cage of his own make. It has a tank at the bottom full of hot water. On top of same about 1 inch of sawdust was put. The cage was put with the front to the fire, when it was surprising how quickly the birds dried. The arrangement pleased everyone. Mr. Lawson adopted the rolling-up process in twill sheeting, and his method seemed to be quite as good as the tank arrangement, excepting that it took a little longer in the drying; but the birds had the required finish when on the sticks. Mr. Lawson invited someone else to have a try, when one of our new members, Mr. Crabtree, had a "go," and he made quite a creditable performance for a novice. Of course, his nerves were upset a bit with having so many lookers-on. The members then allotted the specials for the nest feather shows, the appointment of judge being left over to next meeting. It was carried that the best thanks of the meeting be given to Messrs. Jones and Lawson for their instructive exhibition. A letter was read from the Dean of Carlisle offering to become a patron of our society. It was decided to take solicitor's advice respecting the failure of one of our members to pay his subscription for last year, after taking the benefits in connection with our show. Greater harmony and enthusiasm never prevailed in this society than at the present time, everyone doing his best to make the society prosper. Carlisle fanciers note that our headquarters are the Viaduct Temperance Hotel.—W. H. WRIGHT, hon. secretary.

## NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD AND MULE CLUB.

Committee meeting held at headquarters, The Feathers Hotel, Westminster, on March 25th. Present: Mr. Robson (chairman), Messrs. J. Dewhurst, T. R. Trower, F. Wyse, W. A. Lott, J. Best, Geo. Thurling, G. E. Weston, C. T. Maxwell, R. A. Newley, and A. Plumbridge, and visitor, Mr. S. W. Birchley. Letters were read from Messrs. David Bentley, G. T. H. Maggs, R. Bald, A. W. Watson, A. Coffey, J. P. Carr, G. Crabb, A. C. Askew, and J. Hazell. Respecting the alleged stained Linnet of Mr. S. W Birchley's (Altrincham), as Mr. Birchley had come up on purpose to answer the charge made against him, the chairman thought it best that the committee should give him a hearing first, as Mr. Birchley desired to leave as early as possible, so that he might get home the same night. He was given a patient and attentive hearing, after which he left to catch his train. Much discussion followed, but the meeting did not come to any final decision in the matter. It was therefore proposed by Mr. Newley, and seconded by Mr. Dewhurst, "that further discussion be adjourned to give the secretaries time to get, if possible, additional information; and that Mr. Birchley be asked to send all original letters and copies of his own, including those of Messrs. Pope, Maggs, Ind, and Lythgoe." Proposed by Mr. Wyse, and seconded by Mr. Trower, "that a letter be written to Mr. House, the judge at Bristol Show, also to Mr. J. Walsh." Proposed by Mr. Dewhurst, and seconded by Mr. Newley, "that Messrs. Fattorini's account for medals be paid." Respecting the alleged staining of a Bullfinch by Mr. McQuiston, it was proposed by Mr. Trower, and seconded by Mr. Newley, "that a letter be written to Mr. McQuiston, to Mr. John Brown, the judge, and to Mr. Samuel Ward, the witness. Proposed by Mr. Dewhurst, and seconded by Mr. Maxwell, "that Mr. McQuiston's medal be sent him." The following new members were elected:—Mr. F. Currey, 15, Pitts Head Mews, Park-lane, London, W.; and Mr. J. M. Walsh, 159, Dukes Brow, Blackburn. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman concluded a long and arduous meeting.—PLUMBRIDGE AND CARR, Hon. Secs.


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At the last meeting Mr. F. Easterling gave a lecture on the "Preparing for Breeding and Feeding of Young Birds." A good muster of members were present, and enjoyed the very interestiug and instructive evening, which finished with a number of questions and answers that should prove of great assistance to all the members.—J. C. BIRCH, hon. secretary.

### SCOTTISH CREST CLUB.

The following is the list of officials duly elected by ballot vote for 1909:—Auditors and scrutineers, Messrs. J. Young and G. Smart; venue of show, Dundee 7 and Perth 5 votes; secretary and treasurer, Robert Adamson; committee, Messrs. C. Campbell 19, G. Shillinglaw 19, J. Young 19, A. Chalmers 18, J. McLay 18, J. Noble 18, G. F. Adamson 15, H. Moreland 14, W. Griffiths 14, W. Cairns 13, R. Esson 13, G. McPhail 12, R. Adamson 10, G. Smart 9, J. C. Wallace 9 votes; club judges, Messrs. J. Young, J. McLay, C. Campbell, A. Chalmers, J. Noble, G. F. Adamson.—A. CHALMERS, secretary pro tem. 69, Hillhead, Kirkintilloch.

### ROCHDALE O.C.

A very large company of fanciers assembled in the above club rooms on March 23rd, to witness a billiard match between members of the Good Intent Society and the members of the Rochdale O.C. There were some very close and interesting games played, notably, Mr. Dewhurst (100) and Mr. Blencoe (99); Mr. T. Ashworth (100), Mr. Harrison (91); Mr. Butterworth (100), Mr. Faulkner (91). The players and scores were as follows:—Rochdale Good Intent: Mr. J. Harrison (91), Mr. T. Leach (49), Mr. J. Dewhurst (100), Mr. J. W. Howarth (100), Mr. E. Faulkner (91). Rochdale O.C.: Mr. T. Ashworth (100), Mr. F. Parker (100), Mr. R. Blencoe (99), Mr. J. Woodall (63), Mr. J. Butterworth (100).—J. BUTTERWORTH, Hon. Sec.

### BAILDON (Original) C.B.F.A.

On March 20th we held a smoking concert at headquarters, Bull's Head Inn, for the presentation of cup and medals to members gaining most points in the four shows. Chairman, Mr. Head, presented the prizes, cups, and medals. The president's cup was won by Mr. J. Tidgwell, with 57 points; Ambler's Cup, Mr. W. Tyler, 54; 3rd average was won by Mr. J. Halliday, value 5s., 4th average Mr. W. Fawcett, value 5s. During the evening Mr. Sam Dean, secretary of the Yorkshire Union, gave a lecture on the "Breeding, Feeding, and Washing of Yorkshire Canaries." Songs in the interval were given by Messrs. Mann, Knocton, and Bailey, and a pleasant evening was spent. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Dean. We are hoping to have an open show, and are joining the Yorkshire Union. We intend to bring the Yorkshires to the front in Baildon.—L. HAITHWAITE, hon. secretary.

### LEEDS C.B.S.

Committee meeting held on March 24th. There were present Messrs. Chambers, Chew, Medley, Tose, Smith, Hallett, Owen, Stead, Ireland, McMillan, Farrar, Whiteley, and Wilkins. The chief discussion was how to allocate the special prizes (16), which comprise a two-guinea silver cup, a pair of men's boots, silver medals with gold centres, etc. It was ultimately agreed to arrange the prizes in rotation, according to value, to be won on points at the five shows, the highest six birds of a member to count. Messrs. Hyde and Co. (London) are also giving special prizes of seed and food at each of the shows. There are also the Leeds challenge cup and vice-president's cup, to be competed for at the July and Christmas shows, which should satisfy the most ambitious members before this season closes. Fifteen new members have been made during the last two months, and many more are to be enrolled at our next meeting. Fanciers are invited to join.—WM. TOSE, hon secretary.

### SCOTTISH NATIONAL C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held at 142, High-street, Edinburgh, on February 27th, Mr. A. C. Dandie (President) presiding over a large attendance. The balance-sheet, showing a balance of £93 8s. 8d., was discussed and unanimously approved of. The election of office bearers for the ensuing year occupied the remainder of the time The meeting was adjourned until 20th March, when the President (Mr. Dandie) again presided. The classification was then dealt with, and several alterations were made, a new feature being a class for juveniles, A.S. British bird. Judges for the various sections were then nominated. Mr. Arnold, of Hawick, having referred to the minute respecting the expulsion of Mr. D. Smith, it was agreed that it be open for Mr. Smith to rejoin the Society. A hearty vote of thanks brought a very successful meeting to a close. The officials for the ensuing year are as follows: Hon. President, Mr W. Grant; Hon. Vice-Presidents: Baillie Stevenson, Messrs. W. Aitchison, J. Brown, A. G. Cameron, F. A. Watt, G. M. Brotherston, and T. Arnott; President, Mr A. C. Dandie; Vice-Presidents, Messrs J. F. Dewar, L. J. Arrighi, and R. Craig; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. James Winter, 11, Parkside-street, Edinburgh; Assistant Secretary, Robert T. Jack, 22, Mertoun-place, Edinburgh; Committee: Messrs. T. Todd, R. Martin, W. Holton S Buglass, W. M. Millar, A. Rodger, W. R. Finnie, J. Smeaton, R. S. Spence, W. Carson, J. W. Buist, D. Morris, D. Kinlayside, T Brown, T. Nisbet, J. Gourlay, D. Smart, W. R. Dunn, J. Buglass, A. Cochrane, J. Drysdale, J. Hutchison, G. May, J. Easton, W. Nisbet, A. W. Watson, W. F. Arrighi, R. Mackay, and J. D Melrose; Hon. Provincial Committee: Messrs. W. Jamieson (Hawick), A. Cormack (Duns), G. F. Adamson (Glasgow), H. Bennet (Kelso), R. Bald (Bathgate), T. Erskine (Glasgow), W. Jaffrey (Brechin), Dr. Galloway (Aberdeen), A. Law (Dundee), and T Auchterlonie (St. Andrew's).—ROBT. T. JACK, Assist. Sec.


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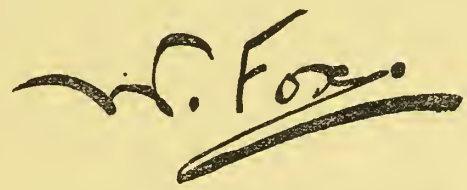

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### BO'NESS AND DISTRICT O.A.

Annual meeting held at Coffee House Hall, March 13th, when the Sec. gave a very favourable report showing a balance-sheet £1 15s. 8d. to the good. It was decided to abandon the poultry and pigeon sections and to hold an exclusively cage bird show on November 6th. The judges elected are Messrs. J. Sandiford (Preston) for the Norwich section, J. Thomson (Newtongrange), for the Border Fancy section, J. Brown (Edinburgh) and W. Cullen (Crieff) for the British bird and Mule sections. We thank exhibitors for their entries in the past, and hope still more will rally round us this year, seeing it is now to be an entirely cage bird show with specialist judges.—FINDLAY MCGILLIVRAY, Hon. Sec.

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The following are the points gained during season 1908-9 in the two divisions:—Northern Division, cash specials, J. S. Wilson 219, Bayley 129, Hopper Bros. 87, S. Hadwin 87, W. Poole 79, J. B. Moore 45, J. Lewthwaite 45, J. Ellwood 40, W. Pennington 35, Blackshaw 22, Levason 21, Hancocks 18, Cubby 17, Treadwell 15, Hawkins 15, Woodman 9, Wardleworth 8, Clinch 6, Gore 4, Hay 4, Cherry 5, Mrs. Fildes 2. Buskey 1, Andrews 1; cup, J. S. Wilson 139, Bayley 73, Hadwin 72, Hopper Bros. 63, Poole 67, J. B. Moore 42, Lewthwaite 40, Ellwood 37, Pennington 35, Levason 21, Hancocks 18, Cubby 17, Treadwell 15, Blackshaw 14, Hawkins 14, Woodman 9, Wardleworth 8, Clinch 6, Gore 4, Hay 4, Cherry 5, Mrs. Fildes 2, Buskey 1, Andrews 1. Southern Division, cash specials, Brownlie 178, A. J. L. Taylor 82, E. R. Roberts 70, Hammacott and Card 45, T. A. Bowes 36, W. J. Jenkins 5, Cunningham 1; cup, Brownlie 102, Taylor 69, Roberts 60, Hammacott 35, Bowes 36, Jenkins 5, Cunningham 1. Will members please check these points, and write secretary at once in case of mistake? Will those members who were entitled to compete as novices please write secretary at once? Will those members who promised donations to specials please send on at once, and those members who did not promise have this last opportunity of doing so, and so give the secretary a chance of getting the finances straight? —S. HADWIN, secretary, 28, Pembroke Place, Liverpool.

### NORWICH ALLIANCE C.B.A.

**Successful Smoking Concert.**

In the unavoidable absence of Mr. J. J. W. Deuchar, the president, the chair at the smoking concert held at Orford Arms, March 24th, was occupied by Mr. A. W. F. Bagge. Amongst the large company present were Messrs. J. Mackley, W. W. Freestone, F. Cullington, E. Bennett, J. Calver, A. Payne, E. Clarke, E. Revell, H. Smith, E. Fox, W. Nichols, E. P. Gilbert, J. Parsons, G. Roberts, J. Freeman, A. W. Russell, J. Gowing, and R. Roll (secretary). A most entertaining programme had been arranged, contributors to the harmony being Messrs. E. Goodwyn, W. Markwell, T. E. Miles, Smith, Enslie, W. J. Barton (bassoon solo), S. Thompson, Mallett, W. Nichols, W. Thorpe, W. Young, Phillpot, and C. Wood (accompanist). In proposing the toast of "The Honorary Subscribers," with which was coupled the name of Mr. Mackley, Mr. E. Bennett said it would be a fine thing for the Fancy of Norwich if the Corporation would only put up a plate, to be termed the Norwich Corporation Plate, for competition amongst Canary breeders. Canaries were a feature of Norwich as well as the races at Yarmouth, and the Yarmouth Corporation offered a plate for competition at their annual meeting. The association's prize list required amplifying also, for the association aimed for all that was best with regard to the Fancy. Mr. Mackley, in responding, said that by subscribing to the association people were helping those who could not help themselves. Canary breeding was one of the staple trades of the city, as there were something like three or four thousand breeders. He could not congratulate them upon the progress they had made in recent years, but such a society as they represented that night was capable of doing an immense amount of good. He did not see why Norwich should not again hold its head against all comers, for there was not a county in the whole of the kingdom that could breed better birds than Norfolk. There was a lack of the type that was really wanted, and it was for them as breeders to find out what that type was if they intended to make headway. He thought if the suggestion made by Mr. Bennett was fairly laid before the City Council something would come of it, and the nature of the prize would be the means of bringing into the city something they could not get at the present time. "Success to the N.A.A.E.C.B.A." was proposed by the chairman and responded to by Mr. R. Roll, whose name was coupled with the toast. A special tribute was paid to the secretary, and his name was received with musical honours. Mr. R. Roll having made an acknowledgment, Mr. Freestone submitted "The President"; whilst Mr. F. Cullington proposed "The Visitors and Kindred Societies," to which Messrs. W. E. Greaves, H. Dunham, and E. Fox replied.

### BROXBURN & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held in the Draughts Room, Public Hall, on March 26th; Mr. Thomas Sharp presided over a large attendance. Mr. William Rogers (Slateford) was appointed to judge this Scotch Fancy section. It was agreed to add one class for common Canary and one for any variety not classed, making a total of 55 classes for the annual show.—DAVID ANTHONY, secretary.

### NORTHERN YORKSHIRE O.C.

Meeting held in Lockhart's Cafe, Grainger-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on March 24th, Mr. D. E. Kent in the chair. Mrs. R. Irwin Dees, one of our lady members, and Mayoress of Wallsend, was elected a vice-president. A vote of sympathy for and confidence in our vice-president, Dr. O'Neal (Fulwell), was unanimously passed, all present expressing their belief that Dr. O'Neal was not only incapable of faking birds, but far above stooping to such unfanclerlike practices. It was hoped that he would soon take up the Fancy again, and especially the variety in which he has been so successful, namely, Yorkshires. It was decided to hold four table shows this year, the classes to be the same as at last year's—clear birds, and ticked, marked or variegated. The dates and judges are:—March 26th, Mr. Ellwood; June 16th, Mr. Shepherd; July 6th, Mr. Thompson; and July 28th, Mr. Cockburn. It was decided to raise subscriptions for a cup for most points over the four shows, and, if sufficient funds, to have a special for second most points. I shall be pleased to receive any subscriptions towards this fund. Members who intend showing at these First Feather shows must first pay the annual subscription. It was decided that societies wishing our patronage at autumn shows must provide at least five classes in the open, and two novice classes for novice patronage. New members elected: Messrs. Johnson and Tomlinson.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Hon. Sec.


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**Annual Meeting.**

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### CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

The largest attended meeting for many months took place at headquarters on February 22, all bent on showing their appreciation of Mr. Prior for coming to lecture on the subject: "Is it necessary to Colour-feed British Birds?" Nominated for membership: Messrs. C. Hawes, J. Grove, R. Knight, and A. Baker. Prize money won at the recent pair show and special prizes were presented. Special prizes, Nos. 8, 15, 21, resulting in ties, the same were drawn for, the winners being: 8, W. Mugford; 15, G. Saytch; 21, W. Page. Mr. Crisp, delegate to the London Federation, gave a report. The silver-plated cup presented by Mr. W. Francis for the most points in the British seed-eating section was on view; also another by an anonymous donor for the most points gained by a novice; both donors were accorded a vote of thanks. Ballot for judges: Young Bird Show, J. Robson, 41 votes. Annual show, Canary section: J. Robson, 35 votes, R. L. Crisp 27. Brit. and For. section, A. Silver 34 votes; 118 papers sent out and 63 returned (can anyone explain why, after stamped envelopes are supplied, our members will not return them?). In consequence of Mr. A. C. Burn being elected auditor of the London Federation, Mr. A. W. Curtis was elected as delegate to fill the vacancy. In a fitting speech, the chairman introduced Mr. C. Prior to deliver his lecture. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Prior was carried with acclamation, and the lecturer suitably replied. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.—V. WYNN, Hon. Sec.


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I am now secretary of the Spen Valley C.B.S., writes Mr. J. Lewis, my address being 43, Howard Park, Cleckheaton, Yorkshire.

Kindly note, write Messrs. Marlor Bros., that we have removed from Clare Street to 20, Booth Street, off Ashton Road, Denton, Manchester.

Kindly note, writes Mr. W. Aitken, secretary of the Bangor and Dis. F.S., that the society have fixed May 29th as the date for an open show of cage birds.

We are reluctantly compelled to give up the Fancy for the present, write Messrs. Duncan and Logan (Coldstream). We are this week offering all our birds for sale.

The Harrogate C.B.S., writes Mr. G. H. Barnwell, the hon. secretary, will hold their Annual Open Show on December 4th, when Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington), will judge.

Members of the Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire C.C. are requested to give special attention to the club report from the acting secretary, Mr. Towers, which is published this week.

We are holding our first feather show on June 26th, writes Mr. A. H. Meadowcroft, hon. secretary of the Heywood and Dis. C.B.S., and we have appointed Mr. A. G. Davis (Manchester), as judge.

The Malton F.S. Show is fixed for November 11th, writes Mr. Geo. M. Horsley. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) will judge the cage birds. Will secretaries please note the date and try to avoid clashing?

Messrs. J. H. Payne and R. J. Howe have been appointed judges for our annual open show, to be held on November 6th and 8th, writes Mr. C. Draper, secretary of the Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.

We have engaged the following two judges for our open show on October 29th, writes Mr. A. Waud, hon. secretary of the York. C.B.S., namely, Messrs. J. C. Barnes (Grantham), and W. A. Cowgill (Bradford).

We have engaged the following gentlemen to judge at the next Nottingham Show on November 13th, writes Mr. G. E. Wilkinson, the hon. secretary: Messrs. Thos. Heath, Chas. Houlton, and Wm. Vardy.

Will fanciers please note, writes Mr. G. H. Neal, hon. secretary, Highgate, Hampstead and Dis. C.B.S., that a British bird show will be held at our next meeting on April 29th, at 8 o'clock, when Mr. Allen Silver will judge. Admission to all is free.

A sample of nesting material which he calls "Deer Hair," reaches us from Mr. J. Walsh, the well-known bird specialist, of Blackburn. It is very clean (white), soft, and warm, and cut to just the right length, so that it should meet with a ready sale.

All correspondence in connection with the Morriston and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. W. H. Lewis, must now be communicated to me as the new secretary, my address being 24, Sway Road, Morriston, near Swansea. The annual show of the society will be held on November 18th.

Several important purchases of Yorkshire Canaries have recently been made by Mr. W. Rudd, the well-known bird specialist, of Norwich, including one choice lot from a noted breeder and judge in the county of broadacres (whose name has been given us), and these birds are all on sale to Mr. Rudd's customers.

The Norwich Plainhead Canary Club's handbook and report for 1909 show that its position has been well maintained, and a good year's work got through, the disappointing features being the heavy defeats sustained in the two inter-club contests, through failure of the members to support them. The funds are in a satisfactory position. It is hoped that during 1909 the membership will show a substantial increase, and the secretary, Mr. J. Hopkins (126, Bury New Road, Bolton), will be glad to hear from anyone who would like to join.


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Will exhibitors please note that the Keynsham Show will be held on November 24th under C.B.U. rules, write Messrs. E. W. Chappell and W. R. Cridland, the hon. secretaries.

Messrs. Kirkland and Hadley have resigned the secretaryship of the Burton-on-Trent C.B.S. through pressure of business, write Messrs. Elliott and Wood, and the post will now be taken by us. Our address is 69, Queen, Street, Burton-on-Trent.

The members of the Vale of Leven and Dumbartonshire O.S., writes Mr. R. Conely, the secretary, are asked to make a special effort to attend the meeting to be held at the Co-operative Hall, Bank Street, Alexandria, on April 2nd, when the chief business will be the annual show business, the election of a president, etc.

The Dulwich O.S. is holding a whist drive, writes Mr. Woolhouse, at the Imperial Hall, on April 5th, at 8.15 p.m., tickets 1s., and we trust members and friends will patronise the event and help to make it a success both financially and socially. Tickets may be obtained from Messrs Rogers and Bruty, "The Herne," Peckham Rye.

I am pleased to tell you that I am able to take up my Fancy again in Norwich Plainheads, writes Mr. H. Goodland (Bournemouth), and I hope to get as nice luck as before with them. I always found good customers for good birds all over the country through advertising in CAGE BIRDS, which I cannot speak too highly of, as *our* Fancy paper.

Kindly inform those who answered my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, respecting Greypate Finches, writes Mr. E. Rink (Blackburn), that I am unable to comply, as one of them has taken badly and is not fit to send out. Also inform those who say "send on, be not afraid," that I only send on deposit.

One of the favourite nests of the "canny" breeders in Scotland is that which Messrs. Smith, Fletcher and Co. (172, High Street, Edinburgh), are advertising in our columns. Made of papier-mache (blocked out) and lined with swansdown, this nest is extremely strong and warm, yet light as a feather. The price is very low indeed, and breeders will do well to see it and judge for themselves as to its great merit.

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The following are the judges elected for our show to be held on October 23rd, writes Mr. James Kerr, secretary of the City and County of Perth O.S.: for Scotch Fancies, Messrs. T. C. G. Hope (Edinburgh) and G. Fulton (Partick); for Norwich Plainheads, Mr. J. Sandison (Aberdeen); for Crests, Mr. R. F. Adamson (Kilmarnock); for Border Fancies, Mr. J. Craig (Brechin); and for British and foreign birds, Mr. John Adams (Dundee).

At the meeting of the Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S. on April 5th, at 6, The Broadway, writes Mr. H. Smith, the hon. secretary, Mr. H. Norman has kindly promised to give us a lecture on "The keeping of British Birds." This is sure to prove most interesting and instructive, and I hope fanciers will turn up in force. We have already a good number of lady members, and shall be pleased to see them on this occasion. Our Young Bird Show is fixed for July 5th, judge Mr. J. Robson, and our Annual Show for November 16th and 17th, judges, Messrs. H. Norman and J. Robson.

We have received a copy of the annual report and balance-sheet for 1908-9, of the Green Canary Association, from the secretary, Mr. S. Hadwin. In the former it is pointed out that financially speaking the year was not a good one, although taking into consideration the fact that two grants to secretaries came into the accounts, there was a slight profit on the year's working. The debit balance is actually 13s. 5d., but when it is also remembered that over £14 was paid out in respect of prizes for the shows receiving its patronage, the association is to be congratulated on the result.

"Enquirer" wishes to know if it is one of the ideas of the London Federation of C.B.S. to eliminate some of the more recently established London societies. He is of the opinion that there are far too many minor bodies revolving around the Metropolitan cage bird globe, and hopes that "the promoters will succeed in their ambitious designs to form one strong united corporation guided by two or three strong spirits." We regret we cannot satisfy "Enquirer's" curiosity, but would refer him to the hon. secretary of the Federation, who will, no doubt, be delighted to give him full particulars of the Federation's intentions.

With reference to my Mule advertisement of last week, as there are others of the same name in the district, writes Mr. Fred. Wharton, kindly note that my full postal address is: Park Cottage, Thorp Arch, Boston Spa, S.O.

A very ingenious cardboard nestpan, with hair lining, has been put on the market by Mr. T. H. Dent (4, Langton Street, Preston), who claims that at the very low price it can be thrown away after use, thus ensuring perfect cleanliness. It is sent out with hanger, all complete.

The Bradford (East) O.S. have issued a list of members' shows to be held during 1909. Three First Feather Shows will be held—on June 12th, July 3rd, and July 24th—and three Old Bird Shows—September 25th, November 13th, and December 27th. The exhibitions will be held at headquarters, Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling. We note that in the classification the novices are very extensively catered for. The subscription is 3s. per annum, and the secretary is Mr. H. Hill, 31, St. Stephen's Road, West Bowling, Bradford.

We hear that the following are the specials to be competed for at the Nest Feather and Annual Old Shows of the Liverpool Bird Breeders' Association. For the champions, a silver cup value £3 3s. for 1st, a gold medal value £1 1s. for 2nd, and a gold centre silver medal for 3rd most points. For the novices, a gold medal value £1 1s. for 1st, and a gold centre silver medal for 2nd most points; and a silver medal for the one making most entries. A rose bowl is offered in the selling and A.O.V. classes for most points. In the British bird sections a silver plated cup is offered to champions for 1st most points, and a rose bowl for the novice making most points. For conditions of competition and particulars respecting membership, communication should be made with the secretary, Mr. F. E. Hawkes, 1, Gt. Crosshall Street, Liverpool.

A capital little hand-book, entitled "The Book of the Bicycle," is being issued by Messrs. Rudge Whitworth, of Coventry. A section of the booklet is devoted to a description of the best way of unpacking the bicycles and the detachment and fitting together again of the various adjustments. The chapter on "gears and coaster hubs" and that on "tyres," together with hints on the adjustment and lubricating of the former, and the fitting on and mending of the latter are exceptionally useful features; while the tabular statement of the interchangeable parts of the Rudge Whitworth bicycle (illustrated by diagram) will be found of the greatest value. The pamphlet contains a large number of illustrations. Cyclists should not hesitate to send to the proprietors of this famous machine, Messrs. Rudge Whitworth, Ltd., Coventry (mentioning CAGE BIRDS when doing so), for a copy of their latest publication, "The Book of the Bicycle."

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We want a bound copy of volume 13 of CAGE BIRDS, and will exchange volume 14 (bound) for the same. Will any reader who has vol. 13 to spare kindly communicate with us?

### What is a Clear?

We note from the year-book of the Norwich Plainhead Club that a bye-law has been passed to the effect that: "A bird showing no dark feathers while standing on the perch is eligible to compete in the Clear Classes."

### The Crested Canary Club Judges.

I am advised by Mr. T. Heath (auditor), writes Mr. J. S. Clarke, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Crested Canary Club, that as Mr. Barnett declines to accept the position of club judge, I came next on the list at the last election, being left out on that occasion by one vote only.

### Ill-Treatment of Peacock.

A man named Sower was charged at Peterborough on March 24th, with ill-treating a Peacock belonging to the Dean. Evidence was given to the effect that defendant pulled the bird off a wall and extracted a number of its tail feathers, some of which he gave to children. He took the others away with him. The Dean of Peterborough said the feathers were 5ft. long, and spoke of the pain that would be caused by pulling them out. Defendant was fined half a guinea and 6s. costs.


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Oct. 8 and 9—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Philpott, 28, Jubilee Street, Oswaldtwistle). J.H.R.
Oct. 9—**Broughty Ferry**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place).
Oct. 12 & 13—**Dulwich O.S.** (Woolhouse & Rogers, 54, Willock Terrace, Dunstan Road, East Dulwich) W.M., J.R., W.H.V. and W.V.
Oct. 13 and 14—**Caterham.**—(Jas Kilby, Caterham Valley.) J.R.
Oct. 15 and 16—**Bolton** (H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove). G.C.B. and J.W.
*Oct. 16—**Coventry (Godiva)**—(W. H. Bray, 12 Derry Street). J.R.
Oct. 16.—**Darlington C. & C.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace.) J.W. & F.M.
Oct. 16—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowing, Fulbeck Cottage.) W.P.B. & A.B.
Oct. 19 and 20—**Western Counties (Plymouth)**—(Thos. Pope, 98 Embankment Road.)
Oct. 20 and 21—**Battersea, Open.**—(Easterling and Allin, 349, Battersea Park Road.)
Oct. 20 & 21—**Eastbourne**—(R. M. Daly, 120, Whitley Rd).
*Oct. 22 and 23—**Newcastle-on-Tyne**—(Curry and Hutchinson, 60, Grosvenor Gardens.) J.R., W.V., W.M., W.C.D. and T.H.
Oct. 22 and 23—**Hinckley**—(W. Warner, Upper Bond Street).
Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford, Normand Place, Kelty, N.B.) W.R., G.H., A.G.C., J.W.B., G.M.
Oct. 23—**City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 6, St. Catherine's Road. G.F., J.Sn., R.F.A., J.A., T.C.G.H., J.C.
Oct. 23—**Middlesbrough**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road). W.M. and J.M.
Oct. 23—**Burton-on-Trent**—(Elliott & Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
*Oct. 23 and 24—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street.)
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Oct. 27 & 28—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Magg, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown). C.A.H.
Oct. 28—**Frome C.B.S.**—(W. Minty, 7, Stony Street.)
*Oct. 28—**Hanley**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head)
Oct. 28 & 29—**Wolverhampton**—(J. Gibbons, 74, Napier Road.)
*Oct. 29 and 30—**Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.**—(E. Mellors, 53, Annesley Road.) W.V. & R.R.
Oct. 29 and 30—**Mancnester (Belle View)**—(G. W. F. Lythgoe, 25, Stamford Street, Old Trafford.)
Oct. 29 and 30—**York** (A. Waud, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). (W.P.B. and W.A.C.
Oct. 29 and 30—**Shields**—(J. Barrass, 93, Marlborough Street.)
Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan, 23, High Street.
Oct. 30—**Darlington C.B.S.**—(E. Brunskill, 2, Danesbury Terrace). W.P.B. and J.M.
Oct. 30 and Nov. 1—**Norwich Alliance, All England**—(R. Rol, "Dalwood," Cecil Road, Lakenham), C.A.H.
Oct. 30—**Hartlepools**—(H. J. L. Williams, 20, Lister St., W. Hartlepool).
Nov. 2 and 3—**Weybridge**—(H. E. Parrott, Grove Place.) C.A.H.
Nov. 3.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Av.) J.R. and W.V.
Nov. 4 & 5—**Dulwich & Peckham**—(W. Hodson, 209, Crystal Palace Road, East Dulwich.)
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Nov. 5 and 6—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.) J.R., & H.W.B.
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Nov. 6.—**Bo'ness** (F. M' Gillivray, Gauze Road, Chane). J.S., J.B., J.T., W.C.
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Nov. 9 and 10—**Hastings United**—(A. E. Godden, 50, Harold Road, Clive Vale). J.R.
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Nov. 10 and 11—**Swansea.**—(A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, nr. Swansea.)
*Nov. 11 and 13—**Cambridge**—(T. S. Moore, 120 Newmarket Road). J.F. & J.R.
*Nov. 12 & 13—**Wallsend-on-Tyne**—(J. Johnston, 60, Neptune Road), J.H.R., J.W., and J.W.B.
*Nov. 12 and 13—**Preston O.S.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn.)
Nov. 12 & 13 **Glasgow & West of Scotland**—(F. Bowman 5, Parkview Gardens, Tollcross, Glasgow).
Nov. 13—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.**—(A. Flint, High Street, Tideswell, nr. Buxton).
Nov. 13—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.) D.L., J.Wn., A.C., P.P.
Nov. 13—**Warrington** (C. Dukes, 26, Dundonald Avenue, Stockton Heath.)
Nov. 13 and 15—**Nottingham**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square, Parkside). T.H., C.H. & W.V.
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Nov. 27—**Hetton-Le-Hole**—(A. J. Notley, 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs, Co. Durham). A.B.
Nov. 30 and Dec. 1—**Morecambe** (J. H. Ireland' Parliament Street).
*Dec. 1 and 2—**City of Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Mallet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.) C.A.H.
*Dec. 1 and 2—**Cardiff.**—(W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland Road.) J.H.P., & J.R.
Dec. 2—**Fromo & Dis. F.A.**—(C. I. Young, 8, Palmer Street). J.R.
Dec. 3 & 4—**Altrincham**—(T. Harrison, 4, Shaws Lane).
Dec. 4.—**Harrogate**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road). A.H.
Dec. 4 & 6—**Leicester C.B.S.** (J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road.)
Dec. 8—**Luton**—(E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street). J.R. and A.S.
*Dec. 10 & 11—**Gateshead** (Buck & Johnson, 80 Keswick Street)
Dec. 11—**Ferryhill**—(R. Binks, jun., 27, West Street.)
Dec. 18—**Broxburn**—(D. Anthony, Main Street). T.S., J.B., G.H., J.W., W.S.
Dec. 18—**Crook & Dis.**—(W. Rutherford, West Roddy moor).

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### *Our Jack.

I have a blackbird, which is very tame. He is a beautiful songster and can imitate a Goldfinch Canary Mule, which is hung outside my father's birdhouse. He also whistles the pigeons, and can sing the first line of "If those lips could only speak." One day my mother fancied she heard a Canary chirping "Sweet," and thinking one of them had got out of the birdhouse, went into the garden to look for it, and was surprised to hear that it was the Blackbird calling out and not a Canary. One day he got out into the open air, but returned, just as a pigeon would do.—Sent by Reginald Gouldson (age 11), 11, Harbour View, St. Budeaux, Devonport.

### *A Clever Jackdaw.

Not long ago we had a Jackdaw. He was taken from a nest when quite young and was reared by hand. He used to walk about the garden in company with two bantam hens. He used to carry sticks and place them on top of an old clothes' stump and would pull the poor prize bantams all over the yard trying to persuade them to fly on to the post. One day he went walking in the fields with his two wives, but at night "Jacky" could not be found anywhere. Next day he was in company with another Jackdaw; but he stood on the wall for a minute and shouted: "Naughty Jacky," and flew away.—Sent by Katie Temple (age 12), 104, Kew Road, Birkdale, Southport.

## THE RUMOURED IRREGULARITY AT YORKSHIRE UNION SHOWS.

### Decision of the Y.U. Council.

A most interesting case regarding the ownership of birds had to be decided by the Yorkshire Union Council on Saturday, March 27th. Rumours had been floating about pretty thickly that certain birds had been noticed as having been shown by two different persons (one a champion exhibitor, Mr. H. Long, of Shipley, and the other, Mr. W. Sowden, of Shipley, a novice), during the latter part of the season just come to a close. The culminating point was when the facts of the case were laid bare on Saturday last. These were as follows: A certain novice exhibitor is in the running for the Yorkshire Union medals, but on the approach of Christmas the birds that are counting most of the points for him look like becoming wrecks, and unable to fulfil the wishes of the owner by helping to win the medals for which he is striving. He, knowing where there are some good ones of the same classification which the owner is not exhibiting (except at certain members' shows), hies thither with the intention of securing them if at all possible. But he finds the owner not wishful to part, on account of being in the running at the afore-mentioned members' shows for good and valuable specials.

However, after some time, a bargain is struck and a sale arranged, under certain conditions, which are, that the buyer shall have the birds at once, but that the late owner shall have them on a certain date for a certain show. Thus arose the question: "Whom do these birds belong to?" They could not, so some fanciers said, be the bona-fide property of the buyer until the conditions attaching to their purchase had been discharged, while they could not be the bona-fide property of the seller because he had been paid for them, and they had passed out of his possession, except to be returned for a stated period. However, it was held to be obvious that should such proceedings be allowed, it would open the door for fraud, and make the provision of novice and amateur classes simply a farce, and a happy hunting ground for the practice of fraudulent tactics. What would happen if such were allowed to go unheeded and unchecked? Simply that it would be impossible to tell which were novice birds and which were champion. A champion exhibitor could say to a novice: "I will sell you such and such birds at such and such a price, on condition that after a certain time you return them to me for the breeding season." Of course, it is not intended to infer that the present case was anywhere nearly as bad as this. But if allowed the system would be likely to lead to very grave abuses.

The sentences of the Council of the Yorkshire Union were that the original owner, Mr. Long, be suspended until Christmas, and that the novice, Mr. Sowden, forfeit his medal.

It is necessary, writes Mr. H. J. L. Williams, hon. secretary of the Hartlepools C.B.S., for me to have a complete change of air, as my illness has left me very weak. I intend going to Derbyshire for a few weeks. This upsets all my bird-breeding arrangements, as I intended pairing up this week-end. But I will now have to wait until I come back; so I will have to lose the first round. I intend to part with about three or four pairs that I had chosen for my own use. If there are any fanciers living about Alfreton or Riddings, in Derbyshire, I should like to pay them a visit. My address will be, c/o, Mr. Bradshaw, 304, High Street, Riddings, Derbyshire.

The benefits arising from the use of marking rings are now widely recognised by all breeders of birds, especially since the rings were brought to their present state of excellence. One of the best samples of marking rings we have seen reaches us this week from Mr. F. L. Leclair (82, Fairbridge Road, Upper Holloway, London, N.). Very light (of aluminium), and beautifully made, with no rough edges, they should meet with a wide sale amongst those who use these handy little articles to enable them to identify without trouble any bird they may have bred. Two kinds are made, one with a small flange, and one without, the former being particularly easy to adjust on the bird's leg.

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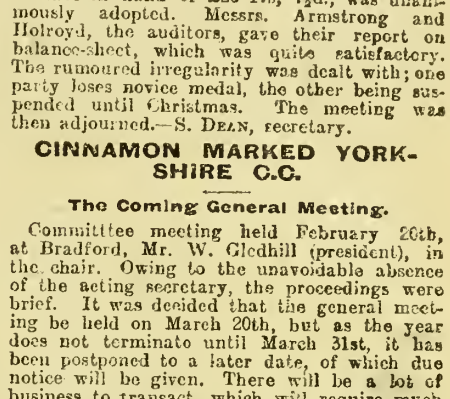
## YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Meeting held on March 27th, at headquarters, Market Tavern, Goodwin Street, Bradford. Mr. R. Halliday occupied the chair. Minutes of previous meeting were passed as read. The balance-sheet showing a profit on the year's working of £16 13s. 7d., and a total balance in hand of £26 17s. 7½d., was unanimously adopted. Messrs. Armstrong and Holroyd, the auditors, gave their report on balance-sheet, which was quite satisfactory. The rumoured irregularity was dealt with; one party loses novice medal, the other being suspended until Christmas. The meeting was then adjourned.—S. DEAN, secretary.

## CINNAMON MARKED YORKSHIRE C.C.

### The Coming General Meeting.

Committee meeting held February 26th, at Bradford, Mr. W. Gledhill (president), in the chair. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the acting secretary, the proceedings were brief. It was decided that the general meeting be held on March 20th, but as the year does not terminate until March 31st, it has been postponed to a later date, of which due notice will be given. There will be a lot of business to transact, which will require much consideration, and it behoves every member to carefully study the rules so that each item may be treated as intelligently and expediently as possible for the benefit of the club and of the Fancy at large. No. 5 rule reads: "Members who cannot attend, having business to bring before the general meeting, may do so by writing to the secretary three days previous to the meeting taking place." It is to be hoped that full advantage will be taken of this rule so that any controversial questions can be placed upon the agenda and thoroughly thrashed out. Already a suggestion has been made that the subscription (now 1s. 6d. per member) be raised, many being of the opinion that the present amount is too small. It is a question to which there will certainly be two sides. The club has been very successful under the old fee, and was never in a more flourishing condition than at present, and whether it will be advisable to make a change it is for the members to decide. Another serious question is the classification. Anyone who was present at last year's meeting will remember how difficult it was to settle on this, and it is to be hoped that we shall be able to arrange it to the satisfaction of all. Already alternative schemes have been suggested. Then again, we have the question of separate novice classes. At present we do not cater for the novice except in competition with the champions (and in this respect they are splendidly treated), and it will be a serious matter to arrange a scheme to meet the case. With respect to the allotment of patronage. It is suggested in several quarters that a certain number be given outside Yorkshire to extend and popularise this variety on new grounds. A decision will have to be given on this point. The above are just a few of the most serious questions, and it is to be hoped others will be suggested as early as possible, so that due notice of same can be given to enable members to form an opinion. Other business will be the presentation of the balance-sheet, election of officers, etc. A number of subscriptions for last year are still outstanding, and it is hoped same will be forwarded at once. Any intending new members will be supplied with full information on application to me.—H. H. TOWERS, hon. acting secretary, Heaton View, Cragg Road, Windhill, Shipley.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## CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

### Breed for Beginners.

**W. G. Lewis.**—As you require a breed specially for singing, Rollers would certainly be the best breed to begin with, as they are quite hardy, and easily managed, and far and away the best singing breed we have. Failing pure Rollers, a cross with a Roller cock and either a Yorkshire or Norwich hen would be best, as this would give you a nice singing bird, and a much better looking type. For pure Rollers, you should get a fairly good type of bird for about 20s. to 25s. a pair. For cross-breds you could get a Roller cock for 15s.—more or less, as you choose, according to quality of its song, and a hen at from 3s. to 5s. suitable to mate with him. Probably you would be quite safe in dealing with any of the people you name. The first and fourth on your list I have always found quite fair and businesslike.

### Married in Haste.

**R.S., Novice.**—You put the birds together much too early, and the probability is the hen was not ready for mating. If there has been no further progress when this reply appears, I would advise you to take away the nest and material, leaving in the nest pan a piece of cuttlefish and separate the birds by a wire slide for a fortnight. During this time give the cock a half teaspoonful of egg food with a few grains of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it, and two small leaves of dandelion daily. Give the hen the same amount of egg food daily, which sprinkle with a few grains of inga and gold of pleasure seeds on alternate days—not both seeds together, but one each day. Give her a scrap of green food daily, and a leaf of dandelion every second day for the first week, and two leaves each day in the second week; also give the hen a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for a couple of days, when first separated. If at the end of the fortnight the hen is responding promptly to the calls of the cock, you may put them together, give fresh nesting material, and try again Of course, if the hen should have laid before this reply appears, you must let matters take their course.

### Feeding Canaries.

**W. E. B. Hurst.**—As you are just taking up the hobby, and evidently beginning at the bottom of the ladder, you ought to get "Canary Breeding for beginners," 7d. from this office, which will give far more detailed information than it is possible to do here. As a staple diet for regular use all the year round, plain Canary only is by far the best. In addition to this give a little hemp and summer rape separately, each twice a week, and on different days, increasing the supply of rape and hemp when there are young of fair size to be reared. A little egg food once a week at ordinary times, and daily when young are being reared, and during the moult if you are colour-feeding. All other seeds, maw, linseed, inga, gold of pleasure, etc., come more into the category of titbits to be given on special occasions, which you will see advised frequently in this column, or in the handbook mentioned. Green food also you will see frequently advised about in this column, and you will be able to gather much information about feeding from other pages of this paper.

### Pairing Without Singing.

**No Name.**—You should hang cages side by side so that the birds can reach each other through the wire, and see if the cock feeds the hen freely. Also give him a leaf or two of dandelion daily, and add a sprinkling of gold of pleasure seed to the egg food. If he commences feeding the hen at once, and the latter is very keen on mating, I think you might certainly take the risk of mating them. By the way, have you paid particular attention to the bird's eyes, as this silence, coupled with apparent good health and condition, is a little ominous, and I should not be surprised if you discover that the bird is either partially or totally blind. In that case successful breeding will be reduced to a mere gamble. Taken all round, they are not quite so easy to breed as other varieties, and you ought to mate up a pair of hardy common Canaries at the same time as the Crests, to act as foster parents to the young, if required. When breeding with valuable Crests, it is best to be on the safe side, and one, or even two, pairs of common feeders for foster parents to each pair of Crests is not a bad speculation. To trim them for breeding, if the Crest is long and covering the eyes, snip off the sides so that the bird's eyes are quite unobstructed by plumage, and snip off the loose ends of any dangling or flowing feathers about the flanks, lower parts of abdomen, and under tail coverts. It is not at all necessary to disfigure the birds—all you need do is trim off loose and dangling ends of feathers that give the birds a rough and coarse appearance.

### Hung in Moult.

**J.H.B.**—You say you feed the bird on plain Canary, with the stimulants, yet you mention none of the latter at all, unless you consider bread and milk to be so described. Try following for a month: For the first fortnight give plain Canary only as a staple, and twice each week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of port wine and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it. Every day give a spray of groundsel, chickweed, or other green food. In the drinking water give six drops each of dandelion juice and syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence two days in three for the first week, and every second day in the second week. During the second week, give also four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid on the alternating days between the other mixture. In the third and fourth weeks, add half a teaspoonful of summer rape to the diet three times a week, a few grains of inga on two other days, and again on two other days give half a teaspoonful of sponge cake or egg food without any admixture; and in the water give twenty drops of port wine, and two each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel every second day. Of course, you will discontinue the sponge cake for the first fortnight in the last two weeks. See the bird is not exposed to any draught, and keep cage strewn with clean, gritty sand.

### Various.

**Ernie.**—Glad to hear you have succeeded so well, so far, in spite of the terrible weather. The birds certainly did very well in getting to work, but still, it is by no means a record performance. This success, however, should convince you of the wisdom of keeping the birds until in good, fresh condition before putting them together. The young will be pure Rollers, and the colour, as you will probably be able to see before this reply appears, will be clear, and more or less lightly variegated, with, perhaps, a heavily variegated now and then. The length of time a hen can remain off her eggs without doing them harm naturally depends upon the condition of weather prevailing at the time, and also upon the stage of incubation reached. But even if a hen allowed the eggs to become cold to the touch, I should not discard them until the full time had expired. One meets with many little surprises in this line. Do not believe the ignorant assertions of silly faddists about sweet, tasteless pepper burning the "inside" of a bird. At the same time, you should know that it is quite useless to be giving colour food now. You can only colour-feed a bird whilst it is moulting, and the new plumage being reproduced.

### Roller with Asthma.

**P. J. Kavanagh.**—You do not say how or where the bird is kept, but I suspect it is, or has been, either exposed to draughts or to great variations of temperature. You must first see that these things are totally avoided in future, and keep in just a comfortable, not over-heated, temperature. Feed on a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape, as a staple diet, and give in addition a few grains of hemp twice a week, and every second day for the next two or three weeks, half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of sherry and one of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it. The bird will probably eat this freely if you adhere to the quantities named, but if it does not, sprinkle it with a few grains of maw or gold of pleasure seed. Give a scrap of green food each day when you are not giving the sponge cake. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and twelve drops of glycerine for three consecutive days. After this give twenty drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills and tincture of tolu, and two of eucalyptus oil two days in every three for a week, and every second day afterwards until the wheezing ceases. Do not by any means breed with this bird unless it should make a speedy and thorough recovery; which, candidly, I rather doubt. Well shake the mixture before putting drinker on cage.

### From Head to Foot.

**A.Y.**—Your diet is not sufficiently nourishing for the bird, which is doubtless in a very low condition. In addition to the staple of plain Canary, give half a teaspoonful of summer rape three times a week, half a teaspoonful of egg food or crushed sponge cake, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, on two other days, and on two different days a few grains only of a mixture of equal parts of hemp, inga, maw, and linseed. Give a small scrap of chickweed or tender groundsel top daily; keep cage clean perfectly free from redmite, and give gritty sand regularly. When the weather gets milder, allow it to bathe freely, and slightly anoint bare patch on head with carbolised vaseline once or twice a week for a month, being careful not to soil the surrounding feathers. The new feathers may not be reproduced until next moulting season. Bathe the foot for a few minutes in a fairly warm solution of boracic acid—a small teaspoonful of acid to a saucer of warm water—then dry, and gently anoint with cold cream. It may, perhaps, have got something into the foot, or hurt it in the wire or perch ends. Look carefully when the foot is bathed quite clean for any signs of such injury. A crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea in the water for a day or two would help it.

### Powder Ineffectual.

**Mrs. A. Sinkirs.**—You have only discovered now what I have frequently stated for years—that insect powder is practically useless as an "exterminator" of redmites. You ought to have thoroughly ridded your cage and the place where it stands or hangs of the pest before the birds began nesting. As matters are, I am afraid the hen, and the young, if any are hatched, will have a poor time of it, as the mites are almost certain to harbour in the nest. To make the very best of matters now, thoroughly pepper the nest with freshly-ground pyrethrum powder, or the powder you have been using, and "teaze" it down amongst the nesting material, so as to form a layer around the inner side and bottom of the pan or box. This will act as a deterrent to the mites forming a harbour, but you must still keep an eye on the nest, and if it gets infested when the hen is sitting, or has young, make a new one, and burn the old one altogether. Paint the back and bottom of the box or pan on the outside occasionally with fir tree oil essence of quassia, or strong spirit of camphor. Also touch over all the joints of doors, corners, perch ends, and any place likely to form a harbour with either of these substances, and add a few drops of the quassia essence to the bathing water two or three times a week. If you persistently follow these directions you will probably be able to keep the pest within bounds until the breeding season is over, and you can deal with it more thoroughly. As long as the cage is of fair size, and not exposed to draughts, the fact of its not being a proper breeding cage does not matter at all. Glad to hear the other bird is better.

### Panting and Wheezing.

**J. Bowen.**—You do not say how old these hens are, and if they have left their youth any distance in the rear I am afraid you will not be able to do much for them. The probability is that either draught or a great variation of heat in the kitchen is responsible. Try following treatment:—See that draughts and fluctuations are avoided as fully as possible, and that cages are free from red mite, and give solid perches instead of the unstable spring tops. Feed on three parts canary to one part summer rape; give separately, a small pinch only of inga twice a week, and on two other days half-a-teaspoonful per bird of crushed sponge cake with two drops of port wine and one of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it. On each of the other days give a spray of green food. In the drinking water give six drops each of dandelion juice and syrup of rhubarb two days in three for a week, and after that twenty drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills and tincture of lobelia, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, or a fortnight if it appears necessary.

**Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.**

### Hot-tempered Yorkie.

**J. J. B.**—Perhaps you attach too much importance to the apparent violence of the bird's temper. It is rare that any damage is done by a little scrapping when an ardent young cock is first allowed access to a mate. Such a pair frequently settle down to serious business quite early. Still, if you think you cannot trust him, try him with a healthy, vigorous hen over a year old, and keep the wire slide between them until they seem on the best of terms and the cock feeds the hen freely through the wires. Then let him run with her for a couple of hours, and if you still fear for the hen's well-being shut him off with the wire slide again, and let him run with her for an hour or two morning and evening. In a day or two he may have worked off his surplus energy, but, if not, continue the same tactics until the eggs are laid, and then shut him off altogether, and leave the hen to hatch and rear by herself. With a cock of this temperament the eggs will undoubtedly be quite fertile under the management advised.

### Building on Floor of Cage.

**J. H. Lideard.**—When a hen gets a "kink" in her head like unto this and will go "contrairey," one may just as well look on, and let her, like Mrs. Gummidge, go her own way. You might see that your nest pan is fixed firmly, and does not rock and wobble about; also that it is fairly private, and in an easily get-at-able position for the birds by the time she is going to nest again, as I expect it would be too late to do anything at all this time. Should she again want to start nesting on the floor, and you have seen to the above point about the nest pan, covering the cage front just before the nest pan if necessary in order to assure its privacy, put the nest pan on the floor in the chosen spot, and then if she elects to build in it, wait until she has been sitting steadily a few days, and then try raising it a very little each day, until you can hang it in its proper position. She may allow herself to be moved in this fashion. But if she appears to resent the first interference, leave her alone, and make the best of the circumstances. The young will be simply cross-breds, but under a good German tutor should make very nice singers.

### Various.

**F. Leng.**—(1) You give me no idea at all whether this query refere to breeding show or song cages. If either of the two latter, they naturally vary in size, as a cage suitable for a Border or German would make a sorry place for a Lancashire, and a Hawfinch would cut a sorry figure in a cage that would be all that could be desired for a Redpoll. You had better get one of the large dealers' catalogues and then you will see the regulation sizes for all cages; but when space is no consideration, the larger you have any kind of cage, within reason, the better. (2) If you refer to breeding cages, the regulation size, about twenty inches long, does very well for Yorkshires. A little extra height is far more important than extra length for this breed, as any self-respecting Yorkshire has no business to stand across his perches at such an angle that his tail rubs the side of cage. (3) You may quite safely use zinc drinkers as long as you give only pure water in them. But you must not add any drugs or medicines to the water in these drinkers at any time, as drugs are apt to set up chemical action on the zinc, and make the water poisonous. (4) Yes, it is quite safe to boil these zinc drinkers, and this is an excellent method of cleansing and disinfecting them. (5) You may give the birds apple instead of green food when the latter is not available, or is unsuitable for use, but use good wholesome green food in preference when available.

### The First Egg.

**Perplexed.**—Assuming that the hen is in nice fresh condition, as well as the cock, at the time the pair is run together, you may reasonably expect the first egg to appear within a fortnight. But there are so many things which may crop up that it is not possible to lay down a hard and fast rule to be applied to all cases, and, therefore, no definite number of days is named in the book for the first egg to be looked for. It is no unusual thing for a very keen and fresh pair to build a nest and lay the first egg in less than a week after being put together, but the most general rule is to find it produced somewhere between the seventh and fourteenth day, when both birds were in good condition at time of putting them together. Your hen was probably not egg bound, but as you did not interfere beyond simply steaming and putting a drop of oil on the vent, this could only do good in the circumstances. Perhaps you had given a free treat of green dandelion after a prolonged fast from it, in which case I should say at once this was the sole cause of the symptoms. Do not give this greenstuff at all to this hen. Use tender heads of groundsel, chickweed, or lettuce or watercress. Twenty drops each of whiskey and glycerine in the water for a day or two, and a pinch of inga every second day until the eggs are laid would do good. See if there are any wire or other obstacles against which the cock has to rub his head when getting seeds, egg, or water. It is just possible the hen might have plucked the feathers out, but rubbing is the most likely cause. Slightly anoint the bare place with vaseline.

### Brevities.

**Yorkshire Gone Soft** (J.W.M.).—Feed on the ordinary diet frequently advised here, and give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of sherry and one of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it three times a week for a fortnight. In the drinking water give twenty drops of the following mixture every second day for a fortnight. Mixture: Dissolve a pennyworth of citrate of iron and quinine in two tablespoonfuls of port wine, and use as directed above. See the bird is quite free from draughts and chills. It should breed all right this season, but do not attempt to mate it now until the second week in April, unless it braces up very quickly.

**Quassia and Aconite** (B.A.C.).—(1) About thirty drops of concentrated infusion should be sufficient. As the strength of the infusion may vary, however, be guided by the instructions you should get when purchasing; (2) You could give five drops of the tincture of aconite every second day, or two days in three, for a fortnight, or ten drops every second day for a week, quite safely, in an ordinary drinker containing not less than two tablespoonfuls of water. The latter is about the average capacity of ordinary drinkers. You are quite right in thinking this drug should be used with caution. My advice to you is to leave it severely alone except under circumstances when its use is indicated, and less risky things have failed.

**Caged or Flying Loose** (J.P.A.).—As your room is plenty large enough for you to keep a very nice stock of birds in cages, I should certainly advise you to adopt this method in preference to allowing the birds to fly loose and breed indiscriminately. In the latter case you can have, at best, but very little control over the type of markings of the birds you breed; whereas you could breed, within certain limits, almost any type you desired in cages. As regards the breed you should keep, if you have not yet had any experience in breeding Canaries, by all means start with a hardy breed, such as Borders, Norwich, or Yorkshire.

**Wheezy Yorkshires** (Scarlet Lancer).—Most likely the birds' conditions are due to fluctuations of heat in the kitchen. They will undoubtedly do better in the new room, provided you see there is no possibility of their being exposed to draughts or damp. See reply to "P. J. Kavanagh," and treat as there advised, except that you should use three parts Canary to one part rape, as your staple seed diet. You may, if you prefer, use the egg food instead of the sponge cake by mixing the other things in it. The initial dose of Epsom salts you need give for only one day. Your birds should recover quite well enough for breeding. Glad to hear the advice given last season was successful.

**Deformed Toe** (F. Atkinson).—You ought to have attended to the toe as soon as the bird left the nest, or even before if you saw the deformity. Cut a sixteenth of an inch off a feeding bottle tube, catch the bird, and hold it with its three front claws close together, and the hind claw lying back against the shank of leg. Now pass the small rubber ring over the front claws, and up the leg to the end of hind claw, but not past it, and leave it there, so that when the bird is released the ring will prevent the hind claw returning under the foot. Give it also small, round perches about as thick as a lead pencil, for a few weeks, until you see that the claw retains its proper position after the rubber ring is cut off, which may be in three or four weeks. You will find an assistant very useful to hold the bird whilst you put on the ring, or vice versa.

**Cause of Death** (Puzzled, West Gorton).—There can be no doubt the first hen died from egg-binding, and the same would apply to the second hen, if, as I presume, she was very ill when you began to treat as you say for egg-binding. If she did not show any signs of distress at that time, it is just possible she had only deferred the deposition of the second egg for a few hours, or perhaps until next day, though this would be hardly likely on account of the egg being fully shelled. The cause of the egg-binding I cannot guess without some data to go upon; perhaps it was due to a sudden snap of cold weather affecting them; or it may have been through a chill caught in too vigorous bathing, or many other things. What green food have you been giving, if any? See another reply on this point. You should give your hens now a pinch of inga every second day from the time they are mated until eggs are all laid.

**What Mixture?** (T. X.).—In reply to your query as to what birds mix well in an aviary, I think you might well commit this axiom to memory as a general guide: Seed-eaters with seed-eaters, softbills with softbills, weak with the weak, and the strong with the strong. It is only in fair-sized aviaries that the mixing up of any class should be attempted. If the aviary is of anything like a fair size, I have no doubt whatever but that the Canaries would make efforts to breed in such a collection as you name, but whether their attempts would be brought to any successful issue is quite another matter, which only experience can decide. The chances are more against it than in its favour.

**A Feather Eater** (no nom-de-plume).—In addition to your present diet, give the hen a small piece of green food daily—either chickweed or the tender young tops of groundsel if procurable, and give a mealworm each day for a time. Reduce the quantity of inga given by one-half, still giving it twice a week. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and the same quantity of chlorate of potash every second day for a week, and during the following week two drops each of tincture of steel and tincture of gentian every second day.

**A Correction.**—I regret that a printer's error in a reply to a correspondent on March 20th escaped my notice until too late to rectify the matter last week. In reply to "A. Locke," I am made to say a simple inhalation of "benzine," with "tincture of benzine" as an ingredient, might do good. What I wrote was "benzoin" and "tincture of benzoin." I can only hope that the error was too obvious to prevent the subject being treated to a dose of benzine, which is a very different thing.

**A Suitable Mate** (Torpedo).—From your description I see no reason to doubt that your bird is a pure Yorkshire, and as it is in such good song, and is consequently vigorous and healthy, there is no reason why he should not be worth breeding

with. It is probably a Cinnamon-marked bird, but I cannot discover whether it is a yellow or a buff. If the former, the yellow colour of the feathers should run right to the end of the web, but if a buff, there will be white tips to the web of the feather, especially on the neck, breast, back, and shoulders, giving it more or less the appearance of being dusted over with white powder on the yellow part. If you find it is a yellow, mate it with a clear, pink-eyed buff hen, to breed Cinnamon ticks and marks; if a buff, mate it with a clear, pink-eyed yellow hen.

## BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

### Linnet Ailing.

**A.D.C.**—There cannot be much ailing the Linnet, or he would not sing at all. I advise you to give for three or four days (until you see the bowels are moving freely) a good half-teaspoonful of dandelion juice (taraxacum, from the chemists) in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. There is certainly no object in cleaning out the bird's cage every day; twice a week is ample for every purpose. I am quite sure that it is possible to upset a bird by an excess of—shall we say, "fussiness? Feed and water every day, of course, and scrape, or wash, his perches once a week. You would do better, I think, to let him have the mixture I myself advise for Linnets (any good seedsman would put it up for you). I dealt very fully with their feeding a week or so ago. The mixture you name would make an admirable change of food given now and again. Let him have a small teaspoonful of maw seed daily for a time. If kept in a warmed room, you certainly must not hang him outside on very cold days; that is a very dangerous practice.

### Pink-eyed Hens & Muling Finches

**Constant Reader.**—The pink-eye is the hall-mark of Cinnamon blood, and serves to show that this is in the bird, even though its plumage contains no feathers with markings on them of a cinnamon tone of colour. This "pink" tinge of the eye is usually very perceptible in young birds, but very often becomes less and less perceptible as the bird ages, until it is very difficult, and often impossible, to detect at all. If the bird is a cock, however, the cinnamon characteristic, and probably feather marking, are sure to come out in the young. A ticked, or very lightly-marked bird is just as likely to throw light Mules as a clear bird, especially if from a clear-bred strain; so if you purchase birds showing distinct cinnamon feathers, then you can be sure they are at least from a pink-eyed strain. Whether they are also "Sib-bred," no man but the actual breeder can tell; therefore, you can only take the seller's word. You seem to have got hold of a Goldie, which declines to fill eggs in captivity; such are not by any means rare. I suppose you feed him up as recommended by me, and give plenty of dandelion daily. If he won't fill eggs when in full song, and apparently fine fettle, then you can't do more to make him. As he is so good a bird, you should certainly give him another chance this year. It is certainly not too early for Goldies to be in breeding form. I have had two or three in rank condition, with quite clear beaks, for a week or two now.

### About Bramblefinches.

**Bramble.**—My word, you must have some monsters if your Bramblefinches are as big as Hawfinches! The birds with the solid, deep black heads are old, fully adult birds, probably in their third season. The younger birds have the head feathers edged with brown. There is a seasonal change of plumage, however; that is to say, in the summer, when in breeding plumage, the cock birds have the head a deeper and more solid black than when in winter plumage, in which they are paler and dingier in colour generally, and with the brown edgings to the feathers of the head and upper back very pronounced. As they come into nuptial garb, these brown edgings wear off (it is said); anyway, they disappear. As the show season is in the autumn and winter, the exhibition Bramble has usually a "laced" head; one with a glossy jet-black ground colour, regularly but not over-heavily spangled is the ideal. The hood requires to be cut cleanly under the beak, leaving the centre of the throat free from black, the hood finishing in sharp, well-defined (not ragged) lines on either side. The wing markings require to be very distinct (the colours not confused, or merged into one another, with a wide, rich brown bar across the shoulder. As you know, the bird wants to be as rich in colour as possible, and as big as possible, consistent with a graceful carriage, with a wide chest and bold head.

### A Quartette.

**R.G.F.E.**—1, It is advisable to let the Goldie get acquainted with his Canary wife, certainly. If the Finch is singing stoutly, and especially if his beak is almost clear, you might let them go ahead nesting if they show signs of desiring to do so. 2, I don't think I have ever met with a case of a Goldfinch deliberately eating feathers (and not his own), "gobbling them up," as you put it. Let him have some cuttlefish to chew up, and a few sunflower seeds to try his beak on, or a sprig of nesting material. Some of my own Finches are very fond of "chewing up," or pulling to pieces, their perches. I presume they find exercise and amusement in the practice, and I never interfere—that which pleases them, pleases me, as a rule; and perches are cheap. 3, Of course, keeping a bird in a large aviary could not be expected to steady it. I should advise you to put the bird in a moderate-sized Finch stock cage (16 by 11 by 8), and hang the latter in a place where there are people constantly about. You will have to leave it largely to time. 4, I have had fresh-caught Linnets get steady in a week—in fact, they were never really wild. It is a matter of disposition; birds vary remarkably, and each individual has to be considered by itself. I often use "back cages"; not the usual small size, but those a few inches larger each way.

### Concerning Mules.

**New Reader.**—1, I hope you will have good fortune with your Mules. They are very hardy, as a rule. The feeding of all the Canary crosses is carried out on very similar lines. All require a little "richer" seed diet than that usually given a Canary. A good seed mixture at this season of the year is:—Canary three parts, teazle two parts, hemp one part, charlock and summer rape half-part each, maw and linseed quarter-part each. In the hot weather reduce the hemp and linseed. Stop them altogether, as a regular thing, during the height of summer, and begin again with them when the moult is nicely advanced. Any of the special Finch or wild-seed mixtures advertised in our columns will make a good and acceptable change, given twice or so a week. A little sunflower seed twice or thrice a week would also be sure to be appreciated; crack it if necessary. Any of the usual green foods may be given—flowering groundsel (not coarse leaves), chickweed, shepherd's purse, dandelion, lettuce, watercress, etc. The second and third may be given practically ad libitum. All Mules are very fond of shepherd's purse and chickweed. 2 For a window cage, the best is the "waggon-shaped" cage, made of tinned wire, and not less than 12 inches long (14 or 16 would be very much better). You will find them illustrated in the catalogues of all good cage-makers. We are not allowed to recommend any particular maker; it is against the rules. They would be fitted with glass round the bottom, to prevent scattering of seed-husks. 3, From wherever you get the cages, you will be able to buy suitable baths (of tin) to hang on the cage doors. A bath can be given daily in the warm weather; twice a week in winter (oftener, if kept in a warmed room). 4, The birds will keep in good health treated on the above lines, and insects are not likely to trouble you. Should they do so, then write for advice. Keep a piece of cuttlefish between the cage wires.

### In an Aviary.

**W. H. Wagg.**—Your aviary is a curious shape. But its worst fault, in my opinion, is the lack of depth from front to back. Two ft. is very narrow, and affords very little privacy for the birds, or, for the matter of that, shelter from the wind, the rain, the sun, and the cats. The slope of the roof, too, is the wrong way; a good slope from back to front affords appreciated shelter under the eave. Candidly, I am afraid your place is too open, and in other ways hardly suitable for British birds to breed in it. Further, the successful breeding of British birds, when there are a lot together in a small place, is very doubtful, indeed. The reasons for this I have often given in this column (quite recently, so that as you are a constant reader you will probably have read them). Your three cock Chaffinches will only fight. You should leave one in only with the hen. You must, on no account, have the sexes unequal. Other pairs you could have would be Bullfinch, Goldfinch, Siskin, Linnet, Redpoll, Twite. That would be plenty of Britishers, though a pair of Canaries (or one cock—and two hens) might be included. Hang up plenty of nest boxes in likely places.

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### Hand-rearing a Thrush.

**A.M.**—It is nonsense to say that nestling Thrushes require feeding but three times a day. You won't rear many if you follow that advice. My own nestlings I always keep in a ventilated, but cosy, basket, and throw a piece of flannel over them at night; they require, of course, to be kept warm. I bring away the nest, when possible; but this is not a thing that matters. Here is my method of hand-feeding; I hope other readers likely to want the information will cut the reply out and keep it by them. Blackbirds and Thrushes are very easy to rear from the nest, and many people do so on nothing but bread and milk. Equal parts of stale bread and best ants' eggs (freed from rubbish), made very moist with new milk, would be a very fair food. To rear strong, lusty youngsters, however, I prefer to proceed as follows:—Boil a fresh egg twelve minutes, and, when cold, well mix with a fork the yolk and half of the white into two crushed Osborne biscuits; add to this a small tablespoonful of best ants' eggs (removing bits of stick and rubbish, if present), stirring all well together. Just before you feed, take the necessary portion of food and make it into a sloppy consistency with new milk. In hot weather (and at all times) be careful the food is always fresh and sweet. Feed a little at a time only, but very often, from dawn to dusk; and a feed after dark is not at all a bad thing. Cut a few mealworms into pieces, also, dip them into milk, and drop them into the nestlings' mouths. As the youngsters grow, too, add now and then a pinch of small but gritty sand to the food. It seems to act as a preventative of looseness of the bowels (or diarrhœa). Give also at all times flies and like small insects; and live ants' eggs if you can get them. Young birds want feeding once an hour (do not "stuff" them at any time) at first; every two hours or so at later stages. Cease band-feeding when they cease to "cry" to be fed, and are picking up food for themselves. Keep warm, cosy, and scrupulously clean. No special appliance is necessary for the feeding. I have used a large, blunted (with a penknife) match stick with every success; likewise a quill tooth-pick with all sharp corners removed. The handiest implement I ever possessed, however, was a little bone mustard spoon, which I cut to a suitable shape and different sizes at each end (handle and bowl), and smoothed off with very fine glass-paper. Different fanciers have different ideas though. Put the food well down at the back of the tongue, and always be careful not to bruise or lacerate the tender mouths of the nestlings.

### Brevities.

**A Mule Breeding** (Beginner).—It is only the usual behaviour. As I have often stated, I have had both cock Mules and Hybrids behave exactly as do cock Canaries, and many times had hen Mules build, lay, and sit just like hen Canaries; but only clear eggs resulted in both cases. Still, I fancy there have been cases where Mules have successfully bred; the evidence points that way. You must decide for yourself whether you part the cock Mule and hen Canary which you have together. If no one tries, however, no one is likely to succeed. If you have a taste for experimentation, why, go ahead.

**Hardbills** (F.C.M.).—I tell you candidly that I think a small place such as yours is more fitted for a collection of small Foreign birds than it is for British Finches. It is not so large as some of my own cages. Still, half-a-dozen Finches might do very well in it—say, cock Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, Twite, Redpoll, and Siskin. Possibly a Chaffinch or Greenfinch might be included; if they turned spiteful, however, they would have to be removed.

**Thrushes in a Cage** (J. Statham).—If going to breed Thrushes in a cage myself, I should prefer to hang the cage in a quiet room rather than outside on the wall. The four-foot cage you have (if of a good depth) ought to hold them fairly well, but should be all covered in except the front. Give them an old nest. Obtain a disused one from some hedgerow; there will be plenty in a few weeks' time. In our last Birthday Number there was a photograph of Thrushes which had bred in a cage, and an account of their doings written by the owner. Did you read it? Fourteen days is the average time of incubation, but it varies somewhat, according to the weather.

**Skylark Not Singing** (T.X.).—Your query is not one that I can well answer without seeing the bird. Are you sure it is in good health? Change of cage, change of situation, and change of food will usually throw a bought bird off song for a time. If your bird was only a newly-caught, or newly-caged one, then you could hardly expect him to be singing yet. Again, it might be (perish the thought!) a hen. As I say above, your question is very hard to answer.

**A Pair of Goldies** (Beginner, A.M.).—You can let the two Goldfinches run together at once; they cannot, as you put it, "commence to breed before they are ready." Fanciers keep hen Canaries away from the cock Goldies because these are apt to want to nest before the Finches are fit. This is unlikely to happen in the case of a pair of Goldfinches. The hen is a little nervous of you yet, I should think; or, if she is very steady, she wants to "fight" you—a way very tame Goldies have.

**Weed Seeds** (H.A.M.).—There is no "best time" to gather dandelion, thistle, and hardhead seed; one has to take it whenever one can get it. Dandelion seed is ripe during the spring, and thistle and hardhead seeds during summer and early autumn. I always look for the plants in likely spots in the fields and lanes, and take the seeding heads from time to time, as they ripen; the season lasts over several weeks. The best heads are those gathered just when they are on the point of opening to let loose the winged seeds. For very early dandelion, railway embankments, and the like, which face south are ideal spots to search.

**Three Items** (A.H.D.).—You must be exceedingly lucky not to have had a red-mite for three years. Should you know one if you met one? I get them myself, despite scrupulous cleanliness. You should try anointing the place very gently once or twice daily with a little sulphur ointment. If the cock Linnet's beak has not turned a deep (blackish) blue, he is not in full breeding condition, and this would account for his behaviour. Personally, I should not use the food you name unless I added hard-boiled, minced egg to it.

## FOREIGN BIRDS

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

### A Grey in Poor Condition.

**H. S.**—A Grey Parrot should be fed on seed mixture (see reply to "J. W. Sds."). Ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, with a piece of clean cuttlefish always hanging in cage, and grit; water should either be kept in cage, or the bird permitted to quench its thirst two or three times a day. Give it several doses of Dinneford's magnesia, with three days between each dose; for directions see other replies. When not giving the magnesia make the drinking water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's chemical food, and continue this till the bird's plumage is improved. Lightly spray it on genial days with quassia solution. The treatment must be persevered with, as recovery of condition will not be rapid. Note: Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food.

### Birds for an Outdoor Aviary.

**M. R.**—Providing they were not overcrowded, I have never known Cockatiels harm even the smallest Waxbill. Some individuals among Saffron Finches are rather pugnacious, but I do not think you will have any trouble if you keep your birds down to the same number that there are square feet in the floor area of your aviary. Thus an aviary 10ft. by 6ft. would accommodate 60 birds. But for successful breeding purposes 12 pairs would be sufficient, as you must leave some accommodation for young birds. You could keep with the birds you name Zebra and Ribbon Finches, Long and Rufous-tailed Grassfinches, Zebra Waxbills, Magpie and Bronze Mannikins, Grey Singing Finches, and Bengalese, which would be a good selection to start with; but unless you can procure them from some outdoor aviary, do not turn them out till May. You would find my booklet, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," very helpful, 1s. 1d. post free from this office.

### Parrot Not Talking.

**A. W.**—I can add very little to my previous reply. Diet bird as advised regularly in this column, and give it a little glycerine every other day in its drinking water for a week—8 drops of glycerine to the ounce of water. For a month I should give it one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in its drinking water (one ounce) once a week, and if there is any sign of weakness when you cease giving the glycerine, well colour the drinking water daily with Parrish's chemical food, and continue this for a month at least. After a serious illness some Parrots take quite a considerable time before commencing to talk again, but unless the illness has permanently affected the vocal organs, undoubtedly the bird will talk again. Making a fuss of it, petting it, etc., but not so as to worry or plague it, may expedite matters.

### A Cockatoo in Poor Plumage.

**J. O'Hara.**—Am afraid not much more can be done for the bird; it will possibly outgrow the defective beak. You must continue the chemical food. I fear the trouble is constitutional, but as the bird is evidently fairly well, apart from its miserable appearance, it is worth trying to improve matters. Continue the seeds; also give it such ripe fruit as it will take, together with nuts, plain biscuits, and, say, a teaspoonful of boiled maize daily; boil the maize till soft, drain off surplus water, and stir in half-a-teaspoonful of flowers of sulphur, but have the grains as whole as possible. Note: The boiled maize only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel must be kept strictly clean. I do not remember all the details of my previous reply, but in such cases recovery is very slow. The bird's bowels should be kept freely moving, but there should be no signs of diarrhœa. An occasional dose of Dinneford's magnesia (see other replies) will soon regulate this. A light spraying with tepid water will also be beneficial, but till weather is warmer this should only be done on sunny days, and draught carefully guarded against till it is dry.

### Pekin Robins.

**"Brockley Jack" and "Pekout."**—This species can be kept in almost any company, its one depravity being a fondness for eggs for breakfast, and in search of same it visits the nests of its fellow captives. A cage 12 by 10 by 8 is none too large for so active a bird, but if you can let it have a fly round occasionally it will do fairly well therein. I should advise a box cage 24 by 15 by 12 as a minimum; a true pair would be worth about 10s. 6d., and the temperature of any ordinary living room is ample. Diet: A good soft food for these birds can be made as under:—Game meal (ground Osborne biscuit will answer as well), ants' eggs, and dried flies in equal parts; well mix and make crumbly moist for use; ripe fruit daily, and one or two mealworms per bird; also any small beetles, smooth caterpillars, flies, and spiders you can capture for it. The bird is hardy, and will live out-of-doors all the year round in any aviary giving room for exercise. I don't approve of sawdust for cage bottoms; it gets in the fruit, food, etc., and does harm. Use plenty of sand, with a sprinkling of grit on top, and with a daily clean the cage should not be offensive.

### An Ailing Budgerigar.

**C. R. G.**—See advertisement in this column re booklet, "Budgerigars and Cockatiels"; you would find this very helpful. Budgerigars are not large drinkers, so it is rather difficult to administer drugs in the water. For one day make the drinking water just saline with Epsom salts, and repeat this after an interval of three days; in between, and continue till they are in good plumage, put Parrish's chemical food in the drinking water—1 part chemical food to 6 parts of water. Diet: Canary and white millet in equal parts; also a few oats and an occasional millet spray as a change. A leaf of lettuce as green food and a little ripe apple should also be given, and when you can get it free from frost, supply as much grass in flower (grass in the ear) as they will eat. Clean cuttlefish should be continually in the cage, also grit, and a dry crust of stale household bread will do no harm if they care for it. I really cannot say whether it is indigestion or pneumonia from your details; I take it to be the former, and have advised accordingly. If it is the latter, no treatment can save it. I am assuming the birds are kept out of draught; even hardy Budgerigars will not survive draught long.

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### An Indoor Aviary.

**F. F.**—(1) I fear you are attempting too much in the space at your command, and in such quarters it is very unwise to keep two pairs of the same species together. Put the Parson Finches and one pair of the Bichenos each into a large box-cage, and they will probably breed; leave the others all together, and if you put up at least double the number of nesting receptacles that you have pairs of birds, you could with safety put in, say, three pairs of Waxbills, say Zebra, Common and Green Avadavats, and if they did not breed (which they might do), they would not interfere with the others, and these beautiful and minute gems would give variety and colour to your selection. (2) I cannot say that I have noticed such a variation before; neither is it common, though with every species there is a general similarity of markings and colour areas; yet no species is without variation, and over and above this variation melanistic and albinistic specimens occasionally crop up. Very probably, however, you have a young bird, whose plumage after the next moult may be quite normal.

### Budgerigars, Cockatiels, etc.

**W. H. F.**—You would find the booklets, "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" and "Foreign Birds for Beginners," very helpful, both obtainable from the Manager. If your poultry-house is weather-proof—that is, the walls sound and draught-proof—it will answer well, and if you cover up the front with wood and glass, leaving an aperture from ground to roof, say, 1½ft. wide, the birds should thrive and do well. It is not advisable to mix Parrakeets up too much; they breed better when they have not much company. It will certainly be advisable to divide it up into the four six-feet divisions, and to extend such a run before each as your convenience permits; 6, 8, or 10ft. as regards height will be ample; suit your own convenience and have which you choose. Into one compartment put, say, three pairs Budgerigars, one pair Cockatiels, and one pair Black-cheeked Lovebirds. Into another, pairs of Rosella and Red-rump Parrakeets; let a pair of Pennants occupy the third, and pairs of Stanley and Many-colours could occupy the fourth. You would then have a handsome and showy series. All of these would thrive on a seed diet, with a little ripe fruit, green food, etc. You must always have at least double the number of husks or other nesting receptacles about that you have pairs of birds; also several food hoppers, thus obviating much squabbling. Use natural branches with the bark on for perches, and of varying thicknesses, say, from ½ to 2 inches in diameter. Unless you get birds from some outdoor aviary, don't put them out till May.

### King Grey Parrot Ailing.

**J. W. Sds.**—(1) Your unwholesome diet is responsible for the bird's indisposition, and you certainly have not read your Cage Birds to profit, or you could not have continued to so feed the bird. In the first place, your diet should consist of seed mixture, as follows: 2 parts each canary, millet, and oats, and one part each hemp, dari, wheat, maize, and sunflower seeds; well mix, and keep a supply continually in cage. Also give ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, and keep a clean piece of cuttlefish hanging in cage. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. As your bird has been having milk sop, you had better give it a little boiled maize daily for a time; boil it till soft, and drain away all surplus moisture. Note: This must be prepared fresh daily, and the food vessel kept strictly clean. Continue to give the chemical food, but straight away give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in one ounce of water, and see that it drinks this before supplying any other liquid. Of course, none must be retained till the second day. (2) "King" is merely a fancy dealer's name for those birds showing red in other parts of the body than the tail; they have no special value, though a little more is charged for them when it can be obtained. When in health and good plumage your bird would be worth from 25s. to 30s. When its vocabulary is increased, its value would be more; quite fancy prices are given for clear and good talkers.

### Brevities.

**Breeding Green Parrakeets** (J.H.F.).—The birds require a nest box with a concave bottom, the concavity so arranged that the egg will lie naturally in the middle; of course, if you cannot arrange for this you must put about one inch of sawdust in your present box; but it makes results more uncertain. These birds will only require their usual diet, viz., seeds, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, and green food when nesting, but should have access to lime rubbish of some sort to avoid risk of becoming egg bound. They are quite hardy, and you should certainly meet with success before the season is over. Don't be inquisitive; leave them to themselves. Young Parrakeets do not leave the nest at a very early age.

**A Talking Ring-neck** (Enquirer—Canonbury).—This species is a fairly clear talker, though the variety of utterance is very often only a limited one. You appear to have quite a talented bird (a female), and if its stock phrases are numerous and varied, it certainly is worth 60s. to 100s., or perhaps more if you came across anyone badly wanting a good talker, in good health and plumage.

**Keeping and Breeding Budgerigars** (J. L. Novice).—Get "Budgerigars and Cockatiels." 6d. post free from this office; it will give you much help and many hints. In a cage 2ft. long by 1½ wide by 1½ft. high, with a husk at either end, they would probably breed. But Budgerigars breed better, and are far healthier out-of-doors. If you put up an aviary in some sunny corner, say, 6ft. by

4ft. or larger, they would soon multiply, and be a continual source of pleasure and interest to you. Your diet is satisfactory, but you must give green food, such as lettuce, grass in flower, etc. A little ripe apple is also appreciated. Grit and cuttlefish should also be regularly supplied, and when they are feeding young a few oats daily in addition to the regular diet. At this period a stale dry crust of household bread may be given if the birds care for it.

**Nun Panting** (London Fancier, E. J.).—Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia into the drinking water (one ounce) every other day for a week. Give your birds a little green food (say, a leaf of fresh lettuce at this season), and a little ripe apple, or such other fruit as they will take. Supply also a millet spray occasionally as a change; keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the aviary, and gritty sand should also be scattered about. A course of Parrish's chemical food would be helpful on the days you are not giving the magnesia; 1 part of the chemical food to 6 of water would be ample, and form a good tonic for all the birds. If yours is merely a C.P. aviary cage, it would be helpful to let the bird have a fly round the room occasionally, whenever this could be conveniently arranged.

**What Parrot?** (A. Scott).—You have a female Alexandrine Parrakeet; continue the wholesome diet you are now giving. It is still feeling the effects of the former ill-treatment. Give it several doses of Dinneford's magnesia—one teaspoonful to the ounce of water. Take away the water overnight, and give this the first thing, supplying no other liquid for that day till the whole has been consumed. There should be three days between each dose, and four or five doses should be ample; in between put sufficient Parrish's chemical food in the drinking water to make it the colour of pale port wine, and continue chemical food for a couple of months. As its appetite is poor, you could give it a little boiled maize; prepare as advised in our reply to "J. W. Sds." At the same time, as soon as the bird is eating freely of the seed mixture, gradually wean it from the maize. There should be a marked improvement in, say, a fortnight; if not, repeat query, with full details.

**Will It Talk?** (E. C. D.).—It is a Roseate or Rose-breasted Cockatoo (*Cacatua roseicapilla*). This species has a good reputation for talking in its native country, thus proving that it has the power of speech; however, the majority of the specimens brought to this country do not do much in the talking line, but are chummy and companionable birds, fair mimics, droll, and accomplished acrobats. Keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation; also teach it by constant repetition, and it will ultimately, at any rate, utter a word or two. A light spraying with tepid water twice a week, choosing a sunny genial day, will be beneficial, but it must be kept carefully out of draught till dry.

## POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

**Canary** (W. J. Seaver).—Well developed bird fever. It seems inexplicable why this should have arisen amongst your thirty birds in a large, wooden-backed aviary that is kept in such a hygienic condition. Some infected bird or appliance must have introduced it.

## GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

**Young 'Gales** (Philomela).—This is not a matter with which we can identify ourselves. You can, of course, if you choose, communicate direct with some fancier or other whose name is familiar to you.

**Illustrated Ideas** (J. Duckworth).—Has already appeared. (H. Beddall), Very similar notion has been already used. (H. Hickson), Note previous reply.

**Outdoor Aviary** (E. M. Burlingham).—Many thanks for your notes, which we shall hope to publish in due course.

**Many Thanks** for interesting news items, photos, etc., to W. H. Bray, E. M. B., and G. L.

**Shows, etc.** (Novice A.S.).—An "open" show is a show at which anyone who chooses can enter birds for competition. The charge (entry fee) and the classes are set out in the show schedules, which have to be obtained from the secretary of the fixture. Many shows, but not all, have special classes for novices. Skilful hand-washing certainly improves most birds; when it is necessary depends on the state of the plumage. A fancier living in a large, smoky town needs to "tub" his birds more often than the country fancier.

## HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held at headquarters, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W., on March 25th, Mr. W. Ward in the chair. The secretary asked for nominations, to which a response of 18 came forward, including Messrs. H. F. Chick (Nottingham), J. A. Simpson (Kilburn), A. Wakefield (East Finchley), F. Sparks, H. March, Harmstrong, B. T. Dann (Hampstead), C. W. Law, W. Dewbury (Highgate), J. F. H. Trigger, W. Cowie, B. Elton, J. Crocker, E. Mound (Kentish Town), S. Serine, G. Eades (Upper Holloway), Truwell (Tuffnell Park), and Mrs. H. W. Page. A schedule was arranged for British bird show next meeting, also specials for same. It was decided to have a country ramble in June, the secretary to get all necessary information, and to report on same. In the absence of Mr. Robson, a debate was opened by the secretary on selecting for and feeding during the breeding season. Many questions were asked, and the opinions of one another were freely exchanged. Questions were asked by Messrs. Turner, W. G. Dickson, Hastings, Johnson and others.—GEO. H. NEAL, hon. secretary.


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## MAKING REMOVABLE WIRE FRONTS.

SIR,—Allow me through your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS to ask if any reader could tell me what things I should require for making loose wire cage-fronts (soldered, of course.).

C. S.

## MAKING A FOUNTAIN FOR AN AVIARY.

SIR,—I have made an aviary fountain, the same as Mr. Stephen Moody's, and I have got it to work, only I can't get the water to flow back into the reservoir. When I open the tap B, instead of flowing back, it lets all the air escape. I should be very glad if Mr. Moody will explain how it is and what to do to prevent it. He does not state how long the fountain will spray.

S. OATES.

## THE SLAUGHTER OF BULLFINCHES IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

SIR,—As a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS, I thought the following might be interesting to other readers. It concerns the slaughter of the handsome Bullfinches here in Nottinghamshire. There is a small village close to where I live, called Wheatley, and nearly every inhabitant has an orchard planted with cherry trees. It appears that Bullie is very fond of the young buds of these, and makes great havoc among them at this time of the year. In consequence of this the orchard owners have what is called a Bullfinch Club, and pay ½d. per head for the dead birds brought in. One man told me that over 400 Bullies had been shot since January, and that he had shot 200 of them with his own gun. He says that they do enormous damage to the young cherry buds, and that they get so bold that the noise from the gun does not disturb them in the least.

PYRRHULA.

## THE WILD BIRDS AND SEVERE WEATHER.

SIR,—I thought I should just like to give to your many readers a little of my experience in the feeding and looking after of our feathered friends during the hard weather. I am afraid that we have lost a great many of the more shy of our birds, birds that will not hold themselves "pensioners," but will sooner fall a prey to hunger. I make a daily practice of clearing a piece of ground in front of my window and placing on it food and water. You soon see who are your "pensioners." I am sure you are well repaid by their antics. It is most amusing to watch them through the window. Nothing suits the majority of birds better than a piece of fat meat or rough bone with a little meat attached, or a lump of suet. When the larger birds shake and knock the lumps about, the smaller ones pick up the fragments. The small Tits are in and out amongst the whole lot, and at home at all times. When the severe weather commenced, and a few "pensioners" came, my wife knew every one and could tell how many of each kind came. But in two or three days she could not keep count, especially of the Starlings. Mr. Starling would have you believe that he is a mighty busy fellow (which no doubt he is). He likes to lord it over all the rest; and then they quarrel amongst themselves. But I like the Starling and the way he walks and struts about. As soon as the Starling has had enough, he will perch upon the nearest convenient place, and there trill out his song. While the ground was thick with snow, you could see, after he had lost his hunger, he was merry and jubilant. The birds that hold aloof from us and scorn the idea of being "pensioners" are such as the Fieldfare, Redwing, and Missel Thrush. These birds can make shift so long as the berries last, but this year's crop of wild fruits was small here, and the birds mentioned had to go without. In my rambles I saw lots of Missel Thrushes in the last stage of existence. I saw one very sad incident. On the snow in a meadow a poor worn-out Missel Thrush sat huddled up, and just at that moment a Jackdaw made a pounce down upon him. The Thrush gave a sort of exhausted "flop" and struck out, and the Jack missed his mark. My presence favoured the Thrush, but my return journey proved that the weak went to the wall. I am very sorry to find that we have been almost cleared out of the Missel Thrush. Though the Missel is not such a good musician as the Song Thrush, yet he livens up a landscape and tells you of the early days of Spring. I had a walk this week, where I should have encountered at least a dozen pairs of Missel Thrushes, and I did not hear one. The Missel Thrush is not a strongly constituted bird, though he looks strong; anyone attempting to rear him from the nest will find him subject to cramp and a weakness in his legs. The Fieldfares and the Redwings have equally suffered. Through all the severity of the winter I only saw one Missel Thrush in my garden (my garden is very private), and he was in a weak condition, but would not have any of my charity, and made his way to a neighbouring shrubbery. The following day I found him in his last sleep. The birds are our national birthright, and we ought to be proud of them. A few scraps and a little water we ought to be pleased to give them. Those who did not avail themselves of the last opportunity of feeding our feathered friends should not forget whenever it again occurs.

W. BELL.

[Kindly write on one side of paper only; it is a rule for all correspondents.—EDITOR.]


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## THE MARAZION AND WESTERN DISTRICT B.F.A.

SIR,—When is the above association going to hold their meeting? Or are there only two or three running the show? There surely cannot be any need to avoid a meeting?

W. C. BAKER.

## THE PREPARATION OF BIRDS FOR EXHIBITION.

SIR,—I notice in your issue of the 27th inst. a letter from a reader asking for advice on preparing birds for the show bench. My opinion is that a man cannot hope to win unless he is willing to "fake" his birds. When I say fake, I do not mean to imply anything dishonest; but, in my opinion, a bird that is "prepared," whether by colour feeding, dressing the plumage to put on gloss, or any other means, is a "faked" specimen, because it is made to appear that which it is not. It seems a most extraordinary system that allows a man to put an altogether artificial colour on his bird by feeding, and yet disqualify him if he puts it on by hand! I cannot see any difference between the bird that is coloured by food and the one that is coloured by a paint pot. Both are faked, and both should be treated alike. This equally applies to the gloss which we so often see on the plumage. If it were the result of health and cleanliness, then it should be encouraged; but it is not, it is the result of the mixtures which are added to the bath water, and which give the bird an altogether unnatural appearance. In my opinion, the prizes should go to the birds which are shown in their most natural state, and the sooner that the "preparing" business is abolished, the better. I am sure that if it was, numbers of bird lovers would be only too glad to show their birds who now refuse to encourage a system which is not only unfair, but also encouraging cruelty.

S. STEPHENS.

## THE CAGE BIRD FANCY IN BARTON AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—Still another correspondent of the Barton C.B.S.; this time the chairman! Does this gentleman wish to keep to the subjects I alluded to, or does he wish to pass to something else? Now, I don't wish in any way whatever to question the character of Mr. Oldridge, knowing him to be far above the average of ordinary working men. But a man should never run backwards down a hill, neither should he shelter behind a hedge to throw stones. You, Mr. O., state I abused your hon. secretary. I am pleased you mention this, as I am willing to apologise, because I don't want any ill-feeling between us. Please don't try to bring it about. As regards talking round your members, I challenge anyone to prove this conduct. Mr. Oldridge, you far exceed the limits of our little differences, and trespass on business affairs. Had it not been for you and your "pal," one society only would be in existence. Can you remember how the room we at present occupy was proposed, seconded and carried, and then you asked if there was any amendment? I still maintain that if you wish to be satisfied with our future conduct you must show us a better example. As for counting my Canaries before they are hatched, can you count yours after they are hatched? If so, why had you last season a bird about a week old before you knew you had one? As you state one of our members has still fifty birds for sale, I wish to inform you that this paper has an advertising column, if you wish to use it for him. But I must say that among our seventeen members we have not two dozen for sale.

H. CHAMBERLAIN, Hon. Sec.

(With Mr. Oldridge's reply, if he chooses to make one, this matter must close.—EDITOR.)

## THE NESTING OF THE GOLDFINCH

SIR,—I have followed with interest the correspondence which has appeared in your columns on this subject, and, being a lover of the Goldfinch, have found nests in the following trees:—Pear, apple, cherry, elm, sycamore, chestnut, willow, elder and thorn. I found three particular nests in ash trees, overhanging certain roads. Two seasons ago I saw a nest on an outside branch of a tall Wellingtonia, and also one at the very top of an Irish yew. I have also found the average number of eggs to be five. Goldfinches often lay six eggs in the first nests, and hatch and rear all the young birds.

C. LEVENTON.

## WHAT IS THE RECORD FOR EARLY MULES?

SIR,—Will the writers please accept my thanks for replies concerning early Mules? A friend of mine will not believe it possible to have them so early. He has been a breeder for 40 years, and never had them so, and he thinks it impossible. He never tried to get them so early. Some people will never believe a thing unless they say it themselves. Again thanking your contributors.

ROWLEY ELSTON.

SIR,—In reply to the question respecting early Goldie Mules by Rowley Elston, I may say that a friend of mine has at present a nest of two mules, which hatched on March 11th last, and are still doing well. The Finch is an Irish one, caught as a pate, in August. My friend also has another hen down, with the same Finch, and she is now due to hatch four eggs.

P. JACKSON.

## LIVERPOOL AMALGAMATED SHOW.

SIR,—I beg to thank Mr. A. Christopher and Mr. R. E. Hawkes for their very kind letters, and after reading the same, it is to be hoped everyone interested will let any irritation or annoyance slide. Let us all look forward to the next amalgamated show, which we in Bootle and district hope to make as good as any in the past. I have pleasure in informing the two gentlemen named above that I have been supplied with the names and addresses of the secretaries of the various clubs concerned, and will write these gentlemen in due course. As for "Member of the B.C.F.A.," my answer to him is, that I have no use for anyone who is afraid or ashamed to sign his own name. This, sir, is my last letter on the subject.

JOHN HUNT,
Bootle and District C.B.S.

SIR,—In reference to Mr. Hadwin's and Mr. Hunt's letters, I should like to know why the Garston late Secretary cannot answer for himself and society. I believe Birkenhead were the founders of the Amalgamated Show, and we took it year by year in turn. But I am sorry that Bootle ask: Why did not Liverpool run a show? Do you think for one moment they cannot run a show? I wonder how many miles Bootle is from Liverpool? Do not all assistant-secretaries have a voice when the secretaries themselves are on holidays? If not, it's very near time they had. Of course, a few in Birkenhead spoke about running a show in the Co-operative Hall, a very fine building, and very near everything; trams pass door every few minutes. They are a jolly lot of fellows, win or lose. I feel sorry for Mr. Hadwin, and secretaries and committee who did attend, and then got no further advanced.

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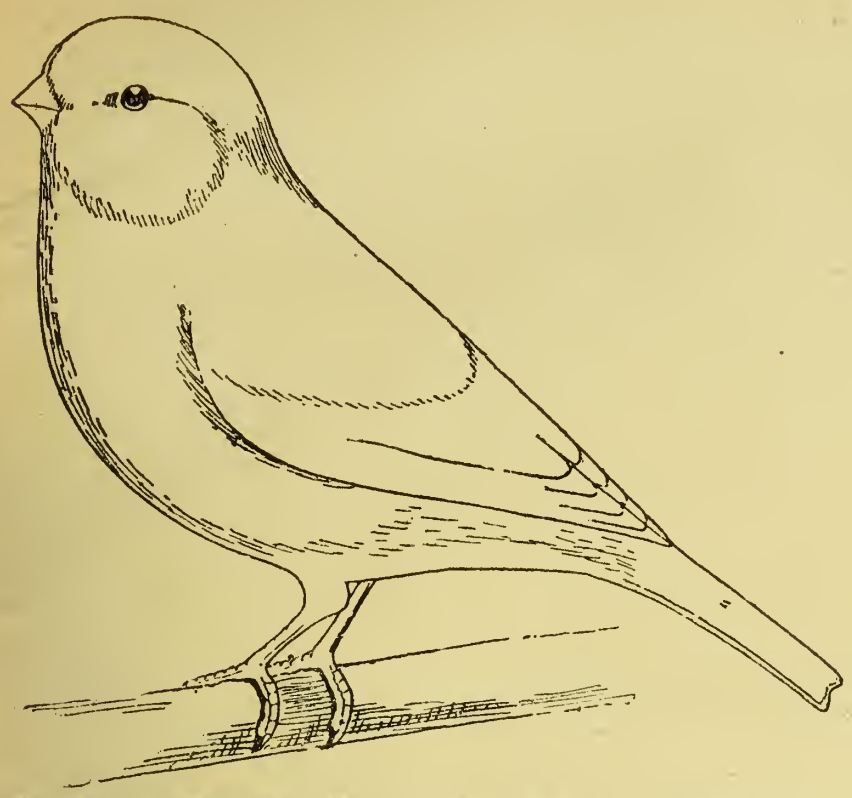

**Mr. Kershaw's Norwich Plainhead, drawn from his sketch.**

## THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN OUTDOOR BIRDROOM.

SIR,—I was very interested in Mr. Lawton's article and sketch of an outside birdroom, as with the help of a friend who has just started in the Fancy, I have completed a similar one. We all know the many disadvantages of keeping birds indoors. I gave up the Fancy three years ago for this reason, but I have bought some birds from well-known exhibitors, so am looking forward to the coming season. I have built my room of 1-in. match-boarding, and have covered the whole outside with best thick felt, and in addition I have covered the roof with zinc. It is 7 ft. square, 8 ft. high in front, and 6 ft. at back, with a window 5 ft. 6 in. long by 1 ft. 6 in., facing south. It is fitted with drawers and shelves, and the cost of the whole room is just under 50s. I find it very dry and free from draughts, and on looking at the thermometer at 7 o'clock this morning it registered 50 degrees. If any of your readers are thinking of building one, I feel sure they will be satisfied with it. I find CAGE BIRDS a great help, and anyone who will closely follow its pages cannot fail to gain a lot of good information.

A. T. KENWORTHY.

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SIR,—With regard to Mr. J. W. Lawton's sketch and article concerning an outdoor birdroom, I would like to make a suggestion as to the inner lining of same. Instead of using match-boarding, would not Russian ply board do as well? It would make the sections far lighter in case of removal, and would also lessen any possibility of the harbouring of red mite and other vermin. The T. and G. boards, especially beaded ones, give every facility for vermin, unless kept scrupulously clean. I am a joiner by trade, so that the sketch naturally interested me, and I recently had occasion to use the ply boards referred to. That alone is my excuse for writing on the subject. As regards the price, it is similar to the match boards, and just as durable for inside work, such as the subject written about. The ply boards can be bought in any lengths and widths up to 12 ft. long and 4 ft. wide. At least, that is what I have used. I trust I am not trespassing on forbidden ground.

F. AMOS.

## SOME BIRDS I HAVE KEPT.

SIR,—Permit me to give you a brief description of one or two birds that I have kept. My first bird was a Jackdaw, a very great favourite with everyone. He was caught in a trap, one very snowy day, and had got his leg very badly crushed, but time and attention soon enabled him to get about fairly well; but he always had a lame leg. He turned out a great thief, and you never knew where he was until all at once you would hear "Jack." He came to a most untimely end. One day a friend of mine came to see me, and in sitting down in an armchair flattened poor Jack out, no one having previously noticed him there. My next bird was a Robin, and soon after that someone gave me a hen Robin, which had been won in a raffle. The man who won it didn't want it, and didn't know what to do with it, so he tossed with another to see who should have it. The bird, however, still stuck to him, so he passed it on to me, as a companion for my cock Robin. I think they are most interesting birds, and they have a knowing way of cocking their heads on one side and of looking at you when you give them a nice, dainty fly or grub. I have had foreign birds, too, but I did not find them so attractive as the British birds. The little Tits are very amusing. To watch them hang up with one claw whilst two of them are quarrelling over an insect is very funny, the one holding it like a Parrot, the others trying to get a bit of it. And they are such greedy little things—always on the look-out for something or other, no matter when you go near them. They are great on the bath, too, always having one the moment you put fresh water in. You will see them at it two or three times during the day, but always at an hour before sunset. The most interesting of all birds to me is the Nuthatch. When I am tired, I like to watch him always on the go, up and down, digging great holes in his bit of bark, then driving into his seed with his beak like a sledge hammer; then he will dart up and round again like lightning, never having a moment's rest until evening time. He does the same again in the morning, until you would think he would drop down exhausted. Oftentimes I have gone to the door thinking someone was knocking to come in, only to find that it was my bird. I have another bird, which I came by in a very strange way. A friend of mine was walking down a street, when he saw it amongst a lot of birds. This strange little bird, very rough and very tossed about, had been handed about from one man to another, no one knowing what it was. At last it turned out to be an Alario Finch, a sweet little songster, having very much the song of the Canary. But in colour the bird is just like a Reed Bunting and anyone might take it to be a miniature Reed Bunting. I also found out why it was in such a bad state. It had been sent over with a consignment of birds, which encountered some very bad weather. The waves washed over the vessel, and the poor birds were all drowned, but my poor little chap. No wonder he survived, for he is so hardy. He has come through his moult beautifully. I could, I think, almost fill a book about my birds.

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## THE TYPE OF PRESENT-DAY WINNING NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

SIR,—I have read with interest the discussion on the above matter, and am venturing to send you a sketch of a bird that appears to me as a nice type of Plainhead Norwich, which you may perhaps think good enough for reproduction. I was dreaming the other night about these birds, and the ideal 20th Century type presented itself to me, as per the second sketch enclosed. It made me think of some of the show reports, which read: grand bold head, short wings and tail, and as round as a ball.

J. KERSHAW.

*(Mr. Kershaw's sketches are reproduced on this page.*—EDITOR.)

## CINNAMON BORDER FANCIES AND THEIR COLOUR.

SIR,—I was pleased to see in your last issue another letter from "Cinnamon Border," but I was amused at some of its contents. This particular epistle seemed to me to be full of "doubt." As far as "Cinnamon Border" is concerned, he seems to be right and everybody else wrong! If he refers to CAGE BIRDS of March 13th, he will find a footnote which states "every fancier is entitled to his own opinion." Now, surely, I may have mine! The point in dispute was that there was not a self-cinnamon Border cock previous to six years ago. I have already stated that I exhibited a self-cinnamon cock at Hawick in 1893, and this was moulted out his natural colour. "Cinnamon Border" also asks if I knew of any more self-cinnamon cocks at that time? Yes, I knew and saw one that won at Selkirk in 1892. In my opinion, both these birds were as near to the club's standard type as possible; if not, how did they happen to be 1st and 3rd? He makes use of two statements which I repeat, viz., 1st, "If the Cinnamon Borders are of such old standing as I would have him believe, how is it we did not see them on the show bench?" 2nd, "Is it likely the breeders would always show the greens and keep the cinnamons at home?" Now, I will use some more of "Cinnamon Border's" own words (which appeared in type on March 13th). He said he "knows more than one breeder and exhibitor who have birds (natural colour) that they dare not show, as in nine cases out of ten they would be disqualified for colour feeding." Perhaps his own remark will answer his own question. Personally, I quite agree with a judge disqualifying any bird which in his opinion has been tasting of "dainties" which the Border Fancy Club disallow. Perhaps "Cinnamon Border" will furnish us with the name of the show and catalogue number of the bird he mentioned in his last letter that was disqualified? He wishes to know if I visited the Scottish National last year. Yes, I did, and still adhere to the statement I made, viz., that the 3rd prize winner at Hawick in 1893 was a better colour, in "my opinion," than those exhibited at Edinburgh. I was not at any of the other shows he mentions, but I have been an exhibitor and a frequent visitor to the shows for the last 16 years. It is of no benefit to me to exaggerate. What I have said is quite correct, and I can only refer "Cinnamon Border" to Hawick catalogue for 1893, and to the other exhibitors competing in the same class, if they are still with us.

JOHN DIXON.

## A NOTED LINNET.

SIR,—I have not time to bother with such would-be exhibitors as F.A. Watt. It is only another example of the kind of thing that successful exhibitors have to put up with once in a while. Extract the beam from your own eye, Mr. Watt, then you will see clearly the next time you judge Bullfinches.

R. D. PARLETT.

## PRIZE MONEY AT THE WELSH NATIONAL SHOW.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Somerfield's letter in your last issue, I am sorry he thought it necessary to resort to the Press over the matter. It is well known that we suffered a very considerable loss over our last show, and that we are having a prize-drawing to recover it. The prize money has been paid out as far as possible in alphabetical order of the names of winners, and, of course, some are bound to be the last. I am pleased to say that all prize money (excepting our own members') has now been paid. Should we have overlooked anyone, I shall be glad if they will drop me a postcard. As a number of our books of drawing tickets are still out, we have decided to postpone the prize-drawing until Monday next. Will those who have any returns to make kindly do so at once? In conclusion, I should like to thank those fanciers who have patiently borne with us without complaining, and also those who have sent us subscriptions towards our deficit, or sold drawing tickets for us.

R. J. TRUSCOTT,
Secretary, Welsh National C.B.S.

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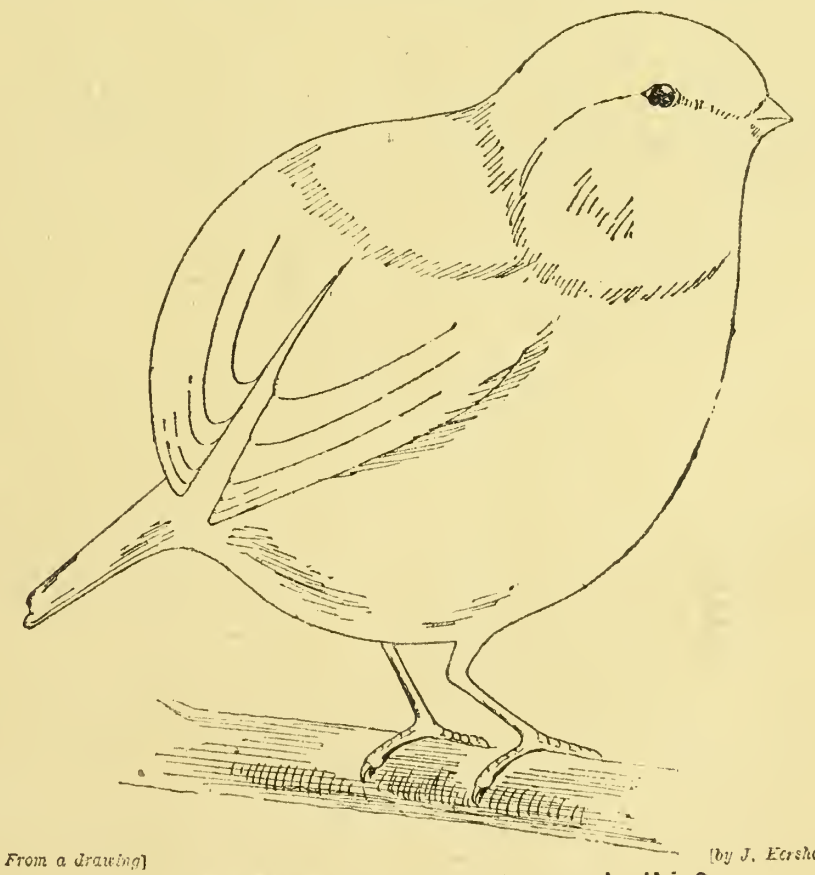
SIR,—May I ask you to please give me a space in your valuable columns for a few lines in reply to Mr. A. Somerfield's letter which appeared in your last week's issue? Of course, all exhibitors should know that it is general to send out prize money in alphabetical order of the names of winners, as we have done, and someone is bound, therefore, to be the last paid. I will, however, say that, in this particular case, it was an oversight on my part in not sending Mr. Somerfield's cheque sooner, as I have always made a point of posting prize money when asked for; but I have been away from home so much of late that his application was mislaid. I can only regret that he should have taken such drastic measures as to resort to the Press, as he must surely know that this does no Society any good, and we few members have done so much for the Fancy in South Wales, in fact, for the whole of the British Isles, with such discouraging results, that it is really very disheartening for the promoters. I am now glad to be able to say that all prize money has been paid.

W. A. TRUSCOTT, Hon. Treasurer.



*From a drawing]* *[by J. Kershaw.*

**Will the Norwich Plainhead come to this?**

## HOW TO MAKE AND KEEP EGG-FOOD.

SIR,—The following recipe will, I am sure, be acceptable to readers of your admirable paper, CAGE BIRDS: Boil an egg (or eggs) in the usual way for egg-food. Then get a piece of board, and with a knife press the white fine (this will be found better than chopping). The yolk is easily pressed to pieces. Then crush four "Texas Crackers" for every egg, and mix with a fork. Feed the birds, and what you have left put in a vessel of some sort, and place in a moderate oven and dry thoroughly. It will then be ready for storage, and will keep any length of time in a jar or bottle. All you have to do is to damp the quantity you require. I forgot to mention the sugar, which must be added when mixing. The biscuits I mentioned I have found take moisture quickly.

H. C. HOLMES.

## PROPOSED NORTHERN YORKSHIRE CANARY UNION.

SIR,—I have read Messrs. Park's and Ferguson's letters on the above subject. My idea of the Union is this: To work the thing on the same principle as the Cage Bird Union, viz., to take in any Society in North Lancashire and Cumberland. For instance, say the following societies could be induced to join: Lancaster, Barrow, Dalton-in-Furness, Millom, Whitehaven, Egremont, Cleator Moor, Frizington, Harrington, Workington, Cockermouth, Maryport, Carlisle, and any other Society in the district. Say, too, there was a yearly subscription of 7s. 6d. or 10s. for each Society. This would bring in sufficient money to buy a cup or trophy of some kind, after paying working expenses, without any other support. Points should count at each Society's show affiliated to the Union. This would be the means of making a good entry in all Yorkshire classes at any affiliated Society's show, as all members would be anxious to send their birds to as many shows as possible in order to gain points for the cup or trophy. The cup should be won three times in all before becoming the property of the exhibitor. A medal could also be given for each winner of the cup every year. You see, the cup would last at least three years, and possibly six or more before being won right out; therefore, the takings of each year would greatly strengthen the Union financially. Delegates could be elected (one from each Society), and these could meet once a year to draw up rules, etc. A marked catalogue could be sent to the Secretary from all affiliated shows for the counting of points gained for the cup. This is only a suggestion of mine, but I hope it will meet with the approval of the above-mentioned Societies, as it is not my intention to interfere with the business of the C.Y.C.C. or any other club.

F. W. BRADLEY.

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SIR,—I have been asked why I have not replied to the letter which appeared in your columns, re the formation of a new Northern Yorkshire Canary Club. I thought your editorial footnote a sufficient answer, but in case any of our members should think I am neglecting my duties, I would say that our club embraces in its area the counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Durham, and Westmoreland, and if there are any lovers of the Yorkshire Canary who would like the boundary line increased, I feel sure the present members would agree to the proposal, as we are most anxious to do all we can to popularise the Yorkshire in the North of England. I shall be pleased to send last year's handbook to anyone interested.

T. C. CRAWHALL,
Hon. Sec. Northern Yorkshire Canary Club.
121, St. George's Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

*Our Correspondents will note that the term Northern Yorkshire "Canary Union" is used this week.—Editor.*

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SIR,—Allow me to answer Mr. Furguson on the above subject. He asks in his letter, How is it the fanciers here have not joined the Cumberland Y.C.C.? They must be aware of its existence, as their Secretary had asked their support. I take it, Mr. Ferguson means the C.Y.C.C. I think I can explain how our Secretary wrote him asking him for their support. Previous to our show, some of his fanciers asked us for a good classification for the Yorkshires, as they would give us a good entry. So this was brought up at one of our meetings, and we decided to give seven classes for this section, our Secretary being asked to write Mr. Ferguson to give us some guarantee in entries as promised, this being our first venture on an open show. So you see it was the support of the fanciers in his town he asked for, not the C.Y.C.C. At least, this is what I think. We were not sure of the C.Y.C.C. being still in existence, as it seemed to have gone quiet some time ago. I do not care to bother myself with its affairs, but I think it would be a good thing to take in whole societies on the same principle as the Yorkshire Union, if we could induce them to join. It would repay them with entries in the Yorkshire section, as we would be competing for points at shows held under the Union rules. I should like to have Mr. Ferguson's opinion on this scheme, which I think would benefit the fanciers of this variety, also the shows in their entries, and would be the means of making a good and strong affair. We should feel much obliged if we could have a copy of their rules with number of members, as we would like to do our best in bringing this variety to the front in these districts.

JIM PARK.

## HOW I KEEP MY SONG THRUSHES AND SKYLARKS.

SIR,—The Song Thrush is a very good song bird, and nicely coloured if in good condition, but it is apt to get clogged feet if not kept in a proper cage. The cage should be one with a wire grid about an inch-and-half off the bottom; then all the waste food and droppings fall to the bottom of the cage, and remain out of the reach of the bird's feet. This bird, being insectivorous, requires soft food. A good and cheap food can be made with puppy biscuits grated fine, with a small quantity of crissel mixed with it. When giving it to the bird damp it with raw grated carrot. A great many people prefer a hand-reared bird. This will be found a good food to rear the birds on when made softer with "aired" water (or water that has had the chill taken off), but not so that it is sloppy. When rearing Song Thrushes, or any other kind, for that matter, the best way I find is to have them in an old basket, or box, with the nest if procurable, keeping them well covered up and dark until you see signs of their feeding themselves. When they are kept in the daylight they often start pining, of which, if they do, they very often die. The Skylark is another very good songster, and the same food as is prescribed for Thrushes will do for them, with a bit of sheep's kidney or liver that has been placed in the oven and baked hard. When feeding them, grate a small quantity of it into their food, and it will make a great difference. Skylarks are very fond of mealworms and gentles, of which they should have a few every day; and they will also eat, in addition to their ordinary food, Canary seed, hemp seed, and wheat. They require a cage with a canvas or netted top, for when you go near their cage they spring upwards, and if they are in a wooden-topped cage they are apt to hurt their heads. The Skylark is a hard bird to hand-rear, as when it reaches a certain age it is often taken with the cramp. An excellent plan is to have a good-sized cage when you cage them off, and have a clover turf in it. The way to cure them of the cramp is as follows:—When a bird is taken with it, dip its legs in turpentine, and then place the bird close to the fire. In the course of birdkeeping all does not go on well and in a straightforward manner with a fancier, and at some time or the other our birds are taken with some complaint, and many a time a good bird would be saved of we only knew what to do at the time. In the moulting period, for instance, many of us are anxious if our birds are not moulting or are stopped in the middle of the moult. When the ordinary way of transferring the bird from a warm room to a cold one, or *vice-versa*, has failed, I have known flowers of sulphur mixed in their food to bring about the desired effect, and if the birds get too loose in their bowels, French chalk will soon put them right. When having sent for birds you receive them apparently dead, the holding them between your hands and breathing on them very often brings them round again. Another way is to hold them in your hand up the chimney as far as you can. Whether it is the warmth from the fire or the sulphur which passes up the chimney I cannot say, but if there is any life left in them at all, this treatment will always bring them round. If you have a bird which has a tumour, if it is not looked after the tumour will leave a bald patch where it has been, which will always remain. My own method of removing tumours is to catch the bird with my left hand, and place its head between the two first fingers, and with the thumb raise the feathers off the tumour (which is very often on the neck or shoulder), and with my right hand burst it with a needle. Then I put one drop of Friar's Balsam on the place. Then I turn it into its cage again. It will be found that by this means a bird will go on alright. When birds are kept in a room where gas is burned, they sometimes get a complaint which is often mistaken for asthma, but which is really what is called "being gassed." They sit in a lump with their beak open, and it seems great trouble for them to get their breath. I cure them of this by giving them a few drops of essence of peppermint and French brandy in their water. I don't say that my way of keeping birds, or my remedies, are the best of all, but I do say that they have always suited me, and those I know who use the same methods have also found that they have always suited them.

J. BARBER.

## A QUESTION OF RADIUS.

SIR,—It has often been a subject of wonder to me why so many Cage Bird Societies can be found in a small radius like that of Manchester. I have set myself the task of trying to unravel what appears to be, to say the least, foolishness. In many cases I find that societies are started not so much to help the fancier, as from pique by a disappointed member—generally one who will not bow to the ruling of those in office. Under such circumstances, is it possible for a new society to prosper? I think, personally, it is far better for a man to join an old recognised society, which caters better for the novice than it is possible for a new society to do. Would it not be better to have one good society than half-a-dozen small ones?

NEMO.

## THE BORDER FANCY CANARY IN THE SOUTH.

### Is there a Northern and a Southern Type?

SIR,—My attention has been called to a letter appearing elsewhere, signed "Wee Macgregor." I would much prefer to ignore it, as the writer has chosen to hide his identity under a *nom de plume*; but as he has made remarks that are untrue, I feel I cannot let it pass without comment. "Wee MacGregor's" assumption that I have shown at some of the Southern shows, and been well beaten, blamed the judges, and everyone and everything but myself, is quite untrue, as I have not yet sent any Borders out to shows, and am therefore not a disappointed exhibitor. Far from it. I have been to several shows, including the last Crystal Palace show, and I still maintain that the style of Border is much too thick as compared with the Northerner, and is not the type or the style of the Border Fancy Club's standard. Possibly "Wee McGregor" possesses some of the thick-necked birds, as my letter apparently has rubbed him up the wrong way. As regards a specialist judge, if "Wee McGregor" will only speak conscientiously, he must admit my contention that judges like Messrs. Bennet, Patterson, and Wilson would be styled specialist judges as against those who judge every variety. How can he argue otherwise? My letter was written with the intention of having a fair, open and friendly discussion on the proper and correct type of Borders, so that we might know what to breed for, and how to breed up to the standard. I regret that my efforts result in untrue and ungentlemanly remarks from "Wee McGregor," who chooses to withhold his name, and to attack me where I should not have seen it. had his letter not been pointed out to me by a friend. But if the cap fits, "Wee McGregor" can wear it.

J. SMITH.

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SIR,—I have been much interested in the correspondence regarding the type of the Border Fancy Canaries now winning in the South. Personally, I am strongly in favour of the "slim-necked" sort, and trust that we shall see some more letters on the subject. I should like to ask a question regarding size. If I remember rightly, Mr. Hadwin stated in his article on the Border Fancy Canary a few months ago, that size was unimportant; but "the smaller the better." Mr. Patterson, when writing on the "Wee Gems," said that he preferred them rather under than over the 5½ inches Now, this point arises: I was told by a prominent southern breeder, the other day, that I must keep from breeding birds too small, as we never see the very small ones winning. Which, then, is correct? Or is it that there are two types—one for the North and one for the South? Surely this should not be, as the bird remains a Border Fancy, whether shown North, South, East, or West.

WILLIAM EAGLE-BOTT.

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SIR,—I notice that some person, writing under the *nom de plume* of "Wee McGregor" (from some reason perhaps better known to himself), states that the birds which win in England also do the same in Scotland, and to strengthen his remarks mentions a few of the shows held in and around London. Now, if one looks into the catalogue of any of the shows mentioned they will see that each had a judge who *ought* to know what is required to make up a winning Border Fancy, hence the reason such shows were supported by the gentleman from Scotland whose name he makes use of. But it is not to be taken for granted that Mr. Smith's letter is "far from the truth." I beg to inform this "Wee McGregor" that I did not require any "pat on the back" to place the true and only ideal of the Border Fancy before your readers. Seemingly he also doubts my remarks that I know from letters received from fanciers that such birds are to be found in England and in the money at shows. I have enclosed you, Mr. Editor, a few of those letters, to let your readers see that I am sincere, and that my advice to discard thick-necked birds is reliable. Seeing the pairing time is now at hand, if they take my advice, I am sure they will find out for themselves who is telling the truth. "Wee McGregor" also says that I libel my own countrymen's birds from my description of what an ideal Border should be. This is another mis-statement. All I say is that such thick-necked birds are continually in the money with some judges. His remark: Is it because Mr. Patterson, when at home, cannot always beat them, etc., and his enquiry, re the shape of my Palace winner's neck, I will pass over with the contempt it deserves. Only I may inform him that when I send a bird out to a show it is to see it stand on its merits, and if any of my neighbours have better birds there, then I am the first to congratulate them. When writing as I did, in reply to Mr. Smith, it was only with the hope of coming to a better agreement on this vexed point. We neither want bull-necked birds, nor birds with thin necks, but the happy medium. The standard of excellence given by the B.F.C.C. is the ideal and modern type of bird. Before, such thick-necked birds were more to the front, but now, with careful selection, they are, so far as Scotland is concerned, rapidly disappearing. This correspondent seems to doubt the point. Has he really been blind to the strides that have been made in this direction of late years? He must either be a little dull, or does not want to see that our "Wee Gem" is yearly advancing both in shape of neck and in type likewise. This will also answer his remarks on the point of the "more modern type" of bird. The Border Fancy Club have never altered their standard, and, what is more to the point, could not do so even if they tried. The bird depicted on its front page of Rules has been a guide to all admirers of the breed since the standard of excellence was drawn up. However, this does not alter the fact that one judge favours one type of bird, and another something different. One has only to keep their eyes open at shows where more than one judge is officiating to see this verified. Fanciers to be able to keep amongst the tickets must study the judges' wishes as well as their own, and thereby soon find out the particular type, or the various fads, that each judge thinks to be the standard. That we can all be on the right track is quite impossible, and it was with the friendly intention of arriving at a solution that my article (and also the answer to Mr. Smith) were penned. To say the same birds win in all parts is away from the fact, as I know from experience that most of the foremost exhibitors study to place before a judge a bird as near his wishes as they have in their bird room. I am also sure that the same "Wee McGregor," if he is a breeder of any repute or puts up a number of pairs every season, has found this out before now. Seeing he hides his identity behind a *nom de plume*, one is not able to judge whether he is an exhibitor and breeder, or some insincere crank. Such a poor show of "criticism" will not convince the many intelligent breeders of the variety who have got their knowledge from experience, and from what they have seen on the show bench.

J. PATTERSON.

(We have perused the bundle of letters sent by Mr. Patterson, and find they all bear out the contention he advances.—EDITOR.)

## A PROM'SING BEGINNING.

SIR,—I have started bird-keeping for the first year. I have got two pairs together, a pair of Norwich Canaries, a cock Greenfinch and a Bullie hen. I have just got the latter in an ordinary breeding cage, but I think they will do all right. I put in an old nest to them, and they pulled it about till they had the cage like a stable; but I have got it sorted again. They feed each other all day, and keep carrying moss backwards and forwards. The Greenie was only caught about a month ago, and is quite tame already.

S. FERGUSON.

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**Several letters unavoidably held over.**

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## UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

SANDY Lane and District C.B.A., held a very successful supper and social on March 23rd, the event heing in celebration of the great success attained by their members during the past season. The splendid cup won by Messrs. Bailey and Swanger was on view, and greatly admired. Supper was served in the schoolroom (where they held their shows), the same ladies being responsible as attend to the wants of fanciers on show days. Rabbit pie was the menu, and real good it was. Supper over, all adjourned to the Victoria Hotel, where Host Milburn had everything in readiness for the social part of the evening. The chair was occupied by Mr. D. Sowden, who congratulated Mr. Bailey on his splendid achievement, also Messrs. Drake and Son, Shaw Bros., and others. Mr. Calvert ably officiated at the piano for the whole of the evening, and Messrs. Battye, Watmough, Bentley, Wellock, and Sunderland each did splendid service in song, whilst the comic element was exceptionally well sustained by Mr. Ezra Varley (not much in size, but comic every inch), his recitations in thorough Yorkshire dialect keeping the company in roars of laughter.

THE chairman next called upon Mr. Samuel Dean for a few remarks, and he spoke upon the successes attained hy members of this society, and complimented each and all on their efforts. Mr. Bailey was next asked to say a few words, and this rather staggered "Jimmy," as he never expected it, but of course he had to do his best. He explained that he would much rather show birds than talk about them. However, he had now won what he had set his mind on eleven years ago, and though it had been a long struggle, he felt gratified at having accomplished his aim. After a few more songs, Mr. Drake, sen., was called upon, and ably responded. He was followed by one of the brothers Shaw, the one that isn't—well, 'nuff said!—who stated that they were triers and hoped to do still better another year. Ex-councillor Greenwood next spoke a few encouraging words to those who had failed, and hoped that they would go on trying until they succeeded and do their utmost to hold up the name of their little village in the Canary Fancy. Mr. Sowden now left the chair, as in consequence of recent illness he could not stay late. His place was taken by Mr. Smith, who filled it to everyone's satisfaction for the rest of the evening. A few bowls of punch were brought in, the company all rising to the toast of the evening. Amongst those present were Messrs. Knight, Watmough, Smith, Wilson, and Thornton, all of the "old brigade" of Yorkshire fanciers, and also many ladies.

BRADFORD City had a discussion on "Yorkshires" at their headquarters on Saturday evening last, the opener being Mr. J. Hartley, who dealt with the different types of bird in vogue, the quality, position, etc., after which he invited questions, more especially from the novices, as it was for their special benefit that these affairs were arranged. Many points of interest were brought forward, Mr. Hartley replying in a very able manner. Messrs. Ludbrook, Fortnam, Halliday, Hill, Dean, Wharton, Livesey, and others joining in the discussion. A vote of thanks to the leader was accorded very heartily at the termination.

I HEAR that certain members of Gt. Horton O.S. are doing exceedingly well, despite the cold and unseasonable weather. Two of them have each a nest of two (usually termed "twins"). My word, the membership will be going up by leaps and bounds in the time to come!

MR. H. H. TOWERS, the acting secretary of the C.M.Y.C.C., is busy at present preparing for the annual general meeting, and as it is on the rules that members not being able to attend may put business forward in writing to the secretary, before the date of meeting, it is hoped many will take advantage of this. There is much important business to be brought forward, the following items being of exceptional interest: That the annual subscription be advanced (present subscription is 1s. 6d.); the questions of classification; separate novice classes; allotment of patronage; balance-sheet; election of officers, etc. It will be seen that a good turn-up of members is required.

THE medals of the Yorkshire Union have all been called in to have the centres replaced; the type of bird thereon was not good, but after repeated attempts a very satisfactory one has been produced, which will greatly enhance the appearance and value of the medals.

THE Yorkshire Union had a stiff programme for the meeting on Saturday last, and an adjournment was made before half the business had been gone through. The balance-sheet shows a balance of £16 13s. 7d. on the year's working, and a total balance of £26 17s. 7½d. in hand, not at all bad for the end of the second year, since the re-union. The most troublesome item was the rumoured irregularity at late Union shows, and this matter took up some considerable time. The result of the investigations was placed before the council, and the parties interested were in attendance. The case provides plenty of food for thought, and suggests the following question, a question that must be settled before the subject can be grappled with at all: "Can a bird or birds be the bona-fide property of any person when there are conditions attached to the sale, conditions which really bar a fancier from doing as he likes with the birds before a certain stated time has passed?" My own answer must be "No, certainly not." How can any bird or birds be the bona-fide property of any man when conditions are attached to such birds that would (if the conditions are carried out), debar the man from selling the birds if he were disposed to do so, and a satisfactory price was offered? The sentence of the Union seems to prove that such a sale of exhibition birds is not satisfactory, and not to be allowed at Yorkshire Union shows.

"STRAIGHT-UN."

## ILLUSTRATED IDEAS

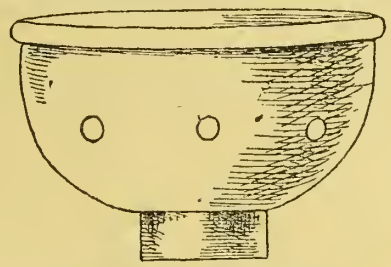
*Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.*

### No. 296.

### A USEFUL REDMITE TRAP FOR NESTS.

**Sent by T. Mason, 6, Victoria Street, Withington, Manchester.**

The sketch shows a trap for mites in the nest-pan. Drill a hole through the bottom of the nest-pan about 3-16 in. in diameter. Then get a pill box lid, or any small lid of



**Redmite Trap for Nests.**

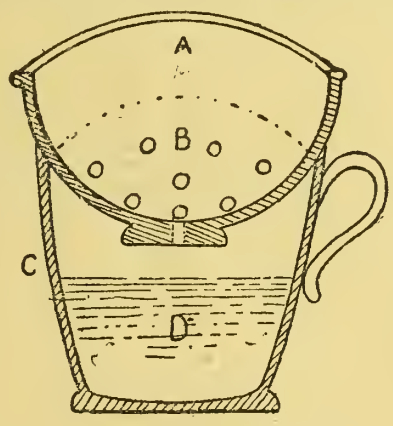
cardboard. Gum the edge, and place it under the pan, with a very small piece of bacon swath (or rind) in. It is easily taken off and refixed, without disturbing the young or old birds. The result is marvellous, as it catches all the red mite in the nest, and the young thrive far better. The nest-pans are easily drilled with a pen-knife or sharp piece of iron.—THOS. MASON.

### No. 297.

### TO AID EGG-BOUND HENS.

**Sent by W.C. Sutherland, 294, Kingsbury Road, Erdington.**

Attached please find a sketch of a little idea of mine, for assisting hens when egg-bound. I think readers will find this very useful and effective. I may say that I saved two valuable Yorkshire hens with it last week. A is an




**For Egg-bound Hens.**

ordinary pottery-ware nest-pan (as advertised in CAGE BIRDS), with a piece of flannel laid inside as a lining. B, the ventilation holes. C, an ordinary breakfast cup. D, hot water. Half-fill the breakfast cup with boiling water; then place the nest pan on top of same, so that the steam rises through the holes in the nest-pan. Place the bird in the nest (on the flannel), after putting oil on the vent, then place another piece of flannel over the bird, leaving a little space uncovered by her head for air. Renew the water as it cools. Keep the bird like this for half-an-hour, if necessary, then place her in a nest in a warm cage, and she will lay in a very short time without further trouble.—W. C. SUTHERLAND.

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## THE SHOWS.

### WEST BROMWICH & DIS. C.B.S.

Table show held at headquarters, Dartmouth Hotel, on March 10th. Three classes were provided. Mr. Weaver (Wolverhampton) judged, and gave every satisfaction. There were six entries in the British bird class, five in the Mule pair class, and only two in the Hybrid pair class. Mr. Carter gave a special of 2s. 6d. for best exhibit. Mr. G. Key won 1st and spl. with a very good Bullie, which also took the half-crown spl. After the judging the club business was gone into.—DUFFIELD AND JENNINGS, Hon. Secs.

### HYSON GREEN (Nottingham) C.B.S

Another capital table show was held on March 16th. There was a large attendance of members and friends. Mr. J. Bertie was to have judged, but owing to a severe attack of bronchitis was unable to attend. Messrs. Cottingham and Wolfe kindly officiated, and gave first-rate satisfaction.

BUFF NOR. HENS: 1, 2, J. T. Birch, two gems; 3, Barnes; vhc, Hill, close up to winners. YELL.: 1, Hill, with a rattling good one, regular "Bertie" type. NOVICE STOCK PAIR: 1, Towle, nice pair; 2, 3, A. Birch, two pairs which look like turning out some winners; vhc, Saywell. After a few songs a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

### DARLINGTON C.B.S.

Table show of British birds, etc., held at Half Moon Hotel, on March 27th, when a good number of birds were staged, especially in the Linnet class. Considering the show was for field-moulted birds, it quite came up to expectations. Mr. W. Rutherford (Crook) placed the cards, and gave great satisfaction.

GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Paterson; 2, Todd and Son; 3, Wilson; 4, Stockton and Fullerton; vhc, Carter. LINNET: 1, 2, Paterson; 3, Forster; 4, Wilson; vhc, hc, Todd and Son. GREENFINCH: 1, vhc, Todd and Son; 2, Carter; 3, Gregory; 4, Lumley; c, Forster. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Forster; 3, Todd and Son; 4, Underwood. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Todd and Son; 4, Carter; vhc, Reeks. A.O.S.: 1, 2, Forster; 3, Gregory. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Heseltine. FOR.: 1, Reeks.—W. UNDERWOOD, assist. secretary.

### BORDER CITY (Carlisle) O.S.

Members' pair show, held at headquarters, March 18th. The entry was far above expectations, sixty cages being staged. The judging was no easy matter owing to the good quality, both in Border Fancies and Norwich and Hybrid pairs. Amongst the British and foreign birds were many fit to win in keen competition. The secretary, Mr. Chaplow, had everything in order, and was most obliging. Mr. G. McWilliams was winner of medal for most points in British and Foreign Birds, and Mr. Thomlinson medal for most points in Canary section. Messrs. G. Davidson and T. J. Robson judged, and their awards gave every satisfaction.

BORD. FCY. (11): 1, J. Robson; 2, 4, Thomlinson; 3, Dixon. NOR. (16): 1, Chaplow; 2, 4, Robson; 3, McWilliams. HYB.: PAIRS (13): 1, 4, Chaplow; 2, 3, Holmes. YORK. (2): McWilliams. BRIT. (6): 2, 3, 4, McWilliams. FOR. (12): 1, 3, 4, O'Neill; 2, Bell.

### POPLAR AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First Finch show, held at headquarters, March 25th, and whilst regretting the entries were so few, numbering 15 in all, we are led to believe, judging by the remarks overheard, that this section will be a very strong one this year. Mr. Allen Silver judged, and favoured us with a critique on the birds. Mr. Silver also gave us some very useful hints as to the proper kind of cages to stage British birds in, and the way to put a bird down for showing. Members were very free with their questions, which kept him well occupied. The show concluded with the passing of a very hearty vote of thanks to the judge.

CLASS 1: 1, Lowrie; 2, Priseman; 3, vhc, Braithwaite. CLASSES 2 to 5: 1, Kidman; 2, Priseman; 3, Braithwaite; vhc, Priseman; bc, Cowles. CLASS 6: 1, Kidman; 2, Depradines; 3, Boyson. CLASS 9: 1, Boyson; 2, Cowles.—H. W. COOK, hon. secretary.

### HAMILTON (Cadzow Oaks) O.S.

Meeting held in Court Room, Town Hall, on March 6th. A table show of British birds and Mules was held. GREENFINCHES: 1, 2, 5, Marlin, 1st rattling good bird, best condition in class; 2nd preferred to 1st by some; 3, 6, Haddow, 3rd good; 4, Hamilton. GOLDFINCH: 1, Hamilton, nice Britisher; 2, Marlin, foreigner. A.O.S. SMALL HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, Marlin, Linnet, Twite, and Linnet, three grand exhibits; 4, M'Intyre, good Linnet; 5, 6, Haddow. DARK MULE: 1, 3, Marlin; 2, Jobnston. Most of the evening was taken up with a discussion as to whether or not we should hold an open or radius show this year. This discussion will be finally settled at next meeting. The secretary has engaged the Lesser Town Hall for 12 months. Meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month, at 7 p.m.; fanciers heartily invited. A cage-making demonstration will take place at next meeting, April 3rd. First annual social held on February 20th, and was voted a great success by all. Twenty-three ladies and gentlemen and several children sat down. The evening passed merrily with songs and recitations. Mr. W. Shearer was particularly happy in his recitation, "The Broken Bowl." Several comrades from the Barracks assisted with the programme.—A. CANT, hon. secretary.

### GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES CLUB.

Meeting, held in the Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, on March 27th, the president, Mr. Brannigan, presiding over a good attendance. It was moved, and carried unanimously, that the rule book be the membership card for the year. The secretary reported having received a claim for two specials from Dunfermline. It was decided that, as there were not three members of the club showing in the class, the specials be not granted, but as there has been some mistake the claimant be granted his membership for the year. Mr. Young moved that any show receiving the patronage of the club, unless three members are showing, shall have no medals granted to it. Mr. McFarlane moved that rule 15 be deleted. This was seconded by Mr. McInnes. Mr. Pettigrew moved the previous question, which was carried. With the exception of three, all the specials and medals have been handed over. Seven specials were handed in for the monthly show for the seven classes, and they were allocated in the following manner:—Crest, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, and one for the second best first in the hall. The judges appointed are Messrs. Brannigan, Young, Malcolmson, Rodie, and Cant.

GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, Small, grand, square-cut face, rare tanning, beautifully mooned, regular stormer; 2, Connelly, good size; 3, Pettigrew; 4, Lawson; 5, Renfrew; 6, Drysdale; 7, Knox. FOR. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, McInnes, rare size, nice stamp, wins special for best in hall; 2, Pettigrew, another nice bird; 3, Renfrew, rare chubby build; 4, Small; 5, Drysdale; 6, Shearer; 7, Knox. LINNET: 1, spl, 5, Ramsey, 1st well-known winner, admirably put down, good size, nice nut brown, well laced; 5th good field-moulted specimen; 2, spl, McInnes, presses winner hard; 3, 4, spl, Pettigrew, brace of good ones, shown in spanking order; 6, spl, Renfrew; 7, Thomson. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, Ramsay, pair of beauties, rare size and colour; 3, spl, Small, might have won had he been better staged; 4, Lawson, still another of the right stamp; 5, Pettigrew, good yellow; 6, 7, Knox, 6th best Greenfinch in class, if not the best in hall, but was very wild, and had made himself rough when judging, which put him back. SISKIN: 1, 7, Lawson, 1st hot fed one; 2, Connelly, nat. col., some preferred, good dense broad cap, well laced; 3, Pettigrew, grand size, well polished, shown to perfection; 4, Small; 5, spl, McInnes; 6, Ramsay. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Pettigrew, good size, nicely marked; 2, Renfrew, presses hard; 3, Lawson; 4, Drysdale; 5, Shearer. Classes for next monthly show:—Redpolls, Mealy Redpoll or Twite, Chaffinch, and Bramblefinch. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought a very happy meeting to a close.—T. DRYSDALE, secretary.

## SINGING CONTESTS.

### PRESTON.

Result of contest at the Fazackley Arms Hotel, March 27th: 1st, Pickering; 2nd, Topping; 3rd, O'Neil; 4th, Breakell.

### YORK.

Usual contest, held at King's Head, Shannon Street, March 27th, when 17 birds sang. 1, Sissons; 2, Lister; 3, Stead. Judges, Messrs. Summers and Melia. Also on March 28th, when 20 birds sang. Judges, Messrs. Melia and Cooper. 1, 2, Crowtber; 3, Lister.—WILSON NAYLOR, hon. secretary.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Bricklayers Arms, Palmer-lane, Hungate, on March 27th, when 20 birds faced the judge, Mr. J. W. Paver, whose awards gave every satisfaction. Result: 1st, Oldroyd; 2nd, Barnard; 3rd and 4th, Moore; 5th, Whitehead. Mr. J. Limbert was timekeeper.—WM. EMPSON.

### ATHERTON (Manchester).

An open contest will be held at the Woolpack Hotel on April 3rd, when the landlord will give £1 for an entrance of 1s. a bird, 10s. for quality, and 10s. for time-singing, and it is hoped we will have a good number present, as it is a fine house.—J. W. JONES.—ADVT.

### BOLDON COLLIERY.

Usual Linnet contest held at Railway Tavern on March 20th. Mr. J. Elliot gave three good prizes. Winners: 1st, Tucker; 2nd, Elliot; 3rd, Blackburn; 4th, Brannen. Judge, Mr. Wolley; timer, Mr. Metealy. There were 36 entries.

### LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest for quality singing held at Skinners Arms, Buslingthorpe-lane, when 19 birds sang. 1, Fenwick; 2, Hutchinson; 3, shared between Atkinson and Gally. Judges, Messrs. T. Summers and W. Naylor. Timekeeper, Mr. Symons.—WALTER NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest, held at Crown Inn, North Street, when twenty birds competed. Result: 1, Lambert; 2, Chaplin; 3, Granger; 4, Oxberry; 5, Watson. Judge, Mr. W. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH, hon. secretary.

### BLACKBURN.

Usual week-end singing contest for quality, held March 27th, when 16 birds entered, and some good singing was heard. Results: 1, Topping; 2, Harrison; 3, Dobson. After the contest a large number of friends and members enjoyed some good singing. Look out for our All-England quality singing contest on April 10th, when value to the amount of 50s. will be given in seven prizes.—G. ROSTRON AND T. SLATER, joint secretaries.

### HULL.

Usual week-end contest held at headquarters, North Bridge Hotel. There was a good entry, but not many birds sang owing to the rainy weather. The contest brought us a surprise, J. Skirrow, a novice, winning 1st prize, it being his first sing; 2, C. Conyers; 3, R. Young; 4, F. Broadbent; 5, R. Dearlove; 6, J. Scarfe. Judges, "Human Linnet" and C. Conyers; timekeeper, "Human Linnet." The club is rapidly coming to the front again, there being a great entry every week.—E. MOORE, hon. secretary.

### LEIGH.

Open Linnet singing contest, held at Railway Tavern, when Mr. J. Jackson gave £1 for an entrance of one shilling, which was made up into six good prizes—three for quality and three for time singing. The singing was of the best. That good bird of Lady Green's is open to sing any bird in Yorkshire that Harry Allen can bring for time singing only, for a few pounds, as he is beating all before him in Lancashire. I hope it will be taken up. Applications must be addressed to the Railway Tavern. Result: 1, Lady Green, 240secs.; 2, Sefton, 98secs.; 3, Statham, 85secs.; time singing. Result for quality: 1, Milligan; 2, Mather; 3, Jones. Judges for quality, Mr. Gibbins; for time, Lady Green and Mr. J. Poole; timekeeper, Mr. Bat. After the contest we all spent a very good evening.

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# The Novices Notebook.

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The actual process of mating should be getting in full swing by the time these notes appear. Indeed, a very large number of birds will be already mated, and in many cases young are hatched and coming forward nicely. And doubtless in many other cases birds have been put together with no better result than to inflict the first lash of disappointment to their owner, either because they were not in a fit condition for mating when put together, or because, owing to the circumstances under which they are kept, the time was too early to begin.

Unfortunately we do not hear so much of these failures as we are apt to hear of the comparatively few successes. Unfortunately, be it truly said, for this very good reason: because the new beginner, brimful of high hopes and enthusiasm, seeing the record of these successful ventures, and being as yet untempered by any chastening disappointment, is practically bereft of ordinary discretionary powers, and possessed of but one idea, which is to follow as closely as possible on the heels of his fellow-fancier's recorded success. The birds, therefrom, are rushed together as speedily as possible, and they may perchance make another success—but again, perhaps, they may not. If they do succeed, the chances may be ten to one that we shall hear of it; if they fail, the chances are at least a hundred to one that we shall not hear of it.

### Having Both Birds Ready.

One great step towards a successful issue and early results of mating is to have both birds in a nice fresh condition before they are put together. It is not enough for the cock to be in high condition bubbling over with song and almost too restless to stand still anywhere, and frantically calling the hen to be fed. The hen, as well, should be flapping about the perches, almost or quite as restless as he is, and should respond to his calls so promptly that the two notes follow almost as one continuous note; and the chirp of the hen that is so well forward is scarcely emitted before she dashes down to meet the cock at the wires in the partition, or the screen, whatever it may be that separates them.

It will often happen that a hen is not so forward as the cock, and then she goes much less often and not so ardently to the wires to be fed. It is as though she went half-heartedly, and yielded only to his insistent wooing with little desire on her own part.

This is apt to be misconstrued by the novice, who, seeing the hen go occasionally to meet the cock, thinks she is too forward to be left unmated. On the contrary, if she is left to herself a day or two longer, the probability is that every day will see a great increase in her ardour, and a corresponding shortening of the time that will be taken to settle down and get to work when they are at last put together. But if put together in the condition described, there is a great probability of the cock bullying the hen a good deal to no purpose, and the pair may dilly-dally about for a week or two before setting to work in a business-like manner, and during all this time the birds will be toying with nest-building and wasting a vast amount of material.

### How Not To Do It.

Do not bring about your matings by keeping the birds separately in small cages where they cannot even see each other until the eventful day when you imagine they are ready, and both the time and the season suits your convenience, and then catch both birds and turn them together into a breeder without any sort of introduction. Such an unsociable union may turn out well; but, here again, it may not.

There is a recognised and beaten track for the marital union of our birdy pets. Where one uses a double breeding cage for each pair of birds, which is a great convenience in many ways when space and material are not at a premium, the cock should be placed in one side and the hen in the other, with the wire slide between, which gives the birds unlimited opportunities for striking up a close acquaintance with each other, whilst the final stages of the feeding-up process are being completed.

Doubtless the birds will soon be seen to be on a friendly footing, and if they have not been put in the breeder too early, and the weather is fair, and the birds in good form, matters will soon develop up to the mature stage we have just described, when the slide may be quietly removed some fine morning when the birds are in the height of their love-making, and the birds either both confined in the one compartment, or allowed the run of both. But do not, as we have already suggested, make the mistake of putting them together when the cock is in the requisite condition, and the hen merely accepts rather than courts his attentions. In the latter case to play a waiting game for a few days is almost invariably the quickest way to reach the goal in view.

The equivalent of the method here given is within the reach of all. The hen should be placed in the breeder, or whatever cage is used for the purpose, in preference to the reverse process, at the proper time, and the cock kept in his ordinary single cage in such a position that he can easily see the hen. Then when he is seen to be singing at her, and they are apparently in good form for mating, put the cock in a wire cage—a nursery or an open-wire show cage answers the purpose very well—and hang this cage on to the front of the breeder, preferably against the end of one of the perches in the breeder, and let him finish his wooing there. At this time of the year it will be a hasty affair with healthy, lusty birds, and a single day may suffice for the pair to be of one mind and one heart, so far as housekeeping is concerned. When this stage is reached—no matter whether it be in a day or a week—turn the cock into the breeder with the hen, and leave them to commence further operations all "on their own."

### The Near Future.

Assuming that all these initial stages have now been passed, and the birds are settling down nicely to nest-building, the extra feeding, which has been the rule just prior to putting them together, should be continued, though it may be on a slightly modified scale, until the eggs are laid. Thus from the time when the hen sets earnestly to work to build the nest the egg food may be slightly reduced in quantity, and if given every second day, with a small pinch of inga on the alternating days, it will be more beneficial, and cases of egg-binding more rare than if a full allowance of egg food is given all through. Again, when the first egg is laid the quantity of both should be still further reduced, until by the third or fourth day after egg-laying has commenced the egg food and inga seed have quite vanished out of the dietary.

During incubation a plain diet only should be given, especially if the weather is at all warm or sultry. Plain Canary seed only as a staple, with the least dash of egg food once a week, and now and again a little green food, should suffice. Here, however, a caution is necessary: do not give green food in any appreciable quantity at any time whilst the hen is sitting, especially if the weather is cold, or there will be a considerable risk of the hen remaining off the nest too long at a time, with the natural consequence that the eggs are chilled and spoilt. The merest scrap of green food is sufficient to give at a time whilst the hen is sitting, and if the weather is warm it will be much better to give several small supplies at intervals throughout the day, than to give a large supply all at once.

In the event of the weather suddenly becoming cold, it will be an advantage to add a pinch of hemp and a little summer rape to the diet each day, giving these as extras in the egg drawer, and not mixing them with the bulk of Canary seed in the hopper. This will help materially to keep up the heat of the hen; the effect of the cold upon the eggs is very largely minimised by this method.

*(To be continued.)*

# Through a Bird-room Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

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### Chap. XXVIII.—My Zebra Finches.

Like all great schemes, my bird-keeping had very humble beginnings. Newton saw an apple drop from a tree to the ground, hence the theory of gravitation. The glory of Tyre and Sidon arose from the purple droppings of a little dog's mouth who had been eating shell-fish. The great Cunaders came out of the lid of Stephenson's family kettle. My bird-keeping began from idly gazing into the window of a bird-shop at Leeds, one Tuesday morning many years ago. I was killing the time, and as idle people do at such times. I began gazing into the shops.

As it happened, I found myself opposite this shop, and there in the window I was fascinated by a cageful of little speckled birds. I did not in the least know their names, but I thought I had never seen anything more beautiful, and I still think so. They were sitting all in a line and seemed perfectly happy and contented. I of course, could not rest till I had gone inside and enquired the price. I was told that they were 7s. 6d. the pair, that they were called Zebra Finches, and that they came from Australia. You see that once upon a time I was very ignorant.

### A Pair "Bagged."

I quickly had a pair caught and put up in a paper bag, which I was assured made an ideal travelling cage, if I did not sit down on them! As soon as I reached home I put them into a big double Canary breeding-cage, the only one I had at the time, and then sat down and had a good look at them. The more I looked the more I fell in love with them, and I dreamed of the day when I should be able to breed a nest of little Zebras. All the dreams ever dreamed by man are more or less chimerical, but I should not like to pass my life without dreams. I could give up tobacco, and alcohol, and clean collars, and servants, and almost everything you can think of—but dreams. Without them the earth is just a backyard sort of place.

The following Tuesday I went and had another look in the same window, and this time I saw a fascinating blue bird about the size of a Linnet. I never knew, by the way, that there were such things as blue birds till then. I at once went and enquired his name, and was told he was an Indigo Blue, and I thought he would make a nice companion for the Zebra Finches.

The very next Friday I was looking over a Fancy paper (CAGE BIRDS had not then been thought of, unhappily), and I saw advertised some Gouldian Finches. I had no more idea than the man in the moon what Gouldian Finches were like; but I sent off for a pair on spec. When they came, and I opened the packing cage, I was fairly blinded by the glory of them; they seemed to my unsophisticated eye to rival Solomon in all his glory. But even my untrained optics saw that there was something wrong, as the birds sat persistently with head under wing, giving an occasional shiver. I watched them for hours from the back of the cage, through a knot hole, to see how they were getting on, but they sat ever the same, and only stirred if I scratched the back of the cage. The next morning I was poorer by thirty shillings; but I had two lovely corpses. I began to think that bird-keeping was like a nigger's wool—it doesn't look very deep, but there are a heap of kinks and curves in it.

Having lost thirty shillings, of course I could not rest till I had spent some more. I accordingly sent for the joiner, and told him to build me an outside aviary. The work occupied about a fortnight; and it certainly looked a very fascinating sort of place when completed, especially when I had planted it with growing shrubs. As the weather was fairly decent, I determined to enlarge my stock. This was not very big or very valuable, to describe it in the method of Thomas Cromwell: Item—one pair of Zebra Finches, in good condition. Item—one Indigo Blue, fair. Item—one Gouldian Finch, ragged.

It didn't make a very big show in an aviary some 40ft. long by 12ft. wide. In fact, it was a case of "find the birds." Those who know me best will feel sure that I soon redressed the balance of Nature between birds and shrubs. That, however, is not to our subject. We are at present concerned with the Zebra Finches. I think I never saw three such happy birds as these Zebras and the Indigo. The Zebra cock began blowing his little penny trumpet like mad, and the Indigo got on top of an elder bush and sang sweetly.

I must say that after a time I got a little bit tired of the penny trumpet. I didn't know at the time what all this trumpeting meant. I thought he was merely summoning the walls of some imaginary Jericho of his own to fall down. What he wanted, of course, was some nesting material. This suddenly dawned upon me. No wonder he was so uneasy. If we hear that Guy Fawkes was fretful in "Little Ease," we are not pained by Guy Fawkes' lack of Christian resignation.

### A Finger in the Pie.

I at once supplied the omission, and humbly sought his pardon. I don't think he bothered his head about me, but he at once concentrated all his thoughts on the hay and feathers I gave him. In an incredibly short time they built a beautiful spherical nest in an elder bush, with a little round hole in the side, and warmly lined it with feathers, and then after a few evenings I missed Mrs. Zebra. I wondered where she had got to. I looked anxiously about and could see no sign of her, so concluded she must be in the nest, but, like a fool, I must make sure. So, like the celebrated Little Jack Horner, I put my finger into the pie. I had better not have done so; for she deserted incontinently.

There were four little white eggs in the nest, but what was the good if the hen would not sit on them? I couldn't, with the best will in the world. As soon as the cock saw his wife hopping gaily about, and giving no sort of heed to the family concerns, he gazed at her silently in mild surprise, as the gentleman in the poem at the peak of Darien; but after a few moments of gazing, he seemed to drop to it that "som'nt" was wrong, and he went for her like a little fury, and gave her a right good thrashing. It, however, did no sort of good, as she would not go near the nest, and after a time he evidently came to the conclusion that it was a bad job. For a few days they lived a gay and frivolous life, chasing each other about all over the aviary, evidently much to the surprise and disgust of the sober little Indigo Finch.

One morning I saw nest building going on apace in the same bush, and this time I had the sense to determine to leave things alone. Alas! I never had the opportunity of putting my good resolution into practice, for about three days after I saw the poor little hen sitting all of a heap on the floor and panting horribly; she was so helpless that she allowed me to pick her up in my hand. I had no idea what was the matter. Of course, she was egg-bound. I brought her in and put her in a little cage on the oven top, but, like "Little Jane" in Wordworth's very washy poem, only substituting cage for bed:—

In bed she moaning lay,
Till God relieved her of her pain,
And then she went away.

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# Hints on Hybrid Breeding with Bullfinch Hens.

By THOMAS SMITH.

Having bred two Crystal Palace Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids, I am often appealed to for advice on the breeding of that most charming of all exhibits, the Hybrid, hence this article, which I hope will be helpful in the hatching and rearing of winning Hybrids from the many Siberian hen Bullies which have found their way into the various bird-rooms in the United Kingdom.

Speaking from my own experience, I find the Siberian Bullfinch hen possesses a good constitution, and with ordinary attention can easily be kept in condition. The Siberian is larger than the British Bullfinch hen, but she is equally active, and should be housed all the year round in a large cage, which should be placed where daylight strikes in—the latter is an inducement to take exercise. If caged off with a Canary, Goldfinch, Greenfinch, or Redpoll in the latter part of spring, she mates readily, and invariably forms such a warm attachment that during the breeding season it will not be displaced, if her husband is removed, and a substitute put into her cage; she is apt to attack the intruder and compel him to keep himself in the bottom of the cage. Even the oft-times savage Greenfinch cock has to keep out of her way.

### The Beginning.

It is usually well on in May, or even the month of June, before she attempts to nest. She begins suddenly by picking up tiny twigs and fine rootlets, which should be scattered in the bottom of the cage, with a plentiful supply of dried moss. The nest-box, or platform, should be fixed as high up as possible, and should be shaded with green fir or other twigs. She constructs a cosy nest, and into which the average hen will deposit her eggs.

In the choice of a Canary for a mate, a large finely-built bird, with green blood in it, and full of vitality, should be selected. Placed in the same cage in November, December, or January, the two become close friends. No difficulty need be anticipated; all the owner requires to do is to supply wholesome food and wait patiently. Patience is requisite, as the ordinary breeding season (that is, with Canaries) will usually be well advanced before a single egg is laid.

### Different Dispositions.

The Greenfinch at first is somewhat shy. He is inclined to be pugnacious, too, but once mated, the couple are inseparable, and breed very freely. On one occasion, from a pair I had six Hybrids reared, besides fertile eggs which had "gone back."

The Goldfinch, with his charming, winning ways, very soon becomes attached to the Bullfinch hen, and breeds with her freely also. They agree well, and fertile eggs are by no means uncommon.

The Redpoll is the most difficult to get to fertilize eggs. He takes up with the hen Bullie more freely than any of the others, being most kind and attentive in feeding her. He works hard all the season, but does not seem to be so capable of producing fertilized eggs with the Bullfinch for a mate. The Redpoll-Bullfinch is the rarest of the Bullfinch Hybrids, and is, on that account, coupled with his attractiveness, highly prized, and much sought after.

Up till a couple of years or so ago the Canary-Bullie Hybrid was almost unknown, but during the last two exhibition seasons, he has been much in evidence at the leading shows in England and Scotland.

### The Importance of Foster Mothers.

When Bullfinch hens, either Siberian or British, take to laying eggs, they are very prolific, forty eggs being got in some cases in a single season. No fancier need expect success unless he has a large stock of feeding pairs ready to test the Bullfinch eggs, and, where fertile, to hatch and rear the young. A Hybrid is easily reared, but like every other young bird, it seldom thrives in the nest if alone. Hence the wisdom of having other eggs (Canary eggs will do) set on the same day. Where there are even two youngsters in the nest they grow and develop speedily.

The Hybrid bred from the Bullfinch is, in my opinion, the most fascinating of all exhibition birds. The one, and the only drawback, is that it cannot be used in breeding; the outstanding qualities pass away with the possessor, which is a pity. If their excellent qualities could be transmitted to young from them, then the Hybrid would beyond doubt be the most popular of all cage birds. As it is, he is deservedly popular, takes to colour-feeding without trouble, and requires no "touching up"—like the lily, it is perfect and very pleasing to the eye.

### The Method of Feeding.

There can be no gainsaying that it is an advantage to give Bullfinches as nearly as possible the food they are accustomed to when in their wild state. Breeders who have a garden can without much difficulty minister to their natural tastes, and give fresh supplies daily. It is different, however, with the town breeder; he has to depend upon an occasional run into the country for green food. My experience is that Hybrid pairs do very well if treated in the matter of food in the same way as a pair of Canaries. Greenfinches and Bullfinches are passionately fond of the buds and tender leaves of the common hawthorn, which have always provided my start in the way of green-food.

So soon as the leaf becomes strong, I turn to the dandelion, both root and tender blade, until the flower comes into season. I clip off the white down, and put a dozen heads into the cage; nothing, in my opinion, brings Hybrid couples forward more rapidly. I also supply egg and biscuit mixture, and Canary seed, with a little rape seed, and about a dozen sun-flower seeds per diem.

### Don't Force the Hens Too Much.

On the Bullfinch taking to the nest, I discontinue the egg-mixture and green-food. By doing so, I find the hen is likely to be more contented to sit, and not rush on laying eggs, which too many Bullfinch hens do, to their own detriment. I prefer a Bullie hen that takes a fortnight in the nest; such a one is likely to last two or three seasons, which is a benefit when one gets a good breeding hen—I mean by that, a reliable layer, and one from whom fertile eggs are obtained.

As indicated already, I depend upon common Canary pairs for rearing, and treat them in relation to food precisely in the same way as if the pair were rearing Canaries. Upon the egg and biscuit mixture, and the usual green-foods, the youngsters thrive admirably. Young Hybrids, if healthy, can usually fend for themselves at about the age of five weeks; once at that age they give little trouble.

Being strong on the wing, young Hybrids are apt to injure themselves dashing about the cage, so a likely show specimen should be housed in a large box cage, wired only at the front. They are of a wild nature, and should be "tamed" until they become quite steady, as only the latter fits them for the show bench. A steady bird, all other things being equal, will win against an unsteady Hybrid—one which goes bounding about the cage when approached. In conclusion, I may say that I consider a fully developed Hybrid, with its bright, shining colours, quite as attractive an exhibit as any that can be found among the British birds on the show-bench.


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# THE BREEDING OF WINNING NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

By R. TAYLOR.

A lecture delivered before the Rochdale O.C. on March 9th.

(Concluded from page 320).

When the young are about eight weeks old, I commence adding a little colour-food to the egg and bread—only a sprinkling for a start. Increase this until you get two parts colour-feed to three parts egg and bread, also a spoonful of sugar. When my birds are well on the feed I take their seed boxes off at breakfast time and return them at about tea time every day during the moult. I have heard fanciers say they can't get their birds to eat enough to be able to get the colour good enough; perhaps some of you have thought the same. Well, you must make them eat it the same as I do.

There is one thing I would like to impress on your minds, and that is to keep on feeding a bird for as long as you can see a pen feather. This is just where a lot of fanciers make a great mistake. A bird generally should finish about the head, and this is where a bird shows its colour. So keep at it until it is finished, and gradually leave it off, until the seed-boxes are left on altogether.

### Concerning Colour-feeding.

Speaking about colour-feeding brings back to my mind what I have thought of scores of times, viz., that it is expensive; also I am certain it does the birds more harm than good, and what is more, it is the cause of more grumbling amongst Norwich fanciers than anything else I knew of. For instance, how often one sees an inferior bird standing before a better one! As a rule you don't need to look twice for the reason; it is the colour. I have seen it many a time myself, and I have wondered how on earth the judge could possibly get them there, considering only ten points are allowed for colour. I think the time is not far distant when this artificial, unnecessary, and injurious practice will be discouraged; and I think it is the duty of every Norwich fancier to give a helping hand and push this matter on.

### A Plea for Natural Colour.

The Norwich Plainhead Club allows natural colour class winners to count for cup; but this is not enough. We want more classes, and now that the show season is over, and we have some eight or nine months before it comes round again, I think that if all societies who have a member on the N.P.C. committee, would ask them to use their influence in the matter, things might be different next show season. I know there are a lot of fanciers who would like to see a change, and would like to express their feelings on the matter in the Press. Only there is a class of people who seem to take a delight in rushing into print when they see anything they do not (or may not be able to) appreciate, and will "tear a fancier to pieces," and that nearly always under a nom de plume. They are not all disappointed exhibitors who have anything to say; personally, I feel very strongly against colour-feeding, and I am not a disappointed exhibitor, as I have got above my share this last season; but I do really think we should have better birds, and better filled classes, and that it would bring other fanciers into the ranks who don't like colour-feeding. What is more, we should get our birds judged better, and with less grumbling.

There is one thing I forgot to mention; I refer to the nesting material. I have tried wood boxes and moss and cow-hair, also nest pans, and felt linings. I have discarded the boxes and moss altogether now in favour of the pans and felt linings. I have brought some of these with me, and will show you how I cut them out. You fix them in with a little flour and water. In conclusion, allow me to thank you for your kind attention, and that you will turn out a few champions in the forthcoming breeding season is the worst wish of your humble servant.

There was a good company of members present to listen to the lecture, which was greatly enjoyed. Questions were invited, and were ably answered by Mr. Taylor. He also showed how to make a felt lining fit in a nest, which was much appreciated. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Taylor brought the meeting to a close.

# WILD BIRD LIFE.

### With the Rooks.

Throughout Great Britain one of the most common sights in the way of bird life is a large flock of Rooks feeding upon marshland, hillside and valley, and there are few districts without their Rookeries, either newly formed or of ancient date. One peculiarity of these familiar birds is that always and all the year round they are found in flocks, for although during the breeding season the adult birds will frequently forage alone for the benefit of the callow brood, they are still living in harmony with their fellows. Rooks are not at all unsociable, and may frequently be seen during the winter months feeding in company with Plovers, Gulls, etc., and in this district quite a number of Jackdaws live sociably with them. But during the early summer months the 'daws separate from the flocks and nest in pairs among the old trees so plentiful round the village. When Rooks have once taken to a nesting site, it is seldom they leave it; and if they are carefully watched for a number of years, one will find that the nests generally increase, although in some cases there is considerable fluctuation. As a case in point, on a small scale, four seasons ago, three nests were built in some fine old trees to the west of the village. The following season these increased to five and then to seven, so that there was every prospect of a fine rookery being formed in a few years. But this season has seen a complete change, and only one nest remains. The others were sadly wrecked by the winter's gales, and now not a twig remains to mark the spot. Possibly the owners have taken them to form the foundation for new houses elsewhere. It may be they have joined the flock dwelling in the old trees in the Convent grounds, for although I have not counted them, there appears to be a considerable increase in the number of nests occupied this season. In both these places, and, in fact, all round the village these birds are in no way disturbed. There is, for instance, no young Rook shooting, and there is no robbing of nests, so that the birds should quickly multiply. And yet there does not appear to be much difference in the size of the flocks seen about.

### Unusual Building Site.

The Long-tailed Tit has been known to so far depart from its usual habit of suspending its beautiful home among the branches of trees or bushes as to build it against the trunk of a tree joining it to the rough bark by cobwebs and vegetable fibres.

### Too Big to Manage.

Birds do not appear to be able to measure the size of anything by sight. As an instance, Starlings and Jackdaws will frequently try to get a stick or some rubbish into the nesting hole much too big for it; and Herons, Water Rails, and Dabchicks, have been found choked to death by attempting to swallow fish much too large for them to manage.

### The St. Kilda Wren.

The Wren frequenting the St. Kilda Islands, the most northern point of Great Britain, although very closely related to our own common Wren and the Wrens living in Norway, is still distinct from them. It resides there all the year round, frequenting the rocks and boulders of these rough islands. The song is said to be louder and clearer, and the eggs larger, than those of our more familiar bird. The bird itself is larger with stronger legs and feet, is paler in ground colour, but is more distinctly barred.

### Peewit's Eggs.

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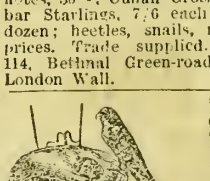

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WANTED, cock Canary; exchange new 10-inch records.—32, Cross-st., Didsbury.

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshires; cheap, cash.—B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft.

WANTED, Canaries, British, Mules, for cash.—W. Emmett, 220, Thistle-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, tailor's bespoke clippings.—Lockwood, Chickenley-lane, near Dewsbury, Yorkshire.

LARGE buck rabbit, fowls, birds; cheap, cash or exchange.—146a, St. James-rd., Bermondsey.

WANTED, two cock Canarics (Norwich); exchange for good silver watch.—Finnigan, Barmouth.

WANTED, outdoor aviary, suitable for Budgerigars.—Streeton, 9, Kenilworth-rd., Luton, Beds.

SQUIRREL wanted, must be quite tame; state lowest price.—John Pringle, West Port, Selkirk.

WANTED, grey talking Parrot, cheap to good home.—Mrs. Stephens, 136, Douglas-st., Deptford, S.E.

WANTED good pair Yerkshires; exchange Sandow's grip dumb-bells.—Jones, 26, Vernon-st., Salford.

TWO cock Canaries, Norwich Greens, in exchange common hens, or anything.—Inkpen, Queen-st., Gravesend.

WHEN all the so-called aviaries have refused your stuff, try Pearson, Greenwich Market, he buys anything alive.

WANTED, two yellow Yorkshire hen Canaries for breeding, good.—S., Hazelbridge Lodge, Chiddingfold, Surrey.

CINNAMON yellow, and green hens; state price or wants; exchange.—Edney, 19, Alexandra-rd., Southampton.

WANTED Norwich cock; exchange double breeding cage, hen Canary.—Wyatt, 52, Adam-st., Southwark, London.

CANARIES wanted, exchange any kind of cages; all joiner-made; backs one piece.—125, North Gate, Basford, Notts.

WANTED, offers Yorkshire or Norwich cocks for new portmanteau, value 20/-.—T. Hooke, 130, West-st., Erith, Kent.

WANTED, Rollers for breeding; exchange Singer's hand sewing machine, good working order.—Potter, Melton Mowbray.

WANTED, anything alive, specially dogs, rats, Cavies, Ferrets, Rabbits, poultry, Parrots.—Pearson, Greenwich Market.

WANTED, a large yellow cock Siskin; good cap and bib; state price on approval; deposit.—Owens and Magee, Larne.

WANTED, all kinds of birds; state price and particulars; will deposit cash.—Jones, 8, Caerleon-rd., Newport, Mon.

WANTED, wholesale price list, British, foreign birds and cages.—Parsons, 18, Alma Place, Thornton Heath, Surrey.

WANTED, Greenfinch cock, must be a good steady bird, and large, or no use.—Brailsford, Radford-st., Mansfield.

YELLOW cinnamon cock; give buff Norwich cock and yellow variegated hen; sell 15/-.—Clark, 79, King-st., Peterhead.

WANTED, Grey or Amazon talking Parrot; exchange prize and prize-bred Pouter Pigeons.—Blair, Hill-place, Arbroath.

WANTED, offers Canaries; exchange smart Duckwing bantam hen, cost 30/- last season.—Bamforth, Stocksbridge, Sheffield.

THREE yellow or marked Norwich hens, cheap; fed preferred; or offers; letters only.—Priest, York-rd., Henley-on-Thames.

WANTED, for cash, Norwich, Yorkshires, Goldies; quote lowest prices.—P. Jackson, Clockface, near St. Helens, Lancashire.

WANTED, offer in Canaries; exchange silver English lever watch, new, sell 30/-.—Wm. Blair, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

WANTED show British birds, any kind; exchange good mandoline; birds first.—Mackirdy, 67, Alexander-st., Alexandria, N.B.

WHAT offers in Norwich or Yorkshires for grand phonograph and 20 records? value 40/-.—McKeand, Hamilton-pl., Castle Douglas.

LARGE clear buff C.B. cock, will exchange good clear body grizzle crest cock, or sell 20/-.—O. Reilly, Highfield Avenue, Cork.

LARGE Bullie Hybrid, winner 1st, what offers; or exchange good Norwich; on approval; Canaries first.—Gill, Saddler, Douglas, I.O.M.

WANTED, buyer for two large Yorkshire cocks; sacrifice 6/- each; room wanted.—Ransom, 10, Victoria-avenue, York-rd., Leeds.

WANTED, Canaries, Mules, and British birds; cash immediately.—State your price to Heathcote's Aviaries, Havelock-st., Leicester.

WANTED Canaries, any surplus stock, also Goldfinches, Linnets, Bullfinches; good prices given.—Baker, Bedminster Bridge, Bristol.

WANTED, Yorkshire and Norwich hens for export; also Goldfinches and Linnets; will deposit.—Barnes, Bird Stores, Merthyr Tydvil.

WANTED, large and small quantities of Canaries, cheap; state price and particulars; cash before birds.—Wressell, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

WANTED, Canaries, any breeds; cocks must be singing; also ferrets, cash or good exchanges; good health.—Mulock, 7, Mill-st., Liverpool.

WANTED, pair Canaries; exchange rolled gold watch (John Forrest, London), or sell 15/6.—Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, large, square Parrot cage, good condition; state lowest price; approval, deposit.—Mason, Brook-rd., Heaton Chapel, Manchester.

WANTED, 10 pairs each Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, and Scotch Fancy; must be reasonable.—McKeand, Hamilton-pl., Castle Douglas.

GIVE 4/- and steady cock Goldfinch for two good clear unflighted Norwich hens; approval.—Holmes, Mansfield Avenue, Quorn, Loughborough.

WANTED, children's boots; will exchange 1908 Norwich Plainhead cocks; letters particulars.—S. Clarke, Church-lane, Pinxton, Derbyshire.

WANTED, good Yorkshire hen, will give yellow Norwich hen and cock Blackbird, good whistler.—Payne, Spring Valley, Heath Hayes, Cannock.

WANTED, good hen; exchange 3 years' volumes "People's Magazine," well bound, good condition; letters only.—Grace, 21, Cannon-st., London, E.C.

WANTED, large, strong, healthy bitches, heavy in whelp, any breed; exchange new boots, leggings, or cash.—Howland, Bootmaker, Ockendon, Essex.

WANTED, four bantams or eight pigeons; exchange cock Canary, in full song; approval.—Robt. Simpson, 10 Court, 4 House, Fawcett-st., Sheffield.

A GOOD yellow Norwich or yellow cinnamon cock, exchange grand yellow Norwich hen and a little cash.—Langton, 74, Douglas-hulidings, Boro', S.E.

WANTED, for cash or exchange, Canaries, British birds, Parrots, dogs, guinea pigs, rats, etc.—Barlow's Aviaries, 33 and 35, Woolwich-rd., Greenwich.

WANTED, yellow Plainhead Norwich Canaries, in exchange 8-day shop clock, good timekeeper, 24-in. solid leather portmanteau.—Legg, Laundry, Parish-lane, Penge.

WANTED, large muling hen; will exchange pair genuine hand-reared Chaffinches (pictures), and Redpoll hen, housemoulted, breeder, 5/6. — Beeston, Ross-on-Wye.

NOTICE, will give 6/- per pair for good Yorkshires or Norwich; wanted Linnets, Bullfinches, British, good price given.—Hogg, 17, Bridge-st., W. Middlesbrough.

THREE singing Canaries or Mules, for 4 York hens, 2 green, 2 yellow, hand-reared cock Hawfinch, and Tree Pipit; Canaries first.—Simpson, 404, Bethnal Green-rd., London.

WANTED, 8/6, 10/6, and 12/6 per pair for high-class Yorkshires (Bailey strain); splendid type and quality; cold-room; approval with pleasure.—R. Genwer, 50, Cork-rd., Keighley.

WANTED, a large clear pink-eyed Norwich cock, give in exchange fine large house-moulted cock Goldfinch and cock brown Linnet, in breeding condition; or sell 10/6.—Duckering, Ordsall, Retford, Notts.

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EXCHANGE Goldfinch Mule for good Buff Norwich cock.—F. Smith, Tansley, Matlock.

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GOOD cock Hawfinches for sale; or exchange.—W. Gravenell, 33, Hills-cottages, Queen's-rd., Maidstone.

EXCHANGE pair English Owls for Canaries; approval.—Short, West View, Earsdon, Northumberland.

PROVED Muling Linnet, 7/6; exchange Mule or Canary, songster; approval.—Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

COCK Goldfinch Mule, grand colour, sell 7/6; or exchange, Norwich preferred.—Speed, Crossgate, Cupar, Fife.

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WHAT offers in Canaries, Mules, and Goldfinches, for dark suit length, value 25/-.—B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft.

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TWO cock Linnets, house-moulted, twice, full song, sure mulers, 4/- each; or exchange Andreasberg Rollers, cock; approval.—C. Hadley, Rookery-st., Wednesfield, Wolverhampton.

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MIDDLE-SPOTTED Woodpecker, with stock and show cages, winner this season, 38/-; or exchange for matched pair of Dutch Frills; or anything useful.—Shaddock, 97, Moor-st., Earlsdon, Coventry.

EXCHANGE 1907 hand-reared cock Skylark, loud songster, and how-fronted cage, for Crested Norwich cock, or two clear yellow hens; approval each way.—Tonks, 19, Old Buildings, Rawnsley, Hednesford.

OVERSTOCKED; two house-moulted cock Redpolls, with two hen Greenfinches, 2/6 each pair; cock Linnet, 2/-; cock Bramble, 2/6; cock Greenfinch, 1/6; or exchange two Buff Norwich hens.—Robert Whiteford, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire.

BRITISH Goldfinch and Yellow Sib. hen; exchange large square blazed Siberian Goldfinch or Norwich Buff cock and Yellow marked hen; moulted Yellow Greenfinch, 2nd Ayr and District, for Yellow ticked unflighted Norwich hen; yours first.—Cassidy, 21, Pleasentfield-rd., New Prestwick.

GOLDFINCHES, Canaries, wanted for beautiful large, sulphur Crested Cockatoo, perfect plumage, very tame, with cage, sell £1, or offer; cock Hawfinch, and very steady hen Greenfinch, for cock Goldfinch; wanted ½-plate camera for above, and cash.—Bickens, Schoolhouse, Sutton Valence, Maidstone.

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EXCHANGE Norwich cock, in full song, for two laying pullets.—Sargent, St. Albans.

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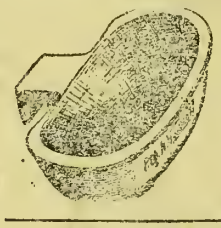

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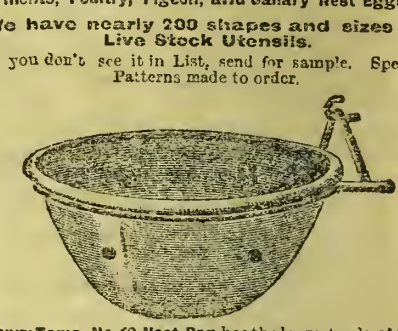

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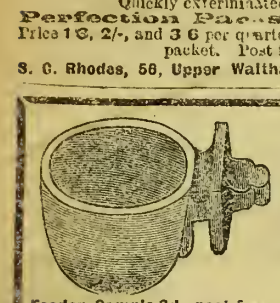

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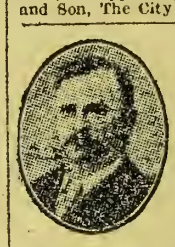

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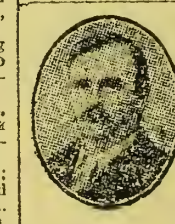

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# THE CANARY AND ITS GENERAL MANAGEMENT.

**A Lecture recently delivered before the Lewisham and District Cage Bird Society.**

After the general business of the society had been gone through, during the course of which five new members were elected, Mr. J. Robson gave a lecture on the "Canary and its General Management" to the members, a great number of whom were present, our club room being comfortably full.

I have been asked, said the lecturer, to make a few remarks on "The Canary and its General Management." This, I may say, is a very big subject, touching as it does everything connected with our feathered friends. I will give a few details as to the general management, and afterwards I shall be pleased to answer any questions that the members present would like to ask. The first point is the housing of our birds. It is essential that all birds, whether of the common or the higher class variety, should have a comfortable room or out-house —that is to say, they should be free from draughts and damp, and in a place possessing a good light. It has been said that birds do not require a lot of light, but this, in my experience, is a fallacy. I have known birds that have been kept in a dark place, fall off the perch in a fit, when brought quickly into a strong light, the reason being that the heart gets affected when they are kept in the dark.

After the quarters of the birds have been suitably arranged, the next step is to select the type of bird one intends to keep. It is a great mistake (and this applies to novices especially) to keep more than one or two varieties at the beginning. Pick out the variety you fancy and get it as near to perfection as possible, and then, if you feel disposed, add another variety, and so on; but master one at a time. A good plan is to hang the picture of a typical bird in your room, and when pairing, pair your birds with the object of getting as near as possible to the bird represented by the picture. This, of course, takes time, and it is not to be expected that first-class birds are going to be bred at once. It may take three or four or even six years before this end is attained. It is for this reason that a close study of the variety is essential.

### Some Fallacies.

I have known breeders to say, when pairing their birds, "Well, this is a yellow and that's a buff." Now, that is not the way to breed exhibition birds. When pairing study your birds well, and if you see any fault in one, pair the bird to another that has not that fault, and so on; and if you cannot see in your own room exactly the bird you think would be best, try a fellow breeder's birds. I have heard people say, when a big breeder is clearing out his surplus stock, that the birds are no good, etc., but this is not always the case. Any big breeder who has any luck at all must clear out some of his birds to make room for the next season; it stands to reason that he cannot keep all his birds. I do not say he sells his best birds—he certainly does not—but you will in all probability find among those that he is clearing out something that you want, and no doubt could get at a reasonable price. With regard to feeding: this subject has been so much discussed, that I need hardly touch on it. I use Canary seed as the staple diet, with rape, niger, and gold of pleasure as tit bits.

The next point to deal with is the cage. This should be as cosy as possible, as of course it is the permanent home of the birds. The cage I like and the one which I recommend is the box pattern type, with wire fronts. The joints of the woodwork should be glued, and the whole nicely enamelled both inside and out. By having the cages made in this way you keep down as much as possible that pest of all fanciers, "Redmite." I do not mean to say that the mere fact of having cages made like this will keep them down without proper attention; of course each cage should be washed out now and again with some disinfectant. Personally I prefer carbolic. I have heard breeders say that the more redmite you have and the more your nests are infested the more young you will have and the better your birds will get on. This, again, is a fallacy. My experience is that the more you keep this blood-sucking pest under the better the birds, both young and old, will get on. This is a matter of common sense. The hen is feeding her young all day, and at night time, when she should be resting, she is irritated and worried by the redmite, the result being that she gets no rest at all, and in consequence when the day breaks, instead of hopping off the nest as sprightly as possible to attend to the wants of her young, she has to fairly drag herself off, and is not too lazy but too weak to attend to them properly. The same applies to the young, instead of their progressing as they should and making up into fine, healthy birds, we get puny, sickly looking birds, and this simply because when young in the nest they have had practically all their blood sucked out of them by redmite.

While speaking of cages, I must mention that all birds of position, such as the Yorkshire Canary, should have much more room between the perch and the top of the cage than those of the Norwich type. For this reason, being birds of position it is necessary for them to stand up well, and if kept in cages that are not of the proper height from perch to roof, they crouch, and once they have this fault, no amount of training will make them stand as they should. With the Norwich Canary and birds of that type (which should stand well across the perch), so high a cage should not be used.

With regard to the exhibitions; all birds should be got thoroughly used to their show cages, as birds that carry themselves well and show themselves off to the best advantage are sure to get noticed more than those that fly on to the cage wires and will not keep still. The judge then has no chance of seeing a bird's good points no matter how excellent they may be, if it is on the cage wires during half the time and flying round during the other half. I could mention cases where I have had to stand at least 2 yards away from Yorkshires when judging, for the simple reason that the birds have been too nervous and not enough used to their show cages. I have also known of good birds that have got hung up and broken a wing or a leg through nervousness. The simplest way to get birds used to show cages is to hang one of these cages in front of the stock cage, so that they can go in and out as often as they like.

### The Discussion.

In the discussion which followed Mr. Scott asked: Of what good is gold of pleasure seed to Canaries.—It acts as a stimulant, increasing the action of the organs of the body, and like niger should be given judiciously. If niger were given to hens from now until the first clutch of eggs is laid, very few cases of egg-binding would be heard of. It is also good for the cock birds, but should not be given in such large quantities, a little about twice a week being very beneficial.—Mr. Jordan showed some seed, which one of his birds had cracked and dropped (husk and seed together), and asked Mr. Robson's opinion as to the cause.—Your bird evidently requires a little stimulant, such as Gentian. It has been remarked that some of the drugs I suggest are very objectionable to take, but in some cases it is necessary to be cruel in order to be kind. Gentian is one of the best drugs I know of; use from five to ten drops in the water.

Mr. Steed: Do you think petrolcum is good for killing redmite?—It is not so good as carbolic, as it does not kill so quickly. I have seen redmite run about in the former for quite a long time, but carbolic kills them at once.—Mr. Pallett: Do you think turps kills them, and does it have any effect on the birds?—Certainly; and the birds will not touch it if it is used properly, that is to say, with moderation.

Mr. Lugg: Did I understand you to say that it was not advisable to keep common hens with better class birds?—No! I pointed out that common hens and feeding hens should have the same attention as show birds, but in no case should they be killed by kindness.

Mr. Pallett: I have a bird which, after eating its seed, throws it up again in small pieces, with a lot of moisture. Can you tell me the reason? The bird is rather an old one.—That may account for it. I should give him a slight stimulant, and also a little sweet apple, as this helps digestion and keeps the bird in good health.

Mr. Steed: Which do you think is the best to cover cage bottoms with—sand or sawdust? —I have used sand for about 20 years and sawdust for about the same time, but I should never use sand again. Sawdust, that is, rough-cut pine dust, is a disinfectant and absorbs the moisture much better than sand. Of course the birds must have sand, as it is necessary for their well being. I use sawdust to cover the trays and a small vessel containing sand inside the cage. Some people say that the birds eat the sawdust, but this is a mistake; they may peck amongst it, but certainly do not eat it, that is, if they are fed properly.

A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.—GEO. H. PHILLIPS, hon. secretary pro tem.

## STOCKTON-ON-TEES & DIS. C.B.S.

Annual show of British birds held at the Leeds Hotel, on April 1st. Mr. Marwood, of Thornaby, judged, and gave every satisfaction.
LINNET: 1, 3, vhc, Burton; 2, Yeates; hc, Lowes and Son. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, Freeman; 2, vhc, Saunders; hc, Peacock. GREENFINCH: 1, Walker; 2, Lowes and Son; 3, Freeman; vhc, Yeates. A.O.S. SEEDEATER: 1, Freeman. SOFTBILLED LARGE: 1, Lowes and Son. SOFTBILLED SMALL: 1, Yeates. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Acheson; 3, Walker.—J. W. LOWES, Hon. Sec.

## COVENTRY (Godiva) C.B.S.

Table Show of Canarics and British Birds held at the Waterloo Tavern, Brook Street, on March 20th. There were a good number of exhibits, and some fine specimens in both sections. Mr. A. Wright officiated as judge and gave every satisfaction.
NOR. CK. YELL.: 1, Symonds and Son; 2, 3, Bent; vhc, Blackshaw. BUFF: 1, Symonds; 2, vhc, Saunders; 3, c, Bent; hc, Lucas. HEN: 1, c, Lucas; 2, Symonds and Son; 3, Bent; vhc, Saunders; hc, Blackshaw. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 3, Symonds and Son; 2, Bent. BRIT. FINCHES (excepting Greenfinch): 1, 2, Lucas; 3, Bray; vhc, hc, c, Blackshaw. GREENFINCH: 1, Bent; 2, Saunders; 3, vhc, Bray; hc, Blackshaw. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Lucas; 2, c, Bray; 3, hc, Saunders; vhc, Blackshaw.—W. H. BRAY, Hon. Sec.

## PARTICK AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

Monthly meeting held in Trades Hall, April 2nd, when a show of British birds, Mules, and Hybrids, was held. Mr. Craig judged and his awards were well received.
FOR. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Maccrobbie; 2, Webster. BRIT.: 1, Kidd; 2, Fairweather; 3, Maccrobbie; 4, Henderson. LINNET: 1, 3, and spl. best 3rd in hall, Maccrobbie; 2, Fairweather; 4, Kidd; 5, Webster. SISKIN: 1, Kidd. REDPOLL: 1, Webster; 2, Kidd; 3, Roy; 4, Priest. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, 4, 5, Webster; 3, Priest; 6, Roy. A.O.S. FINCH AND CAN.: 1, Priest. LIGHT MULE: 1, Maccrobbie. DARK MULE: 1, Priest. The remainder of evening was spent arranging First Feather Show, which was fixed for 10th July, with 13 classes. The following new members were proposed: Messrs. W. Griffiths (Springburn), G. Crighton (Partick), A. Brigman (Hillhead), and D. Kennaird (Partick). A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Craig for judging, and to Mr. Maxwell for presiding, brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.—J. HENDERSON, Sec.

# SINGING CONTESTS.

## PENDLEBURY.

Successful Lark sing held at British Queen, April 3rd, when some good singing was heard. Every bird entered started, which is unusual. The first was hung at 6 p.m., on usual terms—hanging 3 mins., singing 12 mins. Mr. R. Mills' bird again won 1st, 10 mins. 49 secs.; 2nd, Bates, 10 mins. 0 secs.; 3rd, Lyne, 9 mins. 15 secs.; 4th, Smalley, 9 mins. 6 secs.; 5th, Lee, 8 mins., 17 secs.; 6th, Boardman, 8 mins. 9 secs.; 7th, Lee, 7 mins. 11 secs.; 8th, Williams, 5 mins. 50 secs. Timekeeper, Mr. Cordwell; judge, Mr. Jackson.—ALEX. DONNELLY.

## YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Crown Inn, North-street, when 24 birds competed.—Result: —1st, Bean; 2nd and 4th, Moore; 3rd, Massheder; 5th, Lee. Judge, Mr. W. Perry. Timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

## SHEFFIELD.

Result of contest held at Newmarket Hotel, Sheaf-street:—1st, Spotswood, 76 secs.; 2nd, Palfreyman, 52 secs.; 3rd, Spotswood, 40 secs. The Linnet contests are for time singing, and the birds are hung for 1½ mins. facing one another, and 1 min. behind a shade, the birds to sing a song of 3 secs. or over. —H. FENN, Sec.

## BLACKBURN.

Contest held at Old Red Lion, Snig Brook, on April 3rd, when it was a bigger success than ever. We had 19 birds entered for three prizes. Result: 1st, G. Rostron; 2nd, W. H. Topping; 3rd, T. Slater. Judges, Messrs. T. Slater and G. Smith. Referee, Mr. G. Rostron. Timekeeper, Mr. W. H. Topping.—G. ROSTRON and T. SLATER, Joint Secs.

## HULL.

Usual week-end contest held at headquarters, North Bridge Hotel. The room was literally packed with fanciers, who came from near and far. The birds gave a good account of themselves. Mr. F. Allen (the Human Linnet) officiated as timekeeper and judge. 1st, Young; 2nd, Parker. 3rd, Marshall; 4th, Dearlove; 5th, Broadbent; 6th, Shurow.—E. MOORE, Hon. Sec.

## LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest for quality Linnet singing held April 4th, at the Skinners Arms, Bushingthorpe-lane, when 17 birds sang. 1, Turner; 2, Ridgewell; 3, shared between Sellers and Ward; judges, Messrs. Naylor and Symons.—WALTER NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, April 3rd, when 20 birds sang. 1, Crowther; 2, Sissons; 3, Buttfield. Judges, Messrs. Summers, Ward, and Melia. Also on April 4th, when 28 birds sang, and some very good singing was heard. Judges, Messrs. Summers, Melia, and Cooper. 1, C. Biss; 2, Crowther; 3, Fisher.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

## NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual contest held March 27th, when 16 birds sang. 1, Soloman; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Johnson. Judges, Messrs. Jackson and Jennings. Timekeeper, Mr. Towers. Usual contest held March 28th, when 22 birds sang. 1, Grant; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Soloman. Judges, Messrs. Allen and Chippindale. Timekeeper, Mr. Towers. Contest, April 3rd, when 13 birds sang. 1, Hardcastle; 2, Wood; 3, Soloman. Judges, Messrs. Clark and Jennings. Timekeeper, Mr. Towers. Also on April 4th, when 23 birds sang. 1, Johnson; 2, Soloman; 3, Wood. Judges, Messrs. Smith and Clark. Timekeeper, Mr. Towers.—W. DEAN, Sec.

## ATHERTON (Nr. Manchester).

Open Linnet contest, held at Woolpack Hotel, on April 3rd, when Mr. P. Shoveiten gave six good prizes. Twenty-five birds were present, and it was one of the best contests held for a long time. That good bird of Mr. Topping's sang well, but it sang against Lady Green's, which is one of the best time singers at present. Result for quality: 1, Topping (Blackburn); 2, Jones (Leigh); 3, O'Neil (Leigh). Result for time: 1, Lady Green, 98secs.; 2, Sefton, 92secs.; 3, Statham, 63secs. Judges for quality, Messrs. Topping and Jones; for time, Messrs. Poole and Partinton; timekeeper, Lady Green. Mr. Topping gave us a speech on quality singing, which pleased the company.—J. W. JONES.

## DULWICH & PECKHAM C.B.S.

A good number of members and friends met at headquarters on April 1st to hear a lecture by Mr. Robson, entitled "Canary-breeding as a Hobby." Mr. H. E. Tringham was in the chair. The lecturer received a splendid reception, and said that it always afforded him very great pleasure to be with the Dulwich and Peckham members. He drew some very vivid pictures of the joys and disappointments of Canary breeding. He spoke for over an hour. A great many present took the opportunity offered of asking questions and gaining information. Many interesting topics arose out of these questions, the most important being that of "inbreeding and selection." The lecturer, getting very warm on this subject, gave his audience many facts and proofs that ought to make them consider before proceeding far with inbreeding. The question of cinnamon blood also raised a very animated discussion. Mr. E. S. Lugg proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Robson, which was seconded by Mr. Jay, and carried unanimously. Mr. Robson briefly replied. Mr. Cole then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, which was seconded by Mr. Goodwin and carried with applause. Mr. Tringham replied, and the meeting then closed.—W. HODSON, Hon. Sec.


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# CORRESPONDENCE.

## CINNAMON BORDER FANCIES AND THEIR COLOUR.

SIR,—Having noticed the correspondence going on in your columns in reference to the Cinnamon Border and its colour, I beg to tender my mite of information regarding same. In the year 1885—24 years ago—at Hawick Show, in the Green or Cinnamon class, were 24 entries, made up of 7 Cinnamon cocks, 2 Cinnamon hens, 10 Green cocks, and 5 Green hens. First prize, Cinnamon cock; second prize, Green cock; third prize, Cinnamon hen; fourth prize, Green cock; fifth prize, Cinnamon cock; sixth prize, Green hen; seventh prize, Green cock. In the year 1886, with 17 in class, were 6 Cinnamon cocks and 2 Cinnamon hens, the rest being Green cocks and hens. Surely the above goes to show that there were far more Cinnamons bred in those days, and far more cocks than hens; also, this was before the days of colour-feeding of any kind in Scotland—ne cayenne or cheese dye in those days! Being present at the above shows, I am quite sure the colour was as good then as it is now. About the same dates I judged Greenlaw Show two years in succession and find, by my judging book, that the Cinnamon Border was winning there (and cocks) both years amongst Greens. About 30 years ago, or over, in mixed classes, the Border, or common Canary, had to compete against Norwich, Lizards, and Mules, and the common Cinnamon was often in the money. Having many hundreds of old catalogues, I should be pleased to let any reasonable fancier see them. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success, which it certainly deserves.

JAMES ALEXANDER.

SIR,—At a show held here (Whitehaven) in November, 1891, nearly 18 years ago, I exhibited a very nice little self Yellow Cinnamon cock in the 10s. 6d. selling class, no provision being made for Cinnamon coloured birds in the 5 classes given for what were then scheduled as "Cumberland Fancy." The judge for the Cumberland Fancy, likewise the selling classes, was Mr. J. Shepherd (Whitehaven), who, previous to this time, was a prominent exhibitor of Norwich and Cinnamons, and who gave the bird I exhibited 1st prize in a mixed class of 27 entries. It was claimed at the show and bought for 17s. by the late Mr. J. Peel, Wigton, who was then breeding and exhibiting Cumberland Fancies. In a conversation I had with him some time afterwards, he told me he succeeded in picking up several prizes in Scotland with the bird, presumably in Green or Cinnamon classes. It is a long way to carry your mind's eye back to 1891, but many a time these last two or three seasons have I fervently wished I could have one or two like the bird I had then.

JOS. B. MOORE.

## HOW I KEEP AND FEED MY GOLDFINCHES.

SIR,—In this bird I think we have one of the handsomest of our Britishers, and one that is easily steadied, if we can only get it used to cage life, and on to hard seed, as, unfortunately, a great many of them die when fresh caught. Being late breeders, the birds are caught whilst very young. The best time for buying these birds I find is from October till January, and especially when they have been caught after a few days' hard frost. I find that a box cage is best for them, as if kept in a wire cage they are always climbing up the wires, and they very soon have the "twist," which makes one's own neck ache to watch them. When they have this, I find that the raising of the top perch so the bird cannot reach backward is the best cure, as the birds always get on the top perch to perform this trick. When you have bought these birds, always give them plenty of inga seed for the first, and gradually wean them off it, as this is the seed which some keep them alive on. There are a great many who think that when a fresh-caught Goldfinch goes "thick" it is that its oil gland (which is on the rump) gets too full of oil, and they accordingly start pricking it, to burst it. But to do this only hastens the end of the bird. The best thing for fresh-caught birds is to get them to eat mealworms, or gather some thistle seed, with worms in them, and give them to the birds. The Goldfinch is a hard bird for the beginner to sex, but a good way of picking them out is to catch a bird and look at the black around the root of the bill; if it is of a greyish colour it is a hen, if of a jet black it will be a cock, for this is a place where birds cannot be easily faked. I think the Goldie is one of the easiest birds to steady, for it does not seem to be of a very wild nature. When a flock is feeding you can get quite close to the birds, and when disturbed they will only fly a few yards away. I feed those birds as follows:—1lb. Spanish Canary, ¼lb. hemp, ¼lb. teazel, ¼lb. inga, 2ozs. linseed, and (when the birds are moulting) small sunflower seeds. As a tit-bit I give thistle seed, hardheads, and dandelion seed, and they are very fond of young dandelion leaves.

J. BARBER.

## A NEW CAGE BIRD SOCIETY FOR LINCOLN & DISTRICT.

SIR,—A meeting of the cage bird fanciers was held on April 1 at Hatton's Dining Rooms, the Arcade, Lincoln, when it was decided to form a Cage Bird Society. There were 25 enthusiastic fanciers present, and the business proceedings were of a pleasant and friendly character. Mr. C. Pickering (one of the oldest fanciers in Lincoln) opened the meeting with a few well chosen remarks. He went on to say how pleased he was to meet the fanciers present. It was, he said, the first time an attempt had been made to form a Cage Bird Society in Lincoln. He was sure it was a step in the right direction, and hoped that in time a good and reliable society would be inaugurated. The business for the evening was then proceeded with. It was decided that the society should be called the Lincoln and District Cage Bird Society, the membership of which would be limited to fanciers residing within a six-mile radius of Lincoln. This area may probably be extended at some future date, but it was thought better to restrict it as stated for the present. Headquarters of the society, Hatton's Dining Rooms, The Arcade. Meetings to be held first Thursday in ever month; the next meeting to take place on May 6th at 8 o'clock. Subscription, 2s. 6d. per annum. The officials elected at the meeting were as follows:—Committee, Mr. C. Pickering (chairman), Mr. G. Boucher (vice-chairman), Messrs. C. Jeffries, A. Johnson, R. Sands, F. Moore, C. Priestley, and G. Pleasance; treasurer, Mr. J. W. Lawson; hon. secretary, Mr. O. Heath, 81, Burton Road, Lincoln. Total membership up-to-date, 30 (which we hope will greatly increase in due course). The society has decided to hold a Members' First Feather Show in July next, the date of which is not yet fixed.

O. HEATH, Hon. Secretary.

## THE POMP OF SPRING.

SIR,—Having sent you a few lines last year, I thought a like memento of the advent of Spring this year would be as welcome as the last. On the 21st of March we once again entered on the most delightful season of the year, and a time when everything moves and makes itself noticeable; and from now, and for many weeks to come, we shall look forward to more genial days. In this season of the year we look forward to the blasts of winter being replaced by the balmy air and gentle breezes so refreshing in the early mornings as you take a country walk. The orchards and gardens, with their varied assortments of fruit trees, now break forth from their sleep into a most charming fairyland of blossoms in tints of beautiful red, pink, and white, these blossoms being inoculated by the gentle breezes that carry the pollen from the male to the female flowers. The bees also assist in the inoculation, for round these great clusters of bloom thousands of bees are constantly working till the petals are dropped. Round the ponds and hedges the various insects are noted to be daily increasing, and in the duck pool the jelly-like spawn of the frog becomes more distinct in the yolk day by day. On the lawns and in the meadows the daisy and buttercup show their innocent heads. In the woodlands we find such sweet flowers as the daffodil, the bluebell and the primrose blooming under the shado of the pretty pink, cone-like flowers of the larch. Round the skirts of these delightful spots many young rabbits are already at play skipping and jumping about to the delight of their mothers. The golden sun rises earlier every morning out of an eastern sea, and sets at evening tide behind the purple mountain peaks of the west. In nearly every district the Rooks are settled to nest, and in some instances are already feeding their young. The whole of the countryside rings with the love songs of innumerable happy resident birds. The coming over vast tracks of sea and land of millions of little Warblers, Swallows and Martins to visit our shores again, and spend our only too short Spring and Summer, has begun, and they are filling the air with sweet songs of joy, ever apparently happy and contented. Let come what will: all these and a hundred and one other things besides tell us that Spring has come, and every man, woman and child should rise and appreciate it.

S. W. BIRCHLEY.

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## TWITTERINGS.

I have changed my address from Overstone Road to 42, East Street, Northampton, writes Mr. C. Barwell.

The Burton-on-Trent C.B.S. draw has been postponed till April 16th, write Messrs. Kirkland and Hadley, the hon. secretaries.

Kindly note my change of address, writes Mr. H. Turtle, hon. secretary of the Bath and Dis. F.A., to "Nyon," 31, Newbridge Road, Bath.

We hear that Mr. Albert Hirst, of Accrington, is to judge at the City of Belfast N.C. and Y. Canary Club Show on November 20th next.

Kindly state that no meeting of the Pendleton and Salford O.S. will take place on April 12th, owing to the Bank Holiday, writes Mr. H. Clayton, the secretary.

The Bromley and West Kent Show is this year to be a one-day fixture only, writes Mr. H. E. Speller, and will be held on October 28th. Mr. C. A. House will judge.

We are now affiliated to the Cage Bird Union, writes Mr. W. A. Broadley, hon. secretary of the Alnwick and Dis. C.B.S., and the date of our big show is fixed for October 13th.

Mr. J. S. Charlesworth has consented, writes Mr. R. H. Turner, hon. secretary of the Morley and Dis. C.B.S., to stand as president of our society in place of Mr. Hatton, resigned.

We have engaged Mr. J. Sandiford (Preston), to judge at our open show to be held December 18th, writes Mr. Wm. Rutherford, secretary of the Crook and Dis. C.B.S.

At the Banff Burgh School Board election on March 25th, writes Mr. F. A. Watt, I was returned second on the poll, with 532 votes, notwithstanding that I was the youngest candidate.

I cannot speak too highly of CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. S. Murray (Dundalk). I am only a novice, but by getting and reading your valuable paper, I receive further enlightenment every week.

I wrote to you some time since for a copy of your paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. S. L. Stroud (Tunbridge Wells), and ever since its receipt I have taken it in regularly to my pleasure and help.

I have only just begun taking in your paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. G. W. Roach (Walthamstow). I like it very much indeed, and intend taking it in regularly instead of another one I have been in the habit of having.

Mr. D. Evans, of Gwm, Glamorgan, is requested to send his full address to Mr. A. B. Bishop (30, Stuart Road, Walton, Liverpool), so that his order may be executed, as letters have been returned marked "cannot be found."

We are to have a paper by Mr. King at our next meeting, write Messrs. Whiteley and Hornby, hon. secretaries Kirkstall and Dis C.B.S. This without doubt will be an excellent paper, and a good attendance is anticipated.

At the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. Young Bird Show, to be held in the Peckham Hall on July 1st next, writes Mr. W. Hodson, the hon. secretary, Mr. R. L. Crisp has consented to judge the Canaries and Mr. C. T. Maxwell the British birds.

We hear from the secretary, Mr. R. Binks, that the Perryhill and Dis. C.B.S. has under consideration the choosing of a fresh date on which to hold their open show, and that this will be announced later, after a special meeting has been held.

Owing to there being considerable business to get through at our last meeting, writes Mr. W. S. Negus, secretary of the Cardiff and Dis. C.B.S., Mr. Melhuish was unable to deliver his lecture as announced. He will give it at our next meeting on April 15th.

I have been a reader of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, since the first issue, and I look for it the first thing every Friday morning, and will not be without it whilst I have a penny to spare for same. I wish it yet further success.—J. SHARP (Sheffield).

Messrs. C. Campbell (Glasgow), and D. Ross (Forres), writes Mr. A. Thomson, secretary of the Woodside and Bucksburn O.S., have been engaged to judge the Norwich and the Crest, Cinnamon, Green, and wild bird classes respectively at our show on November 20th.

The list of my recent foreign orders, all within the past fortnight, includes, writes Mr. Rudd, the noted bird specialist, of Norwich, various breeds of Canaries to India, Spain, Madeira, Trinidad, Jamaica, and Gibraltar, and consignments of goods to Burma and Canada.

Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), has, we hear, been appointed to judge at the following shows: Bolton October 15th, Liverpool November 5th, Pendleton and Salford November 19th, Whitby November 24th, Sale November 26th, Ilkeston November 27th, and Guisborough January 1st.


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Kindly note my change of address, writes Mr. W. Reid, hon. secretary of the Sunderland C.B.A., from number 2 to number 14, Plantation Road, Pallion, Sunderland. You will be pleased to know that our society is now entirely free from debt, and that our prospects are very bright indeed.

We are holding our Nest Feather Show on July 10th, writes Mr. J. Richardson, the secretary of the Birkenhead C.F.A., when Mr. Hadwin, of Liverpool, will judge, and our Annual Old Show on November 20th, when Mr. Tams (Longton), will judge. Will local secretaries please note the dates to avoid clashing?

Will all secretaries of societies wishing the patronage of the Yorkshire Canary Club of Scotland, writes Mr. F. Bowman, hon. secretary, please write me before June 30th, stating the number of classes to be provided? I shall be pleased to give them full particulars. A silver medal will be given at each show where our patronage is given.

Kindly mention that if any exhibitors at the late show of the Preston O.S. have been overlooked in the matter of their specials, not having yet received them, writes Mr. R. Taylor, the secretary, I shall be glad if they will communicate with me. Our membership is open to all England, and anyone wishing to join the society in order to be able to compete for the Stanley Cup, value £25, should write me at Lime Kiln Inn, Preston.

In future all communications in connection with the Wallsend and Mid Tyne C.B.A., writes Mr. Jas. Johnston, should be addressed to Messrs. Richardson and Greenwell, 35, The Avenue, Wallsend-on-Tyne, who are now the joint secretaries of the society, as I have resigned that office, not having the necessary time at my disposal. But I am still secretary to the prize drawing committee, and will transact any business connected with it.

### HOLIDAY NOTICE.

**Owing to the Easter Holidays, the offices of "Cage Birds" will be closed from Friday to Monday next, inclusive.**

**Will Advertisers and Correspondents generally kindly note that all matter intended for next week's issue should be posted early, to reach us on Tuesday, April 13th, certain.**

The April number of "British Birds" (one shilling monthly) contains a specially interesting article on Thomas Bewick (1753-1828) and George Montagu (1751-1815), being chapter 8 of the series, on "Some Early British Ornithologists and Their Works," by W. H. Mullens, M.A., LL.M., M.B.O.U. Mr. A. Landsborough Thomson writes on "Marking Birds: Notes on the Work at the Rossiter Station," and there are a large number of notes which go to complete another capital issue. There are also several excellent full-page plates

We have received from the hon. secretary, Mr. W. H. Uzzell, a copy of the rules of the newly-formed specialist club, the Midland Counties Y.C.C., from which we gather that the objects of the club are "the encouragement of the breeding, exhibiting, and extending the classification of the Yorkshire Canary, and to advance and protect the interests of Yorkshire fanciers in every direction." The subscription is 2s. 6d. with a nomination fee of 1s., and membership is open to all within the counties of Worcester, Warwick, Stafford, Northampton, Leicester, Nottingham, Derby, Huntingdon, Bedford, Salop, Radnor, Hereford, Rutland, and South Cheshire. The secretary's address is 76, Drayton Road, King's Heath Birmingham.

At a meeting of the Glasgow and West of Scotland N.B.B. and M.C., held March 25th, writes Mr. Fred Bowman, it was decided to hold our next Annual Open Show on November 12th and 13th. Mr. R. A. Brown being unable to again act as show secretary, owing to business reasons, I was unanimously elected in his stead. To guard against any loss, the members have come forward with a guarantee fund of between £20 and £30, which will be handed over to me previous to the show, so that English and Scottish fanciers alike should have every confidence in sending us a bumping entry and prove for themselves how much of the truth was contained in that now "famous concoction of a diseased mind," that was issued against the club previous to its last show.

### A Reminder.

We may remind readers that this week we have had to go to press a day earlier than usual, so that any "copy" arriving after first post on Tuesday had to be held over until our next issue.

### The Yorkshire Union.

The adjourned meeting of the Council will be held at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, on Saturday, April 10th, at 6 o'clock prompt. Business: Shows, judges, rules, etc.—S. DEAN, Hon. Sec.

### For the Superstitious.

A curious story is being related referring to a gentleman who, having met with reverses in business at Stroud, Gloucestershire, went out to India and obtained a post on a plantation, leaving his wife and family in England, until he was in a position to send for them. One day when working on the plantation he rested for a short time with his hand on the handle of his spade. Whilst he was standing in this way a bird alighted on his hand. Naturally he was very surprised, and as he moved his hand the bird flew away. He proceeded with his work and forgot the incident. When the next mail from England arrived, however, it was painfully recalled to his memory. His wife had died unexpectedly, her death taking place not only on the same day, but at the very hour the bird perched upon his hand.

## THE PAPER FOR RESULTS.

My sales, writes Mr. R. Hanford (Derby), have been splendid through my advertisements in CAGE BIRDS.

I am perfectly satisfied with what my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS has done for me writes Mr. Hugh Twist (Preston).

CAGE BIRDS I consider an excellent journal, both as a medium for advertisements and as a source of information.—R. L. BRUCE (Perth).

I am astonished at the results of my advertising in your paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. C. Banks (Gt. Harwood), having sold all the birds I had for sale.

Kindly thank all who applied for my cock Budgerigar, writes Mr. W. Lidgett (Newark). The replies were too numerous for me to reply to all—only those who sent stamps. I had 19 replies in all.

Kindly take my advertisement out of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. Simmonds (Walsall), as I have completely "sold out" my Rollers. I had to disappoint some intending customers.

I have had quite a number of applications through my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. W. Kinder (Mossley), but it was quite impossible for me to reply to those who did not enclose stamps.

Please thank the numerous applicants who wrote in answer to my advertisement of Canaries in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Wm. Dale (Swindon). It is impossible for me to reply to all.

I have had a large number of applications through my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS of last week's issue, writes Mr. Jas. Livingstone (Bathgate), but am only able to reply to those who sent stamps for same.

Your paper, CAGE BIRDS, beats all the others put together, writes Mr. J. T. Sapsford (Teddington). In fact it does not pay one to advertise in the others. I get answers from all over the globe by advertising in yours.

What a splendid advertising medium your paper, CAGE BIRDS, is! I had over two dozen replies to my small advertisement the other week, several by first post on the Saturday morning.—J. C. HALL (Corbridge-on-Tyne).

I could not possibly reply to all the applicants for the Muling pair which I advertised for sale in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Alex. Thomson (Aberdeen), as I had so many applications. Your paper is a grand medium for advertising in.

I am pleased to say that I have disposed of all my stock through advertising in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. C. Pickup (Gt. Horton). So please stop my advertisement, as I cannot supply the orders that are coming in every day.

All my hen Bullies were sold, writes Mr. J. Fysh (Norfolk), through one advertisement in CAGE BIRDS. I have had to return four money orders and to reply to eight other applicants. The others, numbering fifteen, I take this opportunity of thanking.

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS last week concerning a toy Pomeranian pup, writes Mr. W. G. Cooper (Carisbrooke), as they were far too numerous for me to answer personally. The pup was sold to a gentleman in Scotland.

Please stop my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS as I have sold all the birds I have to spare, writes Mr. T. Barfe (Pateley Bridge). The letters are pouring in daily from Ireland and all over—too numerous for me to answer; which shows the circulation of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS.

Kindly thank all who answered our advertisement in CAGE BIRDS respecting hen Bullfinches, write Messrs. Fairey and Goodwin (Kettering). It was impossible for us to reply to all as we had over 20 applications. We could have sold 50 more if we had had them. We wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

Owing to so many applying to me for my Greenie Canary Mule and Goldie Canary Mule last week, writes Mr. G. Edwards (Leominster), I could not reply to all who sent letters. Kindly thank them for me. Your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, is a great boon to fanciers, and I wish it good luck and success.


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# Is It Necessary to Colour-feed British Birds?

By CHARLES PRIOR.

**A Lecture recently delivered before the Members of the City and Suburban A.C.B.**

(*Continued from page* 320.)

### The Discussion.

Mr. Goodchild: Will Mr. Prior tell us whether colour-food improves the colour of the beak and legs of the Chough and Blackbird?—Answer: That question raises an interesting point. In the case of the Chough, the legs and beaks are already naturally red in colour, and I have no doubt that generous feeding would reproduce that colour when the bird is kept in confinement. In the case of the Blackbird, we are accustomed to seeing Blackbirds on the show bench with the beak changed from crocus to red. If it is correct for a Blackbird to have a red beak, colour-feeding must be resorted to to produce it.

Mr. Wheller: Does Mr. Prior consider that the different foods in different districts have any effect upon the colouring of the birds?—No. In my experience I have found that you will find in any given district birds of every degree of excellence, both of size, colour, and type. I will go further, and say that it is possible to find these differences even in one nest.

Mr. Crisp: What does the lecturer mean by a generous diet?—I mean a highly varied diet. In the old days we were told to give Canary and rape; everything outside these being rank poison. The fact is, however, that you cannot give too much variety.

### Feeding the Goldfinch.

Mr. Crisp: Will Mr. Prior tell us, for instance, how he feeds his Goldfinches?—Beginning from the very time of capture: I first place them in a quiet place, in what are called store cages. These cages are rather low and wide; say two feet long, six or seven inches high, and one foot wide. I like to have lots of about half-a-dozen birds together, for if only one starts eating the others are likely to soon follow his example. I sprinkle upon the floor of the cage pretty freely a mixture of equal bulk of linseed and teazel; and on top of this another sprinkling of niger seed and cracked hemp. They quickly start feeding, beginning with the niger as a rule, but sooner or later taking to the teazel, linseed, and hemp. This is to be their future staple seed mixture, with the addition of a little Canary seed, and it had best, perhaps, be their only food for the first winter of their captivity. When the spring comes, I add dandelion to their diet; first the leaves and then the seed heads. Groundsel also comes in at this time; and later there are knapweed and thistle, etc. These last two can be gathered, and stored through the winter. This is a rough outline of what I call a generous diet, and if a Goldfinch cannot thrive on this treatment he cannot thrive on any. If the list of foods can be added to, by all means do it.

Mr. Crisp: Does Mr. Prior consider it necessary to keep them out of doors?—No; I should not advise the cages to be always hung out in the open. In my experience the best method of keeping British birds is in cages, or flights, in an outside structure. That is how my own are kept. The structure faces the south-west, and is made snug by being closed to the north and east; these parts are further protected by being covered in with felt. The front is composed of glass and wire, and some portion is always open to the weather. Of course, in very severe weather the birds' water often freezes, but so long as the place is dry and not draughty, cold does not matter.

Mr. Curtis: Does Mr. Prior consider that a Wagtail is improved by being colour-fed?—That takes me rather out of my depth, as my remarks on colour-feeding generally are as applied to the Finches. I have no doubt, however, that given the requisite purity and richness of natural colour, a Wagtail needs no assistance in the way of colour-food. My view is, that it is needless to colour-feed any bird possessing good natural colour, and useless to colour-feed such as do not possess it.

Mr. Curtis: Would Mr. Prior tell us what brilliantine, or hair oil, or other preparation he uses to get the polish upon his Goldfinches?—I can answer that in two words—*cold water*.—Mr. Goodchild: Is that answer to be taken in a literal sense?—Yes.

Mr. Curtis: Has Mr. Prior ever seen a Canary-Bullfinch Hybrid in natural colour?—No. I cannot recall ever having seen a specimen of this cross in natural colour. Such a specimen would be of great interest. I would like to see one fed and moulted on lines similar to those which are suitable for the Bullfinch. The parentage would probably be much more obvious if the colours were not altered by colour-feeding.—Mr. Curtis said he agreed.

Mr. Crisp: In speaking of bogey critics, does Mr. Prior think that a reporter should confine himself to saying nothing but sweet things of everybody's birds?—No, certainly not. What I take exception to is the flinging broadcast of insinuations, such as I have mentioned, concerning the trimming of Chaffinches' whites, the faking of Yellowbuntings' heads, and the staining of Linnets, etc. I doubt whether these practices really exist at all, and they certainly do not in the wholesale fashion these insinuations imply. But when such insinuations are published as the opinions of an "expert" reporter, there is an aspersion thrown on every exhibitor in these classes. Let us have fair and honest criticism, by all means—but do let it be *really* expert.

Mr. Prance: If you take dark feathers from a Yellowbunting, will the new feathers come lighter?—I doubt very much whether any alteration of colour would take place, but it is certain that excessive plucking would lead to a weaker growth of feather.

Mr. Crisp: Is it usual to stain Linnets?—I should say not, although I have heard of Linnets being disqualified for staining. I do know that it is not necessary to stain them, though I have in my mind at this moment the cases of specimens which are so exceptional in natural colour that they would doubtless be candidates for testing under certain judges.

Mr. Adamthwaite: To what extent will wild seeds improve colour in birds?—It would not be wise to expect much improvement in birds which are, as some are—almost without colour naturally. There is no doubt, however, that the use of wild seeds will improve whatever colour the birds naturally possess; the final result being, of course, governed by the amount of colour latent in the individual bird.

Mr. Kelly: Would the treatment and seeds for Linnets be the same as for Goldfinches? The treatment would be similar, but the seeds would be different. The stock mixture for a Linnet would be an equal bulk of Canary, teazel, linseed, and English and German rape. The green foods would be chickweed, groundsel, Shepherd's Purse, and plantain. Then there were, he said, the advertised wild-seed mixtures, which were very suitable for Linnets.—Having replied to a question by Mr. Wheller about the colouring of show cages, Mr. Prior resumed his seat.

The Chairman (Mr. A. C. Burn) said that he was sure they had all spent an enjoyable evening, and those present who were interested in British birds had benefited by this meeting. The subject of our native birds was one that should interest children—one which might be taught in our great schools. Children would then appreciate bird life, and would hesitate to rob nests, or throw stones to kill these most beautiful of God's creatures.—Mr. Burn then moved that our appreciation of Mr. Prior's services be placed on record. This was seconded by Mr. F. Curry, warmly supported by Mr. R. L. Crisp, and carried by acclamation. Mr. Prior, in reply, said that they had given him their attention, which he was pleased to observe was manifested by their intelligent questions, and he begged them to accept his sincere thanks.

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## MY EXPERIENCES WITH BUDGERIGARS.

By G. R. BUSBY.

### Where the Birds are Kept.

I have at the present moment three outdoor aviaries, containing English and foreign birds, and some fowls. I will now give you my first year's experience in the breeding of Budgerigars. The aviary is out of doors, and consists of an old Birmingham and Bristol Road tramcar, 17ft. long, 6ft. wide, and 6½ft. high. It is all boarded up, with the exception of the front, which is wired half way down from the top, and is boarded on the bottom half, with a door at both ends. It makes an extremely good and warm house, and I use no artificial heat whatever.

### The Arrival of the Birds.

I saw advertised in CAGE BIRDS one dozen Budgerigars for, I think, 40s., or "nearest offer," and I think I wrote and offered him 30s. for the lot. What was my surprise to find that before I had had time to remit him the money, the birds arrived! The following morning I received a letter from him stating that he accepted my offer, and had sent the birds off.

When they arrived one was dead, but all the rest seemed quite healthy. But on turning them out into the aviary I found that one was unable to fly. It got alright, however, after a week or so. I then bought one dozen cocoanut husks from a Wolverhampton man, who also advertised in CAGE BIRDS, for 5s., and I hung them about. The birds were soon very busy going in and out of them. I might say that I wrote to the man whom I purchased the birds from, and he informed me that my birds, which were all green ones, were five old birds, and the other six their own young ones. So in order to get some strange blood, I exchanged some of the cocks with a neighbour who is a fancier also, and in about three weeks' time I had the satisfaction of finding about three husks with eggs in them.

As they all seemed to be going along nicely, and my aviary was a large one, I wrote to a well-known bird man for two pairs of Yellows, for which I paid 15s. Those birds arrived safely, and I was quite satisfied with them. They were two true pairs, but evidently not properly paired, for they caused quite a sensation amongst my green birds.

Two days after their introduction two lots of eggs had been thrown out of the nests. One Yellow bird was maimed, but got alright again, and one Green hen I found dead, although things had been going on so very pleasantly before they came. However, from that time things went on very well for a while.

### Some Breeding Results.

After observing them for about a fortnight I found one pair of Yellows with eggs, and the other two Yellows both paired up to two Greens, but I took no notice—I let them go on as they liked. To my astonishment the first young I had were five beautiful Yellows, from a Green cock and a Yellow hen. But I think this hen was deserted by her Yellow husband, and then paired to the Green cock, as she has had about four nests since, and all the young have been Greens.

In the meantime the other birds were going along very well, as I had during the year about six nests with four birds in each, three nests of three, two nests of one only, and one nest of six Greens, and yet another nest of five Yellows; these last were from the Yellow pair. The Yellows bred continually up to December, when I took their nests away. They don't seem to know when to stop!

The last two or three nests of young, I found, looked alright until it was time for them to fly, and when they left the nest I found them on the floor unable to get on to the perches. I have very little time to attend to them, and their late nests of young have most of them died. Another thing I found was that they are so prolific that in some instances the old birds laid again in the nests before their young had left. But still, they seemed to hatch out the eggs alright. One thing I found with the late hatched nests was that the young got their feet clogged. Each claw had a lump as large as a Budgie's egg, and it took me a long time to get it off them.

### Some Future Plans.

I have sold all the young Greens at 4s. 6d. and 5s. per pair, and the Yellows at 7s. and 8s. per pair—some to friends, and some through advertising in CAGE BIRDS. I exchanged one pair for a Cockatiel (cock), and another pair for three Zebra Finches. This spring I am putting up more Yellows and less Greens for breeding, as I find the Yellow no harder to breed than the Greens, and they fetch more money. I shall also get a hen Cockatiel and try my luck in the spring with breeding Cockatiels. With regard to the feeding of Budgerigars, I consider no birds more hardy or more easy to keep. I give them their seed from fountains that supply more seed as they eat it. The feed consists of plain Canary seed and millet seed in separate fountains. I also give them bread soaked in hot water. I find they like seeding grass. They drink very little water; in fact, I never see them do so, although I always keep a fountain of water in case they should require a drink. I have a few other birds flying loose with them, but I find that the Budgies are dangerous companions, and occasionally I find a maimed bird among them. So I would caution fanciers not to put any little favourite of another species with them. Such birds as Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Bramblefinches, Yellow Buntings, and the like, never seem to me to come to any harm, but Linnets, Goldfinches, Siskins, and other small birds, are sure to come to grief sooner or later.

# The Colour-feeding of Birds.

By J. W. RAMSDEN.

**A Lecture delivered before the members and friends of the London and Provincial O.S. on March 18th.**

(*Continued from page* 316.)

### What is the Natural Colour?

"Natural Colour Classes!"—I wonder how many of the gentlemen who vote for these classes could tell me what the natural colour of any bird really is? Mr. Blakston, writing in "Cassell's Book on Canaries" some thirty years ago referred to this subject in the following terms:—"What is the natural colour of the Canary? Is not the assumption of the fact that the colour in which it usually appears is its natural colour, rather an arbitrary assumption? If various descriptions of vegetable food, all of which it might find in a state of nature, and which it eats with avidity, affect its colour in as many degrees, who shall say that any one shade of colour is *the* colour, and that all other shades are unnatural? Is not the word unnatural wrongly applied? If anything be unnatural it is the artificial food, which the bird could not get in its natural state, for Canaries do not gather hard-boiled eggs, etc., amongst the fruits and seeds of the earth. Suppose a bird to have escaped into a conservatory, and to be observed eating some berries growing there, acrid and poisonous to ourselves, but of marked benefit to the bird, and by the action of certain properties in them beautifying its plumage; what lunatic would call such food unnatural, and such results unnatural? Again, I would ask: How could any judge tell if a bird in a natural colour class had been favoured with a marigold or nasturtium daily through its moult? Would such feeding bar an exhibitor in a non-fed class or not? In my humble opinion, it is the best for shows to leave the colour open."

Some short time ago a noted breeder, writing in CAGE BIRDS on the Border Fancy Canary (one of the varieties not usually colour-fed—in fact colour-feeding is prohibited by the Border Fancy Canary Club), gave the following instructions for feeding:—"Never forget to be up early with their breakfast, which should consist of half a teaspoonful of egg food, with four drops of Parrish's Chemical Food added one day, the next substituting a pinch of cayenne pepper in the egg food. Also put in the water a piece of sulphate of iron the size of a split pea, which should be changed every day where circumstances and time will allow."

This, I contend, is colour-feeding pure and simple, as I believe a correspondent pointed out at the time of the appearance of the article, and it tends to prove what a farce the "non fed" classes are.

### Birds to Colour-Feed.

First, Canaries: With the exception of those known as "Liverpool Greens," all varieties of Canaries are improved in colour and appearance by being colour-fed on tasteless pepper. Norwich, Yorkshires, Lizards, and Cinnamons are the varieties in which colour counts most, and these varieties are, therefore, colour fed to produce the deepest colour possible. Crests, Crest-breds, Belgians, Scotch Fancies, and Border Fancies are not colour-fed to such an extent as the others I have named, but the more experienced exhibitors usually colour-feed these varieties in a way that will improve the colour, without indicating that the birds have been colour-fed.

Secondly, Mules and Hybrids: All Mules and Hybrids should be colour-fed, and in most cases they will show a better colour if from ½ to 1oz. of hot cayenne is mixed with 1lb. of the tasteless pepper.

Thirdly, British birds: Far and away the greater number of British birds are colour-fed, and are improved in colour and appearance by the process. Far greater skill is required in colour-feeding British birds than in colour-feeding Canaries. The feeder must think the matter over, and decide what shade of colour he wants in each bird, and then mix his colour-feed accordingly. Goldfinches, for instance, are much improved by using a colour-feed one-quarter the usual strength. This improves the colour of the yellow, and imparts a sheen to the bird's feathers; but if the colour-feed used is too strong in colour it will spoil the whites and the blaze. The Goldfinch is the most difficult bird to colour-feed; most of the other species of British birds are easily fed.

Lastly, foreign birds: These are not colour-fed to any great extent. Anyone wishing to colour-feed foreigners must study the matter carefully. Note the colours on the birds, and determine which of them would be improved by the mixing of a deep red with it, and also what colours would be spoilt by the use of a deep red. There is no hard and fast rule, but follow the instructions given in books on painting, *re* the mixing of colours, and you will not go far wrong.

### Moulting for Colour.

As a rule a young Canary commences its first moult when about eight weeks old; the old birds will fall into moult about July, and from this time your bird rooms should be most carefully attended to. The moulting season is a critical time for the birds, especially the highly-bred exhibition stock. We all know that moulting is a provision of nature, but to birds kept in confinement it always seems to be a time of sickness. Get your birds into good condition, for strong healthy birds moult easily, whilst birds in poor condition usually have a bad moult.

Your cages should be clean, and all traces of red mite removed; the room, too, must be well ventilated, but free from draught. You will then be ready to commence the moulting season and colour-feeding. As a rule, it is safest to cage your best exhibition birds singly, but birds you know to be of a peaceful disposition can be placed three or four in a cage. If you have a large flight cage—not too high, and the perches all one height from the floor for preference—you may turn a dozen or even twenty birds in, for birds, like sheep, follow one another, and as soon as one starts feeding on the colour-food they will all "follow suit." It often happens that the best fed birds are those that have been fed in a flight.

Light has a great influence on colour, and it is important that the birds be protected from a strong light during the moulting season. I know many fanciers cover their birds up during the moult, but this is hardly necessary. I have found that a red or yellow blind kept drawn over the window will subdue the light quite enough to prevent its affecting the colour of the birds; it will also prevent the birds from seeing the colour of their new feathers so well, with the result that they will not fight or pluck each other so much. It is also a matter of great importance that the moulting room be kept at an even temperature. I like an even temperature of about 65 degrees, and it assists the birds very much if this heat be a moist one.

The birds should be fed on plain Canary seed, and this need never be taken from them. The colour-food should consist of the ordinary egg-food, to which has been added some tasteless pepper. I always commence with the following mixture:—Two tea biscuits, one hard-boiled egg, two teaspoonfuls of sugar, and one teaspoonful of tasteless pepper. Day by day I gradually increase the amount of pepper until I reach the maximum of four heaped-up teaspoonfuls. Those who wish to use hot pepper can add 1oz. of Natal to each pound of tasteless, and use as directed. To insure equal distribution, I pass the whole through a biscuit mill one hour before I use it. I allow a teaspoonful of this food to each bird per day, and have always found this quantity sufficient.

A good many fanciers, I may point out, use too much pepper; they overdo it. You have no idea of the strength of the dye contained in tasteless pepper, or you would the more easily understand what a small quantity is required per day to colour a bird's plumage. The blood will only absorb a certain amount of colour—to give more is to court disaster.

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## MY WAY OF BREEDING NORWICH PLAINHEADS.

**Paper read before the Altrincham C.B.S., by Mr. A. Royle, on March 23rd.**

Having been asked by your secretary to give you a paper on the breeding of Plainheads, I will, with your kind attention, try to explain my way of breeding this variety. First of all, the Norwich Plainhead Canary must be a bird full of colour, type, and quality, and of fairly good size; carriage must also be well aimed for. Without these no proper standard can be gained.

### Methods and Results of Pairing.

The birds that I always use in pairing up are as follows: a clear buff cock to a clear yellow hen, and a clear yellow cock to a clear buff hen. The cock must be of good size with head as round as can be got; and with plenty of colour; the hen must be of good quality and not overlarge. It must not be taken for granted that you get all the colour you need for an exhibition bird from the above. To get the colour well grafted into my stock, I procure as good a green hen as I can—what I call a bronze green; not a grass green, because I think that the grass greens show too smoky a colour in clears. The reason I use a yellow green hen is because I find the yellow cock has a tendency to be long-sided and stilty of legs. Having got the right kind of hen, I then pair her up to a clear buff cock. By pairing up in this way you are likely to get some variegated youngsters. Also, it is quite possible you may obtain some nice clears, showing good depth of colour.

Another way of getting colour is to double yellow. I use one clear and the other marked, and have had good results in this way. Great care must be used here. Let the feather be as short and silky as possible. Also the birds must be as short and stout as possible, with good round heads, as a narrow head is of no use for this purpose. Double yellowing has a tendency to lengthen both feather and bird. Again, you may breed not only yellows but buffs in this way, as I have done so myself. If you should be fortunate enough to secure a good buff hen in this way, you would do well to pair this up with a ticked yellow cock. The reason I use a ticked bird here is that it helps to deepen the colour of the offspring.

### How to Get Size.

Now, having done all you can to get colour, we find that the birds are on the small side. How then, are we to get size into our stock?

Well, I find the best and shortest way is to double buff; in doing this I get the cock as big as I can, with feather as short and as neat as possible, a variegated bird for preference. And I get the hen a clear buff as typical as can be. I have bred good stock and show birds in this way. It is generally thought that the clear birds, either yellows or buffs, are the best for show purposes, but to my mind some of the marked or variegated birds make very good show specimens. What looks better than a neatly marked bird on the bench? Besides, it is a very useful article in the breeding room, as I have already tried to show.

### The Type of Bird Wanted.

But in trying to breed the Norwich Plainhead I should like to impress on you that it is difficult to get the birds that are required for winning, as in a great many cases type is completely ignored, and unless all the judges can see their way to keep to the standard set down for us to breed to, we shall have to go back to the Crestbred for help, because some of the birds that I have seen win appear more like Crestbreds than otherwise.

I do not want to pose as an authority on this breed, but during the twelve years I have been breeding and showing, the changes have been numerous. While the long-sided and beetle-browed birds are preferred by some of our judges, others show daylight underneath enough to do credit to a Yorkshire. The correct type, therefore, gets left out in the cold.

How, then, is the novice to be expected to follow up the Fancy? We all know that the true Norwich type is easier to get in medium sized birds than in the large ones, as we are told that the length should not be more than six and a half inches from the tip of the beak to the end of the tail. A bird of this length and stout in proportion, deep in colour, silky in plumage, and short in flights and tail, takes a lot of getting, and when obtained and shown clean and in sound condition takes a lot of beating.

I must now bring my paper to a close, and if it has been of any service, especially to the novice, I shall be more than satisfied. I shall also be only too pleased to try to answer any questions you wish to ask. The four pairs of birds brought for examples to breed from, received very great attention and admiration from all present, especially the variegated buff cock, which it is intended to use this year for double buffing. A good number of questions were asked and were very ably answered by Mr. Royle, after which a vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer for the excellent way in which he had delivered his address.


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# Management of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries.

By THOMAS SMITH.

(Continued from page 290.)

The males should break forth into singing by the middle of December at the latest. Many a hitherto supposed hen is discovered to be of the opposite sex, to the chagrin of the owner, causing him to look out for another mate, which is frequently unfortunate, as the cream for breeding purposes have been disposed of.

However, with a diligent search, it is possible to get a serviceable mate even at the eleventh hour. A fancier may suddenly give up the Fancy, which presents a favourable opportunity. Fanciers with a reliable strain, however, do not readily abandon the Fancy.

### Spare Hens and Foster Parents.

Spare hens should be kept. Egg binding and other ills remove one's hens at that period of the year when they are most wanted, and cannot be purchased for either love or money. A hen not much to look at but well bred comes in handy as a "spare," and may produce superior stock to that of her prize winning sister.

A well bred bird (not much of a one in appearance) should be valued. And no one can pair such birds to the same advantage as the breeder. He knows the weak and the strong traits, and can match his birds accordingly.

Prize winners come from unexpected quarters, and sometimes from an odd bird that no purchaser would take.

Too many fanciers leave the getting of foster parents till a more convenient season. This in my opinion is a gross mistake. In the months of September, October and November a choice can be had, but in December, January and February they are not so easily picked up, and those who wait till these months, have to take what they can get, and many fanciers get "landed" with bad feeders, which, as every fancier knows, is a calamity. Everything depends upon the careful hatching and rearing of the birds we so much want to save. Readers have, no doubt, seen fanciers in sore straits in the months of April, May, June or July to procure reliable foster parents to save and bring up newly-hatched birds.

Foster parents of a reputed rearing strain are about as important as a reputed winning strain itself; they are both of considerable importance, and a great deal depends upon each. I advise the getting in of foster parents before the end of the year, so as to get them accustomed to their environment. Change of residence later may result in a false moult, which is a serious drawback to the workers.

### Concerning Show Cages.

The Scotch Fancy Canary is exhibited in a lightly-got-up cage, with two perches, and black wires, and is painted inside according to the taste of the exhibitor. The cage is of various sizes, but it should be of such dimensions as will enable the bird to travel freely when put through its facings at the judging.

The Belgian is exhibited in a small cage made for the purpose, and painted black both outside and inside, and the wires also. The cage is usually covered with green cloth to protect the exhibit from draught. The Belgian is not so lively as the Scotch Fancy, and requires to be well taken care of. Some of the finest exhibition cages are made by amateurs. They put superior material and workmanship into them. A beautiful and well-finished cage enriches the appearance of the exhibit, therefore a nice cage is not to be despised. Judges who are officiating often know who the exhibitor is by the pattern of cage—which has been a bone of contention. It has been urged, and not without good reason, that the cages should be all of one pattern and type throughout; but after all, it is questionable if that would be of benefit. The individual bird comes to be well known, and particularly if it is a first-class specimen, as its identity cannot be concealed.

All honour to the judges; they are men who do their duty without fear or favour. The judging is done openly, the exhibitors and visitors being spectators from the gallery, or from a space set apart for them during the judging.

### At the Judging Time.

The Scotch Fancy Canary is usually judged by two. Two cages are held up against each other, the object being to draw out the latent excellencies and to arrive at a correct judgment as to the best. The exhibits throughout are compared in this way until the requisite number of birds have been set apart for the prize cards, and these are placed on the table, and compared over and over again until they are placed in the right order of merit. The unsuccessful exhibitors are seldom satisfied with the awards, the disposition to see excellencies in their own stock which do not exist, dominating their idea as to what ought to win. Judges are not infallible, and they do make slips sometimes, but, taken on the whole, their work is a credit to them and to the Fancy. They love the work for the work's sake. But if a judge should lapse into easy-going judgment, and is followed by a competent reporter, the matter would be caught-up. Members are sufficiently alert to appoint reliable judges, knowing that the success of the show largely depends upon their work.

The Belgian Canary is judged by one gentleman. Its qualities are drawn out when it remains sitting on one perch. Its head cannot be got too far down, or the shoulders be too prominent. The chest in a good bird is clean cut, and the body, wings, and tail, are straight. The Belgian has decreased in size, supposed to have been brought about by inter-breeding with inferior Scotch Fancy Canaries.

The pure large Belgian Canary is a valuable bird, and ever will be in demand for crossing with Scotch Fancies, dependence being placed upon the Belgian for the high shoulders, drive, and clean cut chest. The breeding of pure Belgians of good size cannot be too strongly recommended. Young birds from such stock of the right stamp always command handsome prices.

Fanciers differ as to the wisdom of allowing birds to have the use of the bath on the day following the show. The weather in this respect should be considered before anything. Should it be mild and bright a plunge will assist to remove the feeling of tiredness which invariably comes over a bird after the severe handling it receives at a show. The water should be tepid, and the bird should be out of all draught whilst bathing, and immediately thereafter. Birds are subject to all the ills that flesh is heir to, and every means should be taken to avert chills, as it is from these that many troubles spring. "Prevention is better than cure."

### Show Only Healthy Birds.

A bird that exhibits signs of being out of order should not be sent to a show, as it will come back infinitely worse, with the trouble accentuated. Besides, nothing is to be gained, the sickly subject having not the slightest chance against a healthy exhibit. It should be kept at home, and every effort directed towards getting it into a normal condition of health. The loss of a few prizes is nothing compared with the death of a promising bird, whose life might have been saved by the exercise of a little patience.

A bird should only be exhibited when in full bloom. Colour has little bearing in the case of a Scotch Fancy or Belgian Canary, but bloom on the plumage is not without its effect. Beautiful feathers, remember, make beautiful birds.

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## THE MATING OR BALANCING UP OF BIRDS FOR BREEDING.

**Lecture delivered before the West Bromwich and District C.B.S. by Mr. Weaver, on March 16th.**

At the conclusion of the table show held at the headquarters of the West Bromwich and Dist. C.B.S. on March 16th, Mr. Weaver, of Wolverhampton, who judged, kindly offered to give us a little lecture, taking as his subject "Mating or Balancing Up."

Mr. Weaver said he thought this would be a very fitting matter for birdy men to discuss just at this time of the year, as he had no doubt most of them had been exercising their minds on the desirability of mating certain pairs together for breeding certain essentials or points. To do this, he said, we require to know what are the propensities and the pedigree of the parents we intend to breed from, and this point I want the novices to take especial notice of. Do not be guided altogether by the particular fancier whom you intend to purchase from by his telling you that this or that particular pair will do you good, without you see some of the stock which he himself has been breeding. Doubtless, it will be hard to get into some of the fanciers' rooms, as you have to have the stock they send you or none at all. This plan I should strongly condemn, as I consider nine out of every ten are not breeders, but dealers.

To go on with my lecture: Although I say this is a very fitting time to thoroughly make up our minds on the matter, the wise fancier has come to the conclusion long before now—even so far back as the beginning of the late show season, and some even before that—just what birds he will want for the coming breeding-season's work.

### Half the Battle.

Mr. Weaver at this point gave the novice some more good advice—to well weigh up his stock before parting with any birds that would be likely to be valuable in the building up of his strain, knowing the particular propensities of the individuals of his stock. The knowledge of these particular propensities, or the strain from which the birds have come, is half the battle. You may have many arguments with yourself as to why you should mate up a certain cock to a certain hen. Mr. Weaver here quoted some of the propensities in certain varieties that are very difficult to combat. Take the Norwich, for instance, he said—clumsy wing carriage, too much length in tail, too much heavy feather around the vent, which should be cut away well; and another very difficult one the flat skull, which gives the bird a very bad browy appearance, which some carry bad enough without the flatness. Pretty well the same remarks, said the lecturer, apply to most of the standard varieties. Two bad faults in the Yorkshires are hollowed necks and open chests.

The generally accepted ideas of mating, continued the lecturer, are evenly-balanced pairs both for size and general fitness. The largest stock cock, mated to the small or medium hen, comes next; but very rarely do we see anyone advocate the over-large hen to the cock on the small size. Now, my experience is—and I have the greatest faith in it—that the pairs should be the nearest to the standard of the particular varieties that one intends to go in for. My experience has been that a better and more evenly-balanced result is obtained by this method than by using up the big cocks to the small but typical hens.

### The Evenly-balanced Method.

Mr. Weaver gave some very interesting results in his own experience, and said he had better results and also bred more winners by the evenly-balanced or the standard-size method than by any other, and he has tried very nearly every way that is possible I will explain to you, continued the lecturer, why I should not pair birds according to some of the accepted principles of mating a bird weak in certain points to another perhaps rather overdone in this respect, and I advise my friends to be very careful in this matter, as it is very misleading to those with little experience. Here, above all others, the propensities of the blood may have a great deal to do in the matter, and I could give you some excellent object lessons on the good and bad points' system in the several varieties I have kept. Let me here say how very difficult it is to breed out the bad points thus introduced, because some of the general faults of the one bird and then the faults of the other must certainly be reproduced in the resulting youngsters and so on, even to the stock that has the preponderance of the opposite good quality.

Mr. Weaver closed his lecture by explaining what would be a well-mated pair of the several varieties he had successfully bred for the last twelve years. Here several questions were asked, and Mr. Weaver answered them without any hesitation whatever. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Weaver, to which he responded, brought a most interesting meeting to a close.

## WILD BIRD LIFE.

### Spring Ways of the Peewits.

Now the snow has gone it is pleasant to get out into the fields and note the changes already apparent through the coming of a more genial temperature. On every side the buds are swelling; distant woodland shows a warmth of colour very different to the sombre hues of winter. Here and there on the edge of the copse, and along the hedgerows, the hardy elder trees are showing leaf, the vivid green attracting the eye. And how delightful it is to see this early evidence of future beauty! Spring flowers are pushing up their tiny spikelets, and on the sheltered banks the violets compete with the pale primroses of the woodlands to give local colour to the surroundings. Thrushes and Blackbirds sing from dawn till sundown, and the music of the Larks is most incessant; and so plentiful are these grand songsters that from every yard of the countryside, highway, and footpath, silvery music strikes the ear.

Away on the uplands the broad winged Peewits toy with each other in amatory play, sometimes in pairs, sometimes singly, and sometimes a dozen or so in a bunch. They go through the most extraordinary evolutions. When a Peewit is on wing there is no more fascinating bird to watch. It seems to me impossible to pass a flock without staying for a time to wonder at their wing power and gracefulness of movement. From now until the young are fledged and on the wing, the flight is so devoid of directness, twisting, and turning so quickly, that it appears to show a restless, agitated state, very different to the long full sweeping curves of the winter months. In a few days these small gatherings will be dispersed. Each male bird manages to entice a partner away to some quiet spot, and although many pairs may be nesting on the same hill-side there is always a certain space between them.

### Rare Thrush Shot.

At a recent meeting of the British Ornithological Club Mr. T. Parker exhibited a specimen of the Black-throated Thrush (Turdus atrigularis). It was shot at Newenden, Kent, on January 29th last, and is only the third recorded appearance of the species in Britain.

### The Woodcocks' Ways.

Among the early breeders must be counted the Woodcocks. They generally nest in March or early in April, depositing from three to five eggs. When the young are hatched the old birds carry them nightly to the feeding ground. These birds are very conservative, and visit the same woods season after season.

### Pick-a-Bud.

Fruit growers just now are carefully watching the trees to catch a glimpse of one of our most beautiful birds. Not that the generality of gardeners have any special liking for the brightly coloured Bullfinch, but at this season of the year when the trees are thick with buds, he is looked upon as a beautiful enemy, and either frightened away or killed at sight. It is his nature to pick the bud, but whether for good or ill is still a point for argument.

### A Plea for the Wild Birds.

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### PRESTON O.S..

Meeting held April 1st, there being a large attendance. It was decided to hold the annual First Feather Show on July 10th. The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Hirst with regard to the judging of same. We also decided to have Mr. R. Anderton's lantern display at our next meeting, May 6th. Several new members were elected.—R. TAYLOR, Sec.

### LANCASHIRE C.A.

Only a few members turned up at Middleton for our meeting and the lecture on Lancashires, so we decided to leave the lecture over to some future date, when it is to be hoped more of our members will turn up. Mr. J. Oldham was elected chairman. It was decided that the last day for receiving our club patronage be July 31st. We fixed our next meeting to be held at Littleborough on the date of the First Feather Show of the Littleborough C.B.S. A hearty vote of thanks to our Chairman brought the meeting to a close.—WM. ADAMS, Hon. Sec.

### Y.C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Meeting held on March 30th, in Mr. Muir's rooms, Saltmarket, Glasgow. The First Feather Show was fixed to be held June 30th, when a special general meeting will also be held to grant patronage for coming season. A gold medal is promised by Dr. C. Syson, and a silver medal by Mr. W. B. Cobb for competition at this show. It was decided to open a special prize list, to provide a silver medal at each show held under club patronage, no member to be eligible to win more than one such medal during the season. Will members wishing to contribute towards same kindly send on at their earliest, along with subscriptions, which are now due? A very instructive and interesting lecture was given by Mr. R. B. Gibb, which was thoroughly appreciated. Two new members were made, namely, Mr. W. Loan (Glasgow), and Mr. J. Johnson (Govan), bringing our total up to 13 new members for this season. The meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the lecturer.—FRED BOWMAN, Hon. Sec.

### HALIFAX O.S.

On April 3rd, at the Griffin Hotel, Mr. T. W. Wilson (Halifax) gave a lecture on "Breeding Season Troubles," which was very highly appreciated by the members and friends present, the large room being packed to its utmost capacity. The lecturer dealt with the subject in a very able manner, and no doubt gave several very useful and instructive hints to the champions as well as to the novices. Several questions were asked and were answered satisfactorily. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the lecturer by Mr. H. H. Sutcliffe, which was seconded by Mr. Lee and carried with acclamation. Mr. Wilson suitably replied, which brought a very pleasant evening to a close. We had the pleasure of making seven new members, which brings the total of new members for this year up to 14. The next meeting will be held on May 1st, when Mr. H. W. Walsh will give a lecture, the subject to be announced later. Fanciers will be welcome.—H. WHITAKER, Assist. Sec.

### CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting at headquarters, on March 8th, with Mr. R. L. Crisp in the chair. Letters were read from the Rev. Dr. Morrison graciously accepting the vice-presidentship, and from the Secretary of the London Federation. Messrs. C. Hawes, J. Groves, R. Knight, and A. Baker were elected members. Arising out of the letter from the Secretary of the Federation, it was proposed, seconded, and carried that a subscription of one penny per member, and a donation of one penny per member towards the initial expenses of the London Federation, be paid from the funds. The notice of motion, viz., "That a person winning in a champion class shall remain in that section," was confirmed, also that the delegates be instructed to consider an insurance scheme of birds, and their decision referred back to the Association. The motion standing in the name of Mr. Honeysett was left over for future consideration. Here, Mr. F. Wyse made an observation that he considered the delegates should be empowered to bring forward the question of paying carriage for birds whilst personally accompanied. He had been made on several occasions to pay, but the last time he was requested to, he settled it by the use of natural weapons. (This elicited roars of laughter from the members.) A letter of condolence was instructed to be conveyed to Mr. A. C. Burn and Mr. A. W. Curtis upon their indisposition. The Secretary announced that a lecture upon "Foreign Birds" would be given by Wesley Page, Esq., on April 26th. A judging competition on "cage bird staging" took place, with Mr. Silver as final judge, four amateurs and 14 novices taking part, with 10 exhibits. At the close, Mr. Silver made observations upon the exhibits before him and answered many questions in a satisfactory manner. The prize for the best staged bird was awarded to Mr. F. Curry, with a Yellow Bunting, and the second to Mr. W. Page, with a Greenfinch. With a few encouraging words, Mr. Crisp presented the handsome struck silver medal to Mr. Curry, and the bronze to Mr. Page. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Silver for his splendid services. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.—V. WYNN, Hon. Sec.

### WELSH C.B.C.

Annual general meeting held at the Ship and Bell, Merthyr, on April 3rd. There was a fair attendance of members, also Mr. Love, of Bristol, the noted British bird exhibitor. In the absence of the Chairman Mr. T. H. Melhuish took the chair. Letters were read regretting their inability to attend from Messrs. T. L. Castree (Chairman), H. W. Sheldon, E. P. Roberts, W. Winnard, Messrs. Lewis and Dymond, and Mr. J. Prichard. The Secretary presented the balance-sheet, which showed a balance to the good of £6 4s. 1d. The amount in hand from the 1907 accounts was 19s. 10d. The report was accepted as read. Several rules were revised and brought up-to-date. All moneys will from this date be placed in Lloyd's Bank, and cheques will be signed by the Secretary and Treasurer. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. G. T. Jones and the Show Committee, the show being held at Brecon last November. It was decided to hold the next show at Merthyr. Mr. A. E. Brown was elected club show secretary, and Mr. J. H. Jones, show manager. Mr. T. H. Melhuish was elected to judge. Applications for the club's patronage must be made on or before July 19th. It was decided to exchange medals with the Toronto C.B.S. again this year, making the third year that this friendly exchange has been agreed upon. Mr. Sandiford's Cup was also accepted for the third year. It is expected that there will be very keen competition for this cup next season. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Sandiford. The following gentlemen were elected as members: Messrs. J. Dallemore (Cardiff), Lewis Lewis (Merthyr), W. Oates (Penrhweeeiber), G. Chail (Mountain Ash). The next business was the nomination of officers for the year. The Chairman (Mr. T. L. Castree) wished to be released from that office for the present. The Secretary also wished to withdraw from office on account of business pressure, but upon the proposition of Mr. Melhuish, who spoke in very glowing terms of the work that the Secretary had done during the four years that he had held office, it was thought that the club could not do better than appoint the Secretary (Mr. D. H. Tedstone) as their Chairman. This was carried unanimously. Mr. Melhuish was elected Vice-Chairman, and Mr. J. H. Jones as Treasurer. There being no other nomination, these stand elected. Messrs. G. T. Jones (Brecon) and D. G. Lewis (Cardiff) were nominated for the office of Secretary. Ballot papers will be sent out shortly for each member to vote for a Secretary, Committeemen, Auditors, and Judges. The cups and medals were presented to those winners of them who were present. The winners are as follows: Leech Challenge Cup, Canary section, Mr. G. L. Harber; British section, Lewis and Dymond; D. Jones' Cup, George Gregory; Sandiford's, G. T. Jones; medals, Toronto C.B.S., J. H. Jones; club medals, T. L. Castree, J. T. Jones, W. Card, G. Gregory, Lewis and Dymond, J. H. Jones, A. E. Brown, H. W. Sheldon, G. L. Harber, and Mrs. C. Jonkins; Mr. J. Pritchard took the gold medal for best team at the club show. Mr. T. H. Melhuish then gave a very interesting address upon the breeding and management of Canaries, which was listened to with great interest.

### GOOLE AND DISTRICT F.S.

Meeting held April 1st. It was decided to hold a members' show on June 12th, and an open show on Nov. 25th. The late Secretary sent in his resignation, which was accepted. Next meeting will be held at Verymuden Hotel, at 8 p.m. Will all members please attend. Anyone within a radius of twelve miles wishing to join should apply to me at 13, Manual-street, Goole.—A. ROBERTS, Hon. Sec.

### SANDY LANE & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Supper and concert, held on March 23rd; 55 sat down. After supper we had a splendid concert, Mr. David Sowden being in the chair. After congratulating Messrs. Bailey and Swanger on winning the cup, and also other members on winning their prizes, a splendid programme was gone through, Messrs. Batty, Bentley, Wellock, Whatmuff, and Sunderland being the vocalists and Mr. E. Varley the elocutionist. It was a most enjoyable evening, the time passing all too rapidly.—B. BUCKLE, secretary.


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Monthly meeting held March 27th, at headquarters, Congregational Schoolrooms, Mr. Chew in the chair. There was a nice attendance to hear Mr. Yelland's remarks on "Breeding and Rearing." Previous to the commencement of his lecture, the usual business was settled, also the election of judge for Young Bird Show. Mr. King (Leeds) was appointed. Two new members joined us, viz., Messrs. Smith and Flint, and we trust they will benefit by doing so. Mr. Yelland's lecture was not lengthy, but very interesting, and to the point. He gave particulars and details of his method, which had proved very satisfactory, but if fanciers found they were obtaining good results from their own, his advice was "stick to it." Many questions were asked and were satisfactorily answered. General remarks were made by others present, both humorous and instructive. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to Mr. Yelland.—WHITELEY AND HORNBY, Hon. Secs.

### COVENTRY O.S.

**Lecture on Breeding Cages & Appliances**

On March 17th, Mr. Geo. Turrell gave a lecture on "Breeding Cages and Appliances." His remarks, he said, would be addressed to the younger fanciers more than to older ones than himself, and quoted the advice of a former president of the society, the late Dr. Bradburn, "that utility should never be sacrificed to fancy, or ornamental cages." He said he made all his own cages, including his show cages, and up to quite recently the whole of the cage had to be made, no punched bar fronts being obtainable. The old-fashioned way was to put up shelving with simple fronts put in, but the present and up-to-date breeding cage was a box cage, complete in itself, so that it could be removed for cleaning purposes, etc. As to the size of breeding cages, there was necessarily no fixed size, but a reasonable size was one 3 feet long, equally divided by a sliding partition, 11 in. by 16½ in. high—one convenient for all purposes, and yet not too small for even Crests. Racks were preferable to shelving. If the space at your disposal, he said, is limited, you may adopt a smaller size, 2 ft. 6 in. by 14 in. high, and 10 in. back to front, large enough for Norwich, and also large enough when divided for two separate birds. He contended that all cages should be glued, to avoid harbours for redmite; also that to thoroughly clean out cages the birds should be removed. He always did so, he said, as he thought it was impossible to clean them satisfactorily without doing so, and thought it did the birds no harm, but tamed them and made them steady for show purposes. The nest boxes he used were made of wood, with perforated zinc bottoms, and were wider at the top than at the bottom. The shape allowed the droppings to leave the sides of the nest box. Respecting perches, he preferred a rough square perch with the corners taken off. He trained his birds in a similar but a deeper show cage than the one in general use, as the usual size was too small for the birds to be kept in excellently made and finished, quite as good as what one could buy. Many offers by members of orders for similar ones were made, but were not at any time. The various cages, etc., shown were accepted. After many questions had been asked and answered, a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. T. E. Waring and seconded by Mr. T. Gilbert. Mr. P. W. Harris occupied the chair.—GEO. PETERS, Hon. Sec.


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### *A Homing Goldfinch.

An uncle of mine had a Goldfinch from my father, and one day he took the cage and bird outside so as to clean it. The cage door unfortunately opened, and the Goldfinch flew away. It joined some Sparrows and went off with them. My uncle hunted after it, but could not see it. Then he thought on a plan. He hung the empty cage on a nail on the wall outside to see what that would do. Some of the onlookers thought it a very silly idea to hang out an empty cage. However, he left it there and went away to the pit. When he returned home two hours later, the Goldfinch was in the cage looking quite at home, and hopping from perch to perch with the cage door open.—Sent by Anu Muir (age 14), 147, Five Roads, Kilwinning, Ayrshire.

### **A Raven's Sagacity.

Many years ago a pet Raven living at an inn in Hungerford, was called Rafe. One day when the landlord was driving in his yard he ran over the leg of his Newfoundland dog and while he was examining the injury Rafe was evidently a concerned spectator; for the minute the dog was tied up under the manger with my horse, Rafe not only visited him but brought him bones, and attended on him with particular and repeated marks of kindness. The bird had been bought with the dog, and the affection between them was mutual, and all the neighbourhood had been witnesses of their many acts of kindness. Rafe's poor dog after a while got its leg broken again, and during the long time he was confined, Rafe waited on him constantly, carried him provisions, and scarcely ever left him alone. One night by accident the stable door had been shut, and Rafe was deprived of the company of his friend the whole night; but the ostler found in the morning that the door was so pecked away that had it not been opened in another hour, Rafe would have made his own entrance.—Sent by Frank Gardner (age 10), 16, Devonshire Road, Blackpool.

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Oct. 15 and 16—**Bolton** (H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove). G.C.B. and J.W.
*Oct. 16—**Coventry (Godiva)**—(W. H. Bray, 12 Lerry Street). J.R.
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I have sold my winning self yellow green cock Canary, second at the Crystal Palace, etc., to Mr. G. Francis, of Lowestoft, writes Mr. V. H. Deacon (Liverpool). I have also sold my unflighted foul yellow cock Canary, 1st and special at the Crystal Palace, to a well-known Midland fancier. I might say that both these gentlemen were very well pleased with their purchases. My advertisement in CAGE BIRDS during the past season has been very successful, and I must tender you my best thanks; with all good wishes for the future.

The Wibsey and Dis. C.B.S. have issued a list of members' shows to be held during the 1909 season at the Horse and Groom Inn, Wibsey. There will be four Second Feather and two First Feather Shows, for the former of which Messrs. J. Dawson, R. Halliday, W. Cruise, and H. Sutcliffe are the appointed judges, Messrs. J. Bailey, and J. Townend being the judges for the latter. At the show to be held on December 27th, four classes will be provided for novices who have never won a money prize in full classes during the season; good prizes are to be offered in this section.

### A Domesticated Blue Tit.

During the early part of the month of November, 1908, writes a Blackburn correspondent to a weekly paper, I had an old tree stuck in the grass three yards from my sitting-room window, to which I hung six cocoanuts, for the Blue Tits. One little bird has come every night to sleep in one of the cocoanuts. A remarkable incident occurred a few weeks ago. The little Blue Tit was missing for two nights, and on examining the cocoanuts I found with the previous heavy rains they were full of water. The gardener emptied the nut, and the very same night the little bird returned. It is now nearly five months since the bird first came to roost in the cocoanut, and at the present moment it is asleep in its curious bed.

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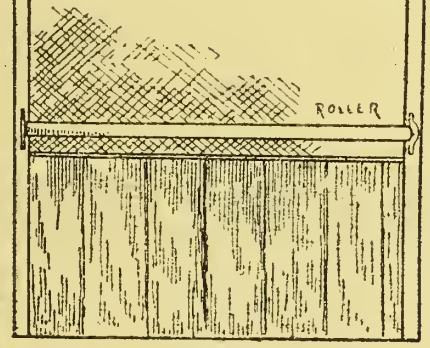
### CATS AND OUTDOOR AVIARIES.

**Sent by Hy. Pettit, Clyde Villa, Horley, Surrey.**

To prevent cats from injuring or killing the birds in an outdoor aviary, I enclose you a sketch of an idea that I use for my own aviary. I have never had a bird injured in any way




**To Defoat the Cats.**

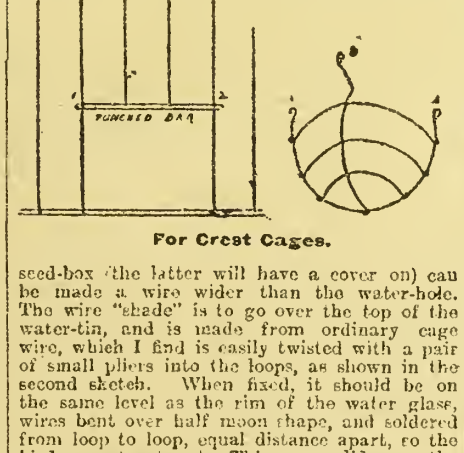
by cats. It is very simple, and costs about 4½d. Get a round broom-handle, and two iron ends such as window blind rollers are fixed in (get the two ends with holes in them—not one with a slot). Cut the broom handle to the length required, drive two stout, round, wire nails in each end, and fix it about two inches from the bottom of the wire front of the aviary, as shown in sketch.—H. PETTIT.

### No. 299.

### A DEVICE FOR CREST CAGES.

**Sent by B. Blackburn, 9, Grafton Street, Clitheroe, Lancs.**

I herewith enclose two sketches of a simple idea of value to Crest fanciers—a water and food hole, which does not spoil the Crests as the ordinary small round hole does. Certain wires are cut off short in the cage front, as shown on the first sketch, the same width and height as the seed-box. The head hole for the




**For Crest Cages.**

seed-box (the latter will have a cover on) can be made a wire wider than the water-hole. The wire "shade" is to go over the top of the water-tin, and is made from ordinary cage wire, which I find is easily twisted with a pair of small pliers into the loops, as shown in the second sketch. When fixed, it should be on the same level as the rim of the water glass, wires bent over half moon shape, and soldered from loop to loop, equal distance apart, so the bird cannot get out. This cover slides up the wires and permits one to get the water glass out quite easily. I use this idea in my bird-room, and I find it valuable for keeping the crests straight and tidy after getting them ready for show.—B. BLACKBURN.

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**Barrow and Dis. C.B.A.**—April 14, Club Room Members to pay 1/6, or their entries will not be accepted for next feather show, July 17.—J. Higman.

**Bath and Dis. F.A.**—April 15, Mr. A. C. Brackstone will give a lecture. There will be a table show.—H. Furtle.

**Bradford East O.S.**—Easter Monday. Members and friends meet at the Midland Station for Grassington. Train departs at 7.32.—H. Hill.

**Bury and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 13, Textile Hall, Bury, 8. Roller Contest date.—H. Jameson.

**Bolton Roller C.S.**—April 13, Joiner's Arms Hotel, Deansgate, Bolton, 7.30.—W. Massey.

**Bolton Woods C.B.S.**—April 10, Victoria Hotel, 8. New members, to propose show dates, if possible. Also a Canary washing exhibition, by Mr. Dykes.—M. Skirrow.

**Cardiff and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 15, Maskell's Cafe, Queen Street, 8. Lecture by Mr. T. H. McIlwish, on breeding, etc.—W. S. Negus.

**City of Bradford O.S.**—April 10, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 7. Dates for members' shows, etc., at 8 p.m. Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Girlington), will open a discussion on the Norwich Canary. Fanciers and friends invited.—F. Rhodes.

**Dalziel O.A.**—April 17, Y.M.C.I., Brandon Street, Motherwell, 7. Distribution of Spratt's Foods; nomination of judges for annual show; table show for field-moulted Linnets.—J. Mathieson.

**Edinburgh Southern O.S.** — April 14, 114, High Street, 8. Booking of hens. Election of judges and other important business. New members invited to join.—S. Hewit.

**Earlestown and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 15, Anderton's Rooms, Market Street, 8.15. Lecture, "How to Rear Young."—W. P. Fletcher.

**East Bowling and Dis. B.F.A.**—April 10, Barley Mow Hotel, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. W. Richmond (Rodley), on Pairing, and the Rearing of Young birds; friends invited.—L. Booth.

**Fife and Kinross N.P.C.**—April 17, Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, 7. Enrolling new members; Spratt's samples, etc.—A. Dickson.

**Great Horton O.S.**—April 10, Butcher's Arms, 8. Special business.—J. Holroyd.

**Hetton-le-Hole and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 10, Crown Inn, 7.—A. J. Notley.

**Kent County C.B.A.**—April 14, 67, High Street, Dover, 8.30. Correspondence, etc.—G. Sanderson.

**Leicester C.B.S.**—April 14, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Table show, pairs for Mule breeding, between British and Foreign and Canary; also pairs for Hybrid breeding, between A.V. British or Foreign. Judge, Mr. W. Stevens. All fanciers invited.—J. A. Tyler.

**Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 14, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Judge for F.F. Show. Paper and discussion; cup business; intending members and friends invited.—R. H. Davies.

**Morpeth and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 10, Vose's Rooms, 7.30.—E. Cowling.

**Morley and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 10, Sycamore Hotel, 8. Schedules for F.F. Show.—R. H. Turner.

**North Manchester C.B.S.**—April 13, Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 8. General.—J. Davey.

**New Stevenston and Dis. O.S.**—April 13, Robb's Hall, 8.—J. Lamb.

**Pendlebury, Swinton, and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 15, Blue Ribbon Hall, 7.30. Debate on birds in general. —A. Donnelly.

**Southport and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 15, Thorpe's Restaurant, 7.30. Making arrangements for F.F. Show specials, etc.—B. Bullough.

**Southampton O.S.**—April 14, headquarters, 8. Consideration of rules to be submitted to the members, and to move their adoption.—C. Parmiter.

**Swindon and Dis. C.B.A.**—April 14, Chorus Room of Mechanics' Institute, 7.30. Discussion on Breeding and Feeding, opened by Mr. W. Greenwood.—Dale and Bywater.

**Sunderland C.B.A.**—April 17, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Auditor's report, etc.—W. Reid.

**Stockport B.F.A.**—April 13, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. —W. Stafford.

**Sandy Lane and Dis. C.B.A.**—April 20, instead of April 13, owing to holidays, Victoria Hotel, 8.—B. Buckle.

**Sowerby Bridge and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 10, Bull's Head Hotel, 7.30.—A. E. Morton.

**West Bromwich and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 13, Dartmouth Hotel, 8.—Duffield and Jennings.

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## CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

### Perpetually Moulting.

**G.C.W.**—Examine cage and its immediate surroundings for the presence of red mites, and radicate them if found. Add a few quassia chips to bathing water two or three times a week. Discontinue seed mixture you name, and feed as frequently advised here: plain Canary as a staple, with rape separately three times a week, a few grains of hemp, and half a teaspoonful of egg-food or crushed sponge cake each twice a week. As green food, chickweed, or groundsel four times a week. In the drinking water give six drops dandelion juice, Epsom salts, and chlorate of potash, of each as much as will cover a sixpence, every other day for a week; afterwards, twenty drops of port wine, in each ounce of which a pennyworth of citrate of iron and quinine has been mixed every other day until moulting ceases.

### Canary Pecking Itself.

**L. R. Rydill.**—It would have been helpful had you said how you feed the bird, as wrong feeding may be the cause of the irritation. Feed on a staple of plain Canary only, and give twice a week half a teaspoouful of summer rape separately; on two other days give a small piece of bread sopped in milk, with two drops of best salad oil on it, and a few grains of inga seed sprinkled over it. Every second day give a scrap of green food—either tender groundsel top, chickweed, or watercress, in the order named, if obtainable. A mealworm daily for a time might also help, but limit the diet solely to these items. When it pecks at itself badly, very slightly anoint the parts with castor oil. Allow it to bathe freely when the weather is mild. Keep cage and perches quite clean, and the cage strewn with clean, gritty sand. In the drinking water give twelve drops of dandelion juice, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and the same quantity of chlorate of potash, two days in every three for a week, and in the second week give four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day.

### Enamel and Borders.

**W.S.B., Bramhall.**—(1) Yes, it would be quite safe to do the wires of your cages with such an enamel as you suggest, provided you took sufficient care to see that the enamel had dried quite hard all over before putting birds in them. It often happens that enamels remain soft in small patches and drops for a long time. This is due to spreading it on unevenly, and to the presence of grease or other matter on the wires. Before putting on the enamel, thoroughly clean the wires by washing in hot soda and water, and allow to get quite dry. (2) You would undoubtedly breed self greens, and broken greens, from the pair you name, but I would advise you to breed from a pair so closely related only on condition that neither they nor their parents were in-bred, and that both birds were thoroughly sound and healthy. Given these conditions no harm would probably result from this union, but do not repeat the experiment with any of the progeny next year.

### Seeds and Pairing.

**F.E.C.**—I hope I have deciphered initials correctly. (1) If you have any number of birds to enter for, you would find it much the best plan not only to buy your seeds separately, but to give them to the birds in the same way. Mixing seeds together not only encourages a deal of waste, but also gives the birds the opportunity of picking out certain kinds, of which they get more than is good for them. In the seed hopper an unlimited supply of Canary seed only should be given regularly as a staple, and rape given separately in small quantities two or three times a week; hemp ditto, but in still smaller quantities, and not more than twice a week. All the rest on special occasions. Both for general usage and for particular purposes you will find details for feeding and giving such seeds as maw, inga, linseed, gold of pleasure, and several others, of all of which only comparatively minute quantities are required, frequently repeated in this column. (2) It is a pity you did not put the cock in to this hen earlier when you saw how things were going. Your proper plan now is to let her sit her full time on the single clear egg, and if you should happen to have a brood of young deserted, and no other foster parent handy, it would be as well to try them under this hen, putting them under at night and giving a little fresh egg-food. If she takes kindly to them, let her rear them. If you have no such young, then throw out the egg after its full time has expired, remove nest pan for a day or two, turn in the cock, and replace nest pan and clean nesting material, as soon as you see they have accepted each other "for better or worse."

### Two More in One.

**Punctured.**—(1) I think it is not unlikely this bird has been used to a higher temperature than that you keep it in. You should keep it in the cosiest corner of your room quite out of the way of draughts and chills, but as bright as possible. Give it an extra small teaspoonful of rape each week, and in the egg-food, of which you may give half a teaspoonful every second day for a week, well mix two drops of port wine and one of cod liver oil emulsion, and sprinkle it with a few grains of gold of pleasure each time. In the drinking water give it a pinch of Epsom salts for one day, and after that add twenty drops of port wine, and two each of tincture of steel and tincture of gentian to its water for a few days. (2) Give this bird egg-food prepared the same as for the other three times a week, but do not increase the rape seed. Sprinkle the egg-food with equal parts of inga and gold of pleasure seed. Give six drops of dandelion, six of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in the water for three days. After that give the last-named mixture for No. 1 every second day for a week. Give a small leaf of dandelion to these birds each day, and slowly increase it to double the quantity. In the case of No. 2, if not in both cases, I should suggest that you test their power of sight by putting your finger or some object quietly towards them.

**Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.**

### Loose and Soft.

**Cymro.**—If you have been feeding hen on the diet named all through the winter, she is undoubtedly in an overfed condition. As a simple diet give plain Canary only for the next fortnight, twice in each week half-a-teaspoonful of summer rape separately, and on two other days half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake or egg food, with two drops of cod-liver oil emulsion well mixed in it. Give a small spray of green food, preferably chickweed, every day. Limit diet solely to these items for the time named. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice, and daily for three days and every second day for the remainder of the first week, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence. In the second week give two drops each tincture of steel and tincture of gentian every second day. If the looseness is not stopped in the first half of the second week add two drops of tincture of opium to the steel, and gentian in the water for one day only. Do not mate the bird by any means until quite recovered.

### A Question of Fertility.

**J. E. Simpson.**—You will certainly do wrong to remove the cock when the first egg of a clutch has been laid in the hope of finding all the clutch to be fertile. In a few exceptional cases your hopes might be fulfilled, but in the vast majority they would be only doomed to disappointment. With the broader issue of your question, I cannot deal freely here, but, briefly, although cases are on record where a single union has fertilised a whole clutch, such cases must be regarded as wholly exceptional, amongst Canaries, at any rate; and on the other hand, the more general rule is for dozens of apparently successful unions to take place, and get several or perhaps all, of the clutch to prove unfertile. When a portion of any clutch is unfertile, and the cock has been left with the hen all the time, I believe the unfertile eggs are almost, if not quite, invariably the first laid. The question is too closely associated with the health and stamina of the birds for one to dogmatise.

### A Doubtful Subject.

**Novice.**—I hardly see how your bird can have got into the condition you describe if you have consistently carried out the treatment you mention, which, except for Canary cottons as an article of diet, about which I know nothing, is not really bad. Then the hanging cage I should imagine to be an open wire one all round, and although you say it is not exposed to any draughts, you must recognise how extremely difficult it is for a cage of this kind to be free from draughts. See what a few weeks of the following will do for him. Keep cage, and especially the perches, scrupulously clean; and supply clean gritty sand regularly. Feed on plain Canary as a staple, with half-a-teaspoonful of summer rape, given separately, every second day, and on the alternate days the same quantity of crushed sponge cake with two drops of sherry and one of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and a few grains of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it. Give a spray of green food daily, preferably dandelion leaves. Limit diet solely to this for a fortnight at least, and if he is better in that time gradually revert to the general diet frequently advised here. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice and as much Epsom salts for three consecutive days as will cover a sixpence, and afterwards every second day for the remainder of the week. On the alternate days at the end of the first week give four drops aromatic sulphuric acid. During the second week give two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel every second day, and twenty drops of chemical food on the alternate days. Bathe the feet once or twice in a warm solution of boracic acid, dry gently, and anoint sparingly with cold cream or pure vaseline.

### Moulting.

**Perplexed.**—You do not say whether these birds moulted properly last autumn, and it is just possible they may now be completing an interrupted moult. Another thing, your dietary is a good deal wrong, and the bird being kept in the living room does not help to mend matters. Altogether, I am afraid mismanagement is the chief cause of the trouble, and I doubt whether the pair of birds will do any good at all. If they have made no further progress with nesting, separate them again until quite sound and in condition. Keep in box cages, well away from fire, so that they are as free as possible from fluctuations, quite out of reach of draughts, and see they are quite free from red mite; keep clean and well supplied with clean, gritty sand. Feed on plain Canary as a staple, and give separately half-a-teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, twice a week a few grains of hemp, and three times a week half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake or egg food, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it. Give a spray of green food—chickweed or groundsel—every second day. Discontinue all other items of food you have been giving. In the drinking water give first a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards twenty drops of the following mixture every second day. Get a pennyworth of citrate of iron and quinine from your chemist, and dissolve it in two tablespoonfuls of port wine. Use as mentioned above, and on the alternate days give twenty drops of chemical food. It will be useless mating them again until at least a fortnight has elapsed from the complete cessation of moulting.

### All the Year Round.

**Peter Lowe.**—A bird that has been continually moulting for more than twelve months must surely be in a bad way. I should say he is practically certain to occupy a very draughty position, or one where there are great fluctuations of heat, as well as probably being wrongly fed. On the latter point you say nothing. Try what a few weeks of this treatment will do:—Keep him in a box cage, and see it is quite clean and free from red mite and supplied with clean, gritty sand regularly. Keep him in a place perfectly free from all draughts, and where the temperature is as equable as possible. Give plain Canary only as a staple; and every second day give separately half-a-teaspoonful of summer rape; twice a week a few grains only of hemp, and three times a week half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it. Give a scrap of green food daily, and allow him to bathe when the weather is quite fine and mild, provided he does not get chilled after it. In the drinking water for the first three days give six drops of dandelion juice, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence. After this dissolve a pennyworth of citrate of iron and quinine in two tablespoonfuls of port wine, and give the bird twenty drops of this in the water every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days give twenty drops of chemical food. At the end of the fortnight omit all medicines for a week, and then begin again, and give them for another fortnight. The same tactics may be repeated for a third fortnight if necessary.

**Owing to the necessity of going to press one day earlier this week, many answers to questions cannot be given until our next issue.—EDITOR.**

### Brevities.

**Both a Little Wrong** (Post).—(1) I imagine you have made the mistake of treating the cock for illness without first taking the precaution to remove the cause. See reply to "Peter Lowe" respecting general treatment, and treat your bird similarly as regards protection from draughts and variations of temperature. Also feed the same as given in that reply, and then try the effect of twelve drops of glycerine, six each of syrup of squills and tincture of tolu, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, for a few days. Give the hen a small spray of chickweed or groundsel daily as green food, and in the drinking water ten drops of syrup of buckthorn for two or three days, as may appear necessary.

**Mate for Cinnamon** (Pendleton).—Much depends upon how the green parents were bred in selecting a suitable mate for the Cinnamon hen. In the absence of any knowledge on this point I would advise you to mate her with a clear bodied pink-eyed cock bird with the object of breeding some useful for producing Cinnamon-marked young. There is no doubt but that one or both of the green parents of your bird was strongly infused with cinnamon blood.

**Pairing Norwich** (F. Yardley).—Of course you may mate the Norwich as soon as he is thoroughly recovered from the effects of his prolonged moult. Do not, however, be in any hurry to get him mated. Wait until he is in full song and vigour again, and to help towards this give him a half-teaspoonful of egg food, sprinkled over with a few grains of gold of pleasure seed, every second day, and on each alternate day two leaves of dandelion as green food. Let his general diet be the same as frequently given here, with the above as additions thereto. The young from the proposed mating would be cross-breds, and the bulk of them variegated, more or less heavily. There may be a few slightly ticked, and perhaps a stray green or clear now and again.

**Seeds, etc.** (Dulais Gardens).—(1) Unless you were using large quantities I do not think you would find it any cheaper to buy seed separately and mix your own than it would be to buy them ready mixed. But why use mixtures except as an occasional tit-bit? Mixtures are rarely suitable for general regular use, and are wasteful, because the birds pick out just what they like best, and scatter the rest in the bottom of the cage. (2) Sorry I cannot for obvious reasons pick out any particular firm for mention here. Consult our advertisement pages, and you will find several good reliable firms who will send you catalogues of all kinds of cages and appliances.

**Not Started to Sing** (T. Murphy).—You do not give the slightest indication how your birds are fed and treated, so I cannot hazard a guess as to the cause of their not beginning to sing yet. But if they were properly treated, as frequently advised, I should have grave doubts about the sex of supposed cocks that had not yet made any attempts at singing. Try following treatment for a few weeks, and if not successful write again and give some particulars about former treatment. As a staple diet give a mixture of three parts Canary to one summer rape; twice each week give a few grains of hemp; on two other days a few grains of inga; and three times a week half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry mixed, and a pinch of gold of pleasure sprinkled over. Keep cage clean, and the bird well supplied with clean, gritty sand, and free from draughts and red mites. Give a bath three or four times a week when weather is mild, but see the birds are not exposed to chills after it.

**Pairing** (Dukeries, W.H.B.S.).—(1) I would not advise you to attempt to mate the hens which have not moulted, and are in the condition you describe. It would be absolutely useless to attempt to breed with them. Had you said where the birds are kept, and given some particulars about their feeding and treatment, I might have suggested a way of pulling them round. As it is, I can only suggest that you feed them on a diet of plain Canary only, with green food daily, and a small pinch of Epsom salts in the water every second day for a week. Meanwhile, write again, and give the particulars asked for, referring to this reply, when I may help you further. (2) You could mate the Norwich cock with a hen bred last season without any serious drawback. If you had a greater choice of hens it would be more advisable to mate a last year's bird with one two years old.

## BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

### Bullfinch Hen Ailing.

**Hopeful of Everything.**—I hope you will recognise your nom-de-plume. I don't think the bird is suffering from a cold. You must thoroughly wash out the nostrils and mouth twice daily with warm water coloured light red by the addition of a little Condy's fluid. A tiny camel-hair pencil brush, or feather, will answer to do it with. You could also let its drinking water be tinged with the Condy's, using a glass or pot vessel only, and giving it fresh frequently. This treatment will soon stop and cure the discharge. Let the bird have light food, such as maw and thistle seed, with canary, and some lightly cracked hemp if it seems "off its feed." Soft food would be advisable (milksop or egg and bread), if the bird will eat it. She would probably rejoice over a few buds from hawthorn hedges.

### An Opening Disaster.

**P. H. W.**—I could not offer you any definite opinion concerning the reason your hen failed to rear the four young Mules recently hatched. There are so many possible reasons. Sometimes, too, even the cutest of fanciers cannot explain or understand why a hen fails in her duties. It is possible for a hen to be successful with one nest and a failure with another. And a young hen may go wrong with her first nest (even her first season), and yet be quite a success afterwards. During the early part of the year, the temperature at night often drops very low, and this undoubtedly sometimes throws a hen off her duties, or kills the young. Your own hen may do vastly better next round, even though she made so poor a showing with the last one. She may have had very weakly young ones under her; on the other hand, she may be, of course a "chronic" bad mother. Odd hens there are which absolutely won't feed; and one can't cure them. I note you make no mention of green-food. Surely you gave some? When the next young arrive, you will be able to get and give plenty of seedy chickweed and shepherd's purse; you certainly should.

### Feeding a Greenfinch.

**Yellow Wing.**—Yes; the Finch stock cage, 16ins. long, will "fix up" your Greenfinch splendidly. You won't have much trouble in satisfying him in the food line. The average Greenie is a very lusty fellow, and thrives well, given good quality seeds and an average amount of attention. The most important item is a daily feed of good, sound (full kernelled) sunflower (or half sunflower, half safflower) seed. This can be offered in a separate dish, or placed among the stock mixture. The latter should be made up as follows: Canary and teazle, two pints each, hemp, summer rape, chariock, and linseed half a pint each. Wild seed mixture, and some good maker's special packet Finch mixture, can be occasionally offered for a change, while sunflower heads (gathered from the garden), full of seed, thistle and hard-heads, seeding chickweed, groundsel and shepherd's purse, should be freely given as in season. On such a menu, nicely varied, your Greenfinch should flourish. Don't forget the bath. You should read the "British Bird Manual," to be obtained from this office.

### A Blackbird Has Fits.

**Mickie.**—As I have often had occasion to say, I have not been troubled with birds that have had fits, so my personal experience in the matter is slight. A friend of mine had a Thrush which suffered more or less badly from them, at intervals, and the trouble began just after the moult, as seems so often to be the case. He had not been feeding the bird properly, however; when he changed its diet it recovered. He gave it bromide of potassium as medicine (on my advice), and doubtless this helped; it is reputed to be an excellent remedy for fits in birds. I invariably find, however, that the food of birds addicted to them is faulty (poor). For, for instance, give bread and cracked hemp-seed combined with a certain packet mixture. I suspect there is not much of the latter, either. Now, this food is itself very cheap, and though good value for money, really wants something better mixing with it—not something worse. Let the bird have a finely minced hard-boiled egg among the food occasionally. Instead of using bread and hempseed, get a bag of some good brand of chicken meal (without grit), or puppy meal, from a corn-dealer's, and use this softened with hot water, mixed into the other food (dry) you mention. The latter, used dry, will absorb any superfluous moisture. If you try the potassium, get a 10 per cent. solution of it from a chemist's, and when the bird has an attack, give 8 or 10 drops direct into the beak. Further, for the rest of the day stir a small teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of its drinking water. But you must improve the feeding.

### Goldfinch Ailing.

**M. B.**—I am afraid you have left matters till rather late in the day. A Goldfinch is not merely "ailing," but very ill, when he commences to sit with head under wing. Treatment ought really to commence long before that stage is reached. To leave the commencement of treatment until a bird is already three parts dead is, I am afraid, a common error of bird-keepers. If you had treated your bird to a few doses of mild saline medicine as soon as he commenced to sit drowsily about the cage, with his plumage looking slack and puffed out in the region of the abdomen, you might have pulled him round successfully. As medicine give the following for 24 hours: In two tablespoonfuls of drinking water dissolve as much crystals of sulphate of soda as will lie upon a shilling, and stir in half-a-teaspoonful of good brandy. Over the next twenty-four hours give the brandy with half the quantity of soda in the same quantity of water. Tempt the bird to eat by offering thistle, dandelion, niger and maw seeds, mixed. Keep in a room with a just comfortable temperature while ailing; not in an unheated place. Give plenty of sound teazle seed in the stock mixture, and crack him some hemp seed daily as long as is necessary.

### Early Hybrid Breeding.

**Tavistock.**—You are indeed early. Of course, as you say, you are down in the South. Still, I haven't even put my own Hybrid couples together yet. I hope to set them going house-keeping during Easter. You may get good eggs from the Bullie hen; it is a bit doubtful, though. You are quite right in saying that eggs laid irregularly are sometimes fertile; they are, but give me the hen who lays in regular clutches and takes it easy between-times. All the signs you mention are hopeful, of course, but please don't think they spell certain success. Many a poor fellow, as I have said every year since I first wrote a line in CAGE BIRDS, is deluded into believing success within his grasp (1) because the cock bird feeds the hen, (2) because he pays her (and frequently) even more intimate attention, (3) because she duly builds, lays, and sits. I have even known the deluded one post a pæan of exultation for publication in CAGE BIRDS. Whenever I have perused such I have always experienced a strange desire to "wink the other eye"; and no doubt other hardened sinners—that is to say, fanciers—have at the same moment experienced the same curious disturbance of the optic nerves. If only the aforementioned signs really foretold fertile eggs, what numbers of Hybrids we should all of us breed! But, alas! they don't. And the beginner soon finds out this bitter truth, generally much to his exasperation. Good fortune may quite likely visit you. But don't be over sanguine about the earlier eggs; it is usually in the very late clutches that the fertile eggs begin to turn up. Mind you, I don't want to make you think it is so extremely difficult to breed Hybrids. It is not.

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### Brevities.

**Swollen Toe** (J. J. N.).—Try painting the swollen toe very lightly twice daily with colourless tincture of iodine, obtainable from any chemist; use a small camel-hair brush. The perches are usually arranged two to three inches apart, so that the wagtail can "walk" from one to the other. Your stock cage, 20 by 15 by 12, is a very fair size. I prefer, however, to see them in a flight cage, myself; my own are 4 to 5 feet long. The perches should always vary considerably in size and shape, and a stone or half-brick can be provided. You must not, by-the-way, omit to give some vegetable ingredient daily in the stock food.

**Bird Lice** (Novice).—The bird may have been affected when you bought it; or you may have put it into an affected cage. The insects are the grey bird louse. Their presence in such numbers causes the feather trouble, and they will soon cause worse troubles if not exterminated. The bird should be dusted thoroughly with Keating's insect powder, especially under the wings, at root of tail and round the neck, then wrapped in a piece of flannel for about 15 minutes; then put into a temporary cage. The powder must be worked well amongst the plumage; a small camel-hair "mop" brush is handy. Keep it out of the eyes of the bird if at all possible. The old cage should be painted all over with turpentine, letting it run into every crack and crevice, whether in front or otherwise; when dry, distemper it out. Perches, seed and water vessels, must also be washed and cleansed. To complete the cure the bird wants skilfully hand-washing with carbolic soap. Don't you know some experienced fancier who would do it for you? Half measures are no good if one wishes to exterminate lice. You are feeding it fairly well, but see another reply this week.

**Caught in the Garden** (A. B. V.).—From your description, I should say your bird is a Greenfinch, not a Hawfinch, and probably a hen, though if it shows very pronounced a good lot of yellow at edges of wings and tail, and is really green in body colour, then it may be a cock. Greenies are often mated with Canaries. In our last birthday number (January 19th) there was a very fine drawing of a Hawfinch. There are plenty of fanciers in Coventry who would help you; why not join the cage bird society?

**A Wild Bunting** (E. Morrell).—Some Buntings are terribly wild, and on these customers ordinary methods of taming have not the slightest effect. I expect you have been unlucky enough to get hold of such an individual. It may improve after a house-moult; quite likely it will. A friend of mine has found hand-washing to have a wonderfully steadying effect. Give your own bird two or three tubbings at reasonable intervals, and see if they cure him.

**A Siskin** (F. Yardley).—I have found that some Siskins are as "wicked" as most Goldfinches at smashing eggs; the safe plan is to part them off when nothing is known as to their disposition. I should give the Siskin a second chance, if first clutch of Canaries' eggs proves clear. It is very early yet. The hen need only sit eight or ten days if eggs prove no good. If the Siskin behaves well, certainly give him a chance to help feed the young. You should have tried the Canary cock for the first nest, and the Britishers for the later nests; that would have been best.

## FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

### What Parrot is it?

**T.J.E.**—It is an Alexandrine. You have given full value; in fact, rather overpaid for it, as I fear you have got hold of a bird which was caught when adult. Such are very difficult to tame, and I can quite understand your description—"docile as a tiger." I prefer the seed mixture given in reply to other Parrot queries. I should also give ripe fruit, plain biscuit, and a few nuts. You can give the boiled potato providing it has not been seasoned in any way, also the green stuff. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. The female lacks the black neck ring. This species is rather noisy, but as its vocabulary becomes larger, and it becomes more accustomed to you, it will scream less. Kindness and patience are all you can do in the way of taming it. Keep it in your midst, but at the same time avoid, when in its vicinity, sudden movements, or anything calculated to scare or startle it.

### Amazon Not Talking.

"**S.L.S.**"—Sometimes the change of surroundings throws a Parrot off talking for some time, but when healthy they soon get used to their surroundings and new owners, gain confidence, and become talkative. You must so arrange that the bird does not get rice pudding; in fact, milk or other slops, table scraps, and animal food of any kind must not be given, or treatment will be of no avail. Diet: principally seed mixture; mixture two parts Canary and one part each oats, hemp, wheat, dari, maize, and sunflower seed; well mix, and keep a supply continuously in cage; also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuits, nuts, grit and cuttlefish regularly. Two or three times a week a little boiled maize is appreciated by most Amazons, and is quite permissible. Boil till soft, strain away all surplus moisture and supply when cool. This only keeps fresh one day, and the seed vessel must be kept strictly clean. A little plain boiled rice would do no harm as it is used to rice. Boil it in water only till soft, strain and steam, and when cool supply to the bird; if properly prepared, each grain will be quite soft and separate, and it will not be a sticky mass. As regards the indisposition, give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every other day for a week, or longer if the evacuations do not become watery. Get from your chemist a box of honey and borax, and put a little in the bird's mouth daily for a fortnight; you can easily do this with a feather or camel-hair brush, even if the bird will not permit you to handle it. The brush or feather should be well cleansed, and a fresh portion of the honey and borax used for each occasion. If the bird should become worse, repeat query at once with full details.

### Amazon Parrot Indisposed.

"**Low.**"—For diet see reply to "S.L.S.," and feed your bird on same lines. For one day only put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water (one ounce). Get from your chemist the following mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts. For use, take one part of the mixture and two parts of water, and let the birds have a drink morning and evening till the cough ceases. The Amazon is a hardy species once it has got over the hardships of importation, but no bird can stand draught, not even the most hardy species, and colds usually arise from the birds being subjected to draught while the room is being aired, dusted, etc., in early morning. During such periods the cage should be kept covered, as colds are much more easily prevented than cured. Do not on any account give tea, coffee, or milk slops, nor yet any kind of animal food.

### Grey-headed Lovebirds.

"**Jerry.**"—With the exception of green-food and a few oats your dietary is very satisfactory. As to green-food, a little ripe apple is best at present, but when you can get grass in flower (grass in the ear) free from frost, supply this *ad lib.* The husk nest is hung up in the correct position, but Lavender, or Grey-headed Lovebirds, are shy breeders in captivity, not often breeding even in an aviary. They differ from Budgerigars in that they line their nests with bark, etc., and you must supply them with short pieces of tree branches with the bark on; pea or bean sticks, broken into suitable lengths for the cage would answer well, removing these as soon as the birds have stripped off the bark, and replacing them with fresh pieces. There is a probability they may breed, and, at any rate, it will supply them with healthy exercise, and make them of increased interest to watch, even if nothing comes of the attempt. A little crushed egg-shell should be mingled with the sand if they attempt nesting in earnest.

**Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free, a mine of information of use and interest.**

### Naming of Species.

**M.A.**—According to your description, you have a pair of Red-whiskered Bulbuls; also known as Red-eared. Bulbuls should have access to seed—millet and Canary—but their principal diet must be a good soft food mixture (see reply to "Mynah.") This mixture, with the addition of crumbled sponge cake, would answer for this species well; give ripe fruit and a few mealworms or other insects regularly. No, I do not take it to be diarrhœa, but the evacuations are, as you describe, owing to the nature of their diet; they will ultimately take to the soft food mixture. As soon as the weather appears settled they will be better in your outdoor aviary, and though there will be occasional sparring, but Bulbuls can usually hold their own in any company. A fortnight hence it should be quite safe to put them out, and they can then be left out altogether.

### Value of a "King" Grey.

**Folkestone.**—Most certainly when answering queries I am serious, and endeavour to say as plainly as possible what I mean in my replies, and also as lucidly as the limited space at my command will permit. In the first place I am not a buyer and seller of birds, but I keep a constant eye on the market as a purchaser of rare species for the purposes of study. The portion of my reply was tersely worded, but I hoped my meaning would be obvious. I was speaking of dealers' values, and the bulk of Parrot advertisements refer to newly imported species, and I certainly would not give more than 25s. to 30s. for such, which appeared to be in health and good plumage. A bird said to be in moult, King or otherwise, I would not take at a gift. Folkestone will find that length of time a bird has been in England and talking capacity do count in the value of a bird, and are the governing factors where fancy prices are concerned. I can only refer you to watch the adverts. Prices vary. If I knew of one (which I do not at the moment) I am not permitted to give names in this column, and rightly so. If I wanted a King myself, I should wait my time, and watch the market. I can only say again, the King (so-called) is merely a local race of the Grey Parrot, and has no specific distinction. King is a fancy name, used principally for trading purposes, and as I said in my previous reply, "I do not consider a King has any special value, though a little more is charged for them when it can be obtained." And on this point I fear we shall have to agree to differ. I shall be pleased to answer anything further that I have not made clear above.

### Brevities.

**Treatment for Rock Mynah** ("Mynah").—The cage should be roomy for so large and active a bird. As regards food, they are almost omnivorous, so it can have such table scraps as it will eat, ripe fruit ad lib., and some live insects, mealworms, beetles, cockroaches, smooth caterpillars, spiders, etc. Some good soft food mixture should form its staple diet. Several good ones are advertised in our columns, or if you wish to mix your own: Two parts each ants' eggs, dried flies, and game meal, and one part fine ground crinel. Well mix and store in a dry place in some closed receptacle; it will thus keep indefinitely. Take the daily portion, and make crumbly moist for use. Most of this species both whistle, mimic and talk; keep it where it will have plenty of company, yet not be continually scared; also teach it by constant repetition.

**Branches for Aviary** ("Park Aviary").—I do not think the Cedar branches would do hurtful at all, but I have never tried these. Box and fir and hazel are, however, quite safe and very suitable for the purpose. I should think you would have almost an unlimited choice of material ready to hand, without using anything doubtful. I have used holly, plane, all kinds of fruit, euonymus and privet branches, and have found all quite innocuous.

**Indian Parrot Bare of Plumage** (E. Cornwall).—Continue to keep up the wholesome diet, and the bird will improve. You must not overdo the Epsom salts; the bowels should be kept moving freely, but the evacuations should not be watery. I should advise a teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water (one ounce) in place of the salts. Continue the chemical food indefinitely. If the bird will eat it, give it a tablespoonful of boiled maize daily; boil till soft, drain off all possible moisture, and well dust the maize with flowers of sulphur. It will do no harm to rub in a little clean vaseline once a week, so as to keep the skin soft, but do not make it really greasy. I fear it is a feather puller, and after such a period improvement must of necessity be slow.

**Crossing Sulphur Seed-eater with Canary** ("Serinus").—(1) No, the Sulphur Seed-eater is not the same species as the Green Singing Finch. The former is S. sulphuratus, and the latter S. icterus. Sulphuratus is a bird almost as large as our Greenfinch, and of similar build, but has more yellow in its plumage. (2) Most certainly I consider there is a very good probability that this species would cross with the Canary, almost as readily as our Greenfinch does; there is only one qualification, few foreigners being as ready to nest in captivity as Britishers. However, I consider there is more than a possibility, but a strong probability that your experiment will be crowned with success.

## POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a report direct 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the less will be the sender's.

**Canary** (W. H. Williams).—Items descriptive of duration and symptoms of illness would have been helpful in forming an opinion as to the cause of death. The body showed evidence of blood-poisoning (or Septicæmia), with ulceration and inflammation of the lungs.

**Canary** (G. M. Osborne).—Rupture of blood vessel of liver. This organ and bowels appear to be in a feverish condition.

## GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

**Readings** (E. G. Cornwell).—You are quite correct; it was solely owing to considerations of space that the giving of the questions had to be discontinued. It is now often a tax upon our pages to get every answer in, so heavy are the batches of queries our specialists receive. We always endeavour, however, to have the answer so worded that the question asked can be grasped by all readers.

**Not as Ordered** (Bars and Wire).—If you keep the goods, there the matter has necessarily to end, unless the vendor chooses to give you an explanation. You could either (1) have refused the goods, having previously cancelled the order, or (2) returned the goods on the ground that they were not as specified in your order. In either case, you would have had a legal claim (taking the account you give to be accurate) for the return of your money, and could have enforced it.

**Black Canary Puzzle** (Master R. Wright).—The result appeared in our issue of February 26th last, on page 177. The winner was Miss Jenkins (Wood Green). A letter sent to you has been returned through the Post Office, the address being apparently either insufficient or incorrect.

**Letter** (A. J. B. O'Neill).—The letter has been duly sent along.

**Two Points** (One in Doubt, K. Jones).—Your two questions were answered by our Mr. G. E. Weston, in our issue of March 13th last, under the above heading. Offence?—of course not. Here's to your good health.

**Type of the Norwich Plainhead** (John Hector).—Opinion upon artistic work differs as much as opinion upon individual birds, and on the same principle as we decline to allow criticism upon show reports, we must decline to publish your letter. Whether our artist sketched the birds correctly or otherwise is a matter which more concerns the owners of the birds and himself than it does anyone else.

### SLAYDON AND DISTRICT C.B.S

Monthly meeting held on April 3rd, when there was a large turn-out of members. Mr. J. Hands gave a very interesting address on Crests and Crest-breds. The members also decided that all prize-money at next show be guaranteed. Three new members were elected.—G. HAYVER, Sec.

### WOODSIDE & BUCKSBURN C.S.

Meeting held March 24th, in the Northern Hotel, Aberdeen, when Mr. Peter Stewart was appointed president in place of the late Mr. J. Thomson. The following gentlemen were appointed judges for the society's annual show, to be held in the Burgh Hall, Woodside, on November 20th:—Messrs. C. Campbell (Glasgow), for Norwich, and D. Ross (Forres) for Crests, Cinnamons, and Greens, and the wild bird classes.—ALEX. THOMSON, Sec.

### SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual meeting held April 3rd, in the Fawcett Street Cafe, Mr. J. Farrar presiding over a good attendance of members. Usual correspondence having been gone through, the secretary's report for 1908 was read, giving in detail the working of the association, and also the present financial position and future prospects, which were considered highly satisfactory. The report was carried unanimously. Mr. G. Davidson moved that the best thanks of the members be accorded to Mr. J. Riseborough and Dr. O'Neal for services rendered to the society, and also to the secretary for compiling the report. This was carried unanimously. Messrs. J. Copeland and G. Davidson were elected auditors. Two new members were proposed, Dr. Gray and Mr. R. Haswell. It was decided that we guarantee to advertise the dates of our annual show, November 19th and 20th, in CAGE BIRDS to the usual extent. We are now entirely free from debt, and will have the whole of the present year's income to work upon. This fact is rousing our members to even greater enthusiasm than they have already displayed, and we have every hope that our record for the present year will be one to be proud of. Fanciers are cordially invited to join.—W. REID, hon. secretary.

### LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

We had a most enthusiastic and largely attended meeting on April 3rd, held at the Old Boar's Head, Manchester. The meeting comprised fanciers from Oldham, Shaw, Glossop, Middleton, Prescot, Manchester, Denton, Rawtenstall, etc. Patronage, correspondence, etc., were gone into, and subscriptions. The novice question was fully discussed, and a scheme carried that seems likely to be a success; and as the novices seem likely to be plentiful and enthusiastic, there is every prospect of a prosperous season. I little imagined when writing the report of our last meeting to have such a response of new members. We had been promised three or four, but when that was doubled and more were promised it was a pleasant surprise. We made eight new members, namely, Messrs A. Wellings (Prescot), J. Lee (Castleton), J. Tompston (son of our old friend Sam), J. H. Senior (Glossop), B Salway (West Gorton), W. Ridgard (West Gorton), W. Adams (Rochdale), the secretary of the Lancashire C.C., and A. Bosworth (Rawtenstall)—not bad for one evening's work. We also proposed having a list of judges from our own members, and the five following well-known specialist judges were appointed:—Messrs. J. Garner (Hazel Grove), Barker Clegg (Manchester), W. P. Barnes (Grantham), A. Wellings (Prescot), and J. Swalwell. We should be pleased if any societies having our patronage would, whenever possible, appoint a judge from above, as they are all well-tried men, and fanciers who could mostly give a good account of themselves in other varieties. Mr. Garner having won the Lancashire challenge cup outright, it was unanimously agreed to purchase a new cup, and the following amounts were promised, viz., Messrs. Garner 5s., A. Wellings 5s., J. Vickers 5s., J. Swalwell 5s., J. Oldham 5s., J. Dickinson 2s. 6d., J. J. Brookes 2s. 6d., and J. Rukin 5s.; total, 35s. If any other fancier would like to contribute to the fund, I shall be pleased to hear from him. The social side then came into evidence in the presentation of the cup and medals to the winners. In presenting the cup to Mr. Garner, we had quite a good speech from Mr. Hampshire, of Oldham. Mr. Garner suitably replied, and also stated that he did not intend to compete for the new cup when put up for competition. Mr. Garner then presented Mr. Brookes with the gold medal for most points by a novice in Lancashire classes, for which Mr. Brookes expressed his thanks, but refused to be drawn into any speech-making. Mr. Dewsnap was then presented with the Lizard cup, and gave us a short speech, the gist of which was that he hoped there would be a fresh claimant next season. Mr. Dickinson came next as winner of the Lizard novice gold medal, but he also struck at giving a speech. The rest of the evening was spent very pleasantly, and a vote of thanks to our chairman, Mr. Garner, brought the meeting to a close. The next meeting we hold at the Old Boar's Head, Manchester, on May 1st, at 6.30 p.m. I shall be pleased to hear of any new members to propose Subscription is 5s.—JOHN RUKIN, hon. secretary.

### The English Mocking Bird.

Our greatest feathered mimic is undoubtedly the Starling, and he has, therefore, at times been called the "English Mocking Bird." He is not by any means a loud songster, but if one listens carefully it is easy to detect the notes of several of our best singers. He should also be called the clown of the race, for many of his best efforts are more comical than elegant.

### A Rare Migrant.

The red-necked Phalarope breeds sparingly in the British Isles, although it would, no doubt, like many other rare birds, increase in number under proper protection. This species is particularly noticeable on account of the great difference in the sexes, the hen bird being much the larger and more brightly coloured. She, of course, lays the eggs, but beyond this is said to take no further part in the incubation of them. This duty falls upon the very much hen-pecked cock bird. Its breeding haunts are on the moors near the sea. The nest is merely a hollow in the ground, scantily lined with grass and a few scraps of rushes. The bird is remarkably tame and confiding during the breeding season, which no doubt has aided considerably in its destruction.

### Was it a Fight?

While dredging for scallops in Salcombe Harbour, it is reported that a couple of gentlemen were startled to hear something drop with a splash close to their boat, and it was found that a dead Rook had fallen into the water. Their attention was then directed overhead, where a large number of Rooks were circling round and round as if a fierce fight were taking place, and it was evident that great excitement prevailed. In a very short time another bird fell into the water, and in about five minutes seven had fallen within a small radius around the boat, all of them dead. Naturalists describe the Rook as a great fighter, and it is conjectured that a battle was taking place; others, however, attribute the incident to the birds have eaten wheat treated with strychnine.


## LIVE BIRD LABELS

For the convenience of readers we have had printed a quantity of address labels suitable for use when despatching live birds on journeys by rail, etc. These are printed in red ink on paper gummed at back, and are

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### A QUESTION OF THE JUDGE.

SIR,—The annual show of the Tideswell C.B.I.S. will be held on November 13th, the judges being Messrs. W. Mundell (Bradford) and W. Vardy (Hucknall). My reason for sending these few lines is that I notice that the Nottingham Society claim to have engaged Mr. Vardy for that date. I may say that that gentleman was engaged to judge for us in January last, and I thought it best to make mention of this to save further disappointment.

A. FLINT, Joint Hon. Sec.

### A SINGING CHALLENGE.

SIR,—Noticing a challenge from Leigh in last week's issue, I should be extremely obliged if you would allow me a few lines in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, to inform all readers that, owing to business, I retired from contest-singing nearly twelve months ago, and am now training birds for my customers. I have had thirty years' practice at singing birds on the nail and in the fields, and I am always pleased to hear tell of a good bird, both in the window and on the show bench.

HARRY ALLEN.

### WHAT IS A CLEAR?

SIR,—I noticed in your issue of April 3rd, in reference to the question, "What is a Clear?" that the Norwich Plainhead Club have passed a bye-law to the effect "that a bird showing no dark feathers while standing on the perch is eligible to compete in the Clear classes." What about a ticked bird being sent to a show to compete in Clear classes, which, say, takes twelve hours or more to get to its destination? That bird is sure to sit a little thick for a few hours after being unpacked, and will then show no signs of dark feathers. As a rule at most shows the Clear Norwich Plainheads are generally the first to be judged, and the bird is sure to get passed by the judge as an "invisible" ticked or marked bird. But after the bird has been fed and watered, and gets over its railway journey, and feels the warmth of the show room, it will often, if a ticked bird, show the dark feathers. That is where the dissatisfaction of exhibitors comes in; and the judge gets a bad name, although the bird did not show the dark feathers at the time of judging. My idea is, and always will be, that a ticked or marked Norwich Plainhead, wherever it is marked, is not eligible to compete in Clear classes and should go in its proper class, viz., ticked or variegated.

R. J. MACKLEY.

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SIR,—I was very pleased indeed to see the paragraph in last week's CAGE BIRDS to the effect that the Norwich Plainhead Club had passed a bye-law to the effect that "A bird showing no dark feathers while standing on the perch is eligible to compete in the Clear Classes." I feel sure this is a step in the right direction, and it is very gratifying to know that a body of breeders, such as usually gathers at the meeting of the Norwich Plainhead Club, does not believe in the unnecessary handling of exhibition birds, for such a decision would not be arrived at without the question had been fully discussed. It would be pleasing to see the other Norwich and Yorkshire Specialist clubs "following suit." A great many societies last year worded their schedules something similar to the new bye-law passed by the N.P.C., and from what I can hear I believe that next show season it will be the rule rather than the exception.

W. REID.

### THE ALLEGED DISQUALIFIED YELLOWHAMMER AT GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND SHOW.

SIR,—The matter of the alleged disqualification, at our last open show in November, 1908, of a Yellowhammer belonging to Mr. M. Craig, was brought up at our meeting on March 25th, no doubt because of the action of the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club in expelling Mr. Craig for this alleged infringement of their rules. In opening the matter, our rule (No. 8) bearing on incidents of this kind was read, viz., "All birds which, in the opinion of the judges, have been artificially assisted to improve their appearance, to be referred to the president, who, along with three members of committee, will decide whether they be allowed to compete or not, the decision of the judges or committee to be final." The secretary informed the meeting that he had had no intimation from any of the judges that any irregularities had been noted, nor had any of the other officials intimated anything of this nature. The president stated that he had not been approached by Mr. Cochrane, the judge, so also did the show manager and the steward attending Mr. Cochrane. But as the defender, who was present, stated that Mr. Cochrane had informed the S.B.B. and M.C. that he had reported the infringement to Mr. McPhail, the show manager, and Mr. Geddes, the steward, these gentlemen were again questioned. Both were firm and decisive in their assurances that neither the judge, nor any other person had reported to or conferred with them about the bird in question, and as our rules had not been complied with, we had, of course, to let the matter drop. Our members desire to make these details known through the press, in the hope that no difficulty of this kind may be encountered again. Our rules are formed for the protection of exhibitors and judges alike, and surely it is the duty of the officiating gentlemen to give the committee every assistance to carry out these rules as fairly and honestly as possible; besides, the intimation and co-operation of the committee free the judges from the possible charge of malice or personal enmity, and surely even the best of judges are wise to avoid even the appearance of prejudice.

R. A. BROWN,
Secretary, Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C.

### MAKING REMOVABLE WIRE FRONTS.

SIR,—I see in the April 3rd issue of CAGE BIRDS that a reader asks what things are required for making loose wire fronts. The first thing required, I may say, are the punch bars and wires, which he can get from a maker. Tools, etc., required, are a soldering iron, spirits of salts, a stick of tinsmith solder, a pair of wire cutting pliers, and a flat file. Assuming you have got the above, the first thing to do is to "kill" the spirits of salt. This is done by pouring a little into a jar—about half a teacupful. To this you add some waste pieces of sheet zinc, say, 15 pieces or so, of about 1in. square. This should stand in the yard till it has finished boiling. It will then be "killed" and ready for use. The next thing to do is to tin your soldering iron, which is done by heating the copper part of it (not red-hot, mark you); then clean by filing the four faces about ¾in. up. Dip this into the "killed" spirits. Now put it on the stick of solder and then into the spirits again sharp. You will now see that you have got a tin face on the iron. On no account get the iron red-hot when it is in use, or you will take the face off it again. But have it sufficiently hot to melt the solder well. Assuming that you have cut punch bars and wires to suit, you now run the spirits along the parts to be soldered with a small brush or piece of wood. You now take the soldering iron, which should be nice and hot, and take sufficient solder on the face from off the stick and lightly run the iron along parts to be soldered. A little practice will soon convince one. On no account use the raw spirits. The spirits of salts is bought at the chemist's at 3d. per lb. A stick of solder at a tinsmith's costs only a few pence. The alloys of good tinsmith solder are one part lead and two parts tin. A soldering iron, the copper part weighing about ½lb., will be found a handy size for making punch bar fronts. I think the above instructions will be handy for those about to make wire fronts.

J. G. ROBBINS.

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SIR,—Kindly allow me through CAGE BIRDS an answer to a letter signed by C.S. enquiring as to the way to make soldered cage fronts. I myself should strongly recommend him not to take up the game, especially if he is an amateur at the job, as cage fronts can be purchased far better and cheaper than it is possible to make them. There are several very excellent fronts on the market, some of which I can strongly recommend.

HAWKINS STREET.

### FRENCH CHALK AND BOWEL TROUBLES.

SIR,—Having read in your admirable paper CAGE BIRDS a letter by Mr. J. Barber, headed "How I keep my Song Thrushes and Skylarks," I should very much like to ask him through your paper if the French chalk which he uses to put the birds' bowels right applies to British Hardbills as well as to Softbills, and how to use it? I shall thank Mr. Barber for his kind answer and CAGE BIRDS for the good hints we can read in it.

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### A NOTED LINNET.

SIR,—But for silence being taken for consent, I would not reply to Mr. Parlett's letter. I am not a "would-be" exhibitor, as he states, having won more prizes at the principal shows than he has done. Further, I am certain that I have won more first prizes with Bullfinches than he has done with Linnets, or, for that matter, is ever likely to do. Mr. Parlett suggests my extracting the beam from my eye, and says that then I will see more clearly the next time to judge Bullfinches. I am glad to be able to inform him that I have no beam to extract from my eye, also that I have always seen quite clearly when judging Bullfinches or any other variety. I am not to take any notice of further letters from him on this subject, and my doing so must not be held as acquiescing in anything he may write inconsistent with fact.

F. A. WATT.

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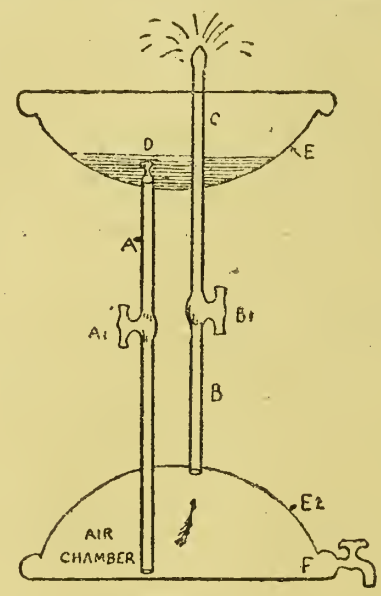
P.S.—Since writing the above I have learned that Mr. Parlett's Linnet, which he named "The Unbeaten," was not entitled to such a designation, as on the 26th December last it was beaten at the Doncaster Show by a grand Linnet belonging to Mr. Nicholson, of York. That Mr. Parlett was keenly disappointed at the reverse was evident by the remarks he made on the judge's decision. I venture to say that a true fancier would not have spoken as he did on that occasion, and his doing so rather went to show that he was "a would-be exhibitor." A true fancier would have taken his bird's defeat like a man by making no remarks on the judge's decision (who, by the way, knew a Linnet as well, if not better, than Mr. Parlett).

### A SELF-ACTING FOUNTAIN FOR AVIARIES.

SIR,—I enclose a sketch of a self-acting fountain for aviaries, the cost of which is about 2s. 6d. The vessels (or "tanks") are made from common tin washing bowls, costing 5d. each. One, to form the base, has a piece of tinned iron soldered on. The tube is quarter-inch gas-piping; the cocks are quarter-inch full-way gas cocks, price 5d. each. The plug is cut from an ordinary cork. The illustration, I think, explains itself. I need only say that you pour water into the top vessel till it is half-full, turn on cock A1, when water passes down to the air chamber, and is forced (by the air) into tube B. You open cock B1, and the result is a continual playing of a jet from C. An ordinary "pin" gas burner will answer. The jet will be from 12 to 15 inches high, and last until all the air which was present in the bottom chamber before we turned on cock A1 is exhausted—that is, about three hours. Then




**Mr. Hawes' Fountain.**

A is the tube leading from the top container into the bottom air chamber. A1 is the supply cock (tap) to the same. B is the casting tube, through which the water is forced upward and expelled in a fine spray, or jet. B1 is the controlling air cock. C is the casting jet. D is the plug to control the supply of water. E is the water tank. E2 is the air tank. F is the tap for emptying the fountain when not in use, to prevent rusting.

a fresh supply must be put into the containers, when the performance will be repeated. A person handy with the soldering iron can make one of these fountains in two hours, as the tube can be bought cut to size desired.

H. J. HAWES.

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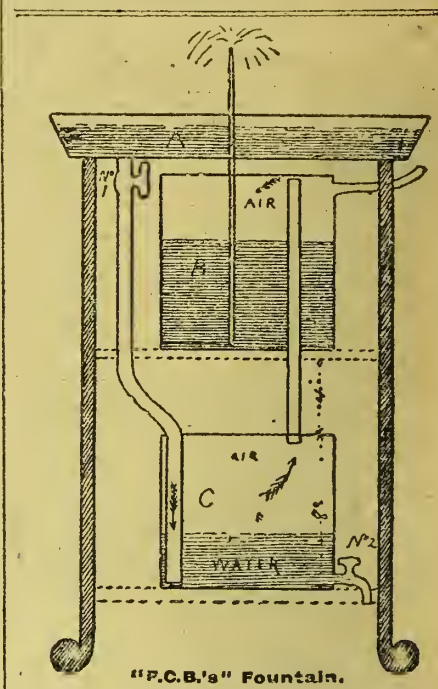
SIR,—I enclose a sketch of a very satisfactory self-acting fountain. It is shown here on two upright supports (such as table legs), with two shelves for the tanks (represented by the dotted lines), which can be either wood, wood laths, or flat iron bars. The two tanks B and C and the top water vessel A should be made of thin sheet zinc, though tin, of course, will do. A good size for the tanks is 8 by 6 by 6 inches. The spray is thrown from a piece of brass blow-pipe, which passes from A into B, finishing half-inch from the bottom of B. The height of the jet of water is regulated by the tap No. 1 in the downfall pipe. The latter is soldered into the bottom of A, and passes down the side of B into C, finishing half-inch from the bottom of the latter tank. The air-pipe




**"P.C.B.'s" Fountain.**

should be soldered from the top of C, through B, to within one inch of the top of the latter tank (note sketch). The inlet pipe to tank B (at top right-hand side) should be plugged tight with a cork. For the various tubes, three-eighth inch metal or compo tubing is best. To start the fountain, fill the tank B through the inlet pipe. It is easy to tell when it is full, as the water will overflow down the air pipe into C. Then replace the cork or plug, tightly (air-tight). Then fill the basin, or pan A with water, and turn on tap No. 1. The water will pass down the pipe into C, and the result of this will be to displace the air in C, causing it to pass up the air-pipe into B. The air pressure here will cause the water in this tank to be forced up the blow-pipe, and so form the fountain. The height of the spray can be regulated by tap No. 1. It should run for three or four hours. When the fountain has finished playing, the tank C will be full of water, and tank B empty. To start again, empty C by tap No. 2, pour back into B, and replace the plug and turn on tap No. 1. I assisted a friend of mine to make a fountain like this about seven years ago, so I know it will work. Great care, however, must be taken to have all parts air-tight. The tank B should always be placed as near A as possible, and the tank C as low as possible, so as to allow as much drop as possible.

F. C. B.

### THE CAGE BIRD FANCY IN BARTON AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—Once more I trespass upon your valuable space to answer Mr. Chamberlain. Now, Mr. C., you accuse me of wavering from the point. I had to, in order to answer your letter. Do you think your little bit of—shall we call it modesty? re your 300 birds, etc., sticking to the point? And if I may speak in metaphor, let me tell you I can (in Barton vernacular) pelt a cobble on the right side of a hedge, at the same time aiming at the people who made the stone heap. But, seriously, don't please think I want you and our hon. secretary to be at loggerheads (as you mean to infer). No, sir, I'll take a sporting chance, and take all the blame. Just one word on the "room" question. It was the minority that left us, so to all sensible minds it shows the majority was satisfied. You have got the room you wanted; so have we. Thanks for your remark respecting my pal and me. I voice all the club when I say it is a good job for many things there are two clubs. I concede you one point, re the young bird; you have me on the hip. As for "examples" and "futuro conduct," I don't care a brass button what your future conduct may be, but I will say, in conclusion, that I honestly wish your club the success it deserves.

E. A. OLDRIDGE.
Chairman, Barton and Dist. C.B.S.
(This matter is now closed.—ED.)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### COXHOE AND DISTRICT C.B S.

Sir,—A number of fanciers in the Coxhoe district have commenced a Cage Bird Society, and invite all fanciers in the district to join. Contributions aro 1s. per month. Any fancier wishing to join may do so by attending a meeting in the Tyneside Inn, Coxhoe, on Tuesday, April 20th, at 7.30 p.m. This is the last meeting for onrolling new members.

W. J. Mudd, Sec.

West-terrace, Coxhoe.

### THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN OUTDOOR BIRDROOM.

Sir,—I think the suggestion of F. Amos in your last issue, to substitute the Russian ply boards for the match boarding for lining is a very good one. The only drawback would be with regard to the packing of the recess between the boards with shavings, etc.; this would be a little more difficult. I may say that I use the ply wood for the backs of my cages, and find it extra good for this purpose, as there is no harbour for redmite.

J. W. Lawton.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

Sir,—I am endeavouring, through the medium of club secretaries, to reach all breeders of the Yorkshire Canary in the radius adopted by the Midland Counties Yorkshire Canary Club. At the same time it will be apparent that some fanciers are certain to be overlooked, and I would take this opportunity of asking them to send me a postcard, on receipt of which I will send them all necessary information along with a copy of our rules.

W. H. Uzzell, Hon. Sec.,
76, Drayton Road,
King's Heath, Birmingham.

### THE BORDER FANCY CANARY IN THE SOUTH.

Sir,—I was very pleased to see Mr. Smith's spirited reply to the remarks of "Wee McGregor," and trust he may continue on the same straightforward lines on which he has commenced in his hobby. The Border Fancy Canary, I am sure, is safe in his hands, as seemingly he has paid great attention to the exhibits at the several shows he mentions he has visited. He, at least, has not been long in seeing that there is a great difference in type, even if the eyes of this wonderful "Wee McGregor" have been closed to the fact. I trust to see this subject thrashed out in a friendly manner, and all for the advancement of our wee pets, which are yearly gaining ground all over the United Kingdom. As I have already said, they are like Noah's family —wherever they go they increase and multiply. Mr. Eagle-Bott's letter (wherein I see he is also for the bird with a free neck) bears out my contentions, and I daresay, after we have a few more letters and exchanges of opinion, perhaps a better understanding will be arrived at. As to the size to breed up to, the rules of the B.F.C.C. say: "Size not to exceed 5½in. in length, measured in the usual way." Personally, as I have already said, I prefer them rather under, if anything. At the same time, let us keep to the standard size as far as possible.

J. Patterson.

### PROPOSED NORTHERN YORKSHIRE CANARY UNION.

Sir,—I have yet to learn how it is that some "Yorkshire Fanciers" in Cumberland, having so strong a desire to further the interests of this variety, have not taken steps to associate themselves with a club (the Cumberland Y.C.C.) whose objects and interests have all along been identical with theirs, and whose sole desire has been to encourage and promote the breeding and exhibiting of the Yorkshire Canary in Cumberland. I note Mr. Park says in his letter: "We were not sure of the C.Y.C.C. being still in existence, as it seemed to have gone quiet some time ago" His next sentence explains exactly the reason for that quietness. "I do not care to bother myself with its affairs," he says. Now, Mr. Park, you will pardon my saying so, but if Yorkshire fanciers in Cumberland "had cared to bother themselves with its affairs" we should have had, and can have yet, a good and strong club, not necessarily confined to Cumberland, but including North or the whole of Lancashire for the matter of that. You ask my opinion of your proposed scheme. I presume the detailed scheme of Mr. Bradley and your own are identical. I will give you my opinion for what it is worth, but before going further, I wish it to be distinctly understood that if anything I have already said may have given offence to my fellow fanciers in Millom or anywhere else in the county, I am truly sorry, as I did it unintentionally; I have no desire to raise up matters the discussion of which can do no one any good. Now to the scheme (as proposed in detail in Mr. Bradley's letter), to be worked on the same principle as the Cage Bird Union. How many of the societies mentioned would be willing to contribute the sum of 7s. 6d. or 10s. to a Specialist Club, catering only for its own members? In the first place three of the 13 societies mentioned have no existence at all. I refer to Frizington, Maryport, and Workington, who have not held a show for many years. Let us take Egremont, for example, or Cleator Moor; as far as I am aware they have not a single Yorkshire fancier on their committees. Then, how could we reasonably expect these committees to grant 7s. 6d. or 10s. to a fund to provide a cup or anything else that their own members could not compete for? There are also other societies in the list given whose Yorkshire members are in the minority, and I fancy it would be extremely difficult to get the majority to give way, in the vague hope that Yorkshire classes would greatly benefit thereby. It would, no doubt, answer well for the early shows, but my opinion is that as one or two members get well ahead in points, the others gradually drop out. No, Sir, I am inclined to think that of late years the societies mentioned have had quite enough to do to hold their own, and they are to be considered fortunate if they have succeeded in doing that. I know in some cases the 7s. 6d. paid to the C.B.U. can ill be spared; besides, Mr. Bradley doesn't suggest, surely, that if a society refuses to pay the fee asked, he would not give the patronage? Personally, I think if medals were given for competition at each show it would benefit all the societies and increase the entries, especially if the membership was large; and if it had that result I don't think any of the societies would be against giving a subscription to the funds. I am sure the societies I have mentioned will pardon me for bringing them into the discussion, and as I have no right to speak for them. I should be pleased to have the opinion of the various secretaries concerned, no matter how brief, if only to say whether or not they are in favour of the scheme. At the same time I should like to have the names of all Yorkshire fanciers in Cumberland or Lancashire desirous of joining our society, and I venture to express the hope that they will do so at an early date.

J. Ferguson, Hon. Sec. C.Y.C.C.

### CORSEINON P.P. AND CAGE BIRD SOCIETY'S RECENT SHOW.

Sir—Consequent on a slight mistake in making out cheques for prize-money awarded to exhibitors at the last show of the above society, some have been returned by the bank. The Committee would esteem it a great favour if these prize-winners would return their cheques to me in order that they may be officially stamped and thus ensure their being duly honoured. The Committee also invite those gentlemen who have not yet received their cheques to communicate with me, and thus set at rest any misconceptions as to the bona-fides and financial standing of the above society. On behalf of the Committee,

Thos. Rogers, Deputy-Chairman.

### A TREAT FOR METROPOLITAN BREEDERS OF YORKSHIRES.

Sir,—We have completed arrangements with that popular and versatile judge, Mr. W. Mundell, of Bradford, for a lecture by him on "The Yorkshire Canary," which he will deliver at the next meeting of the London and Provincial O.S., on Thursday, April 15th, at "The Raglan," Aldersgate-street. This is in response to the request of several of our members, who felt disappointed at the failure of our attempt to secure a lecture on the variety for the March meeting. Mr. Mundell's last visit taxed the holding capacity of the usual meeting-room to its utmost, so we have arranged to have seating accommodation in a larger room. This is an unique opportunity of hearing the latest about the "bird of grace and beauty" by one who has little to learn on the subject, and in the name of the L.P.O.S. I offer a hearty welcome (and seats) to any interested fanciers, and can promise them a most interesting and instructive evening.

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### CAGE BIRD UNION (District No. 1).

Sir,—A meeting of the above was held at Lockhart's Cafe, 37, Clayton-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Wednesday, March 31st. Mr. T. Robson occupied the chair. Business of considerable importance was dealt with, arising from a large pile of correspondence, which was submitted to the delegates. Show dates were fixed as far as circumstances would allow. Two new affiliations were represented at the meeting in the persons of Mr. Staig, for Alnwick, and Mr. Irvine for Cramlington. The meeting had to be adjourned at 10.15, some business being still unfinished.

C. W. MacPartlino.

### SOME QUESTIONS FOR PARROT FANCIERS.

Sir,—Would some of your numerous readers give me the following information, through the medium of your valuable paper, Cage Birds? I have had an African Grey Parrot in my possession for over ten years, and during that period she never laid any eggs until last summer. If I put a cock bird with her, and she laid some eggs, would they be fertile? Also, how could I distinguish a cock from a hen; is there any difference in their plumage? I would very much like to have a trial at breeding. Also, I would like to know what kind of cage to breed them in.

Thomas Shields.

### PROPOSED ROLLER CLUB FOR WOLVERHAMPTON, WEST BROMWICH AND DISTRICT.

Sir,—It has been thought desirable by several Roller fanciers in the above district that a club, having for its object the advancement of the best of all songsters, the Roller Canary, is very much needed, and would be the means of bringing to the front the breeding and exhibiting of this charming variety. The Roller is a real favourite in the Midlands, and there should be no great difficulty in forming a very strong society, which would make it still more popular. With that object in view, a meeting will be held at the Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, on Thursday, April 22nd, at 8 p.m., to consider the question, and all Roller fanciers are given a hearty invitation to be present. If any fancier interested in the matter, and not being able to get to the meeting, would drop me a postcard with any suggestion he may wish to make, the same shall be placed before the meeting. It is hoped a good muster of Roller men will put in an appearance. J. H. Willows.

Lindum House,
42, Upper High Street, Wednesbury.

### MY EXPERIENCES WITH AN OUTDOOR AVIARY.

Sir,—You have on several occasions published the experiences of amateurs with outdoor aviaries. Possibly mine, as a novice, may be of some interest. I first put up an aviary in September, 1907, in a sheltered position under a south wall, well protected from the north by a large cedar tree. My first birds were Green Budgerigars, Zebra Finches, Tri-coloured Nuns, and a few Waxbills, Orange-cheeked and Senegal. These proved so attractive that in the following spring I enlarged my quarters, and added a shelter house and a part entirely open to the air. The first winter brought some very severe frosts. Nothing discouraged the Budgerigars, who have bred almost without intermission since I first had them. Frequently the water was frozen solid, but none of the birds seemed to mind it. The young ones, too, thrived well, varying in number from four to seven. I have also had excellent hatches from Cutthroats and Silverbills. The latter, when just out of the nest, are particularly fascinating little creatures, in their neat dove-coloured suits, not a feather out of place. I have now a very mixed collection—Green and Yellow Budgerigars, Pekin Robins, delightful to look at, and most amusing in their quick, alert movements, ever on the look-out for a possible treat in the shape of a mealworm. The cock sings well, very much like a Blackbird. He begins at daybreak. I have three pairs of Canaries. One is now (March 29th) sitting on three eggs, and one appears to have mated with a Green Singing Finch. They are constantly about together, and very busy with nesting material. I shall be curious to see if any result follows. A little Red Avadavat is also busily making a most untidy construction, on the top of a cokernut husk. It is amusing to see the tiny bird strutting about with a long bent of hay, or a feather twice his own length. I suppose there is no likelihood of serious breeding with these birds, however? I have succeeded in keeping one Cordon Bleu hen through the winter, but unfortunately lost the mate just as they were beginning to think of nesting. However, I hope for better luck when I can replace him. All the birds seem most friendly, and as yet have had no trouble at all from the Budgerigars. They are noisy, and delight in flying the whole length of the aviary, in sudden rushes, but I have not found them interfere with any nestlings, though with so many young birds about, constant hatches of Cutthroats, who are as persistent as they themselves, and also young Silverbills and Canaries, they have had abundant opportunity for mischief if so disposed. I only hope this happy state of things may continue. Having a large garden, I am able to find plenty of green food, which is greatly appreciated. The grass, such as is left, when dry, serves for nests for the Weavers, and very pretty nests they make. I should very strongly advise anyone, with time and convenience, to start an out-door aviary for small foreign birds. Mine are greatly admired and enjoyed by all my friends, and get many visitors. We go in and out among the birds, and they take very little notice, allowing me to handle nests or eggs freely, the sitting birds hardly troubling to leave the nest. The Cutthroats simply hang on to one's finger, if one puts it in to feel the delightfully warm nest. They seem to have no thought of fear, and this is one of the great charms of keeping birds thus; I never again want to have a bird in a cage after once seeing them in the semi-liberty and evident happiness which aviary life gives them. Mine is a very simple construction. The wall forms the back; the front is of double wire netting, fine inside, coarse outside, with about 6 inches between, this to make it safe from cats. My own cat is deeply interested in the birds, and evidently thinks it a great mistake that she is only allowed to admire from outside, but they seem thoroughly to understand that they are safe from attack. The roof is boarded, then covered with felt, and corrugated iron over all. One or two trees, or rather large boughs, serve for perching, and frequently for sleeping, while cigar boxes and cokernut husks are largely patronised by some. Last summer, owing to the door being accidentally left open, several birds escaped, among them a brood of young Silverbills, who had left the nest about 10 days. It was amusing to see their anxiety to get back. After a few hours' liberty we found them trying to get through the wire netting. A young Budgerigar got off and went away at a fine pace, and was soon out of sight, but next morning it was at the wires trying to get home, and was easily captured. On the whole, I have had very good luck. Most of the losses have been from newly-purchased birds, probably not sufficiently acclimatised; this, I suppose, is one of the unavoidable risks of bird buying, but the pleasure is worth a little risk. For dainty prettiness I think the various Waxbills quite take the palm, and once acclimatised, they seem to stand an English winter well. Mine were quite untroubled by the severe frost and heavy snow which marked the early part of this month, and now that the Spring once more shows its welcome signs, the whole aviary is a joyful flutter of wings and chorus of song. It is quaint to see the tiny crimson-eared Waxbills devouring mealworms. The effect is comparable to a very small boy trying to smoke a very big cigar, but the mealworm goes down—in time. I often throw down a handful of feathers, and a scramble ensues, and very soon not a feather is to be seen, unless lining a sleeping-place or a nest. In conclusion, for anyone wanting a delightful, not expensive, hobby, I would say, try an outdoor aviary and stock it with some of the small and bright foreigners. A little care daily will be well repaid.

E. M. Burlingham.


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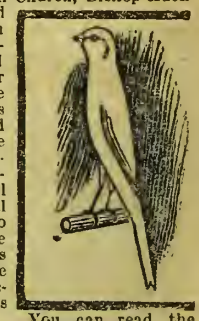

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A COCK Goldfinch Mule, pure Finch note, grand songster, 15/-.—Hyde, Hundred House, Builth Wells.

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MULING Goldfinch, fine blaze, 10/-; muling Linnet, 6/-; three large Yellow Greenfinches, very steady, 2/6 each.—J. Hale, 32, Nightingale-rd., Clapton, London.

GENUINE bargain; Goldfinch cock Mule, full song, 4/6; tame cock Linnet, 1/-; large cock Greenfinch, for muling, 1/-.—Mayo, Hairdresser, Castle Gate, Nottingham.

SPLENDID cock Greenfinch and hen Bullie, paired and feeding, 10/-; cock Goldfinch, twice housemoulted, 7/6; approval.—James Heal, 4, Combelane, Shepton Mallet.

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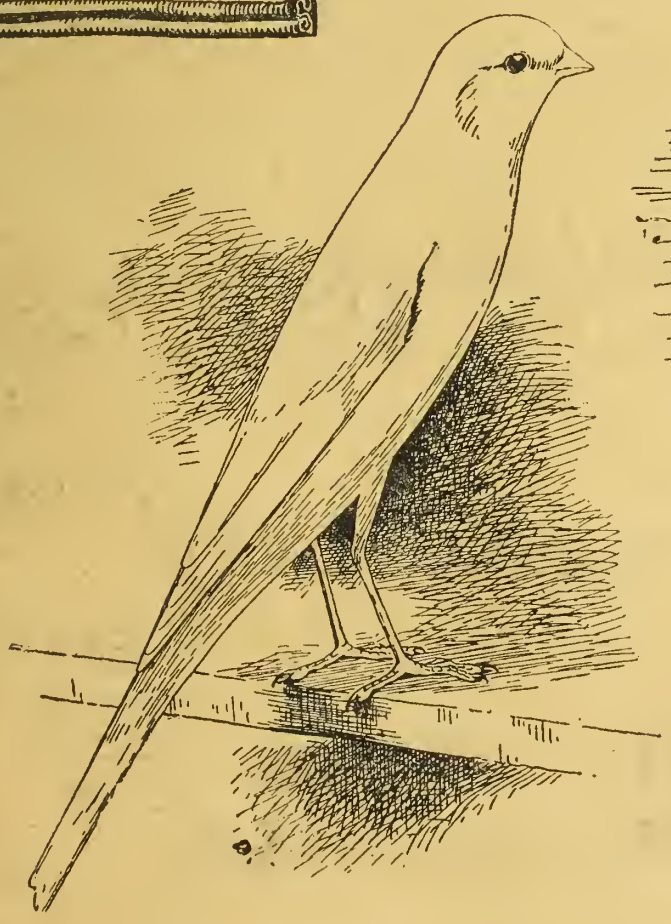

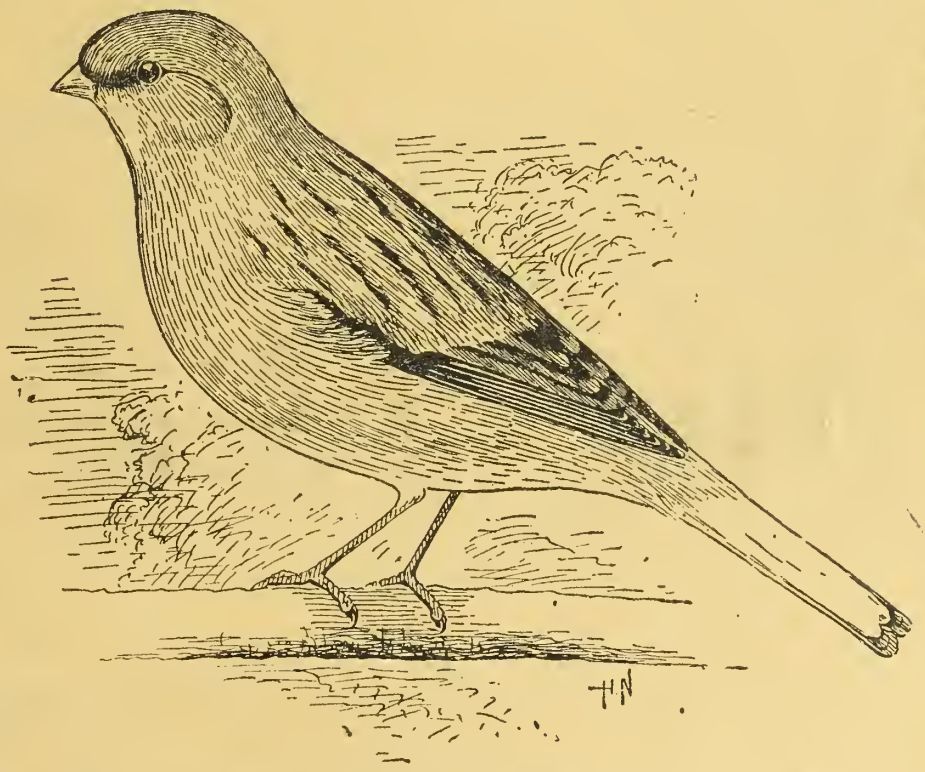

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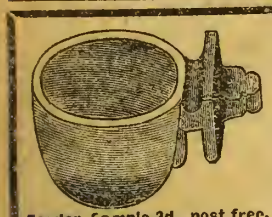

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## THE SHOWS.

### HULL C.B.S.

Although rather late in the season, the members' show of pairs for Hybrid and Mule breeding held on April 5th, was very successful, a good number of exhibits being staged, and some grand specimens being noticed. Mr. George Harland judged, and gave every satisfaction. He remarked that with anything like luck, the members should get some good Hybrids and Mules, which should bring Hull to the front in the Hybrid world.

PAIRS FOR CAN. MULE BREEDING: 1, Riley (Goldfinch and Canary); 2, Stamford (Greenfinch and Canary); 3, e, Hogg (3rd Linnet and Canary), vhc, Hope; hc, Hinson. HYB. BREEDING: 1, Hope (Bullfinch and Greenfinch); 2, hc, c, Riley (2nd Greenfinch and Twite); 3, Hogg (Linnet and Bullfinch); vhc, Stamford.—E. R. RIDLEY, Hon. Sec.

### CARNARVON.

The second open show, held Easter Monday, when a fine show indeed was made up, considering the lateness of the season. About 170 entries turned up in about 16 classes, which appeared on the whole very satisfactory. Specials were given in every class, and extra specials for best birds in the various sections. It could not be expected that many Canaries would turn up, but Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds were well represented, and some of the very best graced the show benches. There were very few Norwich, but those exhibited were of good type. Yorkshires were more numerous, and some beautiful, typical birds were shown here. A really nice dark Crest won over a fine yellow Belgian after a very hard fight in the A.O.V. Canary class. There was an excellent lot of Canary and British bird Hybrids, and the various winners were of excellent merit. Mr. Longden's well-known fine Cinnamon Greenfinch-Canary took special for best in this section. In the A.O.V. class Mr. Brotherhood won with an excellent Waxwing, which also captured special for best over this section. Mr. Jackson's winning old Goldfinch won special for best Goldfinch exhibited by a North Wales exhibitor. Messrs. Williams and Williams won special for best Canary in show. Altogether the exhibits were shown in the pink of condition. A fine committee of ardent fanciers manage the affairs of the society and its shows, headed by the chairman, Mr. Hope; Mr. G. J. Griffiths, vice-chairman; and the very popular Dan Kelly, treasurer; committee, Messrs. H. Daniels, D. Roberts, J. Hughes, G. Jones, J. Pierce, R. E. Griffith, T. Owen, H. Owen, S. G. Robinson, and J. A. Thompson; with the ever-smiling Mr. J. W. Jones as hon. secretary. The show was held in the institute, which is a very suitable and well-lighted room. All was in working order, and the judging was got through in good time. A great rush was made when the doors were opened to the public, who soon filled the hall and gave prospect of a good gate. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged, and all appeared well pleased with his awards.

**The Critique.**

NOR. (6): 1, 2, 3, r, Winnard, fine quartette of typical birds, all in good form; vhc, E. J. Jones, fine big buff, grand bird for stock, very fine head, good quality feather; absent, White. YORKS. CL. YELL. (9): 1, Williams and Williams, very stylish and typical, well up on legs, very level, good contour, in tigbt condition; 2, r, Nolan, long, very slim, stylish bird, fine feather and condition, nice carriage; r, good colour, quality, and condition; 3, Morgan, shorter, grand type; vhc, Pierce and Griffiths; hc, W. R. Owen; c, T. Owen. BUFF (7): 1, J. O. Williams, very smooth, upstanding stylish bird, nice neat head, wings and tail, well up on legs; 2, R. W. Roberts, very close run, hard to separate; 3, E. J. Jones, long, good type and stand, etc; r, T. Owen; vhc, White; 18 and 19, absent. A.O.V. YORKS. (8): 1, 3, r, J. O. Williams, tkd. buff, tkd. yell., and foul tail green, all in fine form, good type; 2, A. Lewis, very stylish, good, sound colour green, in fine feather and condition; vhc, T. Owen; hc, E. M. Hughes; c, W. R. Owen. BORD. (5): 1, 2, vhc, D. Roberts, eye and wing ticked buff and a cl. yell., former in best all-round condition to-day, both good type; 3, Winnard, smaller, nice quality, jaunty style; r, Miss F. Davies, varieg. yell., nice bird, but soft. DARK CAN. HYB. (19): Strong class; 1, 2, Longden, cinn. Greenfinch Can., takes spl over section, in fine condition; 2nd, rich yell. Gold. Can., good size, fine shape and feather; 3, Jackson, well-shaped big buff Linnet-Can., in very glossy feather, sound condition; r, c, Edwards, fine big buff Greenfinch-Can., and a small yell. Green-Can., both in good colour, feather and condition; vhc, J. O. Williams, yell. Linnet Can., nice feather and condition; hc, J. Williams, fine buff Gold. Can., rare good blaze, in excellent body condition. No. 48, fine yell. Linnet-Can., spoiled by feather being claggy, or might have stood high in honours; Nos. 43, 44, 45 absent. LIGHT, A.V. (9): 1, 2, G. Edwards, lovely feathered, four-point buff Goldie-Can., medium size, good colour, shape and condition, 2nd slightly tkd. buff hen, grand feather and condition; 3, G. Jones, varieg. Linnet.-Can., large, fine colour and shape, should make good one if it moults out lighter; res., vhc, J. Williams, dk. saddle Gold-Can., fine face, rare quality and condition; vhc, neat six-point buff hen Gold.-Can.; hc, D. E. Williams; c, T. Owen. A.O.V. HYB. (7): 1, Longden, broad Sib. Green.-Bull., fine colour, nice shape, etc.; 2, E. Williams, big, broad-set Gold.-Bull, sound nat. col., wants feeding to make it show up colours, good quality, tight condition; 3rd Winnaker, smaller Gold.-Bull., bright, deep colour, fed one apparently, nice feather and condition; res., Brotherhood, same cross, like a big hen in colour, etc.; vhc, J. Williams, Gold.-Bull, in fine condition; Nos. 62, 66, absent. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (19) rare bright, warm lot: 1, R. Jackson, no doubt about its being a genuine good, typical Finch, in best of colours and condition, took special for best Goldfinch, very neat; 2, E. Jones, capital shape and stand, rare big face, good colour; 3, H. Owen, fine blaze, nice tans, bars and moons; res., W. R. Roberts, grand deep colour, clean square cut blaze, lovely body feather and condition; vhc, Longden, very fine bird; hc, J. Lewis; c, D. E. Williams. GREYPATES (28), a capital lot: 1, G. Edwards, very promising all-round young bird, has all the properties of the winner in the old class, and very like it, should be a fine bird with a good moult next season; 2, hc, J. Lewis, fine shape, nice blaze, good moons, tans and bars, in grand feather; 3, R. E. Griffith, well up in all points to 2nd, rare face and condition; res., G. Jones, runs hard on 3rd, all four very much alike, and should develop into right good ones with a successful moult. vhc, O. Owens, fine large blaze; c, Pritchard. BULLFINCH (9): 1, J. Thomas, best all round, tight condition, lovely back cap, wings and tail, very glossy; 2, Winuard, fine shape, nice cap, etc.; 3, Nolan, large and broad chest and back, fine bird when colours are all up; r, D. E. Williams, neat bird; vhc, c, Bell; hc, H. Owen. HARDBILLS (22): 1, 2, r, Longden, smart trio, Linnet, Bramble, and Chaffinch, in this order, Linnet in most perfect feather, all three in fine form; 3, Williams and Williams, really lovely feathered nat. col. Greenfinch, in most perfect feather and condition; vhc, Edwards, fine coloured Greenfinch; hc, Pierce and Griffiths, Chaffinch; c, Bell, Greenfinch. A.O.S. BRIT. (5): 1, Brotherhood, takes spl here, really fine, tight conditioned Waxwing, very steady, well shown; 2, Aitken, nice neat Siskin; 3, T. Owen, steady Greater Tit; r, Bell, Pied hen Sparrow, in nice feather. FOR. (4): 1, 3, Hughes; 2, Grilliths; r, T. Davies. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, Williams and Williams, wing mark D.C., fine alround bird, full well framed Crest, well centred, capital body, takes spl best Can.; 2, Miss F. Davies, very fine yell. Belg., good drive and reach, high, well filled shoulders, full of nerve, good size; 3, Winnard, 4-point, even mkd. Nor., grand shape, colour and quality; r, E. J. Jones, Silver Liz.; vhc, Wilbams and Son, Pied Crest. SELL. (8): 1, hc, R. W. Roberts; 2, J. O. Williams; 3, T. Owen; r, vhc, G. Jones; c, D. Kelly.

## SINGING CONTESTS.

### LEIGH.

Linnet singing contest, held at Standard Mower, April 10th, for four prizes. The winners were:—T. Statham, 1st 97, 2nd 82, 3rd 80; Lady Green, 4th 58.

### EAST BOLDON COLLIERY.

Linnet contest, held at Black Horse, on April 3rd, when Mr. Wilson gave 15s. Grand singing was heard. Result: 1, Tracey, easy; 2, Hitchen; 3, Oxley. Mr. Mustard judged; Mr. Bailey timekeeper.

### DURHAM.

Linnet sing held at Burton Hotel, Gilesgate, April 3rd, when 50 birds faced the judge, Mr. G. Reed (Brandon). Result: 1, 4, McQuirck; 2, 3, Foster. Bookkeeper, Mr. Fairless; timekeeper, Mr. Stout.—G. REED.

### YORK.

The 32nd annual Easter Linnet singing contest was held at The Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer-lane, Hungate, on Easter Monday, when 30 birds entered. Result: 1st and 6th, Oldroyd; 2nd, Moore; 3rd, Key; 4th, Laverick; 5th, Mason; 7th, Whitehead; 8th, Whiteley. Mr. J. W. Paver officiated as judge, and Mr. J. Limbert as timekeeper. Usual weekly contest held April 10th; 24 birds faced the judge, Mr. Paver. Some very good singing was heard. Result: 1st, Oldroyd; 2nd, Moore; 3rd, Barnard; 4th, Buckle; 5th, Laverick. Mr. Limbert timekeeper.—WM. EMPSON.

### BLACKBURN.

The first contest of the season was held at headquarters, Good Samaritan Inn, Grimshaw Park, on April 10th, when there was a very good turnout of contestants and some exceptionally good singing. The prize winners (3 minutes to get ready and 10 minutes hanging): 1, Brierley, Burnley (9min. 57sec.); 2, Halliday, Burnley (9min. 55sec.); 3, Sheffield (9min. 38sec.); 4, Hunt (9min.).—R. AIREY, Sec.

The Easter quality singing contest (open to all England) took place at "Snig Brook," April 10th, when 46 birds competed for 7 prizes. Birds were entered from Wigan, West Leigh, Preston, Great Harwood, and London. Results: 1, Dobson; 2, 7, Rostron; 3, Niel; 4, Topping; 5, Jones; 6, Harrison. Judges, Messrs. T. Jump (Wigan) and G. Rostron (Blackburn); referee, Mr. J. Dobson (Blackburn; timekeeper, Mr. R. Hayhurst (Blackburn). We also had week-end contest for members, but owing to the big event only 10 birds were entered. Result:—1, Moulding; 2, Rostron; 3, Topping. Judges, Messrs. James and Hayhurst; timekeeper, Mr. Rostron.—T. SLATER and G. ROSTRON, Secs.

### HULL.

Great Linnet singing contest held at North Bridge Hotel. The contest being open to all England, brought a great number of fanciers together. A large entry was recorded. The birds gave an excellent display of the true Linnet song, much to the delight of all present. Judges, Messrs. F. Allen ("The Human Linnet") and C. Collier.—1, Young; 2, Broadbent; 3, Moore; 4, R. Dearlove; 5, Marshall; 6, Pavison. Next open to all England contest at Whitsuntide.—E. MOORE, Hon. Sec.

### LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest for quality singing, held April 11th at the Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe-lane, when 14 birds sang. 1, Turner; 2, Ridgewell; 3, Gally. Judges, Messrs. Naylor and Symons.—WALTER NAYLOR, Hon. Sec

### PENDLEBURY.

One of the best Lark singing contests was held at headquarters, British Queen, on April 10th, when 26 birds sang. Some of the best Larks in the country were here, from West Houghton, Tynsley, Atherton, etc. Visitors had a full day's pleasure. The first bird was up at 11 o'clock in the morning. Mr. J. Jackson was in command, and kept everything in good order. The winners were as follows:—1st, Beswick, 11 mins. 41 secs.; 2nd, Donnelly, 11 mins. 15½ secs.; 3rd, Smalley, 11 mins. 13½ secs.; Young, 10 mins. 33 secs.; Lee, 10 mins. 12 secs.; Burrows, 10 mins. 4½ secs.; Almon, 9 mins. 12 secs.; Cockshaw, 8 mins. 28 secs.; Wallwork, 8 mins. 23 secs.; Timp, 7 mins. 13 secs.; Hall, 6 mins. 30 secs.; Mills, 4 mins. 23 secs.; Bates, 4 mins. 20 secs.; Williams, 4 mins. 10 secs.; Boardman, 3 mins. 58 secs.; and Knight, 1 min. 4 secs. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Cordwell; judge, Mr. J. Jackson. There were many good birds spoiled by stopping and losing time, and there were plenty which would have put more time in only the owners were asked to take them down when they had no chance. A match, arranged between Mills, Boardman, and Bates on same terms resulted in Mills' bird singing 11 mins. 24 secs; Bates', 10 min. 42 secs.; and Boardman's, 7 mins. 30 secs. It is only fair to state that Bates' bird was spoiled by a fly buzzing round the cage, or he would probably have done the whole time. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Cordwell; judge, Mr. J. Jackson. We propose holding another big event on Whit Saturday.—ALEX. DONNELLY.


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## UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

BRADFORD City O.S. had another very interesting discussion on Saturday last. This time the Norwich bird was the subject. Mr. W. A. Cowgill opened the evening in his usual able manner, and answered questions to the satisfaction of all present. Plenty of useful information was brought out, and should prove a good help during the present season.

THE BRADFORD East Society had a good turn-up for their "Pie Supper" on Tuesday evening, close on 40 partaking of the fare, which was provided in celebration of the grand display made by two of their novices in last season's competitions at Yorkshire Union shows, they (Messrs. White and Laycock) finishing at second and fourth place respectively—truly a good record for a society in the first year of its membership.

THE new rule of the Yorkshire Union in regard to the holding of members' shows, is being received with mixed feelings. Of course, for those societies who hold open shows, it is being well received, as many think that it will have a tendency to cause exhibitors to put birds down at open shows where at present they keep them at home for members' shows. What makes the matter worse, is that most societies have arranged their members' fixtures, and issued schedules containing classifications, times of staging, etc., and now this rule upsets the whole lot. A good number of societies, however, have always had this rule, and have never fixed their times of members' shows during the hours a Yorkshire Union Open Show has been in progress. There is a prospect, however, that the scheme will work amicably in the end.

THE Great Horton O.S. had fixed a day's outing for Easter Monday, and, despite the rather bad prospect in the weather, a good few of them made the journey. Their intentions were to visit their birdy friends at Skelmanthorpe, and then jointly roam the moors, intent on "mossing" to lay in a good stock of that commodity for the coming season.

MANY fanciers, however, do not care for moss as a nesting material, but prefer old grass, and only last week I met two well-known fanciers with some big bags full of this stuff, which, when thoroughly washed, appeared to be splendid stuff for the purpose This season has been a grand one to obtain it in good condition, the dry weather of the last few weeks giving fanciers a chance to gather it.

CINNAMON Marked breeders in particular must make a special effort to attend the annual meeting of the C.M.Y.C.C., to be held to-day (Saturday). Much important business is in hand that will require careful attention.

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### *A Wise Parrot.

A man had a Parrot that could say, "There is no doubt of it"; and this was all that she could say. One day he went out to sell Polly. "Who will buy my Parrot?" he said. "Who will give £5 for my Parrot?" "£5," said a man; "£5 is too much for a Parrot." So he said, "Are you worth £5, Poll?" "There is no doubt of it," said the bird, and she looked so wise that the man bought her, and took her home with him. When they got there she did not say a word. "What a goose I was to pay £5 for you," said the man. "There is no doubt of it." said Poll. I think Poll was right.—Extract from "Stories," sent by R. Kemp (age 13), Nineveh, Hayle, Cornwall.


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## WILD BIRD LIFE.

### April Notes.

The bright sunshine during the day is both pleasant and cheering, although the nights are cold and the easterly wind is still with us, so that vegetation and bird-life are only slowly advancing. These conditions we get every spring, and yet we always endure them with impatience. We are so eager to see the hedgerows covered with green, and the tall trees clothed with abundance of rustling leaves. In the bird world there are always a few precocious pairs eager to set up housekeeping. These I think must be mostly young birds of the first nests of last season; but although it is possible to find signs of this early nesting, it is not at all universal. The doings of a pair or two of impatient Blackbirds are not a proof that the whole of the species have commenced operations. While wandering recently through a little-frequented district, we found a few nests in the course of construction. In time these no doubt will contain eggs. Up to the seventh day of the month we have seen no signs of the migrants, although the Wheatear, Chiffchaff, Blackcap, and several others have, in some years, put in an appearance before this. But these same species may be within a few miles of us, and yet perhaps not be seen in our district for some time. Two years ago the Swallows and Martins were hawking about the water meadows within five miles of us, about ten days before they entered the village. The height of our district—some two hundred and fifty feet above sea level—may possibly have something to do with it. Bird music is now fairly plentiful, and for once in a way the mellow flute of the Blackbird predominates over the more cheery notes of the Thrush. Here and there a Chaffinch trills his rollicking refrain, spring-like in its very cheerfulness and enticing one's thoughts to wander to hawthorn-scented hedgerows and waving grasses. It is a bright cheerful little song, somewhat irksome at times, by its frequent repetition, but pleasant to listen to in the clear morning air. Unlike the songs of the other Finches, it is generally rendered from the branches of the higher trees. Out in the open, and along the hedgerows, the Linnet pipes at intervals. Choosing some conspicuous position, with his ruddy tinted breast facing the wind, he sings the sweetest song of all the Finches. At times it is a trifle jerky, but when heard in the open it is soft and pleasing, and has considerable carrying power, for it can be heard at some distance from the performer.

### Magpies Feeding Young Ravens.

It is recorded in an old book on birds that a pair of Magpies constantly fed some young Ravens, which had been taken from the nest and placed in an old cart shed.

### When Woodcock were Cheap.

There was a time when Woodcocks might be said to be almost as plentiful as Wood Pigeons. They were so abundant that the catching of them was a regular trade, and they were sold for a few pence in the markets.

### Owls and Their Young.

Owls are supposed to show an extraordinary attachment to their young, and will continue to feed them long after they are taken from the nest. Young ones which have become tame and familiar, soon revert to their original wildness, if hung out at night where the old birds can visit and feed them.

### The Coming Migrants.

All bird lovers should now be on the watch for any strange or unusual birds, for within the next few weeks thousands of feathered creatures will be winging their way northwards. One need not live in the country to note the coming of these welcome visitors. Many of them pass over our great towns and cities, and stay to feed and rest where a few trees or gardens exist. Even London is not exempt, and many of the most delicate Warblers have been noted by keen observers.

### The Busy Sparrow.

Wild birds have good appetites, and the old ones are kept pretty busy when feeding the young. A Sparrow has been known to feed its young thirty-six times in an hour, which, given a fourteen-hour day, would represent three thousand five hundred times per week. If this feeding of the young was done entirely with insect food, the Sparrow would be one of our best friends. Undoubtedly during the breeding season green caterpillars and other noxious insects form a considerable portion of their bill of fare.


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## TWITTERINGS.

The show of the Banbridge C.B. and P.A., writes Mr. R. J. Hamilton, the hon. secretary, will be held November 11th and 12th.

Mr. C. A. House has been elected to judge at our show on October 29th and 30th, writes Mr. Jas. Barrass, secretary South Shields C.B.S.

Many thanks for the beautiful plate you sent me as special for the best Crest at the Crystal Palace Show, writes Mr. T. Burgess (Leek).

I would rather go without my Sunday dinner, writes Mr. H. N. Field (Massachusetts, U.S.A.), than I would miss my weekly copy of CAGE BIRDS.

Our next Annual Show is fixed for October 20th and 21st, writes Mr. Geo. Barrett, pen. secretary of the Northampton "Good Intent" O. and F.S.S.

Your "Stock Book" I find is invaluable to a breeder, writes Mr. H. E. Wilkinson, hon. secretary, Stocksbridge and Dis. C.B.S. I use one every year.

Will secretaries please note that I will not be an exhibitor this coming season, having temporarily given up the Fancy, writes Mr. W. J. Webb (Southend-on-Sea).

We hear there has been a change of secretary in the Baildon C.B.A., Mr. Thomas Mountain, of 12, East Parade, Baildon, Yorks, having been elected to that position.

Messrs. H. Norman and J. H. Roe, writes Mr. W. Jenkins, hon. secretary of the Maesteg and Dis. C.B.S., have been elected to judge at our show on November 17th next.

The winning numbers in the prize drawings of the Welsh National C.B.S. and the Burton-on-Trent C.B.S. will be found given in our show advertisement column this week.

Kindly notice that we have changed our headquarters, writes Mr. W. Gilbert, hon. secretary of the London and Counties O.S., to the Sessions House Hotel, Clerkenwell Road, E.C.

Kindly note my new address, writes Mr. H. H. Towers, the acting secretary of the Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire C.C., which is now 8, Colne Road, Glusburn, Crosshills, near Keighley.

We regret to hear of the sad loss sustained by Mr. John Dobbie, head of the well-known Leith firm of fanciers' providers, in the demise of his wife, on April 11th, after much severe suffering. The sympathy of the Fancy will be extended to Mr. Dobbie and family in their great grief.

The City and Suburban A.C.B., we note by the balance-sheet which reaches us from the secretary, Mr. Wynn, achieved the satisfactory result of making a slight profit on the recent Pair Show.

At the meeting of the York C.B.S., to be held April 19th, writes Mr. A. Waud, the hon. secretary, Mr. Nicholson will read his promised paper. It is hoped he will have a real Yorkshire welcome.

We have hardly started breeding operations here yet, write Messrs. Abbott and Austen, hon. secretaries of the Dover and Dis. F. and F.S., but Mr. G. Johnson has eight young Yorkshires, four of which are on the sticks.

Messrs. Wellings and Parker Robinson have been engaged to place the cards at our Annual Open Show on November 12th and 13th, writes Mr. R. Taylor, hon. secretary, Preston O.S., and Mr. Hirst, the First Feather Show on July 10th.

We are holding our open show on December 11th, writes Mr. G. E. Spencer, hon. secretary, Tamworth and Dis. C.B.S., and our Nest Feather Show on July 17th. Mr. Roe is the judge for both. Will secretaries kindly note the dates?

We regret that in our report of the lecture given by Mr. Turrell before the Coventry O.S., the accidental misplacement of a line (the sixth from the bottom) by our printer, should have rendered the meaning at this part somewhat difficult to arrive at.

We have fixed on November 25th (the last Thursday in that month), writes Mr. A. W. Ludlow, hon. secretary of the Stamford and District F.A., for our Annual Open Show if we can get the C.B.U. license for that date. Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham), will judge the Canaries and foreign birds, and Mr. S. H. Mays (Wansford) the British birds. We are looking forward to having a good show. We had 166 entries last year, but are sure we should have had more if the first prizes had been 10s. instead of 7s. 6d.


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Societies requiring the Northern British Bird, Mule, and Foreign Bird Club's patronage, writes Mr. J. Bertram, the secretary, should make their applications to me at 95, Gainsborough Grove, Newcastle-on-Tyne, as early as possible.

The following well-known fanciers, writes Mr. W. B. Smart, secretary of the Loanhead and Dis. C.B.S., are elected to judge at our annual show on October 9th: Mr. John McLennan for the Scotch Fancies, Mr. P. McKenzie for the Border Fancies, and Mr. Thos. Knight for the Norwich, Mules, and British birds.

At the annual meeting of the Portsmouth F.S., write Messrs. W. T. Hawes and T. Frampton, we were elected hon. secretaries. The members propose holding their Open Show on December 1st and 2nd. Our prize money will be 10s., 6s., 3s., and 1s. 6d., and the entry fee 2s. We have engaged Mr. Geo. Gardner (North London) to judge the cage-bird section.

The annual country ramble of the Dulwich O.S. has been fixed for Sunday, May 16th, writes Mr. S. J. Kent, the hon. secretary, when the party will again be conducted by Mr. J. Lovesy, via Stoats Nest to Coulsdon, Surrey, and as bird life should at this time be seen at its best, friends will do well to communicate with me if they wish to be included in the party.

Kindly remind the Roller fanciers in this district, writes Mr. J. H. Willows (Wednesbury), of the meeting to be held on April 22nd, at the Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, at 8 p.m., to consider the question of forming a Roller Society for this district. I may say that I have had some very encouraging letters about it, and have not the slightest doubt the club will be formed and will prove a success.

I have been staying at Reading for a few days, writes Mr. F. Wyse of the City and Suburban A.C.B., and you will be pleased to hear that I have found several readers of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. We have been very busy birds-nesting, but the birds are much later breeding this year than last. We found several Blackbirds, Thrushes, and Robins, sitting on eggs, one Wren's nest, and one Hedge Sparrow's with eggs in them, and one Tit's nest, and a Starling's nest with young in them.

I have always had a great fancy for bird-breeding, but had no good guide until I came across CAGE BIRDS. It is the only paper I have yet seen out here which is devoted solely to birds. It has become an increasingly interesting paper to me, and I look forward to it every week. Before I began taking in your paper I had lots of trouble and lost many birds through a leg disease, but since taking it I have gained information as to the cure which has helped me much. Allow me also to thank you for the many beautiful plates you have published, and especially for those with the Birthday and Crystal Palace issues, which were grand.—R. MATHIESON (Rhodesia, South Africa).

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### Our "Popular Bird" Competition.

We hope to be able to announce in the next issue the winner in our recent "Popular Bird" Competition. A large number of readers entered, and the task of analysing the various voting coupons has proved considerably heavier than we anticipated.

### Protected Birds in Brecon.

At the last meeting of the Brecon County Council it was moved and carried unanimously that the following birds be added to the list of protected species (all the year round) in the county:—Bittern, Goldfinch, Kingfisher, Barn Owl, Green Woodpecker, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, and Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers.

### A Hint.

I have been on the hunt getting the "ladder" filled up, writes Mr. R. T. Campbell, secretary, Dunfermline and Dis. C.B.S., and I hope the effort you are making on behalf of the Fancy will meet with success. Club secretaries who have been "on the hunt" will no doubt have found some new blood, and in all Fancies, we must remember, it is sometimes necessary to introduce blood. New members introduced into the ranks of any club are sure to be profitable. And just wait till the shows are on again, and see what the fresh blood does! I wish CAGE BIRDS and its "Ladder of Progress" scheme every success.

At the show of the Doncaster Agricultural Society, on July 1st, the cage-bird section will be judged by Mr. C. A. House.

I am delighted with CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. And it contains such a splendid plate of the Linnet.—H. DEACON (Leicester).

I received the CAGE BIRDS ANNUALS alright, and they are excellent. I have only one or two left now.—CHAS. H. NAYLOR, hon. secretary, Hasland, Grassmoor, and Dis. C.B.F.S.

I have received CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1909 and find it more useful than ever for reference, and up to the usual high standard of information given in your publications.—ROBT. WHITTON, secretary, Broughty Ferry C.B.S.

I received my copy of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL and was delighted with it. It is getting better every year. The two articles on Hybrids and Mule breeding are splendid, and should lead to some champions being brought out in the near future.—W. HORNBY, hon. secretary, Kirkstall and Dis. C.B.S.

### A Fine List.

In the course of my Easter rambles, all taken within an hour's rail journey from town, writes "Nemo," I identified the following migrants:—Swallow, House Martin, Sand Martin, Chiffchaff, and Willow Wren (all on Easter Monday, as it happened). I also identified the Kingfisher, Tree Creeper (and nest), Long-tailed Tit, Kestrel, Jay, etc., in all 36 kinds.

### Trower's pecials.

We are asked by Messrs. Trower and Co., the well-known seed and food specialists, of London, N., to state that they hope to be in a position very shortly to announce the winners of their special prizes at the last Palace Show. The work of deciding upon those entitled to them has been rendered difficult by the fact that several ties took place, and that in several cases lengthy enquiries have been necessary respecting the qualifications of some of the competitors to enter for them.

### Another Lamp Fatality.

I regret to hear, writes "J.E.N." in the "Eastern Evening News" (Norwich), of the misfortune that Mr. W. Snowdon has met with. It appears that a short time since he placed a lamp in his bird-room at night, and not hearing his birds in song the following morning he hastened to his bird-room, and to his dismay discovered that 16 of his valuable birds were dead, and that many others were near "death's door." He had previously disposed of a magnificent Crest to Mr. W. Rudd, the bird specialist, for £10, or his loss would have been much heavier. As it is, he estimates that this fearfully cold night was the means of his being at least £30 out of pocket.

### We All Wonder.

In the idyllic village of Port Sunlight (writes a correspondent to the "Manchester Guardian") there have been no more devoted pair than a Peacock and a Peahen, which have been the pride of the villagers for many years. On Tuesday, March 27th, the lady bird met her death in a most unfortunate way. She strayed early in the morning on to the Birkenhead and Chester Railway, and was cut to pieces by a passing train. Throughout the day her mate sought her, wandering about the village crying piteously, and when Wednesday came his dead body was found mutilated on the railway metals at the spot where his mate had met her death. The villagers wonder whether death was by suicide through grief.

## YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Adjourned meeting held on April 10th, at headquarters, the Market Tavern, Bradford. Result of ballot for judges and dates of shows are as follows:—

Oct. 2.—Sandy Lane C.B.S., P. Mason.
Oct. 9.—Queensbury, C. A. House.
Oct. 16.—Bradford City, A. Hirst.
Oct. 23.—Shipley, W. H. Shackleton.
Oct. 30.—Laisterdyke, J. Bailey.
Nov. 6.—Bradford West, W. Mundell.
Nov. 13.—Huddersfield, J. Robson.
Nov. 20.—Manningham, R. Halliday.
Nov. 26-27.—Eccleshill, J. Greaves.
Dec. 3-4.—Gt. Horton, H. W. Battye.
Dec. 11.—Windhill, J. C. Barnes.
Dec. 17-18.—Halifax, W. A. Cowgill.
Jan. 1.—Bradford East, E. Radley.
Jan. 8.—Wakefield, J. Broadley.
Jan. 15.—Gt. Horton G.I., T. Bennett.

The above-named judges, of course, are subject to those appointed having dates open, Mr. H. H. Towers was re-elected treasurer, and Messrs. Hammond and Blakey were elected as scrutineers for annual ballot. The next meeting of the council and the first of the new session was fixed for May 1st, and any society wishing to hold an open first feather show must notify the Union secretary before that date. The following prizes have been offered to the Union:—Mr. F. Carl, proprietor of CAGE BIRDS, prizes for the amateurs of the Yorkshire Union, value £12; Mr. Ramsden, four prizes for birds fed on Ramsden's pure peppers; Mr. H. H. Towers, prizes value £1 11s. 6d. for novice Yorkshire classes; Mr. F. Hammond's prize value £1 1s., for Norwich novice classes. These were all gratefully accepted, and a most hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the respective donors, and the terms as laid down for these prizes were accepted unanimously. Mr. E. W. Johnson proposed, and Messrs. Kent and Clark seconded and supported, a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers, Messrs. Greaves and Towers replying. Mr. R. Halliday presented to Mr. S. Dean, the retiring secretary, a gold medal with enamelled centre, and silver cream jug and sugar basin as a memento for the services he had rendered, bringing to a close another year of very successful working of the Yorkshire Union.—SAMUEL DEAN, secretary.

# The Lizard Canary and Its General Management.

By J. HAMPSHIRE.

**A Lecture delivered before the North Manchester C.B.S. on March 23rd.**

The North Manchoster C.B.S. held a very successful meeting on March 23rd, in Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, Manchester, when Mr. Hampshire, that much-respected Lizard fancier, of Oldham, gave a lecture on his experience as a Lizard Canary fancier. The Prosident of the society, Mr. Balshaw, occupied the chair.

Having been asked, said the lecturer, for my experiences with the Lizard, and the general management of the bird-room, I will gladly comply with the request. At the same time, I regret my inability to do full justice to the subject, and I would much rather some of our older fanciers had undertaken the task. However, it is more to the younger fanciers that I wish to give my advice. I hope, therefore, that if there is anything which other fanciers do not entirely agree with, they will not be too harsh in their criticism.

### Concerning the Birdroom.

First of all, we will deal with the bird-room. I may say that my room is one that gets the full benefit of the sun, and I generally get very fair breeding results. But experience has taught me to fix something over the window, say, one third down during the summer months, so that the room is to some extent shielded from the heat, for when it is fully exposed to the glare of the sun, no matter how much ventilation there is, you cannot keep your room at what I call a normal temperature. By the above method, and by fixing a piece of wood under the bottom rail of the lower sash of your window, say, three inches deep (the length to be full width of bottom rail), and also by pulling the top sash down, say, one inch—by doing these things you will find that you will have fresh air coming in from the middle of the window, the foul air going out at the top. So you see I get plenty of fresh air in the room without having a draught on my birds.

I will now give you a little information as regards my cages; at the same time I wish you to understand, that the Lizard-Canary is a bird which should be kept in a separate cage if possible during moult, and also during the show season, as by having two or more birds in one cage your birds are liable to pluck each other.

In the first place, I would recommend you to have your cages made in a uniform order, that is, all of similar pattern, and accurate in sizes. Some fanciers prefer double breeders, but for myself I prefer a single cage about 16 inches wido, by 14½ inches high. I find these very suitable for breeding or moulting purposes. Of course, if you require a larger cage, you might have one or two made on the three-compartment principle, to correspond with three of the others when hung on the wall; for when the slides are drawn these cages come in very handy as flights during the winter months for the stock birds. I do not use the ordinary cage rack, as there are too many corners about it, which are no good to you if you should chance to be troubled with red mite. I have what is termed a hookrail; that is, a piece of wood which is plugged to the wall, and runs the full length of the room. I fix these so as to leave an air-space of half-inch between each cage.

### When to Commence Operations.

About the middle of March I start the "cleaning down," by beginning the white-washing of the room, also all the breeding cages. I am a great believer in lime white-wash; any cages that want the fronts re-polishing, now is the time to do it. Before replacing the cages I generally take a piece of rag and rub a little turpentine over them, as this is a great preventative of red mite.

I generally pair up at the beginning of April; that is providing the birds, of course, are in good condition. Your cock birds should be in full song, the hens moving from perch to perch, flapping their wings, which is a sign that they are in a forward condition. These are the birds you can make a start with. But until you see these signs, by all means keep them separated, or you will be disappointed in the results. It may seem rather hard to hear that Mr. So-and-so has got a lot of hens down, and another person has got, perhaps, eight or nine young ones, and you begin to think that you are a long way behind. But be advised by me, and have patience for a little, and you will be well rewarded before the breeding season is over.

I usually start to give my birds egg-food about the middle of March—one teaspoonful to each bird every other day. My egg-food is made as follows: I get two eggs which have been boiled (for about sixteen minutes), and when they are cold, I add a thick slice of loaf bread, a dessert-spoonful of granulated sugar, and a spoonful of maw seed, also a pinch of salt. I also use hemp, rape and inga seed, besides the best Turkish Canary, and dandelion or watercress, as green food. I may say that inga seed prevents the hens to a great extent from becoming egg-bound.

### The Type That is Wanted.

When pairing birds with the object of breeding youngsters suitable for the show bench, think well of the standard you are aiming at. The following is the description of the Lizard Canary.

Lizards, like all other Canaries, are of two varieties, viz., yellows and buffs, jonques or silvers, or gold and silver spangled. These are divided into four classes, viz., golden-spangled clear cap, silver-spangled clear cap, golden-spangled broken cap, and silver-spangled broken cap. The cap of a Lizard should be oval in shape, extending from the beak to the base of the skull. There should be no dark feathers on the top of the beak, and the cap should cut off clean over the eyes, leaving a fine dark line at the sides of the head, called the eye-lash. The skull should be wide and proportionately long, rather flat than otherwise on the top. The ground colour of a gold Lizard is a golden bronze of a soft neutral tint. The Silver Lizard is of a warm silver grey in colour. It is customary to colour-feed Lizards for the show bench. This considerably alters the colour of the birds, giving them a much warmer tint, the gold turning into something of a chestnut colour, and the cap into a deep orange-red. Colour-feeding enriches the Silvor Lizard very much, giving the bird a soft warm shade. This is most distinct on the head. The effect on the body is a soft velvety grey, and the softer and more velvety the shade of ground colour appears, the better the bird is considered. A green tinge in the ground colour of a Lizard is a serious blemish. A broken cap or miss-capped Lizard is one that has dark feathers on the head, other than the fine lines over the eye forming the eye-lash. A bird whose cap runs down below the base of the skull is called over-capped.

The spangling on a bird should commence well up in the neck, increasing in size to the wing coverts. Each row of spangles should be separate and distinct, perfectly lineable down the back. On the sides of the bird the rows of spangling should commence with the lacing on the butts, increasing in size to the central row down the back. The wings and tail feathers should bo black, and the outer edges fringed with gold or silver as the case may be. The wings should meet at the tips. The size and shape are of importance. The breast should be round, full and wide, and the back broad and full. The lacing feathers on the wing butts should be of nice size, clear, and distinct, lying regular. The covert feathers on the wings should be the same, and the outer edges clearly defined. The work on the breast, sometimes called rowing or lacing, should be soft in colour and lineable. The beak, legs, and feet, should be dark.

The standard for show Lizards is as follows:—

| | Points |
|---|---|
| Cap for size and regularity | 10 |
| Ground colour | 15 |
| Eye-lash | 5 |
| Spangle, for size, quantity, and regularity | 30 |
| Wings and tail | 10 |
| Size | 5 |
| Lacing and covert feathers on wings, for size and regularity | 5 |
| Breast for rowing or lacing | 10 |
| Beak, legs, and feet, for darkness | 5 |
| Condition, health, etc. | 5 |
| Total | 100 |

### A Point to Remember.

You must bear in mind that what the cock bird is deficient in, as regards show points, you should try to balance by means of the hen. In mating up, you should put gold to silver and silver to gold. Some one may say, cannot we put two silvers together, so as to gain size, or two golds together to get more colour? I have tried both ways, but was not very successful. You lose size with the golds this way, and the silvers come too rough in feather and very cloudy in spangle. Still, you may gain a little in size. But even then you have to study the best way of pairing them back again the following season.

I should advise you to adopt the ordinary method of mating, which is, gold to silver, and silver to gold; and also try to keep the size up by using the largest birds for breeding with, for after all, "Like produces like." I usually pair a clear capped bird to a broken cap. You might then have a long-capped bird. If such be the case, it is wisdom to pair it to a very heavy broken-cap, or even to a non-cap. This is a bird that I admire, for as a rule, you will find that non-caps have the best of spangles. It is a bird which is devoid of cap.

### During the Breeding Season.

I usually run one cock bird with two hens, and have had very fair results. He should be put in with the hen that seems to be in the best condition. Keep him with her until she has laid her third egg, and then let him have two or three days in a cage by himself, before transferring him to the other hen. I mostly take the eggs away and then replace them on the night when the third eggs has been laid. By doing this you get the young hatched as nearly as possible at one time, in which case the young all have an equal chance of being fed. I only give the hen plain seed when she is sitting, but on the night before the eggs are due to hatch, I place in the cage a little egg-food in readiness for feeding.

You may perchance have a hen that is a bad feeder, for there are some that will not feed, no matter how you try to coax them into doing so. When a case of this sort arises you should transfer the young to other nests of young of about the same age, if you havo any. There is a lot of difference in feeding by hens. Some will take a lot of egg-food, some hemp or rape seed, while others will feed mostly off dandelion, or watercress, etc. I may say that I try them with scalded rape, and if they will feed off dandelion, I let them have as much of it as possible during the time they are feeding the young. I find that young ones brought up on dandelion seem to grow a deal quicker than on anything else. But much depends on the parents. Sometimes a hen will fall off feeding through the heat; in this case give her a little Epsom salts in the water.

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# Successful Hybrid Breeding.

By THOMAS JOHNSON.

In this article my intention is to deal chiefly with Hybrid breeding between British birds. Hybrid breeding has come to be recognised as the most uncertain and the most disappointing branch of the cage-bird hobby. Yet, to my mind, it is the most fascinating of them all.

Often have we read in CAGE BIRDS of a disheartened fancier telling of his experiences. He tells of the time he spent getting the birds into condition, how he gathered wild seeds, how he watched the hen lay, only to be robbed of the eggs owing to either the Goldie or the hen Bullie, as the case might be, having a liking for new laid eggs. At last he manages to get one of them hatched. He is then overjoyed. He is sure to get one reared now. But he hasn't reckoned with the hen Canary, who is only just beginning to enter into his calculations, and he finds at the end of a week that she doesn't come up to the scratch. And there's the rub. Everything depends upon the hen Canary. But why should it? I shall try to give my experiences on the point.

### A Record of Over Twenty Hybrids.

I think I can lay claim to having bred as many Hybrids from British birds as any fancier in the country during the last couple of years. I have fully reared (I don't say hatched, although to get them hatched is almost as good to me, as I rarely lose any), twenty-one Hybrids during the time stated. This number includes Goldfinch-Greenfinch, Twite-Greenie, Linnet-Greenie, Siskin-Greenie, Siskin-Linnet, Redpoll-Twite, and Greenie-Bullie Hybrids. The Bullie Hybrids have with me been the worst to get, for reasons which I will show later.

I have only had one large aviary, measuring about 18ft. long, 6ft. high, and 6ft. wide. I had five hen Greenies, two cock Goldies, and one cock Siskin in this aviary.

I had another 6ft. long, 4ft. high, and 4ft. wide, but of course it was not large enough, as I found out. I had in it four hen Bullies, one cock Siskin, one cock Goldie, one cock Greenie, and one cock Linnet. The four hen Bullies, as soon as the breeding time came round, never did anything but fight, so I took two of them out. The other two wouldn't have anything to do with the cocks, although, mind you, they were in breeding condition. They actually paired one to the other, and went through the necessary formalities to a successful marriage, to all appearances. The little cock Siskin I had with them was an accommodating little chap with regard to his wives, but whenever he made an advance, he was compelled to retreat, or have some of his ardour damped.

### Learning by Experience.

This would not do, I thought; something would have to be done if I was to get any Bullie Hybrids. Meanwhile, the others were going on all right. After many hours' thought and worry, I decided to let them remain as they were for the season. I managed to get one fertile egg from them, which I was fortunate enough to rear. It is a cock Greenie-Bullie, and has been out four times to exhibitions, and was each time in the money. I learned one thing last year, and that was that hen Bullies should not be put together in an aviary if you want fertile eggs.

A friend of mine was served in the same way with a couple. They paired together, built a nest, and laid in it, both birds sitting together on the nest. One egg was fertile, which proves that copulation with some bird or the other took place. The egg hatched, and the young one was duly reared, but was unfortunately very much disfigured in the legs, owing, no doubt, to the weight of both hens being continually on the nest. It proved to be a Linnet-Bullie, and I put it out of its misery.

At the time of writing I am going on a different track altogether. I have altered and enlarged my aviaries, having got four now, running back to back. They each measure about 14ft. long, 6ft. high, and 6ft. wide. I know that it is not every fancier who is able to find room for so many aviaries in his garden. I am going to mention what I intend doing, and I leave it to my readers themselves to decide whether or not my method is worth working on; but I cannot see how any one can hope for success from the attempt to breed in cages.

### The Secret of Successful Rearing.

In the first place don't bother with hen Canaries. I know I am treading on somewhat dangerous ground, but I will show that hen Canaries are of no use to the Hybrid breeder when the breeding is carried on on a somewhat large scale. In fact, I don't know that they are not a nuisance. They are certainly never to be relied on.

The secret of rearing Hybrids successfully is, "hen Greenfinches and natural food." You can rely on a hen Greenie. She is worth any three good hen Canaries. I don't say this is so in a cage, though; I have never tried one thus, although I think that a hand-reared Greenie would prove her worth even in a cage. In fact, I have even used the hen Greenie as a foster mother for Canaries, rearing both young Greenies and young Norwich Canaries in the same nest.

Last year I had a hen Greenfinch which laid five eggs, and all of them fertile. Of course they were Hybrids of some sort. I thought that if all of them hatched they might prove too many for the Greenie; so I put two of the eggs under a hen Canary. The young ones under the Greenie were out four days before the other two (I mean out of the nest) and were much larger birds. The two birds entrusted to the Canary were very small in comparison, although the Canary seemed to do her best with them. I think that the Greenie would have reared the lot, which all goes to show that the hen Greenfinch is a better feeder from a Hybrid breeder's point of view. Anyhow, I would like to hear of someone trying it.

### Plans for the Year.

I will now just give the varieties of birds I am stocking our avaries with. In the first aviary I shall put three hen Greenfinches, two cock Greenfinches, and one hen Bullfinch. This aviary I am intending to use as a "feeder." Any eggs I get from the Bullies will be put under these hens and duly brought up, while the hen Bullies go on laying again. In No. 2 aviary I shall put one hen Bullie, one hen Greenie, one hen Siskin, one hen Linnet, two Siberian cock Goldies, and one Sib-bred cock Canary (Norwich type). The third aviary will contain one hen Bullie, one hen Greenie, two hen Siberian Goldies, one cock Siskin, one cock Mealy Redpoll, and one Sib cock Canary, and the No. 4 aviary will contain two hen Bullies, one hen Siskin, one hen Mealy Redpoll, one cock Greenie, one Siberian cock Goldie, and one monster yellow green cock Canary, Norwich type.

You will notice that I am risking two hen Bullies in the last aviary, but I am a little doubtful as to the result. If they don't behave in a proper manner, out one of them will come. You will notice I haven't classified the Bramblefinch-Chaffinch cross. Are they worth it? How many of the Hybrids that were bred from this pair in, I think it was the season of 1905, are on the show bench to-day? I think none. In fact, I have only heard of one this past season. Considering the beauty of the parents, in my humble opinion, the Bramble-Chaffio Hybrid is insignificant, and is very disappointing. But that is only one reason. Both the birds in question are very quarrelsome and troublesome at breeding time, though quiet enough at any other time of the year. At the breeding time I have always found them to turn out nasty and spiteful, and I have invariably had to cage them off. Lately I have excluded them altogether from the aviaries. The same remark applies to the cock or hen Mules that one sometimes puts in the aviary out of the way; they generally get in the way at breeding time.

### Which Are the Best Birds?

With regard to the sort of birds required for the breeding of Hybrids, undoubtedly you must get the largest and best-coloured birds possible. As to which makes the best breeder, the English Goldie or Siberian, I haven't used the English, and so cannot express an opinion. I do know, however, that directly a female is put in an aviary containing two Siberian cocks, they start to fight like bantam cocks. So I think the Siberians are good enough. I should also prefer the Siberian hen Bullies, but they are difficult to get. Certainly, the best shaped birds, in addition to the best coloured specimens, are the finest for Hybrid breeding. If you do rear one it is sure to be a good one then.

The aviaries must be stocked with evergreens of some sort before the breeding operations commence. Nothing beats branches from fir trees (*Pinus austriaca*); in fact, any variety of conifer answers the purpose well. For nesting sites, nothing beats the little German wicker cages, with the fronts taken out of them, and the water vessel also, but they must be wrapped round with evergreens.

With regard to the fancier who attempts to breed in cages; well, he deserves all the success he gets. It's an uphill fight. I do insist on steadiness in this case. For cage breeding the birds must be absolutely steady; whereas, for aviary breeding, steadiness is not an essential to success. Wild-caught birds will breed in an aviary, but the cage-breeding fancier must have hen Canaries for feeders, and he has to make the best of them accordingly. The larger the cage that is used the better the result is likely to be, and a good look-out must be kept for the eggs.

### Concerning Light Mule Breeding.

One word about light Mule breeding. Almost all fanciers are of opinion that light Mules can only be bred from Canaries that are and have been for a considerable number of years inbred. The writer himself holds that opinion. There are a few (only a few) cranks, rightly so-called, who are believers in sight influence, and again, some there are who believe that light Mules are just merely sports. But I take it that the greater majority of fanciers believe in inbreeding.

The orthodox way, of course, is a Finch cock bird and a hen Canary. But if light Mules can be bred successfully from a cock Finch and a Sib hen, why shouldn't they come from a Sib cock and a hen Finch? Don't all Canary breeders say that the cock has more influence in colour than the hen? If that is so, why should not more light Mules be bred from the Sib cock and Finch hen? The foregoing paragraph may be a little bit theoretical, but it is my own personal opinion, and that is precisely why I have advised the putting of Sib cocks in the aviary along with the hen Finches.

### On Feeding the Pairs.

With regard to feeding. If the birds are all flying together in the winter months, they will give much less trouble to feed, and be otherwise looked after. An unlimited supply of hemp seed and sunflower seed should be given through the winter, in addition to a little mixed seed. Personally, I am very fond of the packet seeds that are advertised in CAGE BIRDS, as they contain lots of varieties of wild seeds that the birds are fond of. The birds very much enjoy picking out the different varieties. Then, any wild seeds that have been stored for winter use will be acceptable. Green food need not be given much in the winter; in fact, there is not much one can give them. An apple cut in two and strung up will do for them to nibble at; also a piece of cuttle-fish.

During the breeding time, however, the birds will want more attention paid to them with regard to their diet. As soon as any youngsters make an appearance, let the first feed, if possible, be greenfly. It is rather a difficult matter to get them, but if anyone lives in the neighbourhood where Sycamore trees grow, an examination will reveal millions of small green flies on the under side of the leaves. I myself am rather fortunate in that respect, as a large tree overhangs the aviary. A plentiful supply of freshly gathered wild seeds must also be given. Dandelion heads are greatly relished; and supply shepherds' purse, groundsel, chickweed, while later on give milk-thistle, sow-thistle, sorrel, dock, hardheads, and goats' beard (which must not be confused with dandelion, as it is very similar, and quite as much appreciated). In fact, any wild seeds that are growing may with safety be brought along. The birds themselves will do the sorting out, and any that they don't want they will refuse.

Egg-food is generally treated with contempt by Finch hens; therefore it is a waste of time and money to make it. In fourteen days to the day the youngsters will be out of the nest; then is the time to compare them with Canary-reared ones. The difference is very marked—on the right side though.

When about a month old the young Hybrids will be ready for caging off, preparatory to colour-feeding, and steadying. I should not advise exhibiting a young bird, as such would stand but a rare chance against the older birds, not being up in size and colour like them. They will be much better if run over another year.

Do not let mice get troublesome in an aviary; they are apt to eat any eggs they may come across, and the blame may go put on to Master Goldie. The best thing I have found for clearing them out is the advertised Virus. I have tried other things but they have not answered quite as well as this. When once the mice are cleared out, you are safe for at least 18 months or two years, and then surely another 1s. 6d. will not "break" you? It is much cheaper in the long run than either poison or traps, and gives much more satisfaction.

One word about the Sib cocks. The Sib cocks may be kept in cages all the winter, and a round of Sibs taken from them during April, as it will be useless putting them in the aviary till the beginning of May. They rarely begin breeding until May is well on.

In conclusion, I would like to point out that all work done in the aviary during the breeding time must be carried out quietly and quickly. Don't be always inside bothering them. Get the feeding done and come out again as soon as possible, and don't interfere with the birds. I have had hen Finches that would not be moved from the nest even by a stick, but they are the exceptions. Hen Bullies are particularly nervous, and often forsake their eggs if disturbed. I conclude wishing all Hybrid breeders more success in the future, and am hoping to see some large classes for Mules and Hybrids next year.


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# The Pairing & Rearing of Yorkshire Canaries

By TOM BENTLEY.

**A Lecture delivered before the Dewsbury O.F.S. on April 3rd.**

On April 3rd, at the headquarters of the Dewsbury O.F.S., Mr. Tom Bentley, of Cleckheaton, a noted breeder and exhibitor of Yorkshire Canaries, delivered an informing lecture on "The Pairing and Rearing of Yorkshire birds." Mr. Kershaw, president of the Society, of Birstall, occupied the chair, and there was a large and interested audience. The lecturer was heartily thanked for his able discourse.

### Prior to Pairing Up.

After a brief introduction—this being the first occasion on which Mr. Bentley had appeared in the role of lecturer—he said:—About a month before I pair up I give my cages a good cleansing, afterwards whitening them out with a good sanitary water paint. Having done this, I sprinkle insect powder on the top of the cages, and then I get one pound of carbon and place it all over the room, as in warm weather, however many times cages may be cleaned, they are liable to smell a little. The carbon takes the smell off. I also wash all my birds before I pair them up—as they must feel better for it—and I also clip the birds' claws and beaks, the idea being that they will not prick the eggs when they are sitting.

Now about the nest pots, which have an important bearing on rearing. I have used both tin and pot ones, but I prefer the latter, as they have broader rims. I also think they are much better for the hen to grip when she is feeding her young.

I use felt linings, and hemp for the birds to build with, first tearing this up into very short pieces. I have my perches level with the rim of the nest, as these keep the nest from rocking about. I place the hens into the cage that they are going to breed in a week before I pair them, in order to give them a chance of getting used to their new quarters. I also supply them with an abundance of gritty sand and cuttlefish bone.

### The Birds to be Paired.

I like a good level pair of birds for breeding with. They should be well drawn out, with good head, nice round back, and long wings. The cock bird should be well filled in the neck, and the quality of hen I like to see is one of good breed, and nerve, and feather. About three weeks before I pair them, I give them a bit of good keep, viz., an egg about twice a week, mixed seed, and if I can procure it, a bit of dandelion. This is a fine thing for bringing the birds into condition. When I am looking for dandelion, I always lift the old plant up and endeavour to find it nice and green and sheltered from the frost.

Now that I have got the birds into good condition, I pair them up, and then expect to see some eggs in a week's time. When the hen has laid her third egg I set her off sitting, and if the eggs are full they will hatch on the thirteenth or fourteenth day. I always place plenty of insect powder in the nest.

I might say that I leave the cocks with the hens during the first round, but during the second round, I put them in with the hens, morning, noon, and night, and I find they are both ready before I get the cage door shut. Then I take the male birds out and give them a bit of egg-food. I think the cock bird is then more vigorous than if left entirely with the hen. I have hatched five and six with this method of procedure.

### The Time for Pairing.

I consider the third week in March is a nice time to pair the birds up. If the weather is mild, and the birds are ready, this allows plenty of time for getting three rounds before the birds start to moult. Before pairing up, every fancier—and all, no doubt, are anxious to be successful—should see that his birds are well nourished and healthy, as it is a waste of time to attempt to breed with sickly birds. In short, you cannot expect to get healthy stock from ailing birds.

Many fanciers leave the cock with the hen all the time she is sitting and feeding her young. I don't like this way, as I am of opinion that this practice makes the hen idle. She remains on the nest, and always wants the cock to feed her. In such a case they are bound to sweat the young ones.

On the occurrence of such an instance, I recommend the placing of a cork in the middle of the nest with a screw, and then the hen cannot get so close as would otherwise be the case.

During the sitting process I give the birds white Spanish seed, and if the weather happens to be a bit cold I occasionally dispense them a bit of hemp seed. I generally place the cock in with the hen when the young birds are a fortnight old.

When the young birds are hatched I give the hen egg-food, crushed hemp seed, and soaked Spanish seed. I have seen cases where birds would not feed on egg stuffs, but the soaked Spanish seed and German summer rape have had the effect of setting up an appetite. I give my birds egg-food three times a day, and when the young are three days old I give dandelion or a little bit of young lettuce.

When the birds come out on the nest pot edge, I take them right away, as my experience has satisfied me that they start picking sooner than they would by leaving them in the nest for a longer period. In the latter case they are apt to get plucked and are thus spoiled to exhibit in their first feather. I have taken them away when they have only been eighteen days old, and they have gone on picking all right.

### Concluding Remarks.

When I take the young ones from the nest I nourish them with egg cake, and egg and bread mixed up together, and moistened with milk. I don't give them any water at all until they are five weeks old, as a few years ago I was unfortunate in losing a lot of young birds. The conclusion I then came to was that they were drinking too much water, and this, to my mind, brought on inflammation. When my birds are so affected, I apply gently a piece of flannel damped with turpentine to the lower part of the body. I had a few birds suffering in this way last summer—they started going in the corner at the bottom of the cage. I put them into separate cages, took their water and seed off, and gave them nothing but boiled German summer rape and milk sop. They would then be about seven weeks old, and they soon recovered.

I give the young birds the bath when they get nicely on picking, and I entirely avoid putting sand in the cage bottom. I always think they eat too much of this, and in my opinion it does them no good. I replace sand with oat husks, and so the birds are kept cleaner, and this is a decided advantage for fanciers who require to show their birds in the first feather.

I think that when fanciers are buying birds, it is advisable to get them off a good-feeding strain, because the progeny are almost certain to be good feeders. When you have some of your young birds which have started plucking, it is a capital thing to scald some quassia chips and put some of the liquid into the bath or otherwise spray the birds with it. The bitterness of the preparation you will find a sure preventative of plucking.

Two years ago I bred 103 birds with eleven hens, and last year I bred 93 with ten hens. I will give you my recipe for egg cake:—One pound flour, one cupful of sugar, piece of lard size of an egg; two tablespoonfuls of baking powder, and six eggs, baked in a slow oven.


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# The Colour-feeding of Birds.

By J. W. RAMSDEN.

**A Lecture delivered before the London and Provincial O.S. on March 18th.**

(*Concluded from page* 366.)

### Colour for Colour's Own Sake.

To those who desire to merely improve the colour of their birds, and not to colour-feed for show purposes, a simple method is to make or get made a sponge cake or other suitable cake, in which has been mixed some tasteless pepper. A small piece of this coloured cake can be grated and given daily, but you will not obtain such good results from this as from the fresh-made egg food. To obviate tailing and flighting, birds intended for first-feather shows should be colour-fed from the nest. The same mixture as I have described should be given, and I have always found my breeding hens feed well on it.

Towards the end of the moult, give your birds a little iron as a tonic and as iron feeds the blood with its colouring matter, it fixes the colour on the plumage. As colouring matter deposited by vegetable substances fades more or less it is important that something should be used to fix the colour, and I believe the best agent to be either sulphate or citrate of iron. The daily dose must be a small one. Sulphate or citrate of iron can be given in the drinking water, say about ten grains to the quart.

I quote the following from a well-known medical work:—"Iron enters into the composition of the living body in considerable quantity. Especially is it present in the red blood corpuscles, into whose colouring matter it enters. When, from whatever cause this proportion is deficient, or the colouring-matter itself is not present in sufficient quantity, ill-health, accompanied by pallor, is seen to follow, and although it is by no means clear that the giving of iron internally alters this directly, it certainly does indirectly—it favours nutrition and the formation of more healthy blood, bringing back strength, colour, and bodily vigour. Iron acts as a tonic directly on the blood, and indirectly on other tisues." Recently the "Lancet" had said that the difference between eggs with light and dark yolks was due to nothing but the amount of iron the egg contained. An egg from a fowl kept in a London back-yard always had a light yolk, but a fowl running about the highways picked up a large quantity of iron, and that coloured the egg.

### Concluding Hints.

It sometimes happens that a bird will get what we term "stuck in its moult." In such cases, place the bird in a warm place, and add a little hot cayenne food to its food; this will generally restart the moult. No green food should be given through the moulting season to birds that are being colour-fed, as the feed is somewhat relaxing. In those rare cases where it is found to be too relaxing, add a little rice flour to the feed.

There is one other point I must mention, and that is the trouble sometimes experienced in weaning birds from the colour-food. I have had much trouble in this respect, especially with Cinnamons. I found that a good plan was to place some mixed seed on top of the colour-food, and gradually reduce the amount of colour-food until the bird was being fed on seed only. Those who wish to keep their birds fully charged with colour, I would advise to give a small amount of colour-food once a week right through the show season. Be careful to remove all stale food daily, as nothing will turn a bird from the egg-pan quicker than stale or "fusty" egg food.

### Trouble and Expense Considered.

We now have to consider trouble and expense, versus what?—perhaps a premier position on the show bench, for colour tells, no matter what is said to the contrary. Also interest caused to outsiders by the beautiful colour of the Canaries staged to-day. In my capacity as manager of the Crystal Palace Cage Bird Show, I am often hearing remarks such as "Oh what a lovely colour!" And I am sure that many of the fanciers of to-day were first attracted by the colour of the birds they saw on the benches of some show or the other. At one of the Palace shows, several Norwich Canaries were sold to go to Turkey, and sold on account of their colour alone. "I want the hottest fed birds in the show," said the buyer to me. "Price is no consideration, and other points I care nothing for. I want colour." £7 was offered for a Norwich, a blazo of colour. If this bird had been non-fed, his outside value was 20s., so colour-feeding paid, in this instance, at any rate.

We have to admit, also, that we are to a great extent, the slaves of fashion. While one exhibitor feeds, we all have to, or else take a back seat. We have non-fed classes, it is true, or, as some schedules announce, "natural colour classes," but what a fraud most of them are! I know my subject, and I know that many winners of these classes were fed—not on red pepper but on yellow pepper and yellow colouring foods, and what is the use of hiding the fact? Often and often have I received letters from fanciers begging for a hint as to how to feed yellows for non-fed or natural colour classes. Mr. T. Heath once remarked: "At the time he was showing colour-fed birds they were divided at all shows into 'cayenne' and 'non-cayenne' classes. That, however, made no difference. All the birds that won prizes in the non-cayenne classes were really fed on cayenne."

Dr. Boulthee told me that in Canada they had no sympathy with colour-feeding, and had brought forward the argument that it was no good debarring it, because one could never tell when he had got it or not. Past masters would undertake to feed a bird to any colour, and people who would not colour-feed had to compete with those who did, and who at the same time produced just the bird wanted for natural colour.

### The Discussion.

At the close of the lecture many questions were put to the lecturer and were ably answered by him, chief amongst them being: Do you think sugar is good to mix with colour food?—Yes, in small quantities. It makes the feed more palatable to the birds. Too much sugar would be likely to cause length of feather, which is not wanted, especially in Yorkshires.

What benefit is there in using a pepper containing a full proportion of oil?—Oil imparts a sheen to the plumage. In non-colour fed birds fanciers use linseed, which is a very oily seed, to obtain this sheen.

How long should colour-feed be mixed before being given to the birds?—One hour is quite long enough.

Is old pepper good for colour-feeding?—Old pepper, if it has been properly kept, will colour well, but fresh ground new pods will colour better.

Why do some birds colour better than others?—In most cases because they have more natural colour in them; in other cases because some birds feed better than others.

How can we tell if a pepper needs oil added to it?—By the sense of touch. Feel it: if perfectly dry, oil can be added with advantage.

Are the lighter coloured peppers brighter in appearance and more likely to produce a brighter colour than the dark peppers?—Up to a certain point, yes; but the finest quality dark peppers are bright and will give the best results. The dark peppers of a dull brick-red colour are ground from second-quality pods, probably kiln-dried.

What part of the world produces the finest coloured pepper?—Spain, because of the climate and soil, the latter being rich in iron. The pods can be sun-dried in Spain, which is a great advantage.

How it is that some pods, although rich in colour, when ground produce a light coloured pepper?—Probably because the seeds, which are of a light colour, have been ground with the pods. Remove the seeds before grinding, and the colour of the pepper will be improved 50 per cent.

Can we colour-feed without using the usual egg-food mixture?—Yes. Some birds eat the pepper in its raw state readily. Or you can use the raw or dried pods by placing them in a basin with sugar and covering them with boiling water. Let them stand 12 hours, and they will become plump like a ripe tomato, and the birds will eat them greedily.

Can you colour-feed any colour?—Possibly. Easily, if you had a strain of white birds. I have tried to produce a blue Canary by colour-feeding, but produced a bluish tinted, slate-coloured bird.

Can "Liverpool Greens" be improved in colour by colour-feeding on a vegetable green extract?—Yes, I believe so.

Can a colour that might almost look like a stain be deposited on a bird's plumage by colour-feeding and be impossible of removal by the ordinary tests used by judges?—Yes. You can feed a bird on any vegetable colour you like. That colour will be absorbed into the bird's blood, and during the moult that colour will be produced in some shade or other on the bird's plumage. It is impossible to say what colour will be produced, for we only know what red will do. I believe it possible to produce almost any colour by colour-feeding, but I want birds with little or no natural colour to experiment on.

You stated that in Missouri some 50 varieties of capsicums had been grown and reported on. Are some varieties more suitable for bird feeding than others?—Yes. Some varieties of the capsicum are coarse and acrid, whilst others equal a dessert fruit. The secret of a colour-food vendor's success is in the finding of the latter species of capsicum, and then getting them cultivated in a country where both the soil and climate are suitable. Common capsicums can be bought at 4d. per lb., whilst the rich-coloured garden capsicums have fetched as much as 1s. 10d. per lb.


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# THE GOLDFINCH AND THE LINNET.

By BARKER CLEGG.

**Notes of a lecture delivered before the Pendleton and Salford O.S. on March 22.**

At the meeting held on March 22nd, Mr. Geo. W. Lythgoe, the president, occupied the chair. In introducing the lecturer, Mr. Barker Clegg, the chairman said that he would not occupy much of their time in so doing, as Mr. Clegg was well known as an authority on both Canaries and British birds. Mr. Barker Clegg, on rising to give his promised lecture on the Goldfinch and the Linnet, was received with much applause. He said that it gave him pleasure to accept the invitation of the general secretary, Mr. H. Clayton, to address them on the subject he had before him. I have been intimately connected with your Society, he said, for many years, and I have previously had the pleasure of addressing you on the subject of British birds, etc. On this occasion I have to deal with two species, yet both of one family—the family *Fringillidæ* or Finches. Both are resident or partly migratory, and principally seed eaters. They are birds which are much sought after as cage pets.

**The Goldfinch Described.**

With your permission, therefore, I will first take the principal characteristics of the Goldfinch. This beautiful Finch is known locally as the Goldwing, the Goldspink, the Goldie (Scotch), the Proud Tailor (Notts.), etc. Length, 5.2ins. Description of colours:—Above, chocolate brown; greater wing coverts, golden yellow; quills, black, tipped with white; base of primaries, golden yellow; crown of head and a band behind the ear coverts, black; forehead, crimson; bill, rosy white; feet, fleshy brown; cheeks and neck, white; and chestnut markings and finishings.

The sexes are alike in plumage. Nest, cup-shaped, beautifully made of moss and lichens, and lined with horsehair, feathers, etc., the heads of dandelion and coltsfoot, situated in an orchard or about one. The young are fed on dandelion, chickweed and groundsel seeds, and insects. The species seldom rear more than two broods. The winter feed of the Goldfinch consists of the seeds of the thistle, dandelion, knapweed, hard heads, and a host of other seeds, and insects found about the fruit trees. So that a fancier, making a speciality of keeping them, must secure a good supply of these seeds for his stock.

The end of October, or the beginning of November, just when the frosts have nipped the ground and the seeds, is the best time for procuring your stock. Keep old birds separately caged.

Greypates may be kept in a flight cage or an aviary. Feed them on dandelion, thistle, crushed hemp, teazle, and a little inga. A few tufts of thistle and dandelion and dock thrown on the bottom of the cage, and one old bird put with the Greypates are often very advisable. The old birds you must give a variety, such as a mixture of equal parts of thistle, dandelion, hemp, Canary, inga, and teazle, with apple and marigold, and occasionally a little linseed. Once or twice a week give a little egg-food, and a few oats with your sand at the bottom of the cage. The cage for keeping a Finch in should be about 14ins. long, 7ins. deep, and 12ins. high, with a bar across and two perches. The wires must have no traps for claws, or you will find your birds hanging, and will consequently lose them.

**Selection for Exhibition Purposes.**

For shape twenty points are allowed. A bird of nice proportions, in shape similar to a small Norwich Canary, standing at an angle of 45 degrees on the perch.

Head and blaze twenty points. Head, nice entrance, large in keeping with the body; good width (not snipy), the black sound and dense, falling from the base of the skull as far as the bottom of the neck; the blaze should be broad, and as rich as possible in colour, large, well back over the eye, and well down the throat, show a nice clear finishing, free from black stripes.

Wings, 15 points. Bars, well seen, clear and bright, and buttons well defined.

Body, 10 points. The colours to be clear and pure; nice even markings on the breast; and the tanning evenly dispersed. Tail, showing three white buttons on the centre of tips.

For showing, Goldfinches must be steady and their colours bright and glossy; they must be lively and active, with a graceful attitude (not sleepy-looking, or dull). To attain to good manners in your bird, you must train your Finch. Spend plenty of time with him. If the plumage gets soiled it is advisable to wash him; do this the same as you would a Canary, using a little glycerine, which adds much to the beauty of the contrast of the colours and shows the white up to perfection, as well as the richness of the tanning. It also tightens up the tail, and the foldings of the wings. Goldfinches may be shown for years. Two or three years is their best time, as a rule, but I have known Finches to win at six years old and in good company.

So leaving the Goldfinch for the time, I must quote the words of the poet:—

I love to see the little Goldfinch pluck
The groundsel's feathered seed, and twit and twit;
And then in bower of apple blossom perched,
Trim his gay suit, and pay us with a song.

**The Linnet "Family."**

This "family" seems to puzzle the amateur bird lover; even country people. We frequenly hear mention of the Brown, the Grey, the Rose, or Red Linnet, the Greater Redpoll, and the Common Linnet, as if they were all birds of different species. Such is not correct. The Linnet is a bird which varies its plumage considerably at different seasons of the year, and even some of our old ornithologists class them as different species. They must be classified as follows:—*Linota cannabina*, the Brown or Common Linnet; *Linota canescens*, the Mealy Redpoll; *Linota linaria, minor*, the Lesser Redpoll; *Linota montium*, the Twite or Mountain Linnet; *Linota holboelli*, Holboell's Redpoll, which is similar to the Mealy, but larger, and has much larger bill. There are two specimens of the last mentioned in the British Museum, in the Gould collection.

The Brown or Common Linnet is the greatest favourite, and soon settles down in confinement. Head, ashy brown, dusky in the middle, the forehead more or less tinged with crimson; back, chestnut brown, sides faded; tail feathers, nearly black, edged towards to tip with a greyish tinge, the outer ones bordered with white; wing primaries, black, the first five with very narrow, and the next five with broad white edges, showing ¾in. in white, the rest tinged with red and tipped with grey; breast: dull crimson or brown, and at times almost a stone colour (the latter are considered the best to moult out as show birds); abdomen, dull white; beak, brownish horn colour.

In summer the plumage is changed. The beak changes to a bluish lead colour, the head becomes more brown, tipped with crimson, the back more uniform and bright chestnut, and the breast crimson; feet and toes brown. Length 5.02 inches.

The Mealy Redpoll closely resembles the Lesser Redpoll. It is only a winter visitor from the northern districts, and associates with our Lesser Redpoll. A section of this family inhabits Greenland, and these birds are much larger, having bigger bills and coarser stripes on the under surface. They are very often seen in competition at the shows.

The Lesser Redpoll is a smaller bird than the Mealy Redpoll, and much more rufous brown in colour, with only very little white. The bill is yellow with a blackish tip, and the crown of head in summer is deep crimson. These birds are very similar in their habits to the Siskins.

Holboell's Redpoll.—The specimens in our British Museum were caught in Norwich in January, 1831, and were the property of Mr. John Gould. We have no records of other birds exhibiting the same giant properties and length of bill.

The Twite or Mountain Linnet is a northern species, and may be distinguished from the Brown Linnet, by its dusky yellow bill. Back, brown above, streaked with blackish centres to the feathers; no red cap on the head; breast and abdomen dull white; rump, rosey; no red on breast; and feet blackish. The Twite resembles the Linnet very much in habits, except in its mode of nesting. It is longer in the leg, and in the tail.

The range of Linnets outside Britain is larger than that of the Goldfinch. They are also found in Scandinavia, the Shetland Isles, Greenland, Northern Africa, the Canary Islands, and Madeira. In the migratory season the birds from the Continent have a decidedly brighter and richer plumage than our resident birds.

**Selection of Birds for Exhibition.**

If you are selecting birds for exhibition from young ones, pick out those having good, bold heads, with plenty of size, and do not forget that these birds show at their best until they are two, three, or even more years old. Soaked summer rape and plantain are required for young birds. For stock food supply a mixture of Canary, summer rape, winter rape, teazle, inga, and linseed, with tit-bits of charlock, plantain, thistle, and dandelion—and dandelion and shepherd's purse when procurable. Cages should be of similar size to that for the Goldfinch, with perches not more than 4 inches apart. A wash before your birds are shown is very effective in steadying, points for which amount to 20 in Brown Linnets, 25 in the case of Twites, 10 in the case of Goldfinches and Redpolls.

The Brown Linnet is much sought after for his song. Many Linnet singing contests are arranged for in Lancashire and Yorkshire, and plenty of rivalry exists amongst the fanciers as to which are the best quality birds. No doubt you have read about the whinnying and spinking proclivities of certain birds in the columns of CAGE BIRDS. One thing I must say, and that is that anyone once having heard a really good Linnet sing will never forget it. For variety of tricky music, with mellow tones of sweetness, it is simply charming.

Several questions were asked, to all of which Mr. Clegg replied in a most satisfactory manner. The Chairman, before closing the meeting, said he was sure they were all satisfied at having heard such a splendid lecture.


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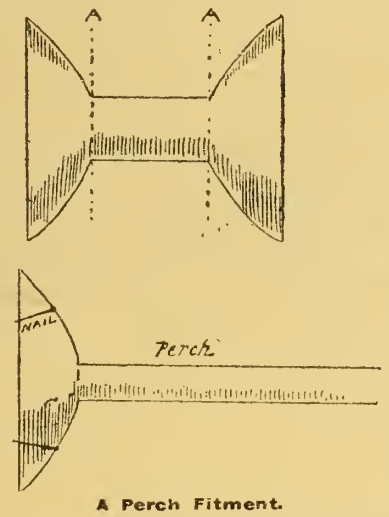
### No. 300.
### A METHOD OF FIXING PERCHES.
**Sent by J. Worsley, 22, Margaret Street, Northampton.**

I do not remember having seen the following method of fixing perches illustrated in your columns. I find it most suitable, and especially for breeding cages, for it is so easy to take the perches out to clean, yet they

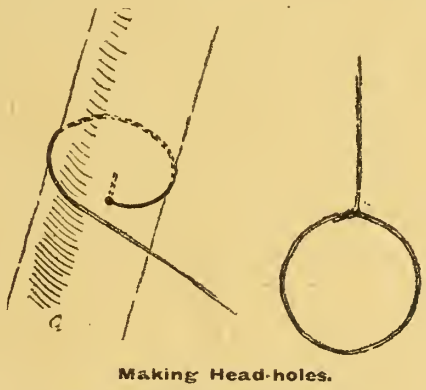



**A Perch Fitment.**

remain very firm when in positon. Take an ordinary cotton reel, and saw down the dotted lines AA, as shown in the sketch. Nail, or screw, to the cage back, and fix the perch end inside the hole.—J. WORSLEY.

### No. 301.
### A METHOD OF MAKING HEAD-HOLES.
**Sent by Joseph Marshall, 65, Nelson Street, St. Peter Street, Hackney Rd., N.E.**

I am sending a rough sketch of a simple method of making round head-holes. Get a round piece of wood, ¾in. in diameter. Make a hole with a bradawl ¼in. deep, as shown in the sketch. Place one end of wire in this



**Making Head-holes.**

hole, and bend it round the wood till it meets. Then take out of the wood, and the natural spring of the wire makes a circle about 1in. in diameter, as seen in Fig. 2. Cut off the piece of wire inside the circle, and bend the long piece to the required angle with pliers; solder together, and it is complete. By the way, mine are made on the handle of my biscuit crusher.—J. MARSHALL.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**Arbroath Scotch Fancy C.B.S.**—April 21, Crockatt's Rooms, 8. Rules.—J. S. Napier.
**Ardwick and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 20, Blacksmith's Arms, 8. F.F. show business.—J. Spencer.
**Birkenhead C.F.A.**—April 20, Temperance Rooms, 8. Discussion on rearing young, and schedule for Young Bird show. Fanciers invited.—J. Richardson.
**Bingley and Dis. O.S.**—April 20, Co-op. rooms, 8. —A. Livesey.
**Barnsley and Dis. C.B.S.** — April 24, Clarence Hotel, 7. Night of questions by ballot.—E. Carlisle.
**Civil Service F.A.**—April 20, "Raglan," Aldersgate Street, E.C. Annual general meeting.—A. Watson.
**Crook Original C.B., F., and F.S.**—April 21, Crown Hotel, 7.—Bird and Siddle.
**City of Wakefield O.S.**—April 17, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7. Open show business and fixing dates of members' shows.—Parker and Parkes.
**Cinnamon Mkd. Y.C.C.**—April 17, Market Tavern, Bradford, 6. Annual general meeting; members requested to attend.—H. H. Towers.
**Dulwich O.S.**—April 22, Herne Tavern, Peckham Rye, S.E., 8.15. Lecture by Mr. G. Gardner, on the Norwich Canary. Friends heartily welcome.—S. J. Kent.
**Dunfermline and Dis. C.B.S.** — April 20, Co-op. Hall, 6. Ramble, shows, classification, judges, etc. —R. T. Campbell.
**Dalziel O.A.**—April 17, V.M.C.I., Brandon Street, Motherwell, 7. Distribution of Spratt's Foods, nomination of judges for annual show; table show for field-moulted Linnets.—J. Mathieson.
**Green Canary Assn.**—April 22, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool, 8. Balance sheet and election of officers.—S. Hadwin.
**Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C.** —April 22, 122, Ingram Street, 8. Classification, election of committee, and all other open show business.—F. Bowman.
**Gt. Harwood and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 19, headquarters, Towngate, 7.30. Important.—G. Waddington.
**Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.**—April 22, Nutclough Tavern, 8. Selection of judge for Young Bird Show.—W. Parratt.
**Huddersfield O.S.**—April 19, White Hart Hotel, 7. Paper on breeding and rearing of Canaries, by Mr. J. Bailey (Sandy Lane). Friends and fanciers heartily welcome.—R. Greensmith.
**Hyde and Dis. C.B.S.** — April 17, St. George's Schools, 7. To arrange for F.F. show, also other important business. There is a new move on the carpet.—F. Barraclough.
**Ilford F. and F.S.**—April 20, 4, Cranbrook Road, 8. General meeting, distribution of medals, and lecture, by Mr. Lee (East Ham), 8.30. Visitors cordially invited.—A. Webb.
**London and Counties O.A.** — April 19, Session House Hotel, Clerkenwell Road, E.C., 8.30. Discussion on breeding season, opened by Mr. H. E. Tringham, and arrangements to be made for annual outing; notice change of headquarters.—W. Gilbert.
**Larkhall C.B.A.**—April 24, Miners' Hall, 7. Cage-making demonstration, by Messrs. McEwan and Thackeray; fanciers cordially invited.—J. Pollock.
**Liverpool O.S.** — April 20, 64, Shaw Street, 8. Classification for old show.—Metcalfe and Hillmen.
**Laisterdyke B.F.A.**—April 21, Railway Hotel, 8. Special meeting.—A. Bottomley.
**Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 17, Centre Hotel, 7.30. To elect chairman and officers for coming season.—D. John.
**Middleton O.S.**—April 19, Old Boar's Head, 8. Arranging classes for young bird show, etc.—J. Oldham.
**Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.**—April 19, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Debate on birdy matters, and other business.—E. Jones.
**Midland Counties Y.C.C.**—April 22, Crown Hotel, Station Street, Birmingham, 8. President, vice presidents, vacancy on committee. Definition of a novice; Mr. Foster's (Loughboro') letter re cups, etc.—W. H. Uzzell.
**Morriston and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 24, Woodfield Temperance Hotel; new members heartily invited to attend at 7.30.—W. H. Lewis.
**Maesteg and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 19, Oddfellows Hotel, 7.—W. Jenkins.
**Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.**—April 21, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 7.30. Table show, 4 classes, viz., Goldfinch-Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Linnet, A.O.S., field-moulted. Judge, Mr. J. R. Slack —J. Bertram.
**North London C.B.A.**—April 21, Public Library, Church Street, Stoke Newington, 8. Lecture on Yorkshires, by Mr. R. L. Crisp; all welcome.—R. P. Harper.
**Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A.**—April 22, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Lecture by Mr. Robson, "How to become a successful exhibitor." Visitors invited.—J. C. Birch.
**Reigate F.A. (Cage Bird Section).**—April 19, Mutton's Hotel, Redhill, 8. Annual meeting, election of officers.—A. W. Bacon.
**Rochdale O.C.**—April 18, Club, 2. Experiences of old fanciers; all are welcome.—J. Butterworth.
**South Metropolitan F.A.** — April 21, The Firs, Clarence Road, Clapham Park. Discussion re United Club show.—G. W. Milledge.
**Swansea and Dis. C.B.A.**—April 22, Market Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Table show, Goldfinch and Linnet; 4 classes, house-moulted and fresh-caught. Judge, Mr. J. Hocking.—A. Hitchings.
**Spen Valley C.B.S.**—April 19, Commercial Hotel, 8. Arranging of schedules and judges. J. Lewis.
**Tong and Dis. C.B.S.** — April 20, Holme Lane Hotel, 8. Special summons meeting.—J. Smith.
**York C.B.S.** — April 19, Church Schoolroom, 8 Paper by Mr. Nicholson. New members and friends specially invited.—A. Waud.

### CLAPHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

A washing competition will take place on April 20th at the Avondale Hotel, Landor-road, at 8.30. After April 19th will be too late to enable anyone to compete. The patent electric drying cage will be used on this occasion. Mr. C. T. Maxwell will judge. Will all members wishing to compete please write me on or before April 19th. Entrance fee 3d. Fanciers (ladies or gentlemen) are cordially invited. I shall be pleased to propose any fanciers wishing to join.—A. C. ASKEW, Secretary, 152, Manor-street, Clapham.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

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## CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

### Footsore Before Laying.

**D. Bird.**—I would first suggest as a solution of this trouble that a careful examination be made of the nest and the nest pan for any insect pests that may be there, and also see the nature of the nesting material, as it is just possible that this may be the cause of the sore-footedness of the hens. Do you sprinkle the nests with anything at all to keep down insects? If so, what is it? Assuming that there exists no external cause of this kind, and that the cage floors are kept quite clean and well sanded with gritty sand that is not too coarse and gritty, I would advise you to try the effect of twenty drops of gin and a small pinch of Epsom salts in the water every second day whilst the nest is being built, and until the eggs are laid. Add also a small spray of groundsel daily to the green food supply. I shall be pleased to hear the result of the next round. If the birds still refuse to sit when thus treated, and the nesting material is comfortable and pure, you can do nothing but place the eggs under a foster parent for them to hatch and rear.

### Is it the Seed?

**No Name.**—Of the three samples of seed which you send, No. 1 is far the best, and is a very fine sample all round. No. 2 is sweet and clean, and of good flavour, but is very small, and a very poor sample in comparison with No. 1. No. 3, though sweet and clean, is very small and thin, and the worst of the three. There is not the slightest fear of No. 1 sample harming your birds, so there must be something wrong with your management. Give the birds an unlimited supply of Canary seed as a staple diet. Every second day allow about half a teaspoonful of summer rape for each bird, and give separately. Twice a week give about half that quantity of hemp seed, and once a week allow half a teaspoonful of egg food for each bird. Give a little green food daily. Under this regimen your birds should thrive well. You will find it neeessary to discontinue several seeds you are now using in order to adhere to the above dietary.

### A Bad Case.

**Bert.**—You give so few particulars of the symptoms that the only thing that is quite certain about your bird is that she is in a very serious condition. Your feeding is wrong for a sitting hen, so although on first sight it looks like a bad case of egg-binding, there is the probability that it is bowel trouble, caused by improper feeding. Should the hen be still living give her two drops of a mixture of equal parts of brandy and best salad oil in the beak morning and night for two days, and in the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, and six each of glycerine, and syrup of buckthorn for a day or two. Feed on a diet of plain Canary seed, with a little summer rape every second day, and a pinch of inga twice a week. Give a little chickweed as green food daily. Stop all the other foods you have been giving, and adhere to the above simple diet for two or three weeks. It would be best to separate the hen from the cock for a fortnight or thereabouts.

### Diarrhœa and Moulting.

**C. Shewan.**—Am inclined to suspect the purity of the food or water, especially the rape, which you say the hen systematically rejects. The fluctuations of the kitchen, and probably draughts, have also probably added to the trouble. Therefore, first attend to these points. See that draughts and great fluctuations are avoided as much as possible; keep cages quite clean; and use box pattern ones in preference to open wire cages. If there is any doubt about the water supply, boil it before use. (1) Feed the hen on a staple of plain Canary only, and twice a week give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, separately (see that you get the genuine article). Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it. Give no green food, nor fruit of any kind, unless it is a bit of banana occasionally. Limit the diet solely to this for a fortnight at least. Do not give baths until the bird is better and takes to them voluntarily. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence daily for three days. After this give six drops of dandelion juice, and as much carbonate of bismuth as will cover a sixpence every second day until the diarrhœa ceases. If it does not cease in a few days add to the last-named mixture two drops of tincture of opium once or twice. On the alternate days whilst giving the last medicine, give two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel, continuing this for a week or fortnight, as might seem necessary. (2) Feed the cock on plain Canary as a staple, and every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape. Twice a week give a few grains of hemp, and on two other days half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of port wine, and one of cod liver oil emulsion in it. Give a small leaf of daudelion daily as green food. Dissolve a pennyworth of citrate of iron and quinine in two tablespoonfuls of port wine, and give twenty drops of this mixture in the water two days in every three until the moultiug is stopped. Do not mate the bird until the moulting has quite ceased.

**Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.**

### Chronic Asthma.

**Constant Reader.**—Your surmise as to the bird's hanging in the window being the cause is undoubtedly correct. I fear the case is too bad for you to be able to do much good. However, try the following for a few weeks. Keep it in a comfortable place, not necessarily overheated, where the temperature varies as little as possible, and see it is perfectly free from draughts. A box cage hanging on a wall is much to be preferred to an open one. Feed on the ordinary diet frequently advised here, and in the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, six each of oxymel of squills and tincture of lobelia, and two of oil of eucalyptus well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, every second day for another week, and omit it during the third week. Then begin at the beginning and give it again for a fortnight longer. After two or three courses the bird should show a decided improvement if it is going to be improved.

### Stopped Singing.

**C.E.M.**—Am afraid the cock was not in very high condition when you put him in the breeder, unless you have placed it in a new position where the bird may have got a chill since his change of quarters. You do not say how much nor how often you give the egg-food. Feed as recommended in the book you mention, but give half a teaspoonful of egg-food only every other day and mix a pinch of gold of pleasure seed amongst it each time, and ou the alternate days give a very few grains each of inga and hemp. Every day give two leaves of dandelion as green food. In the drinking water for a day or two give six drops of dandelion juice and two each of tincture of steel and tincture of gentian. Under this treatment the bird ought soon to pick up and be seen calling the hen and feeding her through the wires. It would be little use your letting them run together until the cock is fit.

### Too Vigorous Wooing.

**Try, Try Again.**—You have perhaps been a little too liberal with stimulating food, which would not only increase the heat of its passion, but also to a certain extent be responsible for the irregularity in the hen's laying. The harrying attentions of the male would also largely contribute to the accidents to the eggs and the premature deposition of the second on the same day as the first. You should reduce the quantity of egg-food and mixed seeds by about one-third; give a little extra green food, but no dandelion, and mate them again in about a fortnight after the separation. The answers to your tabulated queries are: (1) Mate again in a fortnight; not in seven days. (2) After mating them again allow the cock to run with the hen from breakfast time until about six p.m. each day. Shut him off with the slide each night, and remove eggs each morning as laid before returning him. (3) When the hen is less worried by the cock, as she will be under the above management, she may lay in the nest of her own accord. If she does not you can do absolutely nothing to compel her to do so. (4) No, the egg you have saved from the last clutch will be no good at all to add to the next one. It will be too stale to be of any use for hatching even now.

### When? What?

**P.M.B., Beginner.**—(1) It depends solely upon the health and condition of the bird as to when a cock hatched last June should come into breeding condition. Under normal conditions any healthy birds of that age should now be quite forward in breeding condition. Many cocks cease singing when mated up, so if the one you mention seems healthy and feeds the hen there is no reason why the result should not be successful, even though he does not sing. Give the mixed seed only every second day, and on the alternate days a small teaspoonful, not more, of egg-food with a few grains of gold of pleasure seed amongst it. Also add a leaf of dandelion to the supply of green food each day. A pinch of Epsom salts in the water for one or two days might do good. (2) The same remarks as in No. 1 apply to hens coming in breeding condition. As regards the most suitable green food, opinions differ. I prefer chickweed, groundsel, lettuce, or watercress, in the order named. Dandelion, I consider, should only be used in the early part of the season, and for backward birds. Certainly it must not be soaked. If wet when gathered, it should be rinsed and wiped dry in a towel before giving to the birds.

### Just Short of Success.

**Meteor.**—There must be a screw loose in your method of feeding or management for your stock to be so healthy, and hatch so many young, and yet not rear one beyond the sixteenth day. I note you make no mention of green food, and you speak of giving a tablespoonful of hemp and Canary seed as though you limited the supply of Canary. Perhaps the solution of the mystery lies here. When your next young are hatched, adhere strictly to the following system, and if it does not prove quite successful write again, and say just where and how it fails. On the thirteenth day of incubation give a very small quantity of egg-food—about half a teaspoonful between the pair. On the fourteenth day, if you hear the young are out, give about the same quantity of pure yolk of egg, freshly boiled. Next day give the same allowance. The third day after hatching give a small teaspoonful of egg-food, consisting of about equal parts of egg yolk and crushed sponge cake, or stale bread crumbs, or powdered biscuit, whichever you use. Give this each day for the next two or three days, and on the fourth day add a small piece of green food—either chickweed, watercress, groundsel, or lettuce. Gradually increase the supply of green food and egg-food daily to meet the increasing demands of the young, but always give it in small quantities and fresh several times a day rather than a large quantity at once. When the young are about a week old use egg yolk, crushed sponge cake, and bread crumbs or biscuit powder in equal parts for soft food, and begin to give a teaspoonful of slightly cracked hemp each day, and increase this slowly to double or treble the quantity as the young grow, and according to their number. When they are a fortnight old you may add a little soaked rape daily, or increase the amount of dry rape in the seed hoppers to a third part of the bulk. Some hens will be found to feed better when a little soaked rape is given; others do not care for it. Of course, you must continue giving the usual seed diet of Canary and about a fourth part of rape in the seed hoppers all the time from the day of hatching. These items are all to be given in addition to the ordinary seed diet, and not as a substitute for it. If you follow up this system I think you will get the young reared quite safely.

### Loss of Plumage.

**B.L.**—If the hen had been healthy and in good condition the mere fact of laying two eggs in one day would not have caused the loss of feathers, so I fear she must be thoroughly out of order. Examine her and the cage and nest for red-mites or other insect pests, and if any are found thoroughly eradicate them, and matters may right themselves. But if none are found, separate her from cock, keep in good large cage, feed on a staple of two parts Canary to one part summer rape, give half a teaspoonful of egg-food twice a week, and on two other days a small teaspoonful of a mixture of one part each small oats, hemp, and split groats, and a half part each of linseed, maw, inga, and gold of pleasure. Give green food freely; a little each day, and in the drinking water six drops of dandelion juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence three or four times a week for a few weeks. If she recovers her plumage and condition quickly you may mate her up for a late brood at the end of the season.

### Strain of Rollers.

**W.T.H.**—You could certainly lay the foundation of a strain with a cock and two hens, as you suggest, but you would want to introduce another cock, and perhaps another hen or two next season to avoid too close inbreeding. Then, with steady, patient toil in breeding and training the birds, you might be able to say you have a strain of your own making in perhaps ten years hence. Pray do not imagine that a genuine strain is built up in a year or two as easily as shelling peas. It means much patient toil, and constant close application and study for years to do it. You should get a nice moderate type of singer for 10s., but nothing at all exceptional in the contest line. The usual type of breeding cage—20 in. by 11 in. by 14 or 16 in. high—is quite suitable for breeding these birds. Dealers send the birds in tiny wooden travelling cages, which serve the purpose excellently. The carriage of a bird over the distance you name would probably be sixpence. An enquiry at your railway station parcels clerk's office would settle the matter definitely.

**Owing to the Easter Holidays many queries have necessarily had to wait an answer until our next issue.—EDITOR.**

### Bird Fever.

**W. J. Slater.**—Am sorry to tell you there is no really practical remedy, if by this you mean a cure, for bird fever. The only remedy lies in prevention. Once the fever is established, there is practically no cure. Rigid disinfection, isolation of all apparently healthy birds, and a good wholesome diet of pure food, without egg-food, are the best means of helping the birds to win the battle. Feed on a mixture of two parts Canary to one of summer rape, with a small pinch of a mixture of equal parts of hemp, inga, and linseed every second day, and on the alternate days a little crushed plain biscuit, given dry, and a pinch of maw seed mixed with it. Give a little green food daily. Keep cages scrupulously clean, the floors covered with pine sawdust, and burn immediately all the refuse from them. Also keep seed and water vessels scrupulously clean, and boil the latter frequently for a few minutes. Give fresh pure water twice a day, and if birds are weak add thirty drops of brandy. Do not introduce any fresh birds for some time, and if your cage appliances and aviary cannot be thoroughly disinfected it would be wiser to burn them and get new ones as soon as the birds have quite recovered—if they do recover. You must remember that the disease is terribly infectious, and that the iufection is very persistent. You should get Dr. Clarke's monograph on "Septic Fever," 7d., from this office. It tells you all that is worth knowing about the complaint.

### Brevities.

**Not Egg-Bound** (Mrs. A. Sinkins).—No, I do not think there are any signs whatever of the hen being egg-bound. The way she has of sitting on the nest a few moments and then coming off is quite a usual thing with a great number of hens just before laying. The probability is that if you did not interfere with her she has laid her complement of eggs by the time this can appear. By the way never attempt to treat a hen for egg-binding as long as she seems bright and in good health when she comes off the nest. When egg-binding really occurs the symptoms of pain and distress are much too pronounced to be disregarded even by a casual observer. In a very short time the hen appears to be getting quite *in extremis*, so there never need be any mistaking the malady.

**Yorkshire Cock Ailing** (P. J. Kavanagh).—It is probable the bird caught a chill on the journey, or perhaps it has been accustomed to a warmer room than yours, and has consequently taken cold. Feed as usually advised here, but give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of sherry and one drop of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it every second day for a week or so. Give a mealworm a day if you have them for a time, and two small leaves of dandelion each day. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil (well shaken together), two days in every three until better. If he gets well and active you may breed him, but not otherwise, unless you wish to perpetuate the trouble. Many thanks for good wishes.

**Always Moulting** (J.R.).—Feed on a staple of two parts Canary to one summer rape. Twice a week give separately half a teaspoontul of hemp, and give the same quantity of crushed sponge cake with two drops of sherry and one of cod liver emulsion well mixed in it every second day for a fortnight. A mealworm each day for a time would also do good. Give a little green food daily. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice and a pinch of Epsom salts for a day or two. Then get a pennyworth of citrate of iron and quinine, dissolve it in two tablespoonfuls of port wine, and give twenty drops of this in the water every second day until feathers cease dropping.

**Young Birds Dying** (Jules).—Your birds died from constipation; of that I have not the slightest doubt. From what you say about the parents feeding them, you would also, in all probability, have successfully raised a brood of fine birds had you used more discretion in the feeding. When you saw the old birds feeding so freely with egg-food you ought to have begun to give a little green food on the third day, and, in any case, you should begin with it on the fourth day. This would have prevented the constipation which the egg and biscuit food is apt to give rise to, and have saved the lives of the birds. See reply to "Meteor" for full details of rearing, and act on these lines when the next brood is hatched. You may go on using the egg-food you mention, but add about a third part of the bulk of crushed sponge cake to it. This will make it less constipating; also remember to give green food.

**Some Eye Trouble** (Constant Reader of CAGE BIRDS).—You do not give enough particulars to enable me to form a very definite opinion, and it would be impossible to say whether the room was the cause of the trouble without full particulars as to its situation, environment, lighting, etc. You do not even say how you feed the bird. Assuming you feed on the ordinary diet frequently given here, you may try the effect of the following treatment. Keep cages and perches scrupulously clean, see there is no possibility of draughts blowing into the cage, and bathe the eyes once a day with a lukewarm solution of boracic acid—a small teaspoonful of acid to a teacupful of warm water. Dry gently, and then put on a piece of spermaceti ointment plus two grains of red oxide of mercury to the quarter ounce about the size of a pin's head. Hold the bird whilst the ointment melts and runs into the eye. A chemist will mix you the ointment, which is poisonous, so use it carefully.

**Hen's Behaviour** (A.E.E.).—Am inclined to think the panting and peculiar noise you say the hen has begun to make all day long after being in good condition and building her nest promptly after being mated are nothing more serious than urgent loving appeals to her mate. Unless she appears really ill in some more tangible way I do not advise you to interfere with her; neither do I think you need worry at all about her. See she is quite free from draughts and chills. If the peculiar noise should continue after the hen has gone to roost at night you may give her, for a few days, the medicine advised to "Constant Reader" for chronic asthma. By the bye, does the cock sing or court her much? If not, I should doubt his being a genuine one.

**Sings Less** (E.C.).—It is quite likely the frequent changes the bird has had just lately are throwing it into moult. Leave it in the room where it now is; do not give much egg-food, and not more than twice a week. A small half teaspoonful will be quite sufficient. Continue to give the medicine for the cold until the symptoms have quite all disappeared, but use it only every second day, and on the alternate days give twenty drops of port wine, in two tablespoonfuls of which you have previously dissolved a pennyworth of citrate of iron and quinine. Continue this for a fortnight, or, if the bird has begun to drop feathers, until the loss of feathers is checked. Occasionally omit one or other of the medicines, and give a pinch of Epsom salts for one day. Give a little chickweed or daudelion daily. Drop both medicines as soon as the respective needs for them has disappeared.

## BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

### Goldfinch with Crest Hen.

**Ernest.**—You can certainly mate a Crest with a Goldfinch if your fancy leads you that way. It is not at all uncommon to see Mules with crests, or, rather, a little top-knot of feathers. No doubt you would get one or two so adorned as the result of your mating. They have no particular value, but are somethiug of a curiosity, because fanciers do not use Crests for Mule breeding purposes as a general rule. A "Crest" is no help to a Mule on the show bench, I should say rather the coutrary in fact, though I well remember one with a really good headpiece gaining recognition from the judge at the Crystal Palace show. With regard to the person you mention, we are not permitted, and rightly so, to recommend (or the contrary) any particular advertiser or advertisers through these columns. You should join some society in your district; you will find a directory to them given in "Cage Birds Annual," a work every beginner should possess. Then you would soon make some birdy friends.

### About Mule Breeding.

**A.W.**—You can safely follow the advice given by the writers of the articles on Mule and Hybrid Breeding which have appeared in our columns during the last six weeks or so; all were written by practical, experienced men. With hen-Canaries paired to cock Finches, the procedure is practically the same in all essential details of feeding and management as when two Canaries are paired together, therefore such a book as "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (price 7d. from CAGE BIRDS office) is a great help to all those making a commencement in Mule breeding, as it deals with nesting, egg-food making, feeding the young, and with any little difficulties which may crop up. I rely upon egg and biscuit myself as the main food for hens rearing young. There are substitutes on the market which claim to be equally successful, and far less troublesome to prepare (if that worries you) and you could certainly try them. Eggs, of course, have to be boiled fresh daily, though it is possible to keep an unused half of an egg for a day if it is buried in crushed biscuit and stored in a dry, cold place. I may say, however, that I place an equal value upon ripe chickweed and shepherd's purse as helps in the rearing of young, especially when full of seed; in fact, I have reared young on these alone—strong, lusty birds, too—with, of course, the

usual seeds. I have no objection to any greenfood, so long as it is young (tender) and fresh; I use lettuce, watercress, and rape seedlings. Dandelion I do not care to give to young birds, for that it has a pronounced effect on the internal economy of birds cannot be gainsaid; I like it for the old birds at the beginning of the season, when being got "into condition." Seeding groundsel tops I use, too, but not the leaves. Always avoid old, tough, stringy leaves of any kind. A Norwich hen makes a fine mate for a cock Goldie. Yes; get a young bird, and cold-room bred. We are not allowed to recommend any particular advertiser.

### An Outdoor Birdroom.

**Mule Breeder.**—The place of which you send a sketch needs very little alteration; it seems a very promising building for keeping birds in. I presume, of course, it is quite weather and draught proof, a most important point. The window facing north-east needs to be thoroughly taut and snug, to resist entrance of the "draughts" that frequently come from that quarter of the compass; and the same remark applies to the door. I should certainly put a window in the end facing south-east, as this would let in the early rays of the sun, and the early light of dawn, a very valuable point. I should not cover the windows if a fair height off the ground, though a strip of thin curtain over the lower panes of glass would look very neat, if artistically arranged. The cages I should arrange on the walls facing south-east and north-east; if you build any flights, or have large flight-cages, put these to face the north-east. I should think that one extra window, if of fair size, would be ample; you are the best judge, however.

**British Bird Querists should purchase our "British Bird Manual," published in two parts, "Hard-bills" and "Softbills," price 1/- each, or in cloth cover together, 2/3 post free.**

### Seed Mixture for Aviary.

**George.**—I often explain that it is wasteful, consequently expensive, to use a seed mixture in a large aviary containing many species of birds. The best method is to give the principal seeds (say canary, teazle, hemp, summer rape, charlock, and sunflower, or, preferably, a mixture of half-sunflower and half safflower) in separate hoppers or dishes, and throw a little of the other seeds in occasionally, by way of a change, or as "tit-bits," as fanciers say. If you must have your seed-mixture, then for a varied collection of Finches, such as you name, you will find it difficult to beat this: Canary and teazle three pints each, hemp two pints, summer rape and charlock one pint each, linseed half-a-pint, with about a half-pint of mixed sunflower and safflower seeds, increasing or decreasing the quantity of these latter according to whether the birds eat it all up or not—it depends on the composition of the collection, as some birds like these seeds more than others. The other seeds—niger, maw, wild seeds, wild seed mixture, etc.—you can give now and again, as indicated above. The exact quantity of hemp should vary according to the season (less in summer than in winter). A little more linseed is also useful during the moult.

### Concerning a Chaffinch.

**Eve.**—Some Chaffinches are very bad to get steady, and possibly your bird may not become really tame until after he is moulted, especially as you contemplate turning him out into a big cage with a hen Canary. Talk to him when you go near, and endeavour to gain his confidence; offer a mealworm frequently direct from your fingers. The cage should be a good depth from front to back; the length is not so important. The feeding I have frequently dealt with in this column. As a staple seed mixture give the following; Canary and teazle four parts each, summer rape, charlock and linseed one part each. In addition, give a good feed of white sunflower seen or safflower seed daily; or put one part amongst the stock mixture. Smashed walnuts (and other nuts) are greatly relished also, and should be given occasionally in the light of a special treat. As the bird is backward, a small teaspoonful of hemp might be given every day. Give a mealworm or two every day, varying same with flies, smooth caterpillars, gruhs, earwigs, spiders, aphides, gentles, wasp grubs, etc., as obtainable. Chaffinches will eat most kinds of live food. These birds are not particularly keen on green food, but will nibble with appreciation a sprig of shepherd's purse, chickweed, groundsel, dandelion, etc. Radish, turnip, and summer rape seedlings, are usually eagerly devoured, however, when just sprouting, which they soon begin to do when soaked in cold water.

### In an Aviary.

**Mixed Aviary.**—Really you have such a hopeless mixture in your place that I find it difficult, nay, quite impossible, to advise you what to remove to give you a chance of breeding something. Yours is a fine, spacious place, that is one good thing, and so you may do better in it than a first glance down your "contents bill" leads one to think. I hope you will. Still, you have the sexes of the different species so very out of proportion—for instance, four cock Chaffinches and one hen (that spells murder, I should imagine!), one cock Bullfinch and six hens, twelve cock Greenfinches and seven hens; and so on almost right through the list. Then your lots of Wood and Shore Larks are apparently unknown quantities, so far as sex goes. With the sexes so unequal, it is difficult to see how you can avoid squabbling and interference; and if you equalise them, then your aviary will prove much too small—another aviary would be needed, further, if you cast out all unmated birds. I hardly see what you can do now except "change your luck" by letting things take their course, and hope for the best. Pity, if you desire breeding results, you did not exercise discretion when turning in the representatives of the various species. If you see any particular birds being badly persecuted, or mauled, try and remove the sufferers—leave in the birds that are "top-dog." I advise you to take out the odd cock Blackbird and odd cock Thrush. I should have thought they would have fought viciously before this with the other males; perhaps they have been doing so. In my own opinion you have far too many birds in the place for breeding results, assuming the dimensions stated cover the end shelters. You could cut them down one-half, almost, with advantage; at any rate, eliminate the spinsters and bachelors.

### Brevities.

**A Goldfinch, etc.** (F. J. Gosling).—I hope you will have luck with your muling couples. There are two possible explanations of the behaviour of the Goldfinch: (1) That he is in a cross (or out of season) moult; (2) that he is pestered by redmite. If the former, he will be shedding body feathers freely by the time you read this reply. He will have to be in full song before he is fit to pair up. If the underblaze goes back past the eye, or right up to the outer edge, it is a certain cock bird. It is too early for seeding shepherd's purse yet; will send a spray as soon as possible.

**Greenfinch and Bramblefinch** (G.O.).—A course of dandelion juice (taraxacum), from a chemist, would benefit the Bramblefinch which suffers from constant (more-or-less) constipation. Use a glass or pot vessel, and stir half a teaspoonful into each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, Give until bowels move freely, and increase the dose a little if necessary. The foot of the Greenfinch you should steep for a few minutes twice daily in hot water, and afterwards gently massage with Elliman's or other strong embrocation. If the injury is of long standing, you may find it incurable.

**A Man-killer** (Old Maid).—Possibly your hen is a non-breeder (barren); or perhaps a suffragette! Anyway, she is certainly a rude person to "make faces" at the nice little cock bird you have provided for her. It may be, however, that she is far from being in breeding condition; often a hen will be "testy" then when pestered by a male bird, but behave very differently when "consumed by love's fires," as the poet says. Try her when she is seen carrying nesting material about, and commencing to deposit it in a nest-pan, The cock bird may then enjoy a very different kind of warm welcome to the one he now experiences.

**Goldfinch Breeding** (Saltash).—It is a very good sign of breeding condition when a Goldfinch's beak is quite clear, but the old, old story, which tells us that eggs will be no good *unless* the beak is clear, I have personally frequently proved to be false. The song and actions of a Goldie towards the hen are excellent signs, and your Finch, which is singing stoutly and feeding the hen Canary, will no doubt fill the eggs all right, despite the fact that his beak has not yet lost the dark streak from the tip. One of the best and free-est breeding Goldies I ever possessed seemed to hardly ever get his beak absolutely clear; he filled his eggs every time.

**Wagtails** (H.V.J.).—It is true Wagtails will often fight amongst themselves (though experiences vary in this matter, for my own birds behaved themselves), but I have never found them harm other species, and I have some now among my small Softbills. Seeing the spaciousness of your aviary, I am sure you might have a pair of both yellows and greys, and still stand a good chance of them breeding.

## FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

### Zebrafinch with Canary.

**"Shoemaking Novice."**—I do not think this cross at all possible. Not that this would be Mr. Zebra's fault, for he is so anxious to be engaged in rearing a family that I am of opinion he would make up with the female of any species that would accept him; still, I am of opinion that your chances of successfully crossing it with the Canary are almost nil. You would be more likely to succeed by mating it with a Bengalese, Bicheno, Silverbill, Ruficauda, or Long-tailed Grassfinch. However, I never say a thing is impossible, but the cross you suggest is very improbable. Still, if you elect to try, I should get a female of some small variety of Canary. Such a cross, however, would only be eligible for the Foreign Hybrid class, and are not really valuable, save as a novelty.

### Will it Talk?

**W. C. Davidson.**—I do not think your bird is a Rosella, but a Rose-breasted (or Roseate) Cockatoo. But as you do not describe its plumage, I cannot say. If it is a Cockatoo, this species, while possessing a reputation for being good talkers in their own country, boasts very few of the many specimens imported to this country, which can do much in this direction. They most certainly possess the capacity of speech, and they are fair mimics, droll, companionable, and accomplished acrobats. Your bird ought, at any rate, to speak a few words. Keep it in your midst, where it will hear plenty of conversation; also teach it by the constant repetition of odd words and short sentences. One only should be taught at a time, and a second not commenced till the first is thoroughly learned. If you care to describe its plumage, I shall have pleasure in naming it for you.

**Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.**

### Brevities.

**What Bird?** (J. Lyle).—It is the Avadavat, or Common Red Munia, of India. These are imported into this country in large numbers; you must watch dealers' advertisements. The price varies from 2/6 to 5/6 a pair. They do not breed freely in this country, though they have done so in several instances in aviaries. They are delightful little creatures, with their almost ever-changing plumage, and are very easy to cater for. Canary, white and spray millet, with green-food, grit and water, will suffice to keep them in health and condition. In the summer, and whenever it can be procured free from frost, supply ad lib, grass in flower (grass in the ear); also sprays from rose and fruit trees, and any non-poisonous foliage which is infested with greenfly or other plant lice.

## PARK & LAKE AVICULTURE

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., etc.

### Chinese Quails.

**Dwarf.**—You had better cut one wing of each of your Quails; if you clip the first ten quills only they will not be disfigured, and it will stop them from dashing violently about. Also give them a shelter to run behind, such as a board leaning against the wall. You are quite right in feeding on canary and millet, but you should also give a turf constantly, and a few mealworms, or some kind of a mixture for insectivorous birds, which should be dry. They will breed in captivity but must have long-growing grass in their run, so that they can hide their nest.

## GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

**A Suggestion** (M. Fleming).—We are much obliged to you for the suggestion, which we will give our consideration.

**Concerning Cages** (E.B.F., Oak).—We cannot trace the number you refer to. Can you give us some idea as to its date, and the heading of the article containing the information? We will then make a further search.

**Bird-life** (E. Milne).—We very much appreciate your letter, and shall be glad to hear from you at any time.

**Specials** (Interested).—You will find information in the "Twitterings" page this week which, we believe, answers your question.

**Club Notices** (J. Kay, J. Irlams).—Your club notices arrived after we had gone to press last week; evidently you overlooked our announcement on page 344.

**A Fancier** (R.B.).—We should define a "fancier" as one who keeps or breeds birds for certain Fancy points. A person who merely keeps a singing bird as a pet, is not a "fancier." A fancier uses his own selective judgment as regards the "points" of the birds when buying or breeding.

**Advertising** (Turpin.).—Caged-off Linnets can certainly be advertised during the summer without "breaking the law." The possession of hand-reared specimens of protected species involves risk, of course, if the authorities choose to take action.

**A Lancashire's Eye** (Anxious).—If there were two small white specks on the pupils of the eyes (called "cataract" by fanciers), then the bird, we should think, would be blind, and so far as we know, impossible of cure. If it is merely matter collected about the eye, then bathing with a lotion composed of one grain of sulphate of zinc in one ounce of rose-water would relieve.

**Shooting of Rare Birds** (Anti-ornithological).—You surely do not think because we publish an account of the shooting of a rare bird in England, that we ourselves are in sympathy with such slaughter? On the contrary, we deprecate it just as strongly as you do yourself.

**Sending Birds on Journeys** (Constant Reader).—We could not entertain publishing your letter as sent. Your statements would only reflect on the many reputable fanciers and dealers. You are too pessimistic altogether. Let us hope that the recent lovely burst of spring weather will help you to a rosier outlook upon things in general and our hobby in particular. And why do *you*, may we ask, ignore the deposit system?

**A Line Astray** (G. Peters).—We are afraid you can have had but little experience of printers, whom the celebrated Dr. Johnson long years ago summed up as "the very devil." Evidently in making a correction, they misplaced the line. It is not the first time, by many, we have suffered at their hands; we wish we could hope it might prove the last. We very much regret, of course, it was your copy that got maltreated.

**Gone Astray En Route** (Anxious).—It is the custom of the bird trade for all birds to be sent at the purchaser's risk when the sale is an out-and-out one (that is, when there is no question of approval). This, we may say, is a custom with which we have never been able to agree, and we think it detrimental to the best interests of the bird trade, as in our view the contract cannot equitably be complete until the birds are delivered alive in accordance with the terms of the advertisement.

**Non-payment of Prize Money** (E. C. Collins).—It does not come within our province to "lecture" societies concerning their management, and apparently you overlook the fact that there is now a governing body with the power to suspend, or otherwise punish, societies which fail to pay out prize money. That is the tribunal to deal with this and similar matters, according to the merits of the case, i.e., as to whether there has been culpable, or even fraudulent, mismanagement.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

#### Testimonial to Mr. Tyson.

SIR,—The amount previously acknowledged is £9 12s. I have since received from Messrs. A. Simmonds 5s., Anon 5s., E. Smithhurst 5s., F. C. Mitchell 2s. 6d., A. E. Brooks 2s. 6d., and T. Burgess 2s. 6d., making a total of £10 14s. 6d. This closes the list, but there is yet time for any friends of Mr. Tyson, who have not yet subscribed, to rectify their omission.

J. S. CLARKE.

### DARNALL AND DISTRICT FUR & FEATHER (Including Cage Birds) ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—A meeting of fur and feather fanciers was held at the Ball Inn on April 5th, when the above-named society, with a strong committee, was formed to carry on the work. Mr. Greenfield kindly acted as chairman. The society will have a radius of 15 miles, and the annual subscription was fixed for 5s. The next meeting will take place at the Ball Inn, Darnall-road, on Monday, May 3rd, at 8.15, when all fanciers will receive a hearty welcome. All information may be had from me.

W. BELL, Hon. Sec.
144, Industry-road, Darnall, Sheffield.

### PEEWITS' EGGS.

SIR,—I notice a few lines in your last issue respecting the above, where the writer states that the collecting of the eggs is quite a business, and that some thousands are consumed annually. With the above facts any naturalist is forced to agree, as each year here in Berwickshire the hunt through field after field seeking these dainties (so-called) is yearly getting more keen, with the result that one of the most useful birds we have is getting scarcer. In my boyhood days I remember when the most glorious sight which could be seen in the autumn was thousands of these birds sweeping hither and thither, filling the air with the sound of their wings. When watching the graceful curves, and the vivid colouring, alternating from black and white, to dusky yellow, one had a sight which, once seen, could not be forgotten. The days I am referring to go back about twenty years. What a change has come over the locality. Sad to relate, instead of the thousands, I am sure there are scarcely so many hundreds, and the depletion is only to be accounted for by the inhuman lust for something "delicate" to please the palate of the classes who alone can afford to pay the exorbitant price dealers command for the eggs! The high price paid is a great inducement for any unemployed person to seek for them. That they make a good thing out of it one has only to glance into their basket to see. To any person who has a quick eye, or who has been country-reared amongst them, it is not a difficult matter to locate the nests of the Peewit. When I wish I can find out every nest in a field. Some of the keepers sent by the landed proprietors to gather the eggs are adepts, with the result that one scarcely notices any young birds until well into May. The first round of eggs (and sometimes the second) have been taken. I am fully convinced that unless something takes the place of these "dainties" the farmers in the district will suffer untold harm by the increase of the grubs, etc., which these birds alone feed on.

J. PATTERSON.

### SENDING BIRDS ON JOURNEYS.

SIR,—In reply to John Canning, might I say that I think when advertisements are answered, and cash sent, the reply should be sent with promptness, and thus save all such unnecessary journeyings and trouble. A halfpenny postcard would avoid such. I have been repeatedly served in a like manner, and gone to the station many times daily. How would Mr. John Canning have proceeded, supposing he had had no intimation that the bird had arrived until he received the postcard on the Monday (although he sent a stamped addressed envelope, so that the vendor might let him know when the bird was sent off)? He went to the station, a three-mile journey, and did the same four times on the Friday, and four times on Saturday. All this he did, besides sending a wire and getting up from bed with a severe influenza cold. And yet he says, "but remember, I am dealing with a first-class man, and paying a good price." Save me, I say, from such, if that is the treatment to expect from a "first-class man." If the vendor in question is such, I should think he was gentleman enough to compensate Mr. C. for all his extra time and trouble.

CONSTANT READER.

### THE EXHIBITING OF BIRDS.

SIR,—I trust the following remarks of mine will be accepted as being written with the very best intention, and with the one object of benefiting those interested in the breeding and showing of cage birds. A week or two back, you published a letter from a gentleman who had been unable to obtain his prize money from a certain society. In your last issue there is a letter from another unfortunate exhibitor who has also been unable to get the prize money due to him. These are not the only cases that have been brought to the notice of the readers of CAGE BIRDS. I contend that no society should hold an open show without taking into consideration all the responsibilities attaching thereto. If a society cannot do this, then let them wait until they can. Supposing an exhibitor "screws" himself a bit (we are not all wealthy) to enable him to send a few birds to a show, hasn't he, without being called unfair, the perfect right, in the event of his winning a prize, to demand that prize money, and adopt whatever methods he thinks best in order to get it? I wonder if he sent in his entry form without the entrance fee, promising to send that later, whether any society would accept his entry? The exhibitor must pay his entrance fee, but mustn't say anything if he doesn't get his prize money. I visited a show some two years back in the south of London. There were as many birds again as the hall would hold. I left at 9.45 p.m., and Yorkshires were still being judged! In my humble opinion, a society should be bound to adhere to its closing date. This is seldom done, and exhibitors knowing this, leave their entries until the last minute, and in consequence the various show officials have a rush for it, which is their own fault. A society should not take entrance fees for exhibits which they cannot comfortably accommodate and have judged fairly. They should be prepared to return exhibits in the event of there not being room to show them to advantage, else, it is not fair to the judge, and it is not fair to the exhibitor. I am not an exhibitor myself (I hope to become one), but I do feel most strongly on these and other questions which I have not time to deal with here.

E. E. COLLINS.

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## WHAT IS A CLEAR?

SIR,—I cannot see my way clear to agree with the decision of the Norwich Plainhead Club, viz., "that in future ticked birds are eligible to compete in clear classes." It would have been more to their credit as a body of fanciers to have kept the clear classes intact and free from invasion by stating "in future all birds shown in clear classes must be absolutely clear." Of course, they are aware that ticked birds have been winning amongst the clears at several shows during the season; if the judge handled the winners it would stop that abuse, but I suppose the N.P.C., like W. Reid, do not believe handling is necessary. It shows clearly they have not much confidence in our judges. What is there to be alarmed at in a judge, if he is an expert which every judge ought to be, in handling a few winners? I can understand that a fraudulent exhibitor would be thoroughly against handling; in fact, quite indignant at the process, as by that means he might be detected. Not that I wish any of your readers to infer that the N.P.C. or Mr. Reid are in any way capable of fraud; far from it, but I am of opinion and maintain that it is necessary to handle some winning exhibits, or otherwise you are playing into the hands of the fraudulent exhibitors, viz., the painter, decorator, trimmer, etc., who will be more at ease in their work when they know that exhibits are not handled. I fully endorse the remark of Mr. R. J. Mackley, viz., "that ticked birds should not be eligible to compete in clear classes." First we have the evenly-marked classes, a feature of past shows, and now the ridiculous amalgamation of the "ticks" with the "clears." Where is the Fancy going? As years roll on, this amalgamation will be further improved upon by the introduction of only two classes of Norwich or Yorkshires at our exhibitions, viz., "any variety yellow," "any variety buff." Likewise we shall see pied or foul cinnamons competing in self cinnamon classes. The same remark applies to greens. Should this be the case, one thing is certain, and that is there will be a big bumping entry in each class, and very little prize money to pay away. If the above classification does not make shows pay, then it is no fault of those who issue the schedules.

J. W. KINGSMILL.

## THE BORDER FANCY CANARY IN THE SOUTH.

SIR,—In the discussion on the above matter, Mr. William Eagle Bott has mentioned a lecture of mine, in which I am supposed to have said, in speaking of the Border type, "The smaller the better." I hardly think this is correct. I was comparing the style of the breeding of other varieties than the Border, and said it was recognised that size and colour followed the cock, and type and quality the hen, but that the difficulty with the Border was to keep it small enough. Hence, size in the cock was unimportant. I do not agree with Mr. Smith that there are two types of Borders—one for the South and another for the North. Very often the same judge officiates at both the Northern and Southern Shows, and he is not likely to give a different reading of the standard in different places. Bull-necked Borders are an abomination, and these bull-necks are nearly always accompanied by hog backs, which are also another eyesore. Again, thin necks are entirely out of place. What is wanted is a marble-like head fitted on to a neck not too long, nor too short, and not too thin, nor too thick; but beautifully shaped and finely moulded. In fact, the Border must be all mould from head to tail, and as little over 5 inches in length as possible. There must be no corners, no loose feathers, no coarseness, in either feather or style. The bird should be semi-erect, jaunty, and free in taking the perches, and be altogether what the ladies call "sweet." I agree with Mr. Patterson that the type of Border depicted with the standards of the two Border clubs cannot be improved upon. By the bye, I should just like to ask Mr. Patterson if he is of opinion that Scotland led the way in getting rid of the thick set type of Borders? I totally disagree with him that exhibitors should study the fads of judges. It is the judge's duty to judge to the standard, and it is the duty of breeders to breed as nearly as possible to the standard. Standards of any variety have not been made in a haphazard manner; they have been carefully thought out by practical fanciers and are not to be set aside by the fads of judges. If judges won't take the trouble to study the standards of the varieties they undertake to judge, then it is the judges, not the standards, that must be set aside. I hate this cant of studying the whims of judges. Let all true fanciers combine to breed and exhibit to the standard as nearly as possible. Judges would then have to judge to those standards or go; but so long as exhibitors pander to the fads of judges who won't take the trouble to study the standards, so long will true type be lost sight of. Any man who has the discriminating quality necessary in a judge, can read a standard intelligibly if he cares to do so. If breeders take this matter up with a pure love for the particular varieties they fancy, the questions of "What is a Border?" and "What is a Norwich?" would soon cease to exist.

S. HADWIN.

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SIR,—I see that "Wee McGregor" still chooses to hide, and is not sportsman enough to come out of his shell and disclose his identity. I think it is simply waste of time to answer such a poor "fancier" as this. He continues, I notice, to make statements that are very misleading and untrue, and my object in penning this, my last letter on the subject, is to contradict his remarks that Mr. W. M. Thomson and I are the same person. This is an absolute untruth, as I neither know Mr. Thomson nor from what part of the country he comes, and he is, therefore, a perfect stranger to me. Perhaps "Wee McGregor" is in the habit of doing that sort of thing, but when I enter a discussion I stand my ground openly. I do not hide behind a bush and make statements that are unjustifiable or uncalled for. As I have already said, I shall write no more unless "Wee McGregor" discloses his identity and drops personalities, for what have they to do with the type of Borders?

J. SMITH.

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SIR,—I am exceedingly sorry that this discussion, which might have been most helpful to novices, should have degenerated into personalities. It is a great pity "Wee Macgregor" should have questioned the bona-fides of J. Smith, and suggested that he and Mr. Thomson are one and the same person. Taking the same line of argument, may I suggest that "Wee Macgregor" and Mr. J. Robson are one and the same person? May I further suggest that "Wee Macgregor" did not send his reply to the same source as Mr. Smith sent his letter, because he did not want his identity to be disclosed? For the purpose of clearing the air, may I ask "Wee Macgregor" a few questions?

1. Who spread the story in Carlisle that I was Mr. J. Smith and Mr. Thomson?
2. What qualifications entitle one to be called a "Specialist" judge?
3. Why do Mr. Bennet and other prominent breeders of Borders not show under Mr. Robson?
4. Did "Wee Macgregor" see the Borders at the last Palace Show?

ROBERT ELLWOOD.

## IS SHE A SUFFRAGETTE?

SIR,—I would feel pleased if you or any reader would tell me through your paper how I may get this marriage arranged? I have had a good Norwich hen for two years, since she was bred. Until two months ago she had never seen another bird. Thinking she would like to mate, I tried a good cock Linnet, but she soon killed him. I tried again last week, with another Linnet, but no, it's all off. Well, during this week I viewed some good Canaries, and selected a cock which I watched singing for half-an-hour. I brought him home, and put the cages side by side; but she goes making faces at him, and he hasn't sung a note, only twitter.

OLD MAID.

## INFORMATION WANTED ON LINNET SINGING.

SIR,—As the Linnet is a favourite of mine, I should like some of the secretaries of the singing societies to write to CAGE BIRDS and let us know a few of the ins and outs of Linnet singing. I should like to know a little about York singing: is it time singing; how long do they hang the birds in the window; what time do they do; how do they count the singing (if in breaks or not); how many seconds do they have to sing before it is counted? I am sure there are other Linnet fanciers besides myself who would value the information. I should also like the secretary of the Leigh Society to let us into their way of time singing. I see that Lady Green is the champion there, but will want to do better singing than 98 seconds and 149 seconds out of 5 minutes. Last week's singing was a bit better, 240 straight up, 4 minutes out of 5. That is enough to frighten a certain well-known fancier whom I once heard say he would give 30s. for a bird that could do 71 seconds out of 2 minutes. Will the secretary of the Leigh Society let us know how they count their birds, and how many seconds they have to sing before they are counted singing? At Barnsley they count all by 5; if a bird sings 4 seconds he gets nothing, if he sings 9 seconds he counts 5 and 4 over.

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## FRENCH CHALK AND BOWEL TROUBLES.

SIR,—In reply to "Constant Reader and Noviee" respecting the use of French chalk for bowel troubles, I may say that I have found it always answer my purpose for any kind of birds. When giving it to Hardbills I mix it in the egg food or any other soft food I may be in the habit of giving them.

J. BARBER.

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SIR,—With regard to the above, it is quite a serious matter to give French chalk (*creta gallica*) to birds, or even human individuals, as although not scheduled as a poison, it is more frequently than not found to be impure; as in the case of the lady in Huddersfield to whom her husband, from a lack of knowledge, administered such as an antacid containing arsenic, from the effects of which she died almost momentarily. What is really meant—and that is quite safe—is prepared chalk, or, medically speaking, precipitated chalk. Here is another proof that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing, and may lead to the loss of valuable lives.

J. HAMILTON, L.S.E.P.

Hopwood-lane Dispensary, Halifax.

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SIR,—I noticed in last week's CAGE BIRDS that a correspondent makes enquiries concerning "French chalk" and bowel troubles in birds. "French chalk" (so-called) should never be given to any bird, but powdered chalk, which is quite another thing, is a very valuable and safe medicine to use for any species in cases of diarrhœa, given in minute doses, say a pinch in egg food, or else well mixed in the drinking water, for a few days. Powdered chalk may be procured at any chemist's at a small cost. But I have usually found that maw seed will cure any ordinary bowel troubles in British birds or Canaries.

V. M. TOZER.

## WHOSE IDEAS WERE THEY?

### A Challenge and a Justification.

SIR,—A lecture was given by a member of the Leyton and District Society, at headquarters, on April 5th, when all fanciers were cordially invited. It was to have been on "Cage-making," but turned out to be on a series of ideas used by the lecturer in his birdroom, he claiming them to be his own bona-fide ideas, two of which—a seed-hopper and a perch—he has recently provisionally protected. It was very interesting throughout. When the lecture was over, and it was open for questions to be asked, I, as a member, referred to the two ideas that had been protected, knowing them both to have been on the market two and more years respectively, rendering the protection null and void. This led to a discussion, the lecturer taking an emphatic oath that they were worked out of his own brain. This I tried to explain was not so, and as it was getting rather warm, a member made a proposition that it should be brought to a close, which was done, leaving the lecturer apparently triumphant in his own estimation, but not to all present. I, as a protest against his action and for my own protection, ask him respectfully to withhold from using my name in the way he is doing very freely at the present time. Mr. Fuller and I hereby challenge him to any special committee meeting that the Leyton C.B.A. may think fit to fix, and we will have the truth out, man to man, with regard to this seed-hopper and perch, so that we are able to give the facts. I do not intend to enter into any controversy with him through our Fancy paper, so the sooner these points are cleared up personally the better. I fear no man on the statement I made before a full meeting.

A. MALLETT (West Ham).
R. FULLER (Stratford).

## CINNAMON BORDER FANCIES AND THEIR COLOUR.

SIR,—The discussion on the above is getting somewhat away from the subject, which I take to be: Is the Cinnamon Border as good a colour to-day as in former years? If my supposition is correct, the answer must be in the negative, and the reason is not far to seek. Most of the Cinnamons to-day are hens—sports from the Green, and certainly showing the Green tinge, which is fatal to Cinnamon colour. Some nine years ago I had some lovely coloured Cinnamon Borders, a shade larger than I like to see them now; they were pure-bred Cinnamons and had been bred down from Norwich Cinnamons. I stood 4th with one in mixed class at the old Liverpool Society's Open Show, Mr. C. A. House, I think, being the judge. At this time I had built up a very nice team of both Border and Yorkshire Cinnamons, but one night a rat cleared the lot out and so saved me a lot of trouble and caused me many a tear. This year I have been fortunate enough to get a cock Cinnamon, very near the correct type, and as I have about half-a-dozen hens that in my opinion are gems for type, I hope to have something decent for the next show season. I hope soon to see the Cinnamon Border with classes for itself. It is very much in the making at present and consequently does not stand much chance against the Green with which it has to compete. Of course, I know classes have been given for Cinnamons in the South, but this is the solitary exception as far as I know. Mr. Clinch, in one of his letters, made the statement that "The Cinnamon was recessive to the Green." I should like Mr. Clinch to give us his data for this assertion. So far as I understand the subject, the Cinnamon bred by itself is absolutely certain to breed nothing but Cinnamon. How, then, can it be recessive of anything? By recessive, I take it Mr. Clinch means that it is simply a side issue, or sport, from the Green. I have to thank Mr. Clinch for the support he has given to my motion re taking the Green Border into the Green Canary Association. I should also like to point out to the members of the two Border clubs how needless is their anxiety that this motion, if carried, would interfere with the work of the Border clubs. If the G.C.A. take this matter up, it will not be long before the Green Border is as popular and will command as ready a classification as any other variety of the Border. This ought to be a big consideration with breeders, as new fanciers will require mating up with stock, which will be beneficial to the present Fancy.

S. HADWIN.

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SIR,—I was pleased to see another letter on the above subject by Mr. Dixon. Really, I was rather amused at some of his remarks. He says I seem to be right and everybody else wrong, and that my letter was full of doubt. I must thank Mr. Dixon for this, but I would remind him that I am quite prepared to give in should I be proved to be in the wrong. Mr. Dixon says that everyone is entitled to his own opinion. Yes, and I don't deny him his right to an opinion, but his is not consistent with the facts. I must remind him that it is the colour of the Cinnamon Border that is the point in dispute. I only raised the question as to the Cinnamon cocks to show that the Cinnamon Border, as a separate variety, was not of old standing, but were sports from the Green and were mostly hens, and that being bred from Greens they could not be of the rich chocolate tone aimed at nowadays. Mr. Dixon says he knew of another self Cinnamon cock that won at Selkirk in 1902, and that his bird and this one were as near to the club's standard type as was possible. If they were not, he says, how did they happen to be 1st and 3rd? Let me remind Mr. Dixon that because a bird gets a 1st it doesn't prove it to be a good one. No, we have at the present time birds winning that are far back from the club's standard. I think Mr. Dixon, when at the Scottish National Show, would not be blind to the fact that different judges had different opinions, because if all the 1st prize birds were placed side by side one would be able to see at a glance that there is a great variety of types. Surely, I don't need to point out, as Mr. Dixon is able to see for himself. I never put any stress on a bird's getting 1st, unless I am at the particular show and able to see the birds it has beaten, as perhaps if you looked at the others behind at a given show you would easily find three or four to beat the 1st. Of course, many people have no eyes for the birds out of the tickets (unless they happen to belong to themselves); they look over the birds in the tickets and, of course, they are bound to be the best, because they won. Mr. Dixon says he wasn't at any of the other shows I mentioned. Well, I can tell him that he hasn't seen half of the Cinnamon Borders shown last season. However, seeing he was at the Scottish National Show and still says that his bird 3rd at Hawick was of better colour (in his opinion) than those shown at the Scottish National Show. I must say that that bird must have been something exceptional for colour, as two of the disputed birds were at the Scottish National Show. I must remind Mr. Dixon that I did not say the bird that I mentioned in my last letter was disqualified. I said that it was left cardless, the judge being of opinion that it was colour-fed. I will not disclose the name of the show, and the catalogue number, etc., as I fail to see how that would help us in the discussion. But I will say that if Mr. Dixon's bird were of better colour than those shown at the Scottish National (were, in fact, the colour "your reporter" advocated in his criticisms of the Crystal Palace Cinnamon class), and were shown nowadays, 99 out of 100 judges would put it down as being colour-fed.

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## A QUESTION FOR GOLDFINCH FANCIERS.

SIR,—Allow me through your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, to ask if any reader could tell me what is the best thing to give to a Goldfinch when it is constipated, as I have lost some very nice birds through this cause. W. M.

## A NOTED LINNET.

SIR,—The "bounce" in Mr. F. A. Watt's letter last week almost takes one's breath away, because it is within the memory of present-day novices that Mr. Watt made his debut on the exhibition bench. I know neither of the combatants personally, but there is a disease called "swelled head," and one of them has got it badly. As an older man and fancier than Mr. Watt, I can make some allowance, because one cannot find an old head on young shoulders, but when a man a very few years in the Fancy takes an important fixture to judge he, in my opinion, has to put up with the consequent criticism. "Oh wad some power the giftie gie us, to see oursels as ithers see us."

OBSERVER.

## PROPOSED NEW SOCIETY FOR SOUTHALL (Middlesex).

SIR,—It has been suggested by several fanciers in the locality that a Cage Bird Society be formed for Southall and district. There are many people who keep cage birds of some variety or the other in the neighbourhood, and it is perhaps needless to say that the formation of such a society would satisfy a long-felt want and be very beneficial to cage bird men as against societies already in existence which do not cater for cage birds solely. In view of the facts stated, I see no reason why a good company of fanciers should not be drawn together, and the society formed. With a view to bringing about the desired result, I shall be pleased if fanciers and intending fanciers interested would be kind enough to forward their names and addresses to me.

THOS. G. JEFFERY.

10, Western-road, Southall.

## IS IT NECESSARY TO COLOUR-FEED BRITISH BIRDS?

SIR,—Being deeply interested in the great question of colouring British birds by the artificial method of colour food, it is natural that I should have read with more or less interest the two lectures of recent dates, touching upon that question, given by gentlemen who hold somewhat influential positions in the Fancy, and whose sermons may be taken to heart very much by the ever-growing congregation of "raw recruits." Although it is my contention that every person has the right and privilege of enjoying his own opinion, there is still the danger of many of that "congregation" suffering from undue influence and so being the means of affording, firstly, unnecessary inconvenience, if not pain, to their pets, and, secondly, agents to unfair competition with fellow exhibitors. Taking, as in order, the lecture given before the City and Suburban Society, where poor "Old Malcontent" got such a drubbing, I would ask Mr. Prior if he himself was always well pleased at the result of some of his months of trouble and patience to find "What he thought" his champion, beaten into oblivion by "What he thought" a waster, or has he always been what his lecture would have us all believe, a hardened and staid exhibitor? No, Sir, I'm afraid not, for exhibitors, like fanciers, are not full-blossomed in a day or a year. Now, Mr. Prior, you may assume innocence in regard to this faking system, but, with your wide experience (much wider perhaps than my own) you surely have come across some of those little "wheezes," such as glycerine, sweet oil, koko oil, etc., etc., not to mention some of the pigments some stoop to use to gain what I term filthy aspirations. Going back to what the lecture was billed as, "Is it necessary to colour-feed British birds?" Mr. Prior says "Yes," and I say "No," although I value myself as a very small unit against the experience and influence of Mr. Prior. But having been bred and born in a bird's nest, as it were, and having caught and hand-reared some hundreds of British birds, both Hard and Soft-bills, I am taking the liberty of assuming that I know something of what is required of a "Pure-bred Britisher." According to the schedules which we receive from Secretaries, it stipulates that awards are to be made for beauty and purity of breed, yet we are told by another lecturer that it is surprising the strength of the "dye" contained in *tasteless pepper*, so what amount must be contained in hot pepper? And does not this admission prove without a doubt that to colour-feed at all is dyeing a bird, adding an artificial pigment to the natural pigments, and producing that which was never ordained to be? Again, this same gentleman admits killing and opening a bird and finding inflammation, and intestines ulcerated, through the excessive use of artificial colouring. So what is the difference between faking inside and outside? Then are there more British birds colour-fed than non-fed and improved "in colour and appearance"? Has Mr. Ramsden ever inspected a bird-catcher's store-cage about October or November, with a good mixed lot in it? What could be more beautiful than some of its inmates? Put a full-coloured Goldie, just caught, against that Palace winner this last show, and it would be nowhere in it for beauty. Also it would be the same with some Chaffinches. I myself once caught a Chaffinch which I have never seen equalled on the show bench. No, gentlemen, I am not yet convinced that colour-feeding is even fair, or legitimate, or beneficial to any of us. But I will agree with even the clerk in the excise office that if it is his means or part means of his income, let us all be taxed, for no taxes, no clerks, no colour-feed, no vendors. Seeing that this is a question that is ever cropping up, I would respectfully submit to our Editor that a poll be taken to really sound the feeling of the majority of British bird fanciers and exhibitors. I trust that both Mr. Prior and Mr. Ramsden will accept this slight criticism in the same spirit as they expected theirs to be received, and I trust to remain always a reader of CAGE BIRDS but never a colour-feeder.

H. J. HAWES.

## THE INTERESTING EXPERIENCES OF A CANARY BREEDER.

SIR,—Having had the pleasure of inspecting the aviary of Mr. Jos. Lepla, the well-known Newmarket Canary breeder, and gathering from him in course of conversation some particulars of his connection with the Fancy, I thought the same might be of interest to your readers. Mr. Lepla is a native of the "metropolis of the turf," and he told me that he first began to take an interest in Canaries about 22 years ago. He started his hobby in a fairly large way for a beginner, his stock consisting of six pairs or Norwich Plainheads. Unlike some new beginners, Mr. Lepla "struck oil" from the commencement, for he did remarkably well in his early attempts. This naturally increased his interest in the hobby, for "nothing succeeds like success," and Mr. Lepla began to be more ambitious. Soon afterwards he moved into larger premises, and as Mrs. Lepla had a hobby too, viz., the growing of ferns, they decided to build a glass house to accommodate both ferns and birds. He soon realised that the experience given by other breeders in CAGE BIRDS, was to be his experience, too, and that what was good for ferns was not good for birds. Having alterations made in his business premises, Mr. Lepla then had a special place erected for his Canaries. The room is a very lofty one, well built of brick, with plaster walls and tiled roof. Here he has reared some thousands of birds during the past nineteen years, and fine birds the majority of them have been. This house is entirely given up to the birds. He told me that he has no heating apparatus, and only in the very coldest weather does he "warm up" at all. Having been so successful with his Norwich Plainheads, his first love, he went in for Cinnamons, also Norwich Crests and Lizards. The latter he dropped, not being very successful in getting the stamp of high-class birds that he always aims at. His stock at the present time consists principally of the Norwich Plainheads, Crests, and Cinnamons, and the birds are fine and healthy looking. To show how the hobby has grown upon Mr. Lepla, I have only to mention that this season he has now 53 pairs up for breeding. Not a bad lot for a hobby; but he is an enthusiast, and that accounts for much. He is hopeful of having a good time, and if care and attention count, he will have it. Mr. Lepla has not been a very extensive advertiser, but he told me that, thanks to CAGE BIRDS, when he has advertised, he has found plenty of customers. Last year he sent a number of birds to the West Indies—a long journey; but he had the pleasure of knowing that they arrived safely. Mr. Lepla, in the course of our conversation, spoke in the highest terms of CAGE BIRDS, the contents of which, he finds, invaluable; while for buying and selling, it is, he says, a very sound medium indeed. He advocates and supports its claims to all interested in bird life.

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## A NEW CAGE BIRD SOCIETY FOR LINCOLN AND DISTRICT.

SIR,—I was very pleased to see in your last week's issue that the cage bird fanciers of the city of Lincoln (my native town) had held a meeting and formed a Cage Bird Society, and had elected officers, etc. Being a practical breeder and exhibitor myself, I can fully endorse the chairman's (Mr. C. Pickering's) remark that it is a step in the right direction. The breeding and exhibiting of cage birds is a most interesting and instructive hobby, I myself having derived a great amount of pleasure from it for a considerable number of years. Although the membership at present is limited to a six-mile radius, I wish the society and its officers every success, hoping that the time is not far distant when the city of Lincoln will be able to have its annual open cage bird show, second to none.

AN L. AND P.O.S. MEMBER.

## SOME HINTS BY A LOVER OF YORKSHIRES.

**See Our Frontispiece This Week.**

SIR,—I am very pleased to know that you are publishing a sketch of my clear yellow Yorkshire Canary in your very interesting and valuable journal this week. This bird was hatched in 1907 and won several prizes early in that show season, including 1st at Walthamstow against old birds. He finished the season by getting 3rd in the champion unflighted class at the Crystal Palace, there being 39 in the class, and S.Y.C.C. diploma for best Yorkshire by a member of that club. Thinking it wiser, I did not pair him up last season, but held him over for the show season that has just terminated. I got him nicely through the moult and commenced sending him out. At our own show (Weybridge) he captured the cup for best Canary in the show exhibited by a member of the society, and you can guess I had great hopes that he would require a lot of beating during the season. But, unfortunately, he commenced to go soft and fell into another moult early in December. Consequently I had the colour-feeding process to go through again, and to my disappointment he came out patchy in colour, which completely spoilt the chance of showing him to advantage afterwards. He is, however, very fit and well now, and I have him paired up with a winning ticked buff hen of good length and quality, and am awaiting with interest to see whether they will produce something that is equal to themselves. With regard to management. About the end of January I put all my stock hens into a large flight so that they get plenty of exercise and thus keep in good condition until the time arrives for pairing, which I always defer doing until the first week in April. Through February and March I give a small quantity of egg food about twice a week, a little hemp, German rape, niger, and maw seeds. The staple food, of course, is good bold Spanish canary. I also give a regular supply of cuttlefish bone between the wires of the cages, and clean shell grit. If this is done there is not much fear of having egg-bound hens when the time arrives for pairing up. I always have a spring cleaning of breeding cages, etc., during the month of March in order that everything may be ready and absolutely clean for pairing up the first week in April if the weather is then favourable. I plunge each cage into a bath containing tepid water, to which has been added a quantity of fir tree oil. No insect will live in this solution. After the cage is dry I colour the outside black and the inside pale green with Hall's distemper. I think this puts a nice finish to the cage, and it has advantages over painting the inside, viz., when the birds have bathed the water is scattered about the cage, and if the inside is painted or enamelled it hangs in beads for a considerable time, whereas with the distemper above referred to it is absorbed immediately and the cage is quite dry again in a very few minutes. I use single breeding cages with the nest pan hung in the centre, with no clumsy divisions, platforms or trays inside, which harbour that dreaded insect, the red mite. The wire fronts are all movable and punched bar, which can easily be taken out and replaced without very much trouble. Again thanking you for placing the sketch of my yellow on the front of your paper, and also Mr. Norman, your gifted artist,

H. E. PARROTT.

## CAN IT BE CURED?

SIR,—I have a yellow Lancashire coppy cock showing a white speck on either eye, and I should be pleased if any reader could tell me if there is any means of removing same, as it is a bird that cost a good sum of money to get hold of, and I have never bred off it yet. They are about the size of small pin-head, and I think they may be "cataracts," which in the case of people are removed, but I do not know if they can be removed from birds. The bird is healthy and singing well.

ANXIOUS.

## THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN OUT-DOOR BIRDROOM.

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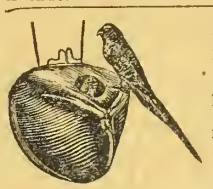

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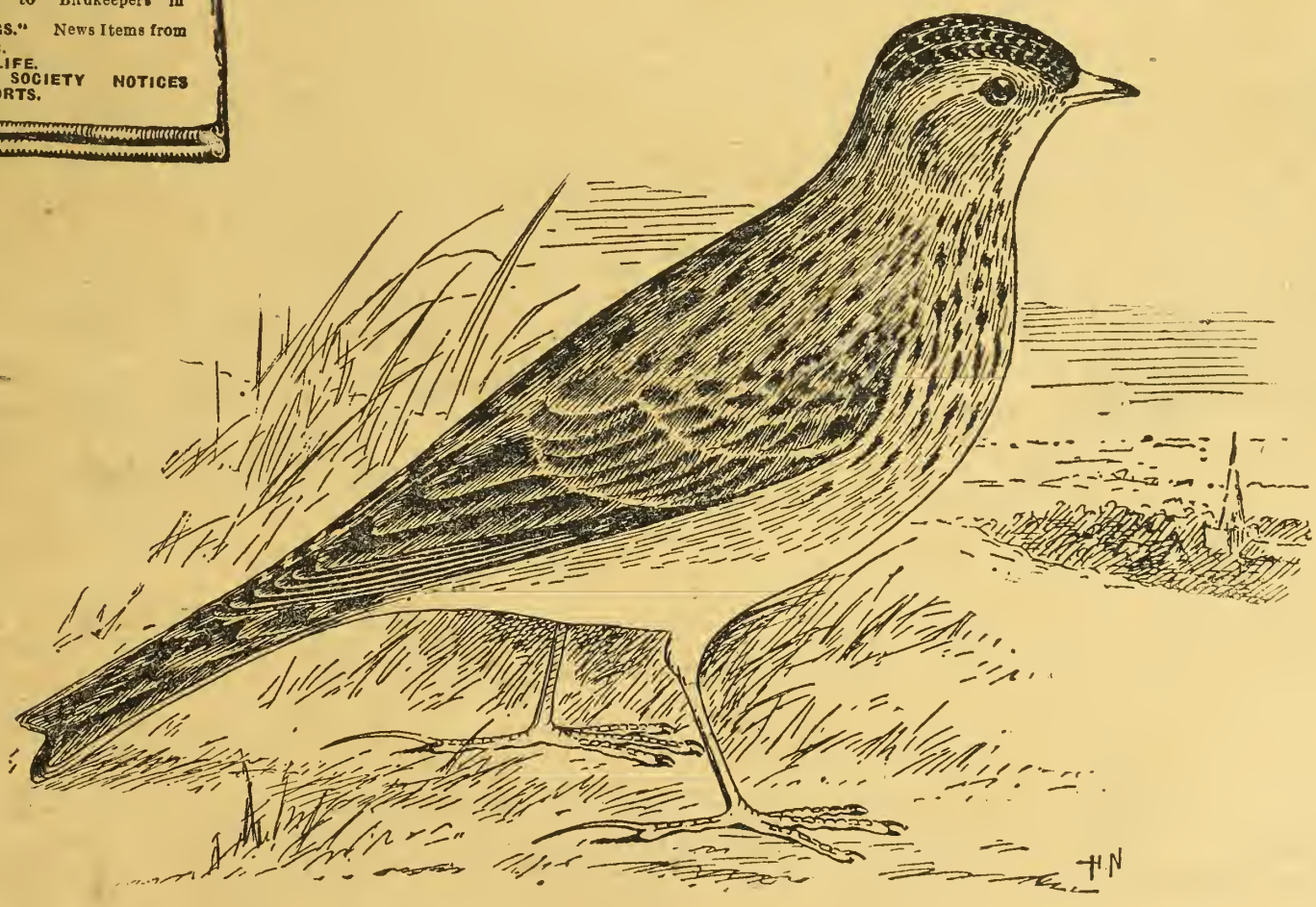

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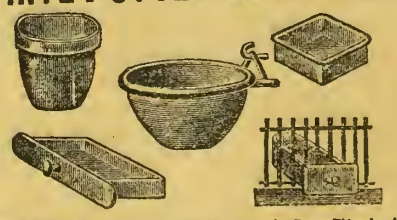

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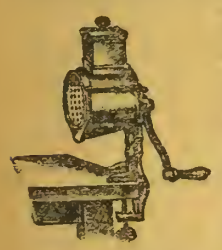

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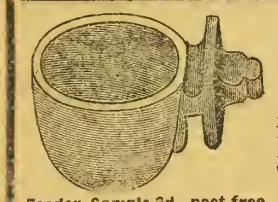

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breeder and exhibitor of Champion Norwich, has a few nice birds left, 3 variegated buff cocks, 9/6 each; 3 buff hens, 6/6 each; 4 lovely buff hens, 10/6 each; three natural colour buff cocks, right stamp, 10/6 each, all good value, approval.—6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London (near Old-st., electric station).

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15, Friars Road, Barking Road, East Ham, London, E., April 6th, 1909. I am very pleased to inform you that the pair of Norwich Plainheads sent me on Monday last have secured 1st PRIZE (cock) and 2nd PRIZE (hen). Also the cock BEST BIRD IN THE SHOW. A splendid show, Mr. C. A House, Judge. You can make what use of this you like, and thanking you for sending same. You will hear from me again.—H. Wooff to W. Rudd.

### A South African Opinion.

Newcastle, Natal, March 21st, 1909. The canaries and cage reached me safely and I must say that we are all EXCEEDINGLY PLEASED with them.—A. Hambridge to W. Rudd.

### After trying ALL OTHERS for value, finds None can compare.

166, Dumfries Street, Treherbert, April 17, 1909. After trying every dealer in the papers I have to come back to the old firm for value. Please send on one pair of properly matched Prize-bred Yorkshires—cock on full song, for which I enclose P.O. 12s. 6d.—J. Davies to W. Rudd.

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36 Coy., R.G.A., Fort Staddon, Plymouth, April 18th, 1909. I am pleased to say the pair of Yorkshires I had from you a little while ago hatched out 4 birds from 4 eggs on Good Friday, and all are doing well.—H. Bridle to W. Rudd.

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My special matched pairs of prize-bred **Norwich Plainheads at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 20/-; Crested** ditto, **15/-, 20/-, 25/-,** and **30/-; Yorkshires, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-,** and **20/-; Lancashires 25/-, 30/-, 40/-; Cinnamons, 8/6, 9/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; Lizards, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; Border Fancies, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6.**

### To Beginners:

If you cannot afford a big price send for a pair of my correctly matched Norwich at 8/6 or 9/6; and now note this.—In most cases where you send for pairs at this price, you are sent two buffs, often both marked birds—this is where you do not get what is required—well, I send you one **marked, and one clear; one buff,** and the **other yellow.** Travelling cage 3d. extra. Then for 3/6 I will send you a Double Breeding Cage fitted with everything complete for an immediate start. Total for Birds and Cage 12/3 for 8/6 birds, or 13/3 for 9/6 birds. But, I would strongly recommend you to have my Cage No. 100; it has sand drawers and is fitted with sanitary furniture throughout, and the price is only 5/-.

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Clear Yellow, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-.

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Pairs Norwich Plainheads Matched for Breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6.

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## W. RUDD, THE Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

### Rollers & Singing Canaries.

THREE hens, Hartz, good breeders, 2/- each.—John Livingstone, 37, Gladstone-st., Loughborough.

NOTICE.—Grand Roller cocks, 3/6 each; cock and hen, 5/6; approval.—Stewart, Pouter Place, Castle Douglas.

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WHAT offers in cash for two Roller cock Canaries and cock Linnet Mule, good songsters.—Holden, Wigan-rd., Westhoughton.

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WHAT offers for three pairs of Seifert Rollers? Or sell, 10/6 pair; two hens, 3/- each, 1908 birds.—Clarke, 257, Ball's Pond-rd., Islington.

PURE Seifert Roller hens, all wearing B.R.C.C. rings, cold-room bred, and ready to nest, 4/- and 5/- each.—Geo. Austin, 13, Cedar-st., Bury.

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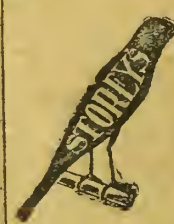


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HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires; cocks, 5/6, 6/6; hens, 3/6, 4/-; approval, cash.—Pell, 50, Wentworth-rd., Tinsley, Sheffield.

STILL a few nice birds left; cocks, 6/-, 7/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 8/6, 10/-.—Broadbent, Decorator, 33, Langsett-rd., Sheffield.

CHEAP. A splendid pair 1908 bred Yorkshires, clear yellow cock and buff hen, 12/6; can breed winners.—Crathorne, Bridlington, Yorkshire.

FEW single birds and pairs from my winning stock, cheap.—Paddock, 9, All Saint's-rd., King's Heath, Birmingham.

YORKSHIRES, three yellow, three buff, young birds, in the pink, 27/- the lot.—Harry Jennings, Anne-st., Great Horton.

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FEW choice Yorkshire cocks, 7/6, 10/- each; also untried hens; approval; my champion stock.—James Thomas, Bugle Cornwall.

SPLENDID Yorkshire cocks in full song from 6/6; hens from 3/6; cold-room.—George Summers, Tyndale, Swanage, Dorset.

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LONG, slim Yorkshire self green hens, 3/- each; self green cocks, 5/- each; approval.—John Dean, 39, Mitchelgate, Kirkby Lonsdale.

CINNAMON marked Yorkshires and pink-eyed clears, pairs and single high-class birds.—Mills, Westwood avenue, Timperley, Cheshire.

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**What does this prove?**

111, Hitcham Road, Lea Bridge Road, Walthamstow, London. April 19, 1909.—Just a small order once again. Can you let me have a buff Yorkshire hen, as long as possible, slim, and tight feather? I hope it will prove as good as the last Yorkshire cock I bought from you at a moderate figure. He bred me two **first prize** winners, **seconds**, and **thirds**, besides specials for **best** in novice section, and **second best** in show in good competition. I still have the stock bird and am breeding with him again.—H. Burbidge to W. Rudd.

See my advertisement page402.

## W. RUDD, THE Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

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I HAVE a few good hens for disposal cheap, including two grand yellow Borders.—J. A. Simpson, 84, Chevening-road, West Kilburn, London.

HAVE still for sale some splendid Yorkshire singing cocks, from 6/6; good hens, 3/6 each; inspection invited.—Denker, 57, Leman-st., London, E.

FIVE Yorkshire hens, 3/6 each, 15/- lot; show cages, Norwich or Yorkshire, 9d. each, nearly new.—Shea, 51, Warner-street, New Kent-road, London.

BARGAIN, grand pair Yorkshires, bred from my noted winners, and matched to produce exhibition specimens, 15/-; another pair, 20/-; cock winner 2nd prize.—W. Brooks, 31, Holland-rd., Brixton, London.

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# CLUB REPORTS.

## LARKHALL C.B.A.

Usual meeting held in the Miners' Hall, on April 17th. The treasurer submitted the balance sheet for the past season. It showed a very substantial sum in favour of the Association. It was thought advisable, owing to work being so scarce in the district, not to hold an open show this year. A new cup has been purchased for competition among the members, which should help to make the members' show of greater interest. The election of office-bearers; ensued, and the following were duly elected. President, Mr. J. Rundell; vice-president, Mr. R. McEwan; treasurer, Mr. D. Clarkson; sec., Mr. Jas. Pollock, 30, Marshall Street; and a large committee.—JAS. POLLOCK, Hon. Sec.

## FALKIRK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held in Oddfellows Hall, President Robert Dickson presiding. The judges for annual show were elected as follows: Messrs. McLay (Norwich section), D. J. Gardner (British and Foreign sections), and R. Lambie (Border Fancy section). A table show was also held. There were two classes—one for Greenfinches, and one for A.O.S. British. Mr. Eadie judged. It was agreed to hold another table show of British birds at next meeting. Members are reminded that yearly contributions are due next meeting all communications to be sent to me at 28, Union Road, Camelon, Falkirk.—ROBERT HAMILTON, Sec.

## EAST BOWLING AND DIS. B.F.A.

Monthly meeting held on April 10th, Mr. J. Firth in the chair. Mr. Wm. Richmond (Rodley) gave his lecture on "Pairing and the Rearing of Young Birds" before a good gathering of members and friends. The lecture was much appreciated by the company, and some discussion ensued. Several of our members were very quick at asking questions, all of which were well handled and ably answered by Mr. Richmond. A most successful meeting was brought to a close, after a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Richmond, moved by our chairman and seconded by Mr. Sharpe.—L. BOOTH, Hon. Sec.

## LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

Our ramble to Pailton, on April 18th, for the purpose of moss gathering, turned out a complete success, the weather being all that could be desired. A fair muster turned out. Travelling by Great Central to Lutterworth, we went thence on foot to our destination. After the four-mile walk we did ample justice to a good breakfast provided by our host, Mr. Harry Dickins, who also had a plentiful supply of moss ready gathered, leaving us the whole morning to roam the country round about. Several Thrushes' and Blackbirds' nests were found containing eggs, and Swallows were quite plentiful. We also had the pleasure of hearing a Nightingale within a few yards from the place where we were standing. The perfume of the violets was a thing to be remembered. Altogether, we had a very pleasant morning, and with a hearty handshake and many thanks to our host and hostess, we started home in time for dinner.

## HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

At a special meeting of committee, recently held, the handsome silver challenge trophy presented by the President (G. A. Touche, Esq.) for competition at annual shows, was allotted for best unflighted Canary Mule or Hybrid in show, bred by exhibitor. The silver cup presented by Messrs. Trower and Co. was allotted for best British or Foreign bird in show. It was also decided to purchase the silver cups, one for each section, novice, amateur, and champions, for best unflighted Canary Mule or Hybrid bred by exhibitor. This makes six solid silver cups to be competed for at our next annual show. It was further decided that £7 10s. be spent on purchasing specials, such as teapots, clocks, etc. Our radius is open to the world, but no member joining after the June meeting will be eligible to compete for the silver cups or trophies.—G. H. NEAL, Hon. Sec.

## KILMARNOCK O C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held in the Ossington Hall, on April 17th. The balance sheet was read and unanimously adopted. The following gentlemen were elected office-bearers:—Hon. Presidents, Police-Judge Munroe, R. Findlay, Esq., and M. Jamieson, Esq.; Hon. Vice-Presidents, W. C. Cunningham, Esq., and J. Middleton, Esq.; President, Mr. J. Noble; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. Cram and W. Watson; secretary, James B. Y. Murdock, 9, Burnside Street, Kilmarnock; and the following strong committee:—Messrs. G. F. Adamson, J. Breadon, W. G. Muir, J. Johnston, A. Mackie, J. Smillie, R. McCallum, R. McCaw, H. Train, G. Blair, J. Calderwood, J. Jamieson, A. Gardiner, W. Guthrie, W. Strathearn, R. McDowall, R. Findlay, and G. Alston. Messrs. W. G. Muir and G. Blair, were elected auditors. After a good deal of discussion as to the best days to hold show, it was unanimously agreed that it be held on Nov. 19th and 20th, this being a fortnight earlier than usual, as our old date was too much taken up with club shows. This being all the business, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—JAMES B. Y. MURDOCH, Secretary.

## SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual meeting held April 17th, at Fawcett-street Cafe, Mr. J. Farrar presiding. The auditors gave their report, showing that we had a small balance in hand. A long discussion took place as to whether we should hold our usual nest feather show this year or hold a series of table shows for young birds. It was ultimately decided that we have three young bird shows at our meeting room on June 26th, July 10th, and July 24th, 3d. an entry for each bird. The whole of the entrance fees will go for six prizes for the six highest points throughout three shows, only the first, second, and third birds to count for points, and the first three birds in each class to be debarred from competing again at following shows. The following classes will be provided: Norwich, A.V., Crest or Crestbred, A.V., Border Fancy, A.V., Yorkshire, A.V., Lizard, A.V., Cinnamon, A.V., Mules, A.V., and British bird, A.S. It was decided that Mr. J. Clark judge each show. Now is the time for new members to join us.—W. REID, Hon. Sec.

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## JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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## TWITTERINGS.

Through advertising in CAGE BIRDS I have had fifty orders that I cannot fulfil, writes Mr. W. Leeson (Rushden).

The date of our open show, writes Mr. Joseph Brown, secretary of the Derwent Valley C.B.S., will be October 30th.

Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), we hear, is engaged to judge at Wolverhampton on October 28th, and at Windhill on December 11th.

Kindly thank all who replied to my advertisement in your last week's issue, writes Mr. E. A. Wright (Watford), as I had too many to answer individually.

The Stockport B.F.A. members' First Feather Show will be held on June 17th and 18th, when Mr. H. W. Battye, of Huddersfield, will judge, writes Mr. W. Stafford, tho secretary.

The quarterly statement of accounts of the City and Suburban A.C.B., to hand from the hon. secretary, Mr. Wynn, shows a cash balance on the right side of £24 16s. 9d.

I am pleased to say, writes Mr. R. P. Shipcott (Bristol), that through my advertisement in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, I could have disposed of my Crested hens seventy times over.

We have fixed November 10th and 11th for our annual show, writes Mr. E. L. A. Crow, hon. secretary of the Lowestoft F.S., and have engaged Mr. W. E. Greaves to judge the Canary section.

I have through pressure of business, writes Mr. J. Woodhouse, been compelled to relinquish the post of secretary to the Portsmouth C.B.S. The new secretary is Mr. Hawes, 125, Commercial Road, Portsmouth.

I am pleased to inform you that I have had a lot of sales through my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. I only wish I had advertised in it before as it is a grand medium. —JOHN MARTIN (Castle Douglas).

We have elected Mr. W. Turner (Rotherham), as judge for the cage-bird section of the Vaynol Park Show (Port Dinorwic), writes Mr. W. T. Davies, the secretary, which is to be held under C.B.U. rules on August 14.

All correspondence in connection with the Yeadon, Guiseley and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. Hy Hardaker, must be addressed in future to me as hon. secretary, my address being 23, Leafield Place, New Scarboro', Yeadon.

I consider CAGE BIRDS a splendid paper, writes Mr. W. Sherrington (Preston). It has been the means of conveying a volumo of knowledge to me on Canary-keeping, and I look forward to receiving it each week.

I have to thank you on behalf of the Association, writes Mr. Jas. Pollock, hon. secretary of the Larkhall C.B.A., for the publication of our club reports; and I beg to say that these have been the means of raising our membership.

Kindly thank those who wrote making offers for the two birds which I advertised in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. C. Sargent (Launceston). They were sold before I got my copy of the paper on the Saturday morning, which speaks well for CAGE BIRDS as an advertising medium.

The North Manchester C.B.S. have, writes Mr. John Davey, the hon. secretary, engaged the services of the following judges for their shows: First Feather Show, June 19th, Mr. W. A. Cowgill; Novices Show, November 13th, Mr. A. Wellings; January Show, January 29th, 1910, Mr. C. Houlton.

Kindly thank all who replied to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS last week, writes Mr. Jas. Mathieson (Motherwell), as I am unable to thank all individually, they being so many. The postman remarked that I would need a man specially for the delivery of my post. I wish "C.B." every success.

At a meeting of the Deans and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. J. Kay, the hon. secretary, the first annual show was fixed to be held on November 13th, and the following well-known judges were elected: for the British bird section, Mr. J. Strachan (Bathgate), other sections, Mr. Geo. Brown (Leith).

We have elected Mr. J. Hands, of Ryton-on-Tyne, to judge our Members' F.F. Show on July 3rd, and Mr. R. S. Bewick, of Newfield, for our Annual Members' Show on December 4th, writes Mr. Matt. Mason, secretary of the Dipton and Dis. C.B.S. We have received a good few more members, and shall be pleased to see other fanciers throwing in their lot with us.

Mr. B. Hollins (9, George Street, Hull), forwards us his latest illustrated price-list, replete with fanciers' requisites, and containing a very lengthy list of the birds stocked by him. Our readers should send a posteard for one, and note the favourable prices and terms on which Mr. Hollins does business.

It may interest you to know, writes Mr. W. Rudd, the well-known bird specialist, of Norwich, that on April 6th I sent 108 consignments of Canaries away in one day, and on April 13th, I sent away 116 consignments (not cages, etc., which were extra), and the latter is, I think, my record lot for one day.

I have taken in CAGE BIRDS ever since I started in the Fancy four years ago, writes Mr. Wm. Woollett, assistant secretary of the Choppington and Dis. C.B.A., and I have found that by following the advice given in it ono is bound to meet with success sooner or later. I hopo that the journal may continue to prosper.

The replies to my advertisements in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. Spooner (Eltham), have exceeded my expectations, for I had quite sold out my Canaries before the last of the "ads." appeared. I could have sold dozens more if I had had them. I even had to return money orders because I had no birds to supply. This shows what an excellent circulation your paper, CAGE BIRDS, must have. I wish it further good luck and every success.

The 1908 show balance-sheet of the Sligo O.A. discloses a balance on the right side of 9s. 9d., which, considering the heavy expenses in connection with the hiring of a suitable hall, must be regarded as very satisfactory, and reflects every credit on Mr. C. J. Mulligan, the hon. secretary, and the other officials.

Kindly note, writes Mr. J. Gibbons, hon. secretary of the Wolverhampton C.B.S., that we have engaged Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), to judge the Canary section of our show on October 28th and 29th, and Mr. R. J. Howe (Wellingboro'), the Mules and the British and foreign birds. The show will be held under C.B.U. rules.

## OBITUARY

We regret to have to record the sad loss sustained by our Mr. G. E. Weston. whose only child died suddenly on Wednesday last, April 21st, at a very tender age.

I write to let you know of our loss, writes Mr. A. T. Power, jun. (Tottenham). Mr. W. Power passed away just recently; and I take this opportunity of thanking all friends for their kind sympathy.

I am sorry to have to inform you, writes Mr. Robt. H. Turner, secretary of the Morley and District C.B.S., of the death on April 17th, after a short illness of Mrs. Kinder, the beloved wife of Mr. John Kinder, one of the founders of our society. I am sure that all fanciers will join with us in our sympathy with him and his family.

I am sorry to have to report that a very regrettable misfortune has befallen one of our officials, Mr. J. Park, well known as a breeder and exhibitor of the Norwich Canary, writes Mr. E. Shelly, hon. secretary, Dalton and Dis. C.B.A. I refer to the loss of a son aged 21 years, who was buried on Easter Monday. A large muster of Mr. Park's old clubmates turned up to do homage and show their respect for him in his time of trouble. A beautiful wreath given by tho members of the club showed the esteem in which Mr. J. Park is held. During the time we were waiting for the cortege to leave the house at Stainton, another trouble occurred, viz., the death of his wife's father. Some consolation, however, may be found in the fact that on Easter Monday morning he was presented with "an Easter egg" in the form of another fine son, who we hope will grow up into a bird fancier of as much repute as his respected father.

We hear from all parts of the country that young birds are doing exceedingly well on our "Egg and Biscuit Food," write Messrs. Fox Bros., and the users consider it far preferable and more palatable than the old-fashioned, home-made egg-food. This is extremely gratifying to us. Fanciers appreciate our candour in calling it egg *and* biscuit and giving the proportions.

We learn that Messrs. Witherby and Co. (High Holborn, W.C.), have in preparation an important and authoritative work on the "Birds of Kent," by Dr. Norman F. Ticehurst, who has for many years been well-known among ornithologists as a close observer of the avifauna of the county. The work is to be published by subscription, and only a limited edition will be issued.

I am pleased to tell you, writes Mr. W. J. Edwards, secretary of the Six Bells (Abertillery) and Dis. F.S., that on the day of our last show (April 13), no fewer than five cage-bird fanciers joined us. Previously none of our members, excepting myself, were interested in the cage-bird Fancy. One of tho new members is Mr. A. W. Hill, of Abertillery, who made a name for himself last show season in the exhibition of Norwich Canaries which he bred himself, and who, if he has any luck at all, will, next season, open the eyes of Norwich breeders. Our open show will be held on December 8th.

We are holding a smoking concert at the Forresters' Hall on April 28th, at 8.15 p.m., writes Mr. A. E. Allen, hon. secretary, Ramsgate and Dis. F. and F.S., Councillor C. Price in the chair. It being the ladies' night a specially good programme has been arranged. Our annual show will be held on November 10th and 11th, at the Royal Victoria Pavilion, one of the finest halls in the provinces. Having gone to the great expense in engaging this, we appeal to all fanciers to help us in our enterprise, as we mean to make this show a topper. We have engaged judges for each section, so as to give equal fairness to all.

### A Very Curious Story.

A curious sight can now be witnessed near the Catherine Wheel Inn, at Sutton (according to "The Standard") where in a bush is a nest which is shared by a Thrush and a Blackbird. The former has four eggs and the latter three. During the time the Thrush is on the nest the Blackbird perches on a branch near, and as soon as the Thrush leaves the nest the Blackbird takes her place.

### The Thrush's Caprice.

The Thrush's caprice in her choice of a nesting place is well known. She may build in a lonely bush or in a thick-set hedge, in a holly tree or in a fir; and sometimes on the rafters of an out-house. Once, says a writes in the "Newcastle Journal," I took the late Mr. Thomas Thompson, of Winlaton, to see a Thrush's nest on the ground. Now Mr. T. Bowden writes to me from the Post Office, South Charlton, saying that a Thrush had her nest built on a post 4 feet high, in his lambing shed. This nest being blown down, she commenced to build afresh on the same post.


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The balance-sheet of the Poplar and Dis. C.B.S. for the year ending March 25th, is a very satisfactory statement of the accounts of a society which has only been in existence about twelve months. The cash at the bank after paying all liabilities is £4 8s. 9d., and the assets, in the form of prize-cards and staging, are valued at £3 12s. 3d.; the Young Stock, Finch, and Annual Shows all resulted in balances on the right side. The management of the society, therefore, is in capable hands, and Mr. H. W. Cook, the hon. secretary, and the other officials are to be congratulated on the excellent results of the first year's working.

### Habits of Ringed Plovers.

The male Ringed Plover takes his turn at sitting upon the eggs, while the female is having exercise and food. When the young ones are hatched they leave the nest almost immediately. Meanwhile the mother bird hatches out the remaining eggs.

### Fire!

Sparrows' nests under eaves of the roof, through which passed an iron flue-pipe, were the cause of a fire which broke out in St. George's Road, Forest Gate, on April 13th. The firemen were engaged for two hours on the outbreak, says the "Times," which entirely destroyed the upper part of the house and spread to the next house.

### Pied Flycatcher in London.

Following up my communication of last week respecting the migrants I had been enabled to identify during my Easter rambles, writes "Nemo," I may say that I have had another opportunity of a splendid view of Kingfishers. I have also had an excellent view of the Pied Flycatcher and the Reed Bunting.

### My First Swallows.

I saw my first Swallows on April 18th, about five miles from the outskirts of Newcastle, writes Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside). A pair of them were hawking for food around a farmstead, but I rather think they would find more work than insect-life, as although the sun was up in all its glory, a very cold wind was blowing at the same time. As yet I have not seen any of our summer migrants here. But I expect I shall do so this week, this being about the date for the Wheatear, etc. The outside bird-life with the change of weather is progressing rapidly.

### The Canary and the Wren.

A correspondent writes to "The Globe":—Some years ago a friend of my family was making the voyage to Australia in the "Underley" sailing-ship, which was wrecked off Luccombe Chine, Isle of Wight. Poor Charlie Groves was the only person drowned, losing his life in an attempt to save a pet Canary. He was emerging from the companion way with his Canary and cage, when a huge sea swept over the vessel, washing him overboard. A very pathetic funeral, the cost of which was borne by public subscription, followed. On visiting Bonchurch some time after, the grave was pointed out to me by the caretaker, who said that ever since tho funeral a Wren had built her nest regularly over the grave. and added, "we never allow it to be disturbed because it is such an interesting sight for those who remember the poor man who lost his life for a Canary."

### HAMILTON (Cadzow Oak) O.S.

Mr. A. Malcolmson (Glasgow) gave his promised "Cage-making" demonstration at a meeting held April 3rd, in the Lesser Town Hall, Mr. D. Johnston (Vice-President) in the chair. The members who failed to attend missed a treat. Mr. Malcolmson, in opening, stated that he purposed making an all-wire breeding cage, such as was generally in use in Scotland. His cage, however, was made on the "improved principle"—all the wire work is made detachable from the wooden bottom, being secured to the latter by catches. The length of the cage is 22in., breadth 10in., height 15in., the wirework being 12in. high. The great advantage of the bottom being removable is the ease with which it can be cleaned. By having a spare clean one always on hand, said the lecturer, the dirty one can be removed and the other attached without so much as disturbing the sitting hen. The demonstrator also claimed that the cage being made of wire and having a detachable bottom, red mites could not possibly obtain such a footing as in a wooden box cage. Mr. Malcolmson gave a masterly demonstration, making a cage from beginning to end before the audience. A large number of questions were asked and answered, and the time went all too quickly. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Malcolmson. Mr. W. Hamilton's lecture on "Birds I have Kept" is held over until the show business is disposed of, as it is getting well on in the season.—A. CANT, Sec.

# A Chat About Yorkshires.

By W. MUNDELL.

**A lecture delivered before the L. and P.O.S. on April 15th.**

At a meeting of the London and Provincial O.S., held at "The Raglan," Aldersgate Street, on April 15th, Mr. W. Mundell was present to give a lecture on Yorkshires, he having journeyed from Bradford specially for the purpose. There was a large attendance and those present included Messrs. T. Heath (in the chair), Geo. Crabb, J. W. Ramsden, J. Dobson, H. J. Pearce, H. W. Cook, R. J. Pretty, G. F. Males, W. Hodson, R. L. Crisp, A. W. Curtis, J. E. Graves, F. J. Day, Geo. H. Conzens, H. Dixon (Merton, Surrey), F. S. Matthes, G. J. Warley, G. Pace, C. W. Baker, A. Goodwin, P. Brooks, A. Scott, J. Oldaker, F. Lathleiff, W. Large, S. Turner, W. J. Silverthorn, J. Burton, G. Vincent, H. Knight, J. Robson, W. A. Dickins, and H. E. Tringham, the hon. secretary.

The Chairman having introduced the lecturer, Mr. Mundell said he would preface his remarks by reading to his audience, with their permission, a paper which had been given him by the writer of it, the late John Henry Thaekrey, just before that fancier's death some two years ago. Mr. Thackrey, said the lecturer, was the greatest authority on Yorkshire Canaries who had ever lived. The paper to which Mr. Mundell referred, and which he read in his own inimitable style, was listened to very attentively, and was couched in the following terms :—

### The Fancy Forty Years Ago.

"To trace back for the origin of the Yorkshire is certainly a bit of a puzzle. However, we will take our reminiscences from, say, 35 years ago, or going back into the late sixties. There were few bird societies in those days. The fanciers were mostly working men, who met at a public-house on Saturdays and exchanged ideas, passing a few pleasant hours discussing the main points in connection with the hobby. They were not all Yorkshire fanciers; a good many went in for Lancashires, Lizards, and Cinnamons, or, as they were mostly called, 'Drabs,' or 'Dun-coloured birds.' A Yorkshire was generally considered 'a good Common Canary,' and here is where the improvement began. A good Common was a nice, smart, close-feathered bird, well up on leg, and as long as possible. Understand, however, that length was the very first improvement required, and how to obtain length was the vital point. And, of course, breeders at once turned to Lancashire Plainheads, as this got both length and size. But a long, slim bird was the desire of most breeders.

"So a few fanciers who could get hold of a fair Belgian cock bird tried a cross of Belgian blood run into their stock. This proved a good move, as they were enabled to get a certain amount of style and quality, such as a neat, small head—a great improvement on the Lancashire Plainhead's heavy skull. Still, the drawback again was a frill on the chest. Many good birds were bred, it is true, with plenty of length, very straight, and of nice style: but this frill was a great stumbling block. Then Norwich blood was mixed in to shorten the feather, which it did, and also produced birds of excellent colour. The Norwich of those days were very short, hard-feathered birds, not of the present-day type, but more adapted for the Yorkshire breeder's requirements. Many good-coloured, close, hard-feathered Norwich were really too long and slim for their own class, so that these just fitted in well for the Yorkshiremen.

"So the breeders went on for years, picking and crossing to try and get a bird that would be long, straight, and close in feather, and standing on a pair of good legs. A few of the most enterprising fanciers paid many visits into Lancashire—Todmorden, Rochdale and Oldham being their hunting grounds—where they were to be found in quest of long, slim Lancashire Plainheads. And they got them, too, and staged them as Yorkshires, winning all along the line

### The Shows of Thirty Years Ago.

"As we remarked at first, shows were not so plentiful over thirty years ago. A few fanciers would band themselves together at their meeting house, and arrange for a show, say, on a Saturday during the winter. This would be held in the showroom of some public house, where the fanciers were in the habit of meeting. The birds would be staged on the tables during Saturday and Sunday. Sunday was a great day for fanciers, who came some distance to meet with each other and talk things over. And rare old times they used to have. A judge was often selected out of the company present, after the birds were staged on the Saturday morning. His awards were final, although there were often differences of opinion; after a fair amount of beer had been consumed, those differences were sometimes very much in evidence. Still, a good-hearted lot of fanciers they were, who only differed to be friends again directly. The classes were not so numerous as now. They embraced such varieties as Belgians, Lancashire Coppies, Lancashire Plainheads, Lizards, 'Drabs,' clear yellow and buff Yorkshires; and as a rule two classes were provided for even-marked, or variety, now nearly extinct, although one of the most charming varieties of Canary. It seems strange that in those days there were so few shows; and no-one, moreover, would think of sending a bird to a show where he could not both take and fetch it himself, or get a friend to do so for him. We remember one show at a public-house not many miles from Bradford which a few fanciers had arranged to hold. There were only about four classes, and these were for clear and even-marked Yorkshires, about fifty birds being staged. The secretary put a ticket on each bird, as it was brought and entered on the Saturday morning. After all the birds had been staged, a judge had to be selected. So an old breeder was chosen; he was a very much respected old chap. He was given a long clay pipe, a quart jug of beer, and sent into the chamber to judge, where he was locked in to do his best and make the awards. After about two hours the secretary went to hear how he was going on, and the judge told him he had done long since—he had looked them all over, and they were put just as they should be. He said No. 1 in each class was the best, No. 2 the next, No. 3, third, and so on; and he thought that as they stood they could not be improved. And his awards were not at all well received.

"It would be a great astonishment for some of the old fanciers to come back and see the birds and shows of the present day. We can remember old breeders telling how that they could not sell the hens they had bred. One old fancier in particular has let many an one fly out of his birdroom window, as hens were not worth the keeping—only those they wanted to breed from. Many a good hen could be bought at about 1s. or 1s. 3d., which was considered a very fair price.

"We referred to the breeders fetching long, slim Lancashires to show as Yorkshires. We remember one bird in particular—a fine, long, clear yellow. He cost a (in those days) fabulous sum, viz., £1. The twenty shillings were actually paid for him. He measured nine inches. His tail feathers (outside ones) measured just 4½ inches. He was shown in a little village outside Bradford, and created a great sensation, winning first and a copper kettle for best bird in show.

"There were long (so-called) Yorkshires in those days, and length was always aimed at. There was no use for the birds unless they were long and small—the longer the better. At last a few towns, such as Middlesbrough, Darlington, Stockton, Bradford, Dewsbury, and others, possessed societies, and fanciers used to have shows and send out schedules. As the Fancy spread the Yorkshire variety began to get more popular, many good Yorkshire fanciers being found at Saltburn, Whitby, Scarborough, Marske, and away about Carlisle. So the Fancy spread until it found its way into the Midland Counties, and right away South, the Yorkshire having now become one of the most popular varieties.

### Some Exhibition Foibles.

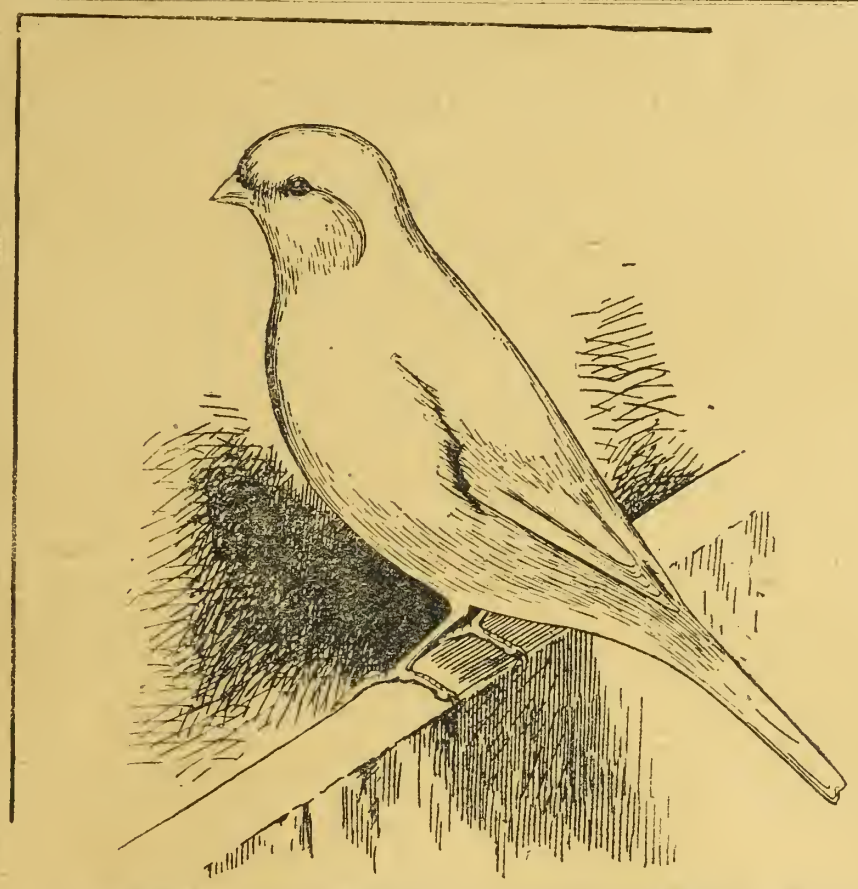
"A few words about the show cages in use for Yorkshires. We remember the old style of cage was a big wood and wire construction about 18 inches high and a foot square; they were heavy, massive affairs. Later were introduced some square cages just twice the size of the present-day show cage. Different fanciers had different ideas as to what constituted a suitable cage, and very funny ideas some of them were. We have seen a Yorkshire staged in a Lark cage, and remember that at one show the entries were taken up to judging time, and a certain fancier sent his son with his exhibit in a paper bag, the bird being eventually staged in a Linnet cage.

"Washing Yorkshires for exhibition was never dreamt of by lots of the old fanciers now passed away. We have seen birds so shown that one could hardly tell whether they were yellows or buffs. One old fellow, on seeing at a show some birds that had been well washed, and which looked grand, remarked that they were as clean as angels, and thought that they must have been moulted in heaven. He was astonished to hear that they had been washed by a fancier on this earth.

"The Crystal Palace was the first show South to introduce a single class for 'Yorkshire Canary.' For two or three years 'Cassell's Fanciers' Gazette,' through the influence of the late W. A. Blakston, Esq., guaranteed three or four classes, after which a firm footing was soon secured in the Crystal Palace show schedule for this variety.

"A few words in praise of the Even-marks. At least two classes should be added to the Yorkshire sections of shows for Even-marked yellows and Even-marked buffs. It is a most interesting hobby, breeding this variety. They *can* be bred, and good ones too. Skill and judicious selection and perseverance are certain to be rewarded."

*(To be continued).*



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## UNDER THE WHITE ROSE.

THE C.M.Y.C.C. held their annual general meeting on Saturday last, the proceedings being very lively throughout, the three questions of ticks, even marks, and novice classes being the principal points of discussion. The novice members, and intending members, will be pleased to hear that it has been decided to give novice classes a trial, and it is hoped that the "backbone of the Fancy" will leave no loophole for their withdrawal another year, but that they will rally round and do their best to support the classes, more especially as it will be to the benefit of the club, the members deciding to refund half the loss to societies who will run the classes. Therefore, any society wishing for the patronage of the C.M.Y.C.C. must now provide four open and two novice classes. Of the open classes paying there is little fear. The entries during the past season came up exceptionally well, averaging throughout about fourteen per class, and no doubt the novice classes will also fill well.

THE ticked and even-marked question took up a long time, and eventually it was decided that both ticks and even-marks should be allowed to compete; much merriment was caused by the proposer of the motion for ticks to be included, saying that he preferred the motion to bar ticks from competing. Oh! What a long way to come to propose something you don't want, and then to vote for it!

THE subject of the method of counting for the competitions was also brought forward, and here a change takes place, the old style of "starring" the birds to count being ousted in favour of the highest birds of each exhibitor, three of which count for points. It is very gratifying to note that, although this club give such a magnificent array of prizes for an entry fee of 1s. 6d., the balance-sheet shows a slight balance in hand; also it was decided that the entry fee still remain the same.

THE Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C. secretary is very busy getting things in readiness for their annual general meeting, which takes place on Saturday, May 8th, at headquarters, Market Tavern, Bradford, at 7 p.m. He is circularising all exhibitors who are not members of the club and inviting them to attend the general meeting. Also note that a committee meeting is to be held on May 1st to prepare the business for the week following.

THE Y.C.C. also will be holding their annual meeting shortly, when much important business will have to be transacted. I supposo the question of "eup" competition will be the main point at issue. Many are already wondering whether another "challenge cup" will be forthcoming.

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# Hints on Pairing Up Birds and Rearing Young Ones.

By J. C. BARNES.

(Concluded from page 318.)

### Egg Binding.

A word or two on egg-binding may come in useful. Some hens are very obstinate in parting with their eggs, as it were, and become what is termed egg-bound. Should a case of this kind crop up, take the hen out of the cage; handle her very carefully. Drop a few spots of sweet olive oil into her vent, and place her back in the cage. If the case is of a severe character—if she fails to lay within an hour or two—get a cupful of hot water, place a piece of flannel over the same, hold the vent of the bird over the latter, and steam her for a matter of 15 minutes. Be careful not to scald her, of course. This will, in most cases, cause the egg to come away from her. Afterwards give the hen a little sponge cake soaked in sherry wine; this will stimulate her. If you find she is awkward afterwards in depositing her eggs, keep her in a warm room, as warmth will assist her; a little gin or whiskey in the drinking water is very stimulating and helpful (half-teaspoonful to two tablespoonfuls of water).

### Removal of Eggs and Sitting.

As a hen lays her eggs, I remove them each morning, and place them in a box that is partitioned into squares, each square being numbered to correspond with my breeding cages. I replace them with a dummy egg. On the evening of the day on which the third egg is laid, I sit the hen, and book her to hatch 14 days afterwards. By following this plan most of the eggs hatch out at the same time, and the youngsters commence life on an equal footing, whereas if you leave the eggs in the nest as they are laid, some hens will commence to sit as soon as the first egg makes its appearance. Then the youngsters hatch out at various periods, and those that come out of the shell last often "go to the wall," through being the weaker and getting overlooked when feeding time comes round.

When a hen has been sitting four of five days, it can be seen whether the eggs are good or otherwise. If good, blood vessels will have made their appearance. This you can tell by holding the egg up to a strong light, when the egg looks dark. At the end of seven or eight days they are quite opaque. If transparent (or "clear eggs," as the Fancy terms them), they have not been fertilised, and are no use whatever.

### Food for the Young.

Egg-food must be supplied to the parents when the youngsters are due to appear; also give a little hemp-seed, which is beneficial. The egg-food should be made up as mentioned in the former part of this article. To each pair of birds give as much as they will eat up; but try to give little and often. Hemp seed I give in goodly quantity, and find my birds will feed on this even better than on the egg-food.

Give no green-food until the young ones have attained the age of three days, then I place between the wires of the cage a small quantity of fresh watercress or dandelion twice a day; both are excellent green meats. Be careful not to let either egg-food or green-food become sour; if you do, great trouble will onsue, and death play a far more prominent part than will be at all appreciated.

### Weaning Young Birds.

When the young birds reach the age of a month, very little fear need be entertained, as to removing them entirely away from their parents. Place them in either large flights or cages by themselves—flights for preference, as they will get more exercise and grow better. Continue with the egg and bread crumbs, also give crushed hemp seed and a little bread soaked in milk. You can, in the course of a few days, place inside their cages a little Spanish Canary seed for them to learn to crack, crushing it a little at first, if you think well. As regards giving water to drink, some fanciers do not supply it until the young birds are seven or eight weeks old, in most cases relying on the milk sop to supply the necessary moisture. I always give water from the first, but use discretion in administering it, and to each pint of water (or thereabouts) I add about two tablespoonfuls of Parrish's Chemical Food, which I find answers well for the purpose of keeping the birds from drinking too much; and at the same time it gives strength to them. If you give water alone, some young birds are very apt to drink to excess, which is far from good for them, bringing on bowel trouble, that in many instances ends their career.

By the time the youngsters have attained the age of six weeks, they will be able to crack whole seed fairly well, and once you get them on to this they will cause you very little trouble. Wean them from the soft food on to the hard by degrees; don't try to rush them, for fear of causing internal trouble. Let your motto be "slow and sure."

### General Hints.

At about the pairing-up time, inga (often termed niger) seed should be given to the birds, especially the hens, as it assists to prevent egg-binding, and is of a stimulating nature. Give a little two or three times a week.

Should you find that at any time a cock bird is molesting the hen during incubation, out of the cage with him; the hen alone will bring up the youngsters all right in the majority of cases. Very few fail to do so. Place him back with her in a matter of 12 or 14 days, when, in most cases, he will be helpful; if he fails to come up to expectations, and still carries on his roguish games, keep him from her for a matter of three weeks altogether.

If you find that a bird is eating the eggs, give him or her a bad (rotten) one to have a go at. This very rarely fails to effect a cure.

Sawdust is very useful for the floor of the cage, as it keeps the birds' feet clean by absorbing the moisture of the excreta; again, should by mischance a youngster fall out of the nest, it is often saved from death by the soft, warm material that it falls upon.

At the end of the three weeks after the hatch, you can be on the look-out for a fresh lot of eggs being laid, if, indeed, not already laid, for hens vary very much. Leave both cock and hen together (if amicable) right through the season, as two feeders are better than one. Give a bath on nice, bright days, as this is a fine conditioner, and greatly appreciated by the birds. Do not part with a hen simply because she fails to rear her first brood; her second effort may be just the reverse. Should you find the birds at all backward in feeding their young, vary the food as much as possible.

When the hen has brought up her first batch of youngsters, see that her feet are not clogged (with dirt, etc.).


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# ORNITHOLOGICAL ODDMENTS.

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### A Waggish Woodpecker.

A specimen of the Royal Woodpecker of Cuba (*Melanerpes superciliaris*), the first, so far as I know, to reach us alive, has recently been imported, and in connection with it I heard a curious little story illustrating a bird's love of a practical joke. When in the possession of the dealer who first had it—it is at the Zoo now—its cage was adjacent to one containing Budgerigars, and the Woodpecker's standing joke was to get one of these little Parakeets by the tail and hold on till the shrieks of the victim brought assistance. But the way in which this was done was most curious, for the Budgerigars' abode, being just under the Woodpecker's, he used to fish for any tail protruding from the bars with his long extensible tongue, until he could lick it into the reach of his bill!

This Woodpecker, by the way, would be better called the Zebra Woodpecker, for the most characteristic point about its appearance is the regular and elegant black and white barring of the upper plumage. It is in size rather superior to our Greater-spotted species.

### Great Crested Grebe in Hyde Park

I have always maintained that London is an excellent place for the study of bird life, and one meets many more different species in our parks than is usually supposed; but I must admit that I was greatly astonished to see on Saturday, April 10th, a Great Crested Grebe in full plumage, swimming about in one of the fountain-basins at the end of the Serpentine.

It seemed quite indifferent to the presence of people, but the keepers told me that when it first appeared—it had been there several days, having merely moved from one basin to another—it was very nervous and constantly diving. Evidently the bird, unused to such narrow waters, felt itself trapped, as it were, and was uneasy; it so happened that I saw it pluck up heart and get away. About a quarter to four it made a start from about the centre of the basin, in the curious running flight characteristic of these birds when getting under way, first cleared the coping, and passed on over the adjacent balustrade to the Serpentine, where no doubt it settled, as it did not rise higher.

### Keeping Bulbuls.

As there have been a good many of these birds in the market of late at low prices, a few notes on their management may be of use here. Out in the East one is fairly steeped in Bulbuls, as it were; they are the commonest and most conspicuous garden birds in the country; so that their habits are easily observed. Their favourite food is ripe fruit, but in default of that they can put up with green fruit or even buds; they also feed largely on insects, on which the young are brought up. Insects are often caught by them on the wing just as they are by our Flycatchers. The nest is an ordinary open one, placed in a bush.

In captivity, Bulbuls are about the easiest of Softbills to maintain; any decent soft food mixture will keep them, but plenty of fruit must be given as well, or, if fruit runs short, minced greenstuff. They are very greedy, but, being active birds, do not seem to fatten themselves to death like so many birds of this character.

### Species Available.

The kind that has been most plentiful of late is about the prettiest of all—the Red-eared Bulbul (*Otocompsa emeria*). This is about the size of a Chaffinch, with the usual short legs and rather long tail of the Bulbul group, and a long peaked, black crest; this gives it a very smart appearance, which is enhanced by the scarlet patches on each cheek and under the tail, and the snow-white throat; the general hue of the plumage is brown, and the sexes are alike.

Another common species is the Bengal Bulbul (*Molpastes bengalensis*), which has a shorter and more bushy crest, but is a considerably larger bird, as big as a Lark. Its general colour is very dark—black, indeed, on the head—but it has a scarlet patch under the root of the tail and a white one above it, and its smart appearance and movements make it a most noticeable bird either at large or in the aviary. This is the commonest species about Calcutta, and is the kind which natives keep as a fighting bird.

### Some Seasonable Greenfoods.

Now that spring is here it is as well to draw attention to some articles of raw vegetable diet, which seem to be a good deal neglected by bird-keepers. One is flowering grass—the ordinary short wayside grass which springs up absolutely anywhere where over an inch or two of soil is left undisturbed for a few weeks. This is, on the whole, the best of green-foods, and one which appeals to a wider variety of birdy palates than any other. It also possesses the great advantage of not going sour, but simply drying up when stale, in which state it comes in handy as nesting material. It is especially favoured by foreign Finches, and if people would only supply it daily, roots and all, to Waxbills, I am sure we should hear less of the delicacy of these little things.

Another good food is the buds of hawthorn, which any Londoner may see being greedily devoured by Wood Pigeons. There is nothing unpleasant about the taste of these sprouts; indeed, when I was a boy, in Kent we youngsters used to eat them, calling them "Cuckoo's bread and cheese." The good people of Kent, by the way, had some weird ideas about the Cuckoo's bill of fare, for I distinctly remember being told, when I was very juvenile, that I must not go out in the muddy weather of spring "till the Cuckoo had come and eaten up all the dirt!"

### An Oriental Pet.

Speaking of Cuckoos reminds me that the other day I saw for sale a healthy—and highly spiteful—specimen of my old friend the Koel, or Black Cuckoo, of India (*Eudynamys honorata*). This species enjoys the distinction of being the only Cuckoo which is widely kept as a pet bird; a caged Koel is as common a sight in Calcutta as a caged Blackbird in London. Being a big, strong bird, as large as a Pigeon, and a fruit-eater to boot, the Koel is easily kept, and his beautiful rich notes and glossy Raven plumage, set off by ruby eyes and a yellow-green bill, both appeal to the native fancier. Indeed, the native lover habitually uses the bird as a symbol of comparison when he wants to pay a compliment to his sweetheart, comparing the lady's jet-black—and well-oiled—tresses to the bird's plumage, and likening her voice to its note. Personally, I am very fond of the bird's call, but he has a way of keeping it up at night which does not endear him to Europeans.

# THE YOUNG NATURALIST.

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### *A Dream that Came True.

Amongst my collection of birds last year I had a fine singing Skylark. This bird was my favourite, and I took much pains to keep him in health. One night I had a dream. It was this: whilst showing my prize to a friend the bird flew away, singing the popular song at that time, "Has anyone seen the German Bands? Yah, yah, yah." The next day I was cleaning out Jack's cage, when the door opened, and up in the air flew the bird, singing lustily. I stood watching him in dismay, and just when he had escaped, the popular air, "Yah, yah, yah," floated from an old barrel organ in the street, as if mocking and laughing at my bad luck.—Sent by David W. Williams (age 15), Thornbank, Caerphilly, Cardiff.

### *A Wise Wagtail.

A pair of Wagtails built their nest in a railway carriage which stood on a siding at Cosham station. In the summer the carriage was used in a local train between Cosham and Fratton. For the first few days both Wagtails accompanied the train backwards and forwards; but afterwards the male Wagtail used only to come down and see the train off. And at 6.30 p.m., when the train returned, the station-master and the Wagtail were always there to welcome the female bird to Cosham again.—Taken from "Country Side," and sent by E. T. Wills (age 14), 102, Artizan Road, Northampton.

### **The Little Blind Linnet.

I have a Linnet small and brown,
And I to it am kind,
Because it must be sad at heart,
For it is quite, quite blind.

Oh! only think what it must be,
Never to see the flowers,
And never see the sky and trees,
In golden summer hours.

But still, my Linnet sweetly sings
A rippling, happy song,
As though its tiny heart o'erflowed
With joy the whole day long.

And so, whenever I am cross,
And tears fall like the rain,
Oh! when I hear my Linnet sing,
It makes me good again!

Cutting from "Chatterbox," sent by Annie Almond (age 14), 40, Haworth Street, Rishton, Lancs.


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# Hints on Hybrid Breeding with Bullfinch Hens.

By THOMAS SMITH.

(*Continued from page* 353.)

### The Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid.

Breeders have in the Goldfinch a bird of gorgeous plumage, and one which in health is full of vigour. His sweet song and lively antics, too, have made him a special favourite in the homes of fanciers and others. The British Goldfinch is hardy, and holds out well in confinement. The Siberian Goldfinch is larger in size and brighter in colour. He is generally chosen to breed with the Siberian Bullfinch hen, which mates readily with it. They may be put together later than some of the others used for Hybrid breeding.

Something may be gained, and certainly nothing will be lost, by putting the Goldfinch cock and the Bullfinch hen into the cage together. The Goldfinch may be observed in the month of April feeding the hen. She seldom nests before the end of May, so that as a pair they are much on the same footing as other Hybrid couples. The Goldfinch requires a daily supply of hemp, and this the Bullfinch becomes very fond of; but this and the sunflower, an indispensable food for the Bullie, are apt to put on too much flesh. A hen which is very fat is not to be depended upon for breeding to the same extent as a hen in normal condition.

The Goldfinch shows when he is ready for breeding by his bill losing the black colour and becoming clear, and also by his song, and by "shaking himself" from side to side on the perch, spreading out his tail the while. He is a most devoted mate, untiring in his devotion to his handsome dark wife.

On her ladyship starting to build her nest, he fusses about, and as a rule tears out the building material as quickly as it is put in. His movements give rise to the brightest hopes, and it is well to know that fertile eggs from a Goldfinch cock and a Bullfinch hen are not uncommon. The Goldfinch cock often destroys the eggs, so that the wisest course is to remove him in the evening and run him back in the morning after the egg has been securely put away. When the full clutch has been laid the eggs should be placed under a reliable feeding hen to be hatched and the young reared.

The young bird, on emerging from the shell, is fairly vigorous, and under the charge of suitable foster parents, develops with amazing speed, and leaves the nest when about fourteen days old. He is not long in fending for himself. For foster parents I recommend a large pair of feeders, such as cast-off Norwich Canaries, or cross-bred Canaries, with plenty of "backbone" and size. They are able to keep up the demand for food for which this Hybrid is noted. The young bird has a good appetite, which has to be considered and ministered to. The Hybrid reaches maturity sooner than some of the other varieties, but is rather soft, and has to be taken special care of. The moment any disposition to softness is evident the usual remedial measures should be adopted.

In the event of two or three being hatched in one cage, a difference in the size of the young is very apparent. The uninitiated fancier arrives at the conclusion that the largest is the male, whereas it is invariably the female that carries the size.

The colour-feeding (the colour-food should be of the best quality) should be commenced when the young are six weeks old, and be continued till the colour is thoroughly grounded. A right good specimen is a lovely exhibit. The parental characteristics are pronounced in the feathers, and properly colour-fed, the Siberian Goldfinch-Siberian Bullfinch Hybrid has no equal. Visitors to shows in England will remember the gem that was exhibited at the principal exhibitions somewhere between 1904 and 1907. He was so very outstanding in excellence that he defeated other Hybrids, such as Canary-Bullfinch, Redpoll-Bullfinch, and Greenfinch-Bullfinch. Those which, previous to his appearance had been regarded as good exhibits, were nowhere as compared with the Edinburgh-bred champion. He changed hands repeatedly, and was very greatly admired. He possessed great size and a brilliancy of colour.

At home this Hybrid should be kept in a roomy box cage. In an open wire cage he jumps on to the wires and damages his plumage. He feeds well on ordinary Canary seed, with a sprinkling of rape seed, and a little hemp. He is very fond of apple, which can safely be given twice a week.

The diet during the rearing is the usual egg and biscuit mixture; say, three times daily, taking care to remove once a day all old food. Green food, dandelion heads, and chickweed, in their season, should also be given. The Hybrid is very fond of the bath, and should have it at least once a week. A bright, warm morning should be chosen for this, and the bird should not be permitted to remain too long in the water, for fear he should catch a chill and break. Remember, prevention is better than cure. Every fancier who is fortunate in getting a champion ought to keep him in the pink of condition.

### The Redpoll-Bullfinch Hybrid.

Of all the Hybrid family, the Redpoll-Bullfinch is most sought after, no doubt by reason of its rarity. It is the rarest, in fact, of all the tribe. The Redpoll, as my readers know, is an attractive little chap, and most devoted and affectionate to his wife, whether she is a Redpoll, a Canary, a Linnet, a Goldfinch, or a Bullfinch.

The first thing to do when trying for the Redpoll-Bullfinch cross is to select a suitable hen. In my opinion, the British Bullfinch hen is the best adapted for the purpose, and yields the best results. The breeder, having decided to try this cross, and having secured a smart, tidy British Bullfinch hen, should cage the hen with the Redpoll for six months or so before the breeding season. Always afford them plenty of room to jump and fly about in, which keeps them in prime condition. In April, when the buds appear on the trees in the garden and on the common hawthorn, twigs should be placed in the wires in the cage. The birds are very fond of the buds, and will speedily strip the twigs of every vestage of green. Dandelion roots and the tender leaves of the plant may be given until the heads are in order; and while they last it is safe to confine the green food to the seeding heads. These past, chickweed follows. This has the advantage in certain parts of the country of being very plentiful. It is no uncommon thing to pass men carrying large bundles of it under their arms.

The Redpoll may be observed in May to feed the Bullfinch hen. His affection knows no bounds. He frisks about and jumps from end to end and side to side of the cage, and when the hen commences to build, to the owner's great joy, they give every evidence of being in real earnest. So much so, that the owner is positively certain that the eggs will be fertile. The Bullfinch, a day or two before she lays, may become sickly-looking, but there is no cause for alarm, it being the usual thing in the breeding operations.

If the hen deposits the eggs in the nest their safety is assured, but in case they should be dropped from the perch the bottom of the cage should be completely and deeply littered with moss or fine grass. The eggs should be removed as laid, and stored in bran until the full complement is laid, and then put under the foster mother to be hatched. The Bullfinch hen often inclines to sit, and she should be encouraged in this by putting china eggs into the nest. Should she fail to keep to the nest, the probability is she will have only an interval of a week between the clutches of eggs, which is too severe a strain upon the hen, and exhausts her for subsequent years. If the eggs are fertile, they ought not to be handled, as the handling may cause them to become addled, which will dash all one's hopes to the ground.

The young of this cross are small, and the most suitable foster parents for rearing purposes are Border Fancy Canaries, which are small and active, and naturally take to small young birds more readily than the large common feeder would. I have already said these Hybrids are rare; the breeder who secures a nice male may consider himself very lucky, as it may bring him a nice sum, or should he elect to keep it and exhibit it under a judge who has bred Hybrids and really knows from practical experience the relative worth of the various examples, he stands a good chance of doing a deal of winning. In booking for the shows, care should be taken to state correct price, as there are fanciers ready to pick up a rare exhibit even at a substantial catalogue price.

This Hybrid is of a soft nature, and requires to be well cared for. He has an inclination to sit on the perch and take it easy instead of romping about as the other Hybrids do. The male Redpoll-Bullfinch Hybrid naturally has plenty of colour, but to keep pace with kindred competitors, he should be colour-fed with one-fourth hot pepper mixed with tasteless pepper and egg and biscuit mixture. He may be apathetic at first, but get him on to it, even though for a few days it should be at the cost of withdrawing the seed. Having acquired the taste, he will freely partake of the colour-food. It will vastly improve the depth of colour and the general lustre of the feather, which are matters of considerable importance in the exhibition arena.

Hitherto, it has been very rare for anyone to secure more than one Redpoll-Bullfinch Hybrid, but I see no reason why a larger family should not be hatched and reared. Certainly that should be aimed at. The Canary-Bullfinch was until very lately equally as rare as the Redpoll-Bullfinch Hybrid. The former became numerous as the result of perseverance, and why should the latter not come forward in equal strength?

The ordinary egg and biscuit mixture and green food used in the rearing of Canaries may be given with safety in the rearing of this valuable member of the feathered tribe.

(*To be continued.*)


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## SOUTH SHIELDS C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held April 7th in Gregg's Cafe, Laygate, Mr. W. Thompson in the chair. We decided on the judges for our annual open show, and after some near voting, Mr. C. A. House was elected. The secretary was instructed to write Mr. T. Dixon (Bedlington) to be the other one. Our C.B. Union representative gave us the result of the District No. 1 meeting re the fixing of show dates, etc. The following gentlemen were elected as members of our society:—Messrs. F. Baker, M. Coltman (Hepburn), N. Blackburn (South Shields). Some more names are down for next meeting. The following alterations were made in the list of officers:—Messrs. W. L. Smith (vice-chairman), W. Duke and J. T. Carrick (auditors), and W. Howden (assistant secretary). Our first feather show was fixed for July, the date to be decided on at next meeting, May 5th. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed a very pleasant and interesting meeting.—JAMES BARRASS, Sec.

## KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held April 6th at 2, Gothenburgh. The chair was taken by the president, Mr. Jas. Stenhouse. The business of the meeting was the discussion which arose between the cage-bird fanciers and the poultry fanciers. It was agreed that each variety have a society for itself. The formation of a club, to be run as a feeder for the open show, was left over till a more convenient time. Anent the formation of rules, a small committee was appointed to draw up same and submit them at the next monthly meeting. It was then agreed, seeing that we had got clear of the poultry section, to give every encouragement to the cage bird fanciers, as we have already got a fund of £10. I think we will be able to meet everything in a true fancier-like spirit. We have engaged the best specialist judges for all varieties. This brought a very interesting meeting to a close. Mr. Stenhouse was thanked for the able manner in which he presided.—J. FORD, Sec.

## WILD BIRD LIFE.

### The Capturing of Wheatears.

Of all the birds visiting these shores during the spring months, the Wheatear is doubtless the easiest to identify. He is, roughly speaking, about the same size as a Starling, with a ruddy tinted breast, grey blue mantle, black wings, and tail, with a large patch of pure white upon the rump. He is a bird of the open, frequenting the downs, fields, and commons; in manner he is alert and suspicious. Flying low, he alights upon a clod of earth, or heap of stones, turning to face the intruder. When travelling away, the white patch at the root of the tail shows up conspicuously. He has a peculiar habit of going in and out of any hole or crevice he may find in the grounds he loves to visit; and it is this peculiarity that was taken advantage of by some in years gone by to entrap him. In the later summer months, Wheatears arrive in hundreds along the south coast, and may be met with upon the seashore, across the marshes and all over the downs. The Wheatear harvest commences in July, extending well into September, many Southdown shepherds making nearly as much money out of the captured birds during this short period as they do by their ordinary hard work during the remainder of the year. It appears that the shepherds are more successful upon showery days, or when clouds continually crossed the sun, than on bright or dull days. The Wheatear dislikes the rain, and upon the first signs of a shower will dart under cover. Almost incredible stories were told of the numbers of birds captured in a single day by these methods. It is very doubtful if the birds are now even in good years anything like so plentiful as formerly, and it may have been the decrease in their numbers which caused the shepherds to discontinue catching them, although an inhabitant of the downs once told me that the practice was put a stop to by the farmers, who considered that the shepherds neglected their flocks during the time the birds were along the coast.

### Bad for the Gulls.

It is calculated that not more than twenty young Gulls were reared from nearly three hundred pairs breeding at Walney Island, the bulk of the eggs being taken as soon as they were laid. The Black-headed Gull is a useful bird, especially on arable land, and should receive some protection.

### Stone Curlew in the South.

Occasionally we hear of a pair or two of Stone Curlews nesting in the southern counties upon some of the uplands far removed from towns and villages. Last season several nested upon the Wiltshire downs, but there was a time when these grand birds bred pretty freely all along the south downs. The shepherds knew them well, for their uneasy flights and weird, mournful cries were always noticed before a storm or bad weather.

### The Long-Tailed Tit.

The little flocks of Long-tailed Tits which have roamed the country during the winter months, have now been broken up. They are early breeders, and their nests may frequently be found long before there is sufficient vegetation to hide them. In point of beauty this wonderful home of these tiny creatures stands first among the beautiful structures to be found in our woods and hedgerows, and although one may find numbers during a lifetime, mostly spent in the open, each fresh find is as much an object to admire and marvel at as the first one, found many years ago in the half-holiday rambles of our school days.


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# CLUB REPORTS.

## CRADLEY HEATH AND DIS. F.A

The first of a series of lectures dealing with the different sections of our hobbies was delivered on April 1st at the Anchor Hotel. The paper was on "Mule and Hybrid Breeding," by Mr. J. Tonks, of Wednesbury. It was listened to with much interest by the large number of fanciers present, under the chairmanship of Mr. G. R. Yates. A discussion afterwards followed, and a number of questions put to the lecturer were suitably answered. A hearty vote of thanks, proposed and seconded by Messrs. Roach and Broadbent, concluded a very enjoyable evening.

## SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

Annual prize distribution and supper, held at the Commercial Hotel on April 5th, when about twenty-six members and friends sat down, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. G. M. Greg presented the prizes, which were won by the following:—H. Jessop, B. Wood (84 each), gold medals: S. Grayshon (83), silver medal; Liley and Rothery (82), silver medal. For most points throughout show, S. Grayshon, silver enamelled medal; H. Jessop, gold centre medal; Liley and Rothery, silver medal; British Hardbills, S. Grayshon, medal; Softbills, Greg and Pearson, gold centre medal.—J. LEWIS, Hon. Sec.

## ARDWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held April 6th at headquarters, where Mr. Downing (Manchester) gave a very interesting lecture on "The Breeding and Management of the Yorkshire Canary." For the benefit of the novices and to give them a more practical idea of what the Yorkshire Canary should be and of the way in which to match them for breeding, he brought with him four birds, one like the first one he started with himself, and one that won at the Palace show this year. Everyone seemed interested in his lecture. A few questions were asked, and he answered them in a straightforward manner. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Downing, which brought the meeting to a close.—J. SPENCER, Sec.

## OPEN NORWICH P.C.

The following is the result of ballot regarding election of committee for the above:—Messrs. A. Hirst (Accrington), vice-chairman, A. Haigh (Buttershaw), D. Sunderland (Bradford), J. Wilcock (Eccleshill), A. H. Waters (Wombwell, nr. Barnsley), R. Halliday (Shipley), H. W. Battye (Huddersfield), Wm. Foxall (Ashton-under-Lyne), J. Mottram (Halifax), H. S. Naylor (Bradford), S. H. Jeffreys (Sowerby Bridge), J. F. Thackray (Halifax), A. Pickles (Hebden Bridge), T. Boyle (York), H. J. Chittenden (Bradford), W. A. Cowgill (Bradford), J. Moorhouse (Meltham), A. Grey (Morpeth), Edgar Marlor (Denton, nr. Manchester), and Pickering (York); Messrs. A. Spencer (Doncaster) and F. Coventry (Preston), tied for last place. Meeting of the committee will be held on April 24th at the Market Tavern, Godwin-street, Bradford, at 6.30 p.m.—O. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

## ARBROATH SCOTCH FANCY C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held on April 7th, in Crockatt's Rooms, Catherine-street. There was a large attendance; eight new members were admitted. The undernoted office-bearers were elected for the ensuing season, viz.:—President, Mr. D. C. Lyall; vice-president, Mr. A. G. Murray; treasurer, Mr. James Black; auditors, Messrs. J. D. Watson and D. C. Craig; committee, Messrs. C. S. Crockatt, A. Mollison, J. Milne, F. Middlenton, G. Myles, Colville, and C. Barry; secretary, J. S. Napier, 52, St. Vigeans-road. It was also arranged to hold annual show on 30th October, in the Whyte Hart Hall. There were also added two more Norwich classes and six Border Fancy classes to the schedule for this year. The secretary was also instructed to write to several well-known judges with the view of securing their services to judge the show. A draft copy of rules was also submitted, but was sent back to committee to be revised and again submitted to a general meeting.—J. S. NAPIER, Hon. Sec.

## BRADFORD EAST O.S.

### An Enjoyable Outing.

The members, along with their wives and friends, had a most successful outing on Easter Monday to Grassington, walking back via Burnsall and Barden to Bolton Abbey. The party altogether numbered 40, which is good proof that these outings are quite popular, and are eagerly looked forward to by the juvenile section of the party. On arrival at Grassington, the weather, which had been all that one could desire the week previously, took a turn for the worse, and we were treated to a steady downpour of rain. Here we had the pleasure of meeting many friends from Bradford and district (including Mr. R. Halliday), who were going to the same place by a different route. We took to the riverside, deeming it advisable to make for Burnsall, before we made a halt to replenish ourselves, and this afterwards proved a good move. The rain was not allowed to "damp" our feelings in the least, and the male section enjoyed themselves by kicking a ball about, which, somehow or other, would keep rolling into the river, and one could forsee that unless something providential happened, it would eventually lead to someone having a plunge into the river. The ladies were not kept waiting so long, for their turn, as a great outburst of laughter pointed to the fact that one of the members of the party, in his desperate efforts to reach the ball, had overbalanced himself, and had fallen into the water. However, he managed to reach land in safety, little the worse for his unpleasant experience. After this incident the party made their way to the swing-bridge which crosses the river, and plenty of amusement was caused by the various methods brought into use by which to cross over in safety. We had now to make haste to Burnsall through a very heavy downpour of rain, which place was reached without any further mishap. While the dinner was being prepared, a wringing machine was brought into action, and I cannot say for certain whether the gentleman who had been in the river was eventually put through or not, but I did see a pair of swimming drawers, and afterwards several garments drying in a oven. This kept the party in continuous laughter, and although I am afraid many of the ladies, who had not come prepared for wet weather, were feeling its effects, still I cannot but give them every possible credit, for they never allowed it to "damp" their spirits in the least. After dinner, the rain showing no signs of abating, the party decided to make their way back to Bolton Abbey, for the conditions hereabouts were very bad, and this walk, which, under ordinary circumstances, is a perfect treat, was reduced to quite a common one. Bonnie Burnsall, which has earned a name for itself second to none for beauty, looked commonplace in the extreme under these conditions. One of our members was here telling how a friend of his had been describing to him for the past three months what a beautiful place it was, but he says I shall be able to describe it in three minutes, and, as if in answer to his remark, and in order to keep its name unsullied, the sun shone forth in all his glory, the rain ceased, the dark clouds departed as if by magic, leaving a panorama of unrivalled beauty to gaze upon. The effect was marvellous, and the transformation was complete. I can safely say that Burnsall never, in my estimation, looked nicer, and many of the members said that it had been worth all the unpleasantness to look back upon the picture that then unfolded itself. The conditions now were better altogether, and we walked on to Barden, making a short stay here in order to allow several of the party (who had been gathering moss for nesting purposes) to catch up with the rest. After this we wended our way to Bolton Abbey, walking on the Barden side of the river, and after making a short stay at the Strid, went to the Abbey dining rooms for tea, which was highly welcomed by all. An hour and a half was spent here, and the male section indulged in a game of football, the effects of which will probably be felt afterwards; in fact, I can feel them rather bad while I am writing these notes. However, seeing that holidays were instituted for pleasure and recreation we derived both, therefore we must not grumble at after-results. The enjoyment was never allowed to flag throughout the whole day, and if the old adage is true that a good laugh is as good as a bottle of medicine, then the medical profession will have suffered from a financial standpoint.—H HILL, hon. sec.

## SCOTCH FANCY CANARY NATIONAL DERBY O.A.

Members enrolled for 1909:—H. Crawford (Helensburgh), W. Hart (Paisley), R. Wright (Greenock), James Hogg (Oakley), E. B. Bullions (Glasgow), A. Porteous (Glasgow), W. Allan (Edinburgh), W. Montgomery (Corkeshill), J. Y. Miller (Govan), R. Johnstone (Musselburgh), A. Renfrew (Scotstonhill), and T. Smith (Glasgow). The secretary will be pleased to have further names and addresses of those wishing to join, and to supply tickets to any fanciers not yet reached in the distribution. We would like the current year to have the record membership.—THOMAS SMITH, Secretary, 56, Minard-rd., Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

## DARLINGTON C. AND B.B.F.A.

Meeting held April 7th, Mr. J. Wildsmith in the chair. The secretary read a letter from Mr. J. W. Ramsden concerning a scheme which he had found it necessary to devise in giving specials to shows for birds fed on his pepper. The special prize given by our president (Mr. H. Pike Pease, M.P.) for our open show was on view, and it was arranged to decide how same should be competed for at our next meeting, when all members should attend to have a say in the matter. Two new members were proposed and seconded. Afterwards a table show of field-moulted British birds was held. Mr. T. Cleminson judged. 1, Sokell and Binks (Bullfinch); 2, c, Stephenson (Bramblefinch and Greenfinch); 3, vhc, Robinson (Linnet and Bullfinch). Result of Linnet singing contest held April 3rd: 1, H. Wilson; 2, J. Hutchinson.—R. S. BLACK, Sec.

## GATESHEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Usual meeting held March 31st, at Lockhart's Cafe, High Street, Mr. T. Almond in the chair. The rain fell in torrents, which no doubt kept many away. But bad as it was, some of our Sunderland friends turned up, so rain does not seem to damp the spirits of true fanciers. New members still continue to join our ranks, nine being proposed and accepted on this occasion. It gave great satisfaction to see that prominent breeder and exhibitor of the Norwich Plainhead, Mr. A. Grey, of Morpeth, join us again; also that old veteran, Mr. T. Irons, of Northampton. Mrs. Blair, of Newcastle, was also enrolled; she, I believe, is our first lady member; also Messrs. Kent (Newcastle), Blinkinsop (Low Fell), Taylor (Newcastle), Carr (Blaydon), and Dowson and Thompson (Gateshead). The balance-sheet, after some discussion, was accepted. The secretary read the correspondence from several Yorkshire judges, with the result that Mr. Halliday (Shipley) was elected to judge the Yorkies at our annual show; which seemed to give great satisfaction to all. Two of our Sunderland friends were booked to give a washing exhibition at a future time. We have a busy time in front of us. Mr. Crawhall had on view some of his fine nesting material. It was also proposed that we hold a nest feather show on the first week of July. At our next meeting, to be held on April 28th, Mr. Crawhall will lecture on "The Difficulties of the Breeding Season," when we hope to see many members and friends.—G. BUCK and H. JOHNSON, Secretaries.

## ULSTER O.A.

Annual general meeting held in the Avenue Hall, Garfield-street, Belfast, on March 30th, Mr. S. Bamford (president) in the chair. The balance-sheet was presented, and, after some discussion, unanimously passed. Although it showed a decrease on the year's working of about £2 10s., the association is in a very sound financial position. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. S. Bamford; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Jas. Stewart, 57, Donegal-avenue, Belfast; trustees, Messrs. Connell and Cummings; auditors, Messrs. Barclay and Thompson; committee, Messrs. Trimble, Gray, Carson, Cloke, Ronaldson, Neill, South, Fleming, Lavery, and Robert Tidford. It was decided that we hold our annual show on first Friday and Saturday in December in the Clarence Place Hall. Mr. Barclay proposed, and Mr. Thompson seconded, that the secretary's commission be reduced to five per cent. from 10 per cent. Mr. Trimble proposed, as an amendment, and Mr. Gray seconded, that provided the show pays expenses, the secretary's commission be the same as before. On a vote the amendment was passed. Mr. Barclay proposed that a new rule be added in case of an emergency to the effect that any member wishing to call a meeting of the association, on obtaining the signature of any five members can do so at any time. This was seconded by Mr. Thompson, and passed. Mr. Cloke proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Trimble for his past services, and said he was sorry Mr. Trimble could not see his way to continue the office of secretary, as he had worked in a way it would be hard to surpass. This was seconded by Mr. Barclay, and conveyed by the chairman. Mr. Trimble suitably replied. Mr. Barclay proposed that a report of the meeting be sent to the Fancy Press. This was seconded by Mr. Carson and passed.—JAMES STEWART, Secretary and Treasurer.

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## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

### An Interesting Meeting.

Monthly meeting, held in usual place on April 1st. Mr. Currah presided. There appeared to be about 70 members present. The following gentlemen were added to our increasing membership, viz., Messrs. J. Daere, C. Waters, R. Hutler, R. Blore, C. Alty, T. Jackson, C. Farrar, and M. Wigglesworth. The chairman said he was pleased to see so many present to hear Mr. Hutchinson read a paper on the "Cinnamon Canary," written by Mr. J. Robson. After the reading of the paper, which was by no means a short one, there was no small amount of discussion. Mr. Macdonald said that at one time he kept a pair of Cinnamons. Mr. T. Taylor wished that more would take up this particular variety, which was in the hands of so few, so that it would encourage societies to give better classification. Mr. Young said that he thought that Cinnamon Canaries were very indifferent feeders, and wondered if any other fanciers had found them so. Mr. J. Kirkpatrick said that he had kept Cinnamons for a long time, and that some years he had succeeded in rearing as many as 100 young ones. He never had any trouble with hens not feeding, and on the contrary, thought that they fed as well as hens of any other variety. In 1907 he had one hen that reared 20 young for him. Mr. Hermiston said that through the reports that were given in some of the Fancy papers last year, he was led to believe that it was an advantage to have birds well pencilled, as some of the reports said: "Would have stood higher if there had been more pencilling on thighs"; but having heard the reading of the article that evening, he would be able to get on to the right track again. Mr. Crawhall said he was like a lover who had quarrelled with his sweetheart; he was longing to be back with us again. Having been requested by the chairman to make a few remarks, he would try and oblige. The first bird that he possessed was a cock Green, for which he got a variegated hen. From this pair he got some Cinnamon-marked birds. The next year he paired some of the offspring, with the result that he got three pure Cinnamons. These he intended to inbreed with as long as their constitution would allow. He thought that Cinnamon-marks were easier to establish than Greens. Mr. Mackenzie proposed that to show their appreciation for the paper, a letter be sent thanking Mr. Robson for the kindness he had shown by writing such a paper. Mr. Vanner seconded the proposition, and said that it was a most interesting paper. The members were unanimous in passing a vote of thanks to Mr. Robson, in which was included Mr. Hutchinson's name, for the able way in which he had read the paper.

The next item on the agenda was a "surprise." Mr. Currah said that he thought Mr. Hutchinson had something in the nature of a surprise. He (Mr. Hutchinson) had declined to "let him into" the secret, but felt confident that it would be of a pleasant nature. Mr. Hutchinson then said that it had been the wish of a number of members to present a gentleman who held a very important position in the society with a small present, as a mark of the esteem and appreciation of the services he had rendered the society since its formation; he (the speaker) had great pleasure in presenting Mr. Currah, their worthy and noble chairman, with a silver-mounted umbrella, and a case of silver-mounted briar pipes. In doing so, he wished that Mr. Currah would always have a sufficient supply of his favourite weed to keep the pipes going, and hoped that sunshine would always be with him, so that the umbrella would never be needed. Mr. Hutchinson, continuing, said that a great deal of credit was due to his colleague, Mr. Curry, for the quiet way in which he had gone about the getting together of subscriptions for the testimonial. Mr. Currah, in receiving the presents, said that he had been fairly "winded" by the kindness shown him by the members. He was really greatly obliged, and begged to thank them all, hoping that he and the rest of the members might be long spared to assist the Newcastle Society in its work, having already spent some of the pleasantest hours of his life at their meetings. He also said that had he known what the "surprise" was to be, he was afraid he would not have said so much. Messrs. Mackenzie, Macdonald, and others also spoke, wishing Mr. Currah continued enjoyment of the best of health, and hoping he would be long spared to hold the reins of the Newcastle Society, as he was a good general. It was also hoped that Mr. Currah's son, Jack, might "follow in his father's footsteps." Mr. Crawhall related an incident relative to the good way in which Mr. Currah carried his age. An old friend of Mr. Currah's, who had not seen him for over 20 years, happened, Mr. Crawhall said, to meet Mr. Currah one day. He said, "Isn't your name Currah?" Mr. Currah replied in the affirmative, when the inquisitive gentleman said, "How's your father, my lad; you are like him?" Mr. Currah then put him right, and was told that he carried his age well.

The novices' "half-hour" was the next thing of great interest, when some interesting questions were asked and answered. Mr. J. N. F. Scott asked if fresh-made egg and bread or biscuits were better than eggs made up in the form of a loaf? Mr. Hutchinson said that he had found that the birds took the fresh-made food more readily than of that baked in the oven. Mr. Currah advised Mr. Scott to have a walk out to his house and see the way his birds were fed. In mixing his egg food, he said, he crushed two of Spratt's puppy biscuits to a powder, poured a small quantity of boiling water over them, and let them stay thus overnight, after which he added one egg, and if the "missus" wasn't looking, he "pinched" a bit of butter, which he mixed with the food. His birds all ate the food readily, and at present had several young doing well.—NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNER.

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### ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE & DIS. O.S.

Table show of British Birds, held on March 2nd, at the P.S.A. rooms. There was a good number of visitors present, and also a fine entry of birds, which made competition very keen. Mr. R. Baron officiated as judge, and his awards gave general satisfaction. 1, c, Marsland; 2, 3, Graysou; 4, Foden; vhc, Hughes; hc, Kelsall.—H. FODEN, Hon. Sec.

### WEST OF SCOTLAND BIRD CLUB.

The West of Scotland N. and B.F.C.M.B. and F.B.A. held a meeting on April 3rd in Nelson's Hotel, Ingram-street, Glasgow, President C. Hunter in the chair. Judges for annual show were nominated, and it was agreed to settle the definition of a ticked or variegated at next meeting. Mr. J. Young was enrolled as a new member. Mr. Lawrie (Govan) has agreed to give "Some Tit-bits of Canary and Mule Breeding" at next meeting. Mr. J. Young (Rutherglen) then opened a discussion on Crests and Crest-breds, and most of the members took part in it. Mr. Sandison travelled all the way from Greenock to hear it. This being all the business, a vote of thanks to Mr. Young for his excellent paper brought the meeting to a close.—GEO. SMART, Sec.

### CARDIFF AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual meeting held at Maskell's Restaurant, Queen-street, on March 18th. Mr. Jones presided, and there was a good attendance. New members were enrolled. The secretary read balance-sheet of members' show. The auditors reported on their investigations, and the general account was duly adopted as read. Election of officers for year resulted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. F. D. Jones (who made a neat little speech on the progress of the society throughout the past year); vice-chairman, Mr. A. Harrington; treasurer, Mr. E. J. Banks; secretary, W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland-road, Cardiff; show manager, Mr. W. Sampson; committee, Messrs. A. Shellam, T. C. Melhuish, H. C. Smith, W. Harrington, E. Thorne, S. E. Tonkin, A. Ball, H. Owen, F. Slocombe, F. Howard, and F. J. Dallimore.—W. S. NEGUS, Secretary.

### BORDER CITY (Carlisle) O.S.

A dinner and concert were held at beadqnarters on April 15th, when there was a large company. The arrangements were admirably and satisfactorily carried out under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Chaplow. Amongst those present were Mr. and Mrs. Chaplow, Mr. and Mrs. Ridley, Messrs. J. Bell (chairman), Chisholm, Holmes, McWilliams, F. Bell, G. Davidson, J. Robson, J. Robson, jun., Robson, Buntling, Thomlinson, Dixon, Stamp, Johnston, Davidson, A. Davidsou, Willmott, McDonald, and T. J. Robson. After justice had been done to the fine spread provided, songs were rendered by Messrs. Chisholm, Bunting, Dixson, Davidson, Stamp, and Thomlinson, all of which were well received. Mr. T. J. Robson supplied the company with gramaphone selections. This concluded the programme and brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

### LONG EATON ANDDISTC.B.

At a meeting held in the Co-operative Classroom, April 8th, we decided to bold an open show, but this year for one day only—Nov. 27th. For this occasion we have again booked the People's Hall, at a big expense. The hall is very spacious, capable of staging upwards of 1,500 exhibits in a most comfortable manner; it is heated with bot water apparatus, is illuminated with electric light, and is entirely free from draughts. Another advantage is that it practically adjoins the station. We hope this year we may prove successful in our efforts, as we have an important object in view. Should there he any fanciers within the 5-mile radius who are desirous of becoming members, I shall be pleased to bring their names forward at the next meeting, on May 8th, as this is the date fixed for the nomination of young birds. The following special prizes should be an encouragement: Cups for best unfighted Norwich, ditto yellow Crest, ditto Crest buff dark, ditto crest-bred, and ditto Border Fancy. These cups are to be won three times before becoming the property of the exhibitor.—A. E. WIGGINTON, Hon. Sec., 94, Station Road, Long Eaton.

### DALZIEL O.A.

An interesting event took place in the Y.M.C.I., Brandon-street, Motherwell, on April 17th, the occasion being the holding of a table show for field-monited Linnets. Mr. W. Jack judged, and gave every satisfaction. 1, Paterson; 2, Hamilton; 3 and 4. Williamson; 5, Roddie; 6, Barclay. The usual monthly business was gone through, Mr. H. Gray (President) presiding. Judges for annual show were nominated. Spratt's samples of foods were handed round, when it was found that some of the members were using them already, while the others were quite willing to give them a trial. Membership fees are due at next meeting. It was decided to bave two classes for British birds at our next meeting—British and Foreign Goldfinch, and Twite, Siskin, and Redpoll. Mr. J. Waugh was accepted as a new member.—JAMES MATHIESON, Sec.

### NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Special meeting held at beadquarters on April 15th. Present: Messrs. Trower (in the chair), Wyse, Silver, Thurling, Best, Freer, Askew, Norman, Cooper, Weston, Newley, Dewhurst, Maxwell, Plumbridge and Carr. This meeting was called to investigate the charges laid against Mr. S. W. Birchley and Mr. P. McQuiston for exhibiting alleged stained birds. Mr. Birchley's case was taken first. A volume of correspondence was read, and after a lengthy discussion the following resolution was passed by 10 votes for and 2 against: "That this committee has heard no evidence that justifies it in giving a decision contrary to that arrived at by the Cage Bird Union respecting Mr. S. W. Birchley and the exhibiting of a stained Linnet at Bristol F.A. Show, but suspends its judgment for four months to enable Mr. Birchley to take further action in the case elsewhere if he so chooses." Mr. P. M'Quiston's case was next taken. Several letters were read from gentlemen concerned. After thoroughly investigating the case, a similar resolution to the above was unanimously carried, viz.: "That this committee bas heard no evidence that justifies it in giving a decision contrary to that arrived at by the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club respecting Mr. P. M'Quiston and the exhibiting of a stained Bullfinch at Bathgate Show, but suspends its judgment for four months to enable Mr. M'Quiston to take further action in the case elsewhere, if he so chooses." A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting at a late hour.—PLUMBRIDGE AND CARR, Hon. Secs.

### WALLSEND AND MID-TYNE C.B.A

Usual monthly meeting held at Station Hotel, Wallsend, on March 25th, Mr. Wm. Ronald in the chair. There was a grand turn-out of members, although the night was a wild one. The correspondence was mostly from elected judges confirming their engagement, and from prospective members. The election of officials for the ensuing year, postponed from annual meeting, resulted as follows: President, Alderman Matthew Murray (re-elected); vice-presidents, also re-elected en bloc; chairman, Mr. Wm. Ronald (who is very popular, and the right man in the right place; also re-elected); vice-chairman, Mr. D. E. Kent (an enthusiastic fancier). Next it was agreed to have joint secretaries. The late secretary having resigned office, Messrs. William Richardson and George Greenwell were elected as joint secretaries. The committee consists of some of the best fanciers, and go-ahead gentlemen it has been the society's lot to have, in Messrs. C. B. Wilson, P. Dixon, J. McQuillan, N. Hymers, T. Haikney, H. Whittaker, T. Hopkinson, F. Reeves, T. Appleby, J. Evans, A. Montgomery, G. Waugh, J. Grainger, R. McVay, and J. Johnston, with Messrs. R. Christie and J. Cox as auditors. The date for nest feather show was then discussed, when it was finally decided to bave it on the second Saturday in July. Five new members were admitted—Mrs. Blair (Jesmond), Mr. J. Carr (Blaydon), and Messrs. J. Evans, A. Montgomery, and G. Waugh (Wallsend). I hear there is quite a crowd for the next meeting.—JAS. JOHNSTON, late Sec.

### NORTHERN CREST CLUB.

Meeting held at Newcastle on April 14th. Present: Messrs. Swan, Riseborough, Farrar, Robson, Armstrong, Bewick, Almond, Brown, Stanger, Waugh, Mather, and Hutchinson. In consequence of Messrs. Currah, Dobson, and Hands having resigned, Mr. Thomas Robson was elected to the chair, and Messrs. Brown, Bewick, Waugh, and Mather to the committee. The following new members were elected, viz., Messrs. J. M. Macdonald (Wallsend-on-Tyne), James Taylor, E. Richardson, Shildon, and G. Smart (Bishop Auckland). It was decided that shows receiving our patronage provide six classes as before. There was some discussion as to the adoption of "close rings" for young birds, it was agreed not to adopt them, but to leave the matter to the bonesty of the members. As the "Point Special Scheme" of last year was not a success with regard to the exhibiting of young birds, it was decided to abolish it. The members were unanimous that a prize (the form it shall take to be decided at some future meeting) be given at each of the shows receiving our patronage for the best young Crest and best young Crestbred, bred by a member; one member one prize. The Sunderland Society are to be asked if they will add two classes to the Crest section at their annual show, viz., (1) Any variety Crest, and (2) Yellow Crestbred. George Goulden, Esq., has promised to give a medal for best young Crest shown by a novice at our annual show, and the club decided to give a medal for best young Crestbred. In the event of Sunderland Society not providing novice classes, novice members must write "N.C.C. Novice" upon their entry forms. Mr. T. C. Crawhall is giving two medals for competition at Newcastle Show amongst novice members of N.C.C. The club desires to thank these two gentlemen for the interest they are taking in the "Novice" Crest Canary breeders. Secretaries of Northern societies desirous of having our patronage at their shows, please apply to me as early as possible at 72, South View, West Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne. —J. G. HUTCHINSON, Hon. Sec.

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### No. 302.
### A HOLDER FOR GREENFOOD AND TIT-BITS.

**Sent by H. H. Bulcock, "Riversdale" Clitheroe.**

Bend a piece of cage wire into the shape of A B C in the sketch. The size of the hole at A should be a little less than an ordinary blacklead pencil. Fix on the side of cage

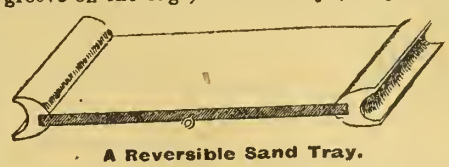
**A "Tit-bit" Holder.**

with two ordinary staples, as at B and C; this forms a hinge. Green food, apple, cuttle-fish, or other tit-bits can be put in the ring at A, and the holder be turned round to the front of the cage, so that the birds can reach the dainty from off the perch.—H. H. BULCOCK.

### No. 303.
### A REVERSIBLE SAND TRAY.

**Sent by H. D. Potter, 35, Onley Street, Unthank Road, Norwich.**

Enclosed is a sketch of a reversible sand tray which I have nsed with marked success, and am now about to fit to all my cages. Take two pieces of hard wood, 1in. square, make a groove on one edge, 5-16 wide by ¼ deep, and



**A Reversible Sand Tray.**

cut them in length to fit from inside front to inside back of cage. Then cut a length of ordinary cage board, and fit it in the grooves, so as to bring the outside edges of the cleets nearly up to middle and end of cage (about one eighth of an inch will be found sufficient for clearance). Then cnt off a lin. strip for the front to facilitate the drawing out of the tray, and it can be fixed in position with one pin at each end. Put a button in the centre to take hold of. If the edges are rounded off (as in sketch) and hollow on edge, they will not harbour red mite. When one side has become wet, it can be cleaned and the tray be turned over.—H. D. POTTER.

### OSPRINGE, FAVERSHAM & DIS. F.A

On April 15th an entertaining evening was spent at the "Faversham Arms," when Mr. Lambert gave a most interesting lecture on "The Norwich Canary" to a large number of members and friends. Mr. Lambert, who has successfully bred Canaries for the last 16 years, treated bis subject in a masterful way, and bis lecture must have been of great assistance to the number of young fanciers who bave lately joined the Society. The qualities most desirable in breeding Canaries, said the lecturer, were patience, perseverance, and pluck, and while advising young fanciers not to waste money by buying so-called "pairs" of birds at shows (these birds usually being two typical specimens totally unfitted for reproducing their like), be strongly advised their going to some first-rate fanciers' room and there seeing what breeding stock really should be, and if possible to buy a pair of first-class stock birds, properly mated (an entirely different article to the exhibition pairs before mentioned). After giving some most useful information on feeding and rearing, Mr. Lambert concluded by offering to give a further lecture on "Pairing, Breeding, and Colour Feeding" at some future date. A vote of thanks to Mr. Lambert brought to a close an evening which had been helpful and instructive to both the experienced breeder and the novice.—FRANK SHRUBSOLE, JUN.

**Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.**—April 29, Station Hotel, 7.30. Schedule for annual show, and other business.—Richardson and Greenwell.

**Warrington C.B.S.** — April 29, Blue Bell Sale Rooms, 7.30. Paper on "The use of Drugs for Canaries," by Mr. W. R. Knowles.—C. Dukes.

**Wood Green F. and F.A.**—April 27, headquarters, 8.30. Special committee meeting.—T. Callegari.

**Wigan and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 1, Adelphi Inn, 8.—W. Ridge.

## CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may he had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

**Bonnyrigg and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 24, Forresters' Arms, 7. Last night for joining and selection of judges.—G. Harper.

**Burnley and Dis. C.B.F.A.**—April 27, Club Rooms, 7.30.—W. Clarkson.

**Belgrave and Dis. F.F.S.**—April 27, New Inn, Loughborough Road, 8.—W. H. Riley.

**Blaydon and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 1, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Schedule for next annual show; also lecture by Mr. J. Davison on the Yorksbire Canary.—G. Havver.

**Bramley O.S.**—April 24, Carnival Room, Bramley, 7.30. Impromptu.—A. H. Craven.

**Cowdenbeath C.B.S.**—April 24, Waverley Rooms, 7. Competition: Best paper by an amateur, on "How to breed Canaries.—J. Simpson.

**Choppington and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 24, Railway Hotel, 7. To accept new members, last meeting for either old or new member to join.—J. Dixon.

**City of Bradford O.S.**—April 24, Flying Dutchman, 7. Members' show, business important, at 8. Mr. P. Mason (Windhill) will open a discussion on the Yorkshire Canary; all fanciers and friends invited.—F. Rhodes.

**Crook and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 24, Royal Oak Inn, 7.30.—W. Rutherford.

**City and Suburban A.C.B.**—April 26, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. Lecture on Foreign Birds, by Mr. Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S. Interested visitors warmly welcomed.—V. Wynn.

**Derby C.B.C.**—April 24, Victoria Street Congregational Schoolroom, 7.—W. Stevens.

**Darlington C.B.S.**—April 28, Half Moon, 8. Classification for open show.—E. Brunskill.

**Dipton and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 24, Council Schools, 7.30. Stewards for F.F. show, etc. New members welcomed.—M. Mason.

**Forfar and Dis. C.B.F.S.**—May 1, Granite Bar, 7. Secretary's report re open show, to consider holding of table shows.—W. Grewar.

**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 28, Lockbart's Cafe, High Street, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. T. C. Crawhall, on "The Difficulties of the Breeding Season." All are welcome.—Buck and Johnson.

**Glasgow and Western Counties N.B.F.B.C.**—April 24, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30. Show, Redpoll, Mealy Redpoll, or Twite, Chaffinch, Bramblefinch. — T. Drysdale.

**Great Horton Good Intent O.S.**—April 24, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 7.30.—H. Schofield.

**Grimsby and Dis. O.S.**—April 26, Slatter's Rooms, 8. Discussion on Colour Feeding, etc.—H. Harding.

**Great Horton O.S.**—April 24, Butcher's Arms, 8. Special meeting; open F.F. Show.—J. Holroyd.

**Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.**—April 27, Lella's, 7.30. Hints on breeding and rearing.—W. Simpson.

**Hamilton (Cadzow Oak) O.S.**—May 1, Lesser Town Hall, 7. Show business.—A. Cant.

**Highgate, Hampstead, and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 29, The Spencer Hall, Spencer Road, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W. Show of British and Foreign Birds. Judge, Mr. A. Silver, who will afterwards speak on the merits of birds, etc.; admission free; hearty welcome to all.—G. H. Neal.

**Houghton-le-Spring and Dis. C.B.S.** — April 24, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Fanciers invited.—A. Widdowfield.

**Heywood and Dis. O.S.**—April 27, Recbabite Hall, Pine Street, 7.30. Lecture on British Birds, by Mr. J. Perry, to be followed by discussion.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

**Inverness O.A.**—April 28, Crown Mission Hall, 8.15.—A. Urquhart.

**Kent County C.B.A.**—April 28, 68, High Street, Dover, 7.30. Correspondence, and a paper on "Pairing, Breeding, and Rearing," by the chairman, Mr. N. Campany.—G. Sanderson.

**Keighley and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 27, King's Head Hotel, 7.30. Specials for members' shows. — W. Wright.

**Leicester C.B.S.**—April 26, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. "Breeding and Management," by Mr. C. Walton. Fanciers invited.—J. A. Tyler.

**London Federation of C.B. Societies.** — April 23, "The Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 7.30. To consider insurance scheme, etc. — P. Adamthwaite.

**Morley and Dis. C.B.S.** — April 24, Sycamore Hotel, 8.30.—R. H. Turner.

**Macclesfield and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 29, Daybrook Street School, 8. F.F. Show.—F. Broadhurst.

**North Manchester C.B.S.**—April 27, Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 8. Mr. J. Beswick (Stockport) will give a paper on Mules; fanciers and friends invited.—J. Davey.

**National B.B. and M.C.**—April 29, Feathers, Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8.—Plumbridge and Carr.

**Oldham and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 27, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Debate, to be opened by Mr. T. Young on the Management of the Breeding Room. Fanciers invited.—F. Steeple.

**Pendlebury, Swinton and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 22, beadquarters, 7.30. Show business.—A. Donelly. (Possibly April 29th is meant.—Editor.)

**Provincial Roller C.C.** — April 24, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 6. Respecting next show, appointing judges, etc. Friends invited.—A. Percival.

**Pendleton and Salford O.S.**—April 26, headquarters, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. S. Dean on "Feeding, Rearing, and Moulting."—H. Clayton.

**Poplar and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 29, 147, East India Dock Road, Poplar, 8. Lecture on "The Yorkshire Canary," by Mr. C. A. House: friends (ladies especially) invited.—H. W. Cook.

**Queen's Park (Glasgow) and Dis. N.P.C.**—April 30, Marie Stuart Hall, Langside Road, 8.—G. N. Thomson.

**Rochdale O.C.**—April 26, Club, 8. Committee meeting, afterwards, Town Hall meeting.—J. Butterworth.

**Rotherham C.B.S.**—April 24, St. George's Hall, 8. Business of importance to welfare of club. — G. Oakes.

**Sunderland C.B.A.**—May 1, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30.—W. Reid.

**Stirling and Dis. O.S.**—May 1, Douglas Hotel, 8. —G. Hislop.

**Stockport B.F.A.**—April 27, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. New rules, subscriptions now due; new members invited.—W. Stafford.

**South Manchester C.B.S.**—April 26, headquarters, 8.—J. C. Spilsbury.

**Sale Open O.S.**—April 26, Technical School, 7.45. Lecture on Green Canaries, by Mr. Hadwin (Liverpool); also F.F. business.—J. Irlam.

**West Bromwich and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 27, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Interesting business.—Duffield and Jennings.

# SINGING CONTESTS.

## SHEFFIELD.

Result of the weekly contest held at the Newmarket Hotel, Sheaf Street: — 1, Spatswood, 52 secs.; 2, Callaghan, 47 secs.; 3, Knight, 46 secs. Also Easter Monday contest: Result, 1, Palfreyman, 90 secs.; 2, Feun, 82 secs.; 3, Burtenshaw, 71 secs.; 26 birds sang.—H. Fenn, Sec.

## WALLSEND.

The members of the Wallsend Linnet Singing Club held their opening contest on April 3rd, at Station Hotel, where some good singing was heard. Result: 1, Scott; 2, Fallon; 3, Hunter. Judge, Mr. J. Johnston; timekeeper, Mr. T. Bell. We hold an open contest on May 1st.—JOHN FALLON, Sec.

## DURHAM.

Linnet singing contest held at Burton Hotel, Gilesgate, April 17th, when 40 birds entered. The singing was excellent. Most of the "cracks" of the county were present. Mr. Reed, the judge, said this is the 70th contest he had judged, and he never had a better class of birds in front of him. 1, Adams; 2, Soulsby; 3 and 4, Foster. A pleasant afternoon was spent. Book-keeper, Mr. Fairless; timekeeper, Mr. Stout.—J. BINNEY.

## BLACKBURN.

Usual weekend contest held at Snig Brook, when 11 birds entered. For good quality singing it is a long time since birds were in better form. Result: 1 and 2, Rostron; 3, Topping. Judges, Messrs. Dobson and James; timekeeper, Mr. Fender. Usual home contest for members only will take place May 1st, when valuable prizes will be sung for.—G. ROSTRON and T. SLATER, Hon. Secs.

The second sing of the season in connection with the Blackburn and District F.A. took place at "The Thorn Inn," Furthergate, on April 1th, when, owiug to the very bad state of the weather, there was only a poor turn-up of contestants. Some remarkable singing, however, was heard, the Burnley contingent being in rare form indeed. 1 and 2, dead heat between Harrison (Burnley) and Halliday (Burnley), whose birds sang whole time. Fletcher took 3rd and last prize with the very respectable time of 9.37.—ROBT. AIREY, Sec.

## A CHALLENGE TO DURHAM.

I, Robert W. Boyd, Nettlesworth Old Pit, Edmondsley, Co. Durham, am open to sing anyone in the county of Durham—the following gentlemen preferred: Messrs. Tuller, Mellions, Joe Walker, J. Deane, and T. McQuirk. First come, first served; apply by letter to above address. Three, five, or seven heats; three minutes and five minutes down. Business meaut.—ADVT.

## BOLDON COLLIERY.

Linnet contest held at Railway Tavern, April 17th. Some of the best birds were accidentally beaten. There were 39 entries. 1, Blackburn; 2, Honey; 3, Hall. Also a match between Messrs. Honey, Hitchen, and Hall; Mr. Honey won. Judge, Mr. Elliot; timekeeper, Mr. J. Hall. Linnet contest on April 3rd, at Railway Tavern, 31 entries. 1, Brannen; 2, Metcalf; 3, Tucker. Judge, Mr. Elliott; timekeeper, Mr. Buckham.

## WIGAN.

The Wigan Linnet Club held their first club match April 17th, when 13 birds sang. Winners for quality: 1, Jones; 2, Jump; 3, Mawsedly; for time: 1, Sephton, 74; 2, Macfarlane, 67; 3, O'Neil, 39. Judge for quality, Mr. Barnes; timekeepers, Messrs. Mellingan, Jump, and Highman. Linnet fanciers are reminded that we are having a contest on May 15th for the benefit of Mr. T. Jump, who has been in ill-health and is not able to work. We shall have some good prizes.—A. PARKER, Sec.

## HULL.

Great Linnet Singing Contest, held at North Bridge Hotel; being open to all England, it brought a great number of fanciers together. A large entry was recorded. The birds gave an excellent display of the true Linnet song, much to the delight of all present. Judge, Mr. Conyer; timekeeper, Mr. T. Broadbent. 1, Young; 2, Broadbent; 3, White; 4, Dearlove; 5, Conyer, Next open to all England contest at Whitsuntide.—E. Moore, Hon. Sec.

## YORK.

Usual weekly contest held at Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer-lane, Hungate, April 17th, when 20 birds faced the judge, Mr. Paver. Result: 1, Oldroyd; 2, Whitehead; 3, Laverick. Timekeeper, Mr. Lambert, sen.—WM. EMPSON.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer Lane, Hungate, on April 3rd, when 20 birds faced the judge, Mr. Paver. Result: 1, Barnard; 2, Limbert; 3, Scott; 4, Harrison. Timekeeper, Mr. Limbert, sen.—WM. EMPSON.

Usual contest held at Crown Inn, North-street, April 10th, when 20 birds competed. Result: 1, Lee; 2, Stothard; 3, Massheder; 4, Weaver; 5, Bean. Judge, Mr. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper. Annual Easter Linnet singing contest held at Crown Inn, Easter Monday, when upwards of 20 young birds competed. Result: 1, Massheder; 2, Watson; 3, Granger. Judge, Mr. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper. Annual contest again in the afternoon, when upwards of 20 birds competed. Result: 1, Moore; 2, Amateur; 3, Bean; 4, Palmer. Judge, Mr. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Smith. Usual one at Crown Inn, April 17th. Result: 1, Moore; 2 and 3, Lee; 4, Oxberry. Judge, Mr. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper. J. W. Smith, Hon. Sec.

## LEEDS.

Annual contest for quality singing held April 12th, at Skinners Arms, Buslingthorpe-lane, when 17 birds sang. 1, 2, 3, Summers. Judges, Messrs. Wood and Naylor; timekeeper, Mr. Symons. Usual weekly contest for quality singing held April 18th, at Skinners Arms, Buslingthorpe-lane, when 12 birds sang. 1, Ridgewell; 2, Sellers; 3, Turner. Judges, Messrs. Naylor and Symons.—WALTER NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, April 13th, when 13 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Summers and Clegg. 1, Sissons; 2, Crowther; 3, Lister. Also on April 17th, when 12 birds sang. 1, Crowther; 2, Lister, and 3 shared between Topping and Sissons. Judges, Messrs. Summers and Melia. Also on April 18th, when 12 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Summers, Melia, and Cooper. 1, Crowther; 2, Lister; 3, Sissons.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, April 9th, when 18 birds sang. 1st, Lister; 2nd and 3rd, Crowther. Judges, Messrs. Melia and Cooper. Also on April 10th. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, Lister. 23 birds. Judges, Messrs. Melia and Cooper. Also on April 11th, when 29 birds sang. 1st, Lister; 2nd, Crowther; 3rd, Sissons. Judges, Messrs. Summers, Melia, and Cooper. Also on April 12th, when 28 birds from Sheffield, Hull, and Blackburn sang. Judges, Messrs. Melia and Crane. 1st, Crowther; 2nd, Sissons; 3rd, Bisby.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

BEGINNERS READ THE ANNUAL

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

**For Rules see last week's "Cage Birds."**

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

# CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

## Nervous Hen.

**W.E.D.**—(1) Can only suggest that you go about your duties in the bird-room in a quiet, methodical way without seeming to notice the hen, and avoid either unnecessary noise or blustering motions, or too nice and mincing ways. Just appear to ignore her existence. She will most likely get over the nervousness to a certain extent. It might help her to do so if you could erect some kind of screen other than a cover on frout of cage, to prevent her seeing all over the room. (2) Eggs often get pinholed, as you describe, by a nervous hen clutching them in her claws when anyone goes near to look at her, or when any sudden noise, such as allowing doors to bang, is made. In some cases holes are caused by one or other of the birds pecking them. Method and quictness are the only things to prevent these occurrences. Of course, this is assuming no sharp, hard, thorny bits of moss have been allowed to get in the nesting material.

## Not a Success.

**McGinty.**—(1) There is no necessity to separate the pair of which the hen has just sat out her time on clear eggs. Take away the nest and nest-pan, and do not return it until you see the birds have mated again and the hen is ready to build. Then give a perfectly clean pan, and new nesting material. Add a pinch of Epsom salts to the water for a day or two, and three times a week give a small teaspoonful of egg-food or sponge cake with a few grains of inga and gold of pleasure seeds added to it. (2) If this is a true pair, the birds were not in breeding condition when mated. If they have not yet made any attempt to nest, separate them for a fortnight, and, in addition to the usual seed diet, give each half a teaspoonful of egg-food with two drops of cod liver oil in it, and a pinch of seed as advised above strewn over it, every second day, and on the alternate days a few grains of hemp. Give two or three small leaves of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel every second day for a week.

## Erratic Laying.

**Mrs. A. Sinkins.**—Am afraid you will do little or no good with this hen just yet. She is evidently a weakly specimen, and her being very young does not make matters better. Separate her for a month and keep her in as large a cage as possible where she can get plenty of vigorous exercise. The two eggs will be no good at all, so you may as well throw them away. Whilst they are separated feed the hen on a staple of Canary only, three times a week give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, twice a week the same quantity of crushed sponge cake, with a slight sprinkling of a mixture of equal parts inga and gold of pleasure, and on two other days a few grains of hemp. Give a regular supply of chickweed, groundsel, or watercress daily, but strictly avoid dandelion. In the drinking water for the first week give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day; in the second week two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel every second day; and for the next fortnight twenty drops of chemical food daily. At the end of the month, if she seems anxious to mate again, you may give her another trial, but do not let her have more than one brood this year if she succeeds next time. By the bye, give her a flake of cuttlefish to peck at whilst separated, and, of course, you must not omit it when she is mated.

## Two Together.

**H. Cox.**—Am replying to both your letters under one head. (1) If you had another brood of young the same, or very near the same age, with two, three, or four young being well fed by the parents, it certainly would not be worth while allowing a pair to bring up a single bird, and you may just as well transfer it to the other brood, and let this pair make a fresh start. On the other hand, if you had another pair that were neglecting their young, it might be most convenient to add the starving brood to this solitary one. (2) If properly fed and treated as detailed already a number of times in this column in the last few weeks, young birds of last season require no particular treatment to get them in breeding condition. This will come about quite naturally. (3) Do not interfere with the white spot at the root of the bird's tail. It is a natural portion of the bird's anatomy, and should not be interfered with, unless an interference is rendered necessary by some derangement. (4) Young birds of the year can only be sexed by the more bold and defiant bearing of the cocks, which are altogether more pushful and dominant than the hens, and by their attempts at singing. Many young cocks begin to warble a little as soon as they leave the nest.

## Audible Wheezing.

**F. S. S.**—The bird is evidently suffering from asthma in a bad form. As you have already tried so many remedies, you must now see that the very first step in future treatment is to remove the cause. Medicines in such a case are absolutely useless unless the cause is removed. See the bird is kept in a comfortable and regular temperature, absolutely free from draughts, and variations of heat, and where the air is always pure and fresh, and free from contamination by burning lamps or gas jets. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary and one part summer rape, as a staple, and twice a week give a small pinch of mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, linseed, maw, and gold of pleasure. Every other day for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver emulsion well mixed in it, and after that time reduce it to twice a week. Give a spray of chickweed, or other green food, but chickweed for choice, daily. Twice a week for the next fortnight, give an inhalation by mixing thirty drops each of tincture of benzoin and eucalyptus oil in half pint of boiling water, and place the mixture in a mug on a table, the cage beside it, and cover all over with a woollen wrap or shawl to keep steam in cage. Leave for fifteen minutes or so. Be careful bird gets no chill afterwards. In drinking water give, two days in every three for a fortnight, or longer if necessary, twenty drops of whiskey, six of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together.

## Brevities.

**Hoarse Voice** (T.H.W.B.).—I think the hoarseness in the hen's voice is probably quite natural to it, and would be in no way detrimental to its breeding. You may give twelve drops of glycerine in the water for a day or two, if you like, and add a few grains only of linseed to its diet every second day for a week. But I do not think there is anything to trouble about even if this does not cause the hoarseness to disappear.

**Rusty Chirping** (W.D.H., Walton).—See reply to "F.S.S." on "Audible Wheezing," and feed and treat your bird as therein advised. Pay particular attention to the remarks as to removing the cause, as this is really of quite as much value in bringing about a cure as any amount of medical treatment. If the bird is not quite right in a month, write again.

**Gone off Song** (Mr. W. Spain).—No, keeping a cock bird in the same room as breeding Canaries would not, except in a few exceptional cases, cause it to stop singing. A healthy young cock would probably have sung itself into a frenzy in such a situation, so that there may possibly be some truth in the assertion that it is a hen. You should get "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d., post free, from this office), which explains the difference in sexes.

**Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.**

**Preparing for Breeding** (Fair Off).—No, Lizards and Scotch Fancies do not require any particular method of treatment to bring them into breeding condition. You have probably been feeding them too well. Your staple diet, for example, contains far too much rape—three parts Canary to one part rape is best. The linseed and maw are also superfluous. Try feeding for a fortnight as advised to "Mrs. A. Sinkins," and give a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for a day or two, and follow this up with two drops each of tincture of steel and tincture of gentian for a few days. Continue giving two or three leaves of dandelion daily for green food.

**Resting One Leg** (C. Howard).—Dissolve a small teaspoonful of boracic acid in little less than a teacupful of warm water, and bathe the bird's feet in this for a minute or two. Dry gently; trim the claws back if overgrown; and anoint the feet sparingly with cold cream or pure vaseline. Repeat operation, if necessary, except trimming the claws, in a few days. Keep cages and perches quite clean. Give a pinch of Epsom salts in the drinking water for a day or two, and afterwards two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel for a few days. Give a little groundsel or chickweed daily for green food.

**Fatal Egg Binding** (C.R.B.).—There must be something radically wrong with your hens, or otherwise your management is seriously at fault somewhere. Had you said how you have been feeding them, and what green food you use, I could perhaps have discovered the cause. Better write again, and give these particulars, and meanwhile treat the remaining hens the same as advised to "Mrs. A. Sinkins."

**Not as Expected** (A Beginner).—I suspect you are keeping the birds in a colder room than they were used to before you had them, and am sure you mated them before the hen was anything like ready. If they have made no attempt to nest yet, separate them for a fortnight, and give the hen half a teaspoonful of egg food, or crushed sponge cake, with two drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and a few grains each of gold of pleasure and inga strewn over it threo times a week. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice and two each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel every second day. Give both birds two or three small leaves of dandelion daily. If the hen is quite active and lively at the end of the fortnight, you may try mating her again, but it is useless to do so until she is quite well.

**Sitting Hen Wheezing** (Another "Constant Reader").—Feed the hen plainly, as frequently advised here, whilst sitting, but give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry mixed in it for a day or two, and in the drinking water twelve drops of glycerine and two eucalyptus oil, well shaken together for one day. This is only assuming the young are not yet hatched. If they are, then the increased activity of the hen will doubtless have rendered any treatment unnecessary, and in any case you must not give drugs whilst there are young to be fed.

**Norwich Gone Blind** (R.M.L.I.)—If you had described the symptoms just prior to the blindness occurring, and had said whether there was any discharge from the eye, I should have been in a better position to help you. In any case, it is extremely doubtful whether you will be able to do any good for it. Feed the birds rather generously, adding a little sponge cake or egg food to the seed diet two or threo times a week, and allow a free supply of green food regularly to prevent any constipation. Then get a chemist to supply you with half an ounce of spermaceti ointment plus four grains of red oxide of mercury, and put a piece the size of a pin's head in the affected eyes four times a week for a month or two. Shall be glad to hear result.

**Moulting and Wheezing** ("A Worried Reader").—You had better let the moult take its course now, and see the bird is quite protected from further chill. Stop giving linseed, and give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it twice a week instead, and only give a pinch of the other seed mixture twice a week. Give a little green-food daily. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, six each of glycerine and syrup of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day until wheezing is stopped.

**Irregular Laying** (K.M.B.).—I imagine the hen is in an overfed condition, and advise you to discontinue the mixed seed, and as a staple give a mixture of three parts Canary to one summer rape. Twice a week give separately half a teaspoonful of inga whilst nesting, and do not give more than a teaspoonful of egg-food between the pair, and not oftener than twice a week, during the preliminary stages of nesting. Give a little chickweed, groundsel, or watercress, daily. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the cage for the hen to peck at. Give a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for a day or two, and take nest away until you see she has mated again and ready for it to be returned. When removing eggs as laid next time, be careful to put at least one dummy egg in the nest until the others are replaced.

**Covered with Blisters** (Constant Reader).—Your bird is suffering from emphysema in a rather bad form, and it is doubtful whether you will be able to do anything for it. Keep it in a regular temperature where the air is pure and fresh always; give three or four times a week half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and a little green food on each of the other days. In the drinking water give ten drops of dandelion juice and six each tincture of lobelia and ipecacuanha wine every second day for a time, and on the alternate days six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. Allow it to bathe when weather is fine, but be careful of chills afterwards. Do not allow it to hang near a burning gas jet or other light. A fresh pure atmosphere is what it requires.

**Late Hatched Bird** (C.M., Brixton).—If your bird is in a healthy active condition, it should have been in full song by now if it is a cock, even though it was hatched as late as September last. But the chances are greatly in favour of its being a hen, in which case it will be old enough to breed with this year; but I would advise you not to mate it before the end of April or the beginning of May, and only take two nests, at most, from her this year. Mate with a two-year-old cock.

**Slow to Mate** (Wild Jim).—You moved the birds about too much in the process of mating, and also probably put them together before they were quite ready. Instead, it would be much better to place the hen in the cage where she is to breed, and put the cock in a small wire cage and hang it on the front of the breeder until you see him begin to feed the hen through the wires. Do this, and give the birds two leaves of dandelion each per day. If the cock stops singing when put in with the hen, take no notice; things will doubtless go all right with a little patience.

**Birds Pecking Themselves** (W.A.R.).—If I understand you correctly that you give each pair of birds one egg and some bread crumbs daily, then you are giving far too much egg food. One egg and about double its bulk of bread crumbs (or an equal bulk if you use both yolk and white of the egg) should suffice for six or eight pairs. A teaspoonful for each pair is ample. Give a little fresh green food daily; add a pinch of Epsom salts and six drops of lemon juice in the water for a day or two, and see that the birds and cages are quite free from insect pest. Give a bath frequently, with a few quassia chips soaked in the water twice each week.

**Egg Food and Journey** (Roller).—(1) I do not think there is much to choose between the food you mention and that prepared with egg and bread. The prepared article has the advantage of being much less trouble, but if I were about using it as a substitute, I should add a small proportion of crushed sponge cake and also see that the supply of green food was sufficient to counteract the effect of the biscuit. (2) When sending birds on a journey by rail, use proper travelling cages. Throw a handful of seed on the floor of cage, and when packing up add a piece of stale bread thoroughly saturated with cold water. Send by passenger train per quickest route, and at night for preference. Unless weather is hot and sultry, you should not pierce any holes in wrapper.

**Dregs of Asthma and Mating** (Blackburn).—You are feeding this hen much too liberally, and it is quite likely an overfed condition is the cause of the huskiness of voice. You may continue using the medicine you mention if still necessary, but if all traces of wheeziness and difficulty of breathing have disappeared, it would be as well to try to do without it. Feed on plain Canary as a staple, and give a small teaspoonful of summer rape three times a week, and half a teaspoonful (not more) of the egg food three times a week. Give a spray of green food daily. In the drinking water give six drops each dandelion juice and syrup of huckthorn every second day for a week. If the hen still seems husky, give twenty drops whiskey and six each oxymel of squills and glycerine every second day for another week. You seem to have matched the birds all right provided the typical points concerning shape, etc., are properly balanced, on which point you give no information.

# BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

## Feeding Hybridisers.

**Miss A. L.**—Yes; both Goldfinches and Bullfinches should have plenty of young dandelion leaves, likewise the flowering and seeding heads of dandelion and groundsel, shepherd's purse and chickweed, according to season. The dandelion and chickweed are obtainable now, and shepherd's purse will not be long before being ready. Give good feeds of niger and maw seeds to both birds daily, and do not stint the Goldie of hemp nor the Bullie of sunflower, while the latter may have a taste of egg food every day if she shows any liking for it. My own hens all show a liking for it (they are in cages). Some fanciers believe in transferring the eggs to hen Canaries, and some (but very few) give the hen Britishers a chance to hatch them and rear the young. When the couples are in cages, the former invariably proves the most certain method, especially with hen Bullies, whom I never find any too reliable. Should you get young, offer all of the above-mentioned seeding green foods freely, egg food (or rich insectivorous food, if the hen Bullie likes it), small mealworms, live ants' eggs, and sprays off rose or fruit bushes which are infested with smother fly (aphides). The seeding green food is often obtainable simply covered with "blight" and tiny crawling things, and is then most valuable.

## "Meating Off" Small Softbills.

**P. M. Mon.**—The best way to "meat off" small Softbills, such as the Redstart, Nightingale, Wagtail, etc., is by means of mealworms—the latter are widely obtainable, unlike certain other live-foods. I presume you know that usually it is necessary to put the bird's cage in a light spot, and cover the cage front with muslin, or white gauze, or similar material, while he gets used to captivity. Also see that the food and water are easily accessible—right under its nose, as it were. Personally, I commence with a supply of not over large mealworms in the food dish; then give a few biggish ones cut in two; then lightly sprinkle these cut mealworms with a good insectivorous food, prepared with a generous admixture of finely-minced hard-boiled (fresh) egg; then I press the cut mealworms well up amongst the food. These are the stages: at the end the bird has become used to taking up some of the insectivorous food (especially particles of the egg), and I then gradually wean him off the mealworms, giving them occasionally only. I hope this will make the process clear to you. It is troublesome while it lasts (if one counts trouble in such matters), and takes a week to fourteen days, according to the disposition of the bird, before it can be termed "well on food." And they need hundreds of mealworms in that time. Gentles are good, if obtainable and well scoured, while live ants' eggs are splendid for even the most delicate species, and I use a big quantity every summer. Unfortunately they are not cheap, and it is not everyone

... can go out and gather them. Both (gentles and ants' eggs) can be used to "help out" the mealworms. The cover over the cage can be gradually raised, as the bird becomes used to its new surroundings.

## Food for Young Mules.

**A Good Start.**—Pleased to know you found my "wild-seed" mixture so successful in bringing your Finches into soug and muling condition. There's nothing like "full eggs" to cheer a fancier up. My egg-food I make by well mixing two crushed Osborne biscuits with the finely minced yolk of a hard-boiled (twelve minutes) egg, and a saltspoonful of Plasmon powder. Mix in half the white, too, when the young are four or five days old. The powder, of course, need not be added (it is a "fad" of mine), though I think very highly of it, and dried milk powders generally. When the Mules commence to feed themselves it is a very mistaken policy to leave off soft food as "soon as possible." The egg should be gradually left out of their diet when they are three weeks old or so, but certainly not the soft food. Give bread and milk sop (or biscuit and milk), well sprinkled with maw seed, and with a good pinch of Plasmon powder mixed amongst it, freely each day. In addition offer canary and maw seeds, soaked (germinating) summer rape, and lightly cracked hemp. A few crushed sunflower seeds should also be thrown in daily, increasing the quantity as the birds get older, when I gradually discontinue the milk sop and soaked seed, giving occasioual feeds only. A few groats occasionally are relished, and a little coarse oatmeal; but the above "menu" is full enough for all practical purposes. Some fanciers, I know, will not give young birds green stuff after they have taken them away from their parents. But this I consider a mistake. I don't believe, mind you, in stuffing them with lettuce, watercress, and the like. What they want, and what is extremely beneficial to them aud conducive to their successful rearing, is a free supply of the "seeding green foods," if I may use the term, meaning the seeding heads of chickweed, shepherd's purse, grass, groundsel, plantain, and the like, especially the three first-named. But don't gather it off dusty roadsides; and strip off all large, coarse, stringy leaves. I like my young Mules to have a good fly; some, however, turn out mischievous, so one needs to watch them.

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## Brevities.

**Rearing Young Thrushes and Blackbirds** (J.F.).—You will find full information given in the reply to "Beginner" this week.

**Rearing, etc., Thrushes** (H. Clark).—For food, etc., note the reply given to "Beginner" this week. The nest is that of the Song Thrush, without a doubt. It is mud-lined and the eggs are a beautiful greenish-blue spotted with browuish-black. You don't want to take the young until they are getting nicely feathered; I always found about the twelfth day plenty early enough.

**About Pairing** (Bird Lover).—No; it is not absolutely necessary to provide a mate for a Linnet because it is in breeding condition. But a bird which is in very high (rank, as fanciers term it) condition is best kept out of the company of birds that are breeding. "Pairing fever" indicates a rank condition. It is not dangerous unless the bird is kept within sight and call of breeding couples. The bird should be fed very plainly, and be given a mild dose or two of saline medicine.

**Softbills for Exhibition** (Variety).—The Redstart is bad to beat under most judges in a class for small insectivorous birds, and is a better bird for a beginner (I don't know, of course, if you really are a beginner) than the Wagtails, the Goldcrest, the Treecreeper, and certain others which get "among the money." For the large Softbill class, a Waxwing takes some stopping as a rule, and is not difficult to manage. Of course, I assume the specimens to be good of their kind. It is hopeless to speak of a "fair price"; that depends on whether they are bought in show form or not. The Waxwing, by the way, has been difficult to get recently.

**To Bring into Condition** (Novice).—The "wild seed" mixture you mention is as follows: Two ounces each of gold of pleasure, niger, sesame, and thistle, one ounce each of mustard (the golden-yellow seed), dandelion, maw, cornflower, plantain, clover, and lettuce. It is the finest "tit-bit" or "refresher" (call it what you will) that I know, and there is no waste. This will help to bring any bird into breeding condition at the earliest possible moment. For Goldfinches only, the mustard should be left out and the gold of pleasure reduced one-half; they are better liked by Linnets, etc.

**A Wild Linnet** (W.R.S.).—You have got hold of what fanciers term an "unkind" bird, possibly an old one, and it may not become really steady until it has moulted in captivity. Linnets differ very much in disposition; some are almost tame, broadly speaking, when caught. The stumps of the broken tail feathers remain in, and prevent new feathers growing. The cock Linnet is a nice warm brown colour on the shoulders (wing butts), and generally shows much more white in the flight feathers. The hen is greyish all over. It will never get steady in an all-wire cage.

**Mule Ailing** (Madeley, Salop).—You do not give enough particulars to guide me. You should have stated how the bird is caged and fed, how long ailing, the state of its excreta, whether drinking unusually heavy, and whether feeding well or otherwise. I can only at a guess advise you for two days to dissolve in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water as much Epsom salts as will lie upon a shilling. Let him have Canary, maw, and cracked hempseed to eat.

**In an Aviary** (Herbert Lee).—It is not easy to get British birds to breed in a small aviary such as yours, and if you are really keen on getting some young birds, I advise you to stick to Canary hens (say, 8 or 9) with three cock Canaries and a cock Goldfinch and Linnet, in addition to the cock Redpoll you have already. The pair of Java Sparrows may prove troublesome, but my colleague, Mr. Page, will have to advise you on this score. You won't meet with much success breeding British Finches in ordinary cages; you should try Foreign seed-caters. I will send your letter on to Mr. Page. Look in his column for a reply.

*Owing to unavoidable circumstances, Mr. Wesfon regrets having to hold over several replies until next week.*—EDITOR.

# FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S.

## Aviary for Budgerigars.

**H.G.**—Your aviary will do well for breeding Budgerigars, but four pairs for breeding will be ample, only three would be better, and your stock of old and young birds ought not to exceed 30 birds. I should advise a glazed sash, hinged as a door to be closed at night, and also during the day in severe weather. If it is so hinged that it stands away from aviary front about one inch, this will provide ample ventilation. The back of the aviary should be well lined with twiggy branches (pea or bean sticks answer well) and at least double the number of cocker-nut husks hung about that you have pairs of birds. When purchasing your stock, procure each pair from a different source, so as to obtain unrelated stock. For treatment refer to your booklet

## Parrot in Poor Feather.

**C.R.B.**—No wonder the poor creature is ill-conditioned and sick, with the food you are giving it. Stop your present diet, and feed strictly as follows: Seed mixture, Canary, two parts, and one part each wheat, dari, maize, oats, hemp and sunflower seeds, well mix and always keep a supply in the cage. Also give ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuits (dry). Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage, and mix a little grit among its seeds. For one day only put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in one ounce of water. After an interval of three days repeat the dose; in between (and continue for a month, at least), make the drinking water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's chemical food. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, or any kind of animal food whatever. The bird should gradually recover condition on a wholesome dietary.

## Strained Toe and Misplaced Claw

**Mrs. Harding.**—(1) The claw and toe will set in proper position, providing you have so bound them; though the probability is the claw will drop off. However, the loss of the claw will not inconvenience the bird, or unfit it for breeding purposes. (2) A fracture will set, but it should be bound up in the normal position; leave the bandages on for at least a fortuight. (3) Even if the claw does not get right, it will not materially inconvenience the bird. Dip the bird's foot daily into tepid water, without removiug the bandages; also anoint the leg and foot (you can get between the strands of the wool with a camel-hair brush) with Elliman's Embroeation. I should also advise, for one day only, putting one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into one ounce of water, and not supplying any other drinking water or a bath for that day. If it appears at all weakened by the accident, then for a month make its drinking water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food. Supply clear water, say, once a week.

## Amazon Parrot Recovering.

**A. K. G.**—Continue the treatment already advised till the bird is thoroughly fit. It is nothiug less than sheer brutality to have a bird's tongue cut; it will not make it talk, and is is almost certain to kill it. You have paid plenty for a non-talking bird. I should most certainly say the bird will ultimately talk. Keep on with the constant repetition and also keep it where it will hear plenty of small talk and conversation without being scared. As regards a grey, I can only say this: A newly imported bird is a very risky purchasc, and that by far the greater number of them die within a few weeks of reaching this country. The treatment is: Keep them warm at first, strictly out of draught, yet where they will get fresh air; get them on to a wholesome diet as soon as possible, but do not make the change too sudden, and do not give slops, table scraps, etc.

## Grey Parrot Running at Nostrils

**"B.L.B."**—If you have been giving this bird any tea, coffee or milk slops, table scraps or any kind of animal food, you must stop same at once. Your diet (providing the morning and evening bread is given dry) is satisfactory, but I should put a thin layer of the dry seed mixture under the boiled maize. Give the bird one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia, and after an interval of three days repeat dose. On other days, and continue for a month at least, put sufficient Parrish's chemical food in the drinking water to make it the colour of pale port wine. Spray, or wash with a camel hair brush, the bird's nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline, and continue same till the discharge ceases. If the bird will let you handle it, foment its eye with warm water, and put a drop of rose water and zinc eye solution (from any chemist), into the eye or eyes, if both are affected, but the eye should be well cleansed before putting in the solution. Put a piece of fine wire netting over the cage grating so that it cannot get at the contents of saud tray. Get a box of honey and borax from your chemist, and put a little on your bird's tongue daily for, say, a fortnight. Till the bird is fit again, it should be carefully protected from draught; at the same time, it must not be kept in a vitiated atmosphere. If any further symptoms should develop, repeat query at once, with full particulars.

## Treatment for Grey Parrot.

**R.B.**—I presume the Indian corn has been boiled; if so, you must continue it for a time. But the regulation or wholesome diet is as follows: Seed mixture—Canary and oats two parts each, and one part each of the following: hemp, wheat, dari, and sunflower seeds. Well mix these and always keep a supply in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit (apple is very good), plain biscuit and nuts. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in its cage, and also water, and scatter a little Parrot grit over sand tray. Note: Boiled maize only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel must be kept strictly clean. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. For one day only put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in one ounce of water, and do not for the day give any other drinking water till this has been consumed; follow this by making the daily supply of drinking water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food. Keep the bird free from draught, but not out of the reach of fresh air. When covering up a cage, it is the sides which should be thoroughly covered up; the bulk of the top should be left uncovered. The bird will pick up many words, etc., from the conversation which it hears; you can also teach it by constant repetition of short words and phrases, not a mixture, but keep at one till it is learned, then take up another. I hope the bird will do well.

## Blue Macaw in Poor Feather.

**Mrs. H.**—The temperature of any living-room is ample for these birds; it is out of condition, and as it recovers tone its plumage will improve. Give the magnesia every two or three days so long as the voidings do not become watery. Also put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food, by making the drinking water the colour of pale port wine with same. The magnesia can quite well be given soaked into a piece of biscuit, or stale household bread. Continue the treatment till the bird is in condition. Do not give milk in any form, nor yet cake; it is better without it. Try it with boiled maize, and if it will take it, well dust it with flowers of sulphur (it only keeps fresh one day, and stale corns must not be left about). A bath (by spraying) should be given two or three times a week, as soon as weather permits; this will materially help the bird, but you must guard against chills when the wind is cold. By all means let it have walnuts, brazils, and hazelnuts, and also as much ripe fruit as it will take. I should say that with a wholesome diet and the warm weather, the bird will improve rapidly. Prepare the maize by boiling it till soft; drain off all possible moisture (the grains should be soft, but whole), and then dust with flowers of sulphur and stir up before supplying to the bird.

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## Aviary and an Aviary Cage.

**"Dorando."**—(1) Waxhills are shy breeders in captivity under any conditions, and Orange-cheeks especially so. I think you would be more likely to succeed with either the minute Zebra or Golden-breasted Waxbill or the St. Helena. The cage is roomy, and you ought to meet with success; hang up a coker-nut shell, and also a flash shaped rush nest, supply a little hay and leave them to themselves. (2) Do not put in more than from six to nine pairs for breeding purposes, and I should suggest the following: Grey and Green Singing Finches, Cutthroats, Zebra Finches, Long-tailed and Ruficauda Grassfinches, Green Avadavats, Silverhills, and white Java Sparrows. A Pekin Nightingale will agree among them, but it is a nest-robber of such eggs as it can get at, and must have a soft food and fruit dict, also a few live insects. Weavers are apt to be quarrelsome, and keep the aviary in a commotion, even if they do nothing worse; the Napoleon is a fairly amiable and a handsome bird. They have not yet bred in captivity.

## A Sick Tanager.

**E. D. P.**—I regret very much to have to say that I fear you will lose the bird. Isolate it at once from your other stock and also put its mate in quarantine for a time till you see whether it is infected or not. There is not the slightest doubt but what it has become infected with the complaint of the bird which you refer to as having died on April 14th. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the daily supply of its soft food mixture, but directly the voidings become watery it must be stopped for a time. Also get from your chemist the following mixture:—Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills aud glycerine in equal parts; for use take a teaspoonful of the mixture, add an equal quantity of water and supply to the bird in a small glass drinker. For a few days let the above form the bird's only drink during the first half of the day. Also with a small camel hair brush put a little honey and borax on its tongue, well cleansing the brush each time; do this twice a day while the trouble lasts. Your dict is very satisfactory. If the bird is alive when this reaches you (but I fear it will not have survived), I should be interested in hearing the result of the treatment.

## Macaw Out of Condition.

**Mrs. H.**—Your dietary appears pretty correct, save perhaps the supply of such kinds of ripe fruit it will eat might be more liberal. When giving drugs the supply of drinking water should not be large. A drinker holding about one, or at the most, two ounces of water is ample. Give the bird a dose (one teaspoonful to the ounce of water) of Dinneford's Magnesia twice a week so long as its voidings are not watery. On other days put sufficient Parrish's Chemical Food into the drinking water to make it the colour of pale port wine. A little flowers of sulphur may be advantageously dusted over the boiled maize, and continued for some time. Do not let the bird in its present state be subjected to cold winds, nor yet to a vitiated atmosphere. If the swelling appears again foment it with a hot (not scalding) decoction of camomile flowers, keeping the bird carefully out of draught for the time being; also at the least sign of running at the nostrils spray same with diluted glyco-thymoline. The bird's skin is evidently in an irritated condition, and it would be well to spray the whole of the plumage several times with quassia solution. I am of opinion the bird will gradually recover tone, but in the event of further developments, you had better repeat query at once with full details.

## Brevities.

**What Parrot?** (Newportonian).—It is an Alexandrine Parrakeet. In addition to the present diet also supply regularly the following seed mixture:—Canary, hemp, maize, oats, wheat, and sunflower seeds. Do not any any account give tea, coffee, or milk slops, or any kind of animal food whatsoever and the bird should continue to do well. If kept in your midst, and is well petted, it should make quite a talented bird.

**Grey Parrot Ill** (Foreign Bird).—This is a matter in which I cannot help you; only a "vet." can do so. It should be worth your while to let your local "vet." see it. Other than this you can do no more than you are doing, and it will end in your losing the bird. I have heard of several birds being saved under veterinary treatment, which were in similar condition to yours.

**Cape Canary** (Serinus).—The bird was immature when you received it, and while I still think you have a Grey-necked Serin or Cape Canary, it is quite possible it may be the St. Helena Seedeater; but so far as I can gather, it is the first-named. Your food and treatment are very satisfactory, but I should omit the niger, and let it have a hopper of canary seed in its cage. One mealworm per day, or every other day, would be an appreciated dainty for the bird. I think you have a male, and that its song will improve. However, in every species the power of song varies in respective individuals.

**Amazon in Poor Feather** ("Amaz.").—Continue treatment already advised, giving the Dinneford's Magnesia every other day, so long as the voidings do not become watery, in which case you must stop giving the magnesia for a time. In between supply the chemical food fairly strong; if it is fond of biscuit, you can give a piece on which you have put from 8 to 10 drops of the chemical food. Now the weather is becoming genial, I should spray it every other day, keeping it carefully out of draught till dry. Report progress in about a month, as I am of opinion it will steadily improve, now you have it on a stand.

**Amazon Not Talking** (G.G.).—It is giving a little of whatever you eat that is working the mischief. Its diet should consist of seed mixture (see other Amazon replies), ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, dry, and about a tablespoonful of boiled maize daily (the latter only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel must be kept strictly clean). Give it one or two doses of Dinneford's magnesia with two days between each dose (for directions, see other replies). Tea, coffee, milk as liquid, or slops from same, must not be given under any considcration. Keep the bird where it will hear plenty of conversation, and also teach it by constant repetition. Some specimens are more teachable than others, but your bird, as soon as it is in condition, ought shortly to begin to utter a few words.

**Indian Parrot out of Condition** (G. B.).—I strongly suspect this bird has been wrongly dieted. Its food should consist of seed mixture, ripe fruit, plain biscuits and nuts. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, nor yet any kind of animal food. Give several doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, and also put it on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food. You will find full directions in replies to other correspondents in this issue.

**Amazon Out of Condition** (J. Stafford).—First stop the milk and milk sop. Confine diet to seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, and also a little boiled maize. If you can handle the bird, bathe the bare parts with a hot (not scalding) decoction of camomile flowers, making as dry as possible with a cloth, and keeping it strictly out of draught. Give several doses of Dinneford's magnesia with two days between each dose (for directions, see other replies), and in between well colour its drinking water with Parrish's chemical food.

**Budgerigars Not Breeding** (J.H.A.).—If you have a true pair, they should certainly breed, though they would be the better for a larger cage. You can easily tell the sexes, the cere (portion surrounding the nostrils) of the male is blue, that of the female decidedly brown. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners" very helpful, to be had from this office. Do not give egg food. Canary and white millet seeds, a few oats, with green food, such as lettuce, grass in flower, etc., and cuttlefish to nibble at, will be ample to meet their modest requirements.

**Zebra Doves** (M.G P.).—I do not know your locality, and so cannot speak definitely, but if there is a shelter attached to your outdoor aviary, it should do better there, and will breed. Shallow nest boxes about six inches square and three inches deep, fixed high up in the shed portion, wicker platforms (tops of round hemp hampers) are also favoured; they prefer slender twigs for nesting material, such as clematis prunings; failing anything of this character, supply straw, coarse hay, and as coarse-growing grass as you can get, but they prefer pliable twigs to anything else.

**What Bird?** (Druid).—It is a Monstache Parrakeet, and will be much larger than it is at present, and its plumage brighter. The price is very variable when the species is numerous—as low as 10/6 a pair (newly imported). Its food should consist of seed mixture (Canary hemp, oats, wheat, dari, maize, and sunflower seeds), ripe fruit, plain biscuits, and nuts. If it has been getting boiled maize, continue this for a time. It should talk: teach it by constant repetition, and keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, yet not be continually scared.

**Diet for Lovebird** ("Ignorant").—Canary and white millet seed, a few oats, ripe fruit (apple, orange, banana, etc.), green food (lettuce, grass in flower, etc.), and a piece of clean cuttlefish to nibble at; water ad lib. They will do well enough in a box cage, but it ought not to be less than 24 by 12 by 18 inches high.

**Best Talker** (R.C.).—The greys are the best talkers, and usually the most teachable; but they are very difficult to acclimatise, and several are frequently lost before you get one well established. The blue-fronted Amazons come next; they are certainly good talkers; in fact, very little behind greys, but they are more trouble training, being perhaps not quite so teachable. They are, however, a hardier species, and would, I think, suit your conditions best. Very few birds require artificial heat, providing they are protected from draught and damp.

**Waxbill for Exhibition** ("Cuid One").—At a large show where a class was given for Waxbills, etc., any of the following would stand a good chance of being in the money, providing they were in the finest condition, merit as in order given: Zebra, Orange-cheeked, St. Helena, and Grey Waxbill; green and common Avadavats. Value about 7/6 a pair. For a mixed class violet-eared or Melba Waxbills would stand a good chance. Value 50/- to 60/- a pair; single birds (cocks), say, about two-thirds the price of pairs.

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**Canary** (Miss Searight).—Septicæmia, or bird fever. All cages should be disinfected, or else fresh occupants will take it.

**Canary** (X.Y.).—This bird seems to have died of a "chill" or inflammation incidental to the nesting season, rather than to an organic disease.

# GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

**Red Mite Preventative** (G. Coombs).—We do not know the present address of the agent. We feel sure, however, that you could get carbolineum avenarius from any large store selling painters' goods and the like.

**Two Photographs** (F. Jones).—Pleased to print your letter, but unfortunately the two photographs are not clear enough to reproduce satisfactorily.

**Illustrated Ideas** (I. Summers).—We fancy we have already utilised this.

**The Ladder of Progress Competition** (J. Turner).—It was our intention originally to forward all postcards when the competition closed, but we have now decided to send them as the names reach us from competitors. So you will get yours in the course of a few days. We shall welcome all the "ladders" you care to send us.

**Bat and the Daylight** (G. Margaritis).—The occurrence is certainly interesting, but, as this journal deals solely with birds, is hardly a suitable one to be recorded in our columns. It would be welcomed by journals dealing with animal life.

**Seed Sample** (Jos. Parker).—Sorry to get your note. We are afraid the seed sample must have got mislaid, assuming that it reached us. If you could post another we would gladly give the matter attention.

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# CORRESPONDENCE.

## SOME PRETTY FOREIGN BIRDS I HAVE KEPT.

SIR,—The following notes concern a few birds I have kept in the house in cages, also some which I have at the present time. My first cage birds were a pair of Cordon Bleus, and although purchased during the summer (which I think is the best time to purchase birds), they both died the following day. The dealer from whom I had them replaced them, but these also died, so I gave up all idea of keeping Cordon Bleus. It is a pity they are so delicate, as they are very pretty, much more so than a lot of the more expensive birds. In a large public aviary in the park there are three or four very good cock Cordons. The hens are all dead, I think, chiefly through egg-binding. I had a young cock Pintail Nonpariel in my possession for about nine days before it died. He was very tame, but appeared to have a partial stoppage in the throat. One morning, about ten minutes after I had fed him and seen him eat, I found him dead on the floor close by the food pot. This species is, in my estimation, the handsomest of the foreign birds I have seen. At the present time I have got pairs of Saffron Finches and Lesser Black-throated Cardinals, one White Java Sparrow, and one Zebra Finch. The Saffron Finches are nice birds, but are as quarrelsome with each other as the Green Singing Finches. The hen is slightly larger than the cock, but is not brightly coloured. Both have about equal capacity as regards song, which isn't saying much. The Cardinals are very handsome birds and very tame. I had these only three days before they would take mealworms from a pot held out to them. The hen is slightly larger than the cock bird, but not as brightly coloured. I have been unfortunate with my White Java Sparrows, for out of two pairs I have only one hen left. I had a pair of Zebra Finches in the same cage, but the hen died, leaving me with one of each kind. They are very friendly together and sleep as close as possible. I am thinking of trying to breed with these two birds, as the young would be very interesting.

PINTAIL NONPARIEL.

## WHAT IS A CLEAR?

SIR,—I think Mr. Kingsmill's letter in your last issue very misleading, and should like to suggest that he in the future sticks to the text of any bye-law he comments upon. I consider the whole letter is, to say the least, misleading. I would, however, like to ask him, or Mr. Mackley, two questions. First: Which class is a bird which has a little dark underflue (presuming this to be known only to the owner, and possibly found out in the washing) to be shown in; and secondly, what is to prevent a "clear" winning in a ticked class? I hardly like to question a statement from such a fancier as Mr. Mackley, but I hardly think his "theory" re a bird's sitting a "little thick" will "hold water," for what judge would put such a bird in the "money"?

NOVICE.

SIR,—It is of no use Mr. Kingsmill or anybody else trying to cloud the issue on this question, and getting on to the "backs" of the members of the N.P.C. just because they do not stick to the pet, old-fashioned trade-mark of the City of Norwich, a "clear" Norwich! The Fancy knows a thing or two; it is going forward. It is no longer docile at the shrine of Norwich City, or inclined to be fed solely on Norfolk dumplings. To begin with, Mr. Kingsmill knows very well that the N.P.C. does not intend to convey the idea that a bird with a tick on it anywhere is a "clear" in the technical sense. It is no use clouding the issue with that nonsense. He knows very well that the N.P.C. has adopted the rule because it wishes to bring about what nine out of every ten fanciers consider to be a sensible state of affairs, which will protect the owner of a bird sent in full show condition from the annoyance of seeing his bird's plumage ruffled and its after chances handicapped. What odds about what one or two Norwich men say, though I write this with no disrespect. Mr. Kingsmill asks: "Where is the Fancy going?" My answer is: Along the high road of common sense, to the goal of perfection, as near as that is attainable. Mr. Kingsmill says: "It would have been more to the N.P.C.'s credit as a body of fanciers to have kept the clear classes intact and free from invasion." Aye, perhaps so, from the Norfolk point of view. But the rub is that the main body of Norwich Plainhead fanciers think otherwise, and it would be much to the credit of Mr. Kingsmill and his friends if they would bow to the will of the majority with good grace. "If the judge handled the winners, it would stop the abuse," says Mr. Kingsmill, But the majority of the Fancy are of opinion that it is *not* an abuse; and what is the use of a small clique trying to rush the majority? "What is there to be alarmed at in a judge, if he be an expert, which every judge ought to be, handling a few winners?" asks Mr. Kingsmill. Here again he is enveloped in the dust he himself is throwing. Does he not see that the judges—the men who are acknowledged as experts by reason of their years of action—are practically united on the common-sense decision of the Fancy generally to *prevent* the necessity for handling. Where *will* Mr. Kingsmill find rest for the soles of his feet! He positively roars out his anathemas because the N.P.C. has not fathered the retention of the ancient Norwich saw that "the acme of perfection is the clear!" Part with your antiquated Norwich patent, Mr. K. Nobody will be any the worse for its decease. It brought plenty of grist to the Norwich mill while its charms lasted. Usually the ticks went in with the variegated—out of the company of the aristocratic "clears," and in with the etceteras. It will give the useful birds in the breeding room a better chance now. Finally, it will prevent the judges having the unpleasant task of catching birds beautifully wound up, and save the birds from the danger of damaged plumage. Mr. Kingsmill may say what he likes, but there are men about quite as expert as he, and his friends in Norwich, and they admit that, however clever a man may be, he cannot always fetch a bird out of one of the present-day show cages, without some danger of injuring its plumage. That is where the shoe pinches; the Fancy knows it, and has acted accordingly. LANCASHIRE LAD.

(A letter from Mr. W. Reid unavoidably held over.—Ed. C.B.).

## A NOTED LINNET.

SIR,—I read "Observer's" letter, and am surprised that an outsider should have stepped in when this question was settled. I have known Mr. F. A. Watt intimately during the past few years as an extremely popular young man, as a sportsman, and a man of business, and in all my connections with him I have never found him to be a "bouncer," or to suffer from the disease called "swelled bead." "Observer" is apparently unable to grasp the situation clearly. The judging of Mr. Watt at the Scottish National gave entire satisfaction, and met with no adverse criticism, as "Observer" will see if he refers to the reports.

ANOTHER OBSERVER.

[We see no good object in continuing this discussion.—Editor C.B.].

## LINNET SINGING.

SIR,—Will you allow me a few lines in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, with regard to Linnet singing for time? I see some of our Linnet fanciers are anxious to know the ins and outs of time singing. Now, our way, round about Leigh, is:—Half a minute face to face, 5 minutes with the shade. Now, we do not count anything till the shade goes in the window; then we count three seconds or over. Nothing under three seconds counts. I myself, however, like the way in which the Sheffield and Barnsley fanciers sing. I think a Linnet, if he is kept for time singing or for quality, should count as soon as he is put in the window. As to Lady Green's bird, it will not go face on; it has done all its work behind the shade. But one of our Linnet fanciers from Leigh took it down the other week with three birds. Mr. J. Statham, you will find in CAGE BIRDS, got 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Lady Green 4th. I hope this will enlighten your readers as to Linnet singing.

JOHN W. JONES.

## A SUCCESSFUL START.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a small space in your valuable paper just to relate my experiences with five pairs of Norwich (the cocks 1908 birds, the hens 1907), and one pair of Crests—six pairs in all. On March the 12th I put them all up. On March 31st they went to nest. Four hens laid five eggs each; the eggs numbered 26 in all from the six pairs, and on looking at and counting each nest I find that all eggs have hatched off, and I am at present the possessor of 26 young ones, all doing well, and nearly a week old. I should like to know if any of your readers has met with the same success? The only advice I can give is to study CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL, keep the birds clean, to leave well alone when they are going along all right, and to act on the useful tips in your paper.

W. T. DOVE.

## CINNAMON BORDER FANCIES AND THEIR COLOUR.

SIR,—I notice Mr. Hadwin makes reference to me upon the above question, but as I have not interfered in the correspondence in your journal, I must ask Mr. Hadwin to communicate with me direct. I am responsible for asserting that cinnamon colour is recessive to green colour, but I have never spoken or written of cinnamon colour not reproducing itself when bred to cinnamon colour. *A recessive is pure, and will always breed true.* I have also stated that cinnamon colour is a mutation of green colour, the difference being that green colour contains *two* colour factors and cinnamon colour only *one* colour factor.

J. S. CLINCH.

### A Correction.

SIR,—I beg to point out a printers' error in my letter on the above in last week's issue. On the 12th line I am made to say: "but his is not consistent with the facts," whereas I said: "so long as it is consistent with facts." I beg also to state that I intended to have struck out that part near the finish which appears in brackets, viz.: '(were, in fact, the colour "Your Reporter" advocated in his criticisms of the Crystal Palace class)'. I was in a dreadful hurry when writing the letter. I see I have omitted to strike it out in my copy, so I take it I also omitted to strike it out in the letter I sent. By publishing the above you will much oblige.

CINNAMON BORDER.

## THE BORDER FANCY CANARY IN THE SOUTH.

SIR,—I must apologise to Mr. Hadwin for unintentionally misquoting his lecture. I was writing from memory only, not having the copy by me. However, I do not think there is very much difference in saying "the smaller the better," than there is in "the difficulty with the Border is to keep it small enough." The impression given one is that in the North, at least, they like them small. Their diminutiveness, as has been pointed out by Mr. Norman, makes them all the harder to handle for Fancy points. This, however, to my mind, constitutes one of their chief attractions. It would be a thousand pities were the time to come when their increase in size made it only possible to call them "wee gems" by courtesy.

WILLIAM EAGLE-BOTT.

SIR,—I was very pleased to see Mr. Hadwin's letter in your last issue under the above heading. I quite agree with Mr. Hadwin with regard to studying the fads of judges. Any fancier who has attended the shows these last two or three years could not fail to see that in some varieties, Borders included, it was the fads of the judge that were being studied, and not the standard of that particular variety. What is the use of specialist clubs setting up a standard if it is the judge that is to be studied, and not the standard? I contend that the bird which comes nearest to the model or standard ought to be the bird to win, and not the bird that comes nearest to the judge's fancy. By the way, Mr. Hadwin says in his letter that a Border must be as little over five inches in length as possible. Now, I take this to be the E. and W.B.F.C.C. standard. On the other hand, the B.F.C.C. standard is "as near 5½ inches as possible"; so that there is half an inch difference between the two clubs' models, a thing which I do not think ought to be. A Border Fancy is, or ought to be, a Border Fancy all the world over, and there ought to be one standard for all, or fanciers will still have to study the fads of judges. Take, for instance, the case of a judge, who is a member of the B.F.C.C., and who is judging a member's birds (of the E. and W.B.F.C.C.) and those of a member of the B.F.C.C. as well. You then get birds showing half an inch difference in length. That judge is judging to his own standard; he could not put the "E. and W." member's bird forward, although it might be as good a bird otherwise; but, it fails in length, according to his own club's standard, and yet, at the same time, it may conform to the "E. and W." standard. Therefore, there will still be the fads of judges to study. I hope to see this matter discussed in a real sportsmanlike spirit, so that the discussion will not degenerate into personalities. R. YOUNG.

## IS IT NECESSARY TO COLOUR-FEED BRITISH BIRDS?

SIR,—Mr. Hawes' reference to my lecture is somewhat misleading. I did not state that the bird I dissected was diseased through the excessive use of artificial colouring. I stated that its condition was probably due to the excessive use of *hot cayenne* pepper, and this was admitted by the owner of the bird. I mentioned this most particularly, warning my hearers against the excessive use of hot pepper. I have always advocated colour feeding on pure tasteless pepper, and stoutly maintain that such feeding is not only harmless but absolutely beneficial to a bird.

J. W. RAMSDEN.

SIR,—Mr. Hawes' effusion under the above heading in your issue of the 17th inst., is replete with the incoherent rambling, the inaccuracies and inconsistences which characterise the vapouring of the "malcontent novice" of all time. I cannot read them without feeling sorely tempted to yield to the promptings of the "Old Adam" within me, and, metaphorically speaking, to rend the whole tissue of twaddle into fragments even smaller than the bird's nest in which Mr. Hawes tells us he was "bred and born." I will be content, however, with correcting his two most outrageous travesties of fact. First, as regards "assuming innocence in regard to this faking" (I scarcely know what this expression means), and my having come across "'wheezes' such as glycerine, sweet oil, koko oil, etc. . . " These remarks, I take it, are prompted by the question asked me by one of the members of the society to whom I recently had the honour of lecturing, viz., "What brilliantine or other preparation do you use to get the polish on your Goldfinches?" My reply was truthful, if brief: "*Cold Water.*" With the editor's permission, I will here enlarge upon it. If any exhibit of mine carries what is called "bloom," that bloom is the bloom of perfect health and condition, and it is the only kind of bloom that counts. It is the result of proper feeding, perfect cleanliness, and correct general treatment. I know all about the "wheezes" enumerated by Mr. Hawes, and many others besides. They are the finest "wheezes" possible for the spoiling of birds' plumage by the clogging of their feathers, but, even skilfully applied, they can never achieve more than a parody of the real live bloom of perfect health and condition. If Mr. Hawes, or any other novice, thinks he can, he is at liberty to try them. I have never practised nor recommended the use of any of them. Secondly, Mr. Hawes says that the answer I supply to the question: "Is it necessary to colour-feed British birds?" is "Yes." For resolute disregard of the truth this would be hard to beat. The doctrine I have always preached, and proved the truth of, is that colour-feeding is not necessary, but that the colour in British birds is best developed by generous dieting upon natural lines. This is all I have to say to Mr. Hawes Personalities are neither edifying nor instructive, and I decline to descend to them.

C. PRIOR.

## WHOSE IDEAS WERE THEY?

SIR,—In answer to your correspondents under the above heading:—Firstly, it was by request of my committee that I reluctantly decided to give a lecture, not as your correspondents head it, on "Cage-making," but "The Breeding Cage I use." Therefore I think I can fairly claim to have kept to my subject. It will probably not be out of place if I now take the opportunity of thanking the members for the appreciation of my endeavours. Referring to my perch holder (which I used years before I knew Mr. Mallett), the difference is only in the method of making and the metal used. My old perch holder was made with two pieces of copper or brass soldered together, and the perch holder under discussion is made of an alloy and cast whole, therefore saving expense and time. This, Mr. Mallett, can be proved. With regard to my seed holder, Mr. Mallett, after having seen mine, came and asked me for a pattern, which I willingly gave him: this also can be proved. In reference to using his name, I may say that very few of my fancier acquaintances, I should think, have ever heard of Mr. Mallett. I take this for what it is worth—pure assumption on his part. By his great self-asserted achievements, I should think he was more known in the incubator world. As regards his challenge, if my committee think it beneficial, I am quite willing, but it must be an open and not a committee meeting. I rather like his concluding remarks: "I do not intend to enter into any controversy through the Fancy paper." Surely he will allow me to use the same means, with your kind permission, as he has used himself?

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## THE CREWE O.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE C.B.U.

SIR,—At a meeting of the members of the Crewe Ornithological Society, held at the Burton Hotel on April 6th, it was unanimously decided to withdraw our membership from the Cage Bird Union. As a number of our members are also members of various Specialist clubs, which are not affiliated to the Cage Bird Union, this course was deemed advisable by all present. I shall be pleased if you will make this known through the columns if your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS.

THOS. L. HANCOCKS, Hon. Sec.

## SOME QUESTIONS FOR LARK FANCIERS.

SIR,—Being a reader of your journal, and interested in Lark singing, and being only a novice at present, I feel sure that a few hints from some of the "old hands" would be a great help to us novices round here in getting and keeping Larks in condition for singing contests. The best birds here have only sung for ten minutes without a break. I trust columns of your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS. interesting hobby.

ENQUIRER.

## THE NESTING OF THE GOLDFINCH

SIR,—Mr. Barker Clegg falls into error when he states: "This species (i.e., Goldfinch) seldom rears more than two broods." The Goldfinch begins to breed in May and continues till October. Had he said "They rarely rear *less* than four broods," he would have been nearer the mark. They are not insect eaters. I have no doubt Mr. Clegg knows ten times more than I about birds in captivity. It is the natural history part of his lecture (as reported in your last issue) that I take exception to. Mr. Davis stated (and he is correct) he put a pair of Goldfinches together in July and got three nests, of 6, 5, and 4 eggs. This appeared in your paper about three weeks ago.

R. J. CLARK.

## THE GOLDFINCH & THE LINNET.

SIR,—In the notes of Mr. Barker Clegg's lecture on the above, printed in your issue of April 17th, there is an error on the part of someone. The length of the Goldie is given as 5.2in., and that of the Linnet 5.02in. I think it will be generally acknowledged that the latter bird is longer by quite half an inch. By all the authorities whose works I have, the length of the Goldie is given as about 5in., of the Linnet about 5¼in. I trust Mr. Barker Clegg will accept this as a friendly criticism.

LINTIE.

## SOME REMINISCENCES OF FOREIGN BIRD KEEPING.

SIR,—Comparatively few keepers of foreign birds relate their experiences for the general benefit of the Fancy, so I beg leave to relate mine. My first experience in foreign bird-keeping was in the year 1900. Having an empty pigeon cote in my garden, I converted it into an aviary. The shed was about six feet by five feet by seven feet high, with a wire flight about 12ft. long. The aviary faced due east, and consequently got all the cold winds in the winter. The following is a list of the birds I kept in it:—Madagascar Love Birds, Green Budgerigars, Zebra Finches, Green Singing Finches, Common Avadavats, Orange-cheeked Waxbills, Grey Java Sparrows, Spice Birds, Black-headed Nuns, Ribbon Finches, and Norwich Canaries—one pair of each. My birds had not been in the aviary a week before the hen Canary had its foot badly bitten by the Lovebirds. The Zebra Finches had three fine nests altogether, and though they sat well, all the eggs of the three nests were unfertile. The hen eventually died from egg-binding. The Ribbon Finches had two nests, both of which they hatched out; but they threw the young ones out of the nest when they were about four days old. None of the other birds nested. The Lovebirds and the Avadavats paired, but nothing resulted. The cock Avadavat escaped on two occasions from the aviary, but I managed to get him back on opening the door of the flight. The Ribbon Finches also escaped, the cock for one day and the hen for two. The Green Singing Finches are very nice birds but are quarrelsome with each other. The cock sings nicely in short snatches, but when I kept him in the house he only chirped. I have a cock Canary, by the bye, which is about eight years old, and which copies the song of the cock Avadavat; which, of course, spoils its own song. All the above-named birds gradually died off during the winter, with the exception of about four, which I sold. The reason for their dying was, I think, that the aviary was badly situated and got no shelter from the wind. The following points are, in my opinion, very important for a successful aviary: Don't keep any Parrakeets with your Finches; and have your aviary as large as possible, in a well-sheltered position with a sunny aspect, and plant the flight with shrubs, etc. The above reminiscences, although containing nothing very special, will, I hope, be of some interest to the readers of CAGE BIRDS.

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## THE FITTING-UP AND STOCKING OF AN AVIARY.

SIR,—When one is about to begin keeping a variety of birds, the first thing he has to consider is how to build a suitable place to keep them in. The prospective keeper of birds would therefore start by building a place (if possible) facing south, say, 8ft. by 4ft. wide by 6ft. high. It should have a span roof going up to 7ft. in the centre, and be boarded up at each side and at the top, with ⅜in. or 1in. match boarding, a piece of glass being let in both sides of the roof to afford more light, using ½in. or ¾in. mesh netting for the front, which should be boarded up about 12 or 18 inches from the ground to prevent rain splashing in and making floor damp, which would prove disastrous to the birds. Having the woodwork finished, he should give same two coats of paint outside and two of lime white inside, which should be repeated at least once a year. Allow the paint and lime white to thoroughly dry before introducing the birds. Having done this, procure some branches of trees—laburnum or elder are preferable, as they have more twigs on them and are easily bent to the position required and do not snap. Fix them in as natural a position as possible, being careful not to place them one over the other, as they will not then become fouled. Now fasten up two or three boxes in which to place the seed. These boxes should not be allowed to get empty. Obtain a large flower-pot saucer which will serve admirably for the purposes of a bath, and can be bought from most oil shops for a few pence. Stand this in the centre of aviary, having previously covered the floor with sand, which will only require the surface taken off once or twice a week. The would-be aviary-keeper should next turn his thoughts to the stocking of the aviary, and one built as described would comfortably accommodate about thirty birds. The most hardy and suitable birds for an amateur whose income is limited are any of the British seed-eating birds, most of which will agree well together. I will give a description of a few of them. Clean water should be supplied each day in the drinking vessel and bath, when you will find that the birds will readily take to same through both summer and winter. The following are short descriptions of some of the birds which look very pretty in an aviary and can be kept at very little cost. To begin with, we will take the Bullfinch. The cock Bullfinch has a deep red breast, and a black covering on the head extending to just below the eye; the shoulders are of a bluish black, the rump being white. The hen is not so bright in colour and can be easily distinguished from its mate by the breast and back being a dark brown. In the wild state these birds are found mostly in thickly-wooded districts, and feed on insects and berries of various kinds. In the winter they come nearer habitation and eat groundsel, hips and haws, etc. The nest is constructed of twigs and is lined with feathers and hair, being generally built in a fir or other tree, and occasionally in a high hedge. There are usually five eggs laid of a greenish blue colour, with dark brown spots. This bird has no song of its own, but if carefully trained it can be taught to pipe several tunes. Next comes the Goldfinch or Greypate, which, like the Bullfinch, has a very bright plumage, the front of head being a bright red extending to the back of the eye (in the cock only), with a black collar at the back. The back is a chocolate brown and the wings are variegated with yellow, white and black. The tail is also black tipped with white. The nest is generally built in a fruit tree and is constructed of moss and lichens, lined with feathers and wool. The eggs are a pale grey with brown spots and are usually five in number. This bird has rather a pretty song and feeds similarly to the Bullfinch. Next is the Chaffinch, which has a black forehead and bluish crown, the breast being a deep red paling into white on the belly. The wings are black with two white bars running across, the tail also being black. The eggs are usually 4 or 5 in number and similar in colour to those of the Goldfinch. This bird is fond of insects such as caterpillars and beetles, also berries and chickweed. The next we come to is the Greenfinch or Green Linnet, which is of a greenish yellow colour variegated with ashy grey and yellow. Like most other British birds, the hen is not so rich in colour, and is more of a greenish grey, lacking the yellow. The Greenfinch is also fond of insects, as previously mentioned. It has a pretty little song and helps to make up the colour in an aviary. The Greenfinches prefer a thick bush to build in, and if this is supplied in the breeding season they would soon build and lay from four to five eggs of a light green colour spotted with red. There are, of course, many other species that can be handled with success, but it is advisable for the would-be aviarist to commence with a few specimens, which can soon be augmented as experience is gained. It must be remembered that cleanliness, airiness (without draughts), and dryness are three points that must be rigorously observed if the novice desires to be successful in what cannot fail to be an interesting and instructive pastime.

JOHN R. CLARKE.


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## FRENCH CHALK AND BOWEL TROUBLES.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to correct some inaccuracies made by your correspondent, Mr. J. Hamilton, upon this subject. He says: "What is meant is prepared chalk, known medically as precipitated chalk." Now this is entirely erroneous, and only complicates the matter further. Prepared chalk is got in small conical-shaped lumps, and in its crude form is "common whitening." Precipitated chalk is in the form of a fine powder, and is used chiefly in the manufacture of tooth powders. It is the prepared chalk (*creta præparata*) which is the desired article, and which is the only form of chalk used in medicine for the correction of diarrhœa. I think your correspondent, Mr. Hamilton, should take the lesson he gives home to himself, that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing; more especially seeing that he addresses his letter from a dispensary.

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## EAST HAM.

A capital little show was held by the newly-formed East Ham F.S., at the "Earl of Wakefield," on April 5th. A couple of classes were provided for cage birds, and some nice exhibits were staged. Mr. C. A. House, judged.

MULES (4): 1, 2, 3, res, Freer, very nice team, comprising two Goldfinch-Canary, Greenfinch-Canary, and Greenfinch-Linnet. NOR. (4): 1, 2, res, Gillingham and Woof, winner a slashing buff, rare shape and colour; 3, Sawyer, big, shapely buff, paler.

## BRIGHTON F. AND F.A.

The April show took place at the Assembly Room, King and Queen Hotel, Marlborough-place, Brighton, on April 7th, when there was an average number of exhibits. Mr. Roast judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Dandridge. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, Gravett; 3, Absalom. A.O.V.: 1, spl, 2, 3, A. Riddles. BRIT.: 1, spl, Pearson. Special for best bird, Riddles, with a neat Border. Mr. Pearson won the special for 2nd best, and Mr. Dandridge that for 3rd best.—A. RIDDLES, Asst. Sec.

## NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

Show of Finches held on March 17th. The entries were not numerous, but the quality of the exhibits was all that could be desired. Mr. J. S. Clarke judged.

GOLDFINCHES: 1, 2, Mortlock; 3, vhc, Hailes; r, Bartlett. BULLFINCH (2): 1, Pendent; 2, Bell. GREENFINCH (7): 1, r, B. F. Forse; 2, Williams; 3, Mortlock; vbc, J. Bell; bc, c, H. Bell. LINNET (5): 1, Mortlock; 2, J. Bell; 3, r, Williams; vhc, Hail. SISKIN OR REDPOLL: 1, A. B. Forse; 2, B. F. Forse; 3, J. Bell. A.O.S. FINCH: 1, 2, Williams; 3, B. F. Forse. A.S. HENS: 1, 2, Mortlock; 3, J. Bell.

## NEW BILTON AND DIS. F.A.

A 20 miles' radius show was held April 10th, at Royal Oak Inn. Two silver medals were given by the Society, which were won by Mr. Brooks (Lutterworth) with a Norwich, and by Mr. E. J. Labraham with a pair of Cutthroats. Mr. C. Hands (Newbold) judged and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. UNFL.: 1, Brooks. NOR. ANY AGE: 1, spl., Brooks; 2, Labrabam. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Mardling; 2, Tysell; 3, Goddard; hc, Wilcox. BRIT.: 1, 2, and spl., Heel; 3, Mardling; vhc, Jones; hc, Labraham; c, Coles. MULE OR HYBR.: 1, Brooks; 2, Tysall. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Labrabam. CHILDREN'S PET: 1 and 3, Smith; 2, Mardling.—J. GREATREX, Sec.

## DOVER AND DISTRICT F.F.S.

The second of a series of evening shows was held in the Barton Road Boys' School on March 31st, when some very fine exhibits were staged. Mr. G. Sanderson judged and gave general satisfaction.

YORKS. (6): 1, 2, Austen, both very typical yellows; 3, Heritage, buff; vhc, bc, Leaver. PAIRS (4): 1, 2, 3, Hendry; 4, Abbott. HYB. PAIRS (9): 1, Rayner, Goldfinch-Can.; 2, Eade, Goldfinch-Can.; 3, C. Lockett, Can.-Bullfinch; 4, Abbott, Goldfinch-Can.; vbc, Leaver, Goldie-Can.; hc, Abbott, Goldfinch-Greenfinch; c, Austen, Goldfinch-Can.

S. BRIT. (7): 1, Heritage, Bullfinch; 2, Lockett, Goldfinch; 3, Heritage, Hawfinch; 4, Lockett, Greenfinch; vbc, Austen; hc, Leaver.—ABBOTT AND AUSTEN, Hon. Secs.

## ALNWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A splendid display of British birds took place at the first table show of the season, held on March 31st, at the Temperance Hotel, Bondgate Without. Excellent arrangements had been made, and were admirably carried out by the committee and the hon. secretaries, Messrs. W. A. Broadley and T. M. Tate. Fifty-one birds were shown, and the awards of Mr. J. Robinson, the judge, gave general satisfaction.

GOLDFINCH OR BULLFINCH: 1, c, Forster and Thain; 2, Baxter; 3, Staig; vbc, Straughan; hc, Wake. GREY LINNET: 1, vhc, Baxter; 2, Beswick; 3, c, Forster and Thain; bc, Walker. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, spl for best bird in show, Forster and Thain; 2, Baxter; 3, vbc, Knox; c, Forster and Thain. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Straughan; 2, vhc, Baxter; 3, Staig; c, Forster and Thain. A.O.V.: 1, Forster and Thain; 2, Staig; 3, Knox; Forster and Thain received vhc, bc, and c for Blue Tit, Yellow Bunting, and Lark respectively.

## WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

A very successful table show of Hybrid and Muling pairs, also of British birds, was held at the Swan and Peacock Hotel, on April 6th. Although late in the season, a nice number of birds put in an appearance. It was pleasing to note that several Canary fanciers are taking up this delightful hobby, which augurs well for the Society. Mr. Rowley won special for best Hybrid pair, and Mr. A. Tonks that for best British, with a fine Goldfinch. Mr. R. Willoughby judged to everyone's satisfaction. Mr. A. Tonks read a very interesting paper on his experiences in Mule and Hybrid breeding, extending over a number of years, and was listened to with rapt attention. At the conclusion of the paper a most edifying discussion took place. Mr. Weaver (Chairman) touched the subject in a practical manner, which proved of great benefit to all. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Willoughby and to Mr. A. Tonks concluded a very enjoyable evening.

MULING PAIRS: 1, Weaver, Greenfinch and Cinn. hen, really good pair; 2, Tonks, fine foreign Goldie and yell. Norwich; 3, Garfield, nice Linnet, topping Nor. hen; vhc, Gibbons, good Linnet, nice buff Cinn. hen. HYB.: 1 and spl., Rowley, very nice Goldie Bullie pair on the best of terms. GREENFINCH: 1, Tonks, noted winner in grand trim; 2, Rowley, very fine bird, good size; 3, Weaver, bouncer for size, field-moulted, very steady. A.O.S.: 1 and spl., Tonks, beautiful Goldie in A1 condition; 2 and 3, Rowley, leader fine Chaffinch, beautiful colour; 3, Hawfinch, will improve greatly with another moult; vhc, Weaver, Reed Bunting, in nice condition, very steady. —J. GIBBONS, Sec.

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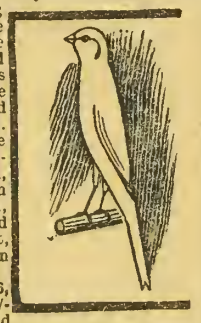
YORKSHIRES—continued.

# YORKSHIRES.

The old reliable breeder for high-class birds. Read testimonials from, 10, Menai Street, Port Dinorwic. April 19, 1909.—Pleased to tell you the yell. Yorks cock arrived safe, and got 3rd at Carnarvon Show; thanking you for sending such a good bird.—G. Morgan to L. Dykes. Another from 42, Cambridge Road, Hammersmith, W. April 18, 1909.—Sir,—About a month ago I got a Yorkshire hen from you, which gives every satisfaction (she is sitting now on 5 eggs); she is much better than one I received at the same time from another Bradford breeder, although yours was least money. Please send me another pair for enclosed amount.—O. P. Griffith to L. Dykes. I have a very choice lot to dispose of that cannot be equalled for length, style and quality, and all in tip-top breeding condition, and all guaranteed untried and cold room bred and kept, and the best that money can buy.



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NORWICH and Yorkshire cocks, from 5/-, upwards; Yorkshire hens, from 3/6 upwards; sell or exchange.—Penney, 27, Lower-rd., Helston.

GOOD Yorkshire cocks, buff, 7/6; yellows 8/6; also four Crested hens, 5/- each; cash or deposit; approval.—Bradley, Aldfield, Ripon, Yorkshire.

NOTICE. Will give 6/- per pair for good Norwich or Yorkshires; wanted Linnets, Bullfinches; good price given.—Hogg, 17, Bridge-st., Middleshrough.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich and Yorkshire Greens, to clear cheap; approval.—Marsh, Freemason's Arms, Merceron-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

GRAND lot of Yorkshire and Norwich hen Canaries, all cold-room bred, and in perfect breeding condition, 2/6 and 3/6 each, approval.—Walsh, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.

FOR sale, pair Norwich, pair Yorkshires, 12/- pair; double breeder, 3/-; 25/- lot; grand birds; no rubbish; any evening after 5.—Bullett, 16, Weston-place, Edgware-rd., London, N.W.

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HANDSOME lot Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries; cocks, 6/6 each, in full song, or 55/- for 10 cocks; hen Canaries, £1 12s. 6d. dozen; all English.—John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brighton.

BARGAIN. Yorkshire and Norwich, finest strain, young mated pair, 10/-; young hens, 3/6; money returned if not satisfied; bound to clear; few beautiful songsters 7/-.—Master, 42, London-road, Hinckley.

COMMON hens, healthy young birds, 1/6 to 2/6 each; clear and flecked cocks, in full song, 5/6, 6/6; Sib.-bred cocks, light muling strain, 8/6; approval; cash or deposit.—R. Bowie, jun., Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

C. W. PARKER, 14, Fountain-lane, Boston, Lincs, has still a few very good Norwich and Yorkshire cocks and hens for sale; also a good Crested Linnet Mule; state requirements, and we will send on approval on receipt of cash.

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has splendid lot of Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries for song and breeding; cocks from 4/6, hens 2/6; cock Linnets, 9d.—J. Thorn, 37, Plumstead-rd., Woolwich.

## MULES—HYBRIDS.

PEARSON, Greenwich, wants Mules; cash or exchange.

COCK Linnet, father six Mules, 4/6; approval.—Smith, 102, Russell-st., Northampton.

LARGE cage-moulted cock Goldfinch, full song, 3/-.—Baxter, New Buckenham, Attleborough.

FOR sale, two Goldnuen Canary cock Mules, full song, 10/6 and 7/6.—Walker, Coombe, Woodstock, Oxon.

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SIBS., my old Palace light Linnet muling strain; cocks and hens, 7/6 each.—Sims, Signalman, Warminster.

SEVERAL large Goldfinches, splendid blazes, for muling; also Bullfinches, Linnets.—Hayward, Church-st., Chard.

STEADY cage-moulted cock Goldfinch, good Mule breeder, 7/6; approval.—E. White, Shepherd's Station, Cornwall.

COCK Goldfinch and 1908 Yorkshire hen, been together since September, 5/6 pair.—P. Binks, 2, Clapham Cottages, Bedale.

TWO fine large Goldie Mules, pure Finch note, 8/6 each; would exchange one for good Roller.—White, Spring Hill Farm, Clapton Common.

TWO splendid house-moulted Muling cock Goldfinches, full song; also hen Bullfinch, prices low; particulars.—Beviss, Snowden, Chard.

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I HAVE cock Linnet and hen Canary, bred 10 Mules last year, 7/-; also puro Norwich, 1908, 7/6; ditto Yorkshire, 7/6.—Houghton, Rayleigh, Essex.

MULES, Greenfinch Canaries, Linnet Canaries, and Goldfinch Canaries, all cocks, in full song, 7/6 each.—T. A. Metcalfe, Beacon Cottage, Pickering.

HENS, hand-reared Chaffinch and Linnet, twice moulted Redpoll, rank breeding condition, nest immediately, 3/6 three, bargain.—Beeston, Ross-on-Wye.

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TWO dark cock Greenfinch-Canary Mules, one winner, 8/6, 7/6 each, in song; one hen, 1/-; dark Goldfinch-Canary Mule, 6/6; £1 lot.—Spooner, 68, Dairsie-rd., Wellhall, Eltham.

FOUR splendid Goldfinches, twice house-moulted, 7/0 each; two light muling hens, 3/- each; Greenfinch cock, Bullie hen, paired, 6/-; approval.—Heal Bros., 4, Combe-lane, Shepton Mallet.

LARGE Jonque cock Greenie Mule, 10/-; dark Buff cock Goldie Mule, 7/6; two cock Linnet Mules, 7/6 each; large house-moulted cock Greenfinch, breeder, 7/6; smaller, 5/-.—Gill, Saddler, Douglas, I.O.M.

HEN Hawfinch, splendid large cock Greenfinch, been together months, 5/6; hen Chaffinch, nested last season, with grand coloured Greenfinch, 4/6; two grand cock Goldfinches, caged September, make winners, 9/6, 5/- each; approval.—W. J. Clarke, 62, Abingdon-rd., Oxford.

BARGAINS, to clear quickly, cock Goldfinch hen Canary, 4/6; cock Redpoll hen Canary, 3/6; two Canary-reared hen Goldfinches, 1/- each; hand-reared cock Blackbird, full song, 2/6; prize-bred Norwich, pairs matched for breeding, 7/6; few odd hens cheap to clear.—Dawson, Blyburgate, Beccles.

I HAVE four Siberian cock Goldfinches, all in grand condition, for disposal, one 6/6, one 7/6, two fit for show, 10/6 each; one Russian cock Bullfinch and hand-reared hen Goldfinch, 10/6 pair; very fine English cock Goldfinch, 7/6; insufficient room reason for sale; approval, deposit.—E. French, P.O. Churchgate-st., Harlow, Essex.

FOR Sale, my champion Greenfinch Mule, 1st Crystal Palace, 1st Scotch National, Goldfinch Mule, 1st Welsh National, 3rd Scotch National; Linnet Mule, hc Crystal Palace only time shown; also Siskin Mule; 4th Crystal Palace, 4th Scotch National, first moult; show cages and travelling case complete; what offers for a grand team?—Apply, F. Scrine, Robinhood Hotel, Beach-st., Swansea.

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TWO dark cock Canary Goldfinch Mules, 5/6 each; three variegated cock ditto, 10/6 each; one variegated cock Canary Linnet Mule, 10/6; six dark hen Mules, 1/0 each; one Redpoll cock, twice house-moulted, 1/6; three Goldfinch cocks, hatched under Canaries, 7/6; three variegated Norwich cocks, 5/6 each; four Norwich hens, two variegated, two clear, 3/6 each; four Seifert Roller cocks, 7/6 each; three ditto hens, 3/- each; one Cinnamon Norwich hen, 3/-; all cold-room bred; strong and healthy.—Williams, Caradoc Court-gardens, Ross-on-Wye.

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Clear buff, for light mule breeding, 3/3, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; clear yellow, 3/9, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6. Marked hens for Siskins, Linnets, Greenfinches, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; for dark mule breeding, 3/3, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; prices according to size and quality.

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GREY red talking Parrot, bargain, 12/6.—Lloyd, 1, Dover-place, Aberdare.

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FINE yellow cock Budgerigar, in large cage, 7/-, bargain.—Hartley, Butcher, Kendal.

WANTED a genuine African Grey talking Parrot, cheap for cash.—Dutton, Dunstable.

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COCKS, Bib Finch, 2/6; green Singing Finch, 2/6, wintered outdoors.—Darling, Trowbridge

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THE very best cokernut husks made, bar none, 4/6 dozen.—K. Older, 64, Kingsland-rd., Bristol.

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NOTICE. Grand African Grey Parrot, begun to talk, 30/-; worth £5; approval.—McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

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EXHIBITION pair yellow Budgerigars, winners, 12/6; grand pair Bronze-wing Mannikins, 4/-; pair Silverbills, singing, 3/6; all acclimatised.—F. Howe, Cambridge-st., Wellingborough.

FINE talking Amazon and cage, 47/6; two singing Finches, 7/6; pair Rosellas, 37/6; all acclimatised; three fine vols. Green Parrots in Captivity, 25/-, 80 plates.—Curson's Hotel, Lowestoft.

SCARLET Tanager cock, perfect, 25/-; another, 17/6; pair Tri-coloured Nuns, 4/6; hen Cordon Bleu, 3/6; all cage-moulted; wanted hen Gouldian.—Creasey, 48, Albert-grove, Longsight, Manchester.

TALKING African Grey Parrot and cage, in good plumage, finger-tame, price £3 10s; green, yellow-fronted Amazon Parrot, good talker and in grand plumage, price £3.—J. King, 35, Exley-street, Liverpool.

AVIARIES coming down; must sell before 1st May; Budgerigars, in grand plumage and condition, Yellows, 7/6; Greens, 5/6 pair; removing; a chance seldom met.—W. Gardner, Marchant-st., Preston, Lancasbire.

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AVIARY-BRED Adult Rosella, 15/6; Cockatiels, 4/6; hens, 5/-; Green Budgerigars, 3/-; hens, 3/6; Yellows, 4/-; hens, 5/6; pure White Javas, 3/-; hens, 4/-.—Montague Feltham, 128, Commercial-road, Bournemouth.

BUDGERIGARS, warranted breeding, outdoor aviaries, greens, 6/6, cocks 3/-, hens 4/-; yellows, 8/-, cocks 4/-, hens 5/-; nest, 6/- each, 5/- dozen; Cockatiels, nesting, 12/6 or 6/6 each; nest 2/- each; pair Golden Crown Conures, outdoor all winter, 25/-.—Sapsford, Hughenden House, Teddington.

TALKING African Grey Parrot, thoroughly acclimatised, two years in England, extraordinary intelligent, companionable pet, health and plumage perfect; should this meet the eye of anyone wanting genuine bird at less than half its worth, viz., £5, please address Owner, 8, Melville-st., Gainshorough.

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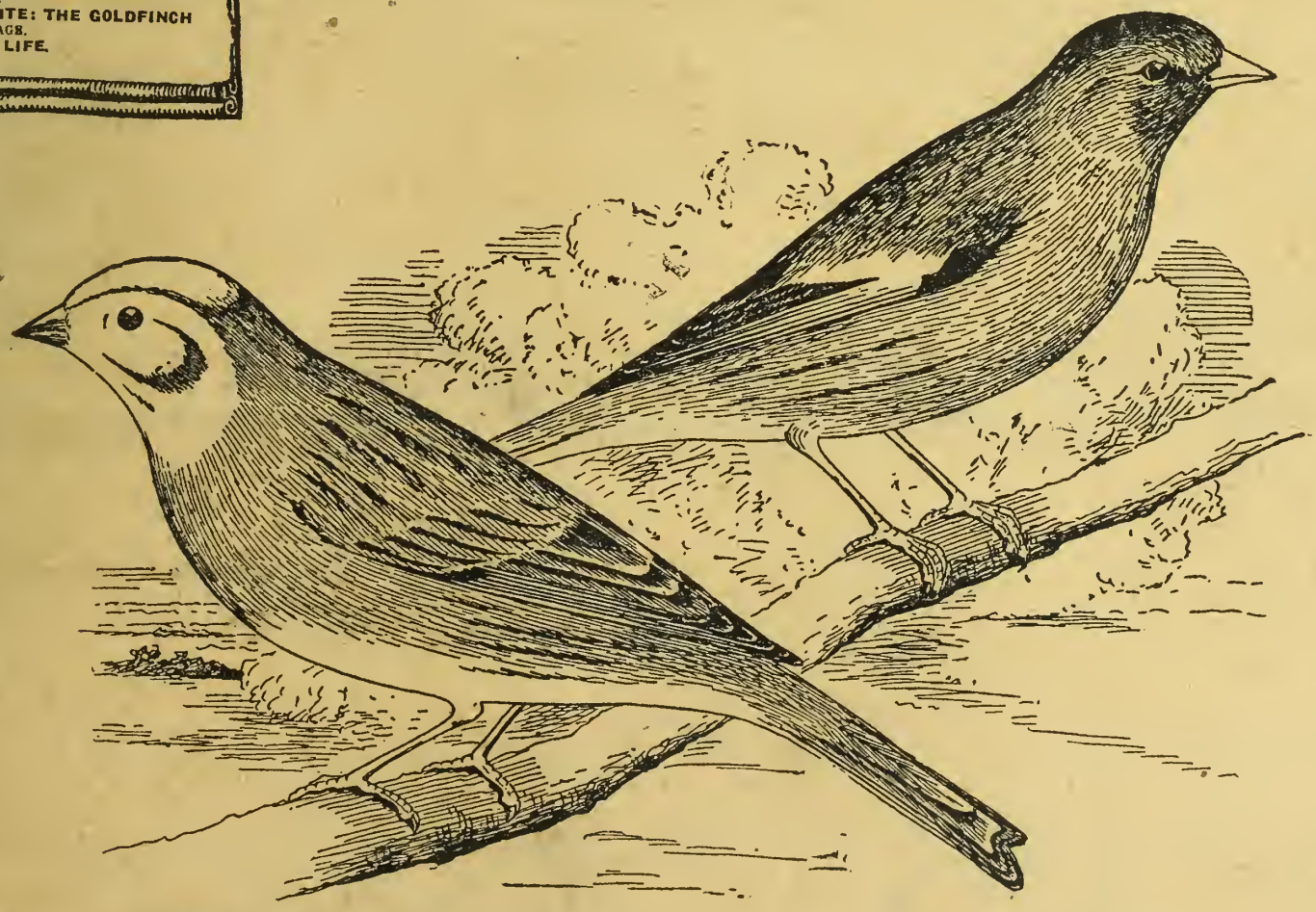

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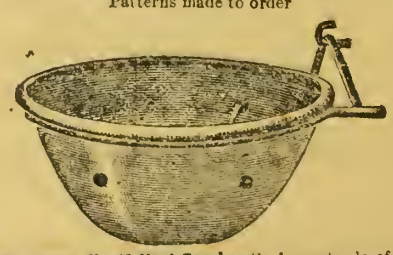

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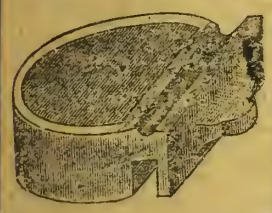

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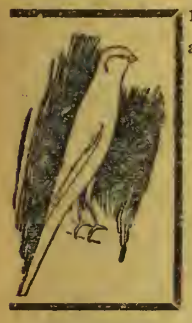

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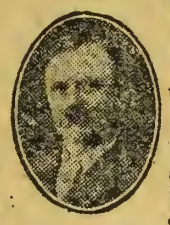

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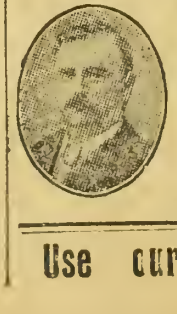

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WANTED, good singing Goldfinch, exchange sound dandelion seed.—20, Moss-st., Stockton-on-Tees.

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WANTED, offer Canaries; exchange Scotch blankets, 25/-.—Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

WANTED cock Bullfinches, Linnets, Chaffinches, Larks; price.—Thomas, 291, New Kings-rd., Fulham, S.W.

WANTED, a good cock Roller, cash, or winning Pouter Pigeons.—Daniels, Prospect-row, Bury, Suffolk.

WANTED, anything useful, exchange new aviaries or cages.—Martin, cage manufacturer, Castle Douglas.

ONE or two Hartz cocks, about five weeks old, for training.—Harrison, 4, The Retreat, Gold-st., Tiverton.

HEN Zebra Finches, buy, or exchange young green Budgerigar cocks.—Miss Crothers, Edgcumbe, Guildford.

WANTED, air gun, in good order, for good old violin and bow.—W. Simpson, Ferns, Stourbridge-rd., Bromsgrove.

WANTED, to purchase or exchange, your surplus Canaries and other live stock.—Barlow's Aviaries, East Greenwich.

YELLOW Yorkshire hen; exchange two house-moulted Goldfinch hens, good condition.—6, Rochford-rd., Basingstoke.

WANTED to buy, good Norwich; will give 7/- per pair, and will deposit cash.—H. Gledhill, Fleet-lane, Queensbury, Bradford.

LONG green or variegated Yorkshire hen; give Hexonet trout rod, cost 21/-. Bargain.—Silsby, 42, Norman-rd., Newhaven.

PAIR Canaries wanted; exchange rolled gold lever watch, John Forrest, London, 15/-.—Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

REED, Corn, Meadow, Yellow Bunting cocks, Jay; approval, deposit.—Andrew Duncan, Fanciers' Secretary, Kilsyth, Scotland.

WANTED cock Canary; exchange 1908 Norwich hen and cock Linnet; healthy.—Holker, 16, Leighcommon, Westhoughton.

WANTED hen Cockatiel, hen Zebra Fiuch, hen Silverbill, cock Pekin Robin.—Miss Latham, Park Hill House, Croydon, Surrey.

WANTED, anything in live stock for Italian mandoline, sell 25/-, Canaries preferred.—Peters, 14, School-st., Little Hulton.

WANTED, Wood Pigeons' eggs, must be fresh for sitting under domestic pigeon; quote price.—John Bonus, Alphington, Exeter.

WHAT offers in Norwich or Yorkshires for grand phonograph and 20 records? value 40/-.—McKeand, Hamilton-pl., Castle Douglas.

WANTED Canaries, value 20/-, for Waltham lever watch, splendid condition, approval.—Rink, 99, Wimberley-st., Blackburn.

YORKSHIRES. Dealers supplied with small or large quantities; stamp reply.—M. Cooper, Yorkshire Importer, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

WANTED Canaries or Mules; exchange talkative grey-coloured Parrot, acclimatised, sell 45/-.—Mr. Cobb, 36, Gordon-rd., Dartford.

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, cocks and hens, for cash; state lowest price.—Marsh, 45, Pereria-st., Bethnal Green, London.

OFFERS in cages, or anything useful, for two house-moulted Goldfinches, two 1908 Norwich hens, good type.—26, Woolwich-rd., Greenwich.

WANTED Canaries, dogs, Parrots, Pigeons, guinea pigs, cage birds, etc.; buy or exchange other live stock.—Jackson's Aviaries, Bethnal Green.

NOTICE, will give 6/- per pair for good Yorkshires or Norwich; wanted Bullfinches, British, good price given.—Hogg, 17, Bridge-st., Middlesbrough.

WANTED, pair yellow Budgerigars, or cock Hawfinch, for good singing cock Goldfinch Mule, sell 8/6.—Robson, 36, Northumberland-st., Sunderland.

WANTED, large yellow splashed Norwich hen in exchange for good secondhand saw, 20in. long, sell 5/6; bird first.—Pettit, 73, Lumley-rd., Horley.

WANTED, 12 Pigeons or five Bantams, carriage paid; exchange pair of Canaries, ready to nest.—Robert Simpson, 10 Court, 4 House, Fawcett-st., Sheffield.

WANTED, a good Wagtail, Yellowhammer, or Nightingale; exchange hen Canary, and red-breasted Redpoll; yours first.—Mackirdy, 67, Alexander-st., Alexandria, N.B.

WANTED Canaries, Mules, or British in exchange lady's new rolled gold spring expanding watch bracelet, cost 35/-; sell 20/-.—Hawkes, 3, Richmond-rd., Leytonstone.

WANTED, hen Pine Grosbeak, pairs Snow Buntings, Tree Pipits, Bearded Tits, Dunlin Grey Wagtails, for outdoor aviaries.—Bercsford-Webb, Norbryght, South Godstone, Surrey.

WANTED, good smooth fox terrier dog puppy (pedigree), 3 months, exchange 4 grandly-marked Dutch does and bucks, sell 30/-; particulars to—John T. Hodgson, Snaith, Yorks.

BRITISH Hardbills, to moult for exhibition; Yellowhammer, Chaffinch, Siskin, Hawfinch, etc., must be large birds and good colour; approval.—Kay, 84, Hawkstead-st., Southport.

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, cocks and hens, for cash; state lowest price; open to buy £100 worth.—Hardy S. Barron, No. 16, Club-row, Bethnal Green. Established 20 years.

WANTED, Crest-bred or Norwich hens; exchange three Crested cocks, two yellow Norwich cocks, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, camera or boy's cycle.—Soper, Vernon-rd., Sutton, Surrey.

WANTED to purchase dogs, Parrots, guinea pigs, puppies, poultry, Pigeons, Canaries, British birds, etc.; exchange entertained.—Barlow's Aviaries, 33, Woolwich-rd., Greenwich. Telephone, 1417 Deptford.

WANTED Yorkshires or Norwich; exchange three cock singing Linnet Mules, one hen, twice house-moulted hen Greenie and hen Linnet; high-bred breeders last year.—Fowues, 8, Tottenham-st., London, W.

AFRICAN Grey Parrot, acclimatised, talking, good plumage; exchange Yorkshire stock cocks to value; pairs green and grey singing Finches, moulted, preferred; breeding condition; approval, deposit.—Wilkinson, 193, Cottontree, Colne, Lancashire.

WANTED, offers in exhibition British Finches and cash for Harmsworth Educator, unsoiled, bound, cost 44/-; Cassell's Illustrated History of England, new, cost 81/-; Pathe Phonograph, 10 records, accept 10/-.—Hayes, bootmaker, Hucknall.

WANTED, 20,000 cyclists to send for 1909 catalogue, which is crammed full of bargains; outer covers, 2/11 each; inner tubes, 1/11; oil lamps, 1/-; plated wheels, 8/11 pair; free wheels, 1/6½ each; roller chains, 2/6; mudguards, 1/- per pair; front brakes, 11½d.; rear brakes, 1/11 each; luggage carriers, 5½d.; double chime bells, 11½d. each; 1909 guaranteed cycles from £2 19s. 6d., and everything for a cycle at startling prices; carriage paid anywhere on 2/6 orders; over 1,000 testimonals received from satisfied customers.—A. Smart, Ltd., 16a, Spiceal-st., Birmingham.

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BIRD and Animal preserving done cheaply, by practical hands; latest improvements.—F. Liverm ore, Windley, Derby.

EVERYTHING for botanical and nature study, illustrated catalogue, 2d.; egg drills, blowpipes, 1/-.—Messrs. Davis, 29, Paternoster-row, London.

STUART, Naturalist, Beverley, mounts all kinds of small birds, 1/6 each; Thrush size, 2/-; cash with order; established 1880. Thirty years a fancier.

ALL kinds of birds, animals and fish preserved and mounted by the latest methods; moderate charges; all work guaranteed.—G. J. Popplewell, B.F.N.C., Naturalist and Taxidermist; 143, Palace-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

## SALE OR EXCHANGE.

### Mainly British
**To be Sold or Exchanged.**

FEW good cock Goldfinches, cheap, or exchange muling hens.—Finney, Grocer, Oswestry.

TAME Raven, 1908 hand-reared, grand plumage; particulars.—Robt. Dyer, Haystoun, Peebles.

THRUSH and large pitchpine cage, 7/6, or offers in exchange.—Wm. Hancock, Bishops Lydiard, Taunton.

FOUR grand cock Twites (Redrumps), 2/- each; or exchange small Softbill.—E. Austin, Baker-st., Frome, Somerset.

EXCHANGE two Bullie hens, twice house-moulted, for double dark slide, ½-plate.—Pritchards, Hill Top, Hednesford, Staffs.

LINNET Mule, splendid songster, 6/-, or exchange for cock Canary, in song.—Mitchell, 34, Victoria-rd., Bournemouth.

CANARY-GREENFINCH Mule, 3rd Palace, card sent, 20/-; exchange good-toned violin.—James, 54, Warwick-rd., Stratford, Essex.

COCK Linnet, warranted Mule breeder, sell 6/-; or exchange for Norwich cock; approval; yours first.—Tompkins, Crown-rd., Grays, Essex.

GRAND steady cocks, Goldfinch, Bramblefinch, Greenfinch, and Mule; exchange pair Yorkshires; particulars.—Godfrey, Tangard, Northallerton.

EXCHANGE house-moulted cock Goldfinch for Norwich cock Canary; will give a little cash; sell 4/6.—Wignall, 1, Unwin-street, Chell, near Tunstall.

EXCHANGE good cock Goldfinch, good singer, for Yellow Norwich hen, clear or ticked, or sell 10/-; hen first.—John Davies, 57, Ynyswen-rd., Treorchy.

SALE or exchange, two Muling Goldfinch and Linnet for Hawfinch, or Siskin cock, must be good, or sell 15/-.—Morgan, 20, Henshaw-st., Stretford.

THREE cock Linnets, good singers, all healthy, cages included, 2/6 each, 6/- the lot; cash or deposit, or anything.—Inkpin, Queen-st., Gravesend.

EXCHANGE three Goldfinches, Linnet, and Redpoll, all cocks and house-moulted; what offers in Norwich cocks.—Elliott, 11, Leinster-avenue, Dublin.

EXCHANGE cock Greenfinch and hen Canary, hen Bullfinch, or pair of beautiful Owls, for pair of Yorkshires; standard length.—Thos. Lister, Leven, Fife.

SIBERIAN hen Goldie and hand-reared cock Greenfinch, both ready for nesting; sale or exchange Goldies or Mules, anything.—Bassett, 8, Queen-st., Gravesend.

COCK Linnet, cock Greenfinch, pair Bramblefinches; splendid birds; Norwich cock preferred; offers, approval.—Dodd, 2, Barton-st., Pendleton, Manchester.

EXHIBITORS, 1908. Cock Goldfinch, moult winner; exchange exhibition cock Bullfinch; sell, 10/-; Bullie first.—Griffiths and Evans, Catherine-st., Carmarthen.

GREENFINCH cock and Bullfinch hen, paired for breeding, 5/-; or exchange clear or marked yellow Border cock. — Sidey, River View, Tweedmouth, Berwick-on-Tweed.

ONE Linnet, two Bramblefinches, two Greenies, one Yellowhammer, all full song, sell 7/-; exchange cock Canary, or two hens.—H. Hague, Quarry-rd., Somercotes, Alfreton.

MULING or exhibition cock Greenfinch, 2/6 cock Linnet, 2/6; Linnet Mule, show specimen; exchange yellow Norwich cock; approval.—S. Whitehead, 158, Kew-rd., Birkdale, Southport.

GRAND pair, Cock Redpoll and hen Bullfinch, both house-moulted, and most anxious to nest, 6/-; also large exhibition cock Greenfinch, beauty, 5/-.—Pickford, Stanley Villa, Frome.

PAIR Siskins, two pairs Linnets, cock Redpoll, pair Greenfinch and Bullfinch, two hen Goldfinches, two cock Chaffinches; lot 16/-, or 1908 Norwich cocks.—Braddy, 197, Magdalen-st., Colchester.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch Mule, in full song, or cock Goldfinch, in full song, ready for muling, for pair of yellow adult Budgerigars; mutual approval.—James, 7, Wildmill-ter., Brighton.

THREE pair breeding doves, 2/- pair; splendid steady Blackbird, 3/6; chattering and whistling Magpie, 4/-; only fault, broken tail; exchange Hardbills.—Birch, 83, Sandy-lane, Skelmersdale.

EXCHANGE Yellowhammers, Bramblefinches, and Chaffinches, all perfect size, colour and markings, sure to moult winners, for young buff Norwich hen; approval both ways.—Price, Lord-st., Lathom, Ormskirk.

TWICE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch; exchange singing cock Canary; cage-moulted cock Bullfinch, two cage-moulted hen Greenfinches, cock Blackbird; exchange anything useful.—Clements, Jeynes-row, Tewkesbury.

H.M Pea Throat cock Goldfinch, 7/6; cock brown Linnets, 1/- each, special picked birds, 2/- each; three hen Bullfinches, two hen Goldfinches; exchange Canaries, Norwich, Yorkshire, hens. Approval — Frank Guest, Moor-st., Quinton, Birmingham.

### Mainly Canaries.
**To be Sold or Exchanged**

SALE, large 1908 Norwich hen, 5/-; exchange Yorkshire.—L., 117, Olinda, Stamford Hill.

THREE large singing Norwich Canaries, 5/- each; or exchange British.—Welch, Matlock.

GOOD stout stock Norwich cock, 12/6, exchange men's underwear.—Cannon, bootmaker, Hendal.

HEN Goldie and cock Redpoll, nesting; exchange good cock Canary.—Inkpin, Queen-st., Gravesend.

LARGE self Green Crested heu, good crest, 8/6; exchange songster.—Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

HARTZ cock, breeding condition; exchange anything, yours first.—Smith, Reedswood-lane, Walsall.

HIGH-CLASS Borders, a few pairs matched, sell, exchange Goldies.—Robt. Dyer, Haystoun, Peebles.

GRAND pair Yorkshires, exchange for pair Rollers or Muling pair; offers.—Staples, Albert-st., Bridgwater.

HANDSOME drawing-room double breeding cage, with pair yellow Canaries, 15/6; exchange.—Letall, Whittlesea.

1908 YORKSHIRE hen yellow, 4/-; exchange Norwich heu; offers.—45, Grey Mare-lane, Bradford, Manchester.

CHAMPION Crest-bred cock, winner, cheap to clear, 15/-; or useful exchange; offers.—Beard, Llandrindod Wells.

TWO good Norwich cocks, 15/-, or exchange anything useful for the home.—Callaway, Western-rd., Littlehampton.

WILL exchange pair clear Norwich for singing Blackbird and Thrush.—E. Crerar, 22, Market st., Perth, N.B.

LARGE yellow Yorkshire cock and variegated buff Norwich hen, 8/6 the two.—Brown, chemist, Sudbury, Suffolk.

SALE or exchange, Shackleton and Bailey Swanger Yorkshires, from £1 pair.—Eames, 38, East Cliffe, Lytham.

TWO Norwich hens, 2/6 each, 4/6 two; or exchange gramophone records; offers.—Sea Cottage, Archdale-st., King's Lynn.

YOUNG, Reston, Berwickshire, can spare half dozen good stock Border hens, from 4/-; approval; offers, useful exchange lot.

GRAND pairs of Yorkshires given for useful household articles; see Yorkshires.—Williams, 30, Lister-st., West Hartlepool.

YELLOW Yorkshire cock, 6/6; or exchange two Yorkshire hens; approval both ways.—L. Jebson, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

FEW pairs high-class Norwich from 15/- to 25/-; exchange well-made unused flight cages.—Fildes, Rookfield-av., Sale, Cheshire.

WANTED, offers in anything useful for Yorkshire cock, two hens; approval.—A. Bignell, 21, Knox-road, Clapham Junction.

EXCHANGE three good hen Canaries for good singing Yorkshire cock, or portmanteau.—Brine, 39, Canterbury-place, Lambeth, London.

LARGE buff Norwich hen, and double breeder, 5/-; exchange cock Goldfinch Mule; offers.—Layfield, 17, Freemantle-st., Walworth.

NORWICH Plainheads, cold room bred, champion strain, grand pairs, 10/6 upwards; Chaffinch 3/6; tame.—Smith, Jeweller, Kirton, Lindsey.

ROLLER song cabinet, scarcely soiled, cost £1, exchange cycle tyres, 28 by 1½, other offers invited.—Lee, Lonsdale, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley.

EXCHANGE good set ivorine-handled carvers, mutual approval, for one cock or three hen Canaries.—Gill, 2 in 2, Eldon-st., Sheffield.

CLASSICAL Yorksbires, not rubbish, Bailey's strain; sell or exchange poultry, scrap copper, brass, anytbing useful; stamp.—M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires; owing to removal, must clear about dozen, cheap; exchange anything useful. —Williams, 19, Copper Works-rd., Llanelly.

EXCHANGE 1908 variegated Norwich cock and little cash for good yellow Yorkshire cock, or sell 5/-.—Whatman, 104, Burnthwaite-rd., Fulbam.

WHITE-LEGGED hen Goldfinches, 2/- each; hen Siskins, 1/6; champion Hawfinch, 10/-; exchange cock Canaries.—Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

1907 1st prize yellow-green Yorkshire cock; card sent 15/-; Buff Yorkshire cock (Broadly strain), 10/6.—45, Grey Mare-lane, Bradford, Manchester.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, bred from Palace winners, two Yellows, four Buffs, grand birds, a few Buff hens; sale or exchange.—Spencer, Roberts-st., Nelson.

THREE clear yellow Yorkshire cocks, 10/- each, or exchange one for clear buff Norwich cock, colour-fed. —Jack Chadderton, 10, Croft Head, Rayton, Oldham.

GRAND large fed Norwich cock, Seifert hen; also large Crested hen, pair of Rollers; offers; Britisb, anything.—Day, 10, Horton-place, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE pair Norwich, value 10/-, for buff Norwich cock, will give a little money for good bird.—Waters, 4, Argyle-sq., Pulteneytown, Wick, N.B.

WILL exchange pair of Yorkshires for good yellow Norwich cock on song, or sell 10/6; approval botb ways.—T, Soutbam, Honeybourne, S.O., Worcestershire.

CRESTED hens, two hen Goldfinches, heating stove, electric bell; exchange lot for Budgerigars, Cockatiels, or yellow Norwich hens.—Pickett, Lorne-rd., Dorchester.

ONE Border cock and three hens, good birds, value £1; exchange Gladstone bag, lady's dress length, lady's and gent's umbrella.—McWatt, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire.

NORWICH, full crest, Rev. Joyce strain, guaranteed cock, approval willingly, sell 30/-, or exchange British or Foreign birds; deposit.—Markin, 79, Pym-st., Nottingham.

EXCHANGE, yellow green crest-bred Norwich hen for Seifert Roller cock, or yellow Yorkshire cock, or sell 12/6. Must be on approval.—John Shaw, 97, Shore-st., Gourock.

WHAT offers in Canaries for handsome leather gent.'s dressing case; sell 21/-; approval; thirty 7d. parts Harmsworth's Encyclopædia for one cock Norwich.—Neve, Mills-ter., Cbatham.

WHAT offers in poultry for high-class Yorkshire Canaries, buff cock, 1907; two yellow hens, 1908, bred winners, or sell 25/-.—G. Gornall, 19, Durham-st., Bishop Auckland, co. Durham.

## Mainly Foreign.
**To be Sold or Exchanged**

AUSTRALIAN Rose-breasted Parrot and cage; exchange anything.—Kirk, Brockleywood, Golsover, Chesterfield.

LOVEBIRDS, pair; exchange Zebrafinches, pair; or sell, 5/-; approval, aviary birds.—N. Leese, 13, Ayshford-st., Longton, Staffs.

TALKING Parrot, Blue-fronted Amazon, with square cage, £2; or exchange; full particulars.—Bliss, Ladypool-rd., Birmingham.

EXCHANGE for Canaries, Budgerigars, or sell 55/-, good acclimatised Amazon Parrot.—Robson, 86, Northumberland-st., Sunderland.

EXCHANGE eight grand racing Homers, N.U.H.P. rung, for Cockatiels, Zebrafinches, and foreign birds. —Smitb, 10, Saxton-st., Gillingham, Kent.

WILL exchange Edison Gem phonograph, large horn, 60 records, for African Grey or Amazon Parrot and cage.—Cooper, 70, Somerset-rd., Doncaster.

PAIRS ZEBRA Finches, winners; Saffron Finches, Steel Finches, for British or flower growers' guide; all acclimatised.—D. Barbour, Windsor-ter., Broughty Ferry.

## Miscellaneous
**Sale or Exchange**

GRAND pair of Sparrow Hawks, 3/-; or offers birds.—Joseph Bagshaw, Matlock.

EXCHANGE gramophone, 20 records, anything useful.—Jones, Pheasant, Dawley, Salop.

EXCHANGE lady's new cycle cape for pair Canaries; sell 10/6.—Holmside, Portpatrick.

HAND Camera, quarter plate, 10/-; Norwich ben, 3/-.—G. Broadberry, Collingham, Newark.

EXCHANGE Bovril coupons, value £2; wbat offers.—"Alfrey," 195, Lyham-rd., Brixton.

TWO large breeding cages, good condition, 3/- each.—Cooke, Gilling, Richmond, Yorkshire.

PEKINESE puppy (female), for sale, cheap, or exchange.—A. K. Craggs, Ebberston, Yorks.

BRADBURY band sewing machine for pair good Yorkshire Canaries.—Apply 4, Market-st., Wells.

QUARTER plate camera, stand, all complete; exchange Canaries.—Bliss, Ladypool-rd., Birmingham.

EXCHANGE 31 coloured plates CAGE BIRDS for cock Goldfinch.—Charles Hoyle, Wardle, nr. Rochdale.

BANJO, 5-string, cost £3 10s., exchange two pairs Canaries, Yorkshires.—Bliss, Ladypool-rd., Birmingham.

MUSICAL-BOX, eight tunes, six bells, 30/-; exchange.—Curtis, 14, Claremont-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

EXCHANGE, two good farriers' aprons for cock Canary, or two Pullets.—Canty, 21, Orbain-rd., Fulham.

SIX printing frames, whole plate and upwards, 7/6, or exchange chicken.—Welland, Grocer, Haslemere.

EXCHANGE pair wicket pads, good condition, for cock Canary, or offers.—Culham, Stanstead-rd., Catford.

WHITE Wyandotte cock, bargain, for 10/-, or exchange pair Canaries.—Bliss, Ladypool-rd., Birmingham.

WHAT offers in Norwich or Yorkshires for dark suit length, value 25/-.—B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft.

WILL give good pair black Pekin Bantams in exchange for good Norwich Canaries.—Main, Pilmuir, Torres, N.B.

"RELIANCE" hand-camera and outfit; exchange for Canaries or British.—J. Tenant, North Broomage, Larbert.

BLACK Spaniel dog, 18 months, broken to gun, cheap, or exchange anything.—John Leaf, 23, Waterloo-rd., Hunslet.

OFFERS wanted of birds, camera, anything, in exchange for Flemish Buck, or sell £1.—Rudkin, Junction-rd., Leicester.

TAPESTRY square, three yards, new, choice pattern; exchange for hen Canaries, or sell; approval.—, Mill-st., Liverpool.

HAND and stand camera, hold 12 quarter plates, value 30/-, exchange Rollers; offers.—Cyples, 42, Stanley-st., Burslem.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich and Yorkshires; exchange for anything useful, poultry preferred.—Heatbcote, Havelock-st., Leicester.

SELL or exchange, 20 single cages, 20 breeding cages, 10 flights, loose fronts.—Hill, 18, Coach-ter., Longsight, Manchester.

SILVER Waltham lever watch, £1; exchange pair of good Norwich or Yorkshires; offers.—Pedder, 149, North-st., Luton, Beds.

CARRIER hen pigeon (Dun); will exchange for Norwich hens; offers.—H. Dearing, 89, Markhouse-avenue, Walthamstow.

EXCHANGE single brass rail bedstead, spring and bedding, nearly new, for Canaries; offers.—Creese, 169, Francis-rd., Leyton.

WILL give pair gent's first quality boots, any size, for good go-cart.—Pattinson, bootmaker, Brampton, nr. Carlisle.

MAHOGANY Squirrel's cage, brass fittings, as new, cost 35/-; sell 10/6, or offers.—Pritchard, 165, Southampton-st., Camberwell.

PHONOGRAPH, with flower horn and 7 records, value £1; also muzzle-gun; wbat offers? Sterling, 25, Main-st., Alexandria.

PAIR Rice Birds, 3/6; Chinese Nightingale, 3/6; Thrush and cage, 5/-; exchange anything.—2a, Wellfield-rd., Walton, Liverpool.

WHITE Pom bitch for sale, 30/-, or exchange; splendid companion for lady.—Foxall, hairdresser, Quarry Bank, Brierley Hill.

100 "CAGE BIRDS," with plates; exchange for gent's mackintosh, or offers.—Charles Hodson, 36, Belgrave-rd., Longton, Staffs.

EXCHANGE Ticka camera and complete outfit for good singing Yorkshire cock, or offers.—E. Blakeley, 10, Pitt-st., Dublin.

HANDSOME pet nanny, follow like dog; sell, or exchange Foreign birds; offers.—Adams, Mont Eagle, Westbourne-terrace, Teignmouth.

INCUBATOR, 60-egg, copper tank, practically new, good maker; bargain, 20/-, or exchange Canaries.—Bliss, Ladypool-rd., Birmingham.

WHAT offers in Canaries? Splendid ½-plate Britian camera, with tripod, complete, nearly new. —Challis, Downing-pl., Cambridge.

EXCHANGE eight flying homers, for pair Yorkshires; also black African Owl and hen; offers.—Barnett, 47, Rydal-av., Blackpool.

SHORT, cobby blue-red Bantam hen, 7/6; exchange large Norwich hens, anything.—Redfern, 21, Thorn Tree-lane, Newhall, Burton.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch, healthy, 5/6; mahogany T-square and board, 6/-; exchange yellow cock.—Paull, 64, Tenby-st., Cardiff.

EXCHANGE six ivorine-handled knives, six nickel forks, for two cocks or five hen Canaries.—Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philips-rd., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE black and tan dog, five months', even marked, for pair Budgerigars, yellow preferred. —Wilson, Queen's Brewery, Fleetwood.

DOG, bull and fox terrier cross, fierce guard, over distemper, 10/-; exchange small dog pup, or birds. —57, Melrose-avenue, Wimbledon Park.

SPECIAL. Grand fiddle and bow, almost new, stamped, cost 30/-, accept 20/-; offers cash; dirt cbeap.—McLaren, Fintona, Co. Tyrone.

EXCHANGE ¼-plate hand camera and outfit, cost 15/-; lot for Canaries, Rollers. — Wilkinson, 170, High-st., New Whittington, Chesterfield.

BILLIARD table, 50 by 30; exchange for two good Schoolmasters or sell £2; with all accessories. —Rogers, 365, Caledonian-rd., London, N.

MARBLE clock, good order, sell 21/-; also marble book, 5/-, or exchange for Canaries, or any fancy. —Chaplin, 417, Wick-rd., South Hackney.

NORWICH, two pairs good birds, also sixteen-compartment breeding cage, loose fronts, cbeap; exchange.—Pegg, 24, Pretoria-av., Morpeth.

GENT'S new silver English lever, maker Liversidge, Huddersfield, sell £2, or best offer in Canaries. —Walker, 430, Gairbraid-st., Maryhill, Glasgow.

ZITHER-BANJO, case and music, brand new, cost £2 2s.; part exchange Roller hen; sell 25/-; genuine.—G. Marshall, East-st., Epsom, Surrey

CRYSTAL Palace aviary, three-compartment, almost new, sale 15/-; or useful exchange; no birds. Chandler, 56, Commercial-rd., Lambeth, London.

FAWN dust coat, suit man of medium build, cost 42/6, exchange matched pair of Crests or Norwich.—Fancier, 348, Ainsworth-rd., Radcliffe, Lancashire.

GOOD Yorkshire terrier bitch, sire Emscote King, grandsire, Halifax Ben, for 3 pairs of good bred Norwich, or sell £2.—Mitchell, 43, High-st., Dudley.

EXCHANGE, six ivorine-handled table knives and good hollow-ground razor, for cock Canary, or offers.—Hinchcliffe, 1, Ct. Gloucester-place, Sheffield.

CONCERTINA (Lachenal), Roller Skates, ball bearing; perfect; exchange Budgerigars, Canaries.—Stevens, 29, Little Ilford-lane, Romford-rd., Essex.

SPLENDID pair opera glasses, eight lenses, also concert flute, wants three keys; exchange Canaries; offers.—Higgins, 36, Clapton-st., Hulme, Manchester.

MAGAZINE hand camera (Thornton-Pickard); cost 30/-; exchange two pairs Norwich or Yorkshires. Birds first.—Shewan, 16, Mawbey-rd., North Camberwell.

WHAT offers in cash or Canaries for three pair long-distance Working Homers, 1908 birds, nesting; stamp for reply.—A. Starling, 33, Stratbmore-rd., W. Croydon.

FOR sale, two cub foxes, in glass-ended case, one squirrel in case, weasel in case, horns, etc.; or exchange for Canaries.—Harris, Naturalist, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

PRIZE-Bred Tortoiseshell Persian cat, female, two pairs riding breeches, H.M. cock Linnet, and hen Canary; offers.—G. S. Burton, jun., 94, Orchard-rd., Southsea.

WANTED Parrot, Rosy Cockatoo, Canaries, offers, exchange Cheviot tweed length (6 yards), or Witney blankets.—Haines, 194, Wilton-st., Lozells, Birmingham.

SINGER'S sewing machine, all latest improvements, new last June, cost £4 15s., what offers in exchange for birds—George Edwards, 31, Daulby-st., Liverpool.

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**Ashton-u-Lyne and Dis. O.S.**—May 4, Albion P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Selection of judges for F.F. and back end shows.—H. Foden.

**Accrington and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 13, headquarters, 8. Young stock show, etc.—J. W. Philpott.

**Ardwick and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 4, Blacksmith's Arms, 8. F.F. show business.—J. Spencer.

**Ayr and Dis. C.B.C.**—May 1, Good Templar Hall, 7.30. Selection of judges for open show; enrolment of members, etc.—C. C. Irvine.

**Broughty Ferry C.B.S.**—May 5, Baker's Room, 8. —R. Whitton.

**Battersea Open C.B.S.**—May 5, headquarters, 8. Schedule of Y.B. show, etc.—Easterling and Allen.

**Bradford East O.S.**—May 4, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Yorkshire cinnamon marked clubs patronage, etc. Members' subs. are now due.—H. Hill.

**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.**—May 4, New Inn, Station Street, 8. Revising of rules and notes on the ramble.—Elliott and Wood.

**Bolton and Dis. O.S.**—May 3, Joiner's Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8. Arrangements for table shows.—H. Parkinson.

**Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.A.**—May 5, Jolly Gardeners, S.E., 8. Ordinary business and discussion.—A. Lupton.

**Coventry O.S.**—May 5, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Summer programme, etc.—G. Peters.

**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—May 5, Crown Hotel, Station Street, 8.30. Date and judge for nest feather show.—J. H. de Maillet.

**City of Wakefield O.S.**—May 1, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.—Parker and Parkes.

**Clapham and Dis. C.B.A.**—May 3, Avondale Hotel, 8.30. Distribution of prizes; schedule for open show.—A. C. Askew.

**City and County of Perth O.S.**—May 3, City Cafe, Methven Street, 8. Revising of prize list and schedule of open show.—J. Kerr.

**Chester C.B.F.A.**—May 4, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Advisability of holding nest feather show, and fix date of old bird show.—J. Swindley.

**Crook Original C.B.F. and F.S.**—May 5, Crown Hotel club-room, 7. Monthly meeting.—Bird and Siddle.

**City of Dundee C.B.S.**—May 5, Doig's Rooms, 8. —A. Miller.

**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.**—May 6, Montpelier, Choumert Road, Peckham, 8. Lecture by Mr. A. Silver. Fanciers heartily welcomed.—W. Hodson.

**Derwent Valley C.B.S.**—May 1, Church Hall, 7. Judges for open show, etc. Fanciers invited.—J. Brown.

**Dewsbury O.F.S.**—May 1, Little Saddle, 7.30. Fixing dates of F.F. shows; also as regards joining Yorks. Union.—G. G. Stafford.

**Dewsbury Dis. C.B.S.**—May 1, Royal Hotel, 7. Paper on breeding and rearing of Yorkshire Canaries, by H. J. Chittenden. Fanciers cordially invited.—N. Rayner.

**Denholme and Thornton C.B.S.** — May 4, Bull's Head Inn, Thornton, 8. Members' shows.— J. Holroyd.

**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—May 5, George Hotel, 8. To decide as to how president's special prize should be competed for at open show, and arrange classification for open show.—R. S. Black.

**Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S.** — May 6, 142, High Street, 8. Arrangement for ramble, etc. — W. Holton.

**Edinburgh Eastern Dis. O.S.**—May 3, Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbeymount, 8. Last meeting for session.—G. R. Smith.

**Ebbw Vale Canine F. and F.S.**—May 5, Gwalia Hotel, 8. Subscriptions and correspondence.—F. H. Cook.

**Exeter and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 4, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Question night, and consider important recommendations of general committee.—R. H. Folley.

**Eastfield Side C.B. and F.S., Sutton-in-Ashfield.**—May 1, Mason's Arms, 7.30. To make arrangements for F.F. show to be held first Saturday in June. Judge, Mr. J. Richards.—J. Carlin.

**Grangemouth and Dis. O.S.**—May 5, Boilermaker's Hall, 8. Greenfinch judging competition. Enrolling new members.—G. Smith.

**Greenock, Port-Glasgow and Gourock O.S.**—May 5, Co-operative Hall, P.G., 7.30. Table show, field-moulted Goldfinch, British hen, A.V., Softbill A.V., Bunting A.V. Judge, Mr. S. McKay.—J. Forrester.

**Hasland, Grassmoor and Dis. C.B.S.** — May 3, Devonshire Hotel, Hasland, 7.30. Next open show radius is extended to 8 miles. Cage-bird fanciers cordially invited.—C. H. Naylor.

**Halifax O.S.**—May 1, Griffin Hotel, 8. Mr. H. W. Walsh (Halifax) will give a lecture on breeding and management of Canaries. A discussion will be held after the lecture.—J. F. Thackray.

**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—May 5, Y.M.C.A., 8. Resignation of secretary owing to illness. Other business.—H. J. L. Williams.

**Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.**—May 13. Nutclough Tavern, 8. Appointment of judge for Y.B. Show.—W. Parratt.

**Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.** — May 4, Cricket Players, 8. Schedule for F.F. show.—W. Cottingham.

**Hull C.B.S.**—May 3, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Paper by Lady Doughty. Read by Mr. G. Harland. Samples of colour Feed.—E. R. Ridley.

**Jarrow, Hebburn and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 4, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Washing exhibition; fanciers welcome.—R. Blore.

**Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.**—May 4, Gothenburgh No. 2, 6. Proposed rules to be accepted, and general business.—J. Ford.

**Lancashire and Liz. F.C.**—May 1, Ye Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove, Manchester, 6.30. Patronage, general business, new members, etc.—John Rukin.

**Leith O.S.**—May 8, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7. Last meeting for season.—G. Brown.

**Longton and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 4, Castle Inn, 8. Y.S. show, and to admit new members.—E. Tams.

**Larkhall C.B.A.**—May 8, Miners' Hall, 7. Classification for annual show.—J. Pollock.

**Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 1, Centre Hotel, 7.30. To elect officers and arrange date of show if same is to be held this year.—D. John.

**Laisterdyke B.F.A.**—May 5, Railway Hotel, 8. —A. Bottomley.

**Lancaster and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 1, Corn Market Street Coffee Tavern, 7.30.—C. J. Cafferty.

**Leeds C.B.S.**—May 1, Lockhart's Restaurant, Briggate, 7.30. "British and Hybrids," by Mr. Love; and election of secretary.—W. Tose.

**Lowestoft and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 3, Fox and Hounds, 8.15. Fix date for annual show, etc.—W. Lang, Junr.

**Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.** —May 4, White Swan Hotel. Lecture by Mr. J. Needham on management of young after leaving nest. Fanciers invited.—C. Draper.

**Lewisham and Dis. C.B.S.** — May 4, Roebuck Hotel, 8. Lecture on British birds; fanciers and friends heartily welcome.—G. H. Phillips.

**Leeds Roller C.C.**—May 1, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 8. Fixing date for open show, and paper by Mr. C. Towes: "Early Schooldays of Young Roller Canaries."—T. W. Walton.

**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 8, Co-op. Classroom, 7.30. Young bird nominations, etc.—A. E. Wigginton.

**Leyton and Dis. C.B.A.**—May 3, headquarters, 8. Lecture on the Norwich Canary, by Mr. J. Robson. —B. F. Forse.

**Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.**—May 3, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Show management, its working, and consequences, by Mr. R. B. Fryer.—E. Jones.

**Manningham C.B.A.** — May 1, Mowbray Arms Hotel, 8. Members' shows, etc.—W. Holroyd.

**Maesteg and Dis. C.B.S.** — May 3, Oddfellows' Hotel, 7.—W. Jenkins.

**Maryhill and Dis. O.C.** — May 3, Conservative Hall, 8. Motion for new silver cup for best cock bird in show.—D. Nairn.

**Newcastle C.B.S.**—May 6, Lockhart's, Grainger Street, 7.30. Schedule for open show, and lecture on Norwich Canary, by Mr. J. Gilhespy (Gateshead); intending members please attend. Fanciers welcomed.—Curry and Hutchinson.

**Nelson and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 3, Bull Hotel, 8. F.F. show, election of steward; specials, etc.—John England.

**Nottingham and Notts. O.S.** — May 5, Mechanics' Hall, 8.—G. E. Wilkinson.

**Ormskirk and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 3, headquarters, 8. F.F. show schedule, new members, etc. — T. H. Tiffen.

**Pelton Fell and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 3, Colliery Inn, 7.30. Schedule for nest feather show; selection of judge, and to accept new members.—L. Hall.

**Preston O.S.**—May 6, Tokio Cafe, 8. Schedule F.F. show; afterwards, Mr. R. Anderton's lantern display on British birds.—R. Taylor.

**Queensbury C.B.S.**—May 4, Baptist School, 8. Members' shows.—W. Jagger.

**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.**—May 5, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. F.F. show; bills and tickets; ramble, etc.—W. Adams

**South Shields and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 5, Gregg's Cafe, Laygate, 7.30. F.F. show, schedule and date, etc.—J. Barrass.

**Spen Valley C.B.S.**—May 3, Commercial Hotel, 8. —J. Lewis.

**St. Helens and Dis. O.S.**—May 3, George Inn, 8.15. Selection of judges for annual show; meetings are now held once a month.—A. Goodall.

**Stockton-on-Tees and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 6, Leeds Hotel, 8. Mr. Acheson will give a paper on "How he Colour-fed his medal winner.—J. W. Lowes.

**Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 6, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Arrangements for nest feather show.—Lindsay and Bingham.

**Six Bells and Dis. F.S.**—May 3, Cwm Hotel, Abertillery, 6.30. Result of show held April 13.—W. J. Edwards.

**Stocksbridge and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 1, National School, 7.30.—H. E. Wilkinson.

**Shipley O.S.**—May 4, Prince of Wales Hotel, 8.—D. Marsden.

**West of Scotland Club.**—May 1, Nelson's Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 7.30. Tit-bits on Canary and Mule Breeding, by Mr. Lawrie; new members still being enrolled.—G. Smart.

**Wath and Dis. C.B.A.**—May 2, Cross Keys Hotel, 7.30.—H. A. Watson.

**Windhill, Shipley and Dis. O.S.**—May 2, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Members' shows.—E. Broadley.

**Wibsey and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 1, Horse and Groom Inn, 7.—E. W. Johnson.

**West London F.A.**—May 6, Bush Hotel, 8. Mr. J. Robson will lecture on "Rearing Young Birds."—J. Dewhurst.

**Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 3, 6, The Broadway, 8. Questions and answers by members.—H. Smith.

**West Stanley C.B.S.**—May 1, Commercial Hotel, 7.30. Judge for annual show, and other important business.—W. Elliott.

**Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.** — May 1, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 6. Election of sub-committee, F.F. shows, and competition; uniform water tins, etc.—H. Hill.

**Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C.**—May 1, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 7. Committee meeting, to draw up agenda for annual meeting to be held May 8.—W. R. Myers.

## HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A capital little show of Linnets was held at Sun Inn, Newhottle, recently. Entries numbered 16, and some very fine exhibits were staged. Excellent arrangements had been made, and were admirably carried out by Mr. D. Hann, who officiated as secretary. This well-known fancier gave 10s. towards entries. Result: 1st, Neisbitt; 2nd and 3rd, Fletcher. Mr. T. Thompson judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.—Lintie.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES YORKS. C.C.

Committee meeting held in Birmingham at the Crown Hotel, on April 22nd, Mr. Paddock in the chair. Nothwithstanding the inclement weather there was a full attendance. The committee are pleased to report that a great deal of interest is being shown by fanciers within the radius, and there is every likelihood of entire success rewarding their efforts. Some correspondence with Mr. Foster (Loughborough) was read, with regard to trophies for champion competition, and it was decided to add two additional classes for cinnamon marks in the event of a trophy being secured for this variety. The secretary also read a letter from Mr. Lawton (Crewe) with respect to affiliation with the Cage Bird Union. The meeting was unanimous in the opinion that no good end would be served by joining the Union. Mr. Bishop (Worcester) proposed, and it was carried, that a gold medal, or value to 30s., should be given in the champion section for first prize winner, one value 15s. for second, and bronze or silver medal for third prize winner. Messrs. Paddock (Kings Heath) and Bishop promised valuable specials to the novice section. On the proposition of Mr. Burke (Small Heath), it was resolved to finish the competition at a club show to be held in Birmingham in January, the date to be decided upon later. The club will give its patronage to six societies in the radius, who will give six classes according to the club rule for the Yorkshire variety. The members undertake to accept half prize money where entries are less than eight per class. Societies undertaking to give this classification are invited to apply to me at the earliest opportunity for the club patronage.—W. H. Uzzell, Hon. Sec., 76, Drayton-road, Kings Heath, Birmingham.

# Club Reports.

## WOOD GREEN F. AND F.A.

Usual monthly meeting held at headquarters, April 13th, when a very interesting lecture on "Canaries" was given by Mr. Penney. Many questions were asked and a discussion followed which must have been an education for the beginner. Eight new members were elected and the Society is now making good progress. It has been decided to do away with the five mile radius and make it unlimited. We hope, thereby, to get many more members.—T. Callegari, Sec.

## LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

Meeting held April 20th, Mr. Gibbons presiding. After the ordinary business the Chairman presented the cups and medals won during the past season. A splendid silver challenge cup subscribed for by the members was won by Mr. Wood for most points during night and members' shows. The medals given for most points during same period were won in the open section as follows: 1, Pole; 2, Gibbons; 3, Hulse. Novice section: 1, Wood, medal and cup, medal for most points in novice section, cup for most points scored in the three sections; 2, Kilsby; 3, Mothersole; 4, Lea. Amateur section: 1, Lea; 2, Holder; 3, Geary. Another silver challenge cup will be given for best young bird bred and exhibited by a member at open show, to be won three times before becoming the property of the exhibitor. Next meeting, lecture by Mr. J. Needham.—G. Draper, Sec.

## CLAPHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.A

Washing competition of British birds, held at Avondale Hotel, on April 20th, Mr. Wise kindly lending his electric drying cage and sending his electricians, Messrs. Biggs and Rennie, to fit up same. All being ready, Mr. Dewhurst, having superintended the heat required, soon had it between 90 and 100 degrees. The competing members having got all ready, the secretary called "time." As each bird was washed, it was at once put into the cage, and all were interested as they watched the birds dry. This process itself proved in every way a great success. Mr C. T. Maxwell judged the birds, and gave the following awards: 1, S. A. Sandy, Bullfinch, case of silver-mounted pipes; 2, C. Cutting, Siskin, silver-mounted cigar case; 3, F. Clark, Chaffinch, money prize; 4, A. C. Askew, Greenfinch, money prize; 5, A. Coe, Greenfinch, money prize; 6, Priest, brown Linnet, money prize. The Secretary was very pleased, as on this occasion some 65 members and friends attended. Mr. Yeoman, our vice-chairman, in a few well-chosen words, thanked the judge, and said he also wished to convey the thanks of members to Mr. Wise (although he was absent, having gone up the Rhine) and Mr. Dewhurst for his attention to the drying, and Messrs. Biggs and Rennie for working so satisfactorily. An enjoyable evening was then brought to a close.—A. C. Askew, Secretary.

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## CINNAMON-MARKED YORKS. C.C. ANNUAL MEETING.

Annual general meeting held April 17th, at the Market Tavern Hotel, Bradford. There was a good attendance, many prominent exhibitors being present, though a few familiar faces were missed. The chair was occupied by the retiring president, Mr. W. Gledhill (Huddersfield). The secretary's report was considered very satisfactory. There was a slight increase in membership, 162 having paid as compared with 156 in 1907-8, and 138 in 1906-7. An experiment had been tried in introducing ticked classes, but this had proved a failure, as at the three shows where the classes were provided, an average of only eight 5s. 6d. entries was received, and a loss of £2 1s. 6d. was incurred, half of which was borne by the club. At the ten shows where our patronage was given, the other four classes ("cinnamon unevenly marked") proved most successful, 567 birds being shown, or an average of over 14 per class. Queensbury received the highest entry, with 90 in the four classes, and the lowest entry totalled 44. The balance-sheet showed that the year commenced with a balance in hand of 18s. 8½d. The subscriptions for 162 members amounted to £12 3s. Other subscriptions realised £1 11s. 6d. Trade advertisements and breeders' cards in year books realised £1 10s., and the profit on whist drive was 13s. 10d. A sum of £4 6s. 6d. was received as contributions to special' fund, the following being the subscribers:—Messrs. Ogden Bros., T. Bentley, A. Hirst, A. Cooper, J. Greaves, H. Simonett, W. Blakey, W. Crabtree, J. Wilcock, W. Richmond, W. Gledhill, T. Fortman, H. H. Towers, R. Sutcliffe and Son, and J. W. Wharton. Other items brought the total receipts up to £22 6s 0½d. The expenditure included a grant to the secretary for 1907-8 of £1 10s. for services rendered. The cash specials given at patronage shows for best fourth prize winners amount to £2 5s., and £1 10s. was won by novices in cash. The amount expended on trophies, etc., was £11 7s. The year books (with rules), postages, stationery, etc., cost £4 11s. 11d., and the loss on ticked classes (half) £1 0s. 9d. This left a balance in hand of 1s. 4½d., but as a number of subscriptions have been since received, we can congratulate ourselves on being in as good a position as in other years. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. W. Richmond (Rodley); vice-president, Mr. J. Hartley (Bingley); trustees, Messrs. R. Sutcliffe and W. Gledhill; hon. auditors, Messrs. S. Dean and H. Simonett; committee, Messrs. W. Crahtree, J. Wilcock, F. Allan, T. Ogden, H. J. Chittenden, F. Hammond, A. Cooper, T. Bentley, W. H. Shackleton, F. Armstrong, W. Hall, J. W. Wharton, J. Child, A. Haigh, and E. B. Denton. Messrs. R. Garnett and H. H. Towers, 8, Colne-road, Glusburn, Crosshills, near Keighley, were appointed joint hon. secretaries and treasurers, and the members were highly pleased to hear that Mr. Garnett hoped to be back in harness once more before next show season. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the chairman and the retiring officers, on the motion of Mr. Allan, seconded by Mr. Clark; and Mr. Richmond, the new president, then took charge of the meeting. A very interesting discussion took place with regard to the classification, in which the following took part:—Messrs. Hirst, Ogden, Garnett, Halliday, Blakey, Chittenden, Hartley, Shackleton, Dean, Hammond, Towers, etc., the points of the discussion being whether the cinnamon-ticked bird and the even-marked should be included. Finally, it was decided that all should be taken in, the classification to read "cinnamon-ticked or variegated" in Yellow cock, Buff cock, Yellow hen, and Buff hen classes.

It was decided that should any society apply for our patronage for First Feather shows, same should be granted, subject to the rules, and the following specials be offered:—2s. 6d. for best 4th prize bird; 2s. 6d. for best v.h.c. bird; 2s. 6d. given by Society holding show; and 2s. 6d. given by the club for most points gained by a novice, no member to win this special more than once during the season; two classes to be provided, one each for Yellows and Buffs. It is desired that applications should be forwarded as early as possible. The question of providing separate novice classes has been "in the air" for a considerable time, and it was decided that any society applying for our patronage should provide two open novice classes, one for cocks and one for hens, along with the four classes mentioned previously, a letter suggesting this having been received from a member. Half the loss (if any) on these novice classes is to be borne by the club. A separate competition will be provided for these classes, the three highest members to be promoted to the open competition next year. It was decided that in addition to the trophy and prizes to be offered, 2s. 6d. be given for most points at each show for 4th prize birds in open classes, and the same in novice classes. It was decided that our patronage be given to 12 shows, with separate judges, the allotting of same and the sharing out of the competitions to be left in the hands of the committee. Various suggestions were made to be considered at the next committee meeting. A suggestion to increase the subscription was defeated, it being thought that the amount now paid, 1s. 6d., would be sufficient, and at the same time more popular. The old custom of counting points by three starred birds was abolished, a new rule being passed that the three highest birds should count. This completed the proceedings, which were very lengthy and animated. Some of the changes may not appeal to some of the old members; but it is hoped that all will fall into line, and help to make the coming season one of the most successful in the history of the club. The novices have now a better chance to show Cinnamon Marks than ever, and it is hoped they will rally round, and show their appreciation by becoming members at once. We have had a good send-off, the following contributions to the specials fund being already received or promised:—Mr. A. Cooper, £1 1s.; Messrs. Ogden, 10s. 6d.; Mr. W. H. Shackleton, 10s. 6d.; Mr. W. Richmond, 10s. 6d.; Mr. W. Crabtree, 5s.; Mr. Lingard (per Mr. Chittenden), 2s. 6d.; Messrs. P. Drake and Sons, 7s. 6d. Any of the committee will be pleased to receive membership fees, or send direct to the secretaries. Any change of address should be notified so that same can be included in the year book.—H. H. Towers, Joint Hon. Secretary.

## TREDEGAR AND DIST. F. & F.S.

General meeting held at King's Head Hotel, on April 21st, when there was a large attendance. Unfortunately, the chairman, Mr. J. H. Davies, was unable to attend; his place was taken by the vice-chairman, Mr. T. James. The annual show was fixed for January 6th. The open show in January last was, by fanciers and Press alike, deemed a great success. The entries had increased by 300 over the number of the last year, but unfortunately the audited balance-sheet showed a slight deficit. On the working of both the radius and open shows, the society have wiped out their debt within a few shillings. This is very satisfactory progress. It was also decided to hold monthly members' shows every first Thursday in each month during the current year. Several new members were enrolled. The society's membership is open to a radius of five miles. The secretary will be pleased to receive intending members' names for nomination.—J. W. Griffiths, Sec.

## LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Members' monthly meeting held at headquarters April 5th. Mr. F. Williamson in the chair. A strong muster of members and friends turned up to hear Mr. C. H. Cooper's lecture, "The Breeding Cage I Use." Mr. Cooper favours a box pattern cage 2 ft. long, 16 in. high, and 11 in. deep, on the back of which he puts a slot, and a corresponding one on the front crossbar, into which he drops a piece of wood with a groove to come up level with the crossbar, and into which he can pass a slide to form a nursery cage at one end 9 in. long, thus doing away with the usual hand-on nursery cage, and at the same time allowing the young to be properly fed and avoiding plucking. He next showed the perch (protected by Mr. Cooper), which are so made as to drop in between two of the wires and held there by means of a cast head, which keeps it ¼-in. off the back of the cage, thus, as the lecturer explained, reducing the red mite's chances of getting at the roosting bird. Mr. Cooper favours a square perch. He next showed his seed hopper (also protected by him), whereby it is impossible for a bird to waste any seed. For the nest he uses the ordinary earthenware pan, hung on the back far enough away so that the hen can sit with her tail towards the back, and not he made uncomfortable by having her tail up against the back of the cage. Mr. Cooper went on to say that he, in common with most fanciers, used to get a lot of dead young in the shells, which led him to think that it was due to a lack of moisture getting to the egg. He showed how he overcomes this He hangs a tin on the bracket under the nest pan, and half fills it with water, so that the heat from the sitting hen draws up the moisture. He assured his audience that since using this he had not had nearly so many dead young ones in the shells. In conclusion, Mr. Cooper said that if anyone would like to ask any questions he would answer them to the best of his ability. A warm discussion followed as to the cause of the dead in shells. Mr. Harrison maintained that it was due to east winds, that being his experience with chickens. Mr. Mallett did not think it was due to any lack of moisture, and said that he once knew of a hen which laid and hatched her brood at the bottom of a shaft where there were several inches of soot, and thought we must look further for the cause. He thought it was weakness of the young. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Cooper for his instructive lecture brought a most pleasant and interesting evening to a close.—J. A. Bartlett.


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## CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting at headquarters on March 22nd, with Mr. A. W. Curtis in the chair. Messrs. C. G. Rolls (Hampstead), W. Cook (Hyde Park-gardens), and W. Cottey (Westminster) were nominated for membership. The secretary was instructed to convey to Mr. Crisp an expression of condolence upon his indisposition. The result of the Cage Bird Staging Competition was as follows:—Amateur: Mrs. Page, W. Page, and G. Menhenett, 11 points; Novice: Mr. R. Stevens, 15 points. Upon a draw taking place, Mr. G. Menhenett was declared the winner in the amateur section. Nineteen members took part, scoring 204 points out of a possible 399, averaging 10.73 points per member. Silver medals were presented to the winners. The prize-money and specials won at the British and Foreign Bird Show were paid, Miss Shephard kindly returning her prize-money to the funds. The special prize, No. 18, resulting in a tie between Mrs. Page and Messrs. Thorpe and Botting, a draw took place, Mr. Thorpe being declared the winner. A vote of thanks was accorded the stewards. The secretary announced that Mr. Trower had promised to replace the handsome solid silver cup just won outright in the British Softbill section. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded him, and supported by several members. For judging the British and Foreign Bird Show Mr. C. Prior was heartily thanked. Mr. H. Robbins generously presented to the association a Norwich Plainhead to help clear off the debt on the Pair Show, and for this was warmly thanked. The report of the London Federation (as sent by the delegate) was adopted as read. The chairman then introduced Mr. G. Wheller, to give his lecture entitled "Railway Transit." An enthusiastic vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Wheller for his unusually interesting and instructive discourse.—V. WYNN, Hon. Sec.

## LONDON FEDERATION OF C.B.S.

Meeting of the council of the London Federation of Cage Bird Societies, held at "The Feathers," Great Chapel-street, on April 23rd. Present: Messrs. H. E. Tringham (in the chair), F. W. Thorpe, J. Dewhurst, W. H. Mugford, R. L. Crisp, A. C. Burn, J. T. Hammond, and H. W. Cook (Poplar and Dist. C.B.S.), H. Smith (Wimbledon and Dist. C.B.S.), R. J. Pretty (London and Counties O.S.), J. C. Birch (Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A.), W. Clark, C. H. Cooper, and C. R. Carr (Leyton and Dist. C.B.A.), W. C. Penton and R. P. Harper (North London C.B.A.), A. W. Curtis (City and Suburban A.C.B.), J. Turner and H. Churchyard (West London F.A.), F. Boxall and T. Miller (London C.B.A.), A. Cunningham (Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.), W. Pawley (Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.), E. Meades (Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.), F. Easterling (Battersea and Dist. C.B.A.), and P. Adamthwaite, hon. sec.

**Correspondence.**

A letter was read from the sec. of one of the affiliated societies, pointing out that certain members, about eight or nine in number, had defaulted in the matter of the payment of their subscriptions, and that although they had each been written to three times (a stamped envelope being enclosed on the last occasion), no notice had been taken of the society's communications. The council decided to reply to the letter, stating that the matter will be considered at the next meeting, and also asking the secretary of the society in question to write to the defaulting members informing them of the fact, at the same time giving them the opportunity of attending to offer any explanation they might have to give, before the council came to any decision.

**An Insurance Scheme.**

The most important business of the meeting was the consideration of the draft scheme of insurance drawn up by the sub-committee appointed. The scheme having been read over by the chairman, the council proceeded to consider the items seriatim. It was decided that insurance under the scheme of the Federation should cover (1) Loss of birds in transit (throughout the United Kingdom), whether to or from shows, or sent on, or returned from being sent on approval; (2) Loss by death or theft at shows, fire excepted; and (3) Loss by fire on owner's premises, but this should not apply to loss by fire due to the use of any heating or lighting apparatus in the bird-room. For the purposes of insurance it was proposed to issue books containing six perforated insurance certificates, with counterfoils, at the cost of one shilling per book, each certificate to cover insurance to the amount of £1, the members being able to purchase any number of books. Mr. Mugford moved an amendment, which was seconded by Mr. Miller, to the effect that the books be issued at 1s. 6d. Mr. Easterling said he thought they would do far more good by putting the insurance fee at one penny per pound, so that if a member wished to insure a bird for £1 he should pay one penny; if for £2, twopence; and so on. Mr. Burn hoped the council would adopt the original proposal. Mr. Crisp pointed out that in the event of the council making a profit on the scheme, the whole of the Fancy of London would benefit by it; they should remember that when comparing the proposed scheme with the railway companies' schemes, as when the companies made a profit it was they alone who reaped the benefit. (Laughter.) Mr. Curtis stated that, of course, the Federation would be offering far greater privileges than the railway companies. The railways did not cover fire in the bird-room, which was a great consideration; and he thought that the proposal to charge one shilling was as low a premium as they could afford for the first year, at any rate. (Hear, hear.) The amendment was lost, and another one proposed by Mr. Easterling, and seconded by Mr. Crisp, "That the cost of the books be one shilling and a penny," was carried nem. con. It was agreed that the time and date of despatch, together with the destination to which birds are being sent (station only, or show), and a declaration to the effect that the birds sent are, to the best of the sender's belief, in perfect health, should be accurately stated on each certificate. Further, "that certificates to the required amount of insurance (but not more than five in the case of a single bird) must be filled in as stated above, and sent to the secretary of the Federation before, or at the time of the despatch of the birds, failing which no claim will be entertained; further, the certificate or certificates so used will only apply to the railway journey or show definitely stated thereon."

It was agreed "that no claim will be entertained in the case of birds delivered by rail arriving ill or dead unless this is pointed out to the railway official at the time of delivery, and the way-bill signed accordingly, except in the case of arrival at shows, when the show secretary's notification will be deemed sufficient." With regard to the death of insured birds, it was agreed "That in the event of the death of a bird or birds which has or have been insured to the extent of £1 or over, it, or they, should be sent by the owner, or on his instructions, to the pathologist appointed by the council for a post-mortem examination, the expenses of which shall be defrayed by the Federation." The scheme decided on further provides that the Federation will not hold itself liable for a larger amount than £5 in the case of any single bird. Where a number of birds are sent either for a railway journey or a show, compensation in the event of loss will only be paid on an averaged amount of the insurance. It was agreed that in the case of loss by fire any book purchased, so long as it remains intact, will cover such loss to the extent of £10; but should a book be partly used at the time of fire, the remaining certificates should cover loss to the extent of £1 per leaf. It was still further agreed "that the liability of the Federation from all causes should not exceed £12 to any one member during any one year." Firms, it was decided, "shall be considered to be one person for the purposes of insurance, except in the case of fire insurance, where separate studs are kept; each member of such firm to participate in the benefits of the scheme should be separately insured.

The three following propositions were, after some discussion, agreed to:—"That the book of certificates should cover insurance for the year only in which they are insured"; "That members of the Federation residing outside the area of the London district will be entitled to participate in the benefits of the scheme"; and "That this scheme of insurance will only apply to Canaries and cage-moulted British Hardbills, and is not intended to cover British Softbills, except under fire, when they may be so insured." Mr. Dewhurst caused some amusement by asking who was going to decide whether or not certain birds (the Buntings, for instance) were Hardbills.

On the proposition of Mr. Easterling, seconded by Mr. Miller, and supported by Mr. Dewhurst, it was decided to ask Mr. Alfred Grey, M.R.C.V.S., to undertake the post of pathologist to the Federation.

Mr. R. P. Harper stated that he had been in communication with the General Insurance Company, Ltd., and that the company were prepared to grant, in return for a full-page advertisement in the rule book, an insurance policy for £100, to be paid in the event of the death of any Federation member through an accident on a railway journey. It was decided to accept the terms.

On the motion of Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, it was decided that the sub-committee which had drawn up the scheme be appointed permanently for one year to deal with any question arising in connection with the working of the scheme. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded a long and heavy meeting.

## CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

A lecture on Yorkshires was given by Mr. Phillip Mason, of Shipley, on April 24th. Mr. Mason, who was given a hearty reception, said: I will give you my experience, as far as I can, on the Yorkshire. My advice, to novices especially, is to get as big a cock bird as possible—a good, straight one, 6¾ or 7 inches long, if you can, with a nice round head, and eyes in the centre. The shoulders should be square, but the back must be round, as flat-backed birds are of no use to a breeder. See that it has a pair of good legs, with plenty of daylight between them. Never mind if it is a bit coarse in feather; you can remedy that on the hen side. This, to my mind, is an ideal stock bird. Now for the hen. You must get a bird of good breed, and as tight in feather as possible. Then I think you will breed something worth looking at. At the close of the lecture many questions were put to Mr. Mason, which were answered by him in a manner that showed he was thoroughly acquainted with the subject. Mr. Lugg moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Mason for the way in which he had answered the questions put to him, and Mr. Wharton seconded. Mr. Mason suitably replied, and was heartily applauded, which brought a splendid meeting to a close.—F. PACKER, Assist-Sec.

## SCOTTISH NORWICH P.C.

Committee meeting held in Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram-street, Glasgow, on April 24th, Mr. Young, president, in the chair, others present being Messrs. R. B. Jarvie, A. McFarlane, J. McLay, J. Winter, and the secretary. The following were appointed vice-presidents:—Messrs. J. Hector (Aberdeen), W. Aitchison (Edinburgh), A. G. Cameron (Kelso), R. B. Jarvie (Glasgow), and W. Watson (Kilmarnock). Letters were read from the Aberdeen Society, inviting the club to hold the club show in conjunction with their show on December 17th and 18th. It was decided to hold the club show at Aberdeen on the dates mentioned, six classes to be provided for unflighted birds, viz., clear or ticked Yellow cock, ditto Buff, clear or ticked Yellow hen, ditto Buff, varicgated Yellow cock or hen, ditto Buff; all birds to have been bred by the exhibitor. The undernoted gentlemen were admitted to membership: Messrs. W. Rae and J. Bryson (Aberdeen), W. Grewar and J. Bowman (Forfar), and W. J. Buist (Edinburgh), after which the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1909 are now due, and should be paid as early as possible. They are also requested not to forget the special prize fund, by means of which the committee are enabled to meet the expenses in connection with club, show, and international contest, the latter to take place in England this year. Were each member to give but 1s., a handsome list of specials could be provided for the club show, which, it is hoped, will prove a great success. All particulars *re* membership may be had from me.—J. BROWN, Sec., 97, Petershill-road, Glasgow.


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## KING'S HEATH, MOSELEY & DIS. F.S.

### Annual Meeting.

General meeting, held at Red Lion Hotel, King's Heath, on April 7th. Unfortuuately, the chairman, the deputy-chairman, and the hon. treasurer were unable to be present. There was much regret at the resignation of W. Dax, Esq., the esteemed president (for the past four years); although he kindly consented to be elected a vice-president, and to keep in touch with his old comrades. F. J. Green, Esq., was elected president, he being one of the oldest members, and a keen supporter. The society may be congratulated upon retaining the services of Mr. A. Baker, of Langshan fame, their very popular and much esteemed chairman of committee; while Mr. A. Paddock, hon. treasurer, and Mr. H. E. Patterson assistant secretary—two experienced fanciers—will remain in office. A strong committee of local fanciers was elected. Mr. H. E. Cooper, hon. secretary for the past year, resigned in favour of Mr. C. H. Bullows, a fancier of much energy. Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring president, the hon. auctioneer, the hon. solicitors, Mr. J. H. Baker, the hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Baker, chairman of committee, and Mr. G. Butler, chairman on the present happy occasion, who proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. H. J. Cooper, the retiring hon. secretary, and to Mr. Patterson, assistant secretary. In replying to this, Mr. H. G. Cooper called the attention of the meeting to the fact that although there were about a score of members who stuck to their guns and were ever ready, there were, unfortunately, many who appeared to take but very little interest in the society's doings. The members' young stock show was successful, but the support at the four table shows for the beautiful Punch Bowl was very limited, although exceedingly keen. The open show, held in January, was by fanciers and Press alike deemed a great success, but unfortunately the balance was a heavy one on the reverse side; notwithstanding which, all prize money was paid within twenty-one days and so also were all amounts connected therewith. It was decided to hold the members' show for the current year on November 13th, the committee being empowered to add such popular open classes as they may consider advisable. This society is fortunately backed up by some good fanciers, and is still going strong. The radius is ten miles from King's Heath Parish Church, and now is the time to join. — H. J. Cooper, ex. Hon. Sec.

## CARDIFF AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

### Lecture by Mr. Melhuish.

General meeting held at Maskell's Restaurant, Queen-street, on April 15th, when there was a good number of members present. Mr. F. D. Jones presided. A prize drawing took place, Mr. E. J. Banks winning 1st prize (No. 106), and Mr. Sivill 2nd (No. 74). Mr. Melhuish's lecture was the next item on the agenda, and that gentleman expressed himself in a very fluent manner, proving to be an experienced master of the subject, which referred to operations leading up to and following the pairing of the birds. He commenced by saying that he liked to give the hens plenty of flight before pairing. He also fed on Canary seed and rape, proportions of three to one respectively, citing the authority of Mr. Wallace in recommending this diet, and stating that it acted, as it were, in the sense of bread and meat. He thought that feeding on Canary seed alone caused a starchy fat to accumulate on the birds, and was often the cause of egg-binding. The latter part of January, or the middle of February, he commenced giving a little mixture and egg-food. Here the lecturer impressed upon all the necessity of having the hens in good condition before pairing. In February he gave a little Parrish's Chemical Food or cod liver oil in the egg-food, and for birds that were in a backward condition, a little fresh cream, the latter also acting as a preventative of egg-binding. When the young were hatched, he said, he never stripped the shell off the egg, but ground all together, and when they were about three or four days old, crushed some hemp for them. If the hens should show any signs of lagging, he recommended putting a few senna leaves in water to soak over night, and then giving the hen the fluid to drink next day. He also advised giving milk-sop for this trouble.

The young, he said, should be separated when they were from 15 to 18 days old, when he ceased giving hemp, as he believed it to be the cause of a good many of their troubles. If the young should seem to go thick he stopped all seed and egg-food and gave milk-sop only. From this period he gradually weaned them off egg-food until they fell into moult, when he again increased the supply. He went on to say that if the hens suffered from nesting diarrhœa he gave Tibb's Quinella, or prepared chalk, in the egg-food; or another very good remedy was brandy or tincture of gentian in the drinking water.

At this juncture several questions were asked by the members, principally affecting individual experiences, and also some of a general nature; and these were all answered in a very able manner. One rather out-of-the-ordinary question was asked by Mr. E. James, and that was whether any of the members ever fed Canaries on Indian meal, believing himself that it was a very good thing, citing, for the purpose of his argument, the fact that it produced a gloss on Pigeons and poultry when they were fed on this commodity; why should it not, therefore, he asked, carry with it the same effect if given to Canaries? Another amusing remark was the suggestion to run a hen around the room if it was suffering from egg-binding, this, in many instances, having been proved to cause the egg to come away. The lecturer then brought his remarks to a close, and a very hearty vote of thanks was proposed to him for the interesting address he had given.—W. S. Negus, secretary.

## QUEEN'S PARK AND DIST. C.B.C.

At the last meeting, after the ordinary business (which included the passing of the quarterly balance-sheet, showing the society still in a flourishing condition, with a cash balance of £11 in hand), Mr. J. Robson gave his promised lecture on "How to Become a Successful Exhibitor." A good muster of members and visitors enjoyed a pleasant and instructive evening It must be very gratifying to any lecturer to see the keen interest taken in what he has to say, the attention given to every detail, with the occasional taking of a note of something that may be useful at a later date. A number of questions were put, and answered, which brought out some useful information. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, to which he suitably responded, brought a pleasant evening to a close.—J. C. Birch, Hon. Secretary.

# THE SHOWS.

## ATTERCLIFFE & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual table show for British birds held on April 8th, at Horse and Jockey Hotel. Mr. W. Bagnall judged and favoured us with a critique on the birds. Our members kept him very busy answering questions, and we ended a very pleasant evening by passing a hearty vote of thanks to the judge.

PAIRS FOR MULING: 1, Welbon; 2, Havenhand; 3, Richards; vhc, J. J. Grainger; hc, W. Grainger. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, Watson; 2, Justice; 3, Dewich; vhc, F. Johnson; hc, Justice; c, Laywood. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, vhc, Richards; 2, 3, Watson; hc, B. Welbon; c, H. Justice.—W. Richinson, Sec.

## LINCOLN.

A nice little lot of cage birds put in their appearance at the Drill Hall, Lincoln, on April 24th at the show of the Lincoln Excelsior R. and C.S. Not only was the entry good, but the quality was splendid, and the two classes attracted much attention from the large crowd of visitors. Mr. S. Dickinson, the energetic secretary, and his committee, had the arrangements well in hand, and their twentieth show passed off without a hitch. Mr. C. A. House judged.

CAN. (12): 1, Townsend, wing ticked buff Nor., splendid colour and quality, grand shaped body, staged to perfection; 2, 3, Axe, very stout varieg. buff, and tkd.-headed yell. Nor., rare shape and style, nice colour and quality; 4, Bescohy and Hunt, varieg. yell. Yorks., nice, smart bird, neat shape, well feathered; rcs, Lawson; vhc, Johnson; hc, Heath; c, Noblo. BRIT. (19): 1, res, Axe, well-known Goldfinch and Yellow Bunting, two lovely exhibits, rare colour, feather, and markings, shown in nice fettle; 2, vhc, hc, Hawkins, handsome Chaffinch, wonderfully rich in colour, nicely marked, in grand feather; 3, Heath, another smart Goldie, rich colour, nice feather, good back and chest; extra 3, vhc, Bell, lovely Bullfinch and Greenfinch, two charming birds, rare colour, shape, and feather, beautifully shown; 4, Bescoby and Hunt, grandly spangled, tight feathered, rich coloured Bramble, very steady; c, Ashby.

## GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND N.M.B. AND F.B.C.

British bird show held in April. The judges were Messrs. D. Graham and F. Bowman. Mr. Graham judged the Greenfinches and Foreign Goldfinches, and Mr. Bowman the other two classes. There was a good turn-out of members and visitors, and a great amount of interest was shown in the birds. The special nights for shows only have proved an undoubted success, and many points have been picked up by the younger members having plenty of time to inspect the birds and discuss their merits.

BRIT, GOLDFINCH (11): 1, vhc, Raine; 2, Jarvie; 3, c, Sanderson; 4, Jamieson; hc, Taylor. The birds in this class were very good examples, particularly 1st, which has a fine head, brilliant blaze, and well-marked body. The others were good, but not quite so rich in colour. FOR. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, 4, vhc, Jarvie; 2, Sanderson; 3, Taylor. We could not see much to choose between here; the birds varied in type somewhat, but all of them were fine specimens, the most marked differences being in the way the birds were staged. GREENFINCH (7): 1, 2, hc, Craig; 3, Jamieson; 4, Jarvie; vhc, Gronbech; c, Galbraith. Mr. Craig's team were very fine, but the others did not seem what might have been expected. SISKIN (9): 1, Erskine; 2, 4, Craig; 3, Jarvie; vhc, Henderson; hc, Taylor; c, Raine. This class contained some very fine birds, much above the average, and the judge had some difficulty in placing the tickets.—R. A. Brown, Sec.

## NORTHERN B.B.M. AND F.B.C.

Monthly meeting held April 21st in Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger-street, Newcastle. Correspondence from various societies re patronage of our club was read, and it was agreed to leave same over for further applications. A paper on the Goldfinch, by J. Kershaw (Llanrwst) was then read, and it was appreciated and enjoyed by all. It was decided to hold a table show at next meeting, four classes to be provided, viz., Siskin-Redpoll or Twite, Linnet, Greenfinch, A.O. Species. Mr. T. Robson judge. Table show resulted as follows:—

GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Bertram and Storey, Goldie, nice Finch; 2, G. Taylor, Bullie, grand size, good cap and colour; 3, Maddison, Goldie, fine size, nice face and colours. LINNET: 1, 2, Maddison, two grand Linnets, staged to perfection, A1 colour and markings; 3, Bertram and Storey, good Finch. A.O.S.: 1, Irving, Bramble, grand size and colour, in lovely condition; 2, Bertram and Storey, Reed Bunting, nice exhibit; 3, G. Taylor, Chaffinch, excellent markings, medium size. Judge, Mr. J. R. Slack.—J. Bertram, Sec.

## SIX BELLS (Abertillery) F.S.

Show held Easter Tuesday, in the long room of the Cwm Hotel. Entries in the cage bird section were not very numerous, although some good specimens were staged, especially in the Norwich and A.S. Finch classes. The officials, one and all, worked well, and cards were up promptly, everything passing off without a hitch. The secretary, Mr. W. J. Edwards, had all arrangements well in hand, and Mr. J. R. Leech judged the cage birds, giving every satisfaction.

NOR. (5): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Hill, well known winner, buff, gem, nice type and formation; 3rd, nice bird; 2, 4, Carter, ran close to winner, sound colour, nice carriage, on large side. YORKS. (2): 1, 2, Parfitt, 1st, nice type, carries well, good head and neck, well feathered; 2nd, nice bird all through. FINCH (8): 1, Parfitt, well shown, well marked and steady, in good condition; 2, 3, Small, 2nd ran winner close, nicely-marked, fine type; 3rd, nice bird. MULE (3): 3, Small, very fine bird; 4, Button; vhc, Thomas. BRIT. (3): 2, 3, Hill, 2nd nice little bird; 3rd, some preferred to winner, nicely marked, in good condition; 4, Thomas, Yellow Bunting, tight feathered, in fine condition. LINNET (1): 1, Small, well shown, nicely marked, in good condition, Tredegar winner.

## Drumming of the Snipe.

The peculiar noise called drumming made by the Snipe when on the wing, still remains a matter of doubt as to how it is produced, but the closest observers and the best authorities appear to agree that the sound is not a voice production, but is produced by either vibration of the wings or tail, or possibly by the feathers of both.


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# My Favourite Bird: - - - - The Goldfinch.

By W. PAGE.

**The Paper awarded First Prize in the City and Suburban A.C.B's last Essay Competition.**

In making my choice of a subject,I have decided to deal with only one species in this paper, as I am of opinion it will be far more interesting to fix on one, and to give an account of same, than to mention all I have kept. In regard to British birds, I must admit I have the warmest corner for our perky, sprightly, and, shall I say, most attractive of Finches, the Goldfinch. Others may not agree with my choice, still, I venture to say that we, in fact, all bird lovers, have a preference for a particular species. No matter what number of species he may keep, there is, I think, a certain one which a bird-lover inclines to; and this being so, he can and does pay more attention to the particular habits of the bird he has preference for than the others. By this I do not mean to infer that the others do not receive due care; far from it. But anyone with the slightest knowledge of birds, and the exhibiting of same, knows that almost all our judges have a preference for a certain species. If they are Canary judges, they have their favourite variety, and if British bird judges, their preference is for a certain species, which preference it is well for exhibitors to study when aspiring to that "coveted special" for best bird.

I think all will admit that the Goldfinch has found more favour on the show bench than any other British bird, as all shows, no matter how small, cater for him, which makes him more popular than if he had to compete in the "any other species" class, or was grouped with other Finches. His beautiful plumage, sweet song, and perky ways, too, I contend make him our most popular British bird.

**The Exhibition Goldfinch Described.**

Now, to take an exhibition specimen. We all know, or think we know, a good one when we see it, although not many persons agree on all points, not even our judges. Still, the principal points one aims at gaining in his Finches are, first, a good face, or blaze, as it is termed, which for preference should be well down, extending beyond the eye, square cut at base, and, to top all, should be a rich, clear colour. The black round the base of beak should be distinct, but fine, so as not to make the face too dark. The back, chest and flanks should be of a rich nut brown, having well defined buttons and good coloured bars. The black on the skull and the nape of neck must be a jet black, broad, and well defined, and free from specks of white and crimson, which one will frequently meet with. All the above-named colours should be well-balanced and intense, with a slight tinge of brown on what should be otherwise clear white cheeks, to keep him from all suspicion of being of any other nationality than British. For preference, the exhibition Goldie should be of the cobby (or Norwich) type. Some good specimens of the upstanding birds do win at times; but that in my opinion is when there is not one of the cobby ones equal in other points to put him down, as I think all will admit the cobby ones are the ideal shape for our Finches.

**Procuring and Feeding the Finches.**

I consider the best time to procure the Finches is in October, as then, if you get clean-moulted birds, you are almost sure of their being early ones, which is one of the greatest advantages in moulting Goldfinches; the late ones are rarely sufficiently up in colour until half the season's shows are over, and I must admit that I prefer moulted specimens to choose from to Greypates, as then, of course, one has size and colour to guide him, whereas with Greypates one never knows how they may fare until they have moulted off, and then in the majority of cases faults from an exhibition point of view generally crop up. We know, or are told, that some of the best birds have been cage-moulted from Greypates, but I myself prefer to choose from clean moulted specimens.

When freshly caught birds are procured, the best plan is to put them in a flight cage with one or two old birds (I keep a cage-moulted steady hen Goldfinch for this purpose) for a week or so, giving bruised hemp, a little inga and maw seed, also teazel and water on the bottom of the cage, and if they are caught in damp or rainy weather, soak the teazel in cold water and supply with the above. Keep the usual seed hoppers and drinkers full, and the birds will soon follow the old ones' example and go to them.

As soon as they are observed feeding and drinking, cage them up in what is known as a Finch stock cage, when they will soon settle down. Of course, some are more sprightly than others, but most settle down after about three months at the most; if not by then, they usually keep unsteady until after their first cage moult, when they are well steadied, and with a little patience can be made to come and take a sunflower seed or some green food from one's fingers.

**Peathroated and Cheveral Finches.**

Now a word on Peathroated and Cheveral Finches, with which I expect you are all familiar. I will just state that the former has a small patch of white under the lower mandible, usually of the shape of a pea, from which the term arises. The Cheveral, as it is called, has the white extending completely down the blaze, cutting it in two. Now, never be advised to accept one of these Finches for the purposes of exhibition, as by the present standard of our specialist club, these are faulty birds. The standard distinctly says: "Blaze to be free from black stripes or breaks," and one must admit that a pea throat or Cheveral, is a very conspicuous break indeed, and almost puts a bird out of all count. I can, however, call to mind the case of a Pea-throat coming out on top against seventeen other Finches in its class not showing that fault. But how it came to be there I cannot understand, and I will only say that I should not care to put one under most of our British bird judges, as, of course, the majority judge to the standard of our specialist clubs, which put a freak Goldfinch out of count. I contend it is a freak. We know such Finches have their supporters for the purpose of light Mule breeding; still, in my humble opinion, I think that in their present state not over much is gained in that respect. I am inclined to think there is great scope with regard to the Cheveral Finch, as no doubt this freak could be perpetuated as the Horncrest originally was. Personally, I should very much like to see the result of mating Cheveral Finches, but at the present time I am unable to do so, owing to the commodious gardens which we have in London (flower boxes on window-sills are my limits at present)! This may, however, be carried out by some of our members who have the convenience for breeding Britishers. I myself have to be content with breeding, or trying to breed, a few Mules in a living room.

**Getting the Finches into Condition.**

Now, to get our Finches into condition (I take it most of our members who keep Finches try for a few Mules or Hybrids from them) there is only one road to success, and that is by giving every attention to them and judiciously feeding them. This matter, as we all know, in regard to every species of bird, is dangerous ground to tread upon; still, I intend to give my method. Others may continue as they are doing, because if their own Finches are successful under the treatment they receive, then I advise fanciers by all means to continue in the same way. I will only say that I have found that my Goldies do best on the following diet:—Stock mixture by measure—3 parts teazel, 2 parts Canary, ½ part linseed, and ½ part German summer rape. I keep the seed hopper full of same, giving a teaspoonful of hemp in the drawer daily, except twice a week, when I give crushed sunflower seed instead.

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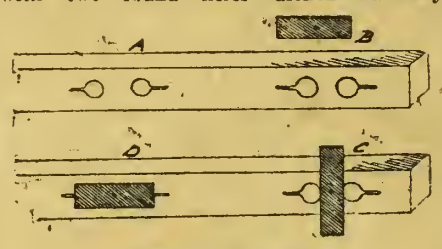
## No. 304.

### A PERCH TO TRAP RED-MITE.

**Sent by E. J. Clark, 113, Hargwyne Street, Stockwell, S.E.**

Enclosed is a sketch of a perch which I have made for myself, and a good many of my friends, who have, they say, found it a capital idea. "A" represents the perch, with two round holes drilled half-way




**A Red-mite Trap.**

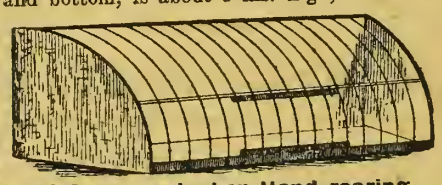
through, also channels cut out, leading to the holes. B shows a piece of thin sheet zinc, cut to cover the holes. C shows the zinc acting as a "button" on the perch. D shows the traps complete, with channels leading into them, where the red-mite hide. Why I use zinc is because it does not rust when washing. —E. J. CLARK.

## No. 305.

### A CAGE FOR USE WHEN HAND-REARING.

**Sent by Mr. F. G. Makinson, Farnborough House, Liverpool Road South, Birkdale.**

I enclose a sketch of a cage I use when hand-rearing Linnets. It is, of course, useful for other birds. It has a wooden back, sides, and bottom, is about 9 ins. high, and 5 ins.



**A Cage used when Hand-rearing.**

from back to front. This style of cage is very useful, as the youngsters cannot get out of reach of the quill when being fed, and you can hold the quill directly over their heads. If thought necessary, a sand tray can be added.—F. G. MAKINSON.

Kindly notify my change of address, writes Mr. J. T. Atherton. I have removed from Godwin Street to 129, Bordesley Green, Ashted, Birmingham. I have had as much work as I could manage through advertising in CAGE BIRDS during the winter season.

The annual meeting of the Camborne F.S., writes Mr. C. J. Allen, the secretary, was held last week, when a very successful year's working was reported. Officers for the coming year were elected, and the date for the Annual Open Show was fixed for November 4th, with Mr. W. G. Poole (Stratford-on-Avon), as judge.

Secretaries of societies kindly note, writes Mr. F. C. Allen, joint secretary of the Battersea Open C.B.S., that I have removed from 9a, Simpson Street, to 342, Battersea Park Road. I have had a very interesting experience with my hens. They came into condition very early, so I had to pair them up. Then for business reasons I had to move. Some young ones were hatched out in one room, and some others of the same nest in another room in a different house. I only lost one, and that was in a nest by itself. I have 20 young ones on the sticks all doing well.

We are arranging to have a day in the country on Sunday, May 23rd, writes Mr. H. E. Tringham, hon. secretary, London and Provincial O.S. The venue has not been definitely decided upon yet, but it will in all probability be in the neighbourhood of Rickmansworth, which district abounds in wild bird life, and is well known to some of our members. Due notice will be sent to all members, but should any non-members wish to join the party (which, by the way, will be under the leadership of G. Crabb Esq.), I should be pleased to let them have full particulars

The Young Bird Show, of the Cardiff and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. W. S. Negus, the secretary, will be held early in July, and the matter will come up for discussion, probably at the May meeting; so in the meantime, perhaps members will think the matter over and come prepared with any suggestions they have to make in order that we may have, if not a record, at least a good exhibition. I would here also ask that as many members as possible will pay their subscriptions for the year at the next two or three meetings, also C.B. Union fees, which will considerably lighten the labour of the secretary.

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## Senegal Parrot.

**W. Pole, Routh.**—If you had informed me how you were dieting the bird I could have given you better assistance. For one day only put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the drinking water (one ounce) and give two or three doses of tincture of opium, 3 drops direct to the mouth. Diet: Seed mixture, 2 parts Canary, and 1 part each oats, wheat, dari, hemp, and sunflower seeds; well mix and let this form your staple diet; also supply ripe fruit, nuts (shelled walnuts or hazel nuts for preference) and plain biscuits. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage; gritty river sand for cage tray, and mingle a little Parrot grit among its seeds. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food, and the bird should soon recover tone and do well. You are rightly informed; it is a Senegal Parrot.

## Outdoor Aviary Queries.

**J.W.H., Flixton.**—(1) Give them a little soft food mixture daily, and scatter a few ants' eggs on aviary floor for the birds. Also supply green food liberally—grass in flower (seeding grass), lettuce, chickweed (not rank), etc.; (2) Canaries are inquisitive and impudent creatures in a mixed series, and often, by their looking after their fellow captives' business as well as their own, get into trouble. Budgerigars are very unsafe company for Finches and I should consider them the culprits; but the Weavers, Greenfinch, and especially the Bramble Finch, all need keeping under observation; at least, I advise you either to cage up the Brambling at once or give it its liberty, and as far as possible have your birds in true pairs, and with one or two exceptions it is sound policy to have only one pair of each species in a breeding aviary.

## Birds for Small Aviary.

**H. Lee.**—The following will breed in cages, say, of box type and about 30in. long, 15in. deep, and 15 to 18in. high: White and Grey Java Sparrows, Longtail Grass Finches, Bengalese, Silverbills, in fact, most of the commoner species would do so, providing you were not too curious and their nest boxes or husks were well screened with twiggy branches. Zebra and Ribbon Finches would also breed in cages, but I advise you to put a pair each of these in your aviary and take out the Java Sparrows; in so narrow an aviary they are not safe, though where they have more space, they can be kept even with small Waxbills with impunity. You would find my small booklet "Foreign Birds for Beginners" very helpful; see advertisement in this column.

## Concerning Avadavats.

**C.L.N.**—From information to hand at the moment, this species is commonest in Central India, but it is found more or less over the whole of India; those coming from the locality of the Persian Gulf are said to be more brilliant in hue than those from the other localities. They build their nests and rear their young among the tussocks of elephant grass, so common to the banks of many Indian streams and rivers. The female is greyish brown, light on the underparts, and washed yellowish on centre of abdomen, and with dull reddish orange on the rump. When out of colour, the male resembles the female, but he is always the darker coloured bird. The young in nesting plumage resemble the hen, but there is a great deal of variation as to depth of colouration.

## Rearing Cuba Finches.

**F.F.**—I have never found the mixture of dried flies, ants' eggs, game meal, sponge cake, and biscuit, to have the effect you name, and should imagine that something else (say, stale portions scattered about by the birds and overlooked, etc.) to be the cause of the trouble. However, the mixture you name will suffice, but I should advise the addition of one part ants' eggs (cocoons). As regards green food, flowering and seeding chickweed, providing it is not rank, may be given; also seeding greens, tender lettuce, and any nonpoisonous foliage which is infected with greenfly or other plant lice; Canary and rape seedling and groundsel heads are all wholesome. Give them a mixture and let the birds make their choice; such practice is always sound. Cuba and Olive Finches do not come to hand at regular periods; they are very erratic in their appearance on the market, and the only thing to do is to watch the advertisement columns and snap them up when obtainable. Though known to aviculture for years, they have never been common.

## Arranging an Outdoor Aviary.

**Birdy.**—The arrangement you suggest will answer alright providing you can well light up the box; birds will go to shelter at night and in rough weather, but they will not go into a dark place, at least, such species as you wish to keep will not do so. (1) For such a small place, board in the flight; (2) The ends should have well-fitting glazed doors outside the netting, to be opened or closed according to the weather; (3) It all depends on the space in the basement; for breeding you must not keep more than 1 pair for each foot run of the frontage. In your case you can measure from front to back of sleeping box; (4) The nesting receptacles should be in the sleeping box. I can only further suggest that you make both the inner and outer compartments as large as you possibly can. I am assuming your basement is dry, and not draughty—the hardiest of birds will not survive long in a damp and draughty place.

## Amazon Parrot Unwell.

**E.W.L.**—The proper diet for an Amazon is seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuits; a clean piece of cuttlefish should be continually in the cage, and it is advisable to mix a little grit among the seeds. Till the discharges cease, give 4 drops tincture of opium direct to the mouth daily, and for the same period the drinking water should be made slightly acid with aromatic sulphuric acid (4 drops of the acid to one ounce of water). As soon as the discharges cease, put the bird on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food, putting sufficient in the drinking water to make it the colour of pale port wine. The voidings should be removed at once and, if possible, burnt. Do not give milk in any form. A little biscuit or bread that has been slightly moistened with Chemical Food water, may be given instead of the bread and milk. Keep the bird in a warm, but not stuffy position. The better seed mixture would be: Two parts each Canary seed and oats, and one part each hemp, sunflower, marrow, wheat, and maize; well mix and keep a constant supply in the cage.

## Birds for Outdoor Aviary.

**R.H.S.N.**—The birds you name, with one exception, will agree together well enough in your aviary, and can be left out of doors all the year round, providing there is a good shelter attached to the aviary for night use and during severe weather. I presume by Crimson Waxbill you mean the Anstralian Crimson Finch; if so, this is a decidedly pugnacious species, and I cannot advise you to include this. You could also include Zebra Finches, Long and Rufus-tailed Grassfinches. Diet: Canary and white and spray millet will form the principal item of the Foreign bird menu; oats and paddy rice should also be supplied, and rape, hemp, and sunflower seeds for the benefit of the British species. They should get plenty of grass in flower (grass in the ear) from now onwards, and also any nonpoisonous, blighty foliage and herbage that you can procure for them. Such as will take them can have two or three mealworms each daily. When they have young to rear you must supply a little of some good soft food mixture (see advertisement columns) —long grass and hay will be all the nesting material they will require. Husks and nesting boxes must be hung up in various parts of the aviary. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners" very helpful, obtainable from this office; several useful nest boxes are figured therein. None of the species would take any harm from the full diet given.

## Waxbills for Aviary.

**M.R.**—If you are at all troubled with cats in your locality, it will certainly be best to have a double course of wire netting, which should be of ½-inch mesh. You will find Zebra, Grey, St. Helena, Orange-cheeked, and Crimson-winged (Aurora) Waxbills very handsome and easily-kept species. Waxbills are more inclined to favour rush and basket nests than boxes; the latter should be about six inches square. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners," obtainable from this office, very helpful, and several types of nest boxes are there figured. A Pekin Robin will do well enough with the birds you name, but it will require soft food, ripe fruit, and a few live insects, mealworms, etc., daily. I cannot tell you numbers unless you give me the dimensions of the aviary. I should make the flight of the Waxbill aviary a wilderness of growing weeds, bushes, etc., and on no account be persuaded to include any kind of Parrakeets or Lovebirds with them, however small.

**Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.**

## An Outdoor Aviary.

**W. H. Wagg.** — The arrangements for your aviary are very suitable, but I would point out the following:—It is no use putting in growing trees or shrubs for Budgies or Lovebirds. I should prefer the ash saplings fixed in the ground, as tubs make good retreats for mice if they get in. I would remind you that Budgies and Finches are very dangerous company. The Finches would be sure to "go under." Your aviary will give accommodation for about 30 birds about the size of a Budgerigar, but only supply breeding accommodation for 10 to 12 pairs at the most. I should advise 2 pairs green and 1 pair yellow Budgerigars (each pair being obtained from a different source), one pair Cockateels, and one pair Rosella Parrakeets. The pair of Madagascar Lovebirds could also go in with them. If you wish to risk (and it is a risk) Finches with them, repeat query as to this point and I will give you a list, but my advice is, don't mix; confine yourself to one or the other.

## A Sick Tanager.

**E.D.P.**—Glad to note there is an improvement, but I should not overdo the glycerine, and I should advise you to use honey and borax; you can get this ready mixed at most chemists. Till the bird is in condition again I should advise giving one dose of the magnesia each week. Unless your stock have come into actual contact with the sick birds, I do not think you need fear infection. Give them all the fresh air you can without draught, though, of course, all new purchases should be quarantined away from healthy stock. Neither do I think you need fear infection being carried to the birds in the other rooms. As soon as the bird is anything like fit, put it in another cage and sterilise its present one as per previous reply. With the care you are now taking, I do not anticipate you will have any trouble with your healthy stock, but under the circumstances, if a bird does appear ailing, it will be safest to isolate it at once. Yes, it is the disease you name, and the bird which died had the contagion before you received it and communicated it to your birds. I hope you will have no further trouble.

## Brevities.

**Pekin Robin** ("Brockley Jack.").—It is by no means uncommon for a Pekin Robin to develop a taste for a granivorous diet when they have access to unlimited seed, and the life of the majority of such feeders is not a long one. If they also eat plenty of ripe fruit and get several mealworms or other insects daily, they should do very well. I would also advise a little milk sop in such a case as your bird once or twice a week, with these modifications the bird should do well and the milk sop will not harm the other occupants of your aviary if they partake of same.

**Breeding Java Sparrows (E., Cornwall).**—The interior of the husk being soft, such birds often do not line it, and the young will do well enough without. I should certainly offer soft food, though with the diet you are offering, they may not avail themselves of it; but it certainly should be supplied. The Spice-bird has bred several times in this country, and also crossed on several occasions with the Bengalese. As regards food and treatment, same as for the Java Sparrows.

**Rose-Breasted Cockatoo** ("Grimston").—The Roseate is a good screamer, and quite unsafe for the smaller species you name, and would, I fear, soon "annihilate" any aviary that was not constructed entirely of iron. A pair of Amazons would undoubtedly breed if given a roomy aviary to themselves, though they probably might not do so the first year. It would be necessary to protect all woodwork with wire netting, and it would be necessary for the netting to be of much thicker wire than that usually sold by the stores.

**Zebra Finches, etc.** (W. S.).—(1) It will be quite safe to put them out the first week in May; they would have been better left out all the winter. The best way to put a check on egg-binding is to remove all nest boxes, and nesting material, and then when you turn them out they will settle down at once. (2) After the middle of May, birds can be purchased and put out at once, but all new arrived should be run into a box cage and allowed to satisfy their hunger and thirst before being put into the aviary.

# POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

**Canary** (G. W. Werrey).—The bird certainly died of bird fever, and in all probability your other losses may be attributed to same infection.

**"Gluck" Strain Hen** (J. Tomlinson).—Acute inflammation of liver and rupture of blood vessel of that organ, possibly incidental to nesting.

**Cinnamon Hen** (R. Cramman).—Inflammation of liver and lungs or "general chill," incidental to nesting fever, but rendered dangerous where great variations of temperature prevail, as in outdoor bird-rooms or at top of house under roof.

**Brambling** (A. B. Timmis).—Liver disease, inflammation involving lungs, apoplexy. More green food is suggested.

**Canaries** (E. Hogg).—Blood poisoning, or septicæmia, a form of Canary fever, affecting lungs, liver, and bowels, and ending with apoplexy.

**Canary** (W. H. Allkins).—Bird fever. It is very remarkable that birds affected with this disease appear to be in robust health until certain symptoms are developed, which speedily end in death.

# GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

**A Hint** (E. Milne).—Many thanks for your kindly letter.

**Making a Cage** (C. L. Grigg).—We shall be glad to consider publication of the article if you will post it to us.

**Musselburgh O.S.** (D. Kay).—Your club notice was posted too late to reach us in time for last last week's issue.

**A Licence** (Farmer).—No licence is needed by a person keeping a bird shop.

**Cutting** (H. Sturge).—This cutting originally appeared in CAGE BIRDS. Thanks for your kindness in sending it.

**Many Thanks** to Miss J. Caldwell and Messrs. G. Preece, D. MacArthur, H. Pettit, W. E. Williams, A. V. Dallimore, G. W. Hukin, and many others for interesting items sent in to us.

**An Idea** (R.J.H.).—We are extremely obliged to you for sending the suggestion along. We think it an excellent one, and have at once given effect to it, as you will observe.

**Breeders of Green Yorkshires** (Andrew Marr).—If you invest in a copy of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL you will find it gives the addresses of most of the leading breeders of all varieties of the Canary family.

**Opening a Bird Shop** (S. Rhodes).—We have no recollection of your query. If you will kindly give the details again, you shall have a reply with pleasure.

**Whose Ideas Were They?** (Sidney Bartrop).—We wonder what *your* idea is? Why not give a correct address? According to the postal authorities there is no such number as "116" Union-road, Leytonstone. We blush for you.

**French Journal** (C. Vellard).—We do not know of such a journal as you enquire about. There are two or three German publications in existence.

**Hawthorn Buds** (W. J. Hughes).—There is no harm in again drawing attention to this green food. With grass, however, it has long been used by many bird-keepers.

**Suggestions** (W. E. Cross).—We thank you for your suggestions. Evidently you are a new reader, though, for a short time back we published a series of articles dealing with wild plants and seeds, with illustrations. It will be out in book form very soon. What kind of Hybrid breeding article do you want? We have published a good number quite recently.

# *Singing Contests.*

## YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Crown Inn, North-street, April 24th, when upwards of 20 birds competed. Result: 1st, Lee; 2nd, Axberry; 3rd, Massheder; 4th, Palmer. Judge, Mr. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

Usual weekly Linnet contest held at Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer-lane, Hungate, April 24th, when 20 birds competed. Result: 1, Barnard; 2, Oldroyd; 3, Maugham; 4, Limbert; 5, Buckle. Mr. Paver judged, and Mr. Limbert was timekeeper.—WM. EMPSON.

## LEIGH.

Linnet match held at "Standard Mower," April 25th, between Messrs. F. Rowland and J. W. Jones. Conditions: the best time out of four minutes' singing: two minutes face to face, and two minutes behind shade. They thought they would try Sheffield style, and it was a good song between the two. Rowland's bird won after a hard struggle. We Leigh fanciers would like to meet about four of the best birds in Sheffield for about four good prizes; meet half way. We await a reply through CAGE BIRDS.—A LINNET FANCIER.

## SHEFFIELD.

Result of usual weekly Linnet contest, held at Newmarket Hotel, Sheaf-street: 1st, Palfreyman, 73 secs.; 2nd, Busby, 68 secs.; 3rd, Callaghan, 53 secs. Thirty-two birds sang. Owing to the large number of birds we only sang 1 min. each way.—H. FENN, Sec.

## WARRINGTON.

Contest held April 12th, for 11 good prizes. The following were the winners:—1st, Lawton; 2nd, Green; 3rd, Barker; 4th, Clarke; 5th, Hughes; 6th, Britton; 7th, Bower; 8th, Stanway; 9th, Appleton; 10th, Clare; 11th, Clare. Consolation contest following Saturday: 1st, Corbett; 2nd, Armitage; 3rd, Crawford; 4th, Peet; 5th, Gallop; 6th, Drury; 7th, Leah; 8th, Green. We had a good concert same evening. Members and intending members please attend May 9th.—W. PEET, Sec.

## LARK SINGING CHALLENGE.

Having heard that Mr. Mills, of Pentlebury, will sing any Skylark in the country, in company, if he will write to the Midland Counties Skylark Society, Grosvenor-road, Aston, near Birmingham, the secretary, Mr. W. Martin, will give him all particulars. He will meet him half way to sing birds in any club, concert hall, or place as may be arranged.

## BLACKBURN.

Usual week-end contest of Blackburn Linnet quality. All went off splendidly, 16 birds being entered. 1st, Rostron; 2nd, Harrison; 3rd, Hayhurst. Judges, Messrs. Christopherson, Moulding, and Fender; timekeeper, Mr. James. After, members and friends listened attentively to the birds.—G. ROSTRON and T. SLATER, Secs.

A splendid contest took place at the Good Samaritan Inn, Grimshaw Park, in connection with the Blackburn Lark F.A., when there was some splendid singing. Ten minutes' hanging per bird. Mr. Halliday's bird was again in tip-top form. Five prizes were given. Mr. Halliday's bird sang whole time out; 2nd, Newsham, 9 mins. 49 secs.; 3rd, Hunt, 9 mins. 45 secs.; 4th, Jackson, 9 mins. 40 secs.; 5th, Yates, 9 mins. 13 secs. Too much praise cannot be given to the Burnley bird, which finished as strongly as it began.—ROBT. AIREY. Sec.

## CHALLANGE TO DURHAM.

I, Ed. McQuirk, Cornsay Colliery, will sing the challenger, Mr. R. W. Boyd, Nettlesworth Old Pit, for £5 aside; five heats, five minutes up and five minutes down. If R. W. Boyd accepts this reply, let him please meet me at the Burton Hotel, Gilesgate, Durham, on May 1st, at 7 o'clock p.m., to arrange time and place of match. Remember, Mr. Boyd, Old Bellringer is still alive yet, and hale and hearty.

## LEEDS.

Linnet contest for quality singing held at the Plasterers' Arms, Skinner-lane, Leeds, April 24th. There was an excellent entry from all parts. Mr. A. Kendall gave £1 in prize money. Result: 1st, Lorriman; 2nd, Duffy; 3rd, Solly; 4th, Johnson. Judges, Messrs. Crane, Clarke, and Towers. After, Mr. Wigfield obliged with the "Nightingale" song. There was also a grand contest on 25th April, and 26 birds entered. Result: 1, Wigfield; 2nd, Solly; 3rd, Johnson. An all-England contest for Linnets on Whit Tuesday. Further particulars in CAGE BIRDS.—J. CLARKE.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, April 24th, when 26 birds sang. Judges, Messrs. J. Melia and F. Allen. 1st, Stead; 2nd, Crowther; 3rd, shared betweeu Sissons and Lister. Also on April 25th, when 28 birds sang. 1st, Crowther; 2nd, Lister; 3rd, Sissons. Judges, Messrs. Summers, Melia and Cooper.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Usual contest for quality singing, held April 25th, at Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, when 15 birds sang. 1, Ridgewell; 2, Turner; 3, Hutchinson. Judges, Messrs. Naylor and Symons.—WALTER NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

## HULL.

Usual week-end contest held at headquarters, North Bridge Hotel. Some of the best birds in Yorkshire competed for six prizes given by the club. 1st prize, Broadhent; 2nd, Booker; 3rd, Conyers; 4th, Marshall; 5th, Serarf; 6th, Dearlove. Judge, Mr. Conyers; timekeeper, Mr. Dearlove. Open to all-England contest at Whitsuntide.—E. MOORS, Hon. Sec.

# *In the Courts.*

### Theft of a Prize Canary.

Jonathan Trippier (35), Birley Street, Bury, was charged at Bury recently with stealing a cock Canary value £3, the property of John Ramsbottom, a member of the Bury and Dis. C.B.S., from a cage in the taproom at the Bee Hive Inn, Georgiana Street, on April 10th. The prisoner pleaded guilty.—The prosecutor said he saw the prisoner go into the taproom. There was no one else there at the time. He next saw the Canary at the prisoner's house. He did not know the prisoner, but he hoped the magistrates would be lenient with him.—Detective-sergeant Gregson said the prisoner stated that he had bought the bird for 2s. 6d., but later he admitted the offence, and said he had had some drink and it was a silly thing to do. —Superintendent Noblett said that was the prisoner's first offence.—Robert Smith, manager of the firm who employed the prisoner, said the man had a good character, and his average earnings were from £3 to £3 2s. a week.—The prisoner said he was under the influence of drink.—A fine of 10s. and costs was imposed, the chairman stating that the bench had taken into consideration the accused's previous good character.

### Boys Taking Lapwings' Eggs.

Before Sheriff Begg, at Aberdeen on April 21st, John Davidson (16) and Alexander Kellas (16), apprentice bakers, Huntly, were charged with a contravention of the Wild Birds Protection Act, by taking eight Lapwings' eggs from a field in the neighbourhood of Huntly on April 10. They pleaded guilty.

Mr. J. J. Mackenzie, solicitor, appeared for the boys, who, he said, on the Saturday afternoon in question, after tea, went out for a walk in the country. When walking along the road, they saw the Lapwings in a field, and were tempted to go and look for eggs. They did not know they were doing wrong, not knowing there was a prohibition against taking Lapwings' eggs after April 1st. They took the eggs with the intention of eating them at home, but were found with the eggs in their possession. They had each four eggs. They did not know there was such a thing as a market for them, and did not know they were doing anything against the law.

The Sheriff doubted whether it was generally known among boys that there was such a law.—The Fiscal (Mr. Maclennan) said bills were posted up in all prominent places in the county. The boys were searching the field. If they did not know it was an offence to take Lapwings' eggs, they were the only two boys who did not. —The Sheriff: Do they know the Latin word for a Lapwing? (Laughter).—The Fiscal said the word was given in Latin and English.

The Sheriff wished the case had gone to proof, because the sentence would depend on the circumstances—whether the eggs were taken innocently, or for sale. In the absence of any proof he assumed the case was favourable to the boys. The Fiscal did not suggest that the boys were to sell the eggs, because he had no proof. The Sheriff said the boys had been put to some expense coming from Huntly, and they would each have to pay a fine of 1s.

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## TWITTERINGS.

I have removed from New Dock Road, writes Mr. E. H. Williams, to 19, Copper Works Road, Llanelly.

The Brighouse and Dis. C.B.S. will not hold an open show this year, writes Mr. T. Mitchell, the hon. secretary.

The Annual Show of the Lurgan C.B.S., writes Mr. S. M'Collum, the hon. secretary, will be held on December 10th and 11th.

At the South Shields Show, to be held on October 29th and 30th, writes Mr. J. Barrass, the hon. secretary, Messrs. C. A. House and T. Dixon will judge.

I advertised a Parrot for sale through your columns some time ago, writes Mr. P. Brown (Fulham, S.W.), and I am pleased to say that I sold it very quickly.

Mr. William Richmond (Rodley, near Leeds), has been elected to judge the Leeds C.B.S. First Feather Show on June 5th next, writes Mr. Tose, the hon. secretary.

We have fixed our Nest Feather Show to be held July 17th; judge, Mr. Anthony Brown, writes Mr. A. Widdowfield, secretary of the Houghton-le-Spring and Dis. C.B.S.

Mr. G. E. Weston asks us to express his grateful thanks to the many kind fancier friends who have written expressing their sympathy with him in his recent loss.

I am shipping this week to South Africa, writes Mr. W. Rudd, the well-known bird specialist of Norwich, a very good order for Norwich Crests, Norwich Plainheads and Yorkshires.

We have received an order, together with 1s. 2d., for a copy of "Yorkshire Canaries," by H. W. Battye, but no name or address is given. If the sender will communicate these to us, we shall be pleased to execute the order.

Owing to our show fixture, November 27th, clashing with the date of Ilkeston Show, we are compelled to seek a fresh date, writes Mr. A. E. Wigginton, hon. secretary, Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S., and we have now decided on December 11th.

I am sending some birds to Illinois, U.S.A., writes Mr. B. Hollins, the well-known Hull bird specialist. I received the order for same through the medium of my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS. The destination of the birds is 1,500 miles from New York.

It was unanimously resolved at our last meeting, writes Mr. J. F. D. Alexander, hon secretary of the Garston B.B.A., that we hold our Nest Feather Show on July 17th, and our old show on December 1st. Several new members were proposed and elected.

That well-known fancier, W. Turton, Esq. (Leeds), is so pleased with the manner in which the Leeds C.B.S. is progressing, writes Mr. Wm. Tose, the hon. secretary, that he has decided to increase the value of the silver cup he is presenting to 3 guineas.

For the Dulwich O.S. annual ramble, the party will assemble at "The Herne," Peckham Rye, S.E., on Sunday, May 16th, at 9.15 a.m., and entrain at Honor Oak Park, S.E., 10 a.m., for Stoats Nest. Lunch and tea at "Ye Old Fox," Coulsdon Common, Surrey. Tickets, inclusive, are 4s. each, from Mr. S. J. Kent, hon. secretary, 156, Underhill Road, S.E.

The fourth annual report and balance-sheet of the Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S. are encouraging documents. Both the Young Stock and Annual Shows resulted in a profit to the society, and the balance in hand from the two show accounts at the end of the year was £1 3s. 3d., which reflects every credit on Mr. H. Smith, the hon. secretary, and the other officials.

Fanciers on the look-out for really up-to-date bird-cage furniture, such as glass drinkers, glass egg-drawers, etc., of the latest approved patterns, should send for the price-list (illustrated), issued by Messrs. J. Dean and Son, 24, Hook Street, Liverpool). They are the actual manufacturers and their prices are very favourable to the buyer.

Mr. T. Harper, the well-known Husk importer, of Wolverhampton, writes asking us to impress upon readers the necessity of writing clearly when sending out orders. He states that he has had trouble several times recently owing to the names and addresses of customers being written in an illegible manner.

A particularly well-made and finished enamelled water-tin (for show cages, etc.), reaches us from Mr. W. Ackroyd (20, Lowfield Street, Manchester Road, Bradford), which he is advertising in our columns. We have never seen anything of the kind to beat it, and can recommend this tin to readers in need of such an article.

Messrs. Fox Bros. (26, Ludgate Hill, London, E.C.), will be pleased to send to any fancier who writes to them, and mentions CAGE BIRDS when doing so, a free sample of their noted Egg and Biscuit Food, to enable him to compare it with other foods he may have seen or used. Fanciers can then see for themselves that the egg itself is there in the proportion stated, and that it is actually egg. "We give very strong guarantees," Messrs. Fox Bros. write, "with our preparation, such as no other manufacturer gives or can give, even down to the analysis of the egg, so that fanciers can be absolutely certain that they are feeding their birds on a genuine article. It is simply eggs and biscuit with no other ingredient, not even sugar. What we have endeavoured to impress upon fanciers is the fact that the white of an egg in a coagulated form, such as occurs in hard-boiled egg, is most indigestible. The egg used in our preparation is perfectly soluble owing to the special process adopted, and the analysis is not affected in the least. This makes the task of the mother feeding her young much easier, and the probability of rearing *all* the young birds much greater."

Our annual show, writes Mr. J. B. Y. Murdoch, hon. secretary of the Kilmarnock O.C.B.S., will be held on November 19th and 20th.

I am in possession of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1909, and I find it a really useful acquisition, and a book which should be in every birdroom. —ALLAN LIVESEY, hon. secretary, Bingley and Dis. O.S.

At our last meeting, held April 13th, writes Mr. H. Jameson, secretary of the Bury and Dis. C.B.S., it was resolved to hold our open Roller contest on December 17th and 18th, consisting of three classes.

I am sorry indeed, writes Mr. John Rukin, the well-known Lizard fancier, of Rawtenstall, to hear of Mr. Weston's loss. I can especially feel for him, as my youngest lad (10 years of age), has been at death's door for over a week, but is slowly recovering now, though he will probably lose both speech and hearing, I regret to say, for at present he is stone deaf and unable to speak.

I notice in CAGE BIRDS that Mr. Patterson says he saw his first Swallows on April 18th last, writes Mr. W. Lewys (Bristol). I should like to say that I saw a pair on Good Friday, perched on an apple tree by the side of the road at Portishead. They looked tired and also a bit rough, having every appearance of having come a long journey. I have not seen another since. I was only a few yards off, and they did not attempt to fly away.

## OBITUARY

**Mr. ALEXANDER MILLER (Rutherglen).**

On Sunday, April 18th, writes Mr. Thos. Smith (Glasgow), the well-known breeder of Scotch Fancy Canaries and competent judge, Mr. Alexander Miller, 4, Johnstone Drive, Rutherglen, passed away. Last summer he was seized with a shock from which he never recovered. The Fancy is poorer by his loss. He was in every sense a true man, full of courage, and never afraid to express his mind. A baker by trade, he was in business for himself in Rutherglen. For a number of years, he was widely known and highly respected in the district. He and I were close friends for a long period, and I had the highest admiration for Mr. Miller. I am sure I voice the regret of your readers at the loss the Fancy has sustained, and their sincere and heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Miller and the family. His memory will be fondly cherished by those who knew him

Messrs. David Black (Govan) and George F. Hope (Edinburgh), writes Mr. D. Nairn, secretary of the Maryhill O.C., will judge at our annual show in November.

The date of the Longton, Leek and Hanley Federation Young Stock Show, writes Mr. E. Tams, secretary of the Longton and Dis. C.B.S., has been fixed for July 10th, when Mr. J. H. Roe will judge. We have also engaged Mr. Roe to judge at the Longton Open Show on October 2nd. Messrs. Hawley (Hanley), Goodall and Roberts (Stoke), have joined our society.

The London and Counties O.A. are holding their Young Bird Show on June 26th, writes Mr. W. Gilbert, the hon. secretary, and Mr. J. W. Ramsden has been elected to judge. The autumn show will be held on November 26th and 27th, for which Mr. T. Heath has been elected judge. Both shows will be held at headquarters, the Sessions House Hotel, Clerkenwell Road, E.C.

The Matched-pair Show balance-sheet of the Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A. shows a balance to the good of 19s. 8d., which, carried to the general account for the quarter ended March 25th, brings the association's total balance in hand to £13 10s. 4½d. This is a creditable state of affairs, and Mr. J. C. Birch, the hon. secretary, and the other officials are to be congratulated on the excellent result.

Spratt's Cod Liver Oil Cage-bird Food is now used extensively for rearing by a very large number of up-to-date breeders, more particularly in the Yorkshire and Norwich districts. It is claimed for it that it saves time and money, as it is more economical in use; also that it is rapidly displacing the old-fashioned methods of feeding with egg and crumbs. It is rich in albuminoids, carbo-hydrates, fats and salts, so essential to successful rearing. This firm's "Red Colour Food" sales show new records every season. Only the very best quality procurable is used by Messrs. Spratt, which ensures the richness of colour so sought after by fanciers. Messrs. Spratt's will cheerfully send samples or a 1lb. packet for 1s. 9d. Canaries, like human beings, require an occasional change, and our readers will be interested to know Messrs. Spratt have put up a mixed seed in which are incorporated egg and fruit. Many fanciers now feed on this regularly, and give the ordinary mixture as a change. The bird-seed section of Messrs. Spratt's factory is a very large and important one, the many varieties required to meet the needs of the different breeds being imported from those countries producing the best; for instance, from Spain the finest quality Canary seed is obtained; its value is practically double that of the seed from elsewhere. From Germany they get the best summer rape seed, and from Italy the best white millet. Many seed mixtures are composed of the cheapest Canary seed, with old turnip seed as a substitute for the much more expensive summer rape. Those who have the interest of their pets at heart, purchase foods bearing the name of Spratt, knowing their genuineness can be relied on. Every reader sending their name and address on a postcard to Messrs. Spratt's, Ltd., 24, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C., and mentioning CAGE BIRDS when writing, will receive free a sample box of foods, and book on cage-bird rearing and keeping. Send at once; don't delay.

The photographs of the Norwich Plainhead show-cage, single breeder, and two-compartment breeder, found on page 438 of our supplement this week, were taken from cages made by that well-known maker, Mr. R. A. Newley (Stockwell Green, London, S.W.), and are splendid examples of the workmanship and finish always seen in his goods. They are fitted complete, Mr. Newley including every accessory in the moderate price at which he lists his cages.

We have to express our acknowledgement to the following photographers for the respective photographs found in our "Norwich Plainhead Canary Special" this week: Those sent by Mr. J. Hodder, to J. Bender and Co., City Road, London, E.C.; Messrs. Cleminson and Taylor (two), Geo. Devey, Preston; Mr. D. L. Eynon, Mr. Bert Hill (Aberdare); Mr. A. Grey, Jas. Bacon and Sons, Newcastle; Mr. E. Baker, Vectis Photographic Co., Cowes; Mr. T. Irons, Coldham and Son, Northampton.

British bird-keepers will be interested in the large and exhaustive work concerning their pets which has been written by that well-known and practical fancier, Mr. S. W. Birchley, and is to be published by Messrs. Sherratt and Hughes (34, Cross Street, Manchester). Readers should not overlook the advertisement (appearing in our pages this week) of this forthcoming book. The caging, feeding, and exhibiting of all species of British birds are to be thoroughly dealt with, and over 100 full-page plates (including many life-like photographs) will be found in the work. A prospectus will be sent free to all who apply.

An enviable reputation is enjoyed by Messrs. James Carter and Co. (237 and 238, High Holborn, London, "the King's seedsmen," among bird-keepers, for the supply of seeds of all kinds of a high quality not readily met with —beautifully cleaned and fully ripened. Their various packet mixtures, their Parrot food, and their grit sand are also in great demand with discriminating bird-lovers, and are used and recommended by our best-known fanciers. These seeds and foods (and every description of choice garden seeds) are stocked by most grocers, stores, and corn dealers, and readers should ask for "Carters," and test for themselves their excellence.

At the Jubilee Palace Show over 300 awards were won by birds moulted solely on Ramsden's Pure Peppers. The list includes Mr. Godley's champion Norwich and Cinnamons, Mr. Hodder's noted Norwich winning Ramsden's teapot in Southern Norwich competition. In the Yorkshire section, Messrs. Bailey and Swanger, Amblers, Shackleton, Hartley, Halliday, Ogden Bros., Rennie, Greaves, Crisp, etc., secured most of the prizes, and every bird was colour-fed solely on Ramsden's Pure Peppers. Every first second, and third prize in the Lizard classes went to birds colour-fed solely on Ramsden's Pure Pepper. This is not advertising "bluff," but actual truth. In most cases the pepper was supplied direct, and in every case the exhibitor had to write "R.P." against his entries to denote that the birds had been colour-fed solely on Ramsden's Pure Peppers. Reference to the show catalogue will prove the truth of this statement. Ramsden's Pure Peppers are unequalled for purity and richness of colour. This season's Tasteless is of marvellous colour, and the Hot is richer in colour than ever, being a blend of carefully selected Spanish and Natal capsicums. When you ask for Ramsden's Peppers, see you get them. If the dealer offers you something "just as good," don't have it. Insist on having Ramsden's, the best the world produces, and fully guaranteed. Prices: Tasteless, 2s. lb.; 5-lb. canisters, 7s. 6d.; 22lbs., 30s. Hot, 3s. lb., 5lbs. 12s. 6d.—J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London, S.W.—(ADVT.)

### Our "Ladder of Progress."

Competitors in our "Ladder of Progress" Competition should remember that the date of closing is May 11th, and make a special effort in the 10 days remaining to ensure one of our prizes coming their way.

### The Norwich Plainhead Club.

Kindly mention, writes Mr. J. Hopkins, the hon. secretary, that the following gentlemen have joined the Norwich Plainhead Club: Messrs. H. W. Sheldon (Llandudno), Joseph Rathbone (Wolstanton), Dr. McConaghey (Macclesfield), S. H. George (Swansea), J. Curwen (Preston), and H. Shorney (York).

### Lancashire Canary Association.

All societies desirous of holding shows under our patronage, writes Mr. Wm. Adams, hon. secretary of the Lancashire C.A., please send their names along with the number of classes and the name of judge not later than July, to me, at 35, Bedford Street, Rochdale. The association is giving at least twelve medals to be competed for by our members this season, and we shall be pleased to hear from anyone desirous of joining us, our subscription only being 2s. 6d. yearly, with champion and novice sections.


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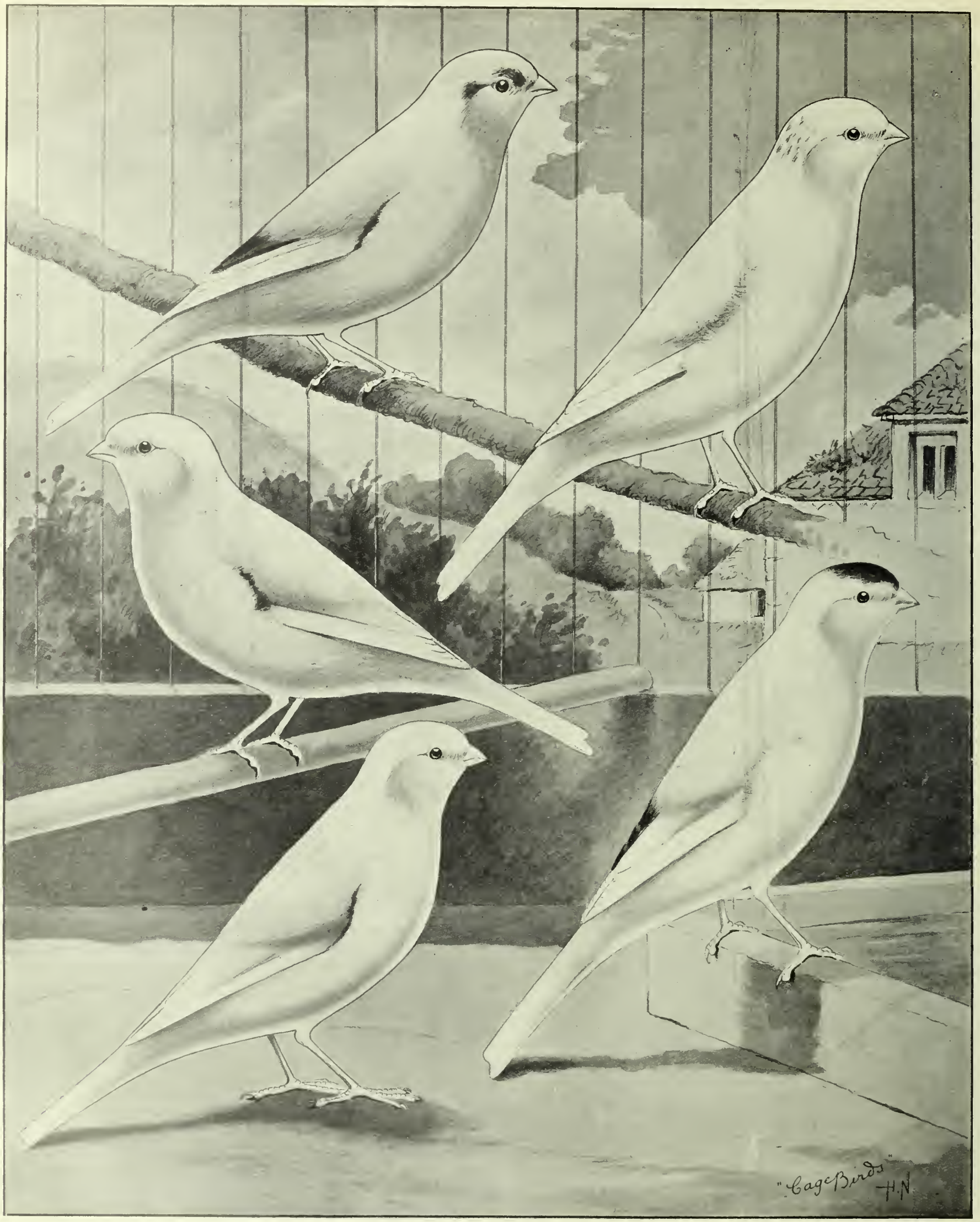
# OUR NORWICH PLAINHEAD SPECIAL

## *Some Prominent Breeders & Exhibitors and their Bird-rooms.*

## THE CAMERA AND THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD FRATERNITY.

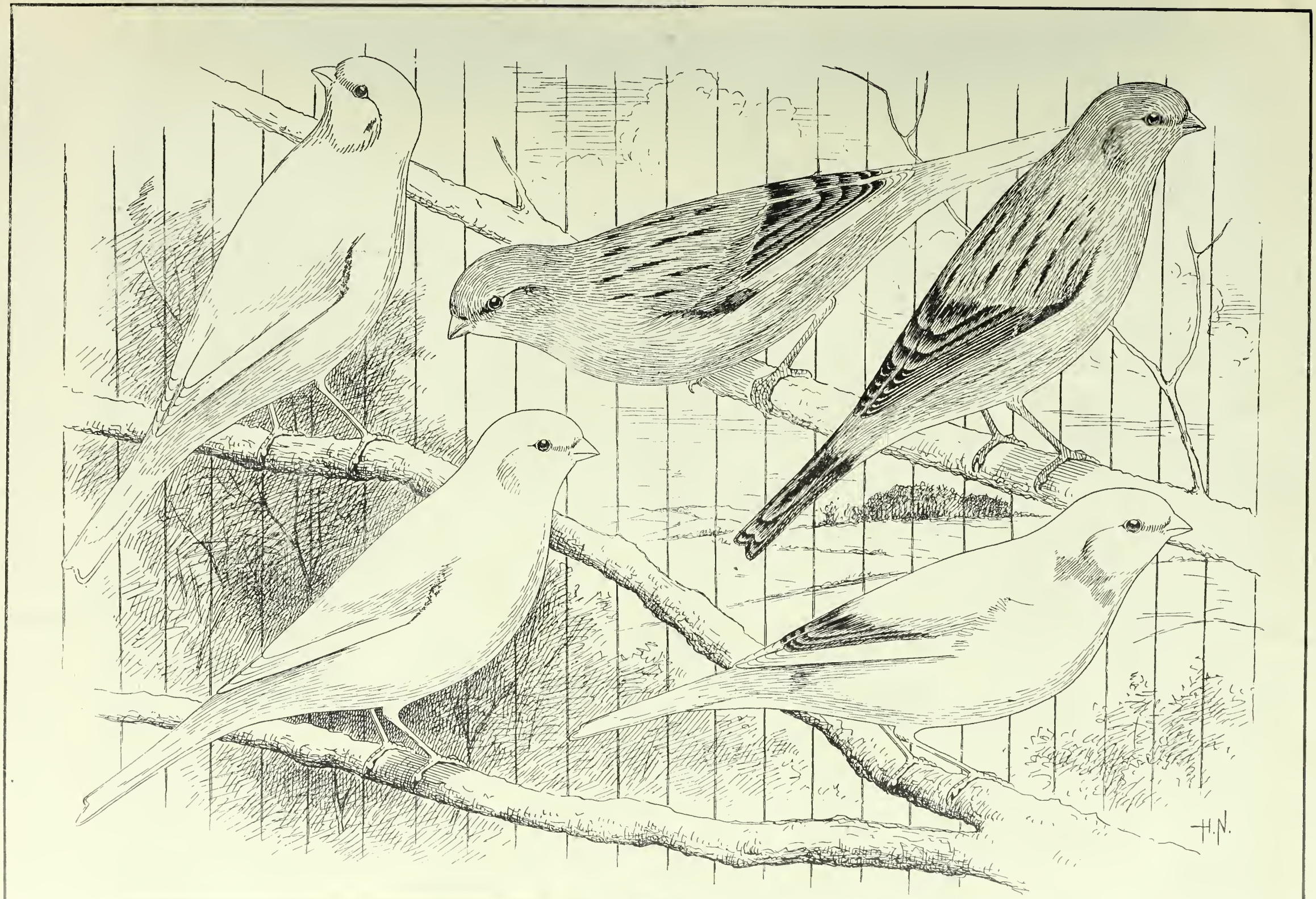
1. Mr. T. Irons (Northampton) in his birdroom. 2. Interior of one of the birdrooms of Mr. E. Baker Cowes). 3. Mr. G. Gwilliam (Gloucester) with Mrs. Gwilliam and some of his birds and the prizes they have won. 4. A stack of breeding cages in one of the rooms possessed by Mr. J. Hodder London). 5. Mr. Alfred Grey (Morpeth). 6. Mr. D. L. Eynon (Aberdare). 7. Mr. E. Baker (Cowes). 8. Mr. J. Hodder (London). 9. Mr. H. W. Sheldon (Llandudno). 10. Mr. Geo. Dobinson (Seaton Delaval).




# IS THE EXHIBITING OF NORWICH PLAINHEADS A LOTTERY?

## A STUDY IN TYPES.

It has long been the contention—shall we say grievance?—of breeders and exhibitors of Norwich Plainheads that different judges favour different types, while of late it has been freely said that the type of bird bred for and exhibited varies considerably in certain parts of the country—in Lancashire and in the South, to mention two quarters. Our artist has here depicted some winning birds of the past season, from various centres, as they presented themselves to his eye. They are: At top: Unevenly-marked Yellow, 1st Nottingham, for Messrs. Adnitt and Driver (South Normanton); and Ticked Buff Cock, 1st Manchester, for Mr. J. Evans (Burnley); In centre: Unflighted Yellow, 1st Crystal Palace, for Mr. W. N. Midgley (Winslow); and Unevenly-marked Yellow, 1st Preston, for Mr. Jas. Howie (Dundee); At bottom: Ticked Buff, 1st Carlisle, for Mr. A. Younghusband (Keswick).




# SOME DISTINGUISHING MARKS OF THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD.

## A STUDY IN TECHNICALITIES.

Our artist has here depicted specimens that illustrate the technical points which make up certain sub-varieties. UPPER ROW, left to right: A Ticked bird (showing a tiny mark of dark feathers on the cheek); a Foul Green (a green bird with its plumage broken with light feathers at the throat, wing flights and tail); and a Self Green (plumage without any light breaks). LOWER ROW, left to right: A Clear (no dark feathering of any kind showing on the surface of the plumage); and an Unevenly-Marked (with dark feathers in both wings, and a "grizzle" on the neck).

## THE CAMERA AND THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD FRATERNITY.—(*Continued.*)

1. Mr. W. R. Miles (Chichester) and some of his trophies. 2. A flight in the birdroom of Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington). 3. A group of winning Norwich Plainheads the property of Mr. C. E. Coad (Truro). 4. Messrs. Cleminson and Taylor (Preston) and some special prizes they have won. 5. Mr. T. Irons (Northampton and a group of the special prizes his birds have brought him. 6. Mr. W. Morris (London). 7. Mr. C. E. Coad (Truro). 8. Mr. C. E. Brown (Kingsweston). 9. Mr. J. Winter (Edinburgh). 10. Mr. G. L. Harber Merthyr Tydvil). 11. Mr. C. H. Walton. 12. Mr. E. Noakes (Messrs. Walton and Noakes, Leicester). 13. Mr. H. Wright (Messrs. Wright and Son, Norwich). 14. Mr. A. Hirst Accrington). 15. Mr. A. Chalmers (Kirkintillock). 16. Mr. A. G. Cameron (Kelso). 17. Mr. J. Raynes (Manchester) late secretary of the Norwich Plainhead Club and present secretary of the Cage Bird Union.

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# The Specialist Norwich Plainhead Clubs.

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**Some details of their history and objects, contributed by the respective secretaries.**

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## THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

AS the result of correspondence between such well-known Norwich Plainhead breeders as Messrs. J. H. Payne, W. Spillman, A. G. Davis, Barker Clegg and others in the Fancy Press, in or about February and March, 1897, respecting the type, etc., of this Canary, the Norwich Plainhead Club was formed. The club has for its object: (1) the advancement of the Norwich Plainhead Canary, (2) the settlement of the question of type, etc., and (3) the protection of the interests of Norwich fanciers in every direction. The membership of the club was open to the United Kingdom, and well-known exhibitors from all parts, to the number of about 70, flocked to the standard, recognising at once that such a club was very essential, and would be very beneficial, to all Norwich breeders. The following officers and judges were forthwith appointed: President, R. Dewhurst, Esq.; Vice-Presidents, Rev. Dr. Davies, and Messrs. J. Bexson, J. H. Payne, and H. S. Naylor; Committee: Messrs. J. Haigh, B. Clegg, C. Degg, A. Wellings, H. Taylor, J. Dale, F. Mansfield, A. Hirst, F. J. Smith, W. Mynard, J. S. Evans, and S. Cook; Judges, Messrs. Bexson, J. H. Payne, C. E. Silk, A. Wellings, C. A. House, J. Haigh, and A. Bradbury; Auditors, Messrs. A. Bradbury and B. Clegg; Secretary and Treasurer, A. G. Davis.

The first club show was held at Manchester in 1897, and the following were the first prize winners in the Champion Section:—Clear Yellow, Mr. H. Taylor; Clear Buff, Mr. H. Taylor; Ticked, etc., Yellow, Messrs. Wellings and Wood; Ticked, etc., Buff, Mr. F. Beardall; Yellow hen, Messrs. Wellings and Wood; Buff hen, Mr. J. Mellors; Unflighted Yellow, Mr. J. Shirreffs; Unflighted Buff, Messrs. J. Haigh and Son. Fanciers quickly recognising the merits of the club, the membership increased rapidly, and in 1899, when the Secretaryship was taken over by Mr. J. Raynes, there were about 170 members on the books, and from that time it has continued to hold its own, notwithstanding the fact that several other Norwich clubs have since sprung up.

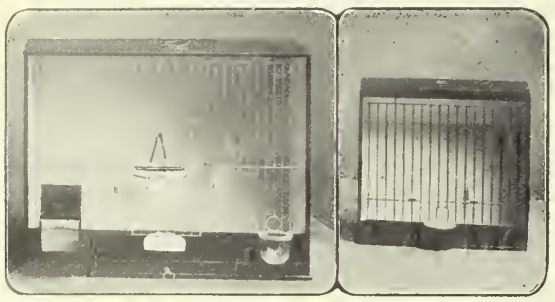
The N.P.C. has, without doubt, been a great help and stimulus to Norwich Canary breeders, and has been mainly responsible for the improvement which has taken place in the type of the Norwich Plainhead by insisting on the judges adhering as nearly as possible to the standard set up by them.

This standard was revised in 1907, when Mr. H. Norman's model (a reduced fac-simile appears on this page) was adopted, and the following scale of points drawn up:—

HEAD, round, full, and neat, with short beak; NECK, short and thick, 25. CHEST, deep, broad, and full, 15. BACK, broad and well filled-in, 10. WINGS AND TAIL, short, compact, and good carriage, 15. FEATHER, soft, silky, with brilliancy and compactness, 15. COLOUR, deep, bright, rich, pure, and level throughout, 10. STAGING and good condition, 10. Total, 100 points. Length not to exceed 6½ inches. Streaked beak and marked legs not to be a disqualification, but to count against the bird to its extent.

The Presidency was held by Mr. R. Dewhurst until 1904, when he was succeeded by Mr. John Wright, he in turn being succeeded by Mr. J. A. Eckersley, the well-known Birmingham enthusiast, who still fills this office. Mr. Raynes continued as Secretary, and worked hard to further the interests of the club until this year, when, on account of being appointed Secretary of the Cage Bird Union, he resigned, Mr. Jno. Hopkins being elected Secretary in his place. The full list of officers and judges for 1909 is as follows:—President, Mr. J. A. Eckersley; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. Bexson, W. Aitchison, A. G. Davis, and E. Baker; Committee, Messrs. S. Cook, J. Trengove, T. H. Dent, W. Booth, J. H. Roe, J. Hayhurst, J. Towers, W. Spillman, T. Seed, B. Clegg, O. Stringer, and J. Raynes; Auditors, Messrs. B. Clegg and G. W. F. Lythgoe; Judges, Messrs. J. H. Roe, J. Trengove, J. Robson, J. Bexson, A. Wellings, J. C. Barnes, H. W. Battye, A. G. Davis, W. Booth and Dr. Herd; Secretary and Treasurer, Jno. Hopkins, 126, Bury New Road, Bolton, Lancs.

The membership of the club is still as when formed, not confined to any radius or county, but open to the United Kingdom; it consequently numbers amongst its members the oldest and principal breeders and exhibitors of the Norwich, no matter what part of the kingdom they reside in. The annual subscription is only 2s. 6d., and the club offers for competition amongst its members (1) a £10 10s. Challenge Cup which becomes the absolute property of the exhibitor winning it three times—which, by the way, has been done twice, once by Mr. W.



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## THE SOUTHERN NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

THE Southern Norwich Plainhead Club was formed in the year 1905 by a body of fanciers who called together the Norwich breeders at the Raglan Hotel, on March 22nd, 1905. At that meeting we had 25 fanciers present, amongst whom were Messrs. G. Crabb, J. W. Ramsden, G. Leclair, J. Hodder, J. W. Rennie, Graves, Bellamy, Miles, Morris, Martin, Pretty, Saunders and others. The first President was Mr. G. Crabb, with Mr. F. S. Matthes as Treasurer, Mr. G. Leclair taking the office of Secretary. Since that time the club has gradually gone forward, and has received liberal support from those who breed and exhibit the Norwich Plainhead, being also greatly sought after by the many societies wishing to have its support at their shows.

The chief objects of the club were: the adoption of a standard, the extension of classification in the South of England, the suppression of fraudulent and dishonourable practices and the advancement of the interests of its members. These objects have been fulfilled, and the club has been quietly working in the interests of those who give their attention to this section of the Fancy. The annual subscription of 2s. 6d. does not pay by a long way the outgoings of this club, but it has had a special prize fund, which has been truly the financial backing of the club, and by its means we have been able to get together some 150 breeders and supporters.

In the forthcoming season we offer to its members an array of specials not often seen in the rule book of a specialist club. Its management this year is in the able hands of our President, Mr. E. Baker; Committee, Messrs. H. Lambert Brown, J. W. Rennie, A. W. Curtis, G. Gardner, J. Hodder, W. Morris, W. Collings, G. Dring, W. N. Midgley, A. E. Godden, G. Leclair, A. J. Kelly, with Mr. F. S. Matthes as Hon. Treasurer and Secretary (34, Rotherhithe New-road, London, S.E.); Mr. J. Richardson as Assist. Hon. Secretary; and Messrs. T. Heath and H. W. Simpson, Auditors. The Chairman of Committee is our worthy Mr. J. W. Ramsden, and while he guides the affairs of this club, I do not think the club has yet seen its best days of

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*Hon. Sec of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club.*

influence amongst the Southern Canary breeders. We have eight Vice-Presidents, who help the club and forward its usefulness, and who are well known to every breeder of Canaries for their integrity. They are: Messrs. Crabb (London), W. R. Miles (Chichester), J. H. Bellamy (Hastings), R. L. Crisp (London), W. Spillman (Devonport), R. J. Pretty (London), F. J. Gibbs (Canterbury) and J. Saunders (Sutton).

The model and standard for breeding are issued every year in the rule book. The "Standard of Excellence" and the "Scale of Points" are precisely the same as those of the Scottish N.P.C., differing in a similar way from the N.P.C. scale. If any breeder wishes to join this club he has only to apply to the Secretary and pay his yearly subscription; and then the whole of the above gentlemen are at his service to give him seasonable advice concerning his hobby.

F. S. MATTHES, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

## THE SCOTTISH NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

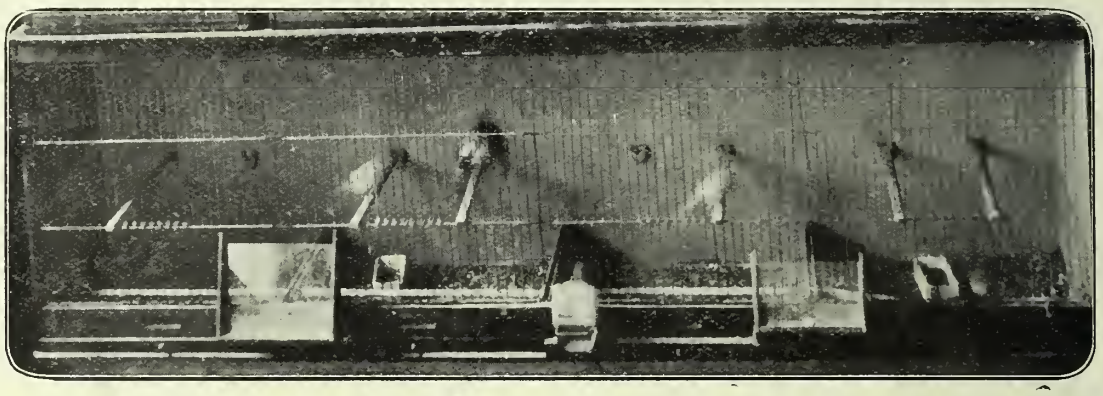
THIS club was instituted in January, 1899, at Aberdeen, with something like 50 members, the majority of whom were resident in the North-Eastern Counties of Scotland. Gradually its sphere of influence widened, until now the membership list has reached 150, and it has a connection in every district in the Land of the Thistle. The management, however, hope to see this number largely increased during the current year, to enable them to cater for the members on a larger and more liberal scale than they have been in a position to do in the past. The subscription is 2s. 6d., which is low enough to induce all to join.

The objects of the club are the advancement of the Norwich Canary in Scotland, and the protection of the interests of its members in every way. The business of the club is conducted by the President, five Vice-Presidents, twelve members of Committee and Secretary and Treasurer (combined). The office-bearers for 1909 are: President, Mr. John Young; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. G. Scaife, A. Roberts, A. McFarlane, J. Adams, and J. McLay; Committee, Messrs. W. Jaffrey, J. Winter, R. B. Jarvie, W. G. Muir, W. Clubb, G. Davidson, A. G. Cameron, J. Hector, W. Watson, J. Smeaton, W. Aitchison and W. Dunn; Auditors, Messrs. D. S. Gowans and J. Peters; Scrutineers, Messrs. J. Ferguson and C. Campbell; Judges, Messrs. A. McFarlane, A. G. Cameron, J. McLay, A. Roberts, G. Davidson, A. Malcolmson; Secretary and Treasurer, J. Brown, 97, Petershill-road, Glasgow.

The S.N.P.C. "Scale of Points for Judging" differs from that of the N.P.C. in three items. It gives 15 points for colour, against 10 by the English club; gives 5 points for perfection of legs (clear) and feet, a matter not enumerated in the other club's scale of points; while the N.P.C. has 10 points down for "staging and good condition," this item not appearing at all in our own scale. Our "Standard of Excellence" reads:—

COLOUR, deep bright, rich, pure, and level throughout. SHAPE, head, round, full and neat; neck, short and thick; body, short and chubby, with back well filled in; deep, broad, full chest. FEATHERS, soft and silky, with brilliancy and compactness. WINGS AND TAIL, short, compact, and good carriage. SIZE, well proportioned. BEAK, short and stout (clear). LEGS, well set back (also clear). FEET, perfect. CONDITION, health, cleanliness and sound feathers, streaked beak and marked legs not to be a disqualification, but count against the bird to its extent. LENGTH, not to exceed 6½ inches.

J. BROWN, Sec. and Treas.



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## NORWICH PLAINHEAD C.C. OF IRELAND.

I AM agreeably surprised to know you are giving a double number devoted almost entirely to the Norwich Plainhead Canary, and as the honorary secretary of the Norwich Plainhead Canary Club of Ireland, I will try and give a brief outline of the club's career. Some time ago a few of the fanciers in the City of Belfast thought that something in the nature of a specialist club would be a benefit to the Plainhead Canary, and on January 29th, 1907, we held our first meeting in the Avenue Hall, Garfield-street, Belfast. Mr. John Cummings was asked to take the chair, and Mr. Stewart proposed, and Mr. Gray seconded, that we form such a club; which proposal was unanimously agreed to, and from then until now it has gone ahead and prospered.

At that meeting a set of officers were elected provisionally for the purpose of drafting out rules, etc., for the government of the club, and I would like to say that the interest taken in our new venture by the then committee was of a whole-hearted description, for long before our first show came on, we had to the club's credit two splendid solid silver cups, and in addition £7 5s. 6d. in cash lodged in King-street Bank.

The first show season the club's patronage was granted to the following shows: Sligo, Dublin, Belfast, Lurgan, and Dundalk. The winners of the cups this same year were Messrs. Tate and Carson, and in addition to the cups, each received a gold medal. During the show season that has just gone, that for 1908-9, a show was held under the auspices of the club, which proved a great success, especially in the Plainhead section, of which Mr. G. Harland, of Hull, was the judge. The other shows that were granted the club's patronage were the same as the previous season's, with Banbridge instead of Lurgan; and the cup winners last year were Messrs. Thompson and Stewart.

This year's officers are: Mr. John Cummings, President; Mr. Walter Connell, Vice-President; Committee: Messrs. Carson, Wilson, Thompson, Ronaldson, Scott, Leacock, Ross, Lavery, Bamford, Gilmore, Mulligan, Osborne, Cloke and Birse.—James Stewart, Hon. Sec., 57, Donegall avenue, Belfast. Headquarters, Avenue Hall, Garfield-street, Belfast. Annual subscription, 2s. 6d. J. STEWART, Hon. Sec.

**Mr. O. Mitchell,**
*Hon. Sec. of the Open Norwich Plainhead Club.*

**Mr. Jas. Stewart,**
*Hon. Sec. of the Norwich Plainhead Club of Ireland.*

## THE "OPEN" NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

THE origination of the "Open" Norwich Plainhead Club in Yorkshire may fairly be said to date from October 26th, 1907, for, although previous to this time the matter had undoubtedly occupied the attention of those who were valiantly championing the cause of the "chubby ones," as indicated by such names as Messrs. Haigh, Sunderland, Wilcock, Naylor, etc., yet nothing of a definite nature had been accomplished, or even attempted. On this date a paragraph, having for its object the securing of the names of persons interested in the formation of a Norwich Plainhead Club, appeared in the Fancy Press. The response was such that an inaugural meeting was called at the "Market Tavern," Godwin-street, Bradford, on March 14th, 1908, and attended by a splendid gathering of Norwich fanciers. Since that time the Open Norwich Plainhead Club has been an accomplished fact, and remarkable success has attended its first year of work.

The reasons for establishing the club were various. In the first place, it had been long felt in Yorkshire that, although a similar institution was already in existence elsewhere, its workings were so little known, and its benefits, provisions for the districts, and influence so small, as to be altogether inadequate to meet the demands of the Norwich fanciers for some further means of popularising their favourite in these parts.

The membership from the date of the first meeting (it was then 38), sprang up with remarkable celerity, and we are commencing the present season with close upon 100 members. The patronage of the Open Norwich Plainhead Club was given to eight shows, viz., Newcastle-on-Tyne, Bradford City, Rochdale (Good Intent), Warrington, Sunderland, Harrogate, Eccleshill, Halifax; and good entries were received at each show, for the competitions for which this club offers numerous valuable prizes both for champions, amateurs, and novices.

The officers for the present season are: President, Percy Illingworth, Esq., M.P.; Vice-Presidents (to be elected on April 24th). Chairman of Committee, Mr. T. Hammond. Vice-Chairman, Mr. Hirst. Committee, Messrs. A. Haigh, D. Sunderland, J. Wilcock, A. H. Waters, R. Halliday, H. W. Battye, Wm. Foxall, J. Mottram, H. S. Naylor, S. H. Jeffreys, J. F. Thackray, A. Pickles, T. Boyle, H. J. Chittenden, W. A. Cowgill, J. Moorhouse, A. Grey, E. Marlor, Pickering, A. Spencer. Auditors, Messrs. J. Wilcock, jun., and H. Simonette. Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Oliver Mitchell, 13, Lodge-terrace, Bowling, Bradford, Yorks. Subscriptions, 2s. 6d. per annum.

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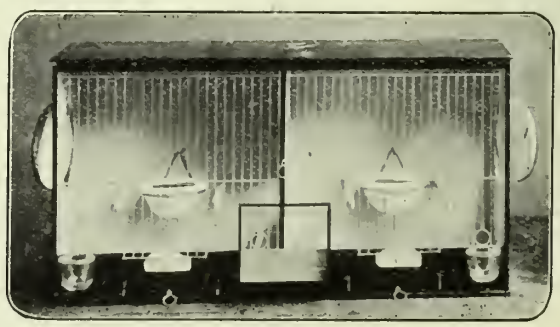

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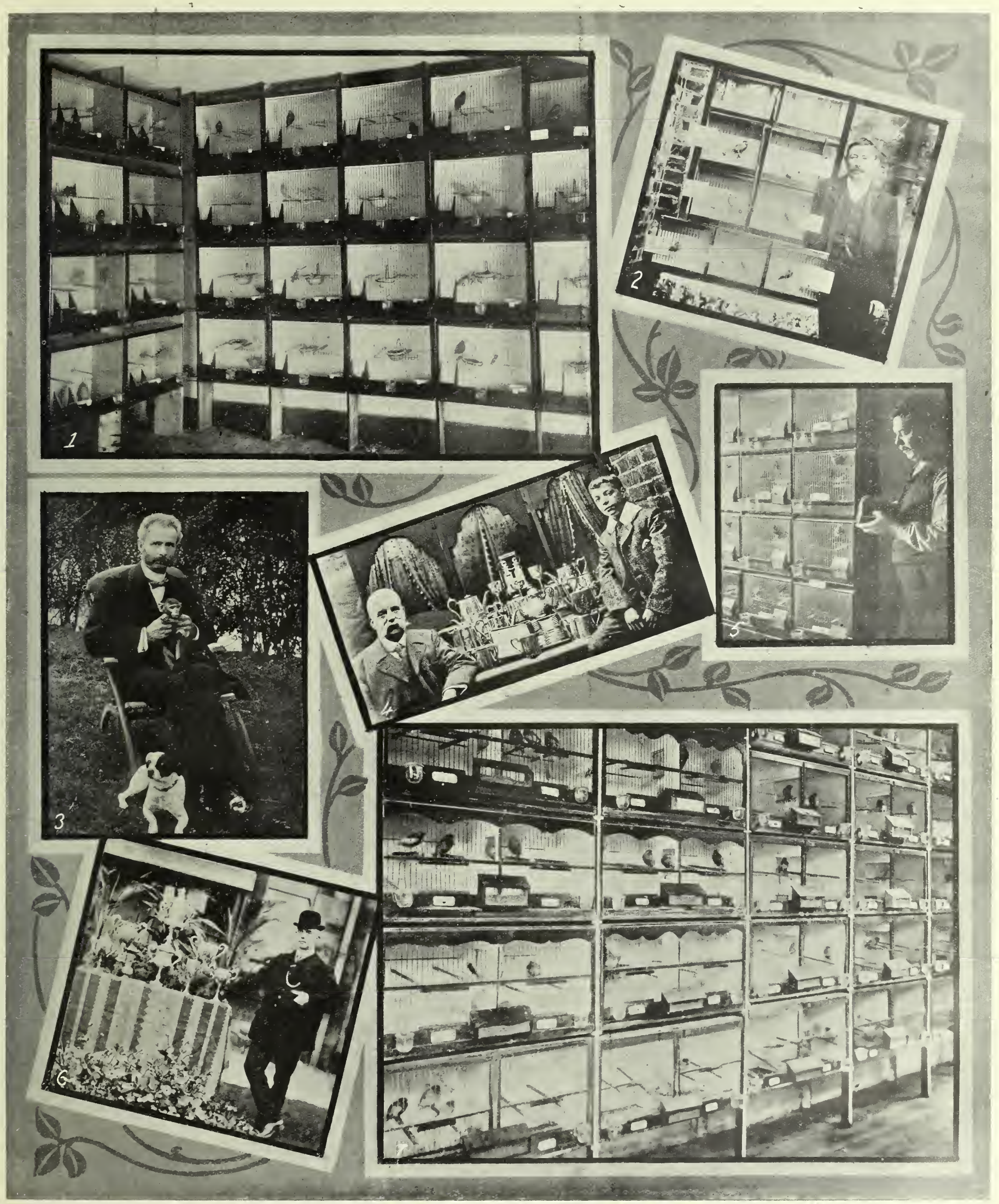
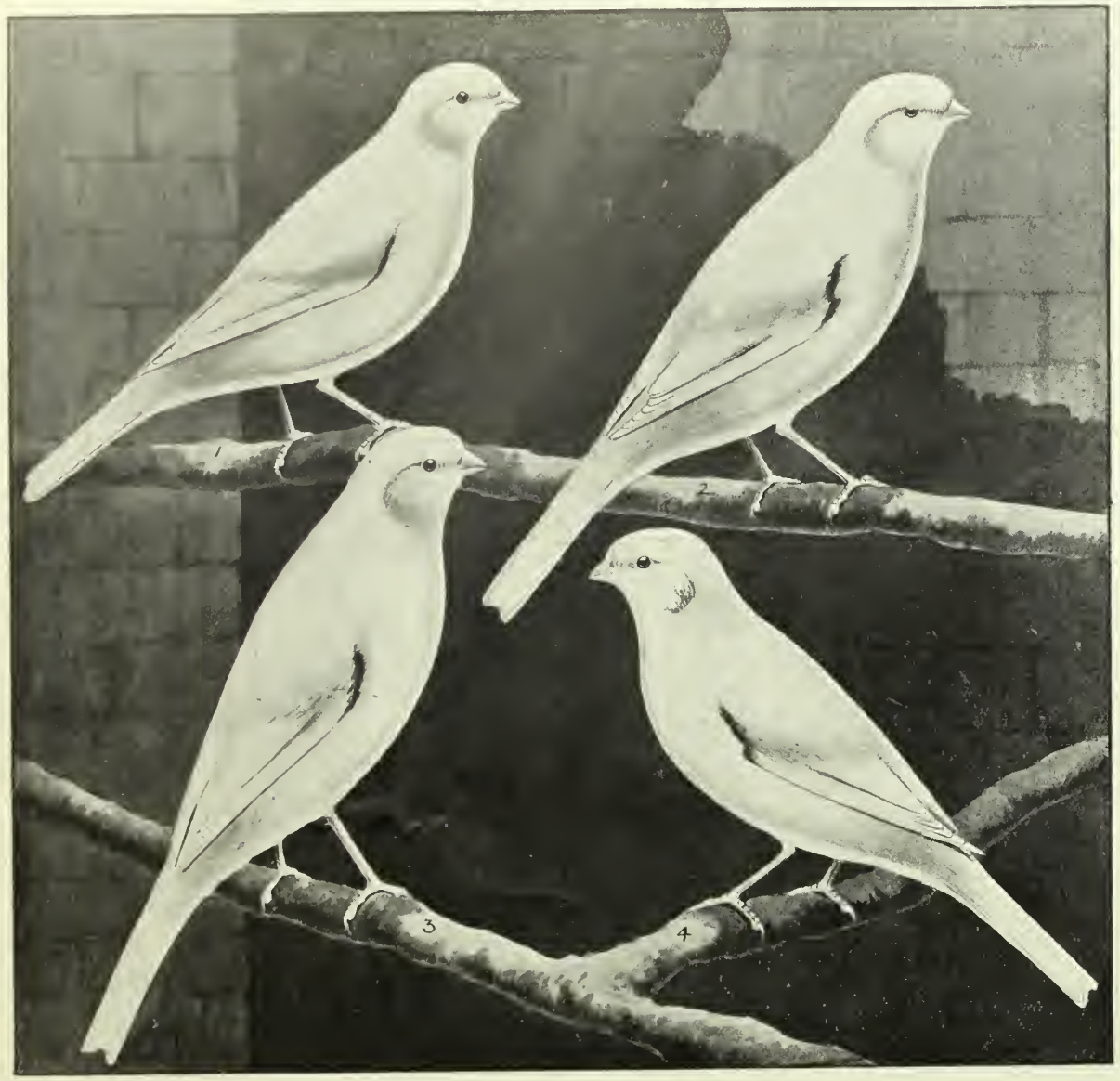


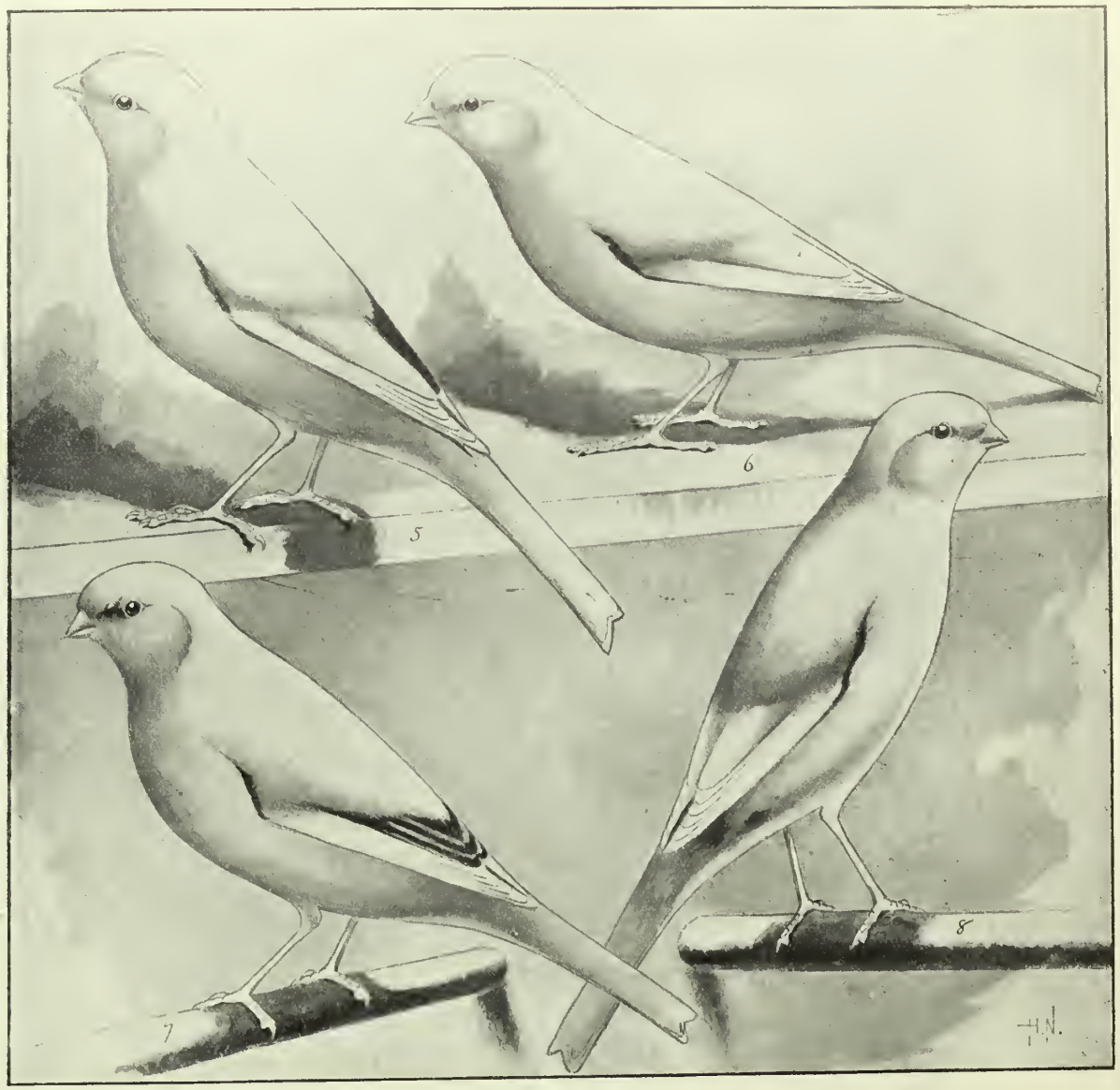

## THE CAMERA AND THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD FRATERNITY.—(*Continued*).

**1. A corner in the birdroom of Messrs. Cleminson and Taylor (Preston). 2. Mr. J. Houghton (Gloucester) and some of his prize-winning birds. 3. Mr. J. A. Eckersley (Birmingham) the President of the Norwich Plainhead Club. The monkey seen in the photograph was responsible for the death of Mr. Eckersley's noted Norwich Plainhead hen, "Eclipse." 4. Mr. W. Bowyer (Leek) with his son and a group of special prizes. 5. Mr. S. Tweddle (Blackburn) and a peep into his bird-room. 6. Mr. A. MacFarlane (Glasgow) and the cups secured by his birds. 7. Some of the breeding cages in the room of Mr. F. Cullington (Norwich.)**

# A LESSON IN COMMENCING THE BREEDING SEASON ARIGHT.




Four Buff Hens.




Four Yellow Cocks.

## CAN YOU MATE THESE BIRDS UP CORRECTLY?

### OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

**On these two plates are depicted eight ordinary Norwich Plainhead Canaries—the left-hand drawing holds four Buff hens, and the right-hand, four Yellow cocks. We offer a cash prize of half-a-guinea to the reader who correctly states how these eight birds should be mated up for breeding purposes. The birds have already been paired by one of our leading Norwich Plainhead experts, and his decision is known only to the Editor, who will award the prize to the reader coupling the birds in the same order as the aforesaid expert has done. Failing a correct solution, the prize will go to the nearest attempt; if more than two readers solve the problem, the prize will go to the first letter opened which contains the correct solution. All attempts must be sent in on the coupon printed on page 441 this week, or they cannot count.**

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## SHOW DATES FIXED.

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### England.

Oct, 1 & 2—**Burnley & Dis. C.B.S.**—(W. Clarkson, 30 Pine Street.) H.W.B. & J.H.R.
Oct. 2—**Longton.**—(E. Tams, Church Street.) J.H.R.
Oct. 8 and 9—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Philpott, 28, Jubilee Street, Oswaldtwistle). J.H.R.
Oct. 12 & 13—**Dulwich O.S.** (Woolhouse & Rogers, 54, Welbeck Terrace, Dunstan Road, East Dulwich) W.M., J.R., W.H.V. and W.V., and G.G.
Oct. 13 and 14—**Caterham.**—(Jas Kilby, Caterham Valley.) J.R.
*Oct. 15 and 16—**Bolton** (H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove). J.C.B. and J.W.
*Oct. 16—**Coventry (Godiva)**—(W. H. Bray, 12 Berry Street). J.R.
Oct. 16.—**Darlington C. & C.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace.) J.W. & F.M.
Oct. 16—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage.) W.P.B. & A B.
Oct. 19 and 20—**Western Counties (Plymouth)**—(Thos. Pope, 98 Embankment Road.)
Oct. 20 and 21—**Battersea, Open.**—(Easterling and Allin, 340, Battersea Park Road.)
Oct. 20 & 21—**Eastbourne**—(R. M. Daly, 120, Whitley Rd).
*Oct. 22 and 23—**Newcastle-on-Tyne**—(Curry and Hutchinson, 60, Grosvenor Gardens.) J.R., W.V., W.M., W.C.D. and T.H.
Oct. 22 and 23—**Hinckley**—(W. Warner, Upper Bond Street).
Oct. 23—**Middlesbrough**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road). W.M. and J.M.
Oct. 23—**Burton-on-Trent**—(Elliott & Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
*Oct. 23 and 24—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street.)
*Oct. 27—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(E.C. Parnell, 12, Princes Street.)
*Oct. 27 & 28—**Gloucester C.B.S.** (J. R. Houghton, Dargai, Hatherley Road.) H.W.B. & W.V.
*Oct. 27 and 28—**Grimsby & Dis. O.S.**—(W. H. Moore, 39, Lord Street). J.H.R. & F.M.
Oct. 27 and 28—**Clapham**—(A. C. Askew, 152, Manor Street.)
Oct. 27 & 28—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Magg, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown). C.A.H.
Oct. 28—**Frome C.B.S.**—(W. Minty, 7, Stony Street.)
*Oct. 28—**Hanley**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head)
*Oct. 28 & 29—**Wolverhampton**—(J. Gibbons, 74, Napier Road.) J.C.B. and R.J.H.
*Oct. 29 and 30—**Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road.) W.V & R.R.
Oct. 29 and 30—**Manchester (Belle View)**—(G. W. F. Lythgoe, 25, Stamford Street, Old Trafford.)
Oct. 29 and 30—**York** (A. Waud, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). W.P.B. and W.A.C.
Oct. 29 and 30—**Shields**—(J. Barrass, 98, Marlborough Street.)
Oct. 30—**Derwent Valley C.B.S.**—(J Brown, 12, Humber Street, Chopwell, Durham).
Oct. 30 and Nov. 1—**Norwich Alliance, All England**—(R. Roll, "Dalwood," Cecil Road, Lakenham), C.A.H.
Oct. 30—**Hartlepools**—(H. J. L. Williams, 30, Lister St., W. Hartlepool).
Nov. 2 and 3—**Weybridge**—(H. E. Parrott, Grove Place.) C.A.H.
Nov. 3.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Av.) J.R., and W.V.
Nov. 4 & 5—**Dulwich & Peckham**—(W. Hodson, 209, Crystal Palace Road, East Dulwich.)
Nov. 5 and 6—**Blackburn** (J. W. Marsden, 44, Troop Street).
Nov. 5 and 6—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.) J.R., & H.W.B.
Nov. 5 and 6—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe & Hillmen 35, Whitefield Road, Everton.) W.M. J.C.B., & G.E.W.
Nov. 5 & 6—**Sheffield**—(Lindsay.) & Bingham. 202, King James Street, Walkley
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Wigan**—(W. Ridge, 55, Poolstock),
*Nov. 6—**Rochdale Good Intent**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford Street). J.H.R. & R.B.
Nov. 6—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). H.W.B. and C.H.
Nov. 6 and 8—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(C. Draper, 105, Belgrave Street.) J.H.P & R.J.H.
Nov. 6—**Cleator Moor.**—(J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road).
Nov. 9 and 10—**Hastings United**—(A. E. Godden, 50, Harold Road, Clive Vale). J.R.
Nov. 10—**Leek**—(R. Hall, Hallscroft, Rudyard, Staffs). W.V.
*Nov. 11 and 12—**Cambridge**—(T. S. Moore, 126, Newmarket Road). J.F. & J.R.
*Nov. 12 & 13—**Wallsend-on-Tyne**—(Richardson & Greenwell, 35, The Avenue). J.H.R., J.W., and J.W.B.
*Nov. 12 and 13—**Preston O.S.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn.) A.W., P.R. and A.H.
*Nov. 13—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.**—(A. Flint, High Street, Tideswell, nr. Buxton). W.M. & W.V.
Nov. 13—**Warrington** (O. Dukes, 26, Dundonald Avenue, Stockton Heath.)
Nov. 13 and 15—**Nottingham**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square, Parkside). T.H., C.H. & W.V.
Nov. 17—**Reading**—(G. A. Charles, 4, Talfourd, Avenue, Earley, Reading) J.F.
Nov. 17 & 18—**Hayle**—(H. Ware, 2, Pond Rd.)
Nov. 17 & 18—**West Bromwich.**—(T. Duffield, 19, Braybrook Street.)
Nov. 19 and 20 **Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19 Lambton Street). W.V. & E.B.
Nov. 19 and 20—**Sunderland**—(W. Reid, 14, Plantation Road, Pallion.) T.H., J.Str
Nov. 19 & 20—**Pendleton & Salford**—(H Clayton, 42, Anne St., Higher Broughton, Manchester). A.W. & J.C B.
*Nov. 20—**Coventry O.S.**—(G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon Road.)
Nov. 20—**Crook Original**—(Bird and Siddle, 15 Church St). A.B.
Nov. 23 & 24—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(M. E. Feltham, 128, Commercial Rd.)
Nov. 24 & 25—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze Road, Horfield.)
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Nov. 27.—**Darlington C.B.S.**—(E. Brunskill, 2, Danesbury Terrace). W.P.B. and J.M.
Nov. 27—**Hetton-le-Hole**—(A. J. Notley, 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs, Co. Durham). A.B.
Nov. 30 and Dec. 1—**Morecambe** (J. H. Ireland, Parliament Street).
*Dec. 1 and 2—**City of Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.) C.A.H.
Dec. 2—**Frome & Dis. F.A.**—(O. I. Young, 8, Palmer Street). J.R.
Dec. 3 & 4—**Altrincham**—(T. Harrison, 4, Shaws Lane).
Dec. 4—**Ferryhill**—(R. Binks, jun., 27, West Street, Ferryhill, Co. Durham). J.Sr., J.Mn.
Dec. 4,—**Harrogate**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road). A.H.
Dec. 4 & 6—**Leicester C.B.S.** (J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road.)
Dec. 8—**Luton**—(E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street). J.R. and A.S.
Dec. 11—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. E. Wigginton, 94, Station Road.)
Dec. 18—**Crook & Dis.**—(W. Rutherford, West Roddy moor). J.S.

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Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,) T.Mc.C., J.S., J.M., G.Gn.
Jan. 1—**Guisborough "Priory"** (Atkinson & Wilson, 80, Westgate).
Jan. 8—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees).
Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**—(J. W. Ramsden, 91, Josephine Avenue, Brixton).

### Scotland.

Oct, 9—**Broughty Ferry**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place).
Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford, Normand Place, Kelty, N.B.) W.R., G.H., A.G.C., J.W.B., G.M.
Oct. 23—**City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 6, St. Catherine's Road. G.F., J.Sn., R.F.A., J.A., T.O.G.H., J.O.
Oct. 30—**Ayr & Dis.**—(O. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road).
Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan, 23, High Street. J.H., G. H., J.B., D. L.
Nov. 6.—**Bo'ness** (F. M' Gillivray, Ferry View, Gauze Road, Chance). J.S., J.B., J.T., W.C.
Nov. 12 & 13 **Glasgow & West of Scotland**—(F. Bowman 5, Parkview Gardens, Tollcross, Glasgow).
Nov. 13—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.) D.L, J.Wn, A.C., P.P.
Nov. 20—**Galashiels**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew Street).
Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.).
Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.)
*Dec. 10 & 11—**Gateshead** (Buck & Johnson, 30 Keswick Street)
Dec. 18—**Broxburn**—(D. Anthony, Main Street). T.S., J.B., G.H., J.W., W.S.

### Wales.

July 21—**Llandudno (Vale of Conway & Dis. F.A.)** (A. T. Johnson, Ro Wen, Tal y cafn).
Nov. 10 and 11—**Swansea.**—(A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, nr. Swansea.)
Nov. 17—**Maesteg**—(W. Jenkins, 43, John Street, Nantyfyllon, Bridgend).
Nov. 18—**Morriston** (W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Rd.)
*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Cardiff.**—(W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland Road.) J.H.P. & J.R.
*Dec. 15—**Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun & Dis.**—(Eborne & James, 11, Pwllgwaun Road, Pontypridd.)

### Ireland.

Nov. 11 & 12—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton, Banbridge, Co. Down).
Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—(H. J. Niblock, Seatown Place.)

### Foreign.

Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H. S. Tibbs, 184, John Street, Toronto, Canada).

**FOR CLUB NOTICES** (See page 427.

## OUR "MATCHED PAIRS" COMPETITION.

### A Half-Guinea Prize.

As stated on page 440, we offer a cash prize of half-a-guinea (10s. 6d.) to the reader who "mates up" the four cock birds and the four hens, seen in the two drawings, in the same order as they have been "mated" by one of our leading judges, whose decision is known only to the Editor.

If no coupon proves to be correct, then the prize will go to the attempt which is nearest. If more than one reader is correct, then the prize will go to the sender of the letter first opened containing the correct solution. All attempts must be sent in on the coupon appended, or they cannot be allowed to compete.

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**COUPON.**

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„ No. 3. „ No. „ No.
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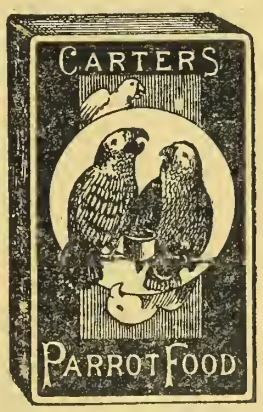


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(4)—**Queries must not include** *or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

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## CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

### Two Difficulties.

**"Chemist."**—(1) It is unfortunate that the cock should have taken such a fancy to a diet of raw eggs as to devour his mate's treasures. You cannot rely upon the eggs all being fertile if you take him away when the first is laid. Your best plan is to shut him off from her at night, and not return him until the hen has laid next day. If he is a vigorous bird the eggs should be fertile if he is only run with for an hour or two each day, after she has laid. (2) It is just possible an overfat condition may be the cause of your hens laying soft-shelled eggs. If they appear too plump give them a few doses of Epsom Salts, prior to their next nesting, and also give thirty drops of Chemical Food in the water daily for a week or two before they will be about ready to lay again. What green food do you use? You must avoid dandelion for such hens.

### Three Couples.

**A Novice.**—(1) As your room is large enough to allow a good stock of birds to be run in cages, I should rather favour this method on account of the control you have over the breeding operations; whereas with birds flying loose you have exceedingly little at the best of times. Under skilful management you should be able to breed quite as many birds in a room of this size in cages as you would with the birds flying loose. (2) About 250 birds would be a full house. A breeding stock of 100 would be quite ample to start with. (3) Given vigorous young cocks from eighteen to twenty hens might be run with six. (4) Practically no difference. The names are merely trade terms nowadays. (5) "Profitable Canary Breeding," by Rettich, would probably suit you. Our manager will send it you for 9½d. (6) Probably nothing at all to choose between the two names you mention. Both, I believe, send birds on approval, against deposit with our Editor.

### Four in Hand.

**"Cockie."**—(1) You mated the bird much too early, or he could not have put a hen to nest and sat out her time twice, and this is doubtless to a great extent the cause of your getting nothing but clear eggs. Separate him for a fortnight at least, and in that time feed him up liberally, giving a little egg food with four drops of cod liver oil in it three times a week, and a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and gold of pleasure every second day. Give a liberal supply of green food, especially chickweed and dandelion, daily to prevent the increased dietary upsetting him. In the drinking water give twenty drops of chemical food three times a week. After a rest and this course of treatment there will be plenty of time for him to fertilise a nest yet. (2) I should say this bird is probably a hen. Catch it, blow up the feathers on the abdomen, and if it is a cock the vent will be more prominent and pointed than is the case in a hen, which is flatter, by comparison, and more expansive. Examine an undoubted cock and hen side by side first, as a guide. If you decide it is a hen, mate with a vigorous 1907 cock, and the matter should soon be proven. (3) This bird doubtless suffers from constipation when limited to a cage for exercise, and may also overfeed. Feed her plainly when caged, and supply her with green food liberally, preferably groundsel, watercress, or chickweed. If this does not improve her sufficiently, give a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for a few days, and afterwards two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel for a few days longer. (4) You are evidently keeping the young birds on soft food too long. As soon as they are well able to crack Canary, say at six weeks old, you should gradually cease all soaked seeds, and give only a small quantity of egg food. Good, sound Canary in unlimited quantities is the best staple. For fuller details refer to "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., from this office.

### About an Aviary.

**P.E.B.**—It is difficult to say definitely what would have been the best arrangement for your aviary without some rough plan, or a knowledge of the locality, but it seems it would have been much better to have made the closed shelter across the narrow part, say, 3 feet by 4½ feet, leaving 2½ feet by 4½ feet for the open flight. If the birds have full liberty to fly about the space in both sections, it will accommodate 20 birds the size of a Canary. Your two pairs of birds for breeding are therefore quite sufficient to stock it. A Linnet might be kept with them, but I should besitate before adding a Greenfinch. The place is too small for you to attempt both Canary and Hybrid breeding at the same time. You had much better stick to one subject at a time.

### Breeding Difficulties.

**H.S., Wor.**—There must be something wrong with your general management, besides an improper diet, if I understand your letter rightly. Do you mean you give only inga and gold of pleasure, and egg bread, each one day a week respectively? If so, it is a very bad arrangement. The mixture also for the other five days would be greatly improved by omitting the linseed altogether, and doubling the proportion of summer rape. You make no mention of cuttlefish, and a good flake of this should be in each cage easily accessible by the hens all through the breeding season. Its place cannot be well supplied by grit or crushed egg shells. I also consider it best to cover the cage floor with a good gritty sand during the breeding season instead of sawdust. The arrangement of your cages and position is, I should say, the best you can do. For more detailed general treatment see reply to "Mr. A. Sinkins," in last issue, and feed your birds the same. When the birds go to nest again, add thirty drops of gin and twelve of glycerine to the water two days in every three for the last week or so before laying.

### A Backward Male.

**J.L.**—The Norwich cock is not yet in breeding condition, and it would have been best to have kept him in another cage away from the hen until he was in better condition, as his close proximity to the hen, which is evidently in a very forward condition, may excite her to egg laying before the cock is anything like fit to run with her. Feed him on two parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple, and in addition give separately a pinch of equal parts of hemp, and inga three times a week, and every second day half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry, and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and a pinch of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it. Give a few fresh leaves of dandelion daily for green food. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and after that two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel every second day for a week or so, by which time he should be getting in nice fresh condition. As the damaged hind claw does not impede his movements, it will probably not interfere with his breeding successfully.

### The Open Window.

**S.B.**—See the bird is kept quite free from draughts in future, and that its cage is so placed, or at least shielded, that no draught can blow into it when the window is open. Feed on a staple of plain Canary, and give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days the same quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion. Three times a week give a few grains of hemp, and a little green food daily. Dissolve a pennyworth of citrate of iron and quinine in two tablespoonfuls of port wine, and give twenty drops of this in the water two days in every three until the moulting is stopped. It will probably recover in time to get one nest from him this season. As regards the other pair, give them a small teaspoonful of mixed wild seeds every second day, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of egg food, or crushed sponge cake, with a pinch of equal parts of inga and gold of pleasure mixed in it. Give a few leaves and ripe heads of dandelion daily

### Collapsed Hen.

**J. H. Bridge.**—I rather suspect the hen contracted a chill from draught or something at the beginning of the trouble. You should not keep her too warm—just a comfortable and regular temperature, quite free from any draught, will suit best. Feed on plain Canary only as a staple; every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days the same quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it. Twice a week give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts inga, hemp and gold of pleasure. Give a supply of green food daily, preferably chickweed or groundsel. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence and six drops of syrup of rhubarb every second day for a week, and on the alternate days six drops of dandelion juice and two each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel If she is fairly active and bright in that time, discontinue these medicines and substitute twenty drops of chemical food daily for a short time.

### A Slow Improvement.

**G.M.D.**—It would have been a help had you enclosed copy of last reply, as I cannot keep details of all replies in mind, and am not sure whether I have referred to the right one or not. If you could put him in a cosy place of about sixty to sixty-five degrees—not less than sixty—where the heat is regular night and day, until weather gets quite warm and settled, I think you would find him improve faster. But you must do this cautiously now, or you will run a risk of throwing him into moult. If he remains where he is he will no doubt pick up alright in a few weeks' time when the weather is warmer. As a staple give a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape; and every second day give a pinch of hemp. On the alternate days give a small piece of bread scalded with milk and slightly sprinkled with soft sugar and a pinch of maw. Occasionally you may give a small teaspoonful of egg food instead of the bread and milk as a change. Also try him with a mealworm each day if you have any. They would help him a good deal if he will eat them. Give a little green food daily—dandelion (preferably), chickweed, or groundsel. In the drinking water give six drops each dandelion juice and syrup of rhubarb every second day for a week, and on the alternate days four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. After this give twenty drops of chemical food two days in every three for a week or so.

### Failing to Hatch.

**C.E.H.S.**—You say you have tried to follow advice in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," but if you compare your dietary with that advised in the book, you will find a great difference. Still, this would not quite account for the eggs failing to hatch, and I think the chief cause is the variable cold weather of a few weeks ago, and the fact that the birds would not be in very good condition when mated. Your diet, too, for the sitting hens is quite wrong. If you refer to the last two or three issues, you will find detailed instructions on this point which you should follow next time. Certainly leave birds together, and let them nest again as soon as they like. If quite strong and healthy, the Rollers might be allowed two more nests Pair No. 4 would not be due to hatch until April 26th, so perhaps these have done better. Cleaning out cages would have nothing whatever to do with the eggs not hatching. If the operation is done quietly and methodically, it is quite safe to do it, unless it is a very nervous hen, who might leave the nest, and stay off a long time. If you have any doubts, clean out cages when sitting the hen, strew liberally with clean sand, and they will take no harm if left until the young are a few days old.

### Dead in Shell.

**A Constant Reader.**—The causes of this trouble are too numerous and varied for a definite one to be given in any case without some information as to how the birds have been kept, fed, and treated. It may be due to congenital weakness in the chicks; or to quite external cause; chill, neglect of the hen at "pipping" time, and many others. Assuming you did not unnecessarily disturb the hen when the eggs began to "pip," and thereby cause her to let the eggs get chilled by staying off them too long, you might probably have saved them by placing them in a saucer of warm water for a few moments on the evening before they were due to hatch, and again on the morning of the day of hatching. Do this with the next brood and you will probably get over this difficulty. Any further interferences I do not advise unless you are prepared to take "a good many" to one chance of killing the chicks instead of rescuing them.

**Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.**

### Bald and Scurfy.

**Witham, Essex.**—Am afraid you will not do much good with this bird. The condition is not infectious, but, still, I advise keeping such birds alone to avoid possible contagion, although I have known such birds live together with others for a long time without affecting the others. Feed it generously, on the lines advised for single singing birds, and give a liberal supply of fresh young green food daily, preferably chickweed and groundsel. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake in which mix as much as will just cover a threepenny piece of a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur and one part chlorate of potash. Allow the bird to bathe frequently and twice a week add a few drops of Jeyes' Fluid, or a few crystals of permanganate of potash, to the water in the bath. Slightly smear the bare places with sulphur ointment, or carbollsed oil (if the latter, tell the chemist what it is required for, and you will get it the proper strength), about once a week. Shall be glad to hear result in a few weeks' time.

### Losing Voice and Feathers.

**A. M. C.**—You do not say whether the bird moulted last autumn, and it is quite likely the feathers being lost now are simply due to an interrupted moult at the proper season being now completed. See it is not exposed to any chills or draughts, and in addition to the diet of Canary and rape, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of sherry and one of cod liver oil emulsion, well mixed in it every second day for a fortnight. On the alternate days give a little chickweed, or a leaf or two of dandelion. Give a bath on fine mild days three or four times a week. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, six each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, and two of oil of eucalyptus, every second day for a week, and on the alternate days two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel. You may continue giving these medicines in alternate weeks until the bird has stopped moulting and recovered its voice.

### Rings and Seeds.

**P. Hoslett.**—(1) You may put on closed rings at ten or twelve days. If you put on too soon they are very apt to slip off in the nest, whilst if the operation is delayed too long there is a risk of injuring the claw or leg in putting them on. If proper care is taken in handling the birds and putting on the rings, there is practically no risk of breaking claws—this is invariably the result of carelessness or clumsiness. Yes, the hind claw is held back against the leg for the ring to be slipped over. Always look a day or two after the operation to see if any have slipped off. In all cases where closed rings are not compulsory, I should prefer open rings for marking purposes. (2) The sample of Canary is very small and of poor quality. (3) I should not advise the use of this mixture for Canaries except as a very occasional tit-bit, or for birds in large aviaries. Send separate query, with sample to our British bird expert.

### Brevities.

**Hens Not Laying** (Anxious One).—You evidently made the mistake of mating up when the cocks were ready, regardless of the fact that the hens were not in proper condition. You must now exercise patience. Add a little summer rape to dietary each day, and give a small teaspoonful of egg food or crushed sponge cake, with a pinch of inga and gold of pleasure mixed in it daily. Give four or five dandelion leaves to each pair daily. You may give a pinch of Epsom salts for one or two days in the drinking water. You need not separate them whilst undergoing this treatment.

**Food for Rearing in Aviary** (R.H.S.N.).—Am afraid the prospects of successful rearing in such a mixed collection are rather remote. If young are reared, they will probably be fed largely upon the ordinary seeds, and green food, so there will be no necessity for the specialised feeding plan adopted in cage-bred birds. When they are hatched, give a liberal supply of green food, and see it is never allowed to lie about until stale. Give a more liberal supply of rape, and also a supply of cracked hemp. A saucer of some kind of soft food may be added and you will have to take the risk of the other Canaries getting the lion's share. If you do not care to use egg food, put a puppy biscuit, one with no meat in it, in a saucer, cover with boiling water, allow to stand until soft, then drain and squeeze out as much moisture as possible, and put a saucer of this in for the birds. It will form a very efficient substitute in such a case as yours.

**Seed Samples** (Clydebank).—Both samples are very small, and of poor quality. The only good point about them is that they are sweet. No. 1 is the better.

**Texas Crackers** (Latimer Walters).—You should be able to get these from any good grocery stores or confectioners. Small shops probably stock only a few kinds, which are in greatest demand locally, but even these would probably get any special kind to order. If not, enquire at a good store in a neighbouring town, and if not stocked at one place try another.

**Cause of Death** (M.A.C.).—Your letter contains no definite query, so I am rather at a loss to know what it is you wish to know, seeing the bird in question is dead already. If you wish to know the cause of its death, it is too late to ascertain this now, as only a post-mortem could have settled the point satisfactorily. It might have been an acute attack of pneumonia, or the rupture of a blood vessel internally. Am inclined to think the latter the most probable cause.

**What Seed?** (Contester).—Sorry I am not enough of a botanist to tell to what species of plant the seed belongs, neither should I care to use it regularly or with any freedom, if taste is any criterion of suitability. Perhaps our British bird expert could tell you more about it if you send a sample to him.

**Footsore Hens** (D.B.).—Glad to hear first hens are now sitting. Continue to follow up treatment advised, as each ben is about nesting again, and let us hear effect, if any, it has upon the footsoreness. As regards young hens not sitting the first clutch, I am afraid your experience is not the general one. Do you take away the cocks? If so, it is quite likely this was the cause of the hen refusing to sit after laying the fourth egg, although she sat quite well after laying the first until the fourth was laid.

**Making Preserved Yolk** (M.G.P.).—I do not profess to know details of manufacture of this, which is a trade secret, more or less. But I believe all that is necessary is to separate yolks from whites, spread them in shallow pans, and submit to a current of dry, warm air until the moisture is quite evaporated from the yolks. The dried yolks are then scraped up, broken into flakes, and packed in air-tight tins, when it will keep quite good for a long time.

**Colour Food** ("Constant Reader").—Given a fair amount of natural colour bred in the stock, it is quite possible to feed Norwich on tasteless pepper alone. But if the natural colour is deficient, or you want a very hot tone, it is best to add a small proportion of hot Natal. A good mixture is composed of one pound pure tasteless, two ounces Natal, and four ounces soft brown sugar, thoroughly mixed, and blended together.

**Enamelling Cages** (Painter).—I have never used the particular brand of enamel you name, so cannot tell what it is like. But any good, hard-drying enamel, if properly used and allowed to dry thoroughly before the birds are put in, is quite safe to use for inside of cages.

**Breeding Green Yorkshires** ("Green Yorks. Canary").—If there is plenty of green blood in the yellow cock, you would undoubtedly breed a few green by mating him with a green hen. The bulk of the young would be more or less heavily variegated with a percentage of broken greens. But if your aim is to breed all greens, a self green cock, with dark legs, and sound in colour on throat and vent would serve your purpose much better than a yellow cock.

**Fed or Non-Fed** (Learner).—Most certainly people breed with the same birds as "they feed with pepper," to use your own term. But don't you think this is rather an unfair way of describing colour feeding? Colour-fed birds are not only used for breeding purposes, but show quite as high a percentage of fertility as non-fed birds. Indeed, the usual experience of many fanciers is that colour-fed birds are more successful breeders than non-fed ones, which was, I believe, the general consensus of opinion when our plebiscite was taken on the subject. So your single isolated experience does not prove the reverse to be the general thing.

**Cause of Refusing to Sit** ("First Attempt").—I know at least one frequent cause of a hen's refusing to sit when she has laid three eggs—that is, removing the eggs as laid, and failing to put a dummy in the nest in place of them. One dummy is sufficient, but if none at all are inserted, if the hen is only going to lay three eggs the desire to sit will often pass off before the eggs are replaced on the third evening. It is also quite possible, as you suggest, that the nest was too glaringly exposed. Next time try covering that portion of the cage just before the nest with a light covering of some kind. You may put them together again at once, but do not give nesting material until the hen seems ready to use it.

**Trouble with Hens** (Gwavas).—You probably paired the birds before the hens were quite ready, and in consequence they have so far been merely playing at nesting. You can only patiently await results, which, as the hens appear to be coming quite forward now, may not be delayed much longer. You ask if I think your hens are too fat or too thin, yet give no idea how you feed, nor whether the birds are plump or otherwise to handle; therefore, I can form no judgment on the point. You might try giving but little soft food, and sprinkling it with a few grains of inga and gold of pleasure. Also add a pinch of Epsom salts to the water for one day.

**Average Number of Eggs** (P. Murphy).—The average number is rather a misnomer here, as I expect you wish to know what is the usual number in a full clutch. To go to the two extremes, clutches vary in number from one to eight or nine, but the commonest numbers in normal clutches is four and five. Five is the commonest number during the early part of the season, and four towards the end of

**A Hen-pecked Hubby** ("Brightonite").—The cock cannot have been in proper breeding condition yet. If he has not yet made any further progress, confine him to one compartment by himself, and feed him on a staple of two parts Canary to one rape. Three times a week give half a teasponful of hemp, and on alternate days same quantity of egg food, with a pinch of inga and gold of pleasure mixed in. Give a small stool of dandelion, five or six small leaves and the flower heads, daily. Continue treatment until he is in full, vigorous song, and making advances to the hens. They should breed alright flying together, but you should hang up at least five or six nesting sites in different places for the three hens. No. 2 hen making grimaces at the cock when he starts singing, does not necessarily mean she is a cock.

**Hen Not Sitting** (B.H.).—There is only one really practical way out of your difficulty, and that is to mate up a pair of common birds of a good feeding strain at the same time as the Norwich, and transfer the eggs of the Norwich to the common feeder to be hatched and the young reared. The eggs of the common hen would, of course, have to be sacrificed. The only question you have to consider is whether the Norwich hen is sufficiently well bred aud valuable to make this engagement of a "wet nurse" for her young worth the trouble. If the Norwich is berself nothing out of the ordinary, the game is scarcely worth the candle, and I should discard her without a solitary qualm.

**Yorkshire with Cold** (Sal Chund).—First see the bird is perfectly protected against draughts and chills. She has probably been exposed to a severe draught in some way. Stop bread and milk, and give instead half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it every second day for a week. On the alternate days give a few grains of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and linseed. Give a supply of green food—dandelion, chickweed, or groundsel—daily. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil two days in every three for a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary. Sbake well together.

**Egg-binding** (Dandy).—It seems clear to me you interfered about egg-binding quite prematurely, as if any such attentions had been really called for at the time the bird would not have lived on for three days and then laid the egg. Again, your treatment of giving "two drops of castor oil several times" was quite enough in itself to kill any ordinary Canary. Look up reply to "Mrs. A. Sinkins," in last issue, and treat as therein advised, except that you must omit the first week's treatment with Epsom salts, and instead of tbis give a pinch of salts in the water for one day only, and afterwards twenty drops of whisky, six of dandelion juice, and three of tincture of steel every second day for the remainder of the first week. Continue afterwards according to reply named.

**A Failure** (Young Beginner).—I think you solve the trouble yourself when you say you fear you interfered with them too much. Many hens are quite spoilt by undue interference at hatching time. As long as a hen appears to be doing her duty and attending to the eggs, she and the nest should be left severely alone. Do not give bemp next time on the day of batching You will see several fully detailed replies for feeding when young are hatched in the last week or two. Look up these replies, and next time act upon the advice given. Certainly you may allow her to go to nest again. When the young are hatched, if she does not seem to feed them, give a small scrap of green food, fresh, two or three times a day.

**Complete Failure** (X Rays).—You do not mention green food, so if this silence means you did not give any, this alone is doubtless the cause of your last failure. Begin to give a little chickweed, groundsel, or lettuce on the fourth day after the young are hatched, or even earlier if the hen does not seem to feed well. If you look up replies in this and the last issues, you will find several giving full details for feeding and treatment from the time young are batched, which, with the help of the book you have, should enable you to succeed. The salt bath is just an ordinary one, the same as you give the birds to bathe in regularly, with the exception that you dissolve a small quantity of common table salt in the water—just enough to make the water taste slightly of the salt. It is very useful to give a ben to bathe in when she seems to flag in feeding about the fourth or sixth day, and will often reinvigorate her. Of course, you may let her nest again.

**A Low Average** (Novice).—There must be some general mismanagement, I fear, for your hens to be so erratic in laying: but your letter does not give sufficient information to show just where you go wrong. It is therefore impossible for me to say whether it is the result of overfeeding during winter. Are the hens young or old? You would be best advised to send for one of CAGE BIRDS' practical handbooks, and read up the information regarding general treatment, and see if you cannot discover where you have gone astray. Meantime feed on a staple of two parts Canary to one rape, with a pinch of hemp two or three times a week, and a teaspoonful of egg food with a sprinkling of inga and gold of pleasure in it to each pair every second day whilst nesting and laying, but discontinue it as soon as a hen begins to sit. Give a little chickweed, groundsel, or watercress, daily. Keep cages clean, well supplied with gritty sand, and a flake of cuttlefish in each one.

# BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

## Winter Stock Mixture.

**Nemo.**—As a winter stock seed mixture for old-caged Goldfinches, give hemp and teazle 3 parts each, Canary two parts, linseed one part, with just a sprinkling of charlock and summer rape. For Bullfinches, Canary and teazle two parts each, charlock and summer rape one part each, linsced and saffiower half part each (or give a little of both saffiower and sunfiower). A cage 2ft. by 16in. won't hold many birds; I often give the whole of a 30 by 12in. cage to one Goldfinch. Two or three would be the outside number. A good deal depends on the individual tempers of the birds; some are extremely quarrelsome and not fit to be associated with others. And in a cage 2ft. long, the quiet birds can't get out of the way of the "bullies."

## Management of Skylarks.

**Anxious.**—This is a matter I have frequently touched upon in this column. You should try your bird with a more generous supply of live food; if you can get some live ants' eggs let him have a daily feed of them. Your stock mixture isn't one that I should use myself. A good and simple stock food, which any good corn dealer or seller of bird food will mix for you, is:—Chicken (or game or pheasant) meal (without grit), four parts; meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies, one part each, by measnre. Damp quantity required for daily use with a little hot water, and reduce to a crumbly consistency by adding a little barley meal (or packet Lark food), mix in a little grated raw carrot or cold boiled potato, or finely-chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season, and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg-flake or half a hard-boiled egg twice or so a week. Give four or five mealworms daily, and any other of the live foods so frequently mentioned by me that you can lay hands on. Give a little seed in a separate vessel (not along with the soft food), about a teaspoonful of canary seed daily, with, for a change, crushed hemp, groats, maw, or rape. Let the bird have a fresh clover turf as often as possible. Cover the floor of the cage with (or give in a deep pan) a mixture of fine road dust and sand, in which a teaspoonful of insect powder, or powdered sulphur, has been mixed. The bird will dust itself in this. It is a very excellent plan, too, to have a second drawer bottom to the cage, made of tin or zinc, which is run in occasionally filled with water, in which the bird will paddle, and so keep its feet in order, or you can fill it with very wet chickweed.

## Concerning a Thrush.

**Wild Bird.**—I should recommend you to hang his cage in a corner of the room that is well-lighted, but away from the window, and in a spot just about breast high. Perhaps your food helps to make him wild; it is poor stuff, anyway, and hardly conducive to his "peace of mind." You give bread and cracked hemp-seed. I am often pointing out how inadequate this is. It would be better if you let the bird have a finely minced hard-boiled egg among the food occasionally. But far better if, instead of using bread and hemp-seed, you get a bag of some good brand of chicken meal (without grit), or puppy meal, from a corn-dealer's, and use this softened with hot water, mixed into some good maker's packet Thrush food (dry). The latter, used dry, will absorb any superfluous moisture. See another reply this week.

## In an Outdoor Aviary.

**Philomath.**—I don't see that you could expect to get much song; only the two Greenfinches out of your list can be termed singers, and they are but wheezy, indifferent vocalists at the best. In the latter part of your letter you mention "Goldspinks," a name for the Goldfinch; but in the list you give no Goldfinches are enumerated. You seem, too, very uncertain about the sex of the birds, and unfortunately I can't help you, without seeing them, to decide. The Chaffinch ought to be singing stoutly. But if very wild, this would tend to keep him mute; the same with the Greenfinches. Your feeding seems carried out on excellent lines, and you certainly deserve success. You should give a good quantity of dandelion; not a "few sprigs." I should advise you to turn in a cock Canary that is singing well; also a cock Linnet and a hen Bullfinch. Remember that it is still full early for the British birds to attempt nesting. The hen Canaries are a puzzle; but probably the presence of a cock Canary would set them off.

## Sexing and Life of Skylarks.

**W. Rolph.**—The average healthy Skylark will live into the teens of years; what is the record I do not know, but I expect it goes into the twenties. Many birds well into their teens have been known to compete in Lark singing contests, and with success, I believe. As regards the sexing: The cock and hen Skylark are coloured and marked exactly alike, practically speaking, and no beginner could sex them by these points. The cock Skylark is always an appreciably bigger bird than the hen, and has a longer sweep of wing. The difference in these points is very apparent when a good cock bird is compared with an average hen. Even when folded, the wings of the cock can be seen to reach farther down over the tail. Once one has had a little experience with the species, the sexing is by no means difficult. Any dealer worth his salt can pick you out a cock bird with absolute certainty. Pay him a fair price for doing so. For feeding methods, see reply to "Anxious."

## Feeding Blackbirds & Thrushes.

**Constant Reader.**—This is a question I answer with amazing frequency. And it is an odd thing that almost everyone who asks it signs himself "Constant Reader." Here you are again, however. Feed the bird on the following lines (any good corn dealer would mix you the stock food. Stock mixture (store it in tins): Finely ground chicken (or game or pheasant or partridge) meal, six parts; ground silkworm pupæ, meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies, one part each, by measure. Get the chicken (or other) meal without grit. If you have any difficulty in doing so, finely crushed puppy cakes (or puppy meal) makes an excellent substitute; or the "broken" biscuit obtainable from the grocer. If the latter be used, add an extra part of meat meal and silkworm pupæ. Damp quantity required for daily use with grated raw carrot, or finely-chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season, or cold boiled potato. Vary them frequently, and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg flake, or half a hard-boiled egg, finely minced up, occasionally. Give some mealworms daily, and any other live insects you can lay hands on, also ripe fruit and berries frequently, and according to season. "Black-beetles" are very much relished, likewise snails, by the Thrush.

## Bringing Up a Starling.

**Countryside.**—You should have no difficulty in bringing up a nestling Starling by hand. I advise you to take at least two, however; it is far the best, and two (or even three) represent very little more trouble than does one "baby." It is generally best to take the whole nestful, as the youngsters keep warmer when all are togetber, and thrive better. Proceed on the lines recommended by me for rearing young Thrushes, etc., this week. You can certainly occasionally moisten the food with water instead of milk. You must, however, give it animal food of some kind, either mealworms or small garden worms (cut up to a suitable size), etc. Also you could scrape a little raw lean mutton amongst its food fairly frequently, or give a little grated dried liver. When it commences to feed itself, give a good insectivorous mixture designed for the coarse-feeding Softbills, and let it contain finely minced lettuce or other green-meat or vegetable ingredient in liberal quantity. The Starling is fond of a little scraped raw meat, hard-boiled egg, fruit, finely chopped green stuff, berries, worms, snails, beetles, wasp grub, gentles, and, in fact, most forms of suitable live food. You will have no difficulty in providing him with a good varied diet, on which he will live in health for a long period. Keep in a very large box-pattern cage, and clean out frequently.

## Painful Legs.

**Puzzled.**—It is nothing that need really puzzle you, for it is quite a common thing for aged birds to develop unsightly scales on their legs; often they are painful to the birds (as you believe to be the case with yours), and impede free movement. They certainly ought to be removed, which is not a difficult operation, nor is it dangerous providing one handles the "patient" firmly yet carefully. I have known fanciers simply pick off the scales with the sharp point of a pen-knife blade; others adopt the same procedure after soaking the legs in fairly hot water. Personally, I use heated oil—olive or salad oil put in a suitable receptacle, the latter then being stood in a basin of boiling water until the oil attains the desired heat, and of this one's finger is the best judge. After soaking the legs in the oil, the scales can be loosened and brought away, either by the thumb-nail, or pen-knife point, or nail clippers. It should be done as gently and carefully as possible, of course, care being taken not to wrench the leg, or a toe, or to squeeze the bird's body. Hot water and carbolic soap (a thick lather) I have also used with equal success for soaking the scaly parts. Afterwards wash the legs in warm water, dab dry with a soft towel, and anoint with a little cooling and healing ointment—say, Zambuk, or boracic ointment, or even lanoline. If blood should chance to show, paint the spot with "new skin" (obtainable from the chemist); failing that, with a little Friars' Balsam. Any pain is only momentary, and the operation makes for the sufferer's future well-being.

## Treatment of Woodlark.

**Miss Barton.**—If the Woodlark is not well on soft food, treat it on the lines recommended for meating-off small Softbills to "P.M., Mon.," last week. A good stock cage can be made out of the usual type of Skylark cage (bow-fronted), one perch being placed in same (the bird likes a turf; and must also have a dust bath). The cage I myself like best is one of the pattern known as the "Lark runner" (only longer, and wider from front to back), with doors at each end, and a canvas ("false") roof. A large turf fits in at one end, a perch over the other (the "dust bath" end), and the food and water vessels hang on the front. Try this stock food: Powdered Osborne biscuit, four parts; best ants' eggs, and dried flies, two parts each; powdered silkworm pupæ one part; meat meal, half part, by measure. Take the quantity required of this, and mix it just crumbly moist with grated raw carrot, or finely chopped lettuce, watercress, or chickweed (use young leaves only), or cold boiled potato, varying it frequently and adding a little water (but only a few spots) if necessary. Woodlarks ought certainly to have a regular supply of live food—many droop for want of it. Many real good insectivorous stock foods are advertised in CAGE BIRDS every week. A little seed (especially Canary) should be given now and again; while crushed groats and coarse oatmeal are relished.

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## Hand-rearing Thrushes, etc.

**Beginner.**—Only three weeks ago I gave this information, and then I exhorted other readers likely to want the information to cut the reply out and keep it by them. Blackbirds and Thrushes are very easy to rear from the nest, and many people do so on nothing but bread and milk. Equal parts of stale bread and best ants' eggs (freed from rubbish), made very moist with new milk, would be a very fair food. To rear strong, lusty youngsters, however, I prefer to proceed as follows:—Boil a fresh egg twelve minutes, and, when cold, well mix with a fork the yolk and half of the white into two crushed Osborne biscuits; add to this a small tablespoonful of best ants' eggs (removing bits of stick and rubbish, if present), stirring all well together. Just before you feed, take the necessary portion of food and make it into a sloppy consistency with new milk. In hot weather (and at all times) be careful the food is always fresh and sweet. Feed a little at a time only, but very often, from dawn to dusk; and a feed after dark is not at all a bad thing. Cut a few mealworms in to pieces, also, dip them into milk, and drop them into the nestlings' mouths. As the youngsters grow, too, add now and then a pinch of small but gritty sand to the food. It seems to act as a preventative of looseness of the bowels (or diarrhœa). Give also at all times flies and like small insects; and live ants' eggs if you can get them. Very young birds want feeding once an hour (do not "stuff" them at any time) at first; every two hours or so at later stages. Cease hand-feeding when they cease to "cry" to be fed, and are picking up food for themselves. Keep warm, cosy, and scrupulously clean. No special appliance is necessary for the feeding. I have used a large, blunted (with a pen-knife) match stick with every success; likewise a quill tooth-pick with all sharp corners removed. The handiest implement I ever possessed, however, was a little bone mustard spoon, which I cut to a suitable shape and different sizes at each end (handle and bowl), and smoothed off with very fine glass-paper. Different fanciers have different ideas though. Put the food well down at the back of the tongue, and always be careful not to bruise or lacerate the tender mouths of the nestlings.

## Brevities.

**All Together** (A. F. Lamerton).—It is certainly possible to breed both Mules and pure Canaries in the same aviary. In my opinion, in a large place like yours, the "mixture" you have therein (six hen Canaries and two cocks, with two cock Linnets and a cock Greenfinch) is a good one, and should bring success. You might add one or two more hen Canaries.

**A Redpoll's Red Breast** (Joyce).—Your Redpoll must have a fine "waistcoat" if its breast is like a Robin's. It is not at all unusual, however, for all adult cock Redpolls possess a red breast and poll during the breeding season. In the autumn and winter, like their near relative, the Linnet, they are brown only.

**Mating a Mule** (Young Beginner).—The best mate for a cock Goldfinch Mule would be either a hen Canary, or a tame hen Goldfinch. It is very doubtful whether you would get fertile eggs, though odd instances of this being done seem to have occurred. There is one apparently well-authenticated case of an escaped cock Goldfinch Mule breeding successfully with a hen Goldfinch out of doors.

**Thrush Lost its Voice** (C.H.H.).—Dissolve a crushed chlorate of potash lozenge in a little hot water and make up to about three tablespoonfuls with cold, then stir in a small teaspoonful of honey. Give this the bird to drink, fresh daily, for a week or so, when an improvement should be evidenced. Let the bird have some finely minced hard-boiled egg mixed among the stock food you name, three or four times a week.

**Young Lapwings** (Peewit).—You take me out of my depth; I have never tried to hand-rear Lapwings. If I did do so, I should follow the method advised "Beginner" this week, but adding finely shredded or scraped meat (beef or mutton) as the birds grew older, cut garden worms, and the like. I should think it would be necessary to take them at a fairly early age. These birds are not "cage" birds, strictly speaking, but your letter shall appear in the correspondence column, and maybe some reader will see it who has tried band-feeding Peewits.

**Young Thrushes in a Cage** (Southside).—It would not be necessary to remove the nest to the cage until the Thrushes were just about to leave the nest. If taken inside at night, you'll need to be up very early in the morning to place the cage outside again. The youngsters would have to be out of the direct rays of the sun, out of the reach of boys, cats and other vermin, and protected from rain. Let them have some water in the cage (securely fixed) when they commence to move about; also a supply of food, with a few mealworms amongst it. You will have to "cram" them if the old birds desert them prematurely, or the youngsters seem to be drooping.

**Blackbirds and Song Thrushes** (A Novice).—Both Blackbirds and Song Thrushes ought to be in full song now. The song of hand-reared birds is invariably somewhat disappointing unless they are given the chance of hearing a proficient old bird perform. I should say you have one cock and two hen Thrushes; the only sure guide to the sex is the song. Your description of the Blackbird puzzles me. Couldn't you get an experienced fancier to look at it? I should say, at a guess, it is a cock. Pity you don't say how you are feeding them.

**A Linnet** (W.J.H.).—I think you are quite right; the Linnet has been "over-fed." Probably the feathers will not come right again until after the moult. The only treatment would be smearing the part lightly once daily with sulphur ointment. But as the bird is singing well, it is quite unnecessary to take notice of what is, after all, a trifling matter. You could get heaps of chickweed, and shepherd's purse is coming along well. The best plan would be to get one ounce of sesame seed from an advertiser, as a sample.

**Shall I?** (Jim Wild).—Your birds must be very nearly ready, judging from the behaviour you describe, and as the weather has been fairly favourable since you wrote your letter, I certainly think you can let the couple run together right away with prospect of success. The Goldie and the Canary seem to be on very good terms. Have you tried the hen with a little nesting material? The feeding cannot be bettered.

**A Siskin-Canary** (H.J.P.).—I presume you mean a Siskin-Canary Hybrid, and not a couple for Hybrid breeding? This stock mixture will suit admirably: Canary and teazle two parts each, summer rape and charlock one part each, and just a small sprinkling of linseed. As a change, give occasionally the packet Finch mixture put up by some good maker; also a little thistle, dandelion, maw, wild seed mixture, etc. Any of the usual green foods will be relished; especially seeding chickweed and shepherd's purse.

**Concerning Two Thrushes** (O. J. Stupple).—I don't consider bread good fare for caged Tbrushes (nor bread and milk); have often said so in my answers; see other replies this week. The overgrown beak should be trimmed down to the normal size by the aid of sharp scissors. Into the drinking water of the other Thrush I advise you to stir a small teaspoonful of Condy's fluid daily, using a pot or glass vessel only. The places you will have to anoint gently once or twice daily with just a little sulphur ointment. This will improve matters.

**Goldie and Linnet Couples** (Dunelmian).—It often happens that the Goldie goes off song, or sings not so freely, after he has been put with his mate. The same thing happens with cock Canaries. The eggs won't hurt so long as the pan is lined with something—say, a felt or swansdown lining. The eggs may be fertile; a hen will often lay but three eggs, and that alone does not prove them unfertile by any means. If clear, then let her sit about 10 days. You can keep the two hens with the Linnet providing they do not disagree, or interfere with one another's nesting arrangements, which it is probable they will do. Pleased to know my advice has brought you success.

**Half-a-Dozen** (A.S.T.).—You will find the following half-dozen agree very well if given a fair amount of space, and not barm the Canaries: Linnet, Goldfinch, Siskin, Twite, Redpoll, and Bullfinch. They are not expensive, either, especially if fresh-caught (or not house-moulted); though then, of course, they are likely to be somewhat unsteady (wild). For advice on Foreign birds, please address your query to our F.B. specialist, Mr. W. T. Page.

**Redpoll-Canary Mules** (M.G.P.).—A very light-plumaged bird would be valuable; likewise a very large and good coloured dark—exhibition specimen, that is. Your birds with just white tails are of no special value; they are only suitable for songsters, or pets. Yes; a good dark can be improved by colour-feeding. I don't believe that the feeding of any hen on saffron, or anything else, would make her produce light Mules. Try it and see for yourself.

**A Point Abont Mule Breeding** (H.E.S.).—If you keep taking the Goldfinch away, and introducing, etc., birds of other species to the hen, you will never do any good. Take my advice and leave the Goldie and hen Canary together. It is characteristic of the Goldie to appear to quarrel with his partner—to "slang" her frequently and make as though he were about to dash at her. He likes to show his authority. But it is all noise and no wool, in almost every case, and the average hen Canary soon weighs him up. There is no cause for worry in the food; let the hen eat the same seeds as the Goldfinch—all my own do when serious business commences. Not much fear of getting fat in the breeding season.

# FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

## Roseate Cockatoo with Growth.

**A. Searle.**—From the details you supply I take it the growth is not of a festering character. Of course, if this should be the case, it must be lanced and cleansed from all pus by gentle pressure, and fomented with tepid water, and then anointed with a little healing ointment. However, I take it that it is merely a fleshy swelling, or the bird would be in pain. I should advise painting it with tincture of iodine and keeping the bird's bowels moving freely by occasional doses of Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful to the ounce of water, given as drinking water. If the bird is a valuable one—good talker, etc.—I most certainly advise you to let your local vet. see it; very probably he could, by a simple operation, give the bird relief at once. If the voidings become watery, the magnesia must be stopped at once; it should not be given two days running.

## Breeding Zebra Finches.

**Perplexed.**—You do not give size of cage; this species, however, is so ready to reproduce its kind in captivity that you need not hesitate to try them in an ordinary Canary breeding cage; but to give Foreign birds a reasonable chance (they are not domesticated like Canaries) they should have a box-type cage, 30in. long, 15in. deep, and 18in. high, with nesting receptacles at either end, well screened with heather sprays or twiggy branches. Canary, white and spray millet seeds, with green food, grit, and water will be sufficient to keep these birds thoroughly fit. When they have young to feed, a little of some good soft food mixture should be given daily. As soon as the young can feed themselves they should be removed to a separate flight, or they will interfere with the future nesting arrangements of their parents. Your Canary query has been passed on and will be answered in next issue

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# Correspondence.

## NESTING OF THE GOLDFINCH.

SIR,—I quite welcome a criticism of any remarks I may have occasion to make in any lecture I give. I have not, as your correspondent says, "made an error." In support of my statement, apart from personal experience, I quote the authority of Aflalo, Johns, Bowdler Sharp, and Pratt. As regards the natural phenomena; what Mr. R. J. Clark quotes, re Mr. Davis, I cannot accept; it is altogether outside of my experience. If the statements made are the results of aviary breeding, well, we hear of some astounding results. Some of them happen once in a life-time.

BARKER CLEGG.

## CINNAMON BORDER FANCIES AND THEIR COLOUR.

SIR,—I am pleased to see that the discussion on the above subject is still to the front, although it is rather a strong statement to make, viz., that I haven't seen "half of the Cinnamon Borders shown last season." I think myself the pick of these birds would be at the Scottish National, and with those I have seen at the local shows, I can claim to have seen a fair share. The point on which I disagreed with "Cinnamon Border" was that he said there was not a self Cinnamon Border cock previous to six years ago. I think I have fairly proved my statements, and Mr. Jas. Alexander and Mr. J. B. Moon, have corroborated it. Surely "Cinnamon Border" doesn't still dispute the fact! Since this argument commenced, information has come to me from different sources. One in point, says he has won 34 first and second prizes. He has had as many as three self-Cinnamons in one nest. I know of another who has bred both cocks and hens (self-Cinnamons) in one nest. Both of these fanciers are of very old standing, and they agree with me as to the colour not being as good now as then. In proof of my statements, I send you a letter of one of them. I am sorry to see "Cinnamon Border" refuses to disclose the catalogue numbers of the "cardless" birds he refers to, also the name of the show. If he had done so, perhaps, these particular birds would be fresh in the mind's eye of brother fanciers, and would have helped us to have formed an opinion between them and the winners, and it would perhaps have aided us generally in this discussion. Perhaps "Cinnamon Border" will oblige us with his name, and if he requires any information that would help him, it may lie in my power to be able to give it him. If he still chooses to remain in the dark, I will not go any further as to the breeding of self-Cinnamon Border cocks.

JOHN DIXON.

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The letter to which Mr. Dixon refers is as follows: I have been reading your letters in CAGE BIRDS. Your friend "Cinnamon Border" wishes to know why they were not shown. Well, I can tell you why they were not shown. Our Border Fancy judges would not put them in the money. Now, I should know, as I have won 34 firsts and seconds. When breeding I have had as many as three Cinnamons in a nest. It was no use entering them, as it was just giving money away to show them. As for breeding Cinnamon birds the late William Morrison bred Cinnamons, both cocks and hens, but he went in for marked birds before ever I went in for showing. I have bought both cocks and hens from him. I can tell "Cinnamon Border" the reason they were not shown: it was because the whole of the prizes went to the Greens against Fouls. At some shows the prizes went to Greens or Fouls, at others Greens or Cinnamons. Who showed at Wigton? Was it not I? And did I not win second? I have bred Cinnamons before there were any classes for Borders at City Shows. I thought this might help you to fight "Cinnamon Border."

## STRAY NOTES ON MULE AND HYBRID BREEDING.

SIR,—Mule and Hybrid breeding here (Ramsey, Hunts.) last season, seeing everything promised so well in the early part (fertile eggs from the Goldfinch and Canary being got in April), I am sorry to say did not turn out so well as was expected. I did not hear of a single specimen being raised. There were plenty of eggs about. A nest which my hen Bullie sat on had four eggs, which made the third lot for that year, she being paired to a cock Redpoll. These I had seen to pair time after time, but I was obliged to let the Bullie hen have the eggs herself, as I had no Canary to put them under. She accidentally broke the eggs of two nests, after sitting like a Canary. I hope she will this year reward me for all my patience, of which, I can assure you, I exercised plenty; but my luck was most cruel. Another pair, the Linnet-Bullie, again nested. The hen laid five eggs at the cage bottom. I replaced them in a nest box, and she seemed quite content, and sat well, but I had no luck with them. She had seven eggs before this in two nests, all of which were laid at cage bottom. Some got broken, and only one of them proved to be fertile. Also a friend of mine had no good luck with any of his Hybrid pairs. He had plenty of eggs. One pair, the Twite and Bullie, he had two nests of eggs from. The Bullie sat well, but the eggs, I believe, were all clear. He also had a Redpoll-Bullie up, but those eggs which were laid were all three clear. He tried, too, to breed a nest of Bullfinches in a cage. I believe he got the Bullie hen to build, and she laid; but all the eggs were clear. I know it is very rarely that a cock Bullfinch will breed in a small cage. This season he intends, I believe, giving them a trial in an outdoor aviary. Another friend of mine, who, early in the season, bred a good, nearly clear Goldfinch-Canary Mule, had no more luck with this pair. He had only very bad luck with all his Canaries. In fact, the season was the worst I can remember about this district. Only one, a novice too, put up one pair of birds and had three nests, two of four eggs each, and the last one of five.

T. H. KINCH.

## A FATAL ATTRACTION.

SIR,—I noticed the following account in a weekly paper recently, sent by "H. G. H.", which may interest readers of CAGE BIRDS. The writer states: I have a piping Bullfinch, a cock, in a cage which usually stands on the window-sill of a ground-floor room. It was in this position a day or two ago when, on passing the window outside, I saw lying on the ground a dead hen Bullfinch. It was quite warm, and had evidently just been killed. There was no mark on the bird except a contusion on its head, which was only visible when the skin was removed. There seems no reasonable doubt that the little bird met its death by dashing itself against the window-pane, and, again, no reasonable doubt that it did this in a too energetic courting of the handsome male within. It seems to be a great deal more interesting than if there had been a hen bird within and a cock bird trying to get at it—that is the normal wooing with birds and all animals. It is a little abnormal that the hen should thus fall a victim. It is a tragedy which has a moral—too obvious to be worth insisting on.

C. HALSTEAD.

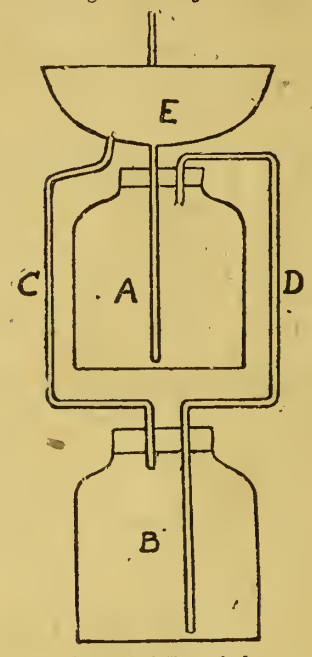
## MY EXPERIENCE IN THE BREEDING OF SCOTCH FANCIES

SIR,—These few notes may be of interest to the beginner taking up with this beautiful variety of Canary. In the first place, I would advise the beginner to purchase nothing but good stock. Let him place his orders in the the hands of some wellknown Scotch Fancy breeder, whose strain he can rely upon. Even if he has to pay a few shillings more, it is far better to do this than purchase birds of inferior quality. But avoid purchasing birds with a frill, which I consider very objectionable, as a good Scotch Fancy should be (as they call it in Scotland) clean cut; that is, having no frill protruding from either the throat or breast. The birds should also be of good size, as the smaller birds have to give way to the more commanding specimens on the show bench. I have kept and bred Scotch Fancy Canaries for a considerable number of years, and have always found the majority of them good feeders. Still, there are exceptions. Some Scotch Fancy hens (like hens of other breeds), are not to be relied upon; so it is a safe guide to always keep one or two common hens for feeders, as I have myself at the present time. The breeding of Scotch Fancies is very interesting to the beginner, as when you get a nest of young on to the perch, it is very amusing and exciting watching them pull themselves together; you will then be able to form an idea as to which of them will turn out to be the best specimens. But the beginner must bear in mind not to expect to get show birds out of every nest. I have found in my experience that if I can get one or two good birds (off one pair) in a season's breeding, I have done remarkably well. The Scotch Fancy (like the Belgian) is a bird of position, which I consider is the most graceful bird we have, and as hardy as any other variety. The beginner would have no difficulty in keeping singers, and the majority of them are fairly good. I would advise the beginner to look well after his hens through the winter, as on this depends his future success. In breeding I give my hens in the very cold weather a pinch of maw seed about twice a week. I also give in addition on the alternate days half a tea-spoonful of the following mixed seeds:—Inga, maw, rape, linseed, and gold of pleasure; which they seem to thoroughly enjoy. As regards egg-binding, I am seldom troubled with hens having this complaint, as by giving a small quantity of the above-named seeds to each hen a few weeks before pairing them up, I find that this prevents the troublesome complaint. If I get one egg-bound I give her a little gin and glycerine in the drinking water, which soon puts matters right. I trust these remarks will be of some benefit to the beginner. A good specimen of the graceful bird will always command a fair price. I hope every fancier of this variety, who gives the proper care, study, and attention to his birds, will have the success he certainly deserves.

CHAS. KELSEY.

## A SELF-ACTING FOUNTAIN FOR AVIARIES.

SIR,—I see in CAGE BIRDS, dated April 10th, two ideas for fountains for aviaries, but only one of them will work, and that is F. C. B.'s fountain. I don't like to contradict it, but Mr. Hawes has made the same mistake as "Bird Lover" did the other week; in fact, it is the same idea, only in a slightly different form. If you consider the diagram, as published, you will note that when you fill the top bowl E, the water runs down A into tank E2, but with the return pipe being at the top the water forces the air before it and out at the nozzle, and consequently you get no pressure at all, and the fountain does not play. The two taps on the pipes, too, are quite superfluous. To make it play, pipe A should be cut off just inside the tank E2, and the pipe B should go within ⅜in. of the bottom.




"A. M's." Fountain.

When you fill the top tank after these alterations, and the water has risen above the bottom of pipe B, the air is trapped and the weight of the water above compresses the air and forces the water up pipe B and out at the top. If made perfectly airtight it would not stop playing till the water had evaporated or been used. I might suggest as improvements, that the pipe A be of a larger diameter than B, and that a biscuit tin be used for the bottom tank, which paint inside and out except where the lid fits on, and solder that up well; this without the taps would make the cost about 2s., and cover it well at that (6½d. bowl, 6d. tin, leaving 11½d. for piping and paint). A gentleman wrote the other week asking how to make "Bird Lover's" fountain work. Although I am not "Bird Lover," I will explain how it can be made to work in two different ways, and am enclosing a diagram which will explain. If you will note the difference between "Bird Lover's" diagram and mine you will find that the pipe I have marked C is cut off just below the cork in jar B, and the pipe D is continued nearly to the bottom; that is all the difference required to make it work for the same reason I have explained in the other idea. Another way in which to make it work is to leave it as you have made it, and fill the top jar before filling the top bowl; by doing so you will trap the air that is in the bottom jar and so get the pressure; but not so much as if it were made the way I have described. If altering the one you have made, make the down-pipe C of a larger diameter than the up-pipe D, as it will greatly increase the throw of water. If this will help those who wrote, I shall have written to some purpose. I wish CAGE BIRDS and all fanciers every success.

A. M.

## A BURGLARY IN THE LEYTON DISTRICT.

### Some Birds Stolen.

SIR,—Much to my regret, I have to announce that a most daring and callous robbery in broad daylight took place at my residence between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m. on Wednesday, the 21st of April. The first notice reached me when my wife came to the firm I work for, and informed me that my house had been broken into during her absence from home—she having taken the two children out for a "blow." I at once got leave of absence from work. On going upstairs, the first room I made for was my bird room, the door, which was closed safely when leaving, was wide open, and all the sitting hens off their eggs. On looking around the room, I was amazed to find three of the very best Norwich I possess missing. This loss in connection with my hobby is most painful to me, owing to the fact that two of the stolen cock birds had put their hens to nest, but were partitioned off from them for the purpose of running two hens with one cock, and were in different parts of the room. Perhaps these cocks, singing so stoutly, drew the intruder's attention. I proceeded to the front bedroom, and found everything upside down, like a rag and marine store, all the drawers of the dressing table, etc., thrown in all directions, and on taking an inventory of my losses here, these were a gold locket and chain, gold ring, gold brooch, gold chain and pendant, etc. I hope you will be good enough to publish this letter in your journal, which I sincerely trust may be the means of putting fanciers on their guard, especially where hawkers, etc., are concerned. I may further state that the police have the case in hand, but up to the present there is no clue to the culprits.

A. T. BILLINGSLAY.

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## THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN OUTDOOR BIRDROOM.

SIR,—In reply to J. G. Leigh, allow me to state that the matchboards for the end section should be nailed to the inch-and-half side of the sparring and the side sections to the two-inch side. With respect to the matter of laying the floor, before nailing in matchboards on the end sections inside, get three spars the exact length of your floor space (inside measurement); lay them at equal distances apart on the bottom cross bar of the end sections, and then drive a two-inch nail into the end of each spar, from the outside, to keep them in position; cut the matchboards to fit round the spars when nailing on. For greater support, you may run a piece one-inch square along the sides to carry the ends of flooring boards. It is not necessary to nail the floor boards except the last one, which you put in. After laying the floor, cover with oilcloth, and then run a beading or skirting board all round the room; this will keep your floor in position, and will be a deal handier to take up in case of removal.

J. W. LAWTON.

## THE BORDER FANCY CANARY IN THE SOUTH.

SIR,—As I fully expected, "Wee Macgregor" either cannot or dare not answer my questions, nor deny that he and Mr. J. Robson are one and the same person. It being usual to take silence as an admission, I must express my gratitude to Mr. J. Robson for publicly charging me with being J. Smith and W. M. Thomson, because I can now refute such a malicious and slanderous statement. I am not a disappointed exhibitor, as he now suggests, but I fear he may be influenced in his attitude towards me by my action with regard to him in connection with a certain London show. Don't think for one moment that you can silence me with Mr. R., inuendoes or your proverbial slashing attacks. I defy you to repeat the statement. A pleasant little action would be interesting, would it not? It would, I think, reveal who you are? I am sorry, John, I cannot accept your foolish challenge, because (1) I am not J. Smith who made the statement; and (2) it is utterly impossible, as you know, to get the birds together at this time of the year. But if you are really anxious to provide money for the Fresh Air Fund, I will give that amount if you can prove I write under *noms de plume*. It is not that others see the similarity, but because I am afraid your brother in Carlisle spread the story. Finally, think well before you attack me again. I am long-suffering, but even a worm will turn; and again, "a cat may look at a king." Are you a king, John?

ROBERT ELLWOOD.

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SIR,—Once more I crave space to answer "Wee McGregor" with regard to the above. In the first place, he seems to doubt that any breeders who devote their whole attention to the Border fancy (or, in other words of his, "the so-called specialists"), judge this bird on its all-round merit, but get some fad about some particular point into their heads, and are "blind" to all others; further, his experience is that an all-round judge is a more capable person to handle this variety. I would ask your readers to carefully consider the above points for themselves. I am sure they can come to the same conclusion as myself, that the man who breeds, exhibits, and studies every little point (in this breed of birds so delicately fine) is in a much better position to give entire satisfaction on points which go to make up the true and only type of a Border Fancy. Perhaps those "all-round judges" are taking a few points from the head and neck of the Norwich Plainhead, and using the same to denote some outstanding point of the Border Fancy likewise! In certain reports we often see the remarks "too sparse in head and neck." The Border Fancy ideal of excellence of the B.F.C.C. gives: "Head, small, round, and neat looking; neck, rather fine, and proportionate to the head, and likewise the body." Therefore, if Mr. Smith or any other person sees birds in the money at shows not con-

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forming to the above points he is quite justified in either drawing the judges' attention to it, or, should he think fit, to use the fancy Press as a means to gain information, and he cannot be put down as a "crank." To my mind, to state that an all-round judge has superior knowledge to the man who makes the variety his special study, and to say the former is to be "more depended on" for all-round merit of knowing a bird, can only be compared with getting a tooth extracted by an all-round family doctor and a proficient dentist. This correspondence was started in the columns of CAGE BIRDS, and so far as I am concerned will finish there. He still holds out that Mr. Smith (and myself, by supporting him) belittles (not "libels," now, note) some of Scotland's best birds. To say "Scotland's best" were at the shows he mentions is a little premature, as I am afraid that some of Scotland's best birds have never been sent so far south. I don't want anyone to run away with the idea that some good birds are not sent, but to openly state that I am trying to libel Scotland's "very best" specimens is away from the truth. Seemingly "Wee McGregor" applies the distinction "down South" to London and suburbs, for he says that it was on account of the allegation being made against the South that his letter was written, and that what kind of bird wins in other parts of England does not concern him. I am happy to say that I take a wider and deeper interest in the breed, as my letters were penned to place all on a more equal footing, so that all might have the same ideal to breed up to. Seemingly this "Wee McGregor" must have a deep interest in the London district alone, and I am rather afraid the letters which have appeared in your columns have "rubbed him the wrong way." He has treated the writers in anything but a gentlemanly manner. His letters all through appear to me as from some person whose "dignity" had received some shock. It brings to my mind the story of a "lady of position." Husband: "Why are you so vexed, dear?" Wife: "I'm so exasperated, John. I attended the meeting of the Social Equality League, and my parlourmaid presided, and she had the audacity to call me to order three times." Now, I have no personal interest in the matter, and the B.F.C.C. has nothing to either gain or lose. I am not misleading the novices by telling them to discard all thick-necked birds from their room. It was my own experience in my struggling days, when I was trying to obtain a footing with this variety against fanciers of more experience. To this day I can see it happening in other rooms I have had the pleasure of visiting occasionally. Let us take his query to me: "If you have a good bird, except he is a little thin in neck, is it not a rule to pair him to a thick-necked bird, with the object of improving the young from both these birds, etc.?" Seemingly, he does not quite see the point at issue. I state "free" neck, and not "thin" neck, and may tell him I have not a "thin necked" bird in my room. Let us take the case of some struggling young fancier, who is placed in the same position as I was. After he looks over his stock, he finds that they are not up to the club's standard in head and neck. (I have sent two drawings, as a further guide). Perhaps he may have seen some fanciers' birds at shows which had "these" points. He writes for a good bird, perhaps pays a good price for it. The progeny will all be a little finer in head and neck, but yet a long way from the ideal. He pairs up some promising young the following year, but his chagrin is great to see them throw birds as thick in neck as was the former stock. The young fancier has, therefore, made no progress, and wasted two seasons, whereas if he had discarded all those thick-necked birds from the room, and brought a good mate to the other bird purchased, he would have had his wishes gratified in the first season; therefore, neither time nor money would have been wasted. When I am asked for advice I never give it unless I am sure of my ground; therefore, I cannot misguide anyone. I know that as water will find its own level, so will one's own actions.

J. PATTERSON.

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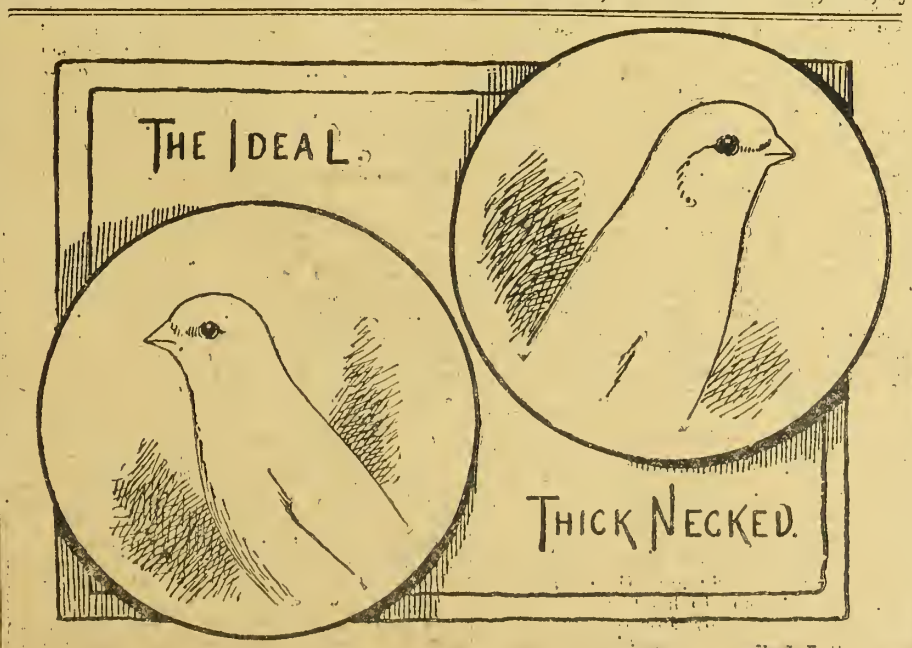
SIR,—As a Border Fancy breeder and exhibitor, I am very interested in the above discussion, which I hope may prove a great help to all breeders of the "wee gems." Now, whatever may be said to the contrary, we cannot disguise the fact that there are two types of Borders wanted—one for the south and the other for the north; and when I say north I mean over the border into Scotland. Especially is this the case in regard to greens. I am now speaking from experience, and will cite one or two instances. At the show held at Swansea last year, we gave two classes for green Borders, and a friend of mine, who, by the way, is a big exhibitor of Borders, and especially of greens, sent down a trio for exhibition. Now, seeing that Scotland is such a long way from Wales, I arranged with him to send his birds on to me a few days before the show, so they could meet our's on common ground, and be in condition after their long journey. They arrived at my house, and when I unpacked them I could see at once that they were perfection itself, from the standpoint of the Scottish standard of the B.F.C.C. By the way, one was a champion, and the other two were winners, and without a doubt were the three best greens it has been my privilege to look upon, but they stood cardless at the show. I asked the judge the reason why the champion was cardless, and he told me that the bird was too long for him. Now you may say that the judge did not know anything about Borders; but this is not the case, as in this instance the judge happens to have "made" the Border in Wales, and I have seen the standard in CAGE BIRDS that he has drawn up. Again, I have a yellow green cock Canary, which stood third at the Scottish National this year, but it is not a bit of use my showing him down South, as I cannot get in the tickets with him, although each time he has been exhibited in Scotland he has won, and I am beating him each time by my own birds, which it would be useless for me to send north, because they would be considered too cobby according to the ideal set up by the B.F.C. Club. And this year I have paired my birds up so that I can send to Scotland the bird that is wanted. The longer, higher shouldered, longer winged bird, is the one that takes the eye of the Scotch judges, and the bird that is wanted down here, in Wales at all events, is the rather shorter, more cobbily built, shorter winged bird. As I say, this is more pronounced in the green variety of the Border.

JOHN HOCKING.




*From sketches by J. Patterson.*

### LINNET SINGING.

SIR,—Will you allow me a space in your valuable paper with regard to the question of the way in which we sing our Linnets in Lancashire? The conditions are as follows: In time singing, two birds are put up at once, half a minute face to face; then a screen is put between them for five minutes—every bird to sing a song of three seconds or over before it counts. What they do in the first half minute face to face does not count in time singing, but counts in quality singing.

LADY GREEN.

## LENGTH OF THE GOLDFINCH AND THE LINNET.

SIR,—In answer to "Lintie," in reference to my remarks re length. There would be no difficulty in finding either species at 5in. or 5¼in. C. A. Johns gives both as being 5in. Sharp, in "Lloyd's" "Natural History," gives the Goldfinch as 5.2in., and the Linnet (*Linota cannabina*) male 5.5in.; female 5.3in. I quite agree that some authorities do give the measurements stated by "Lintie." But in my experience of the measuring of birds the average of 5.2 comes out with both these birds.

BARKER CLEGG.

## GREENFINCH HENS FOR HYBRID BREEDING.

SIR,—I should just like to thank Mr. Johnson for his excellent essay on Hybrid breeding (published in CAGE BIRDS). I always read everything touching Hybrid breeding, but it is, in my opinion, the best I have ever read. I have found from experience that the hen brown Linnet is an excellent feeder and a good mother, keeping the nest beautiful and clean. I have bred Canary-Linnets, Goldie-Linnets, and Greenfinch-Linnets, these being each time reared by the hen Linnet. But I had the misfortune to get the Goldie-Linnets drowned. I have also bred the Goldie-Bullie, but have not had the luck to rear them. I am going to take Mr. Johnson's advice, and try the hen Greenfinch, as I have just bad five beautiful hen Greenfinches sent me.

F. WILD.

## MOCKING BIRDS AND THEIR YOUNG.

### As Told by an "American Cousin."

SIR,—An old friend of mine, away in the United States of America, now and again sends me an interesting letter, and as I have recently received a long missive, I thougbt a few extracts therefrom might be of interest to readers of CAGE BIRDS. My friend remarks:—"Ever since I was a boy I have heard, over and over again, the story that if you take a nest of young Mocking Birds, place them in a cage and hang the cage outside, tbe old birds will come and feed them, and will continue to do so until the young reach a certain age; then, when the old birds see all hope of their ever being able to get their young from captivity is gone, tbey will feed their offspring on poisonous berries, and thus end their existence." To combat that somewbat inhumane theory my friend proceeds at some length. He says:—"Now, the trutb of the matter is this—and my knowledge of tbe case comes from a long experience with birds in their wild haunts, as I have handled thousands of them, and reared the young by hand—the old birds having fed their young up to a certain age—that is, when instinct tells them the young should be able to fly—some fine morning the parents disappear, and are not seen again until the afternoon of the same day, wben tbey both appear with tempting bits of food. They stand off a little, and call and coax the young birds to come to them for tbeir food. Tbe young birds, having fasted all tbrough the previous night and morning, are ravenous, and as soon as they see the tempting food in their parents' beaks they bolt from the nest in a hurry; in fact, it may be said that tbeir parents starve them out. If they did not do so—if tbey humoured and fed them—the young birds would remain in the nest, grow fat, and never make any attempt to fly. This can be seen in tbe process of raising the young Squab Pigeons. If you examine them you will find that at a certain age they are like a ball of butter, but as the time approaches for them to leave the nest the old birds feed them less frequently, so that when the time has fully arrived for the young Pigeons to try and fly, they are found to be very light in weight. Nature also assists in reducing weight at this period, the extra rapid growth of the flight feathers drawing a great deal of nourishment from the body, and helping in the reduction of the bird's weight to the right standard for immediate flight. This will illustrate my meaning with regard to the young Mocking Birds. The time having arrived and passed for them to take flight, and the parents seeing no hope of getting them from the cage, simply desert them—leave them to tbeir fate." My friend gives a very homely, but very apposite, illustration. He says:—"On one occasion I knew of a nest of young Mocking Birds, and watched them grow up. One day I missed the old birds, and got very anxious about them, fearing someone had shot them. I had about made up my mind to raise the young birds by hand, but a thought struck me, and I went to the edge of the woods, not far from my home, to see if I could see anything of them. I found them making love, and getting ready to raise another brood. To make sure that they were the right pair, I stayed tberc on the edge of the woods until they were ready to come home, and, boy-like, followed them, and had the satisfaction of seeing them coax the whole of the brood off to the woods. In a short time the old birds began to build again, and they raised a second brood. In those days of my boybood I could stay in a place all day to verify a moot point, although now I do not seem to have tbe same amount of patience." Then follows a sharp criticism of the person who takes young Mocking Birds, places them in a cage for the old birds to feed, and concludes that because they die they are poisoned by their parents! He says:—"If this man had not shirked his duty he would have raised the young birds by hand. But what does he do? He puts strange food into the cage tbat tbe young Mocking Birds know nothing of, nor have ever previously seen. The poor little birds sit there with a feast spread before them, of the nature of which they know nothing, and simply starve to death. Would a professional bird man adopt this method? Not likely. He would, when the critical time arrived, take each young bird out of the cage separately—pry its bill open, and force it to eat—tbat is, stuff it. Then he would put nice soft food in the cage, and watch the while he kept up the system of feeding by hand, until he saw the young commence to feed tbemselves. Wben they did so freely, he would put their food in the cage and bother no more about them. I think my views are sound logic. They come from a life-long experience with birds—the birds I love so well. Even now, when an old man, the love of them is still as strong in me as it ever was, and will not down. The first I ever noticed of old birds staying away as I have described was when I was a boy, and put up plenty of boxes and had several pairs of Blue Birds—Blue Robins, I think you call them—breeding around home. I watched them closely. I thought someone had shot two of the parent birds, but suddenly tbey appeared with food, and the young bolted from the nest. I had plenty of time to watch them in those days." This letter was written to me just at the time when, my friend says, "the Robins, Crows, Blackbirds, or Purple Grackles are with us. Their plumage is fine until they begin to mate up for the season. In their frequent battles for possession of the love of the coquettish females, the males frequently ruin their plumage. The latter generally arrive here two weeks in advance of the females, until the arrival of whom all is peaceful. Then the battles royal begin, and the females make up with the victors."

G. G.

## THE CURIOUS EXPERIENCES OF A CANARY BREEDER.

SIR,—Being an appreciative reader of CAGE BIRDS, from the No. 1 issue to the present one, I feel I should like to write a few lines for your Special Spring Number. I have kept birds for as long as I can reasonably remember, and have reared by hand nearly every species of British bird, including Cuckoos and Kingfishers. Who amongst Canary breeders has not at some time or another had his most ambitious hopes dashed to the ground? I for one only last year bad a nest of three good eggs from a pair of my best Yorkshires. All went well for six days, when, alas! one morning I found the hen had left her nest and nothing would persuade her to take to it again. Being at my wits' ends to know what to do, I suddenly thought of a Hedge Sparrow's nest in the garden, with five eggs in it, and as the hen had been sitting four or five days, thougbt I would risk my three good eggs, under her. So I took out four of the blue eggs and put the others into the nest, and awaited results. To my great delight at the appointed time, three young Canaries and one Hedge Sparrow duly hatched out. I then wondered how the Hedge Sparrow's bill of fare would suit the Canaries. I found, however, that the latter grew daily, and I left them for five days, when I had an opportunity of giving them to a feeder. I successfully reared the three, one of which I am breeding with this season—a fine buff green marked cock. I think I can safely call this a curious experience, and say nil desperandum. Here is another instance of what some Canaries will do. For several years a friend had a nest of Oxeye Tits in an old chimney pot in his garden, and the old birds usually reared their nest of young, 10 or 11. But two years ago his cat caugbt the old birds wben the young were eight or nine days old. I called on my friend one morning and found him in great trouble about the Tits; he said the young were all dead; but I found three still alive, and brought them away with me, and gave them to a hen Canary that was an extra good feeder. She tried her very best to feed them, and did so. However, two were too far gone to receive her attentions, but the third she successfully reared, and when he could feed himself, I let him go; for his saw-sharpening song was more than I could stand. For days he kept about the garden, and was very tame. I have had some strange experiences witb birds, but relate these two, as I think few Canary breeders have had similar.

A LOVER OF BIRDS.

## WHAT IS A CLEAR?

SIR,—I had no intention of writing further upon the above subject, and would not have done so were it not for the statement which appeared in your last issue to the effect that the new bye-law passed by the N.P.C. was simply playing into the hands of fraudulent exhibitors, etc. This is so directly opposite to the ideas of those who are in favour of the new rule, that I think it is only right that those fanciers who may not have followed the recent controversy upon this question, should know what these ideas really are. I migbt say that I have been a breeder of the Norwich Plainhead for a good many years, and when I placed the proposition before the members of the Sunderland C.B.A. (to the effect that "a bird showing no dark feathers while standing on the perch should be eligible to compete in clear classes"), I did not do so without having carefully considered the advantages and the supposed disadvantages of the proposed change. Neither did I do so without having first discussed the subject with most of the principal breeders in this district, with the result that I found the great majority of them were of the same opinion as myself, viz., that it would not affect in any way whatever existing methods of breeding and exhibiting the Norwich Plainhead, and that it would do away with a good deal of fraud, and also do away with the unnecessary handling of exhibition birds. I believe I am correct in stating that societies in other districts were, quite unknown to us, also discussing this question, practically at the same time, and practically with the same result. It will therefore be readily seen tbat the opinions of the members of the Norwich Plainhead Club, as expressed in the bye-law they have recently passed, have been, and are, shared by more fanciers than was generally supposed to be the case. Now, sir, I believe the reasons for these opinions will be apparent to every fancier who knows anything about breeding and exhibiting, although whether the reasons are strong enougb to warrant the general adoption of the new bye-law, is of course, a matter of opinion, to which everyone is entitled. One point greatly in favour of those who support the rule is that they have stated their reasons why the rule should be adopted. What are tbese reasons? First, the well-known fact that many thigh-ticked birds are shown in clear classes, whether they are allowed or not—minus the dark feathers, of course! Even the opposition side admits this. Suppose a man had not a really good clear bird, but had several goods ones witb one or two dark feathers at the thighs, do you think he would hesitate for one moment to make one of them into a clear? Would any sensible man blame him for doing so? The chances of being found out are so remote tbat the temptation to remove the feathers would be hard to resist. Is it not much better to allow these thigh-ticked birds to compete witb clear birds and thus preclude the possibility of being tempted to remove the dark feathers, especially so when we know that in many cases the birds *do* compete with the clears, whether allowed or not. It may be said that we who favour this method are judging everybody by ourselves, but that is a line of argument which no sensible man will take, and generally emanates from those who are naturally mean and narrow-minded. Let fanciers look at the matter broadly, and with an open mind, and they will see for themselves that by adopting the bye-law of the N.P.C. they will, instead of playing into tbe hands of fraudulent exhibitors, etc., be actually purifying the Fancy to a great extent, by simply removing the possibility of a special kind of fraud, which has been going on for many years. We now come to the question of handling exhibition birds. I and many others contend that there is no necessity to handle birds of the Norwich, Yorkshire, and Border varieties, when they can be judged without being handled, for, as I stated before, an exhibitor of the short feathered varieties sends his birds out to be judged, not handled. What possible good can it do to have a judge handle a class of supposed clear birds, when in all probability one or two of the birds may have been *made* clear before they were sent to the show? Cases where ticked birds have been found in clear classes can only have had three origins: first, the bird may have been exhibited by a novice, who would naturally not be so expert in knowing where to look for ticks as an experienced breeder; secondly, an exhibitor may not have removed every dark feather, although he thought he had done so; thirdly, it is just possible that even a practical man may have overlooked a tick and sent the bird out under the honest impression that it was a clear. But would his explanation be accepted? I doubt it. One would be hearing sundry remarks such as "Aye, he's an awd hand; he knaws awl about a ticked bird being a better colour than a clear, etc., etc." Now such remarks as these would be obviously unjust to the exhibitor, especially if he had made a mistake, and the aspersion on his character would cling to him for some time. These things could be avoided to a great extent by adopting the bye-law of the N.P.C. which, after all, is merely legalising a condition of affairs which has always been in vogue, although not supposed to be. And I contend tbat by allowing thigh-ticks and clears to compete together we do not alter in any way whatever the conditions under which the birds are bred and exhibited, and that it is most decidedly a step in the right direction. We have not yet been given any real reason why these birds should not compete together, other than tbat those wbo favour the bye-law cannot have much confidence in our judges, or in their ability in handling birds; also that it opens the door to fraud, which I think I have proved is in direct opposition to the true facts of tbe case. It is absolute nonsense to talk about our want of confidence in our judges, etc. We do not doubt tbeir judgment, or their ability in handling birds. What we doubt is the advisability of judges handling exhibition birds at all, when they can judge them without handling. We contend that the varieties I bave mentioned should not be handled, and that it is quite unnecessary to do so. We might just as well say that anyone who favours the handling of exhibition birds shows a want of confidence in the exhibitors, or they would not want the birds handled to make sure whether they were clear or not. The cap fits both ways, which only shows the foolishness of adopting such flimsy arguments. Does anyone imagine that a judge delights in handling the birds which come under him? I don't think he does. Many of our best judges never handle the birds at all. Others handle them because they deem it their duty to do so (according to the wording of the schedule), although they would rather not, while a few (and I am glad to say, very few) with the idea of "showing off," and letting other people see how expert they are, handle every bird that comes under them. The only objection to the new bye-law is tbe fact that it does not keep the real clear birds to themselves. I know perfectly well tbat many of the older breeders have a great love for a perfectly clear show bird, and that they consider it the acme of perfection. I candidly admit that these are also my views. Yet what is the use of providing Clear classes when every fancier knows perfectly well tbat these classes are not always what they seem to be, and that in all probability one or two of the birds may not be naturally clear, although they may bave been handled and appeared to be so? No one but the exhibitor himself really knows whether or not the bird is what it seems to be. Then why not adopt the ruling of the N.P.C. and allow the birds to compete together? Should anyone desire to know which of the birds were clear and which were ticked, this could easily be done by exhibitors writing "clear" or "ticked", as the case might be, upon their entry forms, for insertion in the catalogues. The only other objection to the bye-law is the generally accepted idea that a ticked bird is a better colour than a clear bird. This would be all right if it was always correct. But is it? Most decidedly not. We all know that green blood is the "fountain-head" of colour (or is supposed to be, for at least one expert breeder does not agree with this), yet that does not necessarily prove that every marked bird is a better colour than its clear brother. Breeders of exhibition birds know perfectly well that a great deal depends upon how the birds are bred, and that it is always possible to breed a clear bird in one nest a far better colour than a marked bird in another nest may be. Taking the Border Fancy Club as an example, it certainly seems that they do not consider a ticked bird to be superior in colour to a clear bird, for we generally find their classes worded "Clear or Ticked," even where their patronage is given. Now, sir, I tbink I have said sufficient to show tbat the only real objection to the new bye-law is the question of not keeping the clear birds by themselves, which after all is only a matter of sentiment. I have endeavoured to prove as clearly as possible that it is impossible to do so, and that the adoption of the bye-law of the N.P.C. "that a bird showing no dark feathers while standing on the perch be eligible to compete in clear classes" is a step in the right direction, and I again express the hope that the other leading Norwich and Yorkshire specialist clubs will take the matter up and follow suit. I might say, sir, that this is my last letter on the subject, and I would not have written it had it not have been for the assertion made that the bye-law opened the door to fraud, which I think I have clearly proved to be otherwise. I am perfectly willing to discuss in a friendly manner any reasonable objections to the bye-law, but I do not propose to reply to further communications which simply state "objections" without anything to prove a reason for them, and which have no direct bearing on the subject.

W. REID.

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## GREEN-FOOD FOR LINNETS.

SIR,—I find that Linnets are fond of the young sprouting leaves of whitethorn which can be obtained in abundance in the early spring when green food is scarce. Having seen wild Linnets eating these, I offered a twig to my birds, and they soon stripped it. I cannot recall seeing this mentioned anywhere as a suitable food, so I thought I might notify it to CAGE BIRDS' readers. Probably other birds, Bullfinches for instance, would appreciate these sprouting buds. Another easily obtainable food is seeding grass, such as grows in any neglected back lane almost. "Meadow fescu," I think, is the correct name. Canaries and Finches relish this greatly.

W. J. HUGHES.

## SIX YOUNGSTERS IN FOUR EGGS.

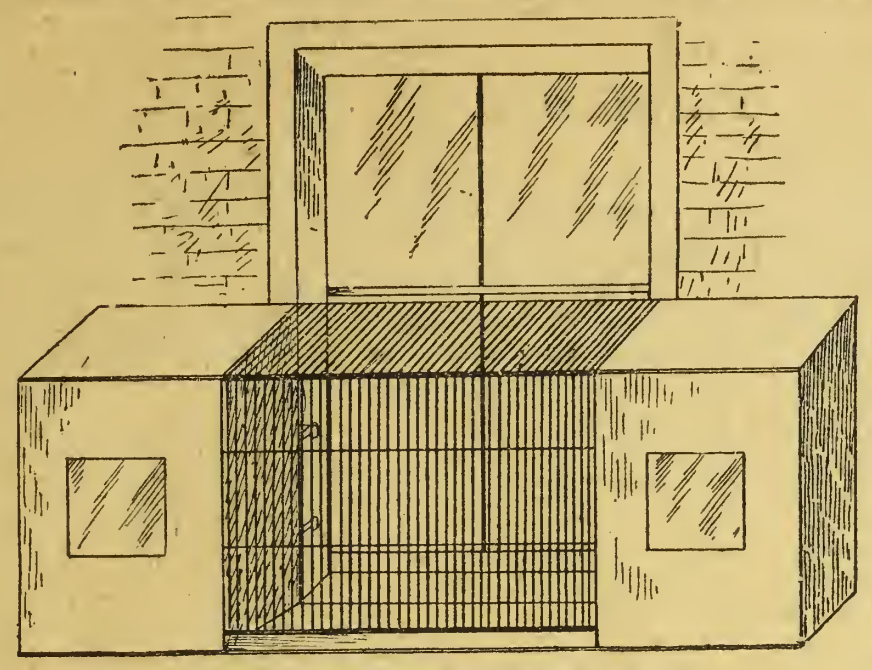
SIR,—The following account of my experiences with one of my Norwich hens may interest readers. I paired up on the 27th March this particular pair, a clear yellow cock and clear buff hen. The hen laid her first egg on the 29th, she missed laying the next day, and laid again on the 31st what appeared to be a double egg, and again on the first of April she laid another double egg. On the second of April she laid an ordinary-sized egg. She then sat for twelve days, when she commenced to show signs of illness and left the nest. I am sorry to say that owing to my being away at work all day, the eggs got chilled, while the hen got so bad that I had to destroy her to put her out of pain. When I thoroughly examined the eggs, I found they were all fertile, and almost hatching. In the four eggs there were six perfectly formed chicks. Have any of your readers had a similar experience? It would be interesting to hear how they got on. This is the first time I ever had a Canary hen lay double eggs and fertile ones.

JOHN W. BOOCOCK.

## IS IT NECESSARY TO COLOUR-FEED BRITISH BIRDS?

SIR,—For pure unadulterated effrontery, I think Mr. Prior's reply to my fair criticism on his lecture *re* Colour-feeding British Birds, would be hard to beat, even for a novice. In this, my reply to that streak of "Old Adam" of Mr. Prior's, I will endeavour to explain to interested readers on this subject in as simple English as possible that the "rambling" is not all on my side. As I read on I became somewhat amused at the "frantic" efforts of our friend to extricate himself by his contradiction of his own utterances, and as he was compelled to give vent to something like spleen in the attempt, he leads off and finishes with branding myself with that "Honourable" title of novice, which he created at this lecture. May I suggest, Mr. Prior, that before you again attempt to correct any more "baseless travesties," it would be as well for you to enquire if the printers have misreported you; or were you led away with your own transcendence? As to novices, I'm happy to say that I know many whose experience goes a good bit beyond Wagtails, some who travel as novices, but all very carefully marked down as "Champions" in the club books, as in my own case (please refer to your own rule book of the City and Suburban for confirmation, Mr. Prior). I criticised the item of the "Bogey," and as there is much "Bogey" that many of us novices cannot understand, therefore we look to the champion experts to educate us to higher things. I'm pleased to note Mr. Prior knows "all" about the wheezes, and many more, and in thanking him for that admission, may I ask him if we are to believe him to be the expert he claims to be, and yet has never heard or read of a trimmed head of a Yellow Hammer? If he has not, then I strongly advise him to get CAGE BIRDS of a recent date and to read and inwardly digest it. Now, leaving our friend to meditate, I must, in fairness to Mr. Ramsden, admit that his statement is quite correct as to the over-feeding on "Hot Pepper," in Canaries, and I hasten to tender my sincere apologies to that gentleman, but would explain that had Mr. Ramsden kept to his subject on colour-feeding Canaries, his lecture would not have troubled me in the slightest, but Mr. Ramsden, at the tail end of his lecture, made the assertion that colour-feeding Britishers is very essential. I used his own illustration to show that in whatever form colour-food is used, it is injurious to the subject treated. In conclusion, I wish to point out to Mr. Prior that, in his lecture he called for fair criticism, and I must submit he got it. Last, but not least, as I have neither the time nor inclination to become a public penwiper to Mr. Prior, or any one else, I here dismiss further interest in this particular discussion. But should my hand be forced, I'm like the colliery lad after killing a mate he'd been fighting with, as he lay on the ground he invited him to "Coom up, Lad, I'm ready for thou." I conclude in the words of one of our greatest poets, that: "Evil is wrought by want of thought, and sometimes by want of heart."

H. J. HAWES.



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## A WINDOW AVIARY.

SIR,—I beg to enclose you a sketch of an outside window aviary which I am making, with the object (primarily) of moulting out some British birds this next season. I think, also, I shall find it do for a Hybrid pair. I have found it very simple to make, and anyone handy with a hammer can put one up at a cost of a few shillings. The wired parts can be bought to size, made out of the punched bar, now so widely used. Of course, half-inch mesh wire netting could be used, but does not look so neat. The two ends are wood, with glass panels let in.

JOHN ALLAN.

## A TRIO OF AVIARY BIRDS.

SIR,—Perhaps your many readers would be interested to read about my small beginning in the bird hobby. In an aviary, three feet long by three feet square, I have one hen Norwich Plainhead Canary and a pair of Zebra Finches. I have had the Canary for about eight years, and she is so tame as to be able to take a hemp seed from my lips. I used to let her out in the room, and she would hop about the floor quite contentedly; but, alas! we found that she made too much litter, so this practice had to be stopped, and she is confined to the aviary at present. But in the summer time we shall let her loose on the lawn. The Zebra Finches were given to me in December on my birthday, and a very nice present they were, too. They were ouly bred that year, and they were extremely active, keeping up their little "squeak" all the time. I gave them a cocoanut to build in some time ago, but they speedily turned it into a bedroom, and still sleep in it at nights. The little hen has been egg-bound lately, though I give her cuttlefish, grit, and egg-shell. But perhaps being only a young bird, she would not have so much chance this year. I find they like chickweed to eat, but I gave them grass-seed, and they did not seem to care for it. Their chief bill of fare is Canary seed and millet. I hope to enlarge my stock when I have more time to look after them. I think foreign Finches are more interesting than Canaries, except in regard to their song.

VERA WAINWRIGHT.

## THE BOURNEMOUTH C.B.A. WITHDRAW FROM THE C.B.U.

SIR,—At the last meeting of the committee of the Bournemouth C.B.A., held at the Quadrant Restaurant on April 26th, it was unanimously decided to withdraw from membership of the Cage Bird Union.

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## THE CAGE BIRD UNION, MIDLAND DISTRICT.

SIR,—Owing to ill-health, it has been necessary for Mr. W. Roslyn, of Mansfield, to resign the secretaryship of the C.B.U., Midland District, No. 7, and Mr. J. H. de Maillet, of 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath, Birmingham, has been appointed in his place. All communications should therefore be addressed to him.

ROBT. RHODES.
Chairman for the District.

## A SUCCESSFUL START IN CANARY BREEDING.

SIR,—Kindly allow me a small space in your valuable paper to relate my experience with four pairs Norwich and one pair of Cinnamons. On March 18th, I paired them up, and have now four young Cinnamons 18 days old and flying about; also four young Norwich about a week old, and three hens sitting on five eggs each, all due to hatch during this week. I have visited several well-known fanciers round about here, and I think we are going to have a successful breeding season. I wish CAGE BIRDS every prosperity.

WM. ELLIOTT.

## THE COLOUR-FEEDING OF CANARIES.

SIR,—I have read very carefully Mr. Ramsden's lecture on the colour-feeding of Canaries. I would like, for the sake of those who find colour-feeding to be too expensive, to say that it is not necessary (as Mr. Ramsden says) to give daily attention or to feed everyday to be successful on the show bench. I tried last season to find out whether colour-feeding every other day would do, but I kept it to myself that I was trying the experiment. But when the moult was a bit advanced, and I had some birds very nearly through, I saw that it was going to be a success. So I told the other fanciers in this district, and they started on the same plan, and I can assure you that we had as good a colour on our birds as on any others that had been fed every day, and they were as level. My advice to any fancier who does not believe what I say, is to put a few birds to one side that he does not intend to show, and colour-feed them every other day, and I am sure that he will be quite satisfied with the result. I give each bird one tea-spoonful every other day, which you will notice is only half the amount required for the season that the colour-feed vendors themselves would have us believe is required. Then you save half the eggs and biscuit, and half the time necessary in the ordinary way. The reason that I write this is because I have heard so often that it is the expense of colour-feeding which hinders so many from being fanciers, and sends so many out of the Fancy. I thought I could put such up to a way by which they could save one half. I think it is the best thing to do the best we can for the greatest number, and you see there are a lot more colour-feeders than colour-feed vendors. I have colour-fed my birds now for thirteen years, and I think that it would be a grand thing if it could be done away with altogether, as it is only expense and humbug. But as long as it is allowable, in my opinion it is not "faking," as some other writers would have us believe. I have asked some of the leading judges what they thought about the colour of my birds, and they said they could see nothing wrong with them, as they were hot in colour and level throughout. So you see that I have others to prove what I have said, and I can mention their names if necessary. Those who find it too expensive, should take my advice, and give colour-food every other day. Save one half. Let those who have plenty of money feed every day, and if they have the right stock of birds in other respects, they need not fear the every-day colour-feeding; but let them make sure and withdraw the seed, and make the birds eat the food when it is given.

JAS. STEWART.

## WHOSE IDEAS WERE THEY?

SIR,—I notice a letter in CAGE BIRDS of April 17th date, signed by Messrs. Mallett and Fuller, in which they suggest that a special committee meeting be called by the Leyton and District C.B.A., to discuss the above question. With all due respect, I cannot see how such a purely personal matter can concern the committee of the Leyton C.B.A. Furthermore, the slight discussion which arose at a previous meeting was ruled out of order. I must therefore respectfully decline to call the meeting suggested, and trust that the Association will not again be mentioned in this purely trade question.

B. F. FORSE, Hon. Sec.

SIR,—In last week's issue you publish a letter from Mr. Mallett and Mr. Fuller. Not knowing Mr. Fuller, I should like a word or two with Mr. Mallett, on the above question. In the first place, he says he does not wish to have any controversy through your columns. Why? But as he has started the ball, may I be permitted a free kick? Now, Mr. Mallett, you state those inventions have been on the market two or more years. That may be so. May I remind you that in my presence you saw the inventions in dispute in use six years ago in the inventor's bird-room at West Ham? As to whether or not they had been placed on the market two years ago by someone else, it does not interfere with the lecturer's claim to their invention. If you know anyone who has a prior claim, who is he?

J. ASHWOOD.

## THE PROPOSED ROLLER CANARY CLUB FOR THE MIDLANDS.

SIR,—I must thank you for your kindness in publishing my two previous letters calling a meeting of the Roller fanciers at the "Swan and Peacock," Wolverhampton, for April 22. Your readers will be pleased to know that we had a most enthusiastic meeting, and decided at once to start a club under the title of the Midland Roller Canary Club, membership open to fanciers residing in the Midland Counties. It was a pouring wet night, which no doubt deterred some from being there; but 24 of the most prominent breeders and exhibitors of the Roller in this district, braved the elements to put in an appearance, and seven others informed me previous to the meeting that owing to business and other previous engagements, they could not attend, but desired to join should a society be started. These brought the membership up to 31. Several franciers present said they knew of others who will join, so that in a few weeks' time I have no doubt the club will be 50 strong. Everyone present seemed desirous of getting the club under way, and at once tackled the business of electing officers for the year. The following gentlemen agreed to take office:—President, Mr. Max Jacquemin (Wolverhampton); Vice-Presidents, Messrs. S. Albiston (Wolverhampton), and Smith (Blackenhall); Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Cadman (Wolverhampton); Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. H. Willows, Lindum House, Wednesbury. A strong committee drawn from the various towns interested is composed as follows (with the district they represent): Messrs. A. E. Freeman (Birmingham), Harrison (Bradmore), Bird and Harper (Bilston), Dimmock (Cradley Heath), Humphries (Moxley), Crowson (Short Heath), A. Crouch, Holland and Maybury (Wednesbury), and Turpin and Wakelane (Wittenhall). It was decided that the headquarters should be the "Swan and Peacock," Wolverhampton, the monthly meeting night the last Thursday in each month, and the subscription the low one of 2s. 6d. per annum, with 1s. entrance fee after the next monthly meeting, which will be held May 27, at 8 p.m. It is hoped all members and friends will turn up at the next meeting to discuss and pass rules, which will be prepared by the committee in the meantime. It was getting late when the correspondence had been read, so the President, in a few well-chosen words, asked all present to put their shoulders to the wheel and make the club a huge success. After the usual vote of thanks to the chairman a most encouraging and enthusiastic meeting was brought to a close.

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# The Colour-Feeding of the Norwich Plainhead.

By W. N. MIDGLEY.

In this article on "The Colour-feeding of the Norwich Plainhead," I fear I shall at the outset, incur the criticism of our "anti-colour-feeding friends," by at once declaring that, after some years' experience and close observation, I have failed to trace any of the harmful effects ascribed by them to the process, and that I am an advocate of the system, believing that the colour-feeding of the Norwich gives a pleasing finish to a taking bird. I have, however, noticed lately that the opponents of the system are inclined to shift their ground somewhat, and we hear rather less now of the alleged hurtful effects, and are treated to more diatribes about "dyeing" "faking," "being dishonest," and so forth! But in spite of these opinions, the average fancier goes serenely on with his colour-feeding, knowing that his birds' prospects on the show-bench are heightened, their value improved, and their general attractiveness considerably increased. His aim is therefore, to get the best colour that he can, and he feels amply repaid for any additional trouble he may have if his birds come through that level, deep tone, finished off by the lustrous sheen that we so much admire.

The trite axiom that "one must breed for colour as well as feed for colour," holds with as much force as ever, and the alert fancier pays as much heed to obtaining a good natural colour in his birds as to their subsequent colour-feeding; indeed, in the keenness of present-day competition he can afford to neglect no single item that goes to make up the ideal specimen. He will, therefore, use as nearly as he can, the correct proportion of marked and ticked birds to secure the necessary foundation for the added charm.

I noticed with interest recently that a discussion of the pros and cons of colour-feeding in the nest took place in the columns of the Fancy Press. Several years since I tried the experiment for a season or two, but discarded it, as I came to the conclusion that at this early stage of a bird's development nothing was gained, and that as good a colour could usually be obtained during the bird's subsequent moult—and it is to a good quick moult that we look, in order to secure the best effects of the colour-feeding.

The adult birds must, therefore, not be overworked during the breeding season. It stands to reason that birds which have been spending their strength and energy in rearing nest after nest of youngsters cannot be in that vigorous and robust condition to withstand the further inroads of the moult on their vitality, and that the depth of colour to be obtained is likely to be much less than in birds moderately worked and in good condition. Hence it is advisable, if possible, for birds to have a week or two in which to recuperate before striking the moult. As far as I can, therefore, I break up the pairs early in July (usually taking two nests only from each pair), and place them in the flight, or flight cages. The youngsters I keep in the cage in which I place them for a week or two after leaving the parents; then I transfer them to a larger cage, and then on to the flight. With the earlier hatched birds I begin the colour-feeding when they are about eight weeks old, with the later ones when about six weeks old, and generally by about the middle of July in each instance, commencing with a very small quantity—just sufficient to tinge the egg-food. I continue this for about a week, and then on each succeeding three or four days I increase the proportion of colour-food until I get it to the full strength—four teaspoonfuls to a basin of egg-food.

Perhaps, however, the reader will here remark: "But he hasn't told us how he mixes the food. Let's have the Alpha of the matter in its right order!" I will, therefore, supply the omission, and say that to each pound of tasteless pepper, I add 2ozs. of hot Natal and 2ozs. of brown sugar, and to the bulk a teaspoonful or so of salt, well mixing the whole together. As far as I can judge my requirements, I procure my colour-food in bulk at the near approach of the season, as I fancy it is better to get it mixed alike throughout, and, moreover, it has time then to get well blended. A few years back I used to put 4ozs. of hot Natal to the pound of tasteless pepper, but I find I get equally as good a colour now with the 2ozs. only.

I do not think that during the moulting season it is necessary to have the egg-food quite so rich as when feeding the young, and as a rule I use eight Osborne biscuits and about an equal quantity of bread crumbs to two eggs. Probably, one of the patent foods advertised would answer the purpose, although I have not tried them, as I am still a believe in the old-fashioned egg-food.

As soon as I commence the colour-feeding, I cover up the cages and flight with blinds of nun's veiling, either red or yellow. This is not of too close a fibre, and allows more air to penetrate than would a closer woven material.

After trying both ways of feeding—*i.e.*, in the cages, and in the flight—I am entirely in favour of the feeding of birds in the flight. Of course, any exceptional birds I remove to the cages, when they are about three parts through the process, to finish off; but it seems to me that birds in the flight, having more room for exercise, are consequently more vigorous, shake off their feathers more rapidly, eat their food better, and generally come out a better colour than birds kept in a more confined place. Nor do I think that feather-plucking goes on to the same extent in flights as in cages, as the birds have a better chance of getting away from each other. I also favour the use of the bath during the moulting season; I feel convinced that if the bath is given with discretion, benefit arises from its use.

### The Use of Marigolds, &c.

Up to the last season I used to grow considerable quantities of marigolds and nasturtiums, both of which I was in the habit of giving to the birds rather freely; in fact, I now think, rather too freely, as although they imparted a nice tone of colour to the birds I fancy the colour lacked permanency and used to fade somewhat. This last season, therefore, I discontinued the marigolds and nasturtiums, and had a better lasting colour. I would, in consequence, advise anyone who desires to use either of these flowers, to use it in strictly limited quantities. It may be deduced from this, therefore, that if the birds are eating these flowers at all liberally, they don't eat so much of the colour-food. I give the colour-food twice a day (morning and mid-day)—about half a teaspoonful per bird per meal; and for the evening feed I give plain Canary seed. Twice a week during the earlier stages of the moult I give as a change from the Canary seed, either linseed or niger, which I supply more frequently towards the close of the moult.

With a view to fixing the colour, I do not neglect to put sulphate of iron in the drinking water twice or three times a week, using a small teaspoonful of it to a quart jug of water. In the early part of the moult I procure twopennyworth of saffron, to which I add half a pint of boiling water, and from 14 to 16 knobs of lump sugar. (one need not be particular to a lump or two); and to each basin of colour-food I add one teaspoonful of this decoction, which, if it has no other merit, at least sweetens and moistens the food; but I believe it assists the birds in throwing off their old feathers more readily.

The reader will thus observe from this description of my methods that I have no deep secrets to impart, but that I follow much the lines usually adopted. To my mind regularity and evenness of quantity and strict cleanliness are the keynotes of success. It would be invidious on my part to recommend any particular vendor's food, but I would advise all to procure the best, remembering that mere cheapness is not necessarily economy. I leave off my remarks as I began—with the reiterated opinion that the colour-feeding of the Norwich Canary gives a pleasing finish to a taking bird, when the colour is even, deep and glossy. And in finally bidding the reader adieu, I add my good wishes for their success in this year's colour-feeding. May the pepper be cool and the colour hot!


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# A Noted Norwich Plainhead Breeder and His Methods.

**This Article is the Record of a visit paid to one of our best known breeders and exhibitors of the Norwich Plainhead Canary, Mr. S. Cook, of Newton Heath, Manchester, and is written by Messrs. J. & J. Hopkins, (Bolton).**

Of the countless number of breeders of Norwich Plainheads in this country, one of the most popular and highly respected is the subject of our article, in the person of Mr. Sam Cook, of Manchestor. He is one of Lancashire's premier breeders and exhibitors, and is the winner of the Norwich Plainhead Club's challenge cup for 1908. Mr. Cook, although not by any means the oldest breeder (having commenced in 1893) is without doubt one of the most successful, having bred winnors consistently year after year; and his strain is now acknowledged to be one of the finest in the Fancy, whilst his career in the exhibition world is too well known to need commenting on, his birds invariably being found to come out on top, no matter where he shows or in what competition. Of a quiet unassuming nature, "Sam," as he is familiarly known, has made a host of friends in all parts of the United Kingdom, and is a well-known personage at all leading shows; and feeling sure that a very large number of the readers of CAGE BIRDS would greatly appreciate anything that he might be induced to say (as he is a man of very few words), we took the opportunity and accepted a long outstanding invitation of journeying over to Newton Heath to hear him give his views on the Norwich Plainhead Canary and his methods of breeding same.

### Some of the Winning Specimens.

As could only be expected of such a breeder as Mr. Cook, everything in the bird-room was in first-class order, the cages being very clean and well arranged, while the birds themselves were in grand condition and looked very fit for the breeding season. On looking over his stock we noticed many birds which had rendered a good account of themselves during the last show season, and which are as well-known to the majority of Lancashire exhibitors as their owner; notably (1) the ticked yellow cock bird, first Bolton, Manchester, Accrington, Liverpool, Scottish National, etc., a grand bird possessing everything that is needed in a good Norwich, viz., type, quality, size and colour; (2) the big dark-tailed Buff hen which was the sensation of the 1907 Burnley show, a slashing hen, rather too big now for an ideal show bird, but a grand mate for the yellow ticked cock, from which pair some tip-top stuff should be produced; (3) the old champion Buff cock bird which had such a successful career on the show-bench for two or three years, winning at practically every show of note, including Manchester and the Scottish National; (4) the wing-marked unflighted Buff, winner of second at the Scottish National. This bird is bred from the old champion Buff cock and Buff hen, and is a gem for shape and quality, and looks like making even a better bird than his father. He is paired with (5) the clear yellow hen, first at Burnley, Bolton, Manchester, Scottish National, etc., one of the best yellow hens on the bench to-day, these making a rare pair; (6) the clear unflighted yellow, first at Bolton, Manchester, Scottish National, etc., a bird which should have a grand future before it; and (7) the eye-ticked yellow unflighted, first at St. Helens, etc., a big, slashing bird of grand shape, quality and colour. We also noticed several excellent young birds which have not as yet been out, the pick of which, to our mind, were a grand clear buff hen, a regular model for shape and beautifully feathered—one which, if it goes on in the right way, will take some beating—and an unflighted variegated yellow cock, shorter and thicker than many buffs, and of grand quality and colour; this, too, with luck, should be found not far behind during the next season.

### The Uniformity of Stock.

What claimed our attention as much as anything was the uniformity of the stock throughout, overy bird in the room possessing grand type and quality; and especially was this noticeable with respect to the hens, the majority of these being hard to find fault with. Their only failing (if it can be termed a failing) is that several were a trifle small, but as Mr. Cook explained, he did not care much for the large hens for stock purposes, but preferred the hen to be the model of what a Norwich Plainhead should be. But he liked the cock, he said, to be as large as possible, provided, of course, it had the other points in proportion, as he considered that the size came from the cock bird and the shape, etc., from the hen. And an inspection of his stock will convince anyone that this is the practice he follows out, and he always turns up with some good big birds. As a matter of fact, he does not care for very large unflighted hens, as he finds out that they generally get a little too loose in feather the year after; he prefers the medium-sized hen as the best unflighted one for moulting out into a good show bird the second season.

*Photo by Parker.* [*Newton Heath.*

**Mr. S. Cook.**

### Methods of Breeding.

As to his methods of breeding, whilst following largely the usual method of putting yellow and buff together, he is a firm believer in double-buffing, and if every one could only do it as successfully as he has done it, there would be more good birds on the show bench to-day. He has bred many winners in this way, the old clear buff hen of 1907 (which won in that season firsts at Sheffield, Bolton, Pendleton, Altrincham, Halifax, etc.), the wing-marked unflighted buff referred to, and the unshown clear unflighted buff hen, also referred to, being typical examples. Of course, as he says, care is needed in selecting the type of bird for this purpose, and also a knowledge as to how it is bred; but if both birds are nice, tight-feathered specimens, bred from good stock, and there is plenty of colour in them, he cannot see how they can fail to produce something really tip-top. And he has always found them to be quite satisfactory as regards compactness of feather; in fact, we noticed that several youngsters were even tighter in feather than the cock bird from which they were bred. Mr. Cook has bred several good birds by double-yellowing, but he has had better results by double-buffing. The only thing he has against double-buffing is that the yellow blood is reduced and that thero is a tendency towards shortage of yellows. If, however, he wishes to double-yellow, he uses the thickest, shortest-feathered birds he has, as the youngsters are apt to run a little slimmer and longer.

With regard to inbreeding, although not believing in such close relationship as father and daughter, etc., he is convinced that judicious inbreeding is absolutely necessary in the building-up of a strain, and his stock birds are all related to one another, one strain running right through tho room. One thing we noticed about Mr. Cook's stock was the number of green-marked birds he had in his room, thus proving that he believes in the use of green blood, and tho rich colour of his birds goes to show that there must be something to gain by its introduction.

Questioned as to his method of feeding, Mr. Cook said that he had always found the old-fashioned way to be satisfactory. He therefore rears his youngsters on egg-food prepared from hard-boiled eggs and home-made bread crumbs, and he did not think it advisable, he said, to make any change now. He is a believer in a liberal seed diet, especially during the show season, and when he has paired up he gives a fair amount of linseed as a preventative against egg-binding. For green-food he prefers water-cress during the early part of the season, whilst it is young and tender, and afterwards young lettuce leaves. He is still of opinion that the best method of colouring is colour-feeding, and that the best results are attained by mixing the colour-feed with the ordinary egg-food daily, adding, of course, a little sugar to make it more palatable and a little maw seed.

Replying to the question as to what he considered the most essential point of a Norwich and the one to which he attached the most importance, Mr. Cook said that a Norwich was not a good bird at all, in his opinion, if it had not a fine bold head. He did not fancy a bird which was at all "snipy" in head, even if it possessed every other good point. His ideal Norwich was: Head nice and round, having a good width at entrance and back, yet free from browing, with a neat rise at front and full cheeks; neck as short and as thick as possible, and well filled in under beak; chest deep and broad; shoulders wide; back well filled in; body short and well cut away behind; wings and tail short and well packed; legs well set back, so that their is as much body before and as little behind as possible, as he personally likes the bird to be all front, finished off with feather of the best possible quality and of a nice hot colour. He is fond of a good big one, but he wants the size in the right place and not in length; and he must have a short chubby bird with plenty of quality and colour.

Our final question before taking leave of Mr. Cook and of Mrs. Cook (who, by the way, seems to be thoroughly interested in the birds and to know each individual nearly as well as Mr. Cook does), was: Whether the Norwich Canaries of to-day were superior to the Norwich which were exhibited when he first joined the Fancy? We also asked Mr. Cook where he considered the hot-bed of the Norwich was? He replied to the effect that the Norwich of to-day were a great deal more typical, taken all round, than was the case formerly, and that there were moro birds of the correct stamp being exhibited. Although there were some good birds down South, and grand birds bred every year all over the country, Lancashire breeders, he considered, turned out a greater number of excellent birds than were produced in any other part of England.

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### THE ROLLER (*Coracias garrulus*).

**A Beautiful Occasional Visitor to Our Shores.**

The bird so admirably depicted by Miss L. M. Medland on the coloured plate accompanying this issue, is known as the common European Roller, to distinguish it from the dozen or so other members of the genus *Coracias*. The great beauty of its plumage will be readily appreciated by a glance at the life-like portrait Miss Medland's brush has given us, and any detailed description of the colouring of the bird would be superfluous. We may mention, however, that the sexes are alike in plumage; also that the feathers lie very close to the body, and carry a metallic gloss which adds considerably to their owner's attractiveness.

The Roller gets its name from its habit of occasionally rolling, or turning over, when in flight—not unlike the manner of the Tumbler Pigeon. The Common Roller is spread widely over Europe and Western Asia during the summer, and breeds as far North even as Sweden; but in the winter it retires towards Africa, where, at that time of the year, it is to be commonly seen. The bird, however, is not, by any means, numerous anywhere. Occasionally it strays to our own shores, individuals being found almost yearly somewhere in the British Isles, from Cornwall to the far-away Shetlands. The size and noticeable colour-scheme of the bird invariably bring it trouble should anyone with a gun happen to get within range. The Indian Rollers (two very handsome species) are slaughtered in large numbers to provide an "adornment" for the hats of women (in this connection our pen refuses to write the word "ladies").

The Common Roller is not quite so large as our Jackdaw, and has affinity with the Kingfishers and the Bee-eaters. In his very helpful book, "The World's Birds," Mr. Finn describes the Rollers as: "Tree birds of medium size, with Crow-like bills and feet with four free toes, the hind-toe smallest." They nest in holes of trees or banks, lay white eggs, and the young are born naked and helpless. The food is "almost exclusively animal, consisting of insects and any small vertebrates they can swallow whole, for they do not use their feet in holding food. They usually watch for food from a fixed perch, and dart down on it. They cast up pellets." They have no song, but utter loud, harsh notes in noisy fashion.

In captivity the Common Roller is not exactly a success. A glance at its long wings and short legs shows that it is essentially a bird of flight, seldom on the ground (except when it alights to pick up some item of food), where it progresses by a series of long hops. This, however, applies more particularly to a caged existence, for it has been successfully kept in aviaries (where it looks very beautiful flying about), and has even bred under such conditions, and reared its young. It is not a safe species to keep with much smaller, weaker birds; if they were tiny enough it might swallow them. A hand-reared Roller might turn out an excellent cage pet, however, if allowed a certain amount of liberty in a room. Adult-caught birds are exceedingly unsteady and intractable, making sad havoc of their plumage; further, they are sullen, and strike one as unsociable and lacking in intelligence. They need to be fed very like a small Hawk, allowing for the fact that they do not hold their food in their feet and tear it to bits—it should be cut into pieces of convenient size for swallowing. Eggs are relished, and green-food also will be eaten; but flesh food of suitable sorts must be the mainstay, with beetles and the like.

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# Some Breeding Season . . . . Troubles Considered.

By T. W. WILSON.

**A Lecture before the members and friends of the Halifax O.S. on April 3rd.**

Whilst I try to give you a few experiences of my own in the breeding and rearing of the Canary, I am alive to the fact that there are older and consequently wiser hands at the business present, and, it being my first essay on the subject, I hope you will be "to my virtues very kind," and "to my faults a little blind."

**The Egg-bound Hen.**

One of the first troubles that is apt to arise to perplex and upset the equanimity of the beginner in this fascinating hobby is that of the egg-bound hen. This is a complication that all young fanciers should keep a sharp look-out for in the early part of the season, as it is mostly when the keen east winds are blowing that it arises. I may say that it is the young untried hens that are on the small side that I have found to be most subject to it. Hens that have bred alright before are fairly safe on this score, that is, unless they have put on an undue amount of fat during winter. Keeping hens in large cages, or better still, in a "fly," is the best way to ensure their hardness of condition and freeness from superfluous fat.

The first sign of egg-binding is the finding of your hen crouched in the far corner of the cage with her face to the wall, as it were, and her feathers puffed up till she looks like an orange or a lemon with a tail on. The moment you see her in such a ball, it is high time for action. On such occasions I gently pick the bird up, about the doing of which there is usually but little trouble, as she is feeling too ill to resist, or to try to dodge you; and I examine the vent and abdomen, and if I find them looking a purplish, angry red, and very swollen, I give one drop of olive oil in the beak and drop two on to the vent from a warm stocking-needle. Then I put her back in the cage—not the nest, for if you try to do that she will simply tumble her self over the side and into the cage bottom with a bump.

After this treatment I have generally found the egg in the nest, and on one occasion I found two of them next morning. But if not, as sometimes happens in acute cases, I repeat the process at once, and also take a long narrow jug of boiling water and hold the bird over it (allowing the tail to rest on the far edge of the jug) for three or four minutes. By this time the bird looks nearly dead, and you are fit to give her up. Be careful not to put any pressure on the inflamed parts in handling; put her gently back in the cage bottom, and though seeming almost dead she somehow scrambles up into the nest and deposits her egg in a very short time; in fact, she often drops it into the jug whilst you hold her, and in a marvellously short space of time she is going about her work as though nothing had been the matter.

Here I must say that after a hen has been badly egg-bound, I never yet found one to be hearty enough to do her work right for that round; so now I always take the cock bird away and give the hen a few weeks' rest, putting her eggs under other hens, if I have reason to think them worth the while and trouble.

**Nesting Diarrhœa.**

Another early trouble that occurs much oftener than the last is what is termed "nesting diarrhœa." This may occur in the middle of the period required for incubation, or later when the young are, say, a week old. It generally arises from the hen not having been in thorough hard condition at the beginning of the season, and results in loss of general tone. Depend upon it, if a bird is not in real hard condition before commencing to breed, be it soft ever so slightly, it is almost sure to give way in some form or the other. Egg-binding, "nesting diarrhœa," non-feeding, the leaving-off sitting, clear eggs, or the sweating of young, are very frequent troubles. If you notice watery looking blots or patches about the bottom of the cage in which there is a sitting hen, they are signs of the diarrhœa trouble.

To combat this "nesting diarrhœa," I give a salt water bath, and I moisten a piece of powdered arrowroot biscuit for her, when the trouble generally ceases. I put a teaspoonful of salt in the bath, and this tones her up wonderfully. I have had obstinate and bad cases though, where it has caused the hen to desert her eggs; but such are happily rare. In fact, it often happens in a mild form and passes off before you have noticed that anything has been wrong. And perhaps this is one of the least of the many troubles that one meets with in a good-sized stud during a season's operations; yet it is perhaps as well to know how to recognise and combat it.

**The "Dead in Shell" Trouble.**

There are also cases of eggs not hatching, which we generally refer to as the "dead in shell" trouble. One thing is patent to me from a long experience in connection with the breeding of Canaries, and that is, that it most certainly pays to make allowance for this contingency beforehand by immersing all eggs in warm water on the evening before they are due to hatch, especially so, if the hen is not a free bather. It is even well to dip any late egg in again, supposing the others have hatched and the one is overdue. The breaking of the shell yourself almost invariably results in a broken abdomen to the chick, and consequent death, though I have known of a delicate-fingered woman succeeding in saving a young one.

It has often been said that the shelling material given influences the hardness of the shell, and the consequent inability on the part of the chick to force its way out. With this theory I do not agree altogether, as I find that the hens themselves can supply a little information. I have long observed that certain birds have an ability for putting a harder shell on their eggs than others, whatever the grit or shell used

**The Non-feeding Hen.**

Next in the list of natural or unnatural concomitants to breeding comes the case of the non-feeding hen, and here is a subject which taxes the originality of the most resourceful of fanciers. There is not, nor can there be in the very nature of the thing, any hard and fast rule to follow; nor can anyone advise anything warranted to cure in every case, as what will suit some hens may be of no use to others.

I have dealt with this oft-recurring trouble by giving the youngsters a morning and an evening cropful (with a pared match-stalk) of pure yolk of egg, which keeps them going whilst I try to "tempt the old girl" with a variety of foods; and if I find one suitable to her taste, she gets plenty of it. If nothing seems to awaken her slumbering or absent sense of maternal duty, I fetch over the cock bird and give him a chance. It is very rarely you will find a non-feeding cock bird, if only the hen will give him a chance, though he is not such a good hand at the job till the young ones get a week old, after which time he is generally better than any hen. If the youngsters still seem to be going back and losing ground, I transfer the lot to other likely nests in the room, provided I have some containing birds at about the same age; failing which, when I expect a good bird will be in the clutch, and am extra anxious to save it, if I have a hen nearly due to hatch, I give the neglected young one to her, one every few hours, gradually withdrawing her eggs in the same way and sharing them out again if I can. In nine cases out of ten she will take to them alright.

How serviceable this sometimes proves as a last resource, will be fully appreciated when I tell you that my first (and most successful) bird was saved in precisely this way; but in that case it was at the cost of losing all the removed eggs, as I had nowhere else where I could place them. But it was well worth doing, you'll agree. One bad feeding hen I had when quite a boy was conquered by my adopting the suggestion of my mother to give it stiff rice pudding. I had tried all sorts of food, but to no avail, and the chicks were almost too far gone to be able to lift their heads. When I introduced this somewhat novel menu to her ladyship, it met with her prompt approval, and in twenty minutes every little crop was like a little white bladder, and both the situation and the chicks were saved. I may say that my mother made rice pudding every other day all that summer, and two subsequent nests of youngsters were reared on this diet by that same hen. Some of the other hens did not evince the same liking for the rice, but all would eat it when, out of curiosity, I occasionally gave them some.

Soaked rape, and boiled rape, both separate and mixed with the egg-food, I have found to be of great service at these times, but I do not use these habitually, as I think the fewer sloppy messes you supply the better; still they are absolutely necessary sometimes. I have also chopped lettuce fine and mixed that with the lot, with improved results; but if you do this the food needs changing very often, as it soon turns the egg sour. Crushed hemp in unlimited quantities is one of the best of foods at all times, and many an indifferent hen have I coaxed into a sense of duty by the use of this and the heart of a lettuce.

*(To be continued.)*

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# The Carriage of Birds . . . . by Passenger Train.

By G. WHELLER.

**A Lecture delivered before the City and Suburban A.C.B. on March 22nd.**

I propose dealing with the sending of birds by passenger train "unaccompanied." This is a term used in the railway world to signify that the bird is being conveyed by a passenger train unaccompanied by a passenger. From this I don't wish you to understand that railway companies carry birds in this manner free, although I am afraid if many of the gentlemen we see on Sunday mornings returning from Club Row and the various resorts of some bird fanciers with the familiar black cloth parcel under their arm, were challenged for their excess luggage tickets, many would be found wanting.

**The Duties of the Sender.**

Railway companies make it clearly understood to the public that they are not, and will not, be common carriers of birds, and receive, forward, and deliver solely on, and subject to, certain conditions; and they require the sender in all cases to sign an undertaking agreeing to their conditions of carriage. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that the sender should see that everything is done by him to ensure a safe and speedy transit, and it is upon the duties of the sender that I would like to address a few remarks.

A little practical experience in the parcels booking office of any of our great railways would soon convince anyone that the public do not carry out their obligations in properly packing and labelling parcels they wish conveyed by rail, and although railway companies are justified in refusing to accept, in many cases in the rush the parcel gets away, and in the ordinary course being subjected to many tranships at junctions, etc., the labels sometimes get detached, and then the trouble commences. Claims are put in, and in a number of cases the sender, through his own neglect, finds his chance of recovering damages gone—through his own fault.

We will now presume that one of you gentlemen wished to send a bird to a friend. Invariably the first thing that affects you is the cost of carriage. In this respect no difference exists in the respective charges of the railway companies serving the town to which the bird is to be sent, so that it only remains for you to settle to which company you propose handing the bird for transit. In deciding this point, I think the company having a station nearest the residence of your friend should be favoured, for being the sender, you are able to hand the bird in to your station when most suitable, but your friend is not always able to judge as to the time of its arrival, and a speedy delivery often obviates trouble.

**Packing the Bird.**

Having settled this point, it is now your duty to study the best means of packing the bird, and this is a point upon which much depends. It devolves upon you to satisfy yourself that the health of the bird is such that under reasonable conditions it will endure the journey; anything that can afterwards be proved to the contrary will be of service to the company in resisting any claim that may be made for loss or damage, and would come under "culpable negligence."

You should then see that sufficient food is put in the cage to meet the requirements of the bird during the journey. In the event of its being a very long journey entailing a number of tranships, the company would at your own cost arrange for its feeding, although accepting no liability to do so.

The labelling, too, should receive special attention. I think it is beyond dispute that a very large proportion of delays and other troubles in transit of parcels traffic can be attributed to the bad labelling and addressing by senders. Undoubtedly the best means of labelling is by sticking it on the package, and in all cases the address should be carefully given. The omission of the county often leads to confusion in cases where there are more than one town of the same name. Then, again, many cases arise where the Christian name of the addressee is omitted and delay in delivery occurs before it is discovered which of the Jones', for instance, it is intended for.

Another little matter that often gives trouble is the question of carriage charges. The bird has probably been sold "carriage paid." In the course of transit the railway way-bill gets lost, perhaps; attempts are made by the receiving station to collect charges, and the consignee thinks he is being "had." All this trouble could have been avoided if "carriage paid" had been endorsed on the label. Moreover, you must always bear in mind that whether you consign your bird carriage paid, or arrange for the carriage charges to be paid at the other end, you are always liable for the carriage charges as well as all charges connected with the transaction in the event of the railway company failing to secure same from the party to whom the bird is addressed, the company holding that the contract had been made with you; and their contention is that the collection of any charges at the receiving station is only a matter of convenience. The law also gives them power to hold your bird as a lien for any charges due by you to them for any previous transaction, whether for carriage of birds or parcels.

**At the Dispatching Station.**

Now, having carefully packed and properly labelled your bird and decided from which station you will dispatch it, the next thing is to take it to the station. I am presuming we are dealing with valuable birds, in which case it is usual for the sender to hand them to the company at the starting point, personally. The bird has now been accepted by the railway company, who give you notice that they will not be responsible for any loss, damage, or delay, except upon proof that the same was occasioned by neglect or default on their part or their servants', neither will they in any case be responsible beyond the sum of five shillings for any bird lost or damaged, unless a higher value be declared at the time of its dispatch and a percentage of 1 per cent. paid upon the excess of the value so declared; and they will further require you to sign a declaration to this effect before accepting the bird for transit.

It should be borne in mind that although you might declare a bird to be of the value of £50 and pay accordingly, in the event of its being lost, the claim would be considered with every regard to its actual value, to arrive at which the company would, if they thought it advisable, consult an expert, and it would devolve upon you to satisfactorily prove the value you set on it. Hence, any attempt to overvalue the bird when declaring should be avoided. Personally, I am in favour of giving a conscientious value to the bird, and thus save money and complication in the event of any loss.

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# Under the White Rose.

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THE Norwich Plainhead Club are already making arrangements for next season's competitions, and there is every promise that a good array of specials will be upon the books. The club are giving five prizes in each section (open and novice), and any extra prizes that come will be added to the list. One is already promised for the novice, and with the addition of the three CAGE BIRDS amateur prizes, make in all fourteen specials already in hand for fanciers of this cobby variety. So hurry up, ye intending members, and join the ranks of this enterprising society.

BRADFORD City O.S. held their third discussion of the session on Saturday evening last, when a large gathering turned up to hear what "Philip" (Mason) had to say on his favourite variety, the Yorkshire. The company, which numbered some 50 odd, were a very representative lot, and included many judges. Surely, Philip must feel highly flattered at having such an attendance to hear him open the discussion. He gave his hearers the benefit of his long and valuable experience with the Yorkshire bird, and assured the Cinnamon Marked breeders present that he would give them "what for" in the coming season's competition, as he is going strong on this variety. He also is one who goes in for early breeding, and likes to have some youngsters knocking about in early April, the earlier the better. Much interesting matter was discussed, and plenty of valuable information was brought out during the evening, the time passing all too quickly. The usual votes brought to a close one of the pleasantest evenings it was possible to have. "STRAIGHT-'UN."

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# Some Possibilities in . . . . Canary Culture.

## What Can We Do with Our Canaries?

By FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

"Look at the Canaries, Mother!" said a little girl in my hearing one Bank Holiday at the Zoo; as the birds she was drawing attention to were Sugar-birds, I felt that that little girl's ornithological education had been neglected. But all the same it struck me that the Canary Fancy would be considerably enlarged and edified if we could breed Canaries of the brilliant violet which Sugar-birds display! We could, in fact, do with a little more variety in the appearance of this favourite cage-bird, and I hope that a few suggestions as to possible means of securing this may not be taken amiss.

#### What we Started with.

In considering a matter of this kind, it is useful to recall what the Canary was like before we took him in hand three centuries ago. The true wild Canary, which is confined to the Azores and Canary Islands, is very seldom imported now-a-days, but specimens of it can be seen in the entrance hall at the South Kensington Museum. For the benefit of those who cannot have a look at them there, I may say that the bird is green, poor in colour and of small size, not bigger than a German Roller. It is easy to see how our ancestors compared it with the Siskin; and there is no manner of doubt that the great reason for domesticating the bird was its beautiful song.

#### The Canary's Relatives.

The wild Canary is treated in the British Museum catalogue as an island race, or sub-species of the Serin-Finch, a well-known bird on the continent, and one which has very occasionally been observed over here. Others give the Canary full rank as a species, and with these I am disposed to agree; it differs from the true Serin in being a bigger bird, with shorter wings and a longer tail. But the difference does not amount to much, and the two are nearly as closely related as the Common and Mealy Redpolls. The Serin group of Finches is rather a numerous one; there are many species in Africa, and a few in Asia. Two of the African ones, the Green and the Grey Singing Finches, are among the most commonly imported of foreign cage-birds. The Serins display but a small range of colour, olive green, yellow, grey, and brown, being their only colours as a rule, so that it was only to be expected that the colour-variations of the Canary should be decidedly limited.

Examination of the Canary's relatives, therefore, gives us no hope that we shall ever be able to evolve a blue Canary; but that we may do a little in the way of introducing new colour-variations I will now attempt to show.

#### How to Introduce Novelties.

Now, there are two ways of getting a new point in anything cultivated. One is by breeding from any variation which shows itself, to do which you have got to wait till Nature obliges by presenting you with such a variation to start with, and in addition to take the chance of the said variation being hereditary, which is not always the case with "sports." The other is, to introduce on outside cross. This is easy enough in plants, which are readily hybridised, and often produce fertile hybrids; but in animals it has very rarely been done. There are, however, a few cases on record. For instance, ingenious Americans have invented new animals called "cataloes" by crossing cattle with bisons, or buffaloes as they are there wrongly called, this hybrid being fertile; and an English breeder has a strain of ferrets which have the blood of the stoat in them, the stoat-and-ferret hybrid being also fertile. However, as Finch Mules are so generally barren, it will be best to start with suggestions as to what may be done with the pure Canary.

#### Black Barred.

I have been asked whether it would be possible to breed a black Canary; and, as far as present appearances go, I fear I must reply in the negative. There appears to be no tendency in the Canary to vary in the direction of blackness, such as one sees in the fowl, duck, and pigeon, among all of which black specimens are frequently produced as "sports." By mating heavily-streaked greens together something might be done, but I know of no evidence which would lead me to suppose that a black creature has ever been bred by such a method. Black breeds only exist in the cases where black "sports" occur, as in the birds alluded to above.

#### White to Win.

Now, nature has kindly vouchsafed to favour us with occasional white Canaries. Although that which was exhibited at the last Palace show was the first I had seen, it was not the first I had heard of, for the breeding of two was recorded some years ago in the Fancy Press. Let us, therefore, diligently look for white Canaries, and cultivate them when found; no doubt very pale buffs would do to mate them with in the highly probable event of two pure whites of opposite sexes not coming to hand at the same time. There would be some pleasing problems in the colour-feeding of white Canaries, by the way—I suppose they would come out salmon-colour!

#### Why Not Brown?

Another Canary colour which might be worked upon with advantage is brown. This, like white, is very rare, but about twenty years ago I saw one or two Canaries of a distinct brown, not at all like Cinnamons, but a decided colour with dark streaks. In fact, they might easily have been taken for Linnet Mules, and it needed close examination to see that they were in all points true Canaries; as a matter of fact, their owner and breeder had not a Linnet on the premises.

But what does one want brown Canaries for, anyhow, may be asked? Simply because with a new colour we get a new departure, and we do not know what may come next—perhaps a black, or a red. It must not be forgotten that the only blue Budgerigars which have gladdened a weary world—and there have been only two instances of their production—were bred from yellows. This, it will be admitted, is not at all what one might have expected; if they had come from Greens, which have a good deal of blue in them, anyway, it would not have been so strange. But the moral obviously is, always encourage any new colour. Of course, one could probably colour-feed browns, and they ought to come out a nice rich mahogany colour.

#### Where to Look for Freaks.

Now, in order to get hold of new colour-variations, it is before everything necessary to cast a frequent eye on the humble common or singing Canary. It is among such birds that I saw the brown specimens above-noted, and among such I also once saw—this was in Calcutta, and the birds were Chinese-bred—a green with yellow markings in the wings and tail like a Greenfinch. I satisfied myself it was not a mule of any kind. When a bird is bred selectively for any point, its power of variation is decreased; hence, new departures must be sought for among specimens allowed to breed anyhow. You can easily appreciate this by looking at a thorough farmyard lot of fowls and ducks, and comparing them with those which have some breed in them.

#### Will Hybridising Do Anything?

The older writers were fond of repeating a statement that the colour of the Canary has been considerably modified by crossing with various European Finches. I can see no warrant whatever for this suggestion. Setting aside the fact that Finch-Mules are so very generally barren, I do not see how any of the Canary colours as we now have them can have been got from any of our wild Finches. It is quite sufficient to regard them as the result of simple variation, such as has given us the white Dove, the white Java Sparrow, the yellow Budgerigar, and so forth. When you get a Canary-and-Finch Mule, you do not get any very startling new tint, and, hence, even if such Mules were fertile, the object of starting novelties would not be much forwarded by trying this method.

#### A Shot at the Red.

There exists, however, a charming little bird which may give us a fresh start in the way of Canary variations. This is the Hooded Siskin (*Chrysomitris cucullata*), South America, of which the male is a lovely vermilion-red with black head, wings and tail, and the hen, grey, with a little red on wings and breast. Although this bird has very rarely been imported, a few have come over, and a pair are at the time of writing in the small birds' house at the Zoo. This exquisite little Siskin will breed with the Canary, as one might expect, but, curiously enough, the hybrid has proved fertile! Here, then, there is a chance of introducing a strain of red blood into the Canary constitution, which might ultimately enable us to breed red Canaries! The chief difficulty would be in getting these Red Siskins to start with, but this is only a matter of expense; they are to be had, if people can face the price. It would be advisable to mate them with very small Canaries, as they are smaller even than our Siskin; the Border Fancy would be suitable.

#### Producing Self-greens.

Another idea in hybridism which might be tried is the crossing of the Canary with the Grey-necked Serin (*Serinus canicollis*), of South Africa, with a view to breeding real self-greens. What we now call a self-green always has some of the dark streaking of the original wild Canary, and I think we shall agree that greens would look much better if we could get them even and without any streaks. The attempt to breed out the streaks seems to me about as hopeless as breeding them with the idea of their making a black specimen!

Now, the Grey-necked Serin, though otherwise exceedingly like a Green Canary, has no streaks, and, judging from what we see in hybrids between the Canary and the unstreaked Greenfinch, by crossing with this Serin we could eliminate the streakiness from our greens. I do not know whether the Hybrid would be fertile, but I should certainly expect it to be so, as the relationship of this handsome Serin to the Canary is obviously very close indeed.

#### A Beautiful Serin.

None of the other African Serins are likely to be of any use for crossing with the Canary, as there is no fresh colour to be gained from them, but there is one Asiatic species, ranging from the Caucasus to North-West India, which would be of extreme value for a cross, supposing the hybrid from it proved fertile. This is the Red-fronted Serin (*Serinus pusillus*), a bird about as big as our Redpoll. In colour it is mostly black, with yellow edgings to the back, wings, and tail, and a yellow abdomen; but on the rump is an orange patch, and on the head a fiery-red one. The hen is very similar to the cock. A cross with this bird ought to take us some way in the direction of a black Canary, to say nothing of the introduction of the orange tints, and I should say the probabilities are in favour of the fertility of the hybrid. Unfortunately, I do not know that this species has ever been offered for sale in England, and only a few turned up in the India trade; of these my friend Mr. E. W. Harper got some, and I believe sent specimens to the Zoo.

#### Alteration in Form.

Here, then, I end my suggestions as to the production of new colours in Canaries; but it is perhaps worth while to say something about shapes. No cross is likely to be of any use in effecting any introduction of novelty in this respect, and we must trust entirely to the generosity of nature. Here again, the common singing Canary is more likely to produce novelties than any fancy breed, but it is impossible to say beforehand what these may be. A point to be looked out for is the possible appearance of an unusually long tail; I have never seen a long-tailed Canary, and, in fact, no tame bird seems to vary in the direction of unusual length of tail, except the common fowl, which is, even in its wild state, a long-tailed bird—at any rate, the cock has long "sickles." Another point which might at any time appear is some new kind of crest; I have somewhere seen a suggestion that Canaries might be developed on the lines of Whydah's tails and Cardinal's crests, but for the present all such ideas of Canary improvement must remain as suggestions. The great thing is not to despise a novelty, but preserve and improve upon it.

# Our Round Table.

**Some Prominent Present-day Breeders and Exhibitors of the Norwich Plainhead Canary put their views concerning this variety before our readers.**

### Mr. Cullington (Norwich).

I have been a breeder and exhibitor of the Norwich Canary for more than 25 years, and have always been associated with bird societies. So that I have had a good experience of the Norwich Plainhead through hearing the opinions of others expressed as well as being able to hold my own. The bird of to-day is far different to the one at the time when I started, and I think a great improvement has been effected, as at about that time the Crest-bred was introduced to increase size; but with it came the long tails and flights which we too often see on the show bench even to-day. The Norwich Plainhead is a bird of colour which we all admire—the Yellows in particular, and especially the one with a good back and short tail and flight; but we do not see the Buffs with such colour and frosting as we should like to see.

I use double breeding cages on racks which I find can be kept clean as you can remove any single one out. And as I have over 30 pairs, I find it very useful to take them outside to clean. My nest boxes are made so as to hang 1½ins. from the back of the cage. I find that then the bird can turn completely round. I never get a badly-built nest. I supply very fine grass for nesting material; this is not so hot as hair and moss, and it assists if I have a sweating hen.

When the young birds can do for themselves I turn them into a flight cage where they can exercise their wings. I find that this improves their carriage. In conclusion. I think all young fanciers ought to belong to a society, and that they should exhibit birds at times. —F. Cullington.

### Mr. T. H. Dent (Preston).

extends over 25 years, and a most pleasant one it has been, as I have had the pleasure of breeding a good few winners during this time not forgetting the noted winner, "Little King," which I think is the most typical Norwich out, especially in shape and quality; and if it were a little stronger in head, it would be about perfect.

Regarding the points one should pay attention to when breeding the Norwich, I may say that I am a great believer in pedigree breeding. I don't care about breeding from a bird without I know something about it, even if it is a winner, as you sometimes get a winner which is the best of a bad lot. I would rather breed with a bird that does not look much, but has the blood of winners for many years back in it; then, if they breed back you get the right sort. I like one bird of a pair to have plenty of style and quality, and the other to have good size. I don't care if the latter is a bit rough, providing it has been bred from the right sort. It does not matter whether the cock or the hen has the points mentioned above, so long as you have them in one or the other. I use single cages, and run one cock with two hens, or three on occasions, giving to the hens plenty of crushed hemp and groats, along with egg food fresh three times a day when they are feeding; also green food (dandelion leaf for preference). I look in each nest three or four times daily to see that the young are alright. Giving the hens plenty of inga seed a few weeks before pairing them up I have found to be a good preventative of egg-binding.

My opinion of the stamp of bird exhibited to-day is that the Norwich are better than ever they were in every respect, being larger and having better heads and necks, and more chest than formerly; and in most cases teeming with quality. I mean, of conrse the most noted winners; not the long-sided, coarse birds that some of the judges "put in the money" occasionally. If the judges would only put the right birds up, I am sure we should have the intelligence and skill amongst present day breeders to still go on improving, as I know a great many breeders of the chubby ones.

In conclusion, I should like to mention one more improvement; I refer to show management. I think the present shows are better managed by far than was the case some years back. I might also say a word in praise of the specialist clubs for one great reform (in fact I think it the greatest of all), and that is the standard cages. What an improvement this, on the old-time show system when you could tell every man's birds by the cages, which were all shapes, colours and sizes! There is a great contrast now when an exhibitor can scarcely pick his own bird out in the clear classes, if he does not know his numbers and has no catalogue.—T. H. Dent.

### Mr. Eynon (Aberdare).

In accordance with the wishes of the Editor, I will endeavour to give a short account of what I think, and know, about the Norwich Canary. In selecting birds for breeding, I do not mind if the cock is a bit rough, so long as he is a big one, and of the right type. But to suit such a bird the hen would have to be smaller, and also finer in feather, as it is on the hen a fancier must depend to get good-shaped youngsters.

I have visited many shows, and, to my mind, the Norwich that are now winning are rather large and long in flights and tail, also too browy. For my own part, I prefer rather a medium-sized bird, cobby and thick-set, of the Bullfinch type, and short in flights and tail. I find that different judges have their different tastes; therefore, I must keep two or three different types of birds to suit the different judges. I should like if all of them went in for the one style of bird; then we would know exactly what to go in for. I wish Cage Birds every success.—David L. Eynon.

### Messrs. Cleminson & Taylor (Preston).

It will be seen by our photograph that our cages are all in racks. We consider these the simplest and the least expensive. They are made of six-inch boards, with holes bored in and thick wires running through them. Our stock consists of Norwich Plainheads and British birds. This season we are putting up 40 Plainhead hens. We use one cock bird to two hens, and at the present time have about eighty eggs and twenty young ones. Now, as to what we consider the most difficult points to breed in a Norwich Plainhead. We feel certain they are: a good head and short wings and flights. These good points are generally lost by using the Crest-bred to keep size up. Personally, we have not seen a Crest-bred yet we would give twopence for to cross in with Norwich; and to anyone wanting to increase the size of their birds, and keep to type and style, we would advise them to go to some fancier whose stock is good in these points, for we are certain it is the quickest and cheapest way, and will save a lot of disappointments.

What do we think of the present-day Plainhead compared with the past? When we look back to the teams turned out by Messrs. Wellings and Woods, Irons, H. Taylor, Vardy, and a host of others, a dozen years ago, we are none too certain that the Norwich are as good to-day as they were then. And yet, when we think of some of the winners at the late Scottish National Show—Messrs. Midgley's Yellow, Tom Seed's Unflighted Buff, Watson's Variegated Buff, and Grey's Buff hen (the last-mentioned we consider the best Buff hen we ever saw)! On the whole, we think they are a little more feathery now than they formerly were. No doubt fanciers have sacrificed a lot for colour, having got the notion into their heads that colour wins; but by a little careful handling by the judges we feel certain there will be no need to look back to the past for good Norwich Plainheads. Looking back at the times before there were any Norwich Plainhead Club or clubs to foster the breeding of the variety, the birds exhibited were not so large, but were more uniform in quality of feather—a point sadly lacking in a lot of the present-day exhibits.

The craze for size has undoubtedly led many fanciers to overlook this most important point, as, in our opinion, a real good Norwich should have a coat of that soft, silky feather which carries that delicate and most desirable pinky shade of colour. A bird of this description, with nice type and style, is sure to catch the judge's eye, and we think would almost please the average grumblers who are to be met with wherever an exhibition of cage birds is held. We think that if fanciers interested in the variety (and they are legion), would only join one or other of the specialist clubs whose sole object is the advancement of the breeding and keeping of the variety, we should very soon see the last of the big, long-sided, red-hot, or browy birds being exhibited. That the time is not far distant when this will be brought to pass is our wish.—Cleminson and Taylor.

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### Mr. Midgley (Winslow).

My introduction to the Fancy was in this wise. The town of W-nsl-w is (as ought to be generally well known) the hub on which the universe turns! I mention this because there still appear to be a few ignorant people who are not aware of the fact, and if anyone is inclined still to disbelieve it, I can only refer him to any good W-nsl-wite, who will at once affirm the truth of what I say. The matter is thus beyond argument!

It follows then that W——— is nothing if not up-to-date, and the time came when to continue to be so, we had to hold a show. Not one of your local teashop, stick-em-on-the-table, sort of affairs; not a bit of it. But a mammoth open event with liberal classification and good prize-money, etc., as befitted a town of such magnitude and importance. So there we were, with a show decided upon for Cage Birds, Poultry and Pigeons; the hall engaged; to say nothing of a large tent as an annexe—and myself on the committee, but with never a feather of any sort or description in my possession. A committeeman of such an event, and nothing to show? Perish the thought! And yet there I was with the show looming nearer and nearer, and still at my wits' end to know what I could show. Certainly I could tell what a Fowl, or a Pigeon, or a Canary was when I saw it, but as far as practical experience went in the breeding, rearing, or exhibiting of birds, I was a complete stranger. So which was it to be? I had little room for Fowls, no place for Pigeons, and thus there only remained the Canaries. But which variety should I got, and where should I get it?

In my dilemma I consulted a fancier friend and committeeman. Said he: "Why don't you get a Norwich from old —— of ——? You'd get a swinger for a sovereign." Happy idea—I acted upon it! In due time the bird arrived—a buff cock—and to me, who until this, had been a stranger to Canaries and to colour feeding, never was there such a bird! With what eagerness and expectancy I looked forward to that show! In due course the great day arrived, and the bird was carefully taken. How the time dragged! Should I win? Should I lose? What had happened (I was engaged in another department)? At length, however, the news comes, "You've got first!" Reader, you will remember your first win, and can enter into my elation. Here am I, thought I, at the top of the tree right away. My enthusiasm knew no bounds, and I need scarcely say that my first achievement only whetted my appetite, and like Oliver Twist, "I asked for more."

I sent the bird on to another show—and found my level! Not a mention! Of course I went to the show, and of course I found—as all novices have to find—that one can't make a full-blown fancier in a day. But the interest had been roused, the flame fanned; and I set myself to the study of the Norwich Plainhead. My subsequent ups and downs (with often more downs than ups) must, as the serial story writer says, be reserved for a future chapter. — W. N. Midgley

### Messrs. Walton and Noakes (Leicester).

It is with great pleasure we hear it is your intention to devote a supplement entirely to the Norwich Plainhead Canary. To us it is the one bird of the Fancy. As to whether it should hold pride of place among all other "varieties" is, of course, still undecided; its claim to this distinction must be very great indeed, as it is to be found bred in goodly numbers North, South, East and West, and really good specimens are exhibited from all quarters. When asked by beginners what variety it is best they should take up with, we never tire of extolling the many virtues of the Norwich Canary.

Our own experience dates back twelve years, and has been one of great pleasure. The difficulty of breeding the Norwich is nothing compared to the troubles encountered in the breeding of several of the other varieties. It is hardy, and usually is prolific in its breeding, and can be managed successfully after a little tuition by almost anyone possessed of a little patience. It is bred by thousands of working men, which proves that it is within the reach of nearly everyone, and no difficulty is experienced in disposing of stock unless one is in the hot-bed of another variety. The Norwich can be bred in almost any kind of room or aviary, and no great expense need be incurred in making a start. The one thing to avoid is the keeping of more than you have time to attend to properly. If you do overstock, the chances are that your labours will be in vain. It is doubtful whether any other hobby is better catered for than the Canary hobby. The difficulties that are met with can always be remedied if one will only take advantage of the information supplied in Cage Birds, and also in the Cage Birds Annual, which both deal with everything that is likely to arise, in a plain and masterly manner; the latter also gives the standard of points, and the model of the true Norwich. We would advise all would-be exhibitors to wait until they have thoroughly mastered the art of breeding, rearing and staging, before speculating with high-class birds, as this is usually the main cause of our "red-hot" exhibitors growing tired and disgusted, and leaving the Fancy. If they had only waited, such fanciers would have been a great help to the Fancy in general.

As regards what are the most important points to pay attention to when trying to breed the exhibition specimen, of course this depends upon the stock one has for this purpose. Some birds would excel in some points and fail in others. To breed a winner the birds would have to be paired together judiciously, and the fancier should be careful to avoid the pairing up of those having the same faults, and to try to counterbalance the failings of one by the excellence of the other, thereby striking the happy medium, as it were, which would bring us near tho model given us to attain. By the many good birds we see with a failing in the head and neck, we should say that this is the hardest point to breed and to retain; it is, therefore, a point which should not be lost sight of when one is pairing his stock. Quality of feather is, we all know, very essential in a show Norwich, but it is a point we consider it not difficult to obtain and to keep, and we opine that some of our judges pay far too much regard to it when placing the cards at shows. Oft-times we find it scoring over type, which every breeder must give first consideration to, as without it no bird can carry the hall-mark of a true Norwich.

We consider the present-day winning Norwich far in front of what was able to win 10 years back, as regards type and size. A sure proof that improvement has been made year by year can be seen by comparing the around excellence of the present-day winning exhibits in their various classes (so many now being so close on each others' heels that very little separates the winners from those having the last cards) with the birds in the classes of 10 years ago, when it was often the case of the winner standing "right away." Now many birds can be seen in one class which would a few years ago have been acclaimed "champions." What can be said of several of the well-known winners of 1903 and 1909? We can only describe them as of around excellence, good in every point, and as near perfection as possible. That many more like them will be bred in the present season to grace the show bench is our sincere wish.—Walton and Noakes.

### Mr. Cameron (Kelso).

I have been a breeder and exhibitor of the Norwich Plainhead since 1898, when I started in the Fancy with one pair—a Buff cock and a Variegated Yellow hen. Well I remember the first nest of young which I reared. I had been away from home on one occasion, however, when the young were about six weeks old, and on my return I was at once greeted at the top of the stairs by my mother with tears in her eyes, and she told me that an awful thing had happened. She had been up to the small room where I kept the birds, and having put up the window for the purpose of admitting fresh air, left the room, and when she went up to put the window down again, she found that the cage door had fallen down, and that three of the four youngsters had flown away! I was fairly staggered. I thought they would be killed by cats. One of them was picked up, however, on the bowling green the next day, and I got it safely back. But the other two were never heard of again. The success which I had with these two youngsters (the one which was left in the cage turned out to be my Crystal Palace Champion of 1901, and winner of 12 firsts, and the other, an Uneven Buff, won for me five firsts), fairly set me up for

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a larger stock, and two years later I bred my other champion, and the "Memorial Medal" winner at the Palace in 1902. I have bred winners every year. I have always gone in for shape, quality and colour, and I am not a lover of great size. I like the birds to be proportionate, everything to match with a close-fitting jacket. Many of the winners at some of the best shows I have visited had any amount of size, but lacked the beautiful, rounded body, and the sprightly carriage which I so much admire; and many of them were suitable as stock birds only, being feathery at the thighs and open at the front. In breeding I prefer both birds to be of medium size, and I like the hens to have nice short wings and tail, and good quality, with legs well set back. I owe much of my success to paying great attention to the hens, and breeding from this stamp. Large hens I have found to be not very good mothers. From double Buffs I have bred some grand birds teeming with quality, but I prefer the putting of a Buff cock to a Yellow hen, to any other way of pairing. The most important points to pay attention to are head, neck, shape and oloseness of feather.—A. G. CAMERON.

### Mr. E. Baker (Cowes).

I am well aware that far more able pens than mine have so often written on this subject, that one feels somewhat nervous in subjecting ones own ideas to the criticism of the Norwich Plainhead Fancy. The present-day Norwich, what is it? That is a query. I question whether in all the different breeds of Canaries there exists a greater difference of opinion as to what constitutes a really good specimen, than in the case of the Plainhead. I remember some years ago being at the All-England Show at Norwich. A discussion took place then between Mr. J. Mackley and a well-known London birdy paper representative. Says Jacob to the paper man, "Yes, you can make them in London; perfect specimens can be made in your office; but" (with a merry twinkle in his eye he said), "they are only paper ones." How often have so-called perfect specimens been portrayed, and ideals have been sent out showing breeders what they should breed for, and with what results? In many cases birds have been bred that have been like the models adopted by the Specialists' clubs. The breeders themselves have looked at these specimens with no small amount of pride, and the thought has flashed through their minds that they have hit the mark this time. How many times has this specimen been run into the show cage, and the admiring breeder has said, "Yes, he is a real topper"? How anxiously he awaits the date of the show, and how confident is he that when that event does take place, he is sure to be the lucky winner! But—oh! the buts. The lucky day dawns, and the promising specimen is staged to perfection, and takes its place on the show bench. Later in the day the owner makes his appearance at the show with a very smiling countenance, so confident is he of success. The class in which this grand specimen is entered is eagerly sought after, and, when found, what a change takes place! Surely the darkest cloud that ever obscured the glowing rays of the sun never equalled the dark look on that exhibitor's face! How he rubs his eyes and looks again; but he is not mistaken. This specimen from which he has been anticipating so much has, to use a real Lancashire expression, "Got nowt"; and often, in not very Parliamentary language, he asks the question, "What do they want?"

Sorry should I be to arrogate to myself the right to dictate to the Fancy what they should breed for, or to what model of perfection they should aspire. In this article I only give my own humble opinion as to what points I think necessary to make a good show specimen of the Norwich Plainhead. First, I like a good-sized bird. Don't let me be misunderstood here. When I say a good-sized bird, I do not mean a long, heavily-built bird, that is too lazy to move about, but a good, short, bold bird, full of life and vigour, and one that goes from perch to perch in such a way as to give an onlooker the impression that the bird's idea of himself is that there is no other bird equal to him. Then that all-paramount necessity, quality. What can there be more disgusting to a real fancier than to see a good-sized bird with long open feathers down its back, and enough dropping from its thighs to make a small pillow? Give me that short, silky feather with plenty of good under-colour, the sheen on which, when well got up, shines almost like a beautiful hoar frost.

Without doubt, one of the greatest points is type, and this, in my opinion, is where, if we are to judge by the awards given at many shows, those making the awards differ very much in their opinions. If at any time any bird fancier would like to send me a Christmas-box in the shape of a good bird, please don't send me a long-sided, flat-headed, long-tailed, coarse-feathered bird. If he does, it will give me a bad impression of his judgment; and I do like, above all things, to have the best of opinions of fellow fanciers. I must have a bird with type. By this I mean a bird with a good head, a nice wide entrance (not a V-shaped one, but one rising from the beak to a nice round skull), a short, thick neck, and the bird must be well-filled in down the back, and have wings well braced, just meeting nicely at the tips; it must have a neat, short tail, and be short in legs, but not too short; it must have a nice, jaunty carriage, and must take his perches in the best of style as before described. This, in my opinion, is a Norwich much to be desired.

Now, I can imagine many fanciers saying, "Yes, that's all right, Baker, but how do you make them like it?" Well, I don't make them, I leave the birds themselves to do that. But so much do I love the perfect Norwich Plainhead that, if my personal experience is of any value, I am quite willing to place it at the disposal of the Fancy, for I am proud to say that many a Palace winner has been bred in my rooms, as many fanciers can testify. I have often smiled when visiting a show to hear the remark passed, when the keenest of fanciers have been criticising my birds, "I wonder where he picked this one up." Well, I have never picked up a good one yet. I have bought some, but I have bred a great many more. How often one has read of writers when giving hints on pairing up, advising fanciers to put a large cock with a small, cobby hen, also advising one to pair birds with bad points to the opposite with extra good ones. The latter method I do not believe in, although good birds may have been bred that way. Personally, I like two good, medium-sized birds, the cock a little the bigger of the two. I try to select the very best with as few bad points as possible, for one invariably finds that in the progeny the bad points generally predominate; hence the necessity of selecting those with most perfect points in type, quality and colour. Then, with good, sound health one's birds should produce something that will do some good on the show bench. Don't run away with the idea that even then you are going to breed all winners. Experience, painful and costly, has taught me that the gems are few and far between. Were it not so, the Fancy would lose its charm.

Doubtless the question will be asked, where are we to get the birds which you mention? There are many good breeders who can and do supply real fine stock birds, providing one is prepared to pay a fair price for them; but, unfortunately, people are not willing to pay. But when a man has paid a big price to get a good strain together—a strain that possibly has cost him hundreds of pounds to produce—he has a right to expect some return for his outlay, not considering his time and trouble. Who is there, however, amongst the breeders but has had pitiful letters stating that the writers are only working men who cannot afford more than a few shillings? The birds they want are gems of the first water. Well do I remember a man coming to me; he wanted a good pair. He wished to start in the Fancy. His appearance did not suggest great wealth, and he assured me he could not afford much, and being slightly crippled (this appealed to me), I let him have a good pair at a very low price. He being a stranger to me, I naturally thought it a deserving case. You may imagine my contempt when in less than a month I found he lived only five miles away, was a very prosperous tradesman, and, in fact, in less than a twelvemonth sold his business and retired. I am afraid my readers will have grown tired of this article, but I should like in conclusion, to most earnestly wish one and all the very best of all breeding seasons.—E. BAKER.

### Mr. Grey (Morpeth).

The most important points in breeding exhibition Norwich are, first, the head. What we require is a well-rounded, dome-shaped head, having a good, wide entrance between the eyes, rising nicely up from the beak, forming a fine curve, and falling into a good stout neck. A narrow-headed bird is very objectionable. To get the good head I have paired two of my largest and best-headed birds, and have produced stock cocks which have proved very useful to me. Unfortunately in using this "big" blood you also get extra length in wings and tail. Therefore, to obtain this head without these undesirable qualities, I consider is the most difficult thing in the breeding of the Norwich. In fact, in my opinion, more birds fail in this point than almost any other on the bench. Secondly, the chest. This is a very important point in an exhibition Norwich, for without chest properties the bird looks long-sided. What is wanted is a good, deep, well-rounded chest, nicely tapered away to the vent. To obtain this I have used with success the very large stock cocks mentioned above, and have paired them to hens selected from my stock with the shortest of wings and tails. The tail of the hen I like to see carried well up, showing no droop, and leaving no space between root of tail and wings. The wings should fall to the back, so that even when the birds are frightened about the cage, the wings will not cross, but drop down on the back and fit like a book-leaf. The third difficulty is in regard to the wings and tail. Nothing looks worse than long wings crossing like a pair of scissors on the back; and a long tail takes away the nice chubby effect so much desired in the Norwich. However, if these short hens I have mentioned are used, there is little fear of one's getting birds too long in wings and tail.

Fourthly, as to feather. This is another important point to be reckoned with. The feather we like to see on our show birds is that close, silky kind which has a nice sheen on it. Many of our Norwich which have come from "big" blood carry too much feather at the vent, and this takes away the taper from the chest, thus spoiling the fine sweep and clean cut so much desired. But as I have found that the type comes from the hen, if you have selected the correct style of hen this fault ought to be avoided. Fifthly, in regard to colour. I have always made it a practice as far as possible to pair a Variegated or Ticked bird to a Clear, as it is from the Variegated or green birds that we get most colour. But, as to colour-feeding, this is unknown with me. On this point I must admit that I am in the dark, for with all the hundreds of prizes I have won, I have never yet won an award for colour.

As to the stamp of Norwich Canary now being exhibited, I admit at once that the Plainhead is not perfect, and that there is a good deal of room for improvement, for which I am very thankful, as it leaves something for one to look forward to and to accomplish. It is very easy for disappointed fanciers to write to the papers that the judges ought to place birds with nice short wings, short tails, good, bold heads, close silky feather and fine deep chests; but it is a very different matter breeding these birds. And my experience has been that whenever one of these birds has made its appearance on the bench, no judge has ever passed it. The difficulty is that there are none of these perfect specimens to be seen Every bird, even the very best that I have seen winning, has a fault. Here comes in the sporting spirit of the true fancier. He always runs the risk of being beaten, or has the luck to win, for he knows, if he will own it, that his bird has some fault, and the judge may find it. Some judges are more lenient as regards certain faults than others, and this is where one may win. Other judges cannot stand certain faults, and this is where one loses. For my part I have very nearly always been satisfied with the judging, for on looking over the classes I have been able to see the type of bird the judge happened to be going for, and if he stuck to his type right through, then I have been satisfied, for he then selected the type he fancied, and that was what he was there for.

There has been a lot of correspondence of late in CAGE BIRDS on the type of the winning Norwich Plainhead. But I must say that every judge we have had in the North has practically placed the same birds in the Norwich section. And as I have had my birds last season under eleven different judges, and have won first prizes under every one of these, there can't be such a difference of opinion as to what constitutes a "Winning Norwich" as some fanciers would have us believe.

Now we will take the type advocated by one of these disappointed exhibitors from a sketch produced in CAGE BIRDS of March 6th. To start with, the writer gives his ideal length of a Norwich as 5½ inches. Why! good gracious! this is the Border Fancy standard length, and the Border Fancy, or "Wee Gem," as he is called, is allowed to win at this length. Surely we don't want to make our fine, bold Norwich into "Wee Gems"! That beautiful plate drawn by that able artist, Mr. Norman, and which was selected by the Norwich Plainhead Club as the best model Norwich, is the ideal. This model, I think, was about 6½ inches long. In my opinion, there has never been such a model before. We do not want to go back 50 years to find a model, for there are now many birds on the show bench not so very far off the standard. What we are to do is to breed out the faults we have, but, as far as possible, to keep the Norwich up in size. A good bird ought to be from 6 to 6¼ inches long. Under this length I don't think we can get the necessary chest and head properties, and still have that fine, clean sweep to the vent so much admired. By all means let us breed out these crossed wings and the superfluous feather; but to accomplish this I don't think it will be necessary to go back to the Border Fancy standard. I am confident that in another year or two we will have a fine, large, bold Norwich on the bench, and I for one will try my best to produce it up to the standard.—ALFRED GREY.

**We tender our hearty thanks to those readers who have kindly favoured us with their views on the Norwich Plainhead, and regret we cannot publish all this week. Those omitted through lack of space we shall hope to deal with in subsequent issues.—EDITOR.**


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# A Chat about Yorkshires.

By W. MUNDELL.

**A Lecture delivered before the L. and P.O.S. on April 15th.**

*(Concluded from page 405).*

### How to Avoid Flat Heads.

At the conclusion of the reading of this paper, the lecturer resumed his own remarks. He would speak first, he said, on the subject of the head of the Yorkshire Canary. They would find in the Yorkshire Canary Club handbook the following description :—"A small head, skull narrow." One of the greatest difficulties the fancier had to meet was to know how to breed good Yorkshire heads.

Flat-headed birds, he thought, would not come from proper-headed Lancashires or Belgians. He had an idea that flat-heads were caused by the dryness of the atmosphere in which the birds were bred, and that the proper method to avoid getting such heads was to see that the young birds had sufficient moisture while finding their way out of their shells. Of course, they would have to ascertain how to impart any additional moisture that might be necessary, but this was, to his way of thinking, the only means by which to avoid having flat-headed birds. If they could only find out what to give the young birds in order to get moisture into them, they would never need to fear having flat-headed youngsters. He failed to see how it was possible for them to breed flat-headed young from two birds with round heads. He had seen many a young Canary, after it had come out of its shell, which had a piece of shell stuck fast to its head; and as soon as that piece of shell came off it took with it a little of the down from the head of the youngster, which left the bird, therefore, a little flat-headed. That was the way in which flat-heads were produced. He would advise fanciers, he said, to supply the old birds whilst sitting with plenty of baths (for moisture purposes), also to let them have plenty of fresh air.

The neck, according to the standard, said the lecturer, should be full and long and straight. Many of his audience went in for full-necked Yorkshires; for his own part he did not like such birds. Neither did he like shoulders round and heavy, as then the bird was usually sluggish, and such was of little, if any, use for breeding purposes. Another reason why he did not like round-shouldered birds was because their wings came too low down on the breast, making the tips to cross, which was a serious fault. Breed with two square-shouldered birds, said the lecturer, then you will not have round-shouldered youngsters, with crossed wings, lacking position and nerve, but the opposite : birds with grand wings full of nerve and position.

### Selecting for Pairing Purposes.

Referring next to the selection of cocks and hens for pairing purposes, the lecturer said that given a right good and typical clear yellow cock bird, the question arose as to what was the best bird to pair it with. They should always remember that when they had a typical clear they had a small bird; so that if they bred from clears alone the birds would sure to deteriorate in size. Therefore, they should pair such a good clear yellow cock as they had supposed to a good ticked hen. There were, generally speaking, four classes in which the best Yorkshires were to be looked for—the clear yellows, the clear buffs, the ticked yellows, and the ticked buffs; so that if there were nothing great in those classes they would not find many good birds in any other classes. The best way to pair them was to put a clear yellow cock with a ticked buff hen and a ticked buff cock with a clear yellow hen. They would always get a bit more strength in their birds this way. It was a well-known fact that a clear bird was clear because it was weak. It was also well-known that all albinos of whatsoever species of animal, were weak. So that if a fancier were to go on constantly breeding with clear birds only, he would eventually get essentially weak ones.

"What would you do if you had a variegated cock bird?" some one might ask. In that case, said the lecturer, you would, of course, know that that bird, because it was variegated, was a *heavy* bird; therefore, they should pair it to a clear quarter-bred Belgian hen, or one showing a lot of breed. Otherwise they would get birds which would be far too heavy and strong for the show-bench. We had too many birds that were short and thick, and had not enough length in them. Again, supposing they went in for evenly-marked hens, they did not want to pair them with any marked birds at all. What they should do was to pair such birds with clears bred from even-marks. The lecturer remarked parenthetically that he did not say that there were many successful exhibitors who were the breeders of the birds they exhibited. (Laughter.)

### The Breeding of Cinnamon Marks.

Regarding the breeding of cinnamon-marked Yorkshires, said the lecturer: I will tell you what I did when I bred my best cinnamons. I happened to go into a certain bird-room and found a small, but typical buff ticked hen; she was beautifully made, but, as I said, not large. I had this cinnamon-marked bird, and I bought a clear yellow dark-eyed cock (bred from a Cinnamon marked yellow and dark-eyed hen), which I paired with her. Strange though it may seem, every bird I bred from them was a yellow hen. I then went to a house to hunt for some buff cinnamon-marked cocks. I heard of a bird which someone was intending to buy cheap—his outside limit for a good one was about five shillings—but the owner had been trimming the bird for about a fortnight, getting it into good condition for the prospective purchaser, to whom he was going to sell it for five shillings. Well, I happened to be there one Sunday morning when I thought, this is the bird for me. Mind you, this was before I had heard anything about the possible sale of it to another. The man asked twelve shillings for it, which I paid, although I thought it a big price. I took the bird home and put it in a flight. It was from that bird that I bred my old cinnamon-marked yellow which won at the Palace and other places; and I had, besides, seven of the grandest birds living at that time. Well, when I heard how the man from whom I purchased the bird had been trimming it, and the tale connected with the trimming, naturally I wanted seven shillings back. (Laughter.) I couldn't have it, he said. But I did get it—I had drinks and cigars many times until we settled the matter in a friendly way. The bird having proved a good investment for me. (Laughter.) In order to establish a strain of cinnamons, continued the lecturer, you should always pair your marked cocks with clear pink-eyed hens, and your marked hens with clear cocks; under no consideration should anyone breed with two marked birds, unless the birds happened to be only very slightly marked.

Supposing, said the lecturer, warming to his theme, you had bred these birds for some time and had "run down" in stock; what would you do to bring your stock up again? Many fanciers, he said, as soon as they begin to think they know more than anybody else—(laughter)—stop procuring fresh birds. This was a fatal error to fall into. The selection of stock birds was a most difficult thing. He would personally never select a bird unless he knew from the breeder of it what kind of bird it was. And by "the breeder" he did not mean an exhibitor, nor a salesman, but the one who bred it, and who bred lots of others. When selecting, one should get a right good stock bird, and be very careful how he paired it. Without an occasional introduction of fresh blood no one could hope to be very successful. But a fancier should not wait until the stock really needed replenishing, but should try and breed a stock bird or two in readiness; he should always, at any rate, keep one or two good breeding stock birds.

Speaking of colour in birds, the lecturer stated that if a breeder wanted to get a proper green marked Yorkshire, he should cross a good buff hen with a typical yellow green, which would beat all the cinnamon blood in the world for colour. (Hear, hear.) And there were no yellows on the show bench today like there were twenty years ago. From Cinnamon Yellows one did not get the depth of colour that was necessary.

There were, of course, different shades of Greens. For breeding Greens they wanted the grass-green birds, but for producing colour in the Yorkshire he should select the bronze-coloured ones. But if they wanted even-marked Greens, then he would advise the use of the grass-green bird, because you obtained a darker eye and wing mark, which showed the bird off to better advantage. Most of our dark-eyed marked Yorkshires showed a tinge of brown in them, which proved that they had crosses of Cinnamon marked blood in them.

### Concerning Belgian Blood.

Crossed wings were, said the lecturer, brought about, as he had already pointed out, by being round-shouldered birds. How, then, was it to be stopped? There was one thing which he would always advocate—something which all great Yorkshire Canary fanciers adopted—viz., the use of the Belgian-blooded bird. There was no Yorkshire Canary that was worth anything at all that did not have Belgian blood running in its veins, and there was not a Yorkshire, fit to go on a show bench, that was not full of such blood. They would find hundreds of Yorkshires put down, and yet not find two good 'uns amongst them. There were some pretty little ones, it was true, but he liked a pretty big 'un. (Laughter.) Why should they not have big ones that were also pretty? The main thing was to see that with the size there was also proportion. You must have substance, and if you get that in a strong, heavy bird, to tone it down to the necessary point, you must have Belgian blood in it.

If you get hold of a Belgian, continued the lecturer, and feel its neck, you will find that, like a Swan's, it will seem to have more joints in it than it really has. He playfully said that it might be possible, as in the case of a rabbit, to cut a piece out of the neck of the Belgian, and by shortening it, do away with the frill, which was the greatest drawback we got through introducing the Belgian.

The occasional introduction of Belgian blood was absolutely necessary, said the lecturer, and without it they could hope to do but little. He had known during the last thirty years all the great exhibitors, and most of them had "gone down the river," having become so bigoted in the idea that their own birds were much better than everybody else's, only to awaken at last to the fact that their own birds were too small to be of any further use to them or to anybody else. It was impossible to expect that a bird would stay on top if it had none other than its own Yorkshire blood in it.

### Pedigree of Value.

Pedigree is of great value in breeding the Yorkshire, continued the lecturer, in fact, it is useless attempting to breed from anything but good and reliable pedigree birds. Pedigree and the knowledge of your own stock are the great pivots upon which success or failure rests in all breeding operations; and it is only after many years' of careful study and breeding that a fancier is enabled to know how to mate certain birds to produce certain results.

Like produces like, but only when it is from a good strain. Two good birds picked up haphazard, and mated together, may hit happily; or on the other hand, they may produce a lot of mongrels. If, however, you pair two really good birds together from a reliable and old-established strain, you are almost certain to breed a few birds from them that will repay you for your trouble.

If you fail to attend to this question of pedigree, you may by one false move, undo the work of several years' breeding, and completely spoil your stock for the future. No man can pair another's stock up. The fancier who knows his own birds is the only one for the task, and he should be very careful in selecting and matching up his birds. In all my breeding career my idea and practice have been to get the length from the cock side and position and quality from the hen, and many old fanciers and myself have found this way the best. With this the lecturer sat down.

# The Novices Notebook.

**This page consists of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, contributed by various leading experts.**

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### Incubation Troubles.

Many and varied are the troubles that beset the path of the amateur Canary breeder who is serving his probation in the Fancy, from the time of pairing up his birds until the young are safely weaned off, and able to paddle their own canoes through the rocks and shoals of life.

To commence to give a brief reference to the most common of these difficulties, a starting point is required, and the time when the eggs are all laid may be taken, especially as this is the time when the novice most frequently has his first chastening drawback. Hens differ tremendously in temperament, and whilst one will go about all the duties of nesting with machine-like regularity and precision, another will scarcely make a fair start before she gets bewildered, and appears sorely in need of some feathered "Sairey Gamp" to advise and direct as to the way they should go.

If a hen has just prior to our starting point mistaken the purpose of the nest, and in youthful ignorance deposited her eggs upon the floor of the cage, and ignores the presence of the nest-pan, the breeder may just as well try to muster up a nice good-natured sunny smile, and taking the hint that the hen does not wish to be bothered, look around for a good-natured, right-minded, feathered dame who will undertake the onerous task of hatching the eggs and rearing the precious babies. Such a hen, if a very young one, may be given another chance, and she may very probably amend her ways.

### Clean Nests a Virtue.

But supposing the eggs have been duly deposited in the nest, and the hen then refuses to sit upon them. There may be many causes for this which can be more or less remedied. In the first place it is necessary to consider the temperament of the individual hen. If she is of a very nervous and restless nature, it is best to interfere with the usual remodelling of the nest when the full complement of eggs is laid as little as possible. She may resent, or be fearful of, the interference, and her only means of showing it, or, as she may think, of safeguarding herself, is to leave the nest severely alone. Indeed, when a hen has constructed only a fairly tolerable nest herself, it is quite the best thing to leave it alone, unless one knows perfectly well that that particular hen is of such a disposition as will allow liberties to be taken in regard to her arrangements.

Then if she refuses to sit on the eggs after having laid them in the nest, the first thing one should do is to examine whether the nest is infested with insects. One may be somewhat inclined to think that the short space of time the nest has been in the cage precludes the possibility of such a thing. This, however, is a grave mistake, especially when the cages have not been thoroughly overhauled and cleaned immediately before starting. As a matter of fact, a few days will in many such cases suffice to make the nest such a bed of torture that only the most persistent and exemplary sitter will be courageous enough to submit to it. If this is the cause, the remedy lies in making a new nest with clean and disinfected material in a perfectly clean pan, and put the hen to sit in the usual way. The use of impure material and that which is objectionable to the hen may also be a contributing cause, but if due care is taken in selecting clean and innocuous material in the first instance, this cause should never arise.

### Privacy to be Desired.

The position of the nest will have a direct bearing upon the question in the case of nervous hens. It is very desirable to so place the nest pans at the beginning that the hens when sitting upon the nests are not brought too prominently and closely into publicity, and compelled to submit to prying eyes at close quarters, and similar proximity to all kinds of movements which are rendered necessary about the cage. As a rule the best all-round position for the nest is hanging on the back of the cage about the centre. In this position the nest is most easily get-at-able, although one cannot look into it without unhanging it and lowering it a little. But this should be no detriment, as the less of this kind of curiosity one displays the better; and if it is really desired to peep in occasionally to see how things are going on, the wish may be gratified by hanging the nest on one end of the cage about the middle, which will enable one to see into it as much as is really necessary, but has the disadvantage of bringing the rim of the nest very near to the perch, and thereby tempting the young to leave the nest before they are able to properly support themselves on the perches.

### A Precaution.

In no case should the nest be hung close up to front wires. This position is all right to gratify the owner's curiosity, but is a terribly trying one for a nervous hen. If such a position has been inadvertently chosen, and the hen seems chary of sitting, or is constantly rushing off the eggs to escape suspected danger when anyone goes near the cage, a piece of brown paper or some other material should be fixed on the front of the cage just before the nest, so that the bird is screened off from the full gaze of everyone who happens to go near.

*(To be continued).*

# Through a Birdroom Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

(Continued fom Page 352.)

### My Zebra Finches (continued).

The poor little cock seemed deeply distressed and quite lost without his little wife, so in sheer pity I sent off at once for a helpmeet for him. A few mornings later she arrived, and I at once introduced her to her future lord and master. He, I regret to say, accepted her unquestioningly like the simple Trojan did the Olympian lady who appeared to him clad in grace, but otherwise scantily, from a rosy cloud. I believe he really mistook her for the moment for his late love; he soon, however, discovered his mistake, and before his reproachful glance I felt like a Sunday school child who happens to be taken to task for having skipped the Kings of Israel and Judah. His indignation was not, however, of long duration, for a few hours later I found him engaged in a violent flirtation, and the next day I discovered that the late lamented was entirely forgotten, and the gay Lothario was intent on founding a new Zebra dynasty. This time things all went on quite smoothly, and after about twelve days I heard some faint sounds proceeding from the nest, and by the frequent visits of both parents I felt sure that the eggs had hatched, and I began to feel some of the "solid joys and lasting treasures," that the hymn says "None but Zion's children know."

For one who had had so many bitter diaappointments, it was like "green pastures and still waters of comfort. "For ten days I possessed my soul in more or less patience, and then one fine morning my long and weary wait was over, and I saw my first little Zebra Finch. No young father ever felt more proud of his first baby than I did of that little bird. He wasn't very big, but he was all there, and the fascinating way in which he would sit on the floor, with his head on one side and beg for food, I was never tired of of watching. He was subsequently joined by four other little companions, and they made a picture I should love to have painted. In a very few days—it might have been weeks—it seemed to me that they became adults, their black backs changed to red, and their barring began to show, and then pretty spots to appear, and lo, before I knew it, they were busy housekeeping for themselves.

At the end of that season I had a flock of fifty Zebra Finches flying about, and I was as proud of them as I ever was afterwards of any of my most difficult achievements in bird-dom.

But now it strikes one I had better be drawing this experience to a close, or you will be reminding me of the young lady who had just returned from India, and was very full of her experiences. She had devoted herself during breakfast to giving a lively description of social life in India, and was preparing to spend the morning in continuing her lecture, when her aunt slipped out of the room and returned with some sermon paper, a blotting pad, and a pen. "Maud," she said, "this is too good to be lost, you must write it all down." The projected manuscript did not come to much. I often wish I had a maiden aunt who would say the like to me. I do hate writing out my experiences, but then my "Uncle," the editor, will insist on my doing so, and he says he loves reading what I write. "In vain," I cry, like the lobster in the Water Babies," "let me alone!"

### Chapter xxix.—My Sacred Kingfishers.

One of my most pleasant memories has to do with the Sacred Kingfisher of Australia. It must be some ten or fifteen years since I one morning received a most seductive letter from a dealer telling me that he had just received a very fine pair of Sacred Kingfishers, and that he was sending them on for me to look at. Of course he knew perfectly well what "looking at" them would do; he would never see them again. I ought to have sent him an indignant wire marvelling at his effrontery, but of course I did nothing of the sort. I am not ashamed to say that I awaited their advent with much the same sort of impatience as a lad feels when the lass is just a little bit late at the trysting place. The next morning I sent a messenger to the station in good time to bring up the precious cage, and I could hardly restrain my impatience to unfasten the string; so eager was I to see my new treasures.

I had searched all the bird books I possessed to try to find out what manner of bird the Sacred Kingfisher was, but in vain; I could not find a word about them. They have a copy of Gould's "Birds of Australia" at the Leeds Public Library, but as Leeds is nine miles away from my home, the book might just as well have been non-existent, so far as I was concerned; and as I had no friend I could consult—for I live in an agricultural district—I had to possess my soul in patience.

On opening the cage I was fairly delighted at my first view. Sitting on the perch side by side were two demure-looking birds about one-third the size of an English Kingfisher, and so far resembling them that anyone could have told to what genus they belonged. I was sorely troubled to know how to feed them. I thought they might require a fish diet, and if so, how in the world was I to supply it, as not only is there no water here to speak of, but what there is contained no fish that I ever discovered. In some favoured places you can get out to the nearest bank and catch minnows by the pailful, but not so at Micklefield. Tho only creatures I ever saw in a pond here were newts, and I felt sure that no self-respecting Kingfisher would tackle them.

#### Up a Tree,

I was in a regular fix, much in the position of the boy who was chased by the bull; open to congratulations because he had reached the tree first, and to condolence because a fellow up a tree, and in the middle of a forty-acre field, with a disappointed bull for a companion, is in a mighty bad fix. There was I to be congratulated no doubt on the possession of a pair of Sacred Kingfishers, but open to condolence as I had to find out how to feed them; and while I was making the discovery, they would very possibly die. I thought of the saying of a friend: —To rear birds you've got to get up every morning with determination, if you're going to go to bed with satisfaction. I therefore determined that I would succeed if success were possible. There was nothing to help me in the cage, as the food-pot was empty, so that either the astute sender had given them nothing for the journey, or what he had given had been so much appreciated that it was all cleared up. They did not look at all droopy, so I concluded that they had dined well.

I knew, of course, that they would be birds that would either live on fish or live stuff of some sort. I had read that Australia is a barren and dry land where no water is—at any rate, for large portions of the year—so that I felt pretty sure that unless my Kingfishers had dwelt by the banks of a river, that they must have lived on something else than minnows.

What other creatures there might be in the Antipodes that would tempt Halcyon Sancta I did not know. I thought of grasshoppers, but grasshoppers were as much out of the question in February at Micklefield as minnows. The only live thing I possessed were mealworms, so I determined to try them, though, as I looked at their great beaks, my heart failed me to think where mealworms were to come from to supply so great a need. I went to the tin and came back with a small potted meat jar full, and placing it on the floor of the cage awaited developments. I had not to wait long. Hardly had I withdrawn my hand, before one of the Kingfishers was sitting on the edge, and after knowingly cocking his head on one side, he dived into the struggling mass, and the next moment he had a big fat mealworm by the waist, and was banging him against the perch in a way calculated to knock the life out of any living thing. After a series of bangs, he tossed the mealworm up in the air, defty caught him in his open beak, and so he was gone. It reminded me more of a clever conjurer making your best gold watch disappear, than anything else. Encouraged by his action, the wife now took a plunge, alighted on the jar and repeated the process, and so it went on for ten minutes, until not a worm remained behind.

#### Timely Satisfaction.

Then each bird carefully cleaned its beak on the perch, much in the same way as one sharpens the carving knife, and sat with its beak well tilted up, and eyes half closed, like a city alderman after a Lord Mayor's banquet, and allowed the meal to digest. It fairly frightened me to see how these mealworms went. I had solved the problem of food, so long as this food held out, but how long would this be? A quart of mealworms looks a lot, but not when such inroads are made upon it. I calculated that at the present rate of consumption the supply might last ten days with economy; but at this rate what would the Kingfishers cost? In about a quarter of an hour these birds seemed ready and willing to repeat their effort.

I thought that perhaps bread and milk might help to fill those awful beaks, so I made some of the most seductive kind and placed it humbly before them. They swooped down immediately, probably thinking that it was another dose of mealworms; but when they had tasted it they tossed it off their beaks with the most ineffable contempt I ever saw on a bird's face. I was fairly disappointed, and I showed it, for my jaw fell like a signal flag. I felt I must try something else. Now I like experimenting, but I like to do so on somebody else, in corpose aliene, even as Artemus Ward, when prevented by other engagements from taking part in the war, freely offered the service of all his relations. Experiments on Sacred Kingfishers I felt might prove very costly, as they had already caused me to part with £7; and that looks a bit of money to loose.

I therefore went and mixed them a pot of soft food, with plenty of egg in it and a few cut up mealworms. They treated this much like children do buns when they pick out all the plums; they ate up all the lot of mealworms, and then looked expectant, seeming to suggest that I had made a mistake and had brought them the wrong sort of food. However, I remained firm and left the pot and hunger to do their work. After a time I was gratified to see that the food was going, though not very swiftly; and I felt that I must be firm and sparing over mealworms, as so long as they could get the latter, they would take nowt else. I left them a good pot of food over night, and when I came down early next morning, a little bit afraid as to what I might find, I was delighted to see two live Kingfishers, though they were decidedly querulous until I had given them a good feed of mealworms, when they perked up considerably. I conclude they were saying to each other what the Earl of Chatham did when he remarked after the enjoyment of a good dinner: "Pitt's full!"

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# Wild Bird Life.

### A Gathering of Warblers.

Although the weather is warm, and bright sunshine is seen during the greater part of each day, vegetation appears to be somewhat backward. Many of the woods and hedgerows are comparatively bare of leaves, giving an almost unnatural appearance to the countryside, considering the atmospheric conditions. We look for green woods and hedgerows with summer weather, and like to see some cover for the coming migrants; of these a large gathering of the dainty little Willow Warbler is now in our district. We first noticed them just outside the village, where a wood of firs and undergrowth borders the roadway. They are sweet little birds with pale yellowish breasts and brownish-yellow backs. They have a clinging habit when among the trees, very unlike the steady perching of the Finches and others. So much do they resemble the Chiff-Chaff and Wood Wren that it is impossible for the novice to distinguish them, and even the practised observers cannot always identify on sight. While the birds are flitting from tree to tree, the wings of the Willow Wrens appear as long as those of the Wood birds. And the richness of colour is no guide, for I have seen a Chiff-Chaff that equalled his cousins in beauty of plumage. But if they sing (and at this season of the year they are generally bubbling over with health and melody) one can tell in an instant, for the two-note song of the Chiff-Chaff is unmistakeable, and the singing of the Willow Wren is unlike that of any other bird we possess. Commencing with a high full note, he drops it both in pitch and force, and it gradually dies away as though the little performer was exhausted with the effort. We heard and saw many during a morning ramble, all with the same peculiar descending cadence; some of the notes died away almost to a whisper; some were very short, but sweet. Later in the summer months the song will be fuller, but of just the same character. On a piece of rough uncultivated higher ground these dainty little fellows were very plentiful, and their trilling song was heard repeatedly. Once or twice we heard the scolding note of the Whitethroat, and after a time detected the species. But he was very shy and retiring; possibly he had only just arrived, and was in need of rest and quiet. Away through the trees we occasionally caught a glimpse of a hen Redstart, and so frequently have I seen the hen bird first that one almost wonders if the gentler sex is the first to arrive. The beautifully mottled Wryneck, too, is in the district, but his shrill call has not been heard.

### Where Swallows Winter.

All the Swallows now winging northwards do not spend the winter in Africa; we are told upon good authority that a fair number stay in the south of Spain.

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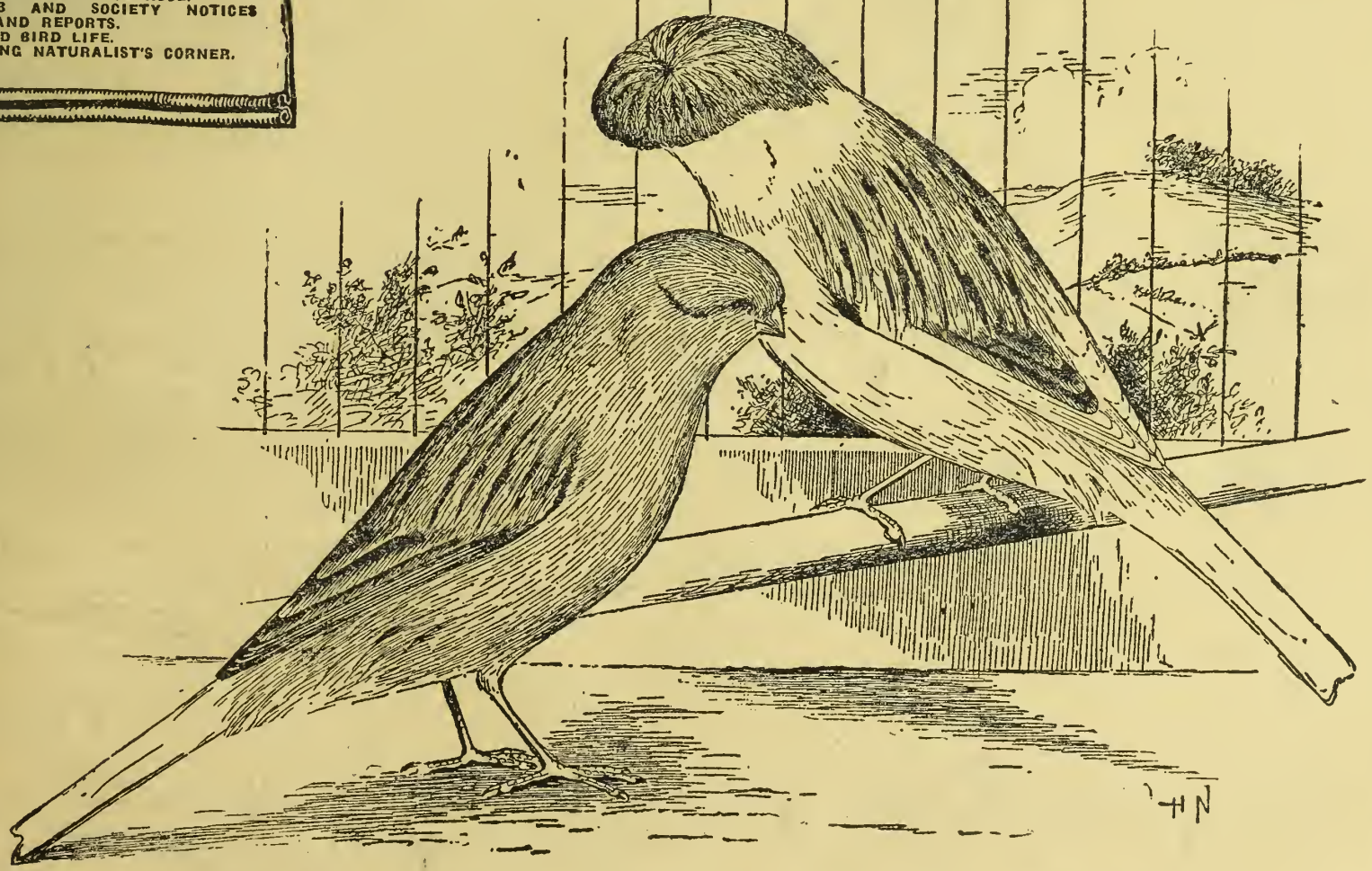

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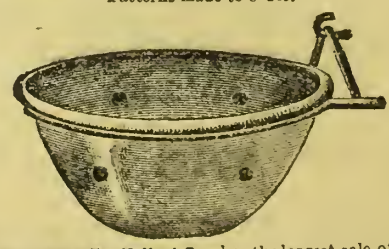

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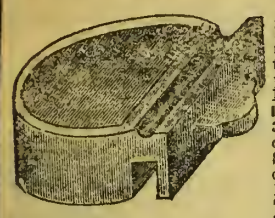

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### MULES—HYBRIDS.

PEARSON, Greenwich, wants Mules; cash or exchange.

VARIEGATED Goldfinch Mule, Finch song, 7/6.—White, opposite Brewery, Cainscross, Stroud, Glos.

COCK Linnet and hen Canary for muling, 4/6 the pair; approval.—H. Jinks, 2, Bramall-lane, Sheffield.

DECEMBER caught Linnet cock, Canary hen, 1908, 4/6; cage, 2/-.—Saunders, 46, Brightside-rd., Lewisham.

GRAND cock Goldfinch and Sib-bred hen, ready to nest, 10/6; worth double.—Leeson, Wellinghoroughrd., Rushden.

MULING hens, 20 years inbred, yellow or buff, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; approval.—W. Growdridge, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley.

A PAIR of variegated Goldfinch Mules, 7/6; a bargain.—Miss F. Brown, 86, Shortlands-rd., Sittingbourne, Kent.

BULLFINCHES; nine fine young aviary moulted hens, mad to nest, 2/6 each; approval, exchange.—Payne, 136, Willow-st., Leicester.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch, hen Canary; three compartment breeding cage, 15/- lot.—Barker, Junr., Stourbridge-rd., Bromsgrove.

HYBRID pairs, Linnet-Goldfinch, Redpoll-Goldfinch, Chaffinch-Greenfinch, 5/- pair; or exchange.—Darbyshire, Whitefield, Manchester.

LARGE pink-eyed Sib. bred hens, sure light Mule breeders, 5/6, 7/6 each; ten days approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

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LIGHT Goldfinch Mule cock, every note guaranteed, Goldfinch, take 10/6; snit catcher; approval, deposit.—Brown, Torpedo Depot, Portland.

A GOOD cock Goldfinch and hen Canary, 6/-; paired up; also grand cock Bullfinch, 5/-; piping.—Morgan, 3, Western-rd., Winchester, Hants.

COCK Goldfinch, had nest of Mules in January and one in March, can be left with eggs, good muler, 8/6, warranted.—Hook, Dairy Farm, Lindfield.

BRILLIANT songster, Linnet Mule, with handsome new brass wire hanging cage, bargain, 10/6; approval.—Thomas Crossley, Mealbank, Kendal.

BIG Sib. Lancashire, Yorkshire cock, grand stock getter, in fine breeding form; 10/-; approval.—Chemist, 203, Gloucester-rd., Bishopston, Bristol.

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1907 dark cock Goldfinch-Canary Mule, Finch note, 8/6; twice house-moulted cock Goldfinch, full song, 5/6; approval.—J. Griffiths, 44, Norman-rd., Wrexham.

LARGE selected cock Goldfinches, big, square blazes, been with hen Canaries all winter, paired with suitable muling hens, 7/6 pair.—Walter Johnson, Wavendon, Bucks.

THREE good hen Canaries, three house-moulted cock Linnets, nesting, two Goldie-Canary Mule hens, for good free-wheel byke.—G. S. Burton, jun., 94, Orchard-rd., Southsea.

LARGE muling hens, Lancashire, Norwich, Yorkshires, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 3/6 small; large English cock Goldfinches, 4/-, 6/-, 8/- each; approval.—Martin, Sebright House, Chatteris.

REMOVING. Large Bullie hen, Redpoll cock, house-moulted, breeder, 5/6; large Bullie hen, exhibition Greenfinch cock, had fertile eggs, 7/6; clear buff Norwich hen, Linnet cock, breed Mules, 7/-; the lot, with double cage, 20/-; offers, approval.—Bell, Joicey-st., Pelaw-on-Tyne.

HYBRID breeders, cock Siskin, hen Goldfinch, 7/6; cock Linnet, yellow Norwich hen, 7/6; cock Bullfinch, buff Norwich hen, 5/6; cock Redpoll, hen Greenfinch, 5/6; Linnet-Greenfinch Hybrid, 5/-; all cage-moulted; accept £1 the lot.—Kew, Fern Lea, Upper Grove, Margate, Kent.

FOR sale, two cock Goldfinch Mules, grand songsters; one cock Greenfinch house-moulted Mule, breeder; sell lot at 12/6; cock Goldfinch Mule, breeder; he bred 21 Mules last season; sell 5/6; one cock Linnet, bred 15 Mules last season; sell 4/6.—T. Wileman, 13, Alma-rd., Hinckley.

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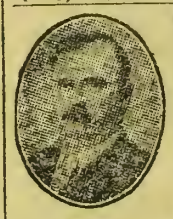

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PRICE list.—Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

PEARSON, Greenwich, wants Foreigners, acclimatised; cash or exchange.

AFRICAN Grey Parrot, grand talker, acclimatised, £4 10s.—Jones, Cranbourne-st., Brighton.

WANTED Budgerigars for cash, any quantity; Rosellas, Blood-rumps.—Cox, Aviaries, Yarmeuth.

AMAZON Parrot, splendid bird, tame and talking, good esge, 35/-, or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

DEALERS send for list. Budgerigars, Foreign.—Lafbery, 442, High-st. North, Manor Park, Essex.

SULTAN Blue Rail, 6/-; Godwit, 2/6; Moorhcn, 2/-; cheap to clear.—White, 259, Harrow-rd., Londen, W

NOTICE, grand African grey Parrot, begun to talk, 30/-, worth £5; approval.—M'Keand, Seabright vilIa, Castle-Douglas.

LARGE handsome Rcd and Blue Macaw, all new feathers, with new 25/- stand, £3 10s.—Henning, Belmont, New Malden.

WANTED Green Cardinal cocks, Virginian Nightingale cecks, young healthy birds, moderate prices.—Culross, Coupar Angus.

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FOREIGN aviary birds, six pairs, all differcnt, 12/-; twelve pairs, all different, 23/-.—Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

PAIR yellow Budgerigars, 8/6; hen yellow Budgerigar, 4/6; pair Cerdon Bleus wanted.—F. Howe, 65, Thomas-st., Wellingborough.

INDIAN PARROT, make good talker, thoroughly acclimatised; shabby cage, 25/-; deposit.—Sgt. Broom, No. 4 Depot, Cosham, Hants.

WANTED. Genuine pair Adult Blossomheads and other Parrakeets, from outsido aviary; particulars and price.—Ellis, 34, York-st., Wakefield.

COCK Saffron Finch, 2/-; hcn Cockatiel, 4/6; Zebra Dove, 2/-; Spice Bird, 1/-; travelling cage, 3d.; approval.—E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

African grey Parrot, 4 years, iu perfect health and condition; champion talker and mimic, with large, cage, accept £6. — Weaver, Lawrence-st., York.

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TALKING African Grey Parrot and eage, in good plumage, finger-tame, price £3 10s.; green, yellow-fronted Amazon Parrot, gcod talker and in grand plumage, price £3.—J. King, 35, Exley-street, Liverpool

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### HIGHGATE & HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

An excellent show of Finches, held at the Club Room, Spencer Hall, on April 29th. The exhibits were of first-class quality, and the entries good. Mr. A. Silver judged. He was subjected to many questions at the close of his remarks. The attcndance was good, and the arrangements, under the management of Mr. G. H. Neal, secretary, aided by the assistant secretary, were well carried out.

GOLDFINCH: 1, Mrs. Giddy, nice one, clean cut, good face, well shown; 2, Eads, also smart little Finch; 3, vhc, spl, hc, Mrs. Giddy; c, Sparke. BULLfinches: 1, Bush, very steady, and in good fettle; 2, 2, Mrs. Giddy, lovely colour; 3, Dewbury. GREENFINCHES: 1, spl, 2, Chick, couple of toppers, especially the 1st, which was large, lustrous, and sound in colour; 3, Strcet, another nice one, lacking size, colour and polish of winners; vhc, Mrs. Giddy; hc, Law; c, Bush. LINNETS: 1, Chick, gem, beautiful colour, shape, and markings; 2, Eads, very pretty; 3, Martin, nice; vhc, Dewbury; hc, Bush; c, Mrs. Giddy SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Dewbury, well shown, pretty; 2, Mrs. Giddy. A.O.S. FINCH: 1, spl, Chick, Hawfinch, real good one; 2, Law. A.S. HENS: 1, 2, Chick, leader Hawfinch, in grand form.

### SOUTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Annual meeting held at "Feathers," Westminster, on April 28th, about 40 members being present, the Presidcnt (Mr. R. L. Crisp) being in the chair. After the adoption of the balance-sheet, which showed a slight decrease on last year's balance, the Chairman presented the club's trophies, spccials, etc., complimenting each winner on his success. Messrs. J. W. Ramsden and F. Easterling presented to the respective winners the prizes which they had so generously given for competition, and were very heartily thanked for their liberality and for their attendance. The Secretary, in giving a rcview of the past season, said he thought the club could claim to have had a very successful year. The entries in the champion section were 1,151, but the patronage was extended from six to ten shows, owing to the cup competition. The nnmber of entries in cup competition were 747, while the number in trophy competitions was 584. Entries in novice section toalled 516, against 480 last year. He was sorry to say the amount received for subscriptions was £1 less than last year. The amount received for the special prize fund was also less, but this must be considered satisfactory owing to the appeal for donations to the fund for the challenge cup. The election of officcrs resulted as foliows: President, Mr. R. L. Crisp (48); Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. Robson (45), W. J. Elsmore (37), J. W. Ramsden (35), F. Easterling (35); Committee (London): Messrs. J. Tyson (33), C. W. Mabey (30), H. Peverall (27), H. Tringham (26), G. H. Couzens (20), G. J. Warley (20); (Provincial): A. E. Pattrick (32), H. Knight (30), H. Smith (21), Capt. Fellows (21), F. J. Gibbs (17), H. E. Parrott (13); Auditors, Messrs. Males and Tringham; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. R. L. Crisp (42); Hon. Scc., J. W. Rennie, The Junction, Andover, Hants (50). The following motions on the agenda were carried: (3) "That provincial members may vote by proxy on any matter on the agenda"; (4) "After 'alterations' in Rule 19, add additions"; (5) "Should any member at any time find it neccssary to reside outside the club's radius, he may retain his membership"; (6) "That £3 3s. be given in specials to shows in the West of England and South Wales" (for conditions, see handbook); (7) "That a printed list of shows, etc., be sent to each member, so that he may gum them to his handbook"; (9) "Any member not resigning his membership prior to the first club show of the season, will be held responsible for the current year's subscription"; (12) "That a judge shall only adjudicate at one show in each competition, viz., cup, trophy, and novice, as far as practicable; also, that no member who has not paid his subscription shall have any points counted to him, and also, if he omits to put S.Y.C.C. to his entries." A very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Wynn (the Scrutineer), Mr. Males (Auditor), and the President, ended the meeting.—J. W. RENNIE, Sec.

### LEEDS C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held 1st May at headquarters. The arrangements for the first feather show to he held on June 5th, at the Three Legs Hetel, Lowerhead, were gone into, and the election of a new secretary in place of Mr. Tose, who has resigned, as reported at eur last meeting. As it was the unanimous wish of the members present that I should take the positien, I have done so, and in future all communicatiens for the society shenld he addrcssed to me at 22, St. Ann's Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds.—J. CHAMBERS, Hon Secretary.

### SLIGO C.B.S.

Annual general meeting (adjourned from April 21st) was held on April 28th, in the Gillooley Memorial Hall, Sligo. The fellowing were elected offiee-bearers for 1909:—President, Alderman O'Donnell; hon. sec., C. J. Mulligan, Ballydeogan, Sligo; hon. treasurer and show manager, E. J. Tighe; committee, Messrs. Polleck, Shannon, Verdon, Osborne, Keating, Devins, M. J. Mulligan, Reilly, Richardson, and Finan. The balance-sheet for 1908, showing a profit of 9s. 9d. on the working of 1908 show, was adepted. The date of show for 1909 was fixed for December 15th and 16th, and Mr. H. Norman was appointed judge. The debit balance against seciety from 1907 show was considered, and the members present all promised subscriptiens towards same. An order was made that the shew should be advertised in CAGE BIRDS' fixed dates column.—CHAS. J. MULLIGAN, Hon. Sec.

## The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given each week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.

**Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.**

### *A Nest in a Topper.

During the holidays a bird has built a nest and laid several eggs in a boy's "topper," left behind in one of the roome at Eton. It is one of the most pathetic instances of trustfulness on record, and we hope the appeal to the boy's spirit of true sportsmanship will not be thrown away.—Taken from "Evening News," and sent by J. Magnus (age 12), 101, High-street, Marylebone, W.

### **A Good Songster.

My uncle brought home a nest of young Thrushes, which I helped to rear. We sold them all but one, and this proved a very fine songster. When the bird was strong enougs we used to hang him out early in the morning in the garden. He became such a fine songster that passers-by would stand and listen to him, amazed at his beautiful, clear notes. He was never tired of singing. He began to sing as soon as daybreak appeared. People often wanted to buy him, but he was such a favourite that we could not think of parting with him.—Sent by Alice Waite (age 10), 8, Honeywall, Stoke-on-Trent.

### *The Biter Bitten.

A shepherd one day saw an Eagle perched on the bank of a stream. It seemed to be watching its prey. All at once it darted down and seized a large salmon. Being about equally matched, a sharp struggle of course ensued. The eagle, which could not extract its talons, was repeatedly drawn under the water by its adversary. In a short time both were exhausted, and the shepherd was able to secure both. Taken from a school book; sent by W. H. Wilson (age 12), 227, Edward Street, Nuneaton, Warwicks.

## *Singing Contests.*

### SHEFFIELD.

Result of the usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Newmarket Hotel, Sheaf Street, May 2nd, was as follows:—1, Palfreyman, 84 secs.; 2, Darky, 61 secs.; 3, Bisby and Fenn, tied, and sang off: Result, Bisby 65 sees., Fenn 36 secs. Thirty birds sang. Owing to the number of birds entered, we sang one minute each way.—H. FENN, Sec.

In reply to Linnet Fancier, of Leigh, Lancs.: I will arrange a contest, if he will write to me, my address being—40, Park Hill Lane, Park, Sheffield.—H. Fenn.

### LEEDS.

The week-end Linnet contest for quality singing was held at the Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane, Saturday, and an excellent entry of good birds and fanciers turned up at this new house, and after the match two or three of the members were like their birds, in a singing mood, in which Messrs. Howard, Longly, and Crane joined. The landlord, A. Kendall, gave three good prizes. Result: 1st, Lorriman; 2nd, Solly; 3rd, Madden. Judges, Messrs. Crane, Clarke, Towers. Also grand contest on Sunday, May 2nd, at the above house. Result: 1st and 2nd, Solly and Lorriman; 3rd, Johuson and Farrer.—T. CRANE.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, May 1st, when 28 birds sang. Judges, Messrs. Summers and Naylor. 1 and 2, Crowther; 3, Lister. Also May 2nd, when some very good singing was heard, and 30 birds sang. Judges, Messrs. Melia and Cooper. 1, Stead; 2 and 4, Crowther; 3, Wigfield.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Usual weekly contest for quality singing, held May 2nd, at Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, when 13 birds sang. 1, Hutchinson; 2, Turner; 3, Fenwick. Judges, Messrs. Naylor and Symons.—WALTER NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

### YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Crown Inn, North-st., on May 1st, when upwards of 20 birds competed, and some very good singing was heard. Result: 1, Palmer; 2, Lee; 3, Oxberry; 4, Bean. Judge, Mr. Perry; timekecper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

### DURHAM.

Singing contest, held at Halfway House, Witton. Fifty-four birds faced the judge, Mr. G. Reid (Brandon). The singing was good. 1, 3, Adams; 2, Foster. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Stout; book-keeper, Mr. T. Needam.—M. HUDDLESTON.

### ERITH (KENT).

Linnet match held at the Royal Alfred Bird Club, Erith, on May 3rd, for ten minutes' singing; 24 birds competed. 1, Beacham, 4 score 12; 2, Roper, 3 score 7; 3, Ellis, 3 score 5; 4, Beacham, 3 score 5. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Baker.—J. BAKER.

### HULL.

The Hull L.F.A. held usual week-end contest at headquarters, North Bridge Hotel. All the members turned up; 26 birds were entered for the six prizes given by the club. Mr. F. Allen (the Human Linnet) officiated as timekeeper and judge, everybody being highly satisfied. 1st, Dearlove; 2nd, Allen; 3rd, Broadbent; 4th, Scarfe; 5th, Skirrow; 6th, Davinson. The first three birds ran a great race; not much divided them for premier honour.—E. MOORE, Hon. Sec.

### WIGAN.

Open Linnet match for time singing held at the Millstene Hotel on May 1st, when 30 birds from Leigh, Warrington, Lowton, and Wigan were entered. There was some very good singing. Prizewinners:—1st, Mather, 103; 2nd, Jones, 96; 3rd, Lowton, 89; 4th, Statham, 82; 5th, Mather, 81. Timekeepers, Messrs. Jump, Parker, and Ellinson. Remember match for T. Jump, which takes place May 15th, when seme good prizes will be given for time and quality. So roll up and give him a good 'un.—A. PARKER, Sec.

### BLACKBURN.

Sixteen birds entered the ring at Mr. Robert Cottam's house, The Royal Oak Inn, Furthergate, on Saturday last, when we were again favoured with some excellent singing. I would remind CAGE BIRDS' readers and other clubs, that we are keenly on the look-out for challenges in Lark singing. There were five prizes awarded to the following competitors, and their respective times and order run as follows: 1st, S. Harrlsen (Burnley), who sang the full 10 mins.; 2nd, J. Halliday (Burnley), 9 mins. 57 sees.; 3rd, J. Hunt, 8 mins. 36 secs.; 4th and 5th, N. Jackson (Burnley), whose respective times were 7 mins. 52 secs. and 7 mins. 34 secs. Our brother members from Burnley are in very great form, giving the Blackbnrn contingent no chance whatever, and I say they deserve it richly for their performances.—R. AIREY, Sec.

We had this week-end, May 1st, at the Old Red Lion, Snigbrook, a contest for members only, when 24 birds were entered to contest for seven prizes, namely, copper kettles. On the whole, we had some very good singing considering the state of the weather. Results: 1st, W. H. Topping; 2nd, R. Fender; 3rd, W. H. Topping; 4th, J. Dobson; 5th, G. Rostron; 6th, R. Hayhurst; 7th, J. Harrison. Referee, J. Dobson. Judges, G. James, E. Chistopherson. Timekeeper, J. Williams.—G. ROSTRON, T. SLATER.

## OUR FRONTISPIECE.

Mr. A. E. Lazarus, of Soho, London, W., whose noted Crested birds are depicted on the front page this week, has supplied us with the following notes respecting same:—The Crested hen is of my own breeding, from a grizzled, double-crested cock, and a green Crest-bred hen, the latter being also bred from double-crested parents. One remarkable feature of the mother bird is that for the last three years she has produced nothing but hens, my unbeaten champion being one, and four others equally as good, being still in the breeding room; indeed, she has been quite a fortune to me. During the last season alone my unbeaten hen won firstly at Cambridge (when she was not quite ready, being still in the moult), getting fourth and special. Next she won at Cheltenham, taking second and special, Mr. Heath judging. Next at Nottingham, where she won first, and was greatly admired, the judge being Mr. Greeves. She next won first at Bristol, and at Swindon, the next show, she obtained first and special. From there she went to the Horticultural Hall, again taking first, and at the City and Suburban Show she won, under Mr. Payne, first and seven specials, one being for the best bird in the show, another, 10s. 6d. for the best bird bred by a member. The specials also included a cup given for best hen bred by a member, and a diploma for best bird in the Champion classes. The Palace Show she visited next, obtaining first and two specials, and she is now doing very well in the breeding room. The Green Crest-bred cock has only been shown at the Horticultural Hall, where he took first. He is not of my own breeding, but comes direct from Fakenham. Both birds are now paired up, and are doing very well indeed. I have been a breeder for only seven years, the last year being the first in which I showed in the open classes. I am very proud of my champion hen, from whom I bred at least seven birds last year. Two of these were sold to different parties in Aberdeen at a big figure, and the others are still in my possession. I sold quite £35 worth of the same strain last year through my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS.—A. E. LAZARUS.

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# Twitterings.

The Pendlebury, Swinton, and Dis. C. and B.B.S., have decided to hold a First Feather Show on Saturday, July 3rd, writes Mr. Alex. Donnelly, the secretary.

Kindly noto that I have been appointed to the position of hon. secretary to the Leeds C.B.S., writes Mr. J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds.

Kindly note my change of address, writes Mr. C. J. Andrews, from Woodland Street to 47, Eleanor Road, Dalston, London, N.

We are affiliated to the C.B.U. for our annual show on November 25th, writes Mr. A. W. Ludlow, Hon. Sec. of the Stamford and District F.A.

"Constant Reader" writes: Can anyone tell me the name and address of a firm which supplies moss mats to put in the bottom of show cages?

We have decided to engage Mr. A. Bentley as the cage-bird judge at the show to be held on November 6th, writes Mr. J. E. Byrne, hon. secretary of the Cleator Moor F. and C.B.S.

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The judges elected for our show on November 18th, writes Mr. W. H. Lewes, hon. secretary of the Morriston and Dis. C.B.S., are Messrs. H. Norman (London), and W. Mundell (Bradford).

In my report of our committee meeting, writes Mr. W. H. Uzzell, hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Y.C.C., I omitted to mention a donation of 10s. promised by Mr. J. L. Beck (Handsworth), towards trophy fund.

I am doing very well with my Canaries, writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall (Newcastle-on-Tyne). I have over thirty young from two days to a fortnight old. All my hens are feeding well, and I have only had three unfertile eggs.

I would take it as a favour if you would intimate to fanciers and others through Cage Birds, that I have resigned from the secretaryship of the Maryhill and District Ornithological Club.—Cliff Bell (Maryhill).

Kindly allow me to thank all who sent replies to my advertiscment in Cage Birds of April 24th, as they were too numerous for me to be able to answer all personally; they were 45 in number.—W. Cawthorne (Ferry Bridge, Yorks).

Your readers will be pleased to hear that Mr. Alex. M. Gardiner has been elected a member of our school board, writes Mr. Andrew Anderson, jun. (Newtongrange). There were twelve candidates for the seven seats, and Mr. Gardner came out fifth. He was also the youngest candidate.

Through the kindness of Mr. T. Speedie we are having a ramble over the estate at Neither, Liberton, on May 8, and invite all interested in wild-bird life to attend; ladies welcomed. Meet at Neither, Liberton, car terminus at 3 p.m., trusting to see a large turn-out.—W. Holton, secretary, Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S.

The rule-book and programme for 1909 of the Dulwich O.S. have been issued. The latter includes a country ramble on May 16th, several shows, lectures, and demonstrations, and an annual outing on September 5th. Fanciers wishing to join the society should communicate with the hon. secretary, Mr. S. J. Kent, 156, Underhill Road, East Dulwich, S.E.

Mr. O. Mitchell, hon. secretary and treasurer, Open Norwich Plainhead Club, writes: In reply to numerous inquiries there is no "radius" for the above club, and fanciers in any part of the United Kingdom are eligible for membership. The secretary will be pleased to communicate with any fanciers who intend joining the club and forward all particulars respecting same.

We have made arrangements with two well-known gentlemen to judge at our open show in the county rooms, late free library, on December 4th and 6th, writes Mr. J. A. Tyler, secretary of the Leicester C.B.S. We think we can congratulate ourselves in getting Messrs. J. H. Roe and J. F. Dewar to officiate. We are holding our annual Nest Feather Show on July 3rd.

The balance-sheet (for 1908) of the Cinnamon Canary Club reflects much credit upon the hon. secretary, Mr. R. J. Pretty, and the other officials. The balance brought into the year's accounts from 1907 was £10 14s. 5d., but £3 8s. 6d. of this had to be deducted in respect of specials for that year; and when it is also pointed out that £7 9s. 6d. has been paid out in specials for 1908, the balance in hand of £2 9s. 3d. will be considered highly satisfactory.

We have got our judges appointed for our annual show on October 9th, and the following gentlemen will place the cards on that date, writes Mr. Robt. Whitton, secretary, Broughty Ferry C.B.S. For Scotch Fancies, Messrs. C. Berwick (St. Andrews), and W. Hailstones (Edinburgh), for Crests and Norwich, Mr. D. Buchan (Falkirk); for Border Fancies, Mr. Joe Stevenson (Kirriemuir); for British and foreign bird section, Mr. A. W. Watson (Leith).

Mr. Tom Oliver has been engaged to judge at the First Feather Show, to be held on June 12th, writes Mr. Wm. Cottingham, the secretary of the Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.

Mr. Geo. Gardner has been added to our list of judges for the Dulwich O.S. Annual Show, October 11th to 13th, write Messrs. Woolhouse and Rogers. The First Feather Show will be held July 1st, judge, Mr. Robson.

Through being ill now for some considerable time, I am compelled to leave the Fancy, which I am very sorry to do, writes Mr. G. W. Saunders (Sutton, Surrey). When I am able to get about again, I have been ordered to rest as much as possible. Having been a lover of birds all my life, and of the Norwich Plainhead and Cinnamon for some years, it will mean something to me to part with my birds; but I hope at some future time to be able to take up my hobby again.

At our last meeting, writes Mr. J. Thomas, hon. secretary of the Millom and Dis. C.B.A., it was decided to throw the membership open, so that all intending members should write to me at 83, Lonsdale Road, Millom, Cumberland, at once, in order that they may be proposed at our next meeting. The annual subscription is 2s. 6d.

Our big show will be held on October 13th, in the Corn Exchange, writes Mr. W. A. Broadley, hon. secretary of the Alnwick and Dis. C.B.S. The judges are Messrs. J. Maddison (Newcastle), for British birds, and T. Dixon (Bedlington), for Canaries.

The South Manchester C.B.S. have fixed the following dates for their First Feather Shows, writes Mr. Jno. C. Spilsbury, the secretary: Saturday, June 26th, and Saturday, July 31st. Judges for Canary section, Mr. George (Manchester), and for British bird section, Mr. Fryer (Manchester).

Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot), writes Mr. R. H. Davies, hon. secretary of the Leigh and Dis. C.B.S., will judge at our Nest Feather Show, to be held on July 17th and 18th. We are having a Nest Feather Members' Table Show on May 26th, when Mr. J. Marsh (Leigh), will judge.

The Ferryhill and Dis. C.B.S. have fixed the date of the second Annual Open Show for Saturday, December 4th. Mr. J. Stringer (Pelton Fell), has been engaged to judge the Canary section, and Mr. J. Maddison (Newcastle), the British and foreign bird sections.—R. Binks, hon. secretary.

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It is to be hoped, writes Mr. W. Reid, from Sunderland, that fanciers in other parts of the country are not experiencing the terrific weather we are getting in the North of England at the present time. It is simply awful! We had a heavy snowstorm here in Sunderland on the evening of April 30th, and a hard frost on the morning of May 1st. During the past few days the weather here has been colder than at any time during the recent winter, and that, in all truth, was severe enough. One hears many complaints as to young birds being dead in shell, and hens being found dead on the nest. Fanciers with warm rooms will appreciate the benefit of a little heat at the present time, especially in the early mornings when the cold is most severe, and the hens are coming off to feed.

## Whose Ideas Were They ?

Mr. A. Mallett writes from West Ham expressing his pleasure with Mr. Cooper's request to alter committee to general meeting, provided he (Mr. Mallett) is permitted to sit.

## Open Norwich Plainhead Club.

The committee of the above club invite applications from societies desirous of the club's patronage, for the coming season, and all applications with number of classes (not to be less than six), along with judges' names, etc., to be forwarded to the club's secretary not later than July 30th, 1909.—O. Mitchell, hon. secretary, 13, Lodge Terrace, Bowling, Bradford.

## Thrushes Breed in a Carriage.

A friend of mine, writes Mr. Wm. Elliott (Bishop Auckland), has a portion of an old railway carriage standing in his garden; and a pair of Thrushes have built their nest on the rack for two successive years using the open window for means of ingress and egress. They do not seem at all alarmed when be goes in to get his gardening tools.

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Our 10th Annual Young Bird Show will be held on July 10th, in the assembly rooms, Old Boars Head, Middleton, writes Mr. J. Oldham, secretary of the Middleton O.S. Mr. William Hardy (Oldham), has been elected to judge.

I see in last week's "Twitterings" another vendor claiming that Messrs. Godley and Hodder's birds were fed solely on his feeds last season. Their orders to me last season were: Mr. Godley 56lbs. Royal Red, Mr. Hodder 45lbs. Royal Red. At last 1909 Crystal Palace Show, in the eight champion Norwich classes, the whole eight first prize winners were moulted on Royal Red. The eight exhibitors who won them all used about 50lbs. each Royal Red. Is there any more proof than this as to who claims the premier colour-feed? Mr. J. W. Rennie, big southern winner of 1st clear yellow, 1st yellow hens, Crystal Palace, writes: "May 3rd, 1909. All my winning Norwich were fed solely on your colour-feed, and I intend to use no other on them this year." Also supplied last season: Mr. E. Baker 200lbs. Royal Red, Sam Cook, Norwich Plainhead cup winner, 60lbs., Mr. Grey, Big N.N.P.C. silver bowl winner, 30lbs., Judge Vardy 212lbs., Mr. Midgley, winner two first open Norwich at last Palace, 20lbs., Mr. Dobinson, another first winner at last Palace, 20lbs., T. Irons 70lbs., W. Booth, birds hottest in England, 30lbs., A. Hirst 30lbs., J. Wilcock 70lbs., R. Halliday 20lbs., Cleminson and Taylor 100lbs., W. Morris 60lbs., W. Whetstone 30lbs., W. R. Miles 50lbs., J. Howard 200lbs., W. Spillman 20lbs., W. Collings 20lbs., Dr. Herd 20lbs., Tams and Sons 30lbs., W. Dormer 60lbs., G. Harland 30lbs., Mr. Hope 60lbs., J. C. Barnes 120lbs., Judge Battye 100lbs. I could fill this paper with successful exhibitors' names supplied by me last year, not with 1 or 2lbs., so as to be able to compete for specials. Anyone who saw any of above gentlemen's birds last season will admit they were the hottest out.—See advertisement columns for prices.—T. Sandiford. (Advt.)

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## Wake Up, Great Harwood.

A sleepy place apparently is the Lancashire town of Great Harwood. Mr. George Waddington, the Secretary of the local Cage Bird Society, writes: At our annual meeting held on January 11th, it was moved that we alter our show date, as we thought October 9th and 10th too early. Since then I have called meetings every fortnight in regard to fixing a date for the show, and cannot get sufficient members together to form a meeting. It was also proposed to have our annual First Feather Show in June, and I called a meeting together to select a judge for the same, and the turn-up was the Chairman and myself, as usual. At our last show we had a loss of about £5, and when I went for my books to the auditor, he had left a note with his wife saying he had severed his connection with the club. You see it is no pleasant thing to be a secretary of such a Society. I dare say some of the fanciers of the surrounding districts would like to know if the Society still exists, so I would like you to make a note in Twitterings and tell them that the Society has had one meeting since the New Year came in.

# Club Notices.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

**Attercliffe and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 13, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Schedule for nest feather show.—W. Richinson.

**Bolton Roller C.S.** — May 11, Joiner's Arms Hotel, Bolton, 7.30. Club date and judge.—W. Massey.

**Brighouse and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 11, Round House Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

**Bury and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 11, Textile Hall, Bury, 7.30 p.m. First feather show; all members are requested to attend.—H. Jameson.

**Bolton Woods C.B.S.**—May 8, Victoria Hotel, 8. Members' show, dates and judges.—M. Skirrow.

**Bingley and Dis. O.S.**—May 11, Co-op. Rooms, 8. Syllabus for 1909-10.—A. Livesey.

**British Roller C.C.**—May 11, King's Arms Tavern, 128, Bishopsgate Street Without, 8.—J. W. Norris.

**Belgrave and Dis. F. and F.S.**—May 11, New Inn, Belgrave, 8. Forthcoming members' show business.—W. H. Riley.

**City of Bradford O.S.**—May 5, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Dates of members' shows, patronages of specialists' clubs, etc.—F. Rhodes.

**Clitheroe and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 13, Bennett's Tea Rooms, Moor Lane, 8. Young show business.—R. Lambert.

**Carlisle C.B.S.**—May 13, Viaduct Hotel, 7.30. Selection of judges for nest feather show, and open discussion on management of birds during breeding season; all fanciers invited.—W. H. Wright.

**Cowdenbeath and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 8, Waverley Rooms, 7. Essay competition postponed from last meeting; best paper on bow to breed Canaries.—J. Simpson.

**City and Suburban A.C.B.**—May 10, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, 8.15. Lecture on the Crested Canary, by Mr. J. Robson. Interested visitors especially invited.—V. Wynn.

**Dewsbury Dist. C.B.S.**—May 8, Royal Hotel, 7.30. F.F. show business.—N. Rayner.

**Dalziel O.A.**—May 15, Y.M.C.I., Brandon Street, Motherwell, 7. Table show, two classes, one for British or Foreign Goldfinch, other for Twite, Siskin or Redpoll; membership fee due at this meeting.—J. Mathieson.

**East Bowling and Dis. B.F.A.**—May 8, Barley Mow Hotel, 7.30. Impromptu speeches; fanciers and friends invited.—L. Booth.

**Fife and Kinross N.P.C.**—May 15, Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, 7 p.m. Important business.—A. Dickson.

**Gt. Harwood and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 10, headquarters, Towngate, 7.30. The annual ramble will take place on Sunday, May 9th, meeting at headquarters 8 a.m. prompt; all fanciers welcomed.—Geo. Waddington.

**Great Horton O.S.**—May 8, Butcher's Arms, 8. F.F. show.—J. Holroyd.

**Hamilton Cadzow Oaks O.S.**—May 8, Cloak Room, Town Hall, 7. Show business; members earnestly requested to attend.—A. Cant.

**Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.**—May 8, Crown Inn, 7. Arranging classes for young bird show, etc.—A. J. Notley.

**Kent County C.B.A.**—May 12, 67, High Street, Dover, 7.30.—G. Sanderson.

**Leicester C.B.S.**—May 12, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Pairs for muling, and a general discussion on One Cock to two Hens, led by Messrs. R. Sander and G. Wheatley. Fanciers invited.—J. A. Tyler.

**Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.**—April 12, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Discussion on birdy matters; friends and intending members invited.—R. H. Davies.

**Liverpool B.B.A.**—May 13, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, 8. Lecture on Diseases of Birds, by Mr. Cutmore (Liverpool); also schedule for night show of British Birds; fanciers invited.—F. E. Hawkes.

**Morpeth and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 14, Vose's Rooms, 7.30.—E. Cowling.

**Middleton O.S.**—May 10, Old Boar's Head, 8. Prize money, young bird show, etc.—J. Oldham.

**Midland Counties Y.C.C.**—May 13, Crown Hotel, Station Street, Birmingham, 8. Framing of rules, by-laws, and special general business.—W. H. Uzzell.

**Metropolitan C.B.A.**—May 13, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, 8.30. To fix date of annual show, and other important business.—E. Box.

**New Stevenston and Dis. O.S.**—May 11, Robbs Hall, 8. Classification and election of judges; last meeting for new members joining.—J. Lamb.

**North Manchester C.B.S.**—May 11, Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 8. Mr. S. W. Birchley (Altrincham), on "Birds of our Country Side."—J. Davey.

**Oldham and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 11, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. General business and debate on "Mule and Hybrid Breeding." Fanciers invited.—F. Steeple.

**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** — May 10, Chapel Street Hall, Salford, 8. Show business and question night.—H. Clayton.

**Pendlebury, Swinton and Dis. C. and B.B.S.**—May 13, show business.—A. Donelly.

**Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A.**—May 13, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, 8. Arrange schedule of young bird show.—J. C. Birch.

**Reigate and Dis. F.A. (Cage Bird Section).**—May 10, Mutton's Hotel, High Street, Redhill, 8.15. Election of committee. 2. Schedule for young bird show. Mr. Bacon will lecture on "His Experience in Bird Keeping."—Baldock and Weller.

**Sunderland C.B.A.**—May 15, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30.—W. Reid.

**Stockport B.F.A.**—May 11, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Printing and classification for F.F. show.—W. Stafford.

**Swindon and Dis. C.B.A.**—May 8, Chorus Room, Mechanics' Institution, 7.30. Discussion on "Breeding and Feeding," to be opened by Mr. W. Greenwood. Fanciers welcomed, whether members or not.—Dale and Bywater.

**Sandy Lane and Dis. C.B.A.**—May 11, Victoria Hotel, 8.—B. Buckle.

**Sale Open O.S.**—May 10, Technical School, 8. F.F. and open show business.—J. Irlam.

**South London Col. and F.A.** — May 13, Royal George, Tanner Hill, Lewisham High Road, S.E., 8.30. Discussion re annual show arrangements, specials, etc.—G. A. Jefferys.

**South Manchester C.B.S.**—May 10, headquarters, 8. F.F. show business.—J. C. Spilsbury.

**South-West London C.B.S.**—May 13, Plough Hotel, 8.30. Young birds show arrangements.—Lilley.

**Swansea and Dis. C.B.A.**—May 13, Market Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Arrangements for F.F. show, etc.—A. Hitchings.

**Sowerby Bridge and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 8, Bull's Head Hotel, 7.30. Lecture by W. Cruise (Bradford), "How to be Successful in Breeding Yorkshires." Friends and fanciers invited.—A. E. Morton.

**Tong and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 11, Holme Lane Hotel, 8. Arranging of schedules.—J. Smith.

**Wolverhampton C.B.S.**—May 11, Swan and Peacock Hotel, 8.—J. Gibbons.

**Wandsworth F.A.**—May 13, headquarters, 8. Special general meeting.—W. Summers.

**Windsor and Dis. C.B.A.**—May 13, Star and Garter Hotel, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Simms (chairman), on General Management of Yorkshire Canaries.—P. Robinson.

**Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.**—May 12, Station Hotel, 7.30. Reading of amended show schedule, and other interesting business. — Richardson and Greenwell.

**Wood Green F.F.A.**—May 11, 165, High Road, 8.30. Lecture by Mr. C. A. House, on "How to become a successful Breeder and Exhibitor."—T. Callegari.

**Walthamstow F.A.**—May 11, 8. Special committee meeting, to make arrangements for forthcoming members' show, etc.—A. V. Lane.

**Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C.**—May 8, Market Tavern, Bradford, 7. Annual meeting election of officers, revision of rules, etc.—W. R. Myers.

**York C.B.S.**—May 10, All Saints' Schoolroom, 8. Whist drive; members are requested to bring as many friends as possible, and make a record gathering.—A Waud.

# Breeding & Feeding for Colour.

By JOHN W. BANCROFT.

**A lecture delivered before the Sale Open O.S., on March 15th.**

In response to the kind invitation of your worthy Secretary to give you a lecture on the above subject, I have pleasure in complying with that request. At the same time I must confess to having grave misgivings in regard to my ability to give the subject the full justice it deserves. So much has been said of late on this subject, both in the way of lectures and papers, before different societies, which lectures and papers have afterwards been published in the Fancy Press, that I find it well nigh impossible to give you anything which may be really new or original. In the hope, however, of offering a little help and advice to the beginners or novices, who may be present, and at the risk of giving the older fanciers a few hints which may appear to them somewhat stale, I will do my best to make my paper as instructive and as interesting as possible, trusting to your generosity in overlooking any of the little failings it may contain.

### Colour-feeding in the Old Days.

What a vast amount of meaning is there underlying the short sentence: "breeding for colour"! In the old days when colour-feeding was in its infancy, and known only to the few, little indeed was the regard paid to the subject of breeding for colour. Then fanciers relied on the pepper-feeding to give the birds the desired shade of colour. How very different is the procedure to-day. In this progressive age of keen competition, birds must of necessity be *bred* as well as *fed* for colour, otherwise the fancier will be compelled to take a back seat in the exhibition world (my remarks just now refer, of course, to those varieties in which colour plays a prominent part, such as the Yorkshire or the Norwich. With varieties such as the Belgian, Scotch Fancy, Crest, etc., colour comes only as a secondary consideration).

### Making Use of Green Blood.

Now, in order to breed colour into one's stock, and to keep it up to the requisite standard of excellence, it will be found advisable to occasionally introduce green blood, or, as it is usually styled, "take a dip into the green." This may be accomplished in various ways; but it must not be done in any haphazard fashion, but thoughtfully and intelligently, with an object in view, and as a means to an end. We have heard a great deal of late amongst certain fanciers, regarding the need for the introduction of green blood. "Get plenty of green blood into your stock," they say, "or you will never make any headway on the show bench." With some of these people, there is a double meaning behind this advice. They want a market for surplus stock. They have an over-abundance of these green and heavily marked birds, and what better plan could they devise to dispose of this (in their case) almost useless surplus, at a remunerative figure, than to persuade the innocent novice that these are just the class of birds he requires? Green blood (of the right kind, mind you) I admit is the real fountain of colour. The rich bright yellow green is the one for the purpose; not the bronze green, which denotes the presence of Cinnamon blood.

When introducing green blood, care must be exercised, so as not to overdo it, else the tendency will be to produce scarcely anything but green and heavily marked birds, the better class birds, viz., Clears and Ticks, being at a premium.

### Some Different Methods.

There are different ways of infusing green blood into a strain of birds. One might select for the purpose a self-yellow green cock, paired to a clear buff hen, when the clears and ticks amongst their progeny, especially the yellows, will usually come out teeming with colour. The clear and ticked yellow cocks from this pairing may again be mated to ticked hens, and their progeny again paired to clears; whilst the green and variegated brothers, to the clear and ticked cocks aforementioned, may also in their turn be paired to clear hens.

A plan more preferable, however, is to pair two heavily marked (yellow cock and buff hen) together, the green offspring from these being paired to clears. The young from this pairing break up more readily, thereby producing the lightly marked and clear birds far sooner than do those from the self-yellow green cock and clear buff hen. If a fancier commences with good, rich-coloured stock (clears and marks), he may pair them together—ticked cock and clear hen, or vice versa, for several generations, without the introduction of any fresh green blood being necessary; and even then it would only need to be, say, a hot-coloured heavily marked variegated yellow.

When a breeder is ambitious of having a good percentage of clear and ticked birds in his stock (and what breeder of Yorkshires and Norwich is there who is not?) only at such times as the birds show a tendency to lose depth of colour will it be found necessary to introduce the green or heavily marked birds. If it be desired to reduce markings, let the cocks be clears when pairing the birds up, as the male bird has more influence in throwing colour and markings than the female.

In purchasing the marked bird for the purpose of gaining colour, I should strongly advise the fancier to buy only colour-fed specimens. I allude to those varieties only which have to be colour-fed—the kind of bird that has become (to use a reporting phrase) "red hot." One cannot judge when viewing a natural coloured specimen as to whether that particular bird is possessed of the inherent properties to take the colour-feed in a satisfactory manner. I have seen birds of a fairly good colour, in natural feather, which, when colour-fed, wore utter failures, and this not because they had not partaken of the feed in sufficient quantity. Others again, have appeared in their unfed state very deficient and flat in colour, but when moulted and fed, have come out very rich and deep in colour. This is also very noticeable in young birds during their first or nest feather moult. And I strongly advise the breeder not to dispose of any youngsters until after their next feather moult. I have had buffs almost white in nest feather come out the hottest coloured birds in the room when moulted and colour-fed. Also very indifferent-looking yellows, which have passed muster and won in buff classes at nest feather shows, sometimes moult out regular stormers, so far as depth and richness of colour are concerned.

### Richness and Depth of Colour.

Richness and depth of colour are supposed to go hand in hand with quality of feather; yet I have seen lots of birds possessed of magnificent quality of feather, which, after having gone through the moult on colour-feed, have scarcely shown any noticeable difference whatever. The feather which my experience teaches me takes the colour-feed best of all is what I call the harsh wiry kind—that which has a coarse, harsh look, and lacks the bloom, smoothness and polish usually associated with the rich-quality feathered bird. One can generally pick this harsh feathered bird out whilst in nest feather; it has a peculiar texture all its own, and hard to describe, being usually of a pale lemony tint. The kind of feather I always like to see, and welcome on youngsters, is the soft fluffy sort, almost like down; no matter how pale a youngster is with feather of this description, in nest feather either yellow or buff, it is almost certain to come out a stormer, both for quality and colour, when moulted and fed.

### Cinnamon Blood as a Colour-producer.

Amongst the cage bird fanciers to-day are many strong advocates of the use of Cinnamon blood as a means of imparting colour and quality into their stock. With all due respect to these views, I must confess, from my own experience, and also that of many of my birdy acquaintances, to being at total variance with at least the view respecting colour. In using the green from cinnamon blood as a means of gaining colour, the breeder will, nine times out of every ten, discover this means to be an utter failure. This at any rate has been my experience. He will get marked birds in abundance, but will not go one step in advance as regards depth of natural colour. Lovely quality he may, and often does acquire, but this is about the limit.

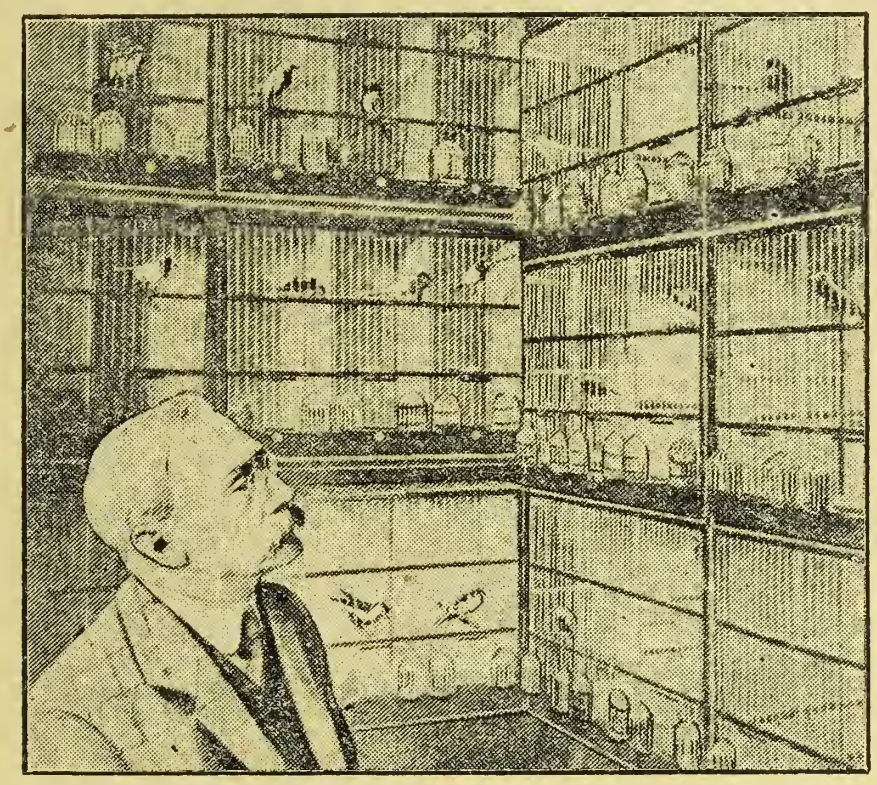
I am quite aware that I am treading now on very debatable ground, and have no wish that you should infer that it is an impossibility to introduce colour by the use of the cinnamon bird. I have done it myself on different occasions; but at the same time I have considered that the colour has come by a fluke, and not really from the cinnamon itself, as it were, but by a kind of a throw-back from some Norwich ancestor, which had been grafted into the cinnamon at some time or the other.

### Colour-feeding Explained.

Having now briefly explained the method of colour-breeding, I will pass on to the subject of feeding for colour, or, as it is usually termed, colour-feeding. Colour-feeding is a subject which has at different times been the cause of much wrangling, dissension, and unpleasantness amongst fanciers generally. One section which I am pleased to say is in the majority uphold the practice, looking upon it as harmless, innocent, interesting, and honest, whilst the opposite party (happily in the minority) fight against it most strongly, stigmatising it as cruel, harmful, fraudulent, and dishonest. I don't know whether I have any of the opposition party in this audience to-night, but if there do happen to be any present I sincerely hope they will not be offended at any of my remarks, and if I do appear at any time to "tread on their corns," they will bear with me to the end and let me down gently at the conclusion of my paper.

In the first place, "What is colour-feeding?" Colour-feeding is simply an agent used by fanciers to assist nature to bring out her glory to the fullest extent on the bird's plumage during the moulting period. In other words, it is the means of bringing to the surface beauties, which otherwise would lie hidden and dormant.

*(To be continued).*



**A CANADIAN FANCIER IN HIS BIRDROOM.**

Our photograph depicts Mr. H. S. Tibbs, of Toronto, Ontario, and a corner of his birdroom. Mr. Tibbs is a very well-known Canadian fancier, having been secretary and treasurer of the Toronto Canary Society for nearly 7 years, while he is, too, business manager and editor of the Canary section of the "Canadian Fancier," a monthly magazine, and probably the only one on the American continent with such a section. Mr. Tibbs, we hear, was born at Cheltenham in 1854 and emigrated to Canada in 1876. His first essay in Canary breeding was made at Montreal in 1880, Yorkshires being the variety which gave him the "bird-fever." He has since had success with Norwich Plainheads, and taken up Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, and Lizards. During recent seasons Mr. Tibbs has been a confirmed "Rollerite," and has won the British Roller Club's medal and several cups and local medals, with birds of his own breeding, out of imported stock. He introduced singing contests into Canadian bird circles, and is now hopeful of forming a Canadian Roller Club.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# Our Round Table.

**Some Prominent Present-day Breeders and Exhibitors of the Norwich Plainhead Canary put their views concerning this variety before our readers.**

*(Continued from page 452).*

## Mr. Hodder's Account.

It is now many years since I commenced breeding Norwich Plainheads, and during those years it has been my close and constant study to know how to improve the bird, and make it as near the ideal as possible. Of course, I have had the usual ups and downs which are the lot of most breeders of live stock of whatever species, but with breeding Norwich Plainheads, as with everything else in this world, the only way to succeed is to persevere, and to constantly persevere, even as it may seem at times in the face of defeat. This has been my motto from the beginning with regard to Canary breeding.

### How to Obtain Quality and Stamina.

I have lost some good birds in my time, and my calculations have more than once been upset, but my determination has been to spare no pains in remedying any losses, although sometimes it has meant a long journey to purchase the particular bird or birds I have wanted. I have proved that it is only by adding a good bird or two occasionally that the quality and stamina of my stud are maintained. I feel certain that where inbreeding is too closely followed, fanciers will lose both in size and stamina in their birds. There is a great deal in pairing the birds rightly.

It is no use buying birds haphazard, with nothing but surface to recommend them. I remember many years ago paying, on one particular occasion, quite a high price for a bird for the purpose of improving my stock. I was proud at the thought of getting Palace champions the following season from the pairing of this particular bird to one of my very best hens; but imagine my disappointment when the young were reared to find that they were nothing but weeds. Of course, no one was to blame, the bloods did not "hit" or "blend," as we call it; that was all. But there, I survived it, and lived to learn. And I am still learning—there is always something new to learn in bird breeding. If I were a beginner again—*i.e.*, one without any knowledge whatever of Canary breeding—I would not be very keen about paying a high price for my birds, and getting the very best to start with, as is often desired. What is the use of a raw recruit in the Fancy speculating recklessly in expensive stock before he has gained, at least, some knowledge of the subject? Rather let a beginner pay a moderate price for his stock to commence with, and if he has had the luck to rear a few decent birds the first year, as no doubt he will, then let him seek the aid and advice of an experienced fancier friend in selecting the best for his next year's breeding. Afterwards, when he has gained some knowledge of how to manage his stock, he may speculate a little more freely on a more valuable bird or two, and so by degrees build up a strain of his own. I think this by far a much saner method than buying very costly birds to begin with, and if the first season turns out unsatisfactory, clear out all the stock and give up the fancy in disgust, with a heavy financial loss into the bargain.

### Selecting Stock for Breeding Purposes.

In selecting stock for breeding purposes it is of vital importance that, above all things, type in the hen should be adhered to. I would not mind if the cock bird was a bit long or rough, if these defects were well remedied in the hen. I don't like very large hens; I have never found them so useful as their smaller sisters. I have bred with both large and small hens, and I have proved, on the whole, that the best results are obtained from small, typical, tight feathered hens. One of my best Buffs last year I bred from a small hen. I have 60 pairs of Norwich breeding this year in two bird-rooms, and, with very few exceptions, the hens are the small or medium-sized ones.

I prefer the cock to possess a large head and good colour, as I find that these qualities are more likely to perpetuate themselves in the progeny by the use of a cock of this kind. I think there should be very great attention paid to quality of feather—the fine, soft, silky texture of feather which all true lovers of a good Norwich Canary admire.

Colour should be bred for; I always use a green or marked bird or two, and a good number of ticked birds. This is the only way to keep colour in one's stock; of course, care has to be exercised in the use of green blood, or it may be overdone. It is an easy matter to get good results from colour feeding if the birds are bred in this way. I like to see the Buffs showing a nice meal on the surface of the feather, and also that glorious colour coming up from underneath, so to speak, as though it would burst through. To me, a bird of this kind is a splendid sight, and what a lovely creature is a first-class Yellow, glittering as it does like a ball of fire; it is truly a glorious sight to every true lover of a good Norwich Plainhead.

And is this stamp of bird bred to-day? Yes. I think the Norwich Plainhead of the present day is by far in advance of any of his ancestors. I was literally astounded at the commencement of last show season to see the wonderful strides some fanciers had made, especially with their Yellows. Really, in face of what I saw at some of the leading shows of the advance made especially in Yellows, I cannot agree with some recent writers who assert that the Norwich of to-day is a big, coarse, Crest-bred kind of bird. Of course, I say this without prejudice, as we are all entitled to our opinions; but this is my honest opinion in regard to the present-day winners. I admit there is room yet for improvement, and all breeders of the variety whom I have the pleasure of knowing, are fully alive to the fact, and have set themselves to the task of producing the ideal bird. That we may see the "Ideal" on the show bench at the end of 1909 is my sincerest desire.—J. Hodder.

## Mr. McFarlane's Account.

The photograph shows a few of the cups which I have won at most of the leading shows, viz., Glasgow, Dundee, Perth, Brechin, Paisley, Kilmarnock, Hamilton, Thornton and Kelty. I have also scores on nearly all the cups that are now offered for competition throughout Scotland. Since going into the Fancy proper, some 16 years ago, I have won something over 2,000 prizes, besides over 50 gold and silver medals.

At a considerable expense I have built up a strain of Plainheads, as I think, second to none, and without exaggeration I can safely say that I have bred 95 per cent. of my own winners. My list of wins will testify as to the class of bird I keep, and I believe that my success on the show bench is due entirely to the bold, short, thick, Bullfinch-type of bird which I hold rigidly to. I cannot say that my 16 years' experience has altered my idea very much as to what a Norwich Plainhead ought to be, although when going the rounds of the shows I see all shapes and sizes of birds amongst the winners, due no doubt to the stamp of bird the judges have themselves unfortunately stocked. My opinion, in a natshell, is, that one cannot do better than adhere to the model of the Scottish Plainhead Club and combine with it, both quality and colour. I have put up 20 pairs of Plainheads, and several Muling pairs, and I hope with my usual luck to be able to stage a few winners during the forthcoming show season. I have some Plainheads which have never been defeated in open competition except by their own stable companions. My services are, I may say, greatly in demand for judging shows, but owing to my business arrangements I can enter into but few engagements.—Alexander McFarlane.

## Mr. Eckersley's Account.

I think it is an excellent idea to devote the illustrated supplement of a Double Number solely to one variety of Canary. I send you the most recent counterfeit presentment I have of myself. On my lap is my pet monkey, "Ebenezer," who, at the close of his comparatively brief, but not uneventful, career, went "down to the vile dust from whence he sprung unwept, unhonoured, and unsung," because shortly before his exit, he killed my champion yellow "Eclipse." I am hoping this season to achieve a nearer approach to my ideal than I have yet done. My chief aim is to produce a bird of "brevity" and substance, with a contour composed of exquisite curves: and, like the youngster in the well-known advertisement, "I shall not be happy till I get it." In conclusion, allow me to say that I trust that when the next show season arrives, it will be found that Norwich breeders, generally, have made a distinct advance towards the perfection of type; for I think it will be conceded that, with lamentably few exceptions, the birds of to-day are seriously lacking in this absolutely essential property.—J. Andrew Eckersley.

## Mr. C. E. Brown's Account.

I am pleased to say that I have been very successful with my first love—the Norwich Plainhead. I have had the misfortune to lose some good birds, having had a splendid Buff stolen, and five grand birds killed on the return journey from Plymouth Show. I also had about twenty birds killed by rats. My birds, by the way, are kept in disused cheese rooms, and I use no heat whatever. One room I use for breeding purposes, one for flight, and the other as a hospital; and if I get a bird a bit pinky, I immediately transfer it to this last-named room, the windows of which I keep open night and day. I may say that I very seldom lose a bird through death from natural causes.

But despite my misfortunes, I have been able to hold my own on the show bench, having won numerous awards, together with seven cups, about 30 medals, and many other special prizes. I have also won the Bristol Cage Bird Society's members' challenge cup two years in succession.

To my way of thinking, the Norwich Plainhead is not only the most beautiful of our Canary tribe, but the most prolific and easy to rear. Above all it commands a ready sale. Of course, I am speaking of saleable specimens. Go to any recognised show, and you will find the chubby ones monopolising the crowd, and quite right too. The bright, bold, chubby, sprightly, popular Plainhead deserves all the admiration it gets. But I am afraid we are getting a trifle mixed over the would-be present day type of bird to breed to, and I must say that some of the sketches depicted in our valuable Fancy paper, Cage Birds, are very misleading to the rising generation of fanciers (by the way, what wonderful strides Cage Birds has made, and what a great help to the young fancier it is; ah! to the old hands, too. And how grateful we should all be to the Editor for the splendid pennyworth he puts before us week after week. I trust he will long be spared to continue in this good work "of fostering friendship between fanciers").

To describe the Norwich Plainhead, which constitutes my ideal; I must say that I prefer a bird from 5¾ to 6 inches long, of good size, with a well-rounded head, and one that is free from browing, with short beak, good bold eye set well in the centre of head, well-filled in cheeks, short, thick neck, short body clean cut away behind, back broad and well filled in, bold deep chest well rounded, wings short and well braced, the tips to meet evenly at root of tail, tail short, well folded and erect and soft silky feather, bright, level and compact. I consider the principal point to pay attention to when breeding is the selection of the birds you have as near perfection as possible. For instance, I pair up my best yellow cock bird to my best buff hen, and vice-versa. Some fanciers would say, "Oh! Why do you pair two evenly-balanced birds together?" Simply because I believe in "like producing like." I detest big, browy stock birds, and think it a great mistake for fanciers to go out of their way to get these mongrels into their strain. If we wish to improve our cattle we should certainly not introduce a shorthorn bull into a Jersey herd: and why use foreign blood in our Norwich Plainheads, when there is no earthly need of it? By so doing we are not only losing type and quality, but we are sacrificing that lovely box-woodlike feather so seldom seen in the winning Norwich to-day. My opinion of the stamp of bird exhibited to-day is that not enough attention is paid to type and quality, and if more of our Norwich classes were allotted to specialist judges, instead of one judge taking two or three varieties, these narrow-sided, coarse-feathered birds would soon be a thing of the past.—C. E. Brown.

## The Blackbird of Dorset.

In the county of Dorset the Blackbird is not among the birds protected by law. It appears that these melodious songsters are exceptionally plentiful and do considerable damage to the apple and pear crops. Among the other birds not protected are the Sparrow, Wood Pigeon, Rook, and Jackdaw. All these are generally able to look after themselves pretty well, and hardly need to be scheduled.


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# MY FAVOURITE BIRD: THE GOLDFINCH.

**By W. PAGE.**

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You may also make a mixture as follows for tit-bits—½lb. maw, ½ pint niger, 2ozs. thistle, and 1oz. of dandelion seeds, of which I give half a teaspoonful daily, except twice weekly, when I give a little egg-food and maw seed. I substitute ripe seedling heads of dandelion and thistle for the seed mixture as soon as they are procurable. I give a little green-food daily (wild, for preference), such as dandelion, shepherd's purse, groundsel, and chickweed. If the above cannot be obtained, then lettuce or cress may be given. I also give the birds the opportunity of bathing at liberty.

After this treatment all should be well, and the birds should not be long coming into condition. But should any of them be a little backward on this treatment, then I give a mealworm now and again which I find they too readily accept, and greatly enjoy, soon learning to take same from one's fingers.

So much has been said on breeding methods that I think I shall be safe in omitting it from this paper, as it is the same old ground over and over again that is discussed, so I will only say that one hears a great deal about good feeders, and a bird being safe with oggs, that all I can say now is, most fanciers who have a breeding Finch, generally find him another occupation, more profitable than feeding a hen 14 days and helping to rear the young. I know he can, even if he could be trusted to do so. Still, one would not on my advice take a Finch away from a Hybrid pair.

### The Exhibiting of Goldfinches.

Now a word on exhibiting our Finches, as, of course, the above remarks on conditioning for breeding apply equally for conditioning for show purposes. But one must take care not to have birds too forward, or, shall I say, rank, as then no bird shows at his best. The most important thing is in regard to the bath, which should be always at a bird's service, no Finch being able to have too much water. Water is by far the greatest conditioner of all.

When our Finch has been got to his best and ready for show, "don't handicap him yourself." This remark may appear strange, but the fact remains that some exhibitors do handicap their birds greatly—especially at members' shows. As a general rule, they have a good bird and know it, as the phrase goes. And when a show comes along, they say, "Oh! yes, he's good enough to win there." Perhaps without doubt he is, but on walking round after the awards are allotted, they find him pegged back perhaps only one, perhaps out of the money altogether, and the leader, though far from being the best, has gained the honour. This is what causes the grumbling, especially if the said champion has a splendid record. But if you asked the judge, he would say, the other won on condition; and rightly so, too, as all bird keepers know the difficulty of keeping them and showing them "in the pink." The only remedy is to show them for all they are worth, which means, in London especially, that they must be washed and staged spotlessly, not overlooking the cage item. Then, if they are beaten, you have the greatest consolation possible, and that is that you know you showed him for all he was worth, and that he met better birds.

By staging your birds without the above named treatment you not only handicap the bird, but yourself, the judge and the visitors also. In conclusion, allow me to quote the old motto "What's worth doing at all, is worth doing well." So we must all try and make the best of what we have and that the best bird may win is my wish for all.


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# Suggestions for an Outdoor Aviary and Its Management.

By H. S. DAVIES.

Let me first of all impress upon the novice the necessity of starting on a reasonably small scale, so that he may gain a knowledge of the best methods of the keeping, etc., of our interesting birds. So we will start at the beginning, and that is the building of the shed—or, to be more grammatical in birdy matters, we will call it the aviary—which we intend to have to go on with our hobby.

### A Suitable Size for an Aviary.

An aviary of the following dimensions will give one ample space to start with. Let it be 12ft. long, 8ft. wide, 10ft. high to top of roof, and 8ft. high to eaves. This will allow one plenty of room, and will give the birds sufficient space to live in happiness, besides providing just about enough for the novice to look after and keep in good order. The aviary should be built of well seasoned matched boards, and should bo lined inside with match boards, which need not bo quite so thick as the onos outside, and the space between the match boards should be filled up with sawdust or fine shavings; tho formor is preferred, as this will be a great help to keep thc heat of the aviary at a good, even temperature. If you don't mind a little moro expense, cover the outside with tarred felting, which is not at all dear; this will greatly help to keep out the cold in the winter. As we do not intend heating this aviary, we must make it as comfortable for the inmates as possible. Get it built about a foot from the ground, have the floor made of good thick flooring boards and always keep a nice layer of sawdust on the floor, as this helps to keep the room sweet and clean, besides making it much more cosy than if the floor were left bare.

### An Aviary of Three Sections.

We will not stay longer on the matter of tho building, but will pass on to the birds that are going to make their new home in these quarters. I intend dividing the aviary into three sections, that, in my opinion, will fulfil the requirements of the novice in all branches, viz., firstly, Canaries; secondly, Britishers; and thirdly, Foreigners. Now as our aviary has been built, wo must keep within its limits as regards the number of birds, and we must not overstock, as that will not be pleasant for the birds, nor for their owner. We will therefore pick out six specimens for each section, which will be quite enough for the room at our disposal.

For the first section, that for Canaries, we will pick out three varieties, and have a pair of each. For the novice I believe the following will be the choicest for him:—No. 1 pair, Yorkshires (tho "Gentleman" of the Fancy); No. 2 pair, Lizards (the "Art" of the Fancy); and No. 3 pair, Rollers (tho "Musician" of the Fancy). These three pairs the most critical novice will find to be all he requires. Now for the cages; procure three double-breeding eages and one flight cage. Give the tbree eocks a double-breeder each, and put the hens in the flight; if you have a successful breeding season give the youngsters the use of tho flight, and should you have an extra good season, procure cages to give the young sufficient room to fly about in. A glance at CAGE BIRDS in sufficient time before the breeding season starts will provide plenty of sound practical advice by the leading writers as to the proper methods of breeding Canaries, and the Queries Columns of CAGE BIRDS are always open to one, which offer one a rare opportunity of gaining full knowledge. As to the prices of the birds for the No. 1 section, a look through the advertisement columns of "C.B." will provide you with an opportunity of purchasing plenty of birds at various prices to suit all pockets.

### The Second Section Considered.

We will now pass on to the No. 2 section, that, viz., for Britishers, whero again we will divide our section into six species. These will include one each of the following species. The first will be tho Magpie, so well known to country lads. Magpies are rather shy, and do not therefore come very near to our towns, so that the only chance one has of seeing him, if not in his wild state, is at a cage-bird show, where he stands a good chance if shown in good condition.

Our second bird will be the Song Thrush, so well known to almost everybody. As a songster, he is as good as almost any of our resident birds. Our third bird will be the bold-looking Hawfinch. He also is a rather shy bird, but makes a very handsome cago pet, and should be included in the stock of any aviary. The fourth will be the popular Goldfinch, also well known, and for beauty, song, and gracefulness, far ahead of any of the British Hardbills. No. 5 will be the Nuthatch, a fairly plentiful species, but seldom kept as cage birds. He can be bought for a few shillings, and is not at all difficult to keep, as he is very hardy and requires nothing extra as regards food. He should most decidedly appear as one of the novice's Softbills, or, rather, Part-Softbills. For the last bird we will have the beautiful and graceful Grey Wagtail, which, in my opinion, is the most interesting resident Britisher we have.

Now for the cages in which to keep our birds. The Magpio will require a cage 4ft. 6ins. long, 2ft. 6ins. high, and 2ft. wide, with threo perches, two of them opposite the food and water utensils, and the other between the two, but about midway between the top and the bottom of the cage. For the Thrush, a cage 2ft. 6ins. long, 2ft. high, and 18ins. wide, is quitc large enough, with perches in the same position as advised for the "Mag." For the Hawfinch a stock cage 2ft. long, 18ins. high, and 12ins. wide is excellent, with two perches from back to front. For the Goldie one 18ins. long, 14ins. high, and 8ins. wide, is sufficient. The cage for our most interesting specimen, the Nuthatch, should be about 2ft. long, 2ft. high, and 1ft. wide, and should havo fastened to the roof, sides and back old bark from a rotten tree, or, better still, cork bark, which is much softer than the tree bark. You will then find that he will spend most of his time climbing up and down the bark, and will be quite an attraction in the bird-room. As for "Lady Wag," I should adviso giving a eage about 2ft. 6ins. long, 14ins. high, and 1ft. wide. Place therein about six perches made very fine of some kind of hard wood. It is better still to cover the perches with something soft, as the littlo feet of our birds are rather tender. Place the perches about two or three inches from the bottom of cage and about four or five inches between, so that tho Wagtail can hop and walk from one to the other just as she does on the stono in a brook or stream, where she is most likoly to bo seen in her native haunts.

I can assure my novice friends that the little outlay involved to provide good, suitable and roomy cages for his British birds will be greatly repaid in the pleasure he will receive by watching the movements of his pets.

### The Feeding of British Birds.

We will now proceed to tho feeding of our collection of British birds. The following I find from oxperience aro the best foods. For the Magpie 6 parts game meal or ground dog biscuits, 1 part meat meal or crissel, 1 part ants' eggs, and 1 part dried flies—all mixed up together. Slightly damp the required amount every morning with water or grated carrot, or finely cut up lettuce, or any green leaves relished by birds. Give also a little cooked or fresh lean meat about two or three times a week; it will be greatly relished; and a raw hen's egg will be a nice tit-bit for "Mag."

For the Thrush a good staple food is as follows:—4 parts game meal, 1 part meat meal, 1 part ants' eggs, 1 part dried flies. Prepare this tho same as I have recommended for the Magpie, and give as many cockroaches, beetles, snails, and worms as you may think fit. Give these only just as a change and a tit-bit.

Food for the Hawfinch is as follows:—2 parts sunflower, 1 part hemp, 1 part Canary seed, and a little dari, buckwheat, and small oats, just as a change of diet. Give also berries, as privet, juniper, haw, etc., and a little green food when it comes in season, such as lettuce, dandelion, and so on.

For Master Goldie provide 1 part hemp, 1 part Canary, and 1 part teazle; also as a tit-bit a little thistle, dandelion, niger, and maw seeds; these are only as a pick-me-up, or as a change, and must be given sparingly. Give also, when he is in season, ripe seedling heads of tho thistles, dandelion, groundsel, etc., also nice leaves as watercress, lettuce, and leaves of dandelion.

For the Nuthatch give 2 parts broken biscuits ground up finely, 1 part ants' eggs, and 1 part dried flies; moisten as above mentioned. Give also a little hemp and Canary seeds daily, which will be greatly relished. Also give nuts, as "monkey" nuts, wallnuts, almonds, etc.; and he will greatly enjoy himself smashing them up. Give him also a few insects and mealworms daily.

For the Wagtail the following makes a good stock mixture:—1 part ground biscuits, 1 part ants' eggs, 1 part dried flies. Mix and prepare theso as daintily as possible. Also give any live insects you can pick up, also any smooth caterpillars you can lay your hands on. Give too, about a dozen mealworms daily, supply them from your hand, and she will become very affectionate in so doing. I should like to mention here that there are some honest food vendors who advertise regularly in "C.B.," who would supply you with food suitable for all the Softbills, and trial foods from two or three of the vendors would soon convince the novice that he can purchase insectivorous food in different grades suitable for the different species of British and foreign birds mentioned in this article.

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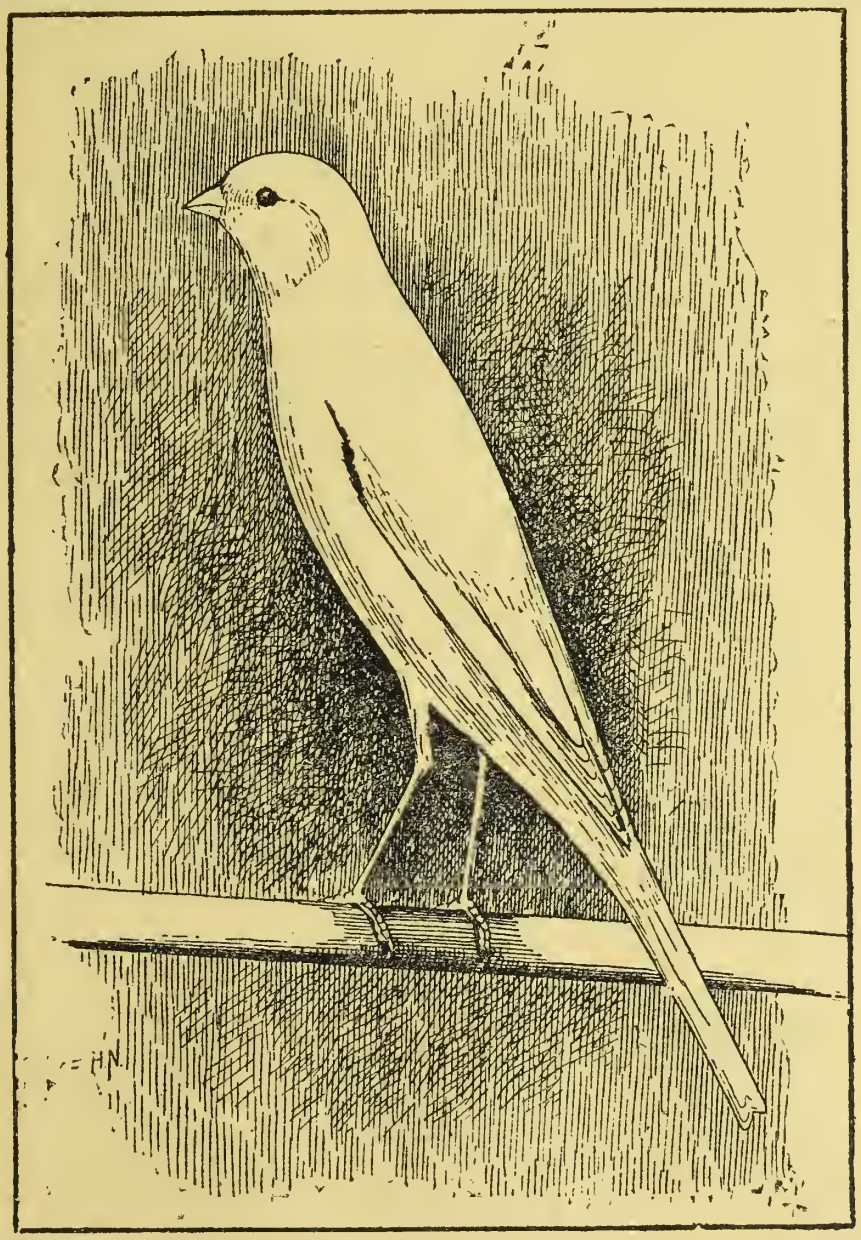

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# How I Breed Greenfinch-Canary Mules in Cages.

By FRANK DODD.

In writing this paper, the first I have ever written, my object is (being only a novice) to speak from experience. I must confess that all I know has come direct through CAGE BIRDS. What a lot one can learn by following each week the lectures and the query columns of that journal! Don't miss one week, else you are apt to miss the very thing you want most, is my advice to all.

**My First Success.**

The Greenfinch Mule is one of my favourites. It is a handsome bird indeed when colour-fed; hardy withal, and gives very little trouble. A good specimen colour-fed will easily hold its own. The first one I ever bred turned out a good one. I hand-reared three summers ago a very nice cock Greenfinch. He became very steady, and in the following spring bred me some nice rich-coloured Mules. In one nest, in particular, he fertilised all the eggs, four in number. I was very encouraged after this.

Now, one may say, "But I cannot get birds to hand-rear." Very well, procure in the month of October a good large yellow Greenfinch, a stoutly-built bird, and one which shows rich yellow bars on the wings. Put him in an ordinary clean box cage, feed him on plenty of sunflower seeds, teazle, hemp, linseed, Canary (and a few oats are also enjoyed), not forgetting to supply all kinds of green food, such as chickweed, groundsel, etc., and a bath twice a week. Also see that he has gritty sand in the cage-bottom; clean this out, however, twice a week, as these birds, being very hearty, must be kept clean for health's sake. If you give your bird the above-named, you will soon find Master Greenie "at home." It is a great thing to get him steady. A mealworm, too, is often enjoyed. As time goes on and as the breeding season approaches, you will find that the cages must be seen to. Get the ordinary two-compartment breeding cage with a sliding partition; see that all is clean and that there are no cracks for red mite to crawl into.

**When and How to Pair the Birds.**

I may say here that is is not necessary to keep the hens with the Finches all through the winter. When March comes in, or at about the beginning or the end of April, select a large young, variegated Norwich hen, one that is nice and lively; this is the right mate for your Greenfinch. Put the hen in one side and the Finch in the other. You will soon see whether they take to one another. It is also advisable to run the Greenfinch with the Canary, say, twice a week for a short time; they will then get used to one another. Also place a little egg-food or green-stuff between the wires or on the bottom of the cage near the sliding partition. At the end of April pull out the partition and give them the sole possession of the cage. Place some building material between the wires, and hang a nest-pan in the centre of the cage.

**A Critical and Anxious Period.**

The birds will by this time be on friendly terms with each other and building their nest. Now is the time to be careful and watch your birds. Some Greenfinches have a nasty habit of pulling the nest to pieces as fast as the hen builds. This can be effectually stopped by running the Finch in with the Canary during the morning only of each day. Some Finches, on the other hand, are quite the reverse and make ideal husbands. When the Canary has laid, too, Master Greenie sometimes will soon throw the eggs out on to the cage floor. Here, again, one must be ready. Shut the Finch by himself for nearly all day. As soon as she starts to sit, separate him altogether, and if the hen is a good mother she will rear the young Mules by herself.

**The Feeding and Treatment of Young.**

Feed the Canary and the Young Mules on hard-boiled egg and bread crumbs, fresh daily. Also supply plenty of green food as named above, as young Mules are very hearty. It is advisable, too, to see that the hen has plenty to "go at." I remember the first young Mules I succeeded in getting hatched out. When I heard their chirps from the nest, I thought I had gained a rare prize.

But all the difficulties in connection with the hobby are not over when you have gone thus far. One may be curious and take the young Mules out of the nest to look at them. Here, again, I speak from experience. If you do this you will regret having done it, for I have found that when they have their feathers only just pricking through, you can't get them back into the nest again. They will be found to sit in the corner of the cage ready to pounce through any opening in the cage-front they can. Have patience, and leave them to the mother bird; you are certain to be rewarded.

When the young Mules are six weeks old, select the best specimens—good coloured birds—and feed them in the same way I have recommended you to feed the Greenie, not forgetting to supply plenty of baths. Colour-feed them and cage them off separately. You should then have a handsome Mule for all your trouble. The chief thing is to persevere, and to learn every little wrinkle you can; by following CAGE BIRDS you won't go far wrong.

## FRESH-CAUGHT BIRDS AND THEIR TREATMENT.

My object in writing these few lines is to help young fanciers who want either to restock their rooms or aviaries, or who are only just beginning to go in for them. By selecting the birds now, you have, I consider, the best chance, not only of getting good birds, but of keeping them and getting them well on to seed. All wild birds which are caught do not live. Some of them die at once; others will live some days. But if you can get plenty of wild seeds and berries to assist them in taking the hard seeds, it would be all the better. Some seeds should also be soaked at first and given in separate vessels, others being given in the dry state. I am a great believer in crushing some seeds as well, particularly hemp, which should be given freely for a time, until the birds are well settled down. Too many birds should not be placed together, as some of them, not always the largest and strongest, prevent the others from getting the food. I always turn a steady old bird in with them for a few days if I have one by me, until they get used to the seeds and water, both of which must always be put inside the cage. It is very rarely a wild-caught bird is known to put its head through the seed or water hole. Some birds would rather die first than do this I always partly cover up the cage for a day or two, so that nothing can disturb them; they can then look around and find their seeds and water. When they can do that, I uncover them. By keeping them indoors, too, they become tamer much sooner than when hung out of doors, or too near a window, where they can hear their mates' calls as they pass overhead. This latter greatly upsets them, and causes them to beat themselves badly against the wires. It also unsettles them again for some time. Always make it a rule to select a good large bird and a young one, as they get used to the cage much quicker. The old birds always have better and brighter plumage than the young ones, and I have found out from experience that the older birds will generally live if wilder, and it is only a question of time to steady it. Those who go in for Goldfinches must exercise much caution with the young 'pates, or they will lose them. For these birds, give plenty of crushed hemp seed; they cannot well crush the hemp, and in consequence quickly die off. As the Grey-pates can be got cheap, it is as well to get about six at a time; you are then quite sure to get some of them to live if you will only feed them rightly. OBSERVER.

## Migratory Birds and the Wind.

Before the Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society a paper was read by a member upon the migration of birds, in which the common opinions that birds fly of necessity against the wind, was strongly combated. No doubt in many cases during these long flights birds do breast the current, although their progress must be more laborious and certainly is slower, but it seems almost incredible that wild creatures should preferably choose the harder task. The lecturer on the occasion in question tried to prove that a cyclone with its centre off the south west of Ireland would be favourable for the birds of northern Europe travelling to warmer regions of Africa, and that they would take advantage of the winds to carry them over.

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## THE BREEDING OF THE BUDGERIGAR.

Everybody knows this bird so well, with his bright green plumage and black and yellow Zebra markings, that a full description is unnecessary. Budgerigars are about the hardiest and most easily kept of all the foreign birds, and at the same time just about the prettiest. My bird-room being small, I have to try and economize space. A very good flight and breeding cage is made for these birds by stretching half-inch wire netting from the bottom shelf on which you cages stand to within seven or eight inches of the floor. If required for breeding purposes, cokernut husks should be hung at each end of the cage, allowing two husks for each pair of birds. If the cage is all wire netting, hang a bit of old cloth at each end in front of the cokernuts, for I find the birds like to be quiet and undisturbed; or if preferred, when making the cage cover in the ends with wood, which answers the same purpose. When Budgerigars are in breeding condition the cere of the female is a darkish reddish brown colour, and that of the male bright blue. A day or two before the hen lays she is seen going in and out of the cokernut, which she has selected for her home, scraping it to make it soft, and removing any hard bits of fibre which happen to be inside. Then usually from two to six white egs are laid, but I have had as many as eight. Budgerigars only lay every alternate day, but despite this, I think it is much better not to remove the eggs, for I find even the youngest bird gets just as well fed as the others. I am certain that the secret of success is leaving them alone, for the year they first bred so well with me, I had just got a fresh pair of Scotch Fancy Canaries, and was very anxious that they should do well, so devoted all my attention to them, not caring much about the Budgerigars. One morning, however, to my great delight, I heard chirp-chirp coming from the inside of the husk, which told me that there were young birds there. Each pair rears on an average ten young in a season. I usually hang the husks up about the end of February or the beginning of March, and take them away about the end of September. If they are allowed to breed later, or are frightened or in a disturbed state, my experience is that they kill their young by pecking into their brains. When about two or three months old they can be sold from 4s. to 5s. a pair, and if kept till after their first moult, for more. Their seed diet consists of equal parts Canary and millet seed, with occasionally millet in the spray; and when they are not breeding half a handful of whole oats thrown on the tray of the cage is greatly enjoyed. The night before the young are due to hatch (which is the evening of the 16th day from the time the first egg was laid), give a little stale bread soaked in cold water and then squeezed as dry as possible. Continue this until they can crack seed. I have found that the bread does them no harm, and that they can have as much as they like, with, of course, seed always in their cage, too. Chickweed and freshly-gathered grasses with the seed ripe they are very fond of, but lettuce I have found does not agree with them, and they seldom care for any other green-food. Parents that are inclined to be bad feeders would, I should think, be greatly induced to feed by supplying plenty of chickweed. The young ones can be easily tamed if taken and trained when first they come out of the nest; but be careful to put them back again with their parents until they are able to do for themselves, and on no account disturb them before, or you will find it very disastrous.

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Oct. 20 & 21—**Eastbourne**—(R. M. Daly, 120, Whitley Rd). C.A.H.

*Oct. 22 and 23—**Newcastle-on-Tyne**—(Curry and Hutchinson, 60. Grosvenor Gardens.) J.R., W.V., W.M., W.C.D. and T.H.

Oct. 22 and 23—**Hinckley**—(W. Warner, Upper Bond Street).

Oct. 23—**Middlesbrough**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road). W.M. and J.M.

Oct. 23—**Burton-on-Trent**—(Elliott & Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.

*Oct. 23 and 24—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street.)

*Oct. 27—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(E.C. Parnell, 12, Princes Street).

*Oct. 27 & 28—**Gloucester C.B.S.** (J. R. Houghton, Dargai, Hatherley Road.) H.W.B. & W.V.

*Oct. 27 and 28—**Grimsby & Dis. O.S.**—(W. H. Moore, 39, Lord Street). J.H.R. & F.M.

Oct. 27 and 28—**Clapham**—(A. C. Askew, 15, Manor Street.)

Oct. 27 & 28—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Magg, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown). C.A.H. and T.H.

Oct. 28—**Fromc C.B.S.**—(W. Minty, 7, Stony Street.)

*Oct. 28—**Hanley**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head)

*Oct. 28 & 29—**Wolverhampton**—(J. Gibbons, 74, Napier Road.) J.C.B. and R.J.H.

*Oct. 29 and 30—**Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.**—(E. Mellors, 53, Annesley Road.) W.V & R.R.

Oct. 29 and 30—**Manchester (Belle View)**—(G. W. F. Lythgoe, 25, Stamford Street, Old Trafford.)

Oct. 29 and 30—**York** (A. Waud, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). W.P.B. and W.A.C.

Oct. 29 and 30—**Shields**—(J. Parrass, 98, Marlborough Street.) C.A.H. & T.D.

Oct. 30—**Derwent Valley C.B.S.**—(J Brown, 12, Humber Street, Chopwell, Durham).

Oct. 30 and Nov. 1—**Norwich Alliance, All England**—(R. Roll, "Dalwood," Cecil Road, Lakenham). C.A.H.

Oct. 30—**Hartlepools**—(H. J. L. Williams, 30, Listen St., W. Hartlepool).

Nov. 2 and 3—**Weybridge**—(H. E. Parrott, Grove Place.) C.A.H.

Nov. 3.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Av.) J.R., and W.V.

Nov. 4 & 5—**Dulwich & Peckham**—(W. Hodson, 209, Crystal Palace Road, East Dulwich.)

Nov. 5 and 6—**Blackburn** (J. W. Marsden, 44, Troop Street).

Nov. 5 and 6—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.) J.R., & H.W.B.

Nov. 5 and 6—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe & Hillmen 35, Whitefield Road, Everton.) W.M, J.C.B., & G.E.W.

Nov. 5 & 6—**Sheffield**—(Lindsay.) & Bingham. 202, King James Street, Walkley

*Nov. 5 and 6—**Wigan**—(W. Ridge, 55, Poolstock),

*Nov. 6—**Rochdale Good Intent**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford Street). J.H.R. & R.B.

Nov. 6—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). H.W.B. and C.H.

Nov. 6 and 8—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(C. Draper, 105, Belgrave Street.) J.H.P. & R.J.H.

Nov. 6—**Cleator Moor.**—(J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road). A.By.

Nov. 9 and 10—**Hastings United**—(A. E. Godden, 50, Harold Road, Clive Vale). J.R.

Nov. 10—**Leek**—(R. Hall, Hallscroft, Rudyard, Staffs). W.V.

*Nov. 11 and 12—**Cambridge**—(T. S. Moore, 126, Newmarket Road). J.F. & J.B.

*Nov. 12 & 13—**Wallsend-on-Tyne**—(Richardson & Greenwell, 35, The Avenue). J.H.R., J.W., and J.W.B.

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*Nov. 13—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.**—(A. Flint, High Street, Tideswell, nr. Buxton). W.M. & W.V.

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Nov. 13 and 15—**Nottingham**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square, Parkside). T.H., C.H. & W.V.

Nov. 17—**Reading**—(G. A. Charles, 4, Talfourd, Avenue, Earley, Reading) J.F.

Nov. 17 & 18—**Hayle**—(H. Ware, 2, Pond Rd.)

Nov. 17 & 18—**West Bromwich.** (T. Duffield, 18, Braybrook Street.) J.H.P., W.G.P.

Nov. 19 and 20 **Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19 Lambton Street). W.V. & E.B.

Nov. 19 and 20—**Sunderland**—(W. Reid, 14, Plantation Road, Pallion.) T.H., J.Str

Nov. 19 & 20—**Pendleton & Salford**—(H. Clayton, 42, Anne St., Higher Broughton, Manchester). A.W. & J.C.B.

*Nov. 20—**Coventry O.S.**—(G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon Road.)

Nov. 20—**Crook Original**—(Bird and Siddle, 15 Church St). A.B.

Nov. 23 & 24—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(M. E. Feltham, 123, Commercial Rd.)

Nov. 24 & 25—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze Road, Horfield.)

*Nov. 24—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad St.) W.P.B, & S.H.M.

Nov. 26 & 27—**Sale Open**—(Jas. Irlam, 86, Harley Rd.) J.C.B.

Nov. 27.—**Darlington C.B.S.**—(E. Brunskill, 2, Dancsbury Terrace). W.P.B. and J.M.

Nov. 27—**Hetton-le-Hole**—(A. J. Notley, 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs, Co. Durham). A.B.

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Dec. 3 & 4—**Altrincham**—(T. Harrison, 4, Shaws Lane).

Dec. 4—**Ferryhill**—(R. Binks, jun., 27, West Street, Ferryhill, Co. Durham). J.Sr., J.Mn.

Dec. 4,—**Harrogate**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road). A.H.

Dec. 4 & 6—**Leicester C.B.S.** (J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road.) J.H.R. & J.F.D.

Dec. 8—**Luton**—(E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street). J.R. and A.S.

*Dec. 10 & 11—**Gateshead** (Buck & Johnson, 30 Keswick Street)

Dec. 11—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. E. Wigginton, 94, Station Road.)

Dec. 18—**Crook & Dis.**—(W. Rutherford, West Roddy moor). J.S.

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Jan. 1—**Guisborough "Priory"** (Atkinson & Wilson, 80, Westgate).

Jan. 8—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees).

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Oct. 2—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane).

Oct, 9—**Broughty Ferry**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place).

Oct. 9—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Torrace, Selkirk). H.B.

Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford, Normand Place, Kelty, N.B.) W.R., G.H., A.G.C., J.W.B., G.M.

Oct. 23—**City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 6, St. Catherine's Road. G.F., J.Sn., R.F.A., J.A., T.C.G.H., J.C.

Oct. 30—**Ayr & Dis.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road).

Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan, 23, High Street. J. H., G. H., J. B., D. L.

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Nov. 12 & 13 **Glasgow & West of Scotland**—(F. Bowman 5, Parkview Gardens, Tollcross, Glasgow).

Nov. 13—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.) D.L, J.Wn, A.C., P.P.

Nov. 19 and 20—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(J. Bx. Murdoch, 9, Burnside St).

Nov. 20—**Galashiels**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew Street).

Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.).

Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.)

Dec. 18—**Broxburn**—(D. Anthony, Main Street). T.S., J.B., G.H., J.W., W.S.

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Nov. 10 and 11—**Swansea.**—(A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, nr. Swansea.)

Nov. 17—**Macsteg**—(W. Jenkins, 43, John Street, Nantyfyllon, Bridgend).

Nov. 18—**Morriston** (W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Rd.) H.N. and W.M.

*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Cardiff.**—(W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland Road.) J.H.P. & J.R.

*Dec. 15—**Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun & Dis.**—(Eborne & James, 11, Pwllgwaun Road, Pontypridd.)

### Ireland.

Nov. 11 & 12—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton, Banbridge, Co. Down).

Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—(H. J. Niblock, Seatown Place.)

Dec. 15 and 16—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan). H.N.

### Foreign.

Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H. S. Tibbs, 184, John Street, Toronto, Canada).

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# Questions and Answers.

## DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

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## CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

### Hanging Fire.

**Ruviquy.**—The trouble is simply that they were not in breeding condition when you mated them, neither are they now. The matching has nothing whatever to do with it. Although it is quite possible to overfeed Canaries, I scarcely think this is the trouble with yours. The greatest desideratum now is patience to await the development of events, naturally. To hasten matters, feed on plain Canary as a staple, and give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with a few grains of inga and gold of pleasure seeds. Give a small teaspoonful of hemp every second day to each pair. Give a fairly liberal supply of dandelion and chickweed daily. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for two or three days, and, after that, twenty drops of port wine, and two each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel every second day for a week.

### A Mopy Norwich.

**A.J.F.**—Am afraid I must say I "ha ma' doots"; "pretty considerahle" ones, too, as the Yankees say, about the hardihood of the bird. The journey should not have upsct it at all. Had you said how you were feeding it, it would have helped me to suggest some remedy. Anyway, try the following treatment for a week or two, and if not hetter, write again. Keep it in a comfortahle and regular temperature, quite free from draughts or chills, and only give baths when the weather is quite fine and mild. Feed on plain Canary only as a staple, every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and a few grains of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it. Give a little dandelion or chickweed daily. In the drinking water give six drops each of dandelion juice and syrup of rhubarh every second day for a week, and on the alternate days four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. In the following week give two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel in the water every second day.

### Misjudged.

**A Beginner.**—I feel quite convinced you made a slight error of judgment respecting the hen's condition when mated. She was evidently quite forward, hut not quite up to concert pitch, and it would have been best to delay the mating a few days longer. Then when you put them together you should not have given a nest bag right away, but deferred this item until it was required, which would have hecn shown hy the birds going frequently in and out of the hox with any unconsidered trific they could discover. Your hest plan now is to let matters take their course, and await events patiently; they will develop satisfactorily in the course of a week or two, I have no douht. Meantime, give a supply of dandelion and chickweed daily; a small teaspoonful of egg-food hetween the pair every second day, and in this mix a pinch of equal parts of inga and gold of pleasure seeds. Give also half a teaspoonful of hemp three times a week. Glad to hear the former advice was so successful.

### Yorkshire Unwell.

**Yorkshire Lad.**—It is quite likely the hird caught a chill whilst heing kept alone in the show cage, and then running him with two hens is probably a hit too much for him this season. Allow him to run with the hen until mid-day each day, then separate him until hen has laid next morning, or till ahout hreakfast time hefore she hegins to lay. Whilst he is caged alone, give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple; three times a week give a few grains of hemp, and twice a week a small picce of hread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. Give no egg food except what he may pick up whilst running with the hen, hut give a rather liberal supply of green food daily; say, one fair-sized dandelion leaf and a spray of tender chickweed or groundsel. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, six of syrup of rhubarh, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence daily for three days. After this give six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week, and on the alternate days two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel.

### A Feather Eater.

**S.S.**—First of all, examine cage thoroughly to see if red mite attacks are the indirect cause of the irritation which makes him pluck out his feathers. If you should find any white powdery substance sticking about around any of the joints, you may take it as a certain indication that a colony of mites exists hard hy. In that case you must thoroughly eradicate the pest. Add a teaspoonful of quassia chips to a quart of water and allow it to stand in a cool place, and use this as long as it lasts for filling the hath each day. Feed as follows for a week or two: Staple diet, plain Canary; separately, half a teaspoonful of summer rape three times a week, and twice a week a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake in which mix as much as will cover a three-penny-piece of a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur and one part chlorate of potash. Stop giving sugar, but a mealworm a day would he beneficial; and give a little groundsel or crisp lettuce daily. If this has not quite succeeded in attaining the desired object in, say, a week, continue the same treatment, and add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and six drops of lemon juice to its water every second day for a week.

### Erratic Laying.

**J. Stephens.**—Your feeding is decidedly faulty, and is doubtless largely the cause of the erratic behaviour of the hen. If she has not yet laid anything like a clutch, and commenced to sit, separate her and feed as follows for a fortnight. Staple two parts Canary to one part rape, mixed. Give separately half a teaspoonful of hemp twice a week, and every second day a half teaspoonful of egg-food, or crushed sponge cake—the latter for preference—with a pinch of equal parts of Inga and gold of pleasure mixed in it. Give a fairly liberal supply of chickweed or groundsel each day, hut no dandelion. In the drinking water for the first week give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence and six drops of dandelion juice every second day, and in the second week twenty drops of chemical food daily. After this treatment you may mate her again as soon as she is ready, and continue the above method of feeding when you should find the results better.

### Two Crest Hens.

**T. Saxon.**—Both birds seem to require a little patience. They will douhtless come into condition when the weather gets quite settled, and quite time enough to have one, if not two, nests each. Therefore, I should consider the office of executioner rather premature if, as you say, the hirds are good. I presume you have trimmed the crests at the sides; if not, do so at once. No. 1. Give six drops each of dandelion juice and syrup of buckthorn in the water for three or four days. After that dissolve a pennyworth of citrate of iron and quinine in two tablespoonfuls of port wine, and give twenty drops of this in the water daily for a week or so. Also add four drops of chemical food to the egg-food, and give a liberal supply of dandelion. No. 2 bird requires only patience. It will help to hring matters to a climax if you give a little rape daily, add a pinch of inga and gold of pleasure to her egg-food each time, and give a little dandelion daily. Give a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for two days as a heginning.

### A Vague Question.

**Perplexed.**—Your query does not make it clear whether you have the hirds properly mated in true pairs, or simply two hirds in each cage; nor whether you had supplied proper material and receptacles for nesting. If they are not mated up in true pairs you should do this at once; of course, allow the cocks to hang heside their respective mates for a day or two to become acquainted hefore finally putting them together. At the same time hang in each cage a piece of cuttlefish, and a nest box or pan, and, a few days later, if yon see the birds going in and out of the nest pan supply them with a hag of nesting material. Leave the rest of the husiness to the birds themselves, and interfere with their arrangements as little as possible. The eggs that were laid hefore you wrote will be quite useless now. It is quite possihle for a hen to lay two eggs or even a full clutch consecutively without having access to a male hird, hut, of course, such eggs are of no use at all.

### Won't Stand Up.

**F.U.**—You do not say what condition of hody the bird is in, and, assuming that the inability, or refusal (whichever it may be) to stand up on its legs is not due to the faulty habit of crouching, I expect it is in an overfat condition. Try what the following exposition of "simple life" will do for it, and if it is not hetter in, say, a fortnight, write again, and say what condition the hird is in. As a staple give plain Canary only, with half a teaspoonful of summer rape twice a week, and a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with two drops each of chemical food and cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it three times a week. Give a liberal supply of green food daily. In the drinking water give every second day for a week as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and on the alternate days twenty drops of chemical food. During the second week continue the chemical food every second day, and on the alternate days give two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel.

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### An Obstinate Cold.

**R.K.M.**—As the remedies you have already tried are good ones, I am inclined to suspect that you have rather failed in the first essential towards a cure of any ill; that is, in effectually removing the cause or causes and taking steps to see that there is no repetition of it, or them. Do this now, hy seeing that the hird is kept quite free from any dranght or chill, and do not allow it to saturate its plumage hy hathing until hetter. Give a bath only on nice mild days, and only leave it on the cage for ten or fifteen minutes. Also keep it where there are no violent fluctuations of temperature, hut where the temperature is an even and fairly comfortable one. Then feed it as frequently advised in this column. Give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops each of sherry and cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it every second day for a fortnight, and in the drinking water twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a fortnight, or until symptoms are quite removed.

### Brevities.

**Not Laying** (Novice).—If the hens have not yet laid, separate them for a fortnight and feed and treat same as advised to "J. Stephens," except that you should also add two drops of cod liver oil emulsion to the soft food each time. When you mate them up again, give the same general diet as previously advised, hut discontinue the soft and other extras when the hens commence to sit.

**Swelling on Breast** (R.C.M.).—It would be a help in forming an opinion had you described the appearance of the swelling, and said whether it was hard or soft, and also stated its position more exactly. I am inclined to think it is simply an accumulation of fat, due to overfeeding. Limit its diet to plain Canary only as a staple, with half a teaspoonful of summer rape three times a week, and a liberal supply of green food—chickweed, groundsel, and lettuce—daily. Allow plenty of space for vigorous exercise, and keep cage strewn with gritty sand. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts every second day for a week as will cover a sixpence. Shall he glad to hear result in a fortnight.

**Gone in Soft Moult** (J. L., Leeds).—Put hird on a diet of plain Canary only as a staple; every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days the same quantity of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of cod liver emulsion and four of chemical food mixed in it. Three times a week give a few grains of hemp. Give a little green food daily. Dissolve a pennyworth of citrate of iron and quinine in two tablespoonfuls of port wine, and give twenty drops of this in the water daily for a week, and every second day after until the moulting is quite stopped.

**After Clear Eggs** (Andrew).—No, it is not necessary to separate the hirds after the hen has sat out her full time on a nest of clear eggs. You should take away the nest, and nest pan, for a few days until the broodiness has passed off the hen. Then begin to feed the pair again in the usual way, and when you see she is coming forward again, return the nest pan, and give nesting material the same as you would do for a first hrood; that is, when you see the hirds are anxious to start building.

**Not Breeding** (F. Smith).—You do not say whether the hen appears healthy or otherwise. I am assuming the former to be the case; if this is not correct, write again, and say in what way she appears unhealthy. Feed on a staple of two parts Canary to one summer rape mixed. Three times a week give a few grains of hemp, and every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with a pinch of a mixture of equal parts inga and gold of pleasure mixed with it. Give a liberal supply of chickweed and dandelion daily. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week. A mealworm each day, if available, would also help to hring her forward.

**Asthma and Eggs** (W. Cotley).—(1) The cock has probably caught a slight cold. If the wheezy symptoms have not already passed off, adopt the usual precautions to avoid a repetition of any chill, and give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of cucalyptus oil, well shaken together, in the water for a few days. (2) The chances of the clutch of eggs which was completed on April 17th, and is not placed under a hen yet, heing hatched out are, I fear, very small, indeed. If the experiment succeeds, I should he glad to hear result.

**A Trio** (P.M.M.).—(1) The swelling was simply the crops well-filled with egg-food, which show plainly through the skin on the side of the neck like yellowish matter. The fact that your young hirds had them so persistently until fledged is the sole reason of their thriving well, and showed they were being well fed hy their parents. Naturally, you do not want to prevent this this season. (2) The flanged open rings made of aluminium advertised in our columns are best for marking purposes. (3) The only advantage freshly-ground pyrethrum powder has over the one you name is that it is cheaper. Both are practically the same, I believe. Any good chemist could supply pyrethrum.

**Preparing for Hatching** (B.G.).—If you wished to remove the cock and leave the hen to hatch and rear the hrood hy herself, you ought to have taken him away as soon as the hen had quite settled down to the task of sitting. You may, of course, remove him now, hut you must watch the hen for a few hours afterwards to see whether she leaves the nest and does not return. If she does, you must at once return the cock. The hen probably "sweated" the last chick. When the next brood is hatched, begin to give a little green food on the third day, and if she seems careless about feeding give her a bath with a small teaspoonful of common salt dissolved in the water. If you look up the last two or three issues you will find several replies containing fully-detailed instructions for feeding after young are hatched.

**Rearing Young in Aviary** (H. Morley).—You omit the most important point of all in such a case, which is to say whether the hirds are allowed to fly loose in the aviary, or kept in cages. If flying loose, and they are strong and vigorous, as well as being young, I think one cause of your losing the hirds at fourteen days old is that you have not a sufficient number of hens in the aviary, and, in consequence, the cocks are too amorous and are driving the hens to begin making arrangements for another brood hefore the young are out of the nest. Either remove two of the cocks, or add another five or six hens, and I fancy you will succeed better. See there are plenty of nesting places. Give egg-food three times a day instead of four, and green food three times daily instead of twice. In such a place as yours you might supply Canary, rape, and hemp, in unlimited quantities, hut give it in separate vessels for the sake of economy.

**Puffed Out Border** (H.H.L.).—In addition to the staple of plain Canary give half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days the same quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and a few grains of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it. Give a few grains of hemp three times a week, and a little dandelion and chickweed daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhuharh and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for two days, and after that two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel in the water every second day for a week.

## BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

### A Trio.

**B.L.R.**—1. I really do not know how mealworms are "bred for a profit." It would he necessary to have very warm quarters at one's command—such as a hakehouse, or a mill. 2. I gave a long answer dealing with the management of the Bullfinch about a fortnight ago. The stock seed mixture should he: Canary and teazle three parts each, sunflower, charlock, and summer rape one part each, linseed a half part. A little maw and hemp can he given occasionally; or a feed of a good maker's packet Finch mixture. Wild seeds are also appreciated; likewise a little ripe fruit daily, black and privet berries in season, seeding chickweed, dandelion, shepherd's-purse, groundsel, thistles, etc. 3. A good and cheap way to feed Thrushes is to soak crushed dog biscuit (or dog meal, such as "Melox") in hot water, and then reduce it to a crumbly consistency hy the addition of a good brand of packet Thrush food.

### Pulls Out the Nest.

**Old Salt.**—It is quite possihle to take away the male hird after the first egg has been laid and yet have the whole clutch (four or five or six eggs, as the case may he) fertile. But I do not consider it advisable. I generally keep the Finch away after the third egg has been laid—from the night, in fact, in which I set the hen. It does not matter about the Siskin pulling the nest out so long as you leave no good eggs in it, and especially if you use a lined nest pan. When the Siskin (or a Goldfinch, or any other Finch, for that matter) is removed at night, it is only necessary to roughly put the nest into shape with one's hands. The hen will lay in it alright, and, of course, the egg is removed and a pot one substituted hefore the Finch is returned in the morning. On the evening of the third day the nest can be put together very nicely by the aid of a hot hard-boiled egg, pressing the material into place with the latter. Then put in the three good eggs (or, rather, the eggs one hopes will he good), and leave the hen to incubate them and rear the young. The nest lining prevents any injury coming to either of the three eggs laid before the hen is set. I have sometimes had hen Canaries which would not build a nest, and many which have built shocking had ones. I fix them all up with nests either of my own making entirely, or to which I put the "finishing touches." They take to them alright; a really broody hen will sit on anything short of a piece of ice.

### A Muling Couple.

**A Beginner.**—There is nothing in your letter which leads me to think it useless for you to continue with the couple. You have not given them a fair chance. Some of my own muling couples have not heen paired up more than 10 or 12 days, yet here you are, at this early period of the season, apparently despairing of doing any good. You must not forget that the average cock British Finch is not ready to breed at the same early date as the average cock Canary. Your method of managing the couple is not good, either. They should have dandelion every day, and not merely the leaves, hut flowers and seeding heads as well. A little chickweed should also be supplied, and the egg-hread should he given daily (one teaspoonful) with a little maw seed sprinkled over it. Then the couple should have a small portion of summer rape and teazle in the stock seed mixture, and he given a teaspoonful of hemp seed every evening. This would soon bring them into forward condition. The cocoanut husk is not suitable—in fact, is no good. Try one of the nest pans (either wood or earthenware) usually adopted. I think you certainly ought to study a hook like "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and follow the tips it gives.

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### Another Muling Couple.

**A New Beginner.**—You appear to he in the same street as "A Beginner," who also writes me this week, and much in the answer given him you can apply to your own case. The study of a book dealing with the elementary details of breeding would help you, too. It is no use "giving a few dandelion leaves sometimes"; a good supply of both leaves and heads must he given every day, and the egg-food daily also. I don't quite understand what you mean hy "yolk of egg chopped." It is minced egg mixed with crushed hiscuit that the hirds need—a good teaspoonful daily. They should also have a heaping teaspoonful of hemp and niger seeds (mixed in equal parts) every evening (give the egg-food in the morning). Have you missed reading the articles on hreeding Canaries and on Mule hreeding which have heen appearing in our columns this spring? They would have put you on the right track. You should also get and read CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL. Any little point you may then be doubtful about, I shall be pleased to advise upon. By the way, it is quite unnecessary to take away the seed when giving the egg-food. What caused you to think the contrary? The average hen Canaries eat egg-food greedily; they don't, hy any means, neglect it for seed. All Goldics intended for breeding should have niger and hemp freely when the season comes round.

### A Cornish Chough.

**Cornishman.**—The chief points of a good exhibition Cornish Chough are size—a hig, well-huilt, good-skulled hird heing essential—and colour. The hody colour should he a deep shining metallic black, or a distinct bluish cast, the legs and hill a solid, rich red, approaching crimson. Sometimes the legs and bill are a pale salmon colour, and patchy, at that, while the plumage is a dull, sooty hlack. The hen is a smaller, "meaner" looking bird than the cock, with a smaller head and bill, and is duller in colour. A cage is not really suitable for regular use, a medium-sized outdoor aviary heing the ideal place, one with a stone trough, or suitable galvanised bath in it, to hold a decent supply of water. If you use a cage, it will have to he extremely large to permit the bird keeping in "show form." A rockery in the aviary would be very suitable; all perches should he very stout ones. If your bird has not been got used to artificial food, you will need to give it plenty of flesh food, hoth raw and cooked, which can be cut up and rubbed into crushed dog hiscuit made moist with hot water. Any of the hiscuit meals prepared for dogs (such as "Melox") will do for the latter purpose. You will find almost any live foods accepted with thanks—cockroaches ("hlackbeetles"), gentles, garden worms, mealworms (by the hundred). The only Chough I have ever had was very fond of "messes" from the table—a mixture of potatoes, greens, meat, and gravy.

### Brevities.

**Breeding Mealworms** (F. Smith).—A few weeks ago an article appeared in CAGE BIRDS, written hy Mr. C. Houlton (it was on the keeping of British Birds), which gave the details of mealworm hreeding at greater length than I can in these query columns. Could you not refer to this? It would pay you to send for the issue containing it.

**Bullfinch Ailing** (J.E.H.).—Am afraid you fed the hen Bullie too well. Hemp, sunflower and linseed ad libitum, make up a diet on which a hen Bullfinch can quickly become unhealthily fat. A very small quantity of linseed is ample, and hemp should not be given in the stock mixture, especially when sunflower is heing supplied. What your bird wants is a change of diet (plenty of green food— hawthorn buds, dandelion heads, shepherd's purse and chickweed), with a dose or two of saline medicine, say a small teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Give two or three doses; but on alternate days only.

**Linnet-Chaffinch Hybrid** (A Trio).—If you could get a cock Linnet-Chaffinch Hybrid it would be of very considerable value; have never heard of one being hred. A cage one foot by six inches is certainly not large enough to mate up in. Why, that is only show-cage size. Put them together in the cage you intend using for breeding. A "hybrid" indicates any bird which is the result of the mating of two different species. "Mule" is only a fancier's word, and is not a correct one. Still, it is very convenient, for Mule is generally used when a cross has Canary blood in it, and Hybrid when the cross has not the Canary as one of the parents.

**Wasting the Niger Seed** (A Beginner)—Tbe solution is very simple. Don't put the niger seed in the stock mixture. Give a little now and again in a "side-pan," or in a separate dish. You should use the "wild-seed" mixture I advocate (containing uiger); this would give to tbe bird all of this particular seed that is necessary. Niger (or inga) is good in unlimited quautity for fresh-caught Finches, but not necessary (except as a "tit-bit") for birds tbat are "well on seed," as the dealers say.

**A Savage Cock Bullfinch** (Novice, Cheshire).—Your experience illustrates the truth of what I am continually saying, i.c., tbat no dependence can be placed during the breeding season on the behaviour of individual birds in a mixed collection. Some of my own birds, which bebaved like lambs during the autumn and winter, have become like blood-thirsty tigers now tbe summer-like weather is witb us. You will have to remove the cock Bullfinch; you could, bowever, try tbe effect of providing him with a mate of his own species. The broken leg was evidently not set in the correct position, and you cannot now alter it. Tbe bandage should be left on about 14 days.

**Redpoll-Canary Mules** (Young Amateur).—1, These Mules are of no particular value; they are not showy enougb for the average person. Exbibition specimens (either dark or light) are, of course, exceptions to this rule. 2, The cock Redpoll, during the breeding season (in a wild state), bas a red breast; the hen bas not. 3, Yes; the crown of the bead often comes a yellow, or golden colour in captivity; tbe breast, too, in some examples.

**Young Skylarks** (Young Reader).—Broadly speaking, Skylarks breed from tbe middle of April until towards the end of July. I tbink the present, however, is a very late season with all birds. I have been out in tbe country this week, and certainly find it so. About the tenth to twelfth day is the time to take nesting Larks; wben beginning to be nicely feathered. I don't believe in taking them at a very early age; I would sooner leave a day or two longer and chance baving to "cram" them at first. They soon learn to run to the "stick" to be fed. You want to arrange a nice grass run for them to be on when they commence to get about; and they soon do this. Feed as recommended "Beginner" and "Constant Reader" last week. For Magpies, see another reply this week.

**Hand-feeding Magpies** (X.Y.Z.).—Yes; the times and method of feeding are the same as recommendcd last week. Young Magpies are easily band-reared. But they want good food or are very apt to contract the "cramp" and die. Soaked bread, potato, crusbed hemp, and the like are worse than useless things. A food such as crushed dog biscuit, or Spratt's chicken meal (without grit) or dog meal, or "Melox," made into a paste with hot water answers admirably, especially if a minced, hard-boiled egg be added. Give a little scraped raw meat now and again (beef or mnttou), a few mealworms which have had their heads pinched, and some small garden worms (cut up). A drink of water occasionally, luke-warm.

**Mealworm Breeding** (Mealworms).—Note the reply given another correspondent this week.

**Wing Butts Bare** (W.H.C.).—It is skin irritation, I should think, seeing that you are certain the bird is free from red mite. According to your letter, you are giving him no green food at all. This he certainly ought to have; likewise a little ripe fruit now and again. You must anoint the bare places once or twice daily with a touch of sulphur ointment, which will, at any ratc, stop the trouble spreading. But are you *quite* sure there are no red mite?

**Two Matters** (Hardbill).—1. The only cure lies in finding the bird some other occupation, when he may forget all about tbe pleasant diversion of chewing his wing-flights. Put him into an aviary for a spell, if possible. Many Goldies like a "soft" perch which they can wbittle away; numbers of my own Finches enjoy this. Soaking tbe wing ends in neat quassia solution will sometimes act as a deterrent. 2. Where there are two classes: (1) A.O.V. Finch, (2) A.O.V. British bird; the Linnet must certainly be entered in the former, as it is a true Finch.

## FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

### Not Producing Plumage.

**Amaz.**—I am glad to get so good a report. The bird is evidently steadily improving. Continue tbe treatment already advised till the bird is in full feather again. Of course, so long as the bowels move freely, Dinneford's will not be actually required, but so long as tbe voidings are not watery, one dose weekly will be beneficial, considering tbe past history of the case. The Cbemical Food should be continued till the plumage is complete, and tben the drugs gradually dropped off. Spraying every other day, or twice a week, under the conditions prescribed in my previous reply, will be very beneficial during the summer, at any rate. Adhere strictly to the dict already arranged, and do not give any slops or messes.

### What Birds, etc.

**W. H. G.**—If your birds are really blue-tail Lorics, they must have milk sop, ripe fruit, and a little Canary and millet to take if they wish, also greenfood and a piece of plain biscuit. Wbile I do not know under the name you quote, I strongly suspect them to be King Parrakeets; if so, the milk-sop would be harmful and the following diet would answer both for the Rosellas aod King Parrakeet. A seed mixture of Canary, millet, oats, wheat, hemp, and sunflower seeds, only half portion of the two latter seeds, equal parts of each of the otbers; well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit, greenfood, and a few nuts occasionally; cuttlefish, grit, and water for drinking and bathing must be regularly supplied. If you will send me a description of the Lories, I will name them for you and confirm treatment.

### Grey Parrot with Growth.

**G. Daniels.**—I do not think this can be a festering abscess; of course, if it is, when ripe it will have to be lanced, and the contents removed by gentle pressure. However, from your description, I have very little doubt but that it is a hard flesh growth, and I should (use a camel-hair brush) just lightly toucb the underside of it with tincture of iodine. At the same time you must only use a very little at a time; it is so near a very tender part, and you must be very careful that none of the tincture enters its eye. Keep the bird's bowels freely moving with occasional doses of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful to the ounce of water), but the voidings must not be allowed to remain watery. To assist it during this period when not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. If the growth does not yield to the tincture of iodine, the only thing to do is to let a vet. see it; very probably the cutting of it out would be a very simple matter.

### A Sick Tanager.

**E. D. P.**—Continue to make use of the boney and borax; put a little on its tongue twice daily. In addition to its ordinary diet, supply milk sop that bas been made by boiling up together, crumbled biscuit, sugar and milk, so that the resulting sop is sweet and sloppy. Also supply a little beef tea as the bird is getting weak. Tbe mouth should be wiped out, at least twice daily, with the boney and horax (using a small camel hair brush for the purpose, which should be well cleansed and a fresh portion of the mixture used for each occasion), and continue to do this till the mouth is quite clean. The beef tea could be given from a quill, if it will not take it in tbe ordinary way, and the same as to the milk sop. I still think the bird will recover if you can only keep its strength up. With a weak bird a few drops of tepid brandy and water (weak), will often prevent a collapse, but you can do nothing more than as indicated above, and it certainly will be very disappointing if you do not succeed.

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### Grey Parrot Unwell.

**A. C.**—I have known many such cases materially assisted by having a stitch or two put in. Apart from seeing a vet., you can do but little more than you are doing; you might try a bandage, but the vent must not be covered, and observation must be kept that the bird does not displace the bandage. Diet as follows: Seed mixture, canary seed and oats 2 parts each, and 1 part each of bemp, wheat, darl, and sunflower sceds; well mix and keep a supply continually in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, and a piece of clean fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, and a piece of clean cuttlefish continually hanging in the cage; grit aod water for drinking and bathing must also be regularly supplied. Do not on any account give tea, coffee, or milk sops, or any kind of animal food. Every other day well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food.

### Rock Pebbler Parrakeet.

**D. K.** (1) They will do quite well on the diet you snpply to the Rosellas, Cockatiels, etc., which, I take it, consists of seed mixture, ripe fruit, greenfood, and a few pieces of plain biscuit, can be given occasionally. Seed mixture: Canary, oats, wheat, paddy rice, hemp and sunflower, the two latter in only half portions to the preceding items. Supply mixed. (2) They will winter out of doors when once acclimatised, but as they are only just coming to hand, it will be best to see that they are shut up at nights till the weather is a little more settled. (3) I have not kept this species in the aviary, but so far as records go, they will do quite well in your aviary, and agree with its present inmates. Of course they will need a little observation at first, as new birds are apt to get bullied at first, when put into an aviary already occupied by several species; a little care in this direction often prevents a tragedy. (4) Give them a log. I presume you are fully aware of the need in a mixed aviary of having at least double the number of nesting receptacles that you have pairs of birds. They have already bred on two occasions, and if your birds are fully adult, and in good condition, they will probably nest this season; they certainly should do so next. (5) You will find this species (it is uncommon), much less boisterous than Rosellas, etc., when breeding; the young mature slowly, and if reared late in the season, care should be taken to see that they spend their nights under cover, and it will be well to take the same precautions during cold wet days; once they are able to cater for themselves, and able to fly, they will only need the ordinary care given to adult birds. You are to be congratulated on the possession of a pair of beautiful and very uncommon birds, and I wish you every success in breeding them.

### Brevity.

**Amazon Parrot Rough in Feather** (T. T.).—As I read your query, apart from the roughness of plumage, and not moulting well, the bird otherwise appears fit. Please repeat your query with full details as to how you have been dieting and treating the bird since it has been in your possession. I shall then be in a position to help you.

## POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for a reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

**Canary** (W. Rand).—Liver disease of considerable standing, feverishness involving the lungs and ending with apoplexy. It is an infectious condition.

**Brown Foreign Finch** (F. Payne).—Inflammation of liver and apoplexy. In all probability it is infectious, so any remaining healthy-looking birds should be isolated.

## GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

**Compelling Advertisers to Accept Deposit System** (James Miller).—The suggestion you make we fear is impracticable, and would tend to seriously damage trade. We believe in the deposit system quite as much as you do, but we could not contemplate making such a drastic regulation as you propose. Thanks all the same for your friendly interest.

**Illustrated Idea** (W. E. Williams).—Thanks for your good wishes. We will look up the idea you speak of and see if it can be utilised in our columns.

**Cutting** (Geo. Carrick).—Accept our thanks for sending us this, which we have bad pleasure in using.

**Birds of New Zealand** (W. T. Scott).—We are obliged to you for your offer, and should be pleased to publish the letter you suggest.

**Aviary Fountain** (J. B. Williams).—No doubt the letter published on this subject in last week's issue has given you the information you desire.

**Border Fancy Chart** (T. Smith).—Yes, we can supply you with a chart such as you mention. The price is 3d., post free.

**Illustrated Ideas** (J.A.).—1. The rough sketches submitted by the senders of illustrated ideas are redrawn (generally) by our artist. Lack of ability to draw need stop no one from sending along their notions, so long as they supply a rough sketch. 2. We have had this idea under consideration, and may give it effect before long.

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# Club Reports.

(See also Page 467.)

### DARVEL O.S.

General meeting, held April 17th. Tbe Secretary reported on an interview he had witb the Secretary of the old society re pens, etc., and after consideration, it was decided to take no further action regarding these. Agreed to try and arrange three members' shows in August, September, and October. It was also agreed to hold our next general meeting early in May, when we will consider appointment of judges, and arrange classes for schedule of open show on November 6th. After the husiness, Mr. G. Alston read a paper on "Mule and Hybrid Breeding," which was found to be both interesting and instructive, especially to the younger members in the Fancy. On the motion of the president, Mr. Alston, was accorded a bearty vote of thanks.—J. ROBERTSON, Junr., Sec.

### CINNAMON CANARY CLUB.

The election of officers for the year 1909 is as follows:—President, Mr. W. A. Bladon, 20 votes; Vice-President, Mr. J. Wones, 15 votes; Committee, Messrs. E. Godley (19), W. Dormer (18), O. Handt (14), A. Bentley (13), W. Millburn (12), C. Quinton (11), H. Riding (10), J. H. Roe (8); Auditors, Messrs. J. Dobson and T. Heath, 20 votes each; judges, Messrs. J. Robson (19), J. H. Roe (19), H. Battye (15), E. Godley (15), T. Heath (15), J. H. Payne (11); Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. J. Pretty, 24 votes (3 not voted). For renewal of affiliation to Cage Bird Union, 11 votes; against same, 13 votes—3 not voted; 41 voting papers were issued, and 27 returned. Signed: H. J. Pearce, L.P.O.S., W. Yates, C.C.C., Scrutineers.—R. J. PRETTY, Hon. Sec.

### MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Committee meeting, held April 27th, at Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, the president, Mr. Max Jacquemin, in tbe chair. Others present were:—Messrs. S. Alliston, Smith, A. Harper, W. Bird, W. Holland, A. Crouch, Harrison, W. Cadman, and J. H. Willows, Hon. Sec. Rules were drawn up to be placed before the next monthly meeting of members, for their sanction. It was also decided to fix date of open show, and to appoint judge at that meeting, which will be held at headquarters, Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, May 27th, at 8 p.m. It is hoped all members and those intending to join will make an effort to attend. Our membership already is close upon 40, which we consider a most satisfactory start.—J. H. WILLOWS, Hon. Sec.

### NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Committee meeting, held at headquarters, tbe "Feathers" Hotel, Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, April 29th. Present: Messrs. Robson (chairman), Maxwell, Cooper, Dewhurst, Dobson, Crabb, Newley, and Carr. A letter was read from Mr. S. W. Birchley, and it was proposed by Mr. Dewburst, and seconded by Mr. Dobson, "that the committee cannot accept Mr. Birchley's resignation, or move in the matter, according to the decision arrived at the special meeting, viz., until the expiration of four months." Respecting Mr. Birchley's lecture, it was decided that the matter be settled at a later date. Proposed by Mr. Maxwell, and seconded by Mr. Crabb, that the secretaries write and thank P. Nicholls, Esq., for his kind favour. Proposed by Mr. Dewhurst, seconded by Mr. Cooper, that Messrs. Lott and Francis' accounts be paid. A letter was read from the Toronto C.B.S., respecting the exchange of medals. It was proposed by Mr. Dewhurst, and seconded by Mr. Dobson, that the matter stand over until next meeting. Proposed by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, that the club go to Claygate on Jnne 5tb, for its annual outing. The morning party will go by the ten o'clock train from Waterloo to Surbiton. The afternoon party, who go by the 1.37 train from Waterloo to Claygate, will meet the other party at the "Griffon" Hotel. A hearty invitation is extended to all fanciers and friends. We shall be glad to receive a post-card by or before May 31st, from all who intend going, at 2, Broad Street Station; and fanciers should state which train they are going by, so that arrangements can be made for refreshments. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.—PLUMBRIDGE AND CARR, Secs.

### OPEN NORWICH P.C.

Meeting of committee was held at the Market Tavern, Bradford, on April 24th, Mr. F. Hammond occupying the chair. Business transacted:—Minutes of previous meeting passed as read; decided that the two members who tied for place on committee be both elected, viz., Mr. F. Coventry (Preston) and Mr. A. Spencer (Doncaster); election of vice-presidents, same as last year. New members accepted: Mr. Moss, Birkley, near Huddersfield; Mr. S. Marlor, Denton, near Manchester; Mr. A. Humphries, York; Mr. E. W. Johnson, Wibsey, near Bradford; Mrs. Steele, Halifax. Accounts *re* ballot papers passed as satisfactory. Vote of sympathy passed to Mr W. Sherrington, Preston, in his loss of birds through accident, and that a free membership of the O.N.P.C. for the ensuing year, be accorded to him. Patronage of the Open Norwich Plainhead Club be allotted to ten shows, season 1909-10. That secretary be instructed to invite applications from societies desirous of the club's patronage, the same to be returned before the last Saturday in July, 1909. Decided that five prizes he again given in each section (champion and novice) for competition amongst the members of the O.N.P.C., the value, etc., of same to be decided at the next meeting, which will be held on Saturday, July 31st, 1909. Vote of thanks to Mr. J. W. Ramsden for special kindly promised, which was unanimously accepted; also Mr. Carl's offer of CAGE BIRD prizes be accepted with thanks; also vote of thanks to Messrs. Marlor Bros. for promise of silver medal for competition in novice section. *Re* Newcastle Show money specials of the O.N.P.C., decided to pay out of above as follows: 3s. for most points gained by members with 4th prize birds, and 2s. for most points gained by members with vhc birds. The following gentlemen kindly promised to give specials as below:—Messrs. Haigh and Son, 10s. 6d.; Mr. F. Hammond, 10s. 6d.; Mr. J. Mottram, 5s.; Mr. O. Mitchell, pair of oil paintings value £1 10s. All members' subscriptions are now due.—O. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

### BLAYDON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

At the monthly meeting there was a large turnout of members, who considered the schedule for next annual show. Mr. J. Davison then gave a very interesting address on the Yorkshire Canary. We got three new members on this occasion.—G. HAYVER, Sec.

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### YORKS. UNION OF C.B.S.

The first meeting of the new council was held at the Market Tavern, Godwin-street, on May 1st, Mr. R. Halliday (president) occupying the chair. There was a capital attendance of delegates, nearly every society being represented. Hoyland and District O.S. made application for membership to the Union, and they were accepted unanimously. This now makes the number of societies affiliated to the Union into 28. The annual subscription for each member returned to the Union was fixed at 8d., this being considered sufficient to meet all the necessary dues and demands of expense attached to the Union. The delegates present elected the following gentlemen as a sub-committee, to transact business requiring urgent attention:—Messrs. Hammond, Clark, Shackleton, Johnsen, T. Ogden, R. Sutcliffe, and R. Drake. The number of gold medals for the novice members of the Union to compete for at the Union shows held during 1909-10 was fixed at sixteen, same as the previous year, twelve for the Yorkshire classes, and four for Norwich classes. The application of the Great Horton O.S. to hold a first feather show on the third Saturday in June was granted. This led to some discussion, as the rule of the Union states that the first F.F. show is to be held on the first Saturday in June; but seeing that Great Horton was the only application sent in, it was eventually decided to let them have the date they had selected. The new rule—That all exhibitors must provide their own water-tins, a uniform pattern to be adopted by the Union—necessitated the Council selecting one out of a few sample tins that were submitted to the meeting, and the one selected was that made by Mr. Job Hargreaves, of Eccleshill, who will supply them to members of the Union at the rate of 1d. each, postage extra; thus both the uniform perches and water-tins will be obtainable from the same maker. It would save expense to the individual members if they would purchase through the secretary of the society to which they belong, thus saving extra postage to a large extent. It was decided to apply for sealed tenders for the printing of the Union handbook, these to be brought to the next meeting of the Council and selected from. It was also passed to print the balance-sheet in the Year Book, so that all members of the Union could see for themselves how the moneys of the Union were expended. A suggestion was brought forward by the Bingley delegates to see if the Council would pass a resolution allowing exhibitors to take their birds away from an open show at six o'clock in order to be in time to stage their birds at a members' show, which now have to be held at eight o'clock. It was decided to instruct the Union secretary to write to the secretaries of each society asking them to make this allowance.—H. HILL, Sec.

### STOCKPORT B.F.A.

Usual meeting held on April 27th, at headquarters. Mr. J. Garner presided, and a good number of members were present. The alterations to rules were submitted and approved, and the secretary was instructed to get new copies of same. The members will receive new rules in the course of a few days. Our genial president, Mr. J. E. Davies, announced that he had bought three specials—one for champion, one for amateur, and one for British birds—which he is giving to be competed for at the first feather show. I can assure members these specials are well worth winning; so hurry up with your subs., as this is the last appeal for same.—W. STAFFORD, Sec.

### SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual fortnightly meeting May 1st, Fawcett-street Cafe. Mr. W. F. Swan presided over a good attendance. The secretary reported that he had made application for the patronage of the leading specialist clubs, and placed several replies before the members. A long discussion ensued as to the advisability of again giving seven classes for Borders in view of the poor support these classes received at our last open show. It was, however, ultimately decided that we again give seven classes for Borders providing we obtain the patronage of the Border Fancy Specialist Clubs. This was the whole of the business, and the rest of the evening was given to discussion on various subjects. We again extend a hearty welcome to all fanciers to join us.—W. REID, Hon. Sec.

### NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

At our meeting held April 27th, Mr. Beswick (Stockport) gave a lecture on Mules before a large number of members. He explained his method of feeding and selection of Finches, Linnets, etc., in a very clear manner; also the kind of hens he thought best suited for Muling purposes. Afterwards, a discussion took place, in which Messrs. Odell, Aspinall, Slater, Balshaw, Eyres, Norris, and others took part. Mr. Aspinall proposed, Mr. Norris seconded, that the best thanks be given to Mr. Beswick for his able lecture. Mr. Beswick, responding, said that if any of his hearers had learned anything, he had been well repaid.—JOHN DAVEY, Hon. Sec.

### GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Adjourned general meeting held April 22nd, Mr. Hales in the chair. After the usual business, the notices of motion were considered. No. 1, carried: That anyone wishing to show at nest feather show must be made a member not later than the June meeting. No. 2, lost: The members won't have partners unless their points are divided. No. 3, lost: The members were afraid classes would not be put on for the other varieties if four classes for Borders were insisted on. No. 4, withdrawn: It was decided to leave the voting paper free, so that any vital question could be put before the whole of the members. No. 5, lost: Decided to leave drinkers as at present. No. 6, carried: This will leave room for good lectures, etc. No. 7, withdrawn: Decided that present classes stand. No. 8, carried, but not to be retrospective; the medals to be the usual gold medals, club design. No. 9, lost: The members didn't think it necessary. As there had been several disputes about the wording of motions, it was decided that in future all notices of motion be given in in writing.—S. HADWIN, Sec.

### HALIFAX O.S.

On May 1st, before members and friends, Mr. H. W. Walsh (Halifax) lectured on "The Breeding and Management of Canaries." The large attendance must have been very gratifying to the lecturer, who handled his subject in a masterly manner, occupying an hour and a quarter. He gave his practical experiences as to the most suitable rooms, breeding, stock and flight cages, and the general management of Canaries throughout the breeding season. The lecture was very interesting and instructive, and the members are very much indebted to Mr. Walsh for his kindness in giving such useful information. One unfortunate feature was that the lecture did not commence until 9 p.m., owing to Mr. Walsh being engaged at the Yorkshire Union meeting at Bradford, which left us very little time for discussion. However, a very enjoyable evening was spent. H. WHITTAKER, Assistant Sec.

# Correspondence.

## What is a Clear?

Sir,—In answer to the letter of "Novice" in your issue of April 17th, I am sure he will excuse my leaving Mr. R. J. Mackley with his vast knowledge and experience as a judge and exhibitor to answer his two questions. Perhaps he may be more fortunate than I in making an impression, as an answer from me might be regarded as misleading; therefore, I decline to answer them, trusting that in the future "Novics" will not be ashamed or afraid to append his name to his letters. In answer to "A Lancashire Lad," in the first place I had no inclination to get on the backs of the members of the N.P.C. in my difference of opinion, and I hope he has no inclination to get on my back; if he has, he must take off his "clogs" first. With your permission I will try and correct his errors. Clear Norwich is not a trade mark or a patent of the City of Norwich, but a trade mark of all exhibitions of Canaries throughout the United Kingdom, and has been for years. Long may it continue to be so uninterrupted. I distinctly stated in my previous letter that ticked birds have been winning amongst the "clears" at shows during the season. If the judge handled the winners, it would stop that abuse; yet, on the face of this, "A Lancashire Lad" says "he and the majority of fanciers are of opinion it is not an abuse," and asks: "What is the use of a small clique trying to rush the majority?" I belong to no clique. In the meantime he may pick up a little common-sense on the road. For the present he has my sympathy, for where ignorance is blessed it is folly to be wise. It is a question whether the majority of fanciers are in favour of the ridiculous amalgamation of the "Ticks with the Clears." What confusion it will make in the notes of the reporting judge or critic? Ticked birds will be reported as Clears, and vice-versa, and exhibitors will rush into print to correct the errors. The reason I put the question: "Where is the Fancy going?" was because I thought they were going to the "dogs," but "A Lancashire Lad's" answer is: "Along the high-road of common-sense to the goal of perfection." What a pity he did not find this road out years ago! He must be slow. However, he must be careful or he may lose himself. And what a pleasure it will be when he arrives at his destination, if only to rest his uneasy feet! And the goal of perfection, which he is fast approaching, if I may be so rude as to predict, will be the "Canary Jumble," viz., "Any Variety Norwich," which will give all the birds in the breeding rooms a chance; with thanks to "Novice," "Lancashire Lad," "W. Reid," and "N.P.C." for their brilliant and modern ideas of improved classification. Yes, "Lad," I still contend that "Clear classes" should be strictly kept intact and free from invasion, and I don't require a crowd to back me up in that contention. Also, the opinion does not emanate from my Norwich or Norfolk friends, but from your humble servant; therefore, "Lad," banish that delusion at once. I freely admit there are men quite as expert as myself, aye, more so; "A Lancashire Lad" is one of them. But whether he is more of an expert than my Norwich friends, I question. I say he would be like the man that fell out of the balloon—"he would not be in it, poor fellow, worst luck!" He well knows our present-day judges are composed of men who are both exhibitors and dealers, well versed in buying and selling, and in the methods of preparing birds for exhibition, and who also hold a life experience in the Fancy; and yet "A Lancashire Lad" says these men are awkward and incapable, however clever they may be in taking a bird out of a present-day show cage without injuring its plumage and spoiling its future career. It clearly shows that he has no confidence in them at all, only as lookers-on; but you musn't touch; keep your hands off. I say it is a slur on their profession. I can assure him "Norfolk Dumplings" are very wholesome, especially with "Green Bacon," when once he gets used to them. "A Lancashire Lad" also states: "What odds about what one or two Norwich men say?" Of course in Norwich our ignorance of the Fancy is so great (compared with the intelligence of "A Lancashire Lad") that perhaps we ought not to be allowed to have a voice in the matter at all; if we do, we are enjoying a unique privilege. In conclusion, I sincerely trust "A Lancashire Lad" will in the future have the courage of his convictions, and not be ashamed or afraid to disclose his identity.

J. W. Kingsmill.

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Sir,—Like Mr. W. Reid, I had no intention of writing further upon the above subject, but on reading his most interesting and courteous letter in your last issue, I find to my amazement that, amongst other things, he credits me with stating that the bye-law (passed by the Norwich Plainhead Club) was simply playing into the hands of the fraudulent exhibitor. Now, if he will kindly refer to my previous letter in your issue of April 17th, he will see I never made the assertion he credits me with. What I did state was this: writing on handling, I said that "it is necessary to handle some winning exhibits, or otherwise you are playing into the hands of the fraudulent exhibitor," viz., the painter, trimmer, etc. The winners I allude to are those in the "Evenly Marked" and "Clear Classes" of Norwich. Also I might further add that it is impossible to fairly judge those two classes without handling the birds; otherwise the judge is liable to award prizes to "variegated" and "ticked" birds respectively, which has been the case at shows in the past, when by right these birds should be ticketed "Wrong Class." So you see there is a necessity for handling.

J. W. Kingsmill.

Sir,—I notice in your issue of May 1st a long letter upon the above subject by Mr. Reid. Mr. Reid says: "When I" (meaning himself) "placed the proposition before the Sunderland C.B.A., to the effect that a bird showing no dark feathers whilst standing on the perch should be eligible to compete in Clear classes. . . ." And yet all Mr. R. seems to dwell upon is thigh-ticked birds, as he says: is it not much better to allow these thigh-ticked birds to compete with clear birds, and thus preclude the possibility of anyone's being tempted to remove the dark feathers? Now, Sir, as I have said before, there are very few thigh-ticked birds, even if there are only a few dark feathers, bnt can be detected by the close scrutiny of a judge without the handling of the birds; therefore, I say, to allow these birds to compete with clears is playing into the hands of those who haven't the pluck to try and breed a good clear, but who would rather make one as Mr. Reid says. Knowing that the judge would not be permitted to handle them, these people can go plucking to their hearts' content, without fear of disqualification. I have always understood that it is the scarcity of anything that increases its value, but if all birds with dark underflue are to be called clears, there will be no more scarcity, and down will come the price of the clear birds which fanciers have tried so hard to obtain; and to those who cannot see it so, or rather who will not see it so, I say, the time will come when they must see it.

A. Woollard.

Sir,—Just for "Lancashire Lad's" information, I may say that Mr. Kingsmill is not the mouthpiece of all the Plainhead fanciers in Norwich, but is voicing his own opinion. I myself belong to several clubs in Norwich whose membership altogether is considerably over three hundred strong; and we have had several shows where the ticked or dark underflue birds have been shown with the Clears. "Lancashire Lad" will see by this that Norwich City takes as much interest in this question as their fellow breeders in other parts of the country. The Fancy in Norwich never has dictated as suggested what should be shown in the classes, but form their schedules, as the majority of the members of the different clubs vote I rather question if "Lancashire Lad" or any one else can produce any correspondence in which the fanciers of Norwich City have tried to influence any society as in their classification. All societies have a perfect right to run what classes they think fit for Clears, clean, ticked, or dark under-flue, not to disqualify if they choose. From an exhibitor's point of view, it is immaterial whether the dark under-flue birds are shown with the Clears or in the variegated class. I should enter my birds according to the classification of the show at which I was going to show. In conclusion, I think that after all the correspondence on this subject that passed through your most valuable paper last year, it might safely be left in the hands of the societies to use their own judgment in the matter of the wording of their schedules.

W. W. Freestone.

## A Nightingale Problem.

Sir,—Can any reader inform me the best means of rearing young Nightingales hatched from eggs under a Canary? I hope some readers can enlighten me upon this matter. I am a regular subscriber to this valuable paper, Cage Birds, from which I have gained a good deal of useful information.

J. Nightingale.

## Hand-rearing the Lapwing.

Sir,—Would you or any reader kindly tell me when is the best time to take young Lapwings from the nest, and what is the best mixture on which to feed them?

"Peewit."

## ASTONISHING GROWTH OF THE FANCY.

### Four New Cage Bird Societies Proposed this Week.

### Southall and District.

Sir,—At a meeting held April 28, it was decided that a society should be formed, and to further the interests of same a general meeting will be held on Monday next, May 10th, at St. John's Schools, Southall, at 8 p.m., when it is proposed to elect officers and committee, and frame rules, etc. Will all fanciers in the district please make every effort to be present, as we need all the help possible? I am sure, judging by the letters received, that our efforts will be crowned with success. I shall be pleased to receive the name and address of any fancier interested who has not already communicated with us.

Thos. E. Jeffrey.
10, Western Road, Southall.

### Mansfield and District.

Sir,—It is with much pleasnre I write and ask you to annouuce that I am trying to start a Cage-Bird Society at the Charter Arms, Mansfield. We have not the advantage of possessing a society in Mansfield, as the one held at the Victoria Hotel is now broken up; and I think it is my duty as a fancier to call othor fanciers together, and not let a place like Mansfield be without a club. I have taken the thing in hand, and hope to have a good society if it is in my power to form one. I believe that in Mansfield and district the fanciers could hold their own against any others, if they would rally round and work hand in hand with one another. I hope fanciers of the old club will join, and not let the Fancy sleep. Also I should like new members to send in their names, so that I can call a meeting and get the project in working order. I may say that I have got J. Maitland, Esq., as patron, also R. L. Jones, Esq., as president, and have already received names of two members. So, fanciers, send in your names to me, at 12, Walkden Street, Mansfield.

Joseph Smith, Sec., pro. tem.

### Hugglescote and District.

Sir,—It has been suggested by several fanciers in the locality that a Cage Bird Society be formed for Hugglescote and district. There are many people who keep cage-birds of one variety or the other in the neighbourhood, and it is perhaps needless to say that the formation of such a society would stay a long-felt want, and be very beneficial to cage-bird men as against societies already in existence which do not cater for the cage-birds solely. In view of the fact stated, I see no reason why a good company of fanciers should not be drawn together and the society formed. With a view to bringing about the desired result, I shall be pleased if fanciers and friends interested wonld be kind enough to forward their names and addresses to me as soon as they possibly can.

William Cooper.
Woodbine Villas, Ellistown

### Henfield and District.

Sir,—At a well-attended meeting held at the Rainbow Temperance Hotel, on April 28, J. Eardley Hall, Esq., in the chair, we formed the Henfield and District Fur and Feather Society (including cage birds). The society has no radius, and the subscription is only 2s. 6d. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, J. Eardley Hall, Esq.; Vice-Chairman, F. Wisden, Esq.; Committee, Messrs. Wadman, Davey, Minchin, Duke, Pullen, Brooks, Baines, Wisden, Fry, and Baxter. I shall be pleased if fanciers and intending members in the surrounding districts will be kind enough to forward their names and addresses to me, when all information will be gladly given by me.

J. A. Bentley, Hon. Sec.
Henfield, Sussex.

[This makes the astonishing total of 40 new societies *devoted to the cult of cage birds* which have been formed since the 1st of January last—twenty-five of them for cage birds only. Who says the cage bird hobby is on the decline?—Editor, Cage Birds.]

## A Successful Start.

Sir,—I should like to tell you what I can concerning my experience in the keeping of my birds. The Yorkshire, I think, is the premier bird of the day. Of course, what I have are not show birds; I keep mine more for the purposes of song. But nothing pleases me more than to see a good show bird "standing like a guardsman." I am thinking of changing my stock and going in for Lizards. I was successful in the Easter show held at Carnarvon with a broken cap Lizard hen; I got vhc in the Any Variety class. I have learnt a deal through your popular paper. I am always trying to get new readers by speaking of Cage Birds, and I would not like to be without it personally on any account.

W. E. Williams.

## Lost, Stolen, or Strayed.

### A Suggestion to Show Secretaries.

Sir,—Now that the show season will soon be upon us, may I be so bold as to offer the following suggestion? I may say I have been connected with the Fancy for over 20 years, and for the best part of that time I have been connected with shows both large and small. But I am sorry to say there is scarcely a show season goes by without birds going astray, being stolen, etc., and it has often occurred to me that possibly some of the removal slips sent out by the Secretary have fallen into the hands of some dishonest person who has made use of them. Therefore, I make the following suggestion: instead of sending the usual slips or giving slips from the Secretary's office, which is usually done, a counterfoil book should be used with numbers to run from 1 upwards, as enclosed. The half to be sent out with the labels should have simply the number and printing, as shown below. So that persons wishing to take their exhibits away at the close of a show may be able to do so by taking the slip to the secretary's office, and giving in the exhibitor's name and address, and also the number of entries made. The Secretary, by referring to the corresponding number in the book, would be able to see at a glance if it is correct. I have no doubt that if the above suggestion should be of any benefit in securing the safety of exhibits and less worry for secretaries of shows, some of our show printers could supply such a book. Of course, I do not wish to say that the above will stop dishonesty, but it may improve the present system. The counterfoil and sheet should appear somewhat as follows:—

C. W. Mead.

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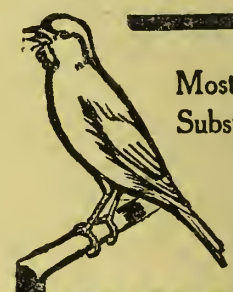
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## Six Youngsters in Four Eggs.

SIR,—I notice Mr. J. W. Boocock's record of his experience with six chicks in four eggs in your last issue. I have a Clear Yellow Yorkshire which I bred last year. She laid her first egg in the nest; next day she dropped one on the bottom of the cage (it broke, of course), and next day I was surprised to see a broken double-egg, that is one egg as large as a pigeon-egg, and another complete egg of the usual size inside it. And the hen was none the worse for it. I should like also to give you my experience this year. I have been a breeder for nearly 20 years, and have never had this trouble before. I have lost a number of hens in the following manner. The feathers were all puffed out; the birds were panting for breath, and after death the upper part of the body of some of them was black, the others showing no sign of the cause of death. Some I lost after they had laid, others after the eggs had hatched, while some died after the young were a week old. I saved the greater number by a dose of warm salad oil, and a diet of scalded bread and milk. The complaint is not the usual one to which both cocks and hens are liable. It is a different complaint. The panting is very frantic. I do not, by the way, remember having a cock bird ill. Some old fancier's experience may be of use to others, and that is my chief reason for writing.

ERNEST E. R. BRYANT.

## The Cage Bird Section of the Walthamstow F.A.

SIR,—I have the pleasure to announce that I have been appointed hon. sec. of the Cage-Bird Section of the Walthamstow Fanciers' Association, and as this section has not flourished or made any progress for some considerable time, I am endeavouring to try and bring it up to a status worthy of its being called a cage-bird section. I am, therefore, presenting this section with two handsome silver challenge cups, to be competed for at the Young Stock and Annual Shows for most points, so that I hope to do my very utmost to make this section a success. Even if I should fail, I shall have the satisfaction of knowing that it was through no fault of mine. I sincerely hope fanciers will rally round, remembering that "many can help one whereas one cannot help many," and do their best to keep this section afloat. I shall be only too happy to supply fanciers or any intending fanciers with any information concerning the advantages of belonging to the W.F.A., which is open to the world. The entrance fee is 1s., and the subscription 2s. 6d.

A. J. MARLEY.

## The Affairs of the United Kingdom Lizard C.B.S.

### Singular Allegation against the Secretary.

SIR,—As a fully-paid-up member of the above-named society, and not being able to get any satisfaction out of our present secretary as to when he is going to call a meeting, I feel compelled to "rush into print," because he simply ignores any letters I send him. Having regard to the letter I sent him on April 22nd, of which he took no notice whatever, I consider that I am quite justified in taking this course, not only for myself, but for my fellow fanciers. I also consider when men have been put to a large expense in buying class birds and show cages, according to the society's standard, and have gone to the trouble and expense of exhibiting their birds, in addition to conforming to the multitude of conditions that the society issues, only to be openly defied by one or two men, it is no small wonder the society does not prosper. May I suggest to the few paid-up members of the society that they call a meeting, and invite intending fanciers to join our ranks, and treat our present Secretary and Co. with the same contempt to which they have treated us? For the sake of the Lizard Canary I trust some fancier will take the matter up, and that if the U.K. Lizard Society is going to continue, let it be better conducted in future than it has been in the past. The special letter to which I have referred above was as follows:—

April 22nd, 1909.

DEAR SIR,

In reference to the U.K.L.C.B.S., of which you are hon. secretary, I should esteem it a favour if you will kindly notify me whether I have won the gold medal for the novice Lizards, offered by the U.K.L.S., and when you are going to call a meeting of the society to determine what to do, in reference to same. I notice that the winners of the cup and medals in connection with the L. and L.F.A.C.B.S. have got their awards, and I think it is high time the winners of our society got theirs, otherwise for the society in all fairness to disband and refund subscriptions to the very few members who have paid their subscriptions to be decoyed.

ED. THOMPSON.

EDWARD THOMPSON.

## The Sad Case of Mr. Barwell.

### An Appeal to our Readers.

SIR,—Allow me through the columns of CAGE BIRDS to appeal to the Fancy generally, and especially to British bird exhibitors, on behalf of Mr. C. Barwell (Northampton). who has been suffering for a long time from valvular disease of the heart, with no hope of recovery, and who has a wife and a small family dependent upon him. I might say that the Shoe Operatives' Trade Society, the Northampton Hand-in-Hand C.B.S., and the United Order or Free Gardeners have had a united meeting, and have decided to inaugurate a benefit on his behalf by the issuing of subscription sheets. Therefore, I appeal to the charitable to help the needy, and knowing this to be a genuine, deserving case, I hope fanciers will send on small donations to me, knowing as we do that many can help one where one cannot always help many. Fanciers, I appeal to your generosity, as this case has been under the treatment of eleven doctors, who all pronounce it incurable.

J. WATSON, Treasurer.

Foresters' Arms, Northampton.

## The Colour Feeding of Canaries.

SIR,—I have read Mr. Stewart's letter and Mr. Midgley's article on this subject with interest. Mr. Stewart insinuates that I advocated the daily colour feeding of birds from interested motives, but such is not the case. Long experience has proved to me that the average bird colours better when fed on colour food daily, and is of decidedly stronger constitution when the seed box is not removed from the cage. I am willing to admit that a bird teeming with natural colour will colour well if fed every other day; but all birds are not full of natural colour, and it would be foolish for anyone to expect birds of poor natural colour to colour well unless colour-fed daily. Mr. Midgley, I notice, advocates colour-feeding twice daily. This, of course, ensures the birds having fresh-made food always before them; but I am convinced that feeding on colour-food once a day is enough. Mr. Stewart's plan of withholding seed and forcing his birds to eat the colour-food, I consider both unwise and cruel. The birds require seed to build up their constitutions, and the egg contained in the colour food also aids in this respect. The small amount of colour in the colour-food charges the bird's blood with colour, and the blood in turn colours the plumage. I maintain that it is necessary to feed for both stamina and colour, and to do this properly the birds must be fed daily on both seed and colour-food. If a palatable food be prepared, with pure, tasteless pepper as the colouring agent, there is not the slightest need to remove the seed box.

J. W. RAMSDEN.

## An Appeal to Fanciers of Cowdenbeath and District.

SIR,—I would be very glad if you would insert this letter in your valuable paper to see if the fanciers would come forward and help the Committee of Cowdenbeath and Dis. C.B.S. This society was formed by some of the fanciers of the district, with a view to having a show, and helping novices along their way. Now, those who cried most about having a society formed, and gave in their names to be members of such a society, have never turned up to any of the meetings. Now, the reason I gave at the first meeting when called to take the chair was this: The cage-bird fanciers had no chance to show their birds at the local show for want of classes, and I thought all along, with the rest of lovers of cage-birds, that a society was necessary, so I got a bill put in one of the local dealers' windows asking for names of all those interested in the formation of such a society, and received 28 names of those who were willing to become members of such a society were it only formed. Now, the society is formed, but alas! those who had handed in their names have not turned up at a meeting. Now, fanciers, you don't get justice at the local poultry show with only a few classes to put your birds in. I appeal to you to rally round your society and have a show of your own in Cowdenbeath.

DAVID DUNCAN, Chairman.

Moraig Bank, Cowdenbeath.

## The Bournemouth C.B.A. Withdraw from the C.B.U.

### A Resignation and a Repudiation.

SIR,—With reference to the announcement under the above heading in your last week's issue, I should be obliged by your making it known that, having for several years past taken an active part in the affairs of the B.C.B.A., also representing it as delegate to the C.B.U. for District No. 9, I had nothing whatever to do with the decision to withdraw from the C.B.U., I myself being no longer a member of the B.C.B.A.

W. O. BROOKE.

## LAST SEASON'S YORKSHIRE UNION SHOWS.

### INTERESTING ANALYSIS OF THE ENTRIES BY MR. F. HAMMOND

SIR,—I shall be pleased if you can find space in your journal for the enclosed tables, giving a full classification, etc., of Canaries exhibited at the Yorkshire Union shows during the past season. I trust the information may prove interesting to your readers generally, and it will, no doubt, be of service to societies in this district in the compiling of their schedules for future winter shows.

A new and specially interesting experiment, by the Cinnamon marked Yorkshire Canary Club, will be given a trial at next season's shows. Any society desiring the club's patronage will be required to make six classes, two of which will be set apart entirely for novices, and one-half of any loss sustained by the society in providing these two classes will be borne by the club. The idea is to encourage the novice fancier to take up this variety, and, having done so, to afford him an opportunity of exhibiting in his own class or company, instead of having to compete in the open classes as hitherto. Seeing that the membership of the club is open to the world, and the subscription is only 1s. 6d. per annum, together with the fact that novice members will compete in these two classes for the usually handsome and valuable prizes offered to this section of the club's members, it will be surprising indeed, and disappointing also, if the hon. secretary has not very soon to report an increase in membership approaching, if not exceeding, 100 per cent. It is now for the novices to live up to their reputation, and prove that the club shall not suffer for its efforts on their behalf. No doubt they will send on their subscriptions at once, and see to it that all classes provided for them receive a bumping entry. It should be stated, for the information of those not conversant with the workings of the club, that a "novice" is one who has not won a first prize with a Canary in open competition. Also, that any information concerning the club will be gladly given on application to Mr. H. H. Towers, 8, Close Road, Glusburn, Cross Hills, near Keighley, Yorkshire.

FRED HAMMOND.

OPEN YORKSHIRE SECTION.

| Variety | Classes | Entries | Average | Average after allowing for "void" and "half-prize money" classes. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cl. Yell. | 16 | 155 | 9.68 | 12.91 |
| Cl. Buff | 16 | 161 | 10.06 | 11.92 |
| Tkd. Yell. | 8 | 72 | 9.00 | 12.00 |
| Tkd. Buff | 8 | 98 | 12.25 | 13.06 |
| Cl. or Tkd. Yell. | 1 | 18 | 18.00 | —— |
| Cl. or Tkd. Buff | 1 | 14 | 14.00 | —— |
| Unev.-mkd. Yell. | 2 | 11 | 5.50 | 11.00 |
| Unev.-mkd. Buff | 2 | 30 | 15.00 | —— |
| Unev.-mkd. Yell. or Buff | 7 | 91 | 13.00 | —— |
| Tkd. or Unev.-mkd. Yell. | 8 | 96 | 12.00 | 12.80 |
| Tkd. or Unev.-mkd. Buff | 8 | 94 | 11.75 | 12.53 |
| Cl. Tkd. or Unev.-mkd. Yell. | 1 | 13 | 13.00 | —— |
| Cl. Tkd., etc., Buff | 1 | 7 | 7.00 | 14.00 |
| Heavily-mkd. Yell. or Buff | 6 | 71 | 11.83 | 12.90 |
| Cl. Tkd. or Unev.mkd. Yell, Unfli. | 12 | 222 | 18.59 | —— |
| Cl. Tkd., etc., Buff, Unfli. | 12 | 204 | 17.00 | 17.74 |
| Cl. Tkd. or Unev.mkd. Yell. or Buff Unfli. | 3 | 72 | 24.00 | —— |
| Stock Birds | 2 | 28 | 14.00 | 18.66 |
| Cl. Tkd. or Unev.-mkd. Yell. Hen | 18 | 278 | 15.44 | —— |
| Cl., etc., Buff ditto | 18 | 241 | 13.38 | 13.77 |
| Unev.-mkd. Yell. or Buff Hen | 2 | 30 | 15.00 | —— |
| Heavily-mkd. ditto | 3 | 39 | 13.00 | —— |
| Cinn., Unev.-mkd. Yell. | 10 | 142 | 14.20 | —— |
| Cinn., etc., Buff | 10 | 138 | 13.80 | —— |
| Cinn. ditto Yell. or Buff | 1 | 7 | 7.00 | 14.00 |
| Cinn. Tkd. Yell. or Buff | 3 | 26 | 8.66 | 10.04 |
| Cinn. Tkd. or Unev.-mkd. Yell. or Buff | 5 | 55 | 11.00 | —— |
| Cinn. Tkd., etc., ditto, Hen | 5 | 71 | 14.20 | —— |
| Cinn. Unev.-mkd. Yell. Hen | 10 | 152 | 15.20 | —— |
| Cinn., etc., Buff ditto | 10 | 137 | 13.70 | —— |
| Cinn. Unev.-mkd. Yell. or Buff Hen | 1 | 13 | 13.00 | —— |
| Cinn. Tkd. Yell. or Buff Hen | 3 | 27 | 9.00 | —— |
| Green, Self or Foul Yell. | 1 | 18 | 18.00 | —— |
| Green, ditto, Buff | 1 | 19 | 19.00 | —— |
| Green, ditto, Yell. or Buff | 1 | 14 | 14.00 | —— |
| Green, ditto, Yell. Hen | 1 | 18 | 18.00 | —— |
| Green, ditto, Buff Hen | 1 | 11 | 11.00 | —— |
| Green, ditto, Yell. or Buff Hen | 1 | 17 | 17.00 | —— |
| | 219 | 2910 | 13.28 | 14.23 |

NOVICE YORKSHIRE SECTION.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cl. Yell | 10 | 169 | 16.90 | —— |
| Cl. Buff | 10 | 169 | 16.90 | —— |
| Tkd. Yell. | 1 | 15 | 15.00 | —— |
| Tkd. Buff | 1 | 15 | 15.00 | —— |
| Cl. or Tkd. Yell | 6 | 163 | 27.16 | —— |
| Cl. or Tkd. Buff | 6 | 144 | 24.00 | —— |
| Tkd. or Unev.-mkd. Yell. | 9 | 172 | 19.11 | —— |
| Tkd., etc., Buff | 9 | 168 | 18.66 | —— |
| Unev.-mkd. Yell. | 4 | 46 | 11.50 | 13.14 |
| Unev-mkd. Buff | 4 | 35 | 8.75 | 10.00 |
| Unev.-mkd. Yell or Buff | 3 | 57 | 19.00 | —— |
| Any Var. Yell (except Ev.-mkd.) | 2 | 33 | 16.50 | —— |
| A.V. Buff ditto | 2 | 35 | 17.50 | —— |
| A.V. Yell Unfli. | 2 | 46 | 23.00 | —— |
| A.V. Buff Unfli. | 2 | 35 | 17.50 | —— |
| A.V. Yell or Buff Unfli. | 1 | 30 | 30.00 | —— |
| Cl. Tkd. or Unev.-mkd. Yell. Hen | 17 | 360 | 21.17 | —— |
| Cl., etc., Buff ditto | 17 | 426 | 25.06 | —— |
| Cl. or Tkd. Yell. Hen | 1 | 21 | 21.00 | —— |
| Cl., etc., Buff ditto | 1 | 20 | 20.00 | —— |
| Unev.-mkd. Yell. or Buff Hen | 1 | 18 | 18.00 | —— |
| | 109 | 2177 | 19.97 | 20.15 |

NOVICE NORWICH SECTION.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cl., etc., Hen | 18 | 186 | 10.33 | 11.62 |
| Cl. Tkd. or Unev.-mkd. Yell. or Buff Ck. | 18 | 187 | 10.39 | 12.06 |
| | 36 | 373 | 10.36 | 11.84 |

OPEN NORWICH SECTION.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Yell. | 4 | 45 | 11.25 | 12.85 |
| Buff | 4 | 55 | 13.75 | —— |
| Yell. Unfl. | 2 | 19 | 9.50 | 12.66 |
| Buff Unfli. | 2 | 22 | 11.00 | —— |
| Yell. or Buff Unfli. | 2 | 38 | 19.00 | —— |
| Yell. Hen | 4 | 40 | 10.00 | 11.43 |
| Buff Hen. | 4 | 54 | 13.50 | —— |
| Yell. or Buff Hen Unfl. | 2 | 25 | 12.50 | —— |
| A.V. Ck. | 1 | 7 | 7.00 | 14.00 |
| A.V. Hen | 1 | 5 | 5.00 | 10.00 |
| | 26 | 310 | 11.92 | 13.19 |

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cinnamon-marked Club patronage at Yorks Union Shows:— | | | | |
| Cinn.-tkd. Yorks classes | 6 | 53 | 8.83 | 9.63 |
| Cinn.-mkd. ditto | 36 | 520 | 14.44 | —— |
| Open Norwich P.C. patronage at Y.U. Shows | 18 | 241 | 13.33 | 13.77 |

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

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## The Nesting of the Goldfinch.

SIR,—I was glad Mr. Clegg took my criticism in good part, *re* "The Nesting of the Goldfinch." The Goldfinch begins to breed in the middle of May, and continues till the middle of October (at least)—five months. I catch what Goldfinches I require. All catchers will tell you if they go out at the end of October that they catch young Goldfinches at various stages of the moult—some clean-moulted, some nearly moulted, some half moulted, some just beginning to moult, and others (Greypates) without a feather moulted. If Goldfinches had only two nests this would not be the case. Again, there were three nests which I saw reared by the old ones in a cage, nests which I am sure were built by the same old birds, because they were building and feeding the young both at the same time. As to the authors he quotes, Mr. Clegg will often find them wrong in practice. For instance, most writers, including the great Buffon and Bewick, state that the Goldfinches line their nests with thistle down. Now, if they had only two nests, where are the birds to get the thistle down from? Thistles don't shed their down till the end of summer.

R. J. CLARK.

[Our readers will be very pleased to have some further notes on the Goldfinch from your interesting pen.—EDITOR.]

## What Size Box Shall I Require?

SIR,—I have been a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS ever since I first knew about it, and am in the habit of saving copies—I put them away in a box. I find that my first one is No. 40, Vol. II., dated October 18th, 1902. I am sorry to find I have three missing since that date, and as my box is now quite full, I notice the rapid strides your very valuable paper has made. Twice at least it has increased in size, to say nothing of extra pages and other improvements, and that I have now to make a new box. I beg to ask, Mr. Editor, if you can tell me what size I had better make to hold the next seven years' "C.B."

E. PASS.

[What the future may have in store for our once little journal CAGE BIRDS we are not permitted to foresee. But if your boxes, Mr. Pass, may be measured by our intentions on behalf of the cage bird community, they will need to be no whit smaller than hitherto.—EDITOR, CAGE BIRDS.]

## A Good Start with the Yorkshire Canary.

SIR,—I have been in the Fancy for three years, and I have not got yet beyond third prizes. Still, I have had to learn how to breed in that time, and not having had any experience before, I did not expect to jump to the 1st and specials all at once; one must creep before walking. In my flight I keep my young during the moult, and my hens in the winter. I reared 26 young ones last season from seven hens, and showed at the next feather, and at our annual shows, nine birds in all, and got six cards, viz., two 3rds, two 4ths., vhc, and hc, of which I am very proud, seeing that the year before I showed five and drew all "blanks." But thanks to the knowledge I have gleaned from reading CAGE BIRDS (I have taken your paper since commencing in the bird fancy), and the kindly hints I have found fellow fanciers I come in contact with ever ready and willing to give, I hope with reasonable luck to make progress. My particular fancy is the Yorkshire Canary.

A SHEFFIELD NOVICE.

I cannot speak too highly of, nor give too much praise to, "Canary Breeding for Beginners," by Claude St. John, writes Mr. J. Jones (Kirkdale), and I intend to go by it and CAGE BIRDS at all times.

# Under the White Rose.

THE Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C. hold their annual general meeting to-day (Saturday), 7 p.m., at their headquarters, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, and a large gathering is expected. The business is urgent, and very important—balance-sheet, election of officers, next season's competition, specials, etc., etc., and Mr. W. R. Myers, the secretary, will be delighted to see a few new faces there, so please attend.

GREEN Marked Yorkshires are, after all, to have someone to look after their interests. The club that was talked about so much during last show season is due to hatch in about fourteen to 21 days, and after such a long incubation should come out healthy and strong, and with good and substantial food will prove a valuable adjunct to the clubs already in existence. Over thirty names of intending members are already on the books, and it is very likely that this number will be doubled in quick time when affairs are put into working order. This variety is the prettiest and most attractive in the Fancy, has many adherents all over the country, and a club to cater for it will be gladly welcomed.

A NOTED British enthusiast has given me the following list of birds seen during his usual week-end ramble: Kestrel, Swallow, House and Sandmartins, Yellow and Pied Wagtails, Stonechat, Wheatear, Whinchat, Willow Warbler, and a company of Twites. The latter bird is stated by an eminent authority on British birds to be only a visitor to these shores, whereas my friend states that they breed regularly on Baildon Moors within a few miles of Bradford, and have done so for some years; in fact, some years ago he secured a clutch of eggs and all were hatched and successfully reared under Canaries. Anyhow, I intend to have a run over some week-end to have a peep at them myself.

ON Good Friday I saw a good few Wheatears not far from Queensbury, and in splendid trim they were. In fact, I never saw birds look better; clan and straight as a new pin; and I hope later to discover their breeding haunts in this vicinity.

CANARY breeders here have had rather a hard time of it during the past week, May being ushered in by hail and snow, and one or two of the nights being exceptionally cold, a thick white frost being in evidence on one morning, and many have suffered severe losses to their young stock.

AT the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S. meeting on Saturday last, the Hoyland (near Barnsley), and Dis. C.B.S., applied for admission and were received in the ranks of the Union. Twenty-eight societies are now affiliated, with a total membership of about 1,250. It is expected that one or two more societies will be enrolled in the near future.

"STRAIGHT-'UN."

## OBITUARY.

It is with regret, writes Mr. A. Bosworth (Rawtenstall), that I write (especially after Mr. J. Rukin's letter in your last issue), to inform you that his youngest son passed peacefully away on Sunday afternoon last, and I am sure all fanciers will join me in tendering our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Rukin in their sad bereavement.

Fanciers will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. (Moore, wife of Mr. R. Moore, Hugh Street, So. Benwill, Newcastle, after a long and weary illness, writes Mr. Thos. Taylor (Gateshead). The funeral took place on April 30th, and several fancier friends attended, including Messrs. Telford, Corston, and myself. I am sure our much-respected friend will have the sympathy of all in his sad loss. We regret to learn that Mr. Moore is compelled for the time being to relinquish the Fancy, and is selling all his stock and utensils.

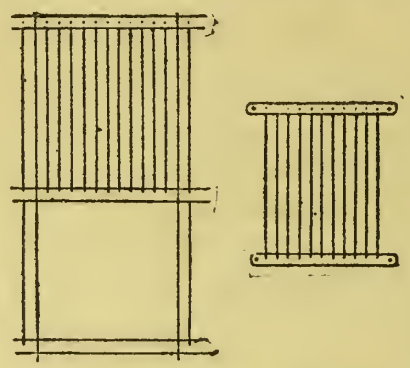
# *Illustrated Ideas*

*Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.*

### No. 306.
### A NOISELESS CAGE DOOR.

**Sent by J. W. Dawson, 113 Bradford Road, Otley, Yorks.**

Here is a sketch of a noiseless cage-door. It is a great benefit to breeders who are troubled with nervous hens to have a door that will not screech when lifted. When



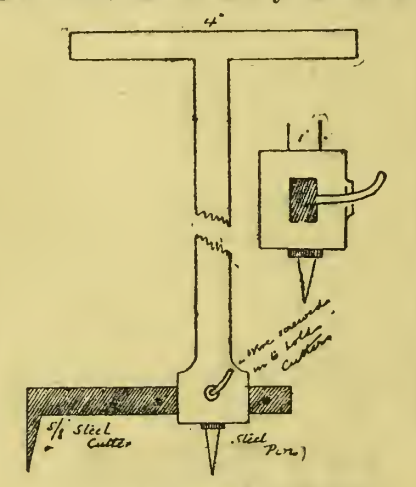
**A Noiseless Cage-Door.**

making the door, leave the punched bar two holes longer (as shown in the illustration), and drill them out a little larger, so as to allow the door to slide up easily. Fix the door on to the straight wires, and solder them on to the front of the cross bars. If you get them parallel, which you can do easily, the door will move without the slightest noise.—J. DAWSON.

### No. 307.
### AN IMPROVED CAGE-DOOR CUTTER.

**Sent by J. Hardy, 4, Winston Street, Hartlepool.**

In CAGE BIRDS recently I saw a cutter for making doors illustrated. I send you herewith a sketch of one I made myself, and which I have used for two years. An ad-




**An Improved Cage-Door Cutter.**

vantage it has over the ordinary one is that you can make doors to any size by moving the cutting arm backwards or forwards, as the case may be. You can also renew the cutter at any time, and you can use it by hand (it is not everyone who keeps a brace by him). I hope the sketch will be sufficiently explanatory of the idea.—J. HARDY.

# *Wild Bird Life.*

## The Nest of the Chaffinch.

The month of April and the early part of May are certainly the most enjoyable time of the year. Everything around us is starting into fresh life. We have done with hoary winter, and are looking forward to the long, bright days, to the pleasant rambles across fields and woodlands, and to the hours spent with the birds and the wild life of the open. The Swallows, the Martin, Turtle Doves, Nightingale and Cockoo are with us, and daily we are adding the names of new arrivals to our list. We saw the first Swallow on Good Friday morning—a single bird hawking the district for an hour or two. To our eyes he appeared lonely; and we looked anxiously for his companions; but none came for a full week. Now they can be seen darting down the village street and twittering round their accustomed haunts. For some years now they have regularly nested under the rafters of the wood-shed, and when they first arrived they flew about the yard for a short time and suddenly darted in to visit the old nest, in the same old manner of last summer; and all the old nests have been visited by the returning birds, so that they must either be the parent birds or the young ones of last season. Any way, one thing is certain, viz., that the same birds return to the scenes of their former nesting site or birthplace. Since the cold weather left us our resident birds have been busy. Young Song Thrushes are about, and eggs and nests of this species and the Blackbirds and Missel Thrushes are fairly plentiful. A pair or two of Chaffinches have commenced to build, and recently we saw a remarkable nest of these clever builders. It was placed on the branch of a fir tree within a few inches of the main stem, and so closely did it harmonise in colour with the surroundings that we should have passed it had we not seen the old bird there, the green and grey lichen covering the nest being of exactly the same colouring as that on the branch of the tree. One hardly knows whether to look upon these remarkable evidences of protective colouration as accidental, or as part of the bird's natural instinct for the protection of its eggs and young. I have, however, at times found nests built without the slightest effort at making use of material to harmonise with local colour; in fact, in some cases, the birds could not possibly have done more to attract attention to the structure.

## How Cuckoos Migrate.

It is a well-known fact that the autumn migration of the Cuckoo is contrary to that of other birds. The old Cuckoos leave the country first, leaving their offspring to follow later. If it were possible to find out, it would certainly be interesting to know if the spring migration differs in any way from that of other birds.

## The Glossy Magpie.

The description of a Magpie is generally that of "a black and white bird." This is misleading, for the live bird in health is a splendid fellow, his plumage having the most beautiful shadings; and his quick alert ways give him fresh colours at every movement.

## The Rare Bittern.

That rare bird of the marshes, the Bittern, has visited us again this winter, and more than one specimen has been gathered for the collector. A wounded bird will defend himself with claw and beak, and do considerable damage. He is a hearty feeder, and the contents of his stomach are generally of a curious description. Yarrell says: "I found in the stomach of a Bittern the bones of a pike of considerable size, and another contained a Water Rail whole and six small fishes. His booming note was at one time a common sound of the marshes.

"Yet the Lark's shrill fife may come
At daybreak from the fallow,
And the Bittern sound his drum,
Booming from the sedgy shallow.'"

## Rooks and Wire Worms.

An old writer positively declared that Rooks did no wrong when seen pulling up the young sprouting corn. The wire worm is one of the greatest scourges to which farmers are exposed; and yet it is to the Rooks chiefly, if not entirely, that they are able to look for a remedy. Cased in its hard shelly coat, it eats its way into the roots of corn, and is beyond the reach of weather, or the attacks of other insects or small birds, whose short and softer bills cannot penetrate the recesses of its secure retreat buried some inches below the soil. The Rook alone can do so. When the Rook is seen jerking up root after root of the rising crop, the careful observer will be able afterwards, if he examines minutely, to detect in many of these roots the cells of a wireworm.

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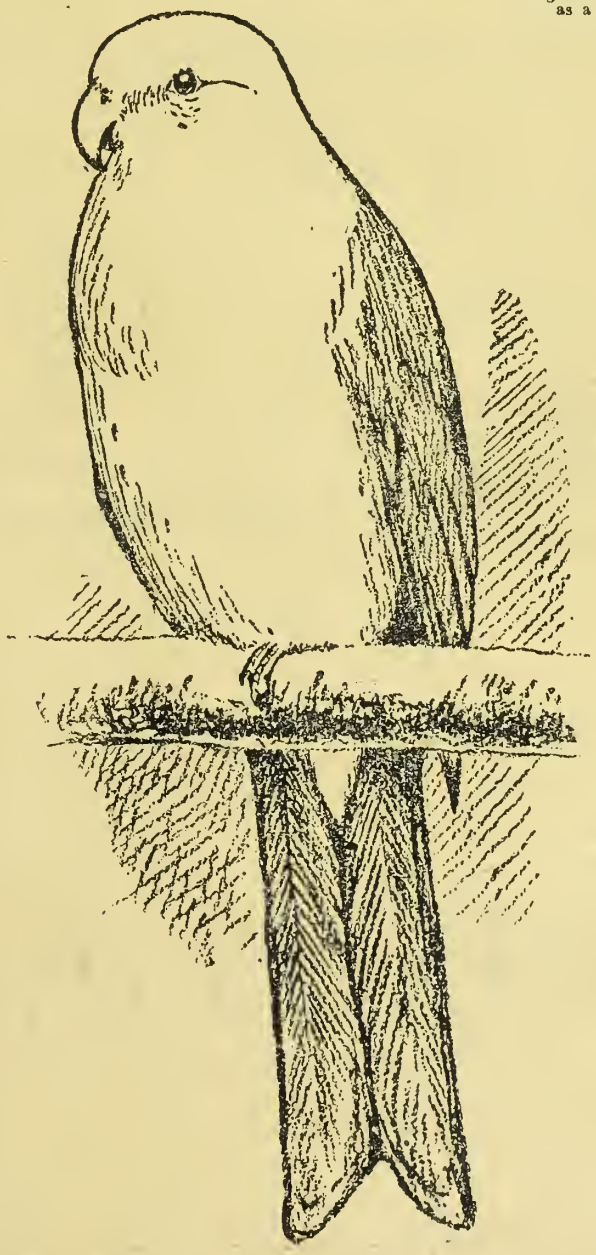

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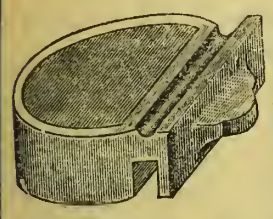

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388, Manchester Road, Blackrod. May 8, 1909. — I received the two Yorksbire hens on the 5th of May and both are now nesting. I shall be pleased if you will send two Norwich cocks for a friend. T. Derbyshire to W. Rudd.

Surrey Villa, Long Lane, Finchley. May 7, 1909.—Muling hen safely to hand. I am very pleased with it, and perfectly satisfied; if you send all your birds out in a similar condition to this one you are to be congratulated. Thanking you for promptness.—F. Hughes to W. Rudd.

160, Lower Wortley Road, Leeds. May 8, 1909.—Birds received this morning quite safely. They are real beauties, and I am delighted with them. Never saw anything to equal them. Thanking you for prompt attention.—G. A. Roberts to W. Rudd.

7, Anglesea Street, Duhlin. May 8th, 1909. Yorkshire hen arrived safe. I am very pleased with same.—R. Jamieson to W. Rudd.

**HERE are some Prices and Varieties.**

**PLAIN-HEADED NORWICH COCKS.**

Clear yellow 7/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Clear Buff 6/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-. Ticked or Variegated 5/6, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-.

**PLAIN-HEADED NORWICH HENS.**

Clear Yellow, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. Clear Buff, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-. Ticked or Variegated, 2/9, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-. Pairs Norwich Plainheads, Matched for Breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6. **CRESTED BRED HENS,** 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 40/-. **CRESTED COCKS,** 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, to 100/-. **CRESTED HENS,** 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- up. **COCKS! CRESTED BRED.** Some large feathery birds—simply given away at 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 up. **MATCHED PAIRS FOR BREEDING CRESTS,** 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- up.

**Reliable Bargains for the Experienced and Amateur.**

My special matched pairs of prize-bred **Norwich Plainheads at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 20/-; Crested ditto, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, and 30/-; Yorkshires, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 20/-; Lancashires, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-; Cinnamons, 8/6, 9/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; Lizards, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; Border Fancies, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6. These never yet have been equalled for their marvellous value, and must be seen to be appreciated.**

**To Beginners:**

If you cannot afford a big price send for a pair of my correctly matched Norwich at **8/6 or 9/6**; and now note this.—In most cases where you send for pairs at this price, you are sent two huffs, often both marked birds—this is where you do not get what is required—well, I send you one **marked, and one clear; one buff, and the other yellow.** Travelling cage 3d. extra. Then for **3/6** I will send you a double breeding cage, fitted with everything complete for an immediate start. Total for birds and cage **12/3** for **3/6** birds, or **13/3** for 9/6 birds. But I would strongly recommend you to have my Cage No. 100; it has sand drawers, and is fitted with sanitary furniture throughout, and the price is only **5/-**.

**Songsters.**

Thousands now on hand, specially selected, not haphazard birds, quality sent to each, according to price sent, and in all cases the best I can do, and what I cannot do in this line, no other man (or fictitious trader) can in the world. **Norwich, Yorkshires, Mules** (Goldfinch, Linnet, or Siskin). Note prices: **7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-.**

**Feeding Hens.**

3/-, 3/6, 4/- each; the latter suitable for all large varieties. Beware of hens offered as feeders that are only erect small Belgians, or Germans; they are too small for feeding anything but the smallest varieties.

Travelling cages in all cases 3d. extra. For all others please see free illustrated list, sent immediately upon receipt of post card. This is copyright, so unblushing imitators, please note, or you may have a painful reminder.

**W. RUDD,** THE Bird Specialist, **Norwich.**



# Hens! Hens!! Hens!!!

On approval before payment to genuine fanciers. About 100 grand untried reliable Yorkshire hens, all ready to nest at once, and every one worth double the money. Clears, ticked, green marked, cinnamon marked, and clear pink eyed. Colour fed and natural colour. Prices, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6 each. Travelling cages 3d. extra. Few very good Yorkshire cocks on full song, at 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. Testimonials arriving by every post from all parts. All on 7 days' approval at my risk. Only address:—

**J. TAYLOR,**
**36, Aireville Road,**
**FRIZINGHALL, BRADFORD.**


## Various Canaries.

WANTED any variety; cash or exchange.—Pearson. Greenwich Market.

SIX young Norwich hens, 2/6 each, 14/- lot.—Meeds, Portland-terrace, Mansfield.

FIVE Yorkshire hens, four buffs, one yellow, three buff Norwich hens, 5/- each, to clear; no cocks.—Beaumont, Long Lane, Dalton, Huddersfield.

POSITIVELY free; my illustrated copyright list of all varieties of Canaries bred. Send address—postcard will do.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

ONE Norwich cock and hen, paired; also Yorkshire cock, both in full song; 4-compartment breeding cage, excellent condition, sacrifice, 25/-.—Allen, Theatre, Eccles.

BUFF Cinnamon hens, large Norwich Cinnamon-marked Yorkshires, good length, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; large yellow-marked cock, 10/-, approval.—Martin, Sebright House, Chatteris.

STRONG healthy hen Canaries, in breeding condition, from cold aviaries; Yorkshire, Norwich, and Rollers 3/- each, three for 7/6; approval.—Walsh, Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn.

**J. THORN, WOOLWICH,**

has splendid lot of Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries for song and breeding; cocks from 4/6, hens 2/6; cock Linnets, 9d.—J. Thorn, 37, Plumstead-rd., Woolwich.

**NORWICH AND YORKSHIRES.**

Splendid pairs, either variety correctly matched, for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-; cock, full song, 4/9, 5/6, 6/6; hens ready to nest, 2/9, 3/-, 3/6; money returned if not approved; travelling cages, 3d. extra.—B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft.

## MULES—HYBRIDS.

PEARSON, Greenwich, wants Mules; cash or exchange.

BARLOW'S Aviaries, East Greenwich, require Mules, cheap for cash, or exchange.

WHAT offers for Goldfinch Mule and Hendryx cage.—Howe, 17, Carlton-st., Bridlington.

TWO grand Yellow Sib. hens (Norwich), 5/-, 7/6; approval.—Mr. Mitchell, Gordon Villa, Dereham.

SIB-BRED hens for light or dark Muling, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6; worth double; approval.—R. Hanford, Derby.

COCK Linnet and hen Canary for muling, 4/6 the pair; approval.—H. Jinks, 2, Bramall-lane, Sheffield.

TWO Goldfinch Mules, full song, Finch note, 12/6 each, approval; deposit.—Freeman, The Facade, Brockley.

HAND-REARED Linnet and large Canary hen, ready for nesting, 5/- pair.—H. Gledhill, Fleet-lane, Queenshury, Bradford.

YELLOW Cinnamon hen, twice house-moulted Linnet, breeder, large birds, 10/- each; approval.—John Esplin, Bonnybridge.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Redpoll, and hen Brambling, 3/6; cock brown Linnet and hen Canary, 5/-.—Bettison, Kingston, Lewes.

GRAND cock Goldfinch and Sib-bred Canary, nesting; price, 9/6 pair and cage.—H. Harrington, 112, Warwick-rd., Edmonton, N.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Linnet and large hen Bullfinch, 5/-; exchange cock Siskin; approval.—Mitchellhill, Longtown, Carlisle.

HOUSE-MOULTED hen Bullfinch, nesting, and beautiful Yorkshire cock Goldfinch, mated to Bullfinch, 8/- pair.—Devany, Knaresborough.

LARGE pink-eyed Sib. bred hens, sure light Mule breeders, 5/6, 7/6 each; ten days approval.—Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

COCK Goldfinch, hen Bullfinch, 7/6; cock Goldfinch, hen Greenfinch, 6/6; cock Linnet, hen Bullfinch, 6/6.—Raynes, 34, Beechfield-rd., Doncaster.

VARIEGATED Goldfinch Mules, grand songsters, brilliant colour, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; Yorkshire cocks, 6/-.—Hawes, Brestwood, Great Missenden, Bucks.

COCK Goldfinch Mules, bred 1908, all finger-tame, grand in feather, 6/- each; two hens, 2/- the two.—D. Wood, Claremont, Robinson-rd., Mapperley.

VARIEGATED 1908 Goldfinch-Canary Mule, incessant songster, Goldfinch notes, Yorkshire type, with pendant cage, 15/-.—Nelson, 163, Globe-rd., Stepney.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Linnet, good songster, sure muler, father of eight variegated Mules last year, 5/-.—A. Taylor, 119, Lancaster-st., N. Evington, Leicester.

CANARY-REARED hen Bullfinch, nesting, 2/6; ditto Greenfinch 2/-; Goldfinch Mule, full song, Goldfinch note, suit catcher, 7/6.—Montague E. Feltham, 128, Commercial Road, Bournemouth.

HIGH-CLASS Sibs., few grand hens, also cocks, for light muling, 40 years inbred, warranted, 10/- each; breeder Mr. Jones's champion light Mule Kitchener, winner 57 firsts and special prizes; bred 1905, clear Mule, eight lightly marked; bred 1906, ten light Mules, including even marked; bred 1907, ten light Mules, including ticked Yellow; bred 1908, even marked Yellow ticked Buff, nine lightly marked; 42 years' breeder high-class birds; approval.—Samuel Sperry, 133, Curzon-st., Leicester.


## MULING HENS.

**NOTE PRICES AND THE COLOURS—**

Clear buff for light mule breeding, 3/3, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; clear yellow, 3/9, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6. Marked hens for Siskins, Linnets, Greenfinches, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; for dark mule breeding, 2/9, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; prices according to size and quality.

**Let me send you one or more on approval.**

Cages 3d. extra. These hens are more than good value. Don't be deluded; no man living can send you untried English Canaries of good size at 2/6. Several special pink-eyed Muling hens also for sale. Particulars free.

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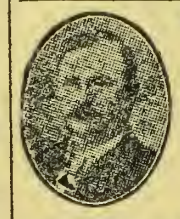
FOR Sale. Four Goldfinch-Canary Mules, 1 Yellowhammer, 3 cock Greenfinches, also few hen Canaries to spare; seen any time after six, except Sunday.—L. Butcher, 24a, Newton-rd., Cricklewood, N.W.

BEAUTIFUL house-moulted cock Brown Linnet, large bird, champion songster, and large young Norwich hen Canary, certain mulers, in handsome joiner-made breeding cage, the lot 10/6.—Byron Dobb, 10. Penn-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield.

SPLENDID cock Goldfinch, while-legged, 7/6; four cock Greenfinches, four Bullie hens, 5/- pair; black Bullfinch hen, 5/-; cock Linnet, ben Goldfinch, 3/- pair, all ready for breeding; two hen Canarics, 3/- each.—Heal Bros., 4, Combe-lane, Shepton Mallet.

**MULING HENS.**

Sib. mulers; large 1908 muling hens for light and dark Mule breeding, guaranteed untried and in breeding condition, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; carriage paid on approval; travelling cages, 3d. each.—Miss E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

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Large, young hens, sure breeders, ready for nesting, for light or dark muling, from 3/- to 7/6. Also large sure feeding young hens at 3/- each. Can be put on rail same day. Send for catalogue of birds, appliances, and advice to breeders, free.

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Canary Specialist,
**AMBLERTHORN, HALIFAX.**

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Large 1908 Sib. hens, for light or dark Mule breeding, at 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 5/- each; all ready to nest, and worth double. Clears, cinnamon marked, and clear pink-eyed; approval before payment, to genuine fanciers; travelling cages 3d. extra.

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## FOREIGN BIRDS.

PRICE List.—Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

PEARSON, Greenwich, wants Foreigners, acclimatised; cash or exchange.

WANTED. A Blue-winged Sugar Bird cock.—M. Armsteen, 30, Grand Parade, Cork.

PAIR small Cockatoos, handsome, rare lady.—Morshead, Forest Lodge, Binfield, Berks.

ZEBRA Finches, wanted, pair, ready to nest; state price.—Meldrum, Linkfield, Musselburgh.

WANTED Budgerigars for cash, any quantity; Rosellas, Blood-rumps.—Cox, Aviaries, Yarmouth.

AMAZON Parrot, splendid bird, tame and talking, good cage, 35/-, or exchange.—Pearson, Greenwich.

GREY Parrot, 7 years old; good talker; healthy; cheap.—7, Chatsworth Avenue, Liscard, Cheshire.

EXTRA good pair yellow Budgerigars, in perfect condition, 8/-.—Cooper, 52, Wembury-st., Harpurhey, Manchester.

BUDGERIGARS, green, outdoor, 3 cocks, two hens, 7/- the lot to clear.—H. Keen, Bradwell Ash, Bury St. Edmunds.

NOTICE, grand African grey Parrot, begun to talk, 30/-, worth £5; approval.—M'Keand, Seabright villa, Castle-Douglas.

ACCLIMATISED White-throated Finch, rare, 4/-; St. Helena Waxbill, 1/6.—Robertson, 22, Summerfield-terrace, Aberdeen.

VERY rare Ruby-throated Warbler (Indian), singing beautifully; in owner's possession one year; cock bird; price 50/-.—Mrs. Warren Vernon, Toddington Manor, Beds.

THOROUGHLY acclimatised Virginian Nightingale, grand songster, £2, or offers; approval.—Kinghorn, 6. Howe-gate, Hawick, N.B.

HANDSOME pair acclimatised Ringneck Parrakeets and new square cage, £1, or part exchange Canaries.—36, Branksome-rd., Brixton, S.W.

RARE red-fronted Amazon Parrot and cage, finger-tame, talks, £4; privately imported a year ago; approval.—Brammer, 52, Novello-st., Fulham.

WANTED, one pair red crested Cardinals, adult, healthy outdoor, aviary bred or acclimatised; approval.—M. J. Flannery, Barrack-st., Nenagh, Tipperary.

TWO cock Java Sparrows, pair Silverbills, cock Waxbill, hen Whydah, and eight show cages, 25/- the lot; will sell separate.—W. Hill, Mansion-st., Hinckley.

LARGE promising Australian Grey Parrot, finger tame, and good cage, 25/-, cash, or exchange to 30/-; rare aviary foreign birds.—Geary, Dentist, Erdington.

BEAUTIFUL African Grey Parrot (with red tail), 18 months old, commencing to say a few words; price, 25/-, cage included; approval.—R. Adams, Wallasey, Cheshire.

COCK Virginian Cardinal and cock Brazilian Blue Bullfinch, both grand birds, cage-moulted, in perfect feather, health, and condition, 40/- approval.—Andrews, Weston, Olney.

NOTICE, extra grand green, also yellow, Budgerigars, sure winners; prices low; easy payments taken; send stamp, stating wants.—M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

ACCLIMATISED cock Scarlet Tanager, perfect, winner, 25/-; another, 12/6; pair Tricolour Nuns, 5/-; wanted hen Gouldian and cock Cordon Bleu.—Creasey, 48, Albert-grove, Longsight, Manchester.

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# Club Notices.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

**Ashton-u-Lyne and Dis. O.S.**—May 15, Ramble to Poynton. Train leaves Guide Bridge Station at 1.50. Fanciers and friends invited. Book to Marple.—H. Foden.

**Altrincham C.B.S.**—May 18, headquarters, 8. Election of judges for open show.—T. Harrison.

**Ardwick and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 18, Blacksmith's Arms, 8.15. Show business.—J. Spencer.

**Belgrave and Dis. F.F.S.**—May 18, New Inn, Belgrave, 8. To receive entries for members' show.—W. H. Riley.

**Buckhaven and Dis. B.S.**—May 15, Free Gardeners' Hall, 7. Framing of club rules; also lecture; all fanciers invited.—J. Lawrie.

**Birkenhead C.F.A.**—May 18, Temperance Rooms, 8. Lecture on Border Fancy, by Mr. Hadwin. Fanciers invited.—J. Richardson.

**Cardiff and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 20, Maskell's Cafe, Queen Street, 8. General business and young bird show.—W. S. Negus.

**City of Wakefield O.S.** — May 15, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 8. Delegates' report. Members please note alteration of time.—Parker and Parkes.

**Coventry O.S.**—May 19, Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, 8.30. Arrangements to join the Leicester Hand-in-Hand in a picnic to Pailton on June 13.—G. Peters.

**Dulwich O.S.**—Country Ramble to Chipstead and Coulsdon; party assemble at "The Herne," Peckham Rye, S.E., 9.15 a.m., Sunday, May 16; entrain Honor Oak Park Station (L.B. and S.C. Railway), 10 a.m.—S. J. Kent.

**Dalziel C.A.**—May 15, Y.M.C.A., Brandon Street, Motherwell, 7. Table show, two classes, one for British or Foreign Goldfinch, other for Twite, Siskin, or Redpoll; membership fee due this meeting.—J. Mathieson.

**Huddersfield O.S.**—May 17, White Hart Hotel, 8. Proposed holding of members' F.F. show, July 3; intending exhibitors to guarantee two birds; all guarantees to be in by May 17.—R. Greensmith.

**Hyde and Dis. C.B.S.** — May 15, St. George's Schools, 7. F.F. show business.—F. Barraclough.

**Keighley and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 18, King's Head Hotel, 7.30. Members' shows.—W. Wright.

**Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.**—May 18, 8. Alteration of rules. Lecture by Mr. E. Hulse on "Dangers of Inbreeding." Fanciers invited.—C. Draper.

**Larkhall C.B.A.**—May 22, Miners' Hall, 7. Matter for rule books.—J. Pollock.

**London and Provincial O.S.**—May 20, Raglan, 8. Lecture (and discussion) on "Foreign Birds," by Wesley T. Page, Esq., F.Z.S.—H. E. Tringham.

**Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.**—May 19, Deansgate Hotel, 7.5. Cage-making competition; silver medal, special. Judge, Mr. Bladon; also appoint manager for Oct. show.—E. H. Jones.

**Merriston and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 22, Temperance Hotel, 7.30.—W. H. Lewis.

**Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.**—May 19, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 7.30. Club patronage considered, and table show, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite; Linnet; Greenfinch; A.O.S. Judge, Mr. T. Robson; fanciers invited.—J. Bertram.

**North London C.B.A.**—May 19, Public Library, Church Street, Stoke Newington, 8. Lecture on Norwich, by Mr. W. Norris; all are welcome.—R. P. Harper.

**Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.**—May 20, Trinity Schools, 8. "Waxbills, their Feeding and Management."—W. Pawley.

**Poplar and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 20, Schoolroom, Newley Place, 8. Lecture on the Norwich Canary, by Mr. J. Robson. Country ramble takes place on May 16, 10.13 a.m. train from Liverpool Street Station for Chingford Station.—H. W. Cook.

**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.**—May 16, Rochdale Station, Drake Street entrance, 8.30 a.m. Annual ramble in the Stockport, Poynton, Disley, Mellow, Maple districts; conducted by Mr. Beswick (Stockport). Friends heartily welcomed.—W. Adams.

**South Metropolitan F.A.**—May 21, Club Hall, The Firs, Clapham Park, 8. To finally decide question of joining Grand United for 1909.—G. W. Milledge.

**Shipley O.S.**—May 18, Prince of Wales Hotel, 8. Annual open show.—D. Marsden.

**Spen Valley C.B.S.**—May 17, Commercial Hotel, 8.—J. Lewis.

**Seaham Harbour and Dis. C.B.B.A.**—May 15, Station Hotel, 7.—H. Dohson.

**Tunbridge Wells F.A.**—May 19, 8.—H. F. Whibley.

## REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

**Vale of Conway** (Llandudno).—July 21.—Judge, Mr. A. E. Davis. 19 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks 4, A.O.V. 1, Bord. 1, Mule 3, Brit. 4, For. 1, Sell 1, and 13 members' classes. Prizes, 7/6, 5/-, 2/0. Ent. fee 1/6. Ent close July 12 to A. T. JOHNSON, Roc Wen, Talycafn, N. Wales.

**Bangor** (C.B.U.).—May 29th, Penrhyn Hall.—Judge, Mr. P. Proud. 16 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 3, Mule 2, Brit. 4, A.O.V. Can. 1, For. 1, Sell 1, Gift 1, A.V. (radius five miles) 1, Hyde's 1, and 1 members' class. Prizes, 5/-, 3/-, and 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close May 22nd, to W. AITKEN, 1, Belmont-street.

## ENTRIES CLOSE.

May 22—**Bangor**—W. Aitken, 1, Belmont Street,

## DARLINGTON C. AND B.B.F.A.

Meeting held at George Hotel, May 5th. Mr. J. Wildsmith presided. It was decided that the special prize given by our President (Mr. H. Pike Pease, M.P.) for our open classes, be competed for by members in the open classes, members competing for same to nominate four birds at time of entry; highest number of points to count. The classification for our open show to be held on October 16th was arranged same as last year, with following exceptions; Goldfinch and Bullfinch in one class instead of a separate class for each, as last year; in the Yorkshire and Norwich sections we have two unflighted classes for each variety—for yellow and buff—instead of one unflighted class for Yorkshire and one for Norwich, as last year; two novice classes have been added to members' classes—A.V. Canary and A.S. British (open to members who have not won a first prize in open competition). We give a hearty invitation to all fanciers to join us, as our Association is open to all. Members' classes are at a reduced fee to open classes, and full prize money is paid out in all members' classes. Next meeting night, June 2nd; F.F. and Open Show business.—R. S. BLACK,

# Club Reports.

## FORFAR AND DISTRICT C.B.I.S.

Usual monthly meeting, held on May 1st, in the Granite Bar, when it was decided to hold a First Feather show on July 3rd, 12 classes to be provided, viz., 4 for Norwich, 4 for Borders, 1 for Mule, and 3 for wild birds. Mr. J. Byars (Brechin) will judge Norwich, and Mr. W. Grewar (Forfar) the remainder. Mr. J. Bowman has kindly granted the use of a room in the Granite Bar for the show. We have decided to hold an open show on Oct. 23rd, in the Masonic Hall, Forfar, which is without doubt one of the very best in the North for such a purpose. We trust the Fancy will rally round and give us a bumping entry as a send-off.—W. GREWAR, Hon. Sec.

## ABERDEEN O.S.

Meeting held in the Trades Hall on April 30th, the president, Mr. Hector, in the chair. A letter was read from the secretary of the Scottish N.P.C. intimating that the club show was fixed to be held in conjunction with Aberdeen, on Dec. 17th and 18th. All the conditions named by the club were unanimously agreed to. Mr. W. Clubb was appointed to receive names of fanciers willing to join the S.N.P.C. Classification was gone over and the following alterations made: Greenfinch fed or non-fed; Siskin, fed or non-fed; Redpoll or Twite, Bramblefinch, Chaffinch, any variety of Bunting; any variety of soft-billed British Bird, Nightingale or smaller. Rules of competition were passed, with the exception of the rule for members' unflighted classes; after some discussion it was decided to drop the last clause of the rule.—J. BRYSON, Sec.

## HULL C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at Oddfellows' Hall on May 3rd. Previous to the meeting the talk naturally turned round to the number of young being reared, the majority of members reporting only moderate luck; some had only just paired the birds, while others had the first round nearly all clear. Others, again, had had a lot of young dead in shell. Mr. Harland said he had 28 like this, out of 32 good eggs; this he attributes to a very heavy thunderstorm at about the time the birds were due to hatch. Mr. W. Pepper reported good progress; he had 32 young, four on the sticks, and several more about ready to leave the nest. Various samples of colour-feeds were on view, also samples of Fox's egg food. The colour-feeds caused much discussion, the choice being finally left to the members themselves. Mr. Geo. Harland was asked to read the paper prepared by Lady Doughty on "Bird Culture." Before reading it, he said, he would like to say that it was through the courtesy of the members of the Grimsby O.S. he was able to do so, they thinking it would be very interesting to their near neighbours across the water. Mr. Lugg, the representative of Messrs. Fox's Egg Food Co., attended. He explained the merits of his firm's productious, their egg food in particular. His remarks were followed with great interest by all. several members intimating their intention to give the egg-food a thorough trial. This ended one of the most pleasant meetings in the history of the society.—ERNEST R. RIDLEY, Hon. Sec.

## GATESHEAD AND DIST. C.B.S.

Usual meeting, held April 28th, at headquarters, Lockhart's Cafe, High Street, presided over by the chairman, Mr. T. Almoud. The attendance was the largest we have seen for years, many old and new members being present. We noticed some faces that have been missing for a long time; in fact, it was one of the best meetings the society has had. Long before the time of starting we had to shift our quarters to the larger room, which was filled. We again enrolled new members, which now seems to be a usual thing. Nine were proposed and accepted, which now brings up the grand total to forty in three months, and there are more to follow. It was pleasing to see Mr. Hutchinson (Newcastle) join us, he being one of the Newcastle secretaries, and secretary for the Northern Crest Club; it showed the good feeling prevailing amongst us. Mr. Patterson (Chirnside), that well-known judge and exhibitor of the "wee gem," received a hearty welcome into the ranks of the Palace of the North. Yet another secretary has joined us —Mr. Lance Hall, of the Pelton C.B.S. Messrs. Foster (Pelton Fell), Bairstow (Langlee Park), Wood, and Chapman (Newcastle), Prior and Watson (Gateshead), also joined. Correspondence was read from Mr. Halliday, our Yorkshire judge. The nominations for a judge for first feather show in first week of July then took place. Several gentlemen were proposed. The secretary was instructed to write for terms. Mr. Crawhall then gave his lecture on "The Difficulties of the Breeding Season." He dealt with all the troubles which befall fanciers in the breeding season, and was listened to with great interest. In conclusion, Mr. Crawhall said that if anyone would like to ask any questions he would answer them to the best of his ability. A warm discussion followed. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Crawhall brought a most pleasant and interesting evening to a close.—G. BUCK and H. JOHNSON, Hon. Secs.

## POPLAR AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting of the above society was held at their headquarters, on Thursday, April 29th. Present: Messrs. Hunt Bros., Cook, Cowles, Dearing, Pinder, Kidman, Lowrie, Pine, Whitman, Barber, Hammond, Plumb, Wyatt, Mottram, Ash, Reeves. The chairman addressed the meeting as follows:—Once again we are favoured by the presence of our esteemed and respected friend, Mr. House, who has kindly consented to give us a lecture this evening on the Yorkshire Canary. I am reminded of past services rendered to us by this gentleman, and I am sure that I am voicing the feelings of this meeting by saying that we feel grateful indeed to Mr. House for these services rendered from time to time; we owe him a debt of gratitude. I trust all present will give him their best attention, and have no doubt we shall all benefit very considerably by the lecture. Mr. House, who spoke for just over one hour, went fully into the value of breeding for style and shape, and especially emphasised the fact that if good, typical birds were required, the preference should be given to neat, small hens. At the close of the lecture many questions were asked, and were answered to the satisfaction of the enquirers. The enquiry of Mr. Plumb is worthy of particular notice, owing to the fact that he had brought a Yorkshire Canary up with him which was out of condition, for the lecturer's opinion on same, as to what was the probable cause. After many enquiries by the lecturer, it was finally given as his, the lecturer's, opinion, that the probable cause of the bird's being out of condition was the use of disinfected sawdust on the trays of the cages, which article had the tendency to affect the liver of the Canary, and thus throw it out of condition. The lecturer's assumption on this subject gave rise to many questions from the members present, and the lecturer gave it as his opinion that sawdust was not a satisfactory covering for cage bottoms; he much preferred sand, and in preference again, silver sand. Mr. Cook also enquired from the lecturer if he was of opinion that a hen given plenty of baths during the process of incubation would help to prevent a bird leaving the shell with a flat head? This remark was treated by the lecturer and the meeting very jocularly, but after the lecturer giving his views on the matter, the enquirer continued to say that he could not understand an eminent authority on the Canary, such as Mr. Mundell, making an assertion like this without having some grounds for it. The chairman proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was given with acclamation.—H. W. COOK, Hon. Sec.

## PR STON O.S.

Meeting held May 6th. It was decided to have the annual ramble on Sunday, May 23rd, and to go by the 9.30 a.m. train (Central Station) to Longridge; then to walk through the country to Brock. We shall meet at station at 9.15 a.m. After other business Mr. R. Anderton gave the members a fine lantern display on the subject of British and Foreign birds and butterflies. It was highly interesting and instructive, and greatly pleased the members.—B. TAYLOR, Sec.

## QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow) AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A most successful meeting was held on April 20th, in Marie Stuart Hall, Langside-road. The membership of this new club is steadily growing and was well augmented at this meeting. The business was principally concerning the First Feather Show on June 26th, and the Secretary was pleased to be able to report having secured the services of a popular judge. Fanciers are cordially invited to join us. Meeting night, last Friday in each month in above-named hall.—GEO. N. THOMSON, Joint Sec. and Treas.

## SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN (OPEN DERBY) O.A.

The time allowed, as per our rules, to Scotch Fancy and Belgian breeders who desire to become members of the above association is rapidly drawing to a close, only three weeks or so remaining. On April 23rd last were sent out over four hundred notices to those who had beforehand received a copy of membership ticket, requesting their decision, etc. Up to the present the replies have been very gratifying, which augurs well for success. Still, there are nearly this same number of tickets yet in the hands of fanciers to be accounted for, and I would request them to kindly give the matter their urgent consideration, and let me have their reply before the expiry of the time allowed (May 31st). On behalf of the executive I extend all a cordial invitation to join us. It is in your own interests as breeders of these birds that you should accord support to such an association as ours, which caters so well for them, and which does everything it can to create greater interest in the breeding of them. Having yet a few of the rules on hand, if any fancier desires to have a copy for examination with view to membership, I shall be glad to forward one. Our next meeting, on the 29th inst., is timed for 6.30 p.m. instead of 8 p.m., as usual. This is done with the desire to give country members an opportunity to be present, and as the election of judges takes place, with other important business, it is to be hoped they will attend. We will further announce this meeting in your issue of 22nd inst., also publish full "list of members' names" for season 1909, on June 19th. Now, fellow fanciers, I make a final appeal to you to rally round us as members, and give me the great pleasure of reporting at our May meeting that we have surpassed our last year's total of 178.—J. R. MEIKLE, Hon. Sec., 51, Lothian-road, Edinburgh.

## YORKS. COUNTY B.B. AND M.C.

Second annual meeting was held on May 8th, and judging by the names sent in for enrolment as members, we are anticipating a most successful show season. The following gentlemen were put on the list of members: Messrs. J. Netherwood (Wakefield), J. Nicholson (York), J. Wilson (Malton), J. Bousfield (Knaresboro'), A. Spencer (Doncaster), exhibiting members; and Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield), to honorary membership. The report and balance sheet presented were considered highly satisfactory, as the deficit of 25s. left over from last account has been wiped out, and all liabilities paid; we now start this season with a small balance in hand. The officers for ensuing year were then elected: Mr. D. Duncan, Junr. (Harrogate), president; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford), T. H. inman (Bradford), J. Isherwood (Wakefield), T. Boyle (York); Messrs. S. Dean, T. Wood, C. Ross, P. Jowett, J. Lane, P. Mason (all Bradford), B. H. Wilson (Bramley), J. Nicholson (York), F. Myers (Yeadon), J. Bescoby (Doncaster), J. Wilson (Malton), S. Helliwell (Halifax), J. Bousfield (Knaresboro'), H. Stake (Brighouse), J. Thomas (Otley), J. S. Clarkson (Halifax), H. Spinner (Doncaster), J. Netherwood (Wakefield), were elected members of committee. W. Riley Myers, 23, Ingleby Place, Bradford, was again appointed secretary; auditors, Messrs. S. Dean and R. Halliday (Windhill). Mr. T. Wood proposed and Mr. Isherwood seconded that "the secretary be instructed to get quotations for rules, printed in book form, with names of members inserted, and report same to next meeting of committee. The rules were then gone into and slightly altered in one respect, viz., "that societies wishing to obtain clubs' patronage to make a minimum of five classes for British birds and their Hybrids." Will secretaries kindly make application for same?—W. RILEY MYERS, Hon. Sec.

## CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held at "Crown Hotel," Station-street, on May 5th, Mr. Broadhurst in the chair. Messrs. Derry, Steventon, Churchill, Bass, and Woodcock were elected to membership. It was decided that the annual members' nest feather show be held July 17th, with Mr. W. C. Wells (Erdington) as judge. Several alterations of previous schedules were made, and three extra novice classes and a Border Fancy class added. Special prizes were promised by Messrs. Broadhurst, Harvey, and Cowley. At the request of the chairman, the secretary outlined a proposal to hold the next annual open show at the Masonic Hall, New-street, and stated that he had been offered the use of the hall on favourable terms, considering the central position, being only a few yards from the Town Hall and Council House, and within two minutes' walk of the L. and N.W. and Midland Railway stations, and five minutes from the G.W. Railway station. He also said he had received promises amounting to six guineas towards a guarantee fund, payable in the event of loss on the show, and hoped to increase same to ten guineas before the next meeting. It was decided to have a special meeting called to settle the matter, the secretary to "postcard" each member.—J. H. DE MAILLET, Hon. Sec.

# Under the White Rose.

THE Y.C.C. annual general meeting is to be held to-day (Saturday) at the Market Tavern, Bradford, and much business of an important character is to be put forward. Next season's competitions, prizes, etc., will be under consideration, and members will do well to attend.

YORKSHIRE County B.B. and M.C. held their annual general meeting on Saturday last, at headquarters, Market Tavern, Bradford, the attendance being rather small, the good weather having probably something to do with this. Most British enthusiasts would very likely be out in the country, the day was so splendid. The first item of interest was the balance-sheet of the year's working, and it is a pleasure to note that last year's deficit has been wiped off, so that next season the prospects will be full of promise and hope. Mr. D. Duncan, jun., of Harrogate, was elected president for next term, and being an exceptionally good worker, the club will be likely to benefit to a great extent. Mr. W. R. Myers is again to be secretary and treasurer, and these two, with a strong committee, composed of six residents within the Bradford district and twelve outside this area, should make things "hum." So, hurry up! fanciers; and support your club in a manner worthy of your varieties.

THE provision of novice classes by the C.M.Y.C.C. seems likely to boon the club to some considerable extent. A large number of new members will be proposed at the next meeting, one fancier having no less than 12 (all novices) to put forward. It is thought the number of members will increase by at least 50 per cent. by this new move.

GREEN-MARKED breeders are now moving a little in regard to the formation of a club, and are looking forward to the meeting to put things in order. At Great Horton First Feather Show (which by the way is the only open summer show to be held), this variety is well catered for, two classes for uneven marks and one for foul marks being provided. Two also are provided for cinnamon marks, but I am sorry to note that the Norwich have been neglected. There is no doubt a couple of classes would have filled well, a large number of novices now taking up this variety.

THROUGH this column I should like to make a suggestion to the Y.C.B.B. and M.C., and that is, that the club arrange a meeting at some place outside Bradford, say, Otley, or some such place, invite fanciers through the Press, or per post, split up into parties for rambles, then meet at some good place for tea, and afterwards have a meeting to compare notes and observations; somewhat after the style of naturalist societies. This, I think, would be of great interest, and would do a little to increase the membership of the club.

"STRAIGHT-'UN."

# Singing Contests.

## WEST HERRINGTON.

Open Linnet singing contest, held at "Shoulder of Mutton," on May 8th, when 36 birds competed for 10s., given towards all entries by Mr. R. Fawcett. There was a very good attendance and some excellent singing was heard. Results: 1, Hays; 2, 3, Welsh. Judge, Mr. G. Green. Timekeeper, Mr. M. Summerill. Book-keeper, Mr. J. Fogin.—LINTIE.

## LEEDS.

Usual contest, held at King's Head, Shannon Street, May 8th, when 27 birds sang. 1, Lister; 2, 3, Crowther. Judges, Messrs. Summers, Naylor, and Jennings. Also, on May 9th, when 30 birds faced judges, Messrs. Inson, Melia, and Cooper. 1, Stead; 2, 4, Crowther; 3, Lister.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Usual Linnet contest held May 2nd, when 19 birds sang. 1, Walker; 2 and 3, divided between Wood and Binns. Judges, Messrs. Hayes and Towers; timekeeper, Mr. Dean. Contest on May 9th, when 40 birds sang. 1, Soloman; 2 and 3, divided between Hardcastle and Chippindale; 4, Johnson. Judges, Messrs. Nevins and Towers.—W. DEAN, Sec.

Usual weekly contest for quality singing held May 9th, at Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe-lane, when 14 birds sang. 1, Turner; 2, Sellers; 3, Fenwick. Judges, Messrs. Naylor and Symons.—WALTER NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Week-end contest for Linnets well patronised by a good entry of birds at the Plasterers' Arms, Skinner-lane. Mr. A. Kendall gave three excellent prizes, and the winner, owned by Mr. T. Johnson, sang a grand round. After contest, Mr. C. Lorriman delighted the company with a grand concertina solo. 1st, Johnson; 2nd, Lorriman; 3rd, Howlett. Judges, Messrs. Crane, Clarke, and Towers. Remember grand contest on Whit-Tuesday. See advertisement in CAGE BIRDS next week.—T. CRANE.

## SHEFFIELD.

Result of usual weekly contest held at Newmarket Hotel, Sheaf-street: 1st, Palfreyman, 78 secs.; 2nd, Spotswood, 67 secs.; 3rd, Stokes, 62 secs. We have a big annual contest on Whit-Tuesday, when we sing for £20. Members only can compete.—H. FENN, Sec.

## LEIGH.

Linnet singing contest held at "Railway Tavern" on May 8th, when Mr. J. Jackson gave 10s. to an entrance of 1s. a bird, which was made up into five prizes. Result: 1st and 3rd, Mather, 118 secs. and 71 secs.; 2nd, Green, 73 secs.; 4th, Jones, 69 secs.; 5th, Plank Lane Bill, 68 secs. Judges, Messrs. Ellison and Poole; timekeeper, Mr. Milligan. Twenty-three birds sang. Don't forget T. Jump's benefit match, May 15th, Millstone, Wigan. We have picked Mr. Fenn's challenge up, and are only waiting for a date; we are singing four Sheffield birds against four Leigh birds for 10s. a bird, in their own style.—J. W. JONES.

# In the Courts.

## Giving a Wrong Name.

Joseph Hunt, Wolsey Street, Leicester, was summoned on May 5th, for committing an offence under the Wild Birds Act, 1880, on April 15th, and refusing to give his real name and place of abode, and also with having in his possession certain wild birds not included in the schedule annexed to the Wild Birds Protection Act, namely, two Brown Linnets, recently taken.

Defendant admitted having the birds, but said he had got a cold, and when he gave his name the policeman could not understand him. —P.C. Stafford said he was on duty near Blackbird Lane when he saw defendant with two other men in a field, and on going towards them they all ran away. Defendant, however, returned to fetch his Linnets, which were in cages. Witness asked him to give his name and address, but for some time he refused. Eventually he said his name was Joseph Jones, which was wrong. Witness took him to Sanvey Gate Police Station, and there found out defendant's proper name.—Hunt stated one of the two "men" was aged nine years. He had read the list attached to the Act, but could not find "Brown Linnet."

The Bench said defendant was not "allowed" to take the birds. Really the offence committed by defendant was in not giving his name and address. He would be fined 5s., and in the second offence the case would be dismissed on payment of costs.

# The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given each week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.

## *The Ways of Our Kingfisher.

My father keeps a lot of birds, among which was a little Kingfisher. My father would bring it downstairs for us to watch. He would place a bowl of water with a few small fish, in the bottom of the cage and it would dive and catch them and beat them on its perch till it killed them. It would swallow them head first, and vomit back the bones in pellets. One thing we found was that it had two claws in front two behind.—Sent by Cyril Harrison (age 14), 17, Regent Street, Hebden Bridge.

## *A Song of the Sparrow.

I'm only a little Sparrow,
A bird of low degree;
My life is of little value,
But the dear Lord cares for me.

He gives me a coat of feathers—
It is very plain I know,
Without a speck of crimson,
For it was not made for show.

But it keeps me warm in winter,
And it shields me from the rain;
Were it fringed with gold and purple,
Perhaps it would make me vain.

Sent by Arthur Richardson (age 14), Pollington, near Snaith, S.O., Yorkshire.

## **The Starling's Revenge.

Many years ago a gentleman kept a Starling named Boh. Bob's greatest enemy was the cat. She was a stout, able-bodied animal, and between them there were frequently dreadful battles; but Boh was generally victorious because of his malicious propensity to fly on to her back, grip fast hold of her neck, and peck at her ears. Their mutual bitterness was extraordinary. The cat would at any time desert its ample dinner for the sake of purloining the morsel given to the Starling, an injury which the latter had a peculiar way of revenging. As sure as ever the cats'-meat man made his appearance at the area railings and nobody but the cat and the Starling were in the kitchen, the latter would hide himself behind the window curtain and hawl out "Not to-day," with so excellent an imitation of the maid's voice that over and over again the meat man has replied: "Thanky mum," and trotted off leaving puss dinnerless.—Sent by Harry Smith, 268, Long Lane, Bermondsey, London, S.E.

## YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Crown Inn, North-street, when upwards of 20 birds competed. Result: 1st, Bean; 2nd, Stothard; 3rd, Moore; 4th, Lee. Judge, Mr. Perry. Timekeeper Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Bricklayer's Arms, Palmer-lane, Hungate, on May 1st, when 20 birds faced the judge (Mr. Paver). Result: 1, Oldroyd; 2, Huntley; 3, Barnard; 4, Mangham; 5, Buckle. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Limbert, sen. On May 8th 22 birds faced the judge (Mr. Paver). Result: 1, Mangham; 2, Oldroyd; 3, Emerson; 4, Dorando; 5, Laverick. Timekeeper, Mr. Limbert, sen.—WM. EMPSON.

## HULL.

Usual week-end contest held at headquarters, North Bridge Hotel; 21 birds entered. Some good singing was heard all round. Mr. F. Allen (Human Linnet) officiated as timekeeper and judge. 1st, White; 2nd and 3rd, Dearlove; 4th, Broadhent; 5th, Davinson; 6th, Scarfe. Mr. F. Allen is retiring from contest judging for a good many months.—H. MOORE, Hon. Sec.

## BLACKBURN.

Blackburn Linnet Quality Singing Club.—Usual contest, held at Old Red Lion, Snig Brook, where 14 birds were entered. The members and company were entertained to some extraordinary good singing. Results: 1, 2, Topping; 3, Rostron. Judges, Messrs. James and Nelson; timekeeper, Mr. T. Slater. After the contest we had some excellent singing.—G. ROSTRON and T. SLATER, Secs.

# Judges of Cage Birds.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

**W. O. BARLOW,** The Aviaries, Malpas, Cheshire. Judge of Canaries, British Birds and Mules. Terms moderate.

**J. C. BARNES,** 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

**ALB BENTLEY,** 13 and 15, Blackburn-road, Great Harwood, Judge of all varieties of cage birds; over 20 years' experience; terms moderate.

**J. BERTIE,** 521, Woodborough Road, Mapperley, Nottingham, Judge of all varieties of cage birds; all classes; 20 years' practical experience.

**S. W. BIRCHLEY,** Altrincham, Cheshire, Specialist Judge British birds and Mules; life experience; terms moderate.

**J. W. BRUCE,** Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

**W. G. BULL,** 5, Victoria Road, Redfield, Bristol. Judge of all varieties o cage birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

**W. A. COWGILL,** 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Over 25 years' practical exporience. Terms moderate.

**A. G. DAVIS,** Judge of all Classes of Cage Birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate. 110, Tib Street, Manchester.

**J. DIXON,** 58, King Street, Wigton, Cumberland. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist in Mules and Hybrids.

**J. DOBSON,** 18, East Road, London, N. Judge of Canaries and all kinds of Cage Birds.

**JOHN FROSTICK,** Endlesham-road, Balham, S.W., Expert and Specialist Judge of British, Hybrids and Foreign Birds. 30 years' practical experience.

**GEO. GARDNER,** 11, Haverstock Road London, N W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds

**R. LAMBIE,** 29 and 31, East Main-street, Whitburn, N.B. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Borders, Cresta, and Crest-breds; 20 years' experience.

**E. A. LOVELL,** 19, Islington-rd., Southville, Bristol. Judge of cage birds; all varieties.

**F. MARWOOD,** 1, Barnard Street, Thornaby-on-Tees Mules, British and Foreign; British a speciality. 18 years exhibitor. Terms moderate.

**J. W. METCALFE,** Reservoir Hotel, Whitefield-road, Liverpool, judge of cage birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

**W. R. MILES,** The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

**W. MUNDELL,** 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

**J. NORTH,** 435, Oxford Road, Reading. Canaries, British and Foreign Birds.

**H. NORMAN,** The Eyrie, Salisbury-rd., Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of cage birds; specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

**J. PATTERSON,** Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds All varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

**J. H. PAYNE,** 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

**C. E. SILK,** The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

**HENRY TAMS,** Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

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# Twitterings.

I have now eighteen young birds from two pairs, writes Mr. F. S. W. Bates (New Southgate).

We hear that Mr. F. Collins (Camborne) is engaged to judge the First Feather Show at Falmouth, in July.

I heard the Cuckoo on May 5th, at Lawnswood, Otley Road, Leeds, writes Mr. F. W. Carver (Leeds). I thought it early considering the weather.

We hear that Mr. T. W. Richards, of Narberth, has purchased that 1909 Crystal Palace winning British Goldfinch which was exhibited by Mr. C. Prior.

Kindly note my change of address from No. 16 to No. 45 King Street, Alnwick, writes Mr. W. A. Broadley, hon. secretary of the Alnwick and District C.B.S.

Mr. T. Heath will judge the cage birds at the Dover Show on November 3rd and 4th, write Messrs. Abbott and Austen, hon. secretaries, Dover and Dis. F.F.S.

Messrs. Hunt and Davis, of Blackwood, Mon., write expressing the satisfaction they have received from the use of "Bronchorine" in cases of asthma among their birds.

Our First Feather Show will he held July 1st, writes Mr. J. W. Lowes, secretary of the Stockton-on-Tees and Dis. C.B.S., when Mr. Marwood (Thornaby), will judge.

We have appointed Mr. Strachan (Aberdeen), to judge at our annual show, to be held on December 11th, writes Mr. Wm. Cumming, secretary of the Forres and Northern O.A.

Mr. J. Hodder (Old Street, E.C.), asks us to request the sender of a letter from Runcorn to kindy communicate with him again, as his missive has unfortunately been mislaid or lost.

A fine specimen of the Hoopoe, a bird which is a rather rare visitor to Ireland, was observed on May 7th, near Trabolgan. Several years ago one was shot in Trabolgan, the property of Lord Fermoy.

Our little lad's death has left some sore hearts behind him, writes Mr. John Rukin (Rawtenstall). About 40 of his companions belonging to the Boys' Brigade attented to do him honour at the funeral.

All applications for the Northern B.B.M. and F.B. Club's patronage, writes Mr. J. Bertram, the secretary, must be made as early as possible (radius, Northumberland, Durham, Westmorland, and Cumberland).

A ramble will take place through Hanbury on Saturday, May 15th, when the ramblers will meet at the station at 2.10 prompt, write Messrs Elliott and Wood, hon. secretaries, of the Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.

Last week, says the "Morpeth Herald," Mr. A. Foster's large clock in Bridge Street, Morpeth, stopped, and could not be made to go. It has since been discovered that a pair of Sparrows had built their nest inside the works.

Readers in need of a really reliable springnet trap, up-to-date in every detail, and spoken highly of by practical catchers, should note the trap advertised in our columns by Mr. W. Cornwall, 339, Gladstone Street, Peterborough.

I did not know how to breed a bird before taking in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. A. Brown (Wood Green, London, N.). At the present time I have 30 young birds doing well, and 40 eggs due to hatch out from the first round.

Kindly note that, according to Mr. W. Vardy's wish, we have relieved him from the duties of judging at our open show on November 13th, writes Mr. A. Flint, joint secretary of the Tideswell C.B.I.S. Mr. J. Trengove has been elected in his stead.

We have elected Mr. T. Dixon, of Bedlington, to judge at our Members' First Feather Show on June 12th, writes Mr. Wm. Elliott, secretary, West Stanley and Dis. C.B.S. Our membership is increasing rapidly, and breeders are kept very busy just now.

My Bullfinch, writes Mr. J. H. Smith (Swindon), almost exactly imitates a fine cock Thrush which the people living opposite my house have. He was caught wild this past winter, and began singing about three weeks after I had him. Is this not rather unusual?

Kindly note, writes Mr. P. H. Oakes, late hon. secretary of the Ludlow C.B.S., that Mr. J. Bessell, 5, High Street, Ludlow, Salop, has undertaken the office of secretary to the society, with myself as assistant secretary. All future correspondence must therefore be addressed to him.

I commenced taking CAGE BIRDS with your last Christmas number, and have compared it with several issues of your contemporary, but early decided which was the better paper for fanciers. The superb coloured plates which accompany the paper occasionally are well worth preserving.—W. BOYDELL (Euxton).

As a proof of the circulation of your valuable paper, you will see from the enclosed letter that I am sending my "Secure" breeding husks for Budgerigars to India, writes Mr. T. Harper (Wolverhampton). Through the instrumentality of CAGE BIRDS I have also sent husks to New York, Spain, Holland, France, and other countries.

The Lancaster Primrose C.B.A. has definitely decided to hold an open show this year on a much larger scale than ever before, November 19th and 20th being the dates selected. The show will be held under C.B.U. rules. One of the best halls in the town has been taken for the occasion, well lighted and heated, and close to both stations, L.N.W. and Midland. Liberal prize money has been provided, and an expensive electro silver tea and coffee service, value £4 10s., has been purchased, which will be awarded for points. Mr. Wm. Mundell (Bradford), will be judge.—J. H. NAYLER. hon. sec.

The International Border Contest will be held at Altrincham, Cheshire, this year, on December 3rd and 4th, writes Mr. Tom Harrison, hon. secretary, Altrincham C.B.S. The society has engaged a magnificent hall, electric lighted, free from draughts, and nicely heated, and one minute's walk from station.

At our last open show, writes Mr. W. Dale, hon. secretary, Swindon and Dis. C.B.A., we had a loss of over £20. With the aid of a draw we have now reduced our deficit to about £5. This state of affairs seems to frighten our members; at any rate, our meetings are very poorly attended. I have recently been made secretary, and should like to see some of this apathy (or fear) removed.

We have engaged Messrs. W. A. Cowgill and J. Wilkinson (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Danby), writes Mr. E. Woodhead, of the Hartlepools C.B.S., to judge the Canaries and the British and foreign birds respectively at our show on October 30th next. As this is one of the few instances in which Mr. Wilkinson can be prevailed upon to adjudicate, we feel sure all his friends—and they are very numerous—will give him a stiff morning's task.

We are not having much luck in the way of breeding around here, writes Mr. W. Payne (Cannock). The winds being so cold and the weather so frosty, the young birds are dying off, and some fanciers have had clear eggs. I have been a constant reader of your valuable journal, CAGE BIRDS, for over three years, and I find it full of good information.

For proof of Sandiford's Royal Red feed see last week's Twitterings, where I give you gentlemen's orders last season. These gentlemen were claimed by another vendor as having used his because they competed for his specials, while we were never asked to give any. Then judge for yourselves how much colour-feed they used of anyone else's. You will find every leading exhibitor orders from 20 to 60lbs. each. See advertisement columns.—(ADVT.)

## OBITUARY

### Mr. Geo. Walker, (Brechin).

The members of Brechin C.B.S., writes Mr. John M. Finlayson, the assistant secretary, have to mourn the loss by death of their energetic secretary, Mr. George Walker, who died on April 24th, at a comparatively early age. His cheery presence is sadly missed, and the sympathy of all "birdie" folks will, I am sure, be extended to his widow and son in their sad bereavement.

At the general meeting of the Six Bells and Dis. F.S., held at Cwm Hotel, on May 3rd, writes Mr. W. J. Edwards, secretary, the annual show was fixed for December 8th. Several new members enrolled. The membership is open to a radius of five miles, and I shall be pleased to receive the names of intending members for nomination, also of any fanciers wishing to guarantee classes or give specials. My address is 5, Upper Griffin Street, Six Bells, Abertillery.

Owing to the enormous volume of business which has come their way through fanciers' appreciation of their goods, Messrs. Fox Bros. have had to remove from Ludgate Hill to more commodious premises at Granville House, Arundel Street, Strand, London, W.C. The firm are putting on the market a colour-food ready for use (finest quality pepper combined with their noted egg and biscuit), and for which they anticipate a heavy demand; readers should not fail to obtain a sample tin.

The Royal Cornwall Show, on June 9th and 10th, this year is to be honoured for the first time in its history by a visit of their Royal Highnesses, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and a record attendance is expected. Although St. Columb is not itself a very large town, it is the centre of a large district and is very convenient. From the exhibition grounds a charming view of the surrounding country is obtained, and during the show the full band of the Royal Marines will discourse sweet music. Exhibitors who have not received a schedule should write without delay.—SYDNEY H. TAMBLYN, hon. secretary.

At the monthly meeting of the Exeter and Devon P.P. and C.B.S., held at the Guildhall on May 6th, Mr. Mark S. Adams, resigned from the position of joint hon. secretary after several years, owing to pressure of business. Those present spoke in high terms and appreciation of the work he had done for the society during the time he had been connected with it. Mr. Adams is leaving his present address, 9, Cleveland Street, St. Thomas, at the end of the month, after which it will be Buddle Cottage, St. Thomas. The annual show will be held in the lower market, Fore Street, on October 13th, under C.B.U. rules. Mr. Payne (Gloucester), will judge.

The Leyton and Dis. C.B.A. cordially invite fanciers to join in their ramble through Epping Forest on May 22nd, writes Mr. B. F. Forse, hon. secretary. Our popular vice-president, Mr. J. S. Clarke, will act as guide. A train leaves Liverpool Street at 1.42 p.m., calling at Stratford 1.57, Leyton 2.1, Leytonstone 2.5, Snaresbrook 2.9, George Lane 2.11, Woodford 2.16, Buckhurst Hill 2.20, arriving at Loughton 2.23. There is also a fast train from Liverpool Street at 2, first stop Leytonstone 2.14, and all stations thence to Loughton, arriving at 2.32. Another train leaves Fenchurch Street at 2, calling at Stratford 2.17. Leyton 2.20, Leytonstone 2.24, Snaresbrook 2.27, George Lane 2.30, Woodford 2.34, arriving Loughton 2.41. The party will assemble outside Loughton Station, and a start will be made immediately after the arrival of the train timed for 2.41. Arrangements will be made for a substantial tea at the "Owl." Will fanciers who join kindly notify me a few days previous?

I had over thirty replies to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS from all parts of the country, writes Mr. A. Scott (King's Lynn), which shows how much your popular paper is read.

I sold my birds by wire, writes Mr. A. L. Keith-Murray (Bideford), by 2 p.m. on the Friday previous to the date of the issue of CAGE BIRDS in which my advertisement appeared. I have only one bird left. Many postal orders had to be returned.

I had twenty-eight applications for my Norwich cock Canary, writes Mr. J. Gibson (Kendal). It was quite impossible for me to reply to all who did not send stamps. I take this opportunity of thanking them. I received eight replies on the Saturday morning.

Kindly thank all who have written me in reply to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. G. W. Saunders (Sutton). I had so many applicants that I could only reply to those who enclosed stamps and to several others; I was unable to reply to all.

At the Jubilee Palace Show over 300 awards were won by birds moulted solely on Ramsden's Pure Peppers. The list includes Mr. Godley's champion Norwich and Cinnamons, Mr. Hodder's noted Norwich winning Ramsden's teapot in Southern Norwich competition. In the Yorkshire section, Messrs. Bailey and Swanger, Amblers, Shackleton, Hartley, Halliday, Ogden Bros., Rennie, Greaves, Crisp, etc., secured most of the prizes, and every bird was colour-fed solely on Ramsden's Pure Peppers. Every first, second, and third prize in the Lizard classes went to birds colour-fed solely on Ramsden's Pure Pepper. This is not advertising "bluff," but actual truth. In most cases the pepper was supplied direct, and in every case the exhibitor had to write "R.P." against his entries to denote that the birds had been colour-fed solely on Ramsden's Pure Peppers. Reference to the show catalogue will prove the truth of this statement. Ramsden's Pure Peppers are unequalled for purity and richness of colour. This season's Tasteless is of marvellous colour, and the Hot is richer in colour than ever, being a blend of carefully selected Spanish and Natal capsicums. When you ask for Ramsden's Peppers, see you get them. If the dealer offers you something "just as good," don't have it. Insist on having Ramsden's, the best the world produces, and fully guaranteed. Prices: Tasteless, 2s. lb.; 5-lb. canisters, 7s. 6d.; 22lbs., 30s. Hot, 3s. lb., 5lbs. 12s. 6d.—J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London, S.W.—(ADVT.)

### Northern Yorkshire C.C.

I shall be glad to receive applications for patronage from secretaries of shows in the four northern counties. For championship competition we require five classes, and for novice competition two classes. At each show we give silver medals; also specials for points over the total shows. The average number of entries at the shows receiving our patronage last year was 12 per class in champion classes, and 19 per class in novice classes.—T. C. CRAWHALL, hon. secretary, 121, St. George's Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

### A Generous Offer to Readers.

Every reader should note the splendid offer made on the back page this week by Messrs. Spratts Patent, Ltd., 24, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C. This world-renowned firm will send post free a box of their famous food specialities for cage-birds, and an up-to-date book on breeding and keeping Canaries and British and Foreign birds, to all readers sending their names and addresses to them on a postcard, and mentioning CAGE BIRDS when writing. Take advantage of Messrs. Spratts' generosity at once; it will cost you but a halfpenny.

## HOSPITAL EGG WEEK.

### An Appeal to Owners of Laying Fowls.

A few weeks ago we ventured to place before our readers particulars of a scheme being undertaken by our contemporary, "The Poultry World," and many readers of CAGE BIRDS who kept fowls wrote expressing their appreciation of the idea and promising it support. We would remind them that next week,

MAY 17 to 22 IS HOSPITAL EGG WEEK,

when boxes containing not less than one dozen new-laid eggs should be sent in, carefully packed and carriage paid, addressed to

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# The Novices Notebook.

**This page consists of topical hints, addressed chiefly to beginners, concerning every branch of the hobby of bird-keeping, contributed by various leading experts.**

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### Health of the Hen.

It is naturally of the utmost importanco that tho health of sitting hens should be kept as perfect as possible. At this time somo hens are peculiarly liable to atmospheric changes, and seem to contract colds and coughs. Prevention is the best safeguard against this. Draughts should bo rigorously excluded, and when a serious drop in temperature occurs, a pinch of hemp may be added to the diet for a day or two, and discretion used in airing the room. Although medicines are not to be recommended for sitting hens, a few drops of glycerine and a drop or two of tincture of tolu might be added to the water if there appear any signs of serious cold or wheezing.

Panting or gasping is often seen, especially in warm weather, in sitting hens, and is often simply due to an overheated condition, and in some cases to hens being too fat. Such appearances are nothing to worry over, and the hens usually come round alright as soon as the weather gets cooler or the young are hatched. A small pinch of Epsom salts in the water for a day or two would also remove the trouble, which is more apparent than real. A nervous hen will frequently sit gasping—the very picture of distress—as long as anyone stands by the cage looking at her. But a moment lator, when she is left alone, she is quite alright again, as is seen on taking a quiet glance at her when she is unaware of being observed. The remedy in such a case is, or should be, obvious to everybody—leave her severely alone. Constipation is a common thing, dne to the hen's inactivity, but if the diet is simplified as indicated, it is no serious matter. If it become serious, then a pinch of Epsom salts is the best remedy, but undue loosenoss must not be allowed to set up.

If the adoption of each or all of the schemes mentioned does not prevent a hen leaving hor nest, the writer fears there is no more to be done than in the other cases mentioned, and no time should be lost in looking around and finding a suitable pair of foster parents to take over the care of the eggs and future chicks.

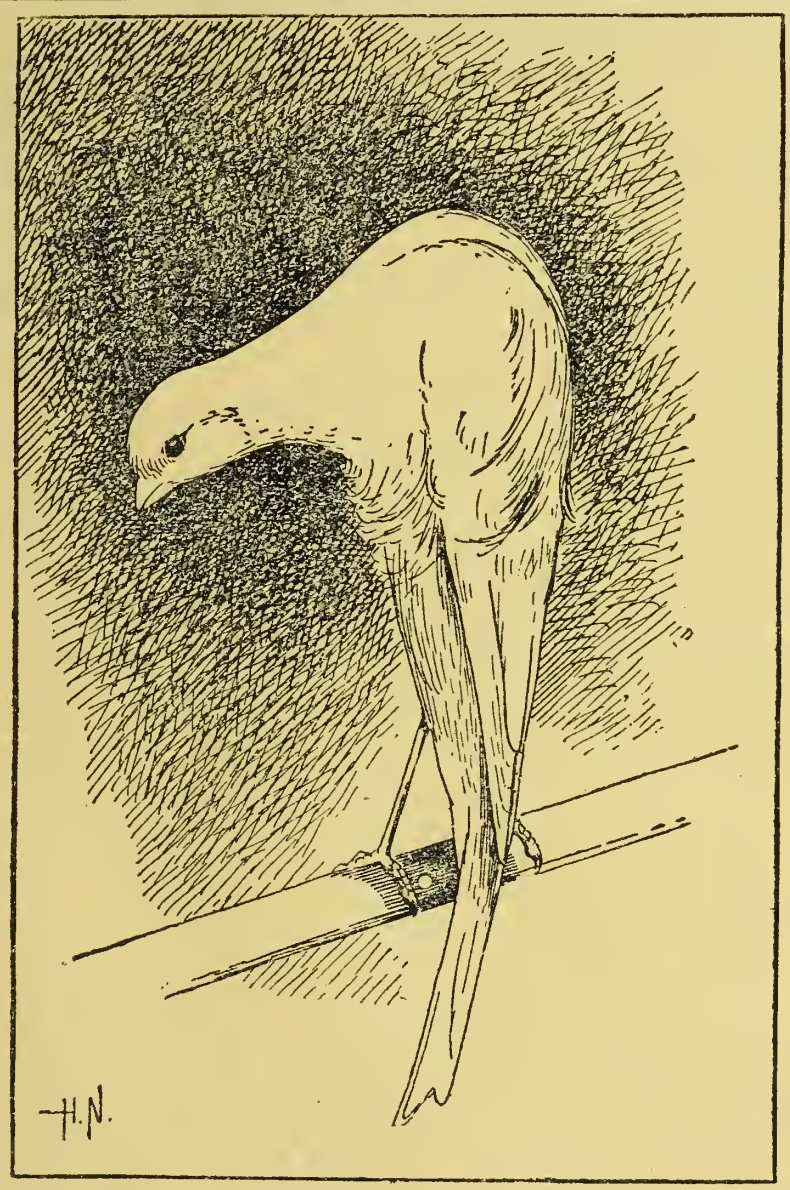
### The Influence of the Cock.

Another cause of hens forsaking the nest is strikingly illustrative of the varying dispositions of individual hens. This is the removal of the cock after the full clutch of eggs has been laid. In most cases the hen will pay no heed whatever to the absence of her mate if he is removed when she has sat for one or two days after laying the last egg, but there are still many whimsical hens who show their resentment at such treatment by promptly leaving the nest when the cock is removed, and absolutely refusing to be coaxed or compelled into returning to it. It is, therefore, necessary, when one desires to remove the cock for any purpose whilst the hen is sitting, to let her get sottled down to her task, and sitting steadily and closely before making the separation, and then keeping a sharp look-out for a few hours on that hen. If she leaves the nest in an hour or so, and does not appear to be inclined to return, the probability is that she will not as long as the cock is away. Many of them will leave the nest in a few minutes; others may sit uneasily, frequontly merely standing over the eggs, and constantly calling to the cock for an hour or two before finally leaving the nest. But when they do leave it, their whole boaring will show that so far as they are concerned, family cares may "go hang" if it is to be an unfair division of labour. In such cases the cock should be returned at once, and the hen will as a rule just as promptly return to the nest and resume her dities as she relinquished them. But one must act promptly, at any rate within two or three hours the cock should be returned, or there will be great risk of the eggs being spoilt by cold.

It will be gathored from this that the averago working man who has to be absent from home many hours at a stretch, should guard against removing cocks from sitting hens when about to loave home, unless they are perfectly satisfied about the character of the hens, or have some reliablo person to entrust with the duty of watching the hen and returning the cock if necessary.

### A Too-vigorous Male.

Perhaps one of the most disappointing unions a novice can make is that of mating an excessively lusty cock bird with a hen which obstinately refuses to sit when the cock is removed. It is an unhappy union all round, and, unfortunately, one which anyone is apt to fall into, as one cannot tell how any particular bird will behave in the breeding cage until it has been proved. With such a cock it is almost impossiblo for a hen, unless she is herself a "bit of a tartar" and bent on doing her duty, to sit out her time. The cock, after a few days of inactivity, is soized with the desire to begin all over again, and harries the hen unmercifully, not infrequently dragging her bodily out of the nest at short intervals, so that the eggs are lucky if they do not como to grief in the first few days after his ardour returns. Of course, the best and proper course is to remove him and leavo the hen to finish the task herself, but if she now leaves the nest and refuses to sit without his being in the cage, then there is going to be trouble one way or another. If tho cock is kept away there is scarcely a ghost of a chance of the hon sitting out her time, so that the loss of the eggs may be regarded as a dead "cert"; on the other hand, if the cock is returned, the chances of tho eggs escaping destruction until hatched, or of the young being reared afterwards, are quite infinitesimal.




**Buff Scotch Fancy Hen.**
**Third Prize at the Crystal Palace "Jubilee" Show for Mr. E. Todd (Inverness).**

### Foster-Parents.

If the whole choice rested between these two birds, one would naturally take the infinitesimal chance, and return the cock, in which case the diet of the pair should be limited to the simplest fare, and besides giving a little cooling green food daily, add a pinch of Epsom salts to the drinking water every few days. But in such a case, if a larger choice is to be obtained, and tho birds are good ones, a pair of fostor parents should be found and the eggs of the good birds transferred to the common foeders. In lieu of this, the eggs should be transferred to the foster parents, and this pair of birds allowed to bogin nesting again after a few days' rest. In a good number of cases this untimely vigour of the cock is the outcome of a too generous diet, and of not sufficiently lowering the supply of rich and stimulating foods after tho eggs are laid. This, however, is a subject that has already been fully dealt with.

### Testing and "Helping" Eggs.

Many old hands make a point of testing eggs when the hens have been sitting a while—say, six or eight days. The practice, however, is of littlo real valuo, save to those who wish to get all they can out of the birds, and then by discarding clear eggs and giving every hen a full clutch to sit upon, it often happens that a hen or two will be left without any oggs at all, and these are left to make a fresh start. The plan is not one to be commended to the novice, and indirectly it works against one's interest in another direction, for by keeping evory hen fully employed in this way tho chances of a hen being available for a feeder for a good brood of promising youngster which may be forsaken, are very considerably reduced, whereas if every hen had been left with her first complemont of eggs to sit out the time, and, may bo, hatch out one or two young, those hens might have been very usefully employed in bringing up broods of more valuable stock that required such assistance. Therefore, taking things all round, the best advice that can bo given the novice is to let any curiosity in knowing the possible number of full eggs to go ungratified.

"Helping" the eggs at hatching time is another thing which the novice should rigorously avoid, save and except the simple process of immersing them in warm water if they do not show signs of hatching out on the fourteenth day. This may be anticipated in warm weather by immersing them for a few moments on the thirteenth day, and again early in the morning of the fourteenth. But as far as any oporative interference is concerned, the novice had better fight shy of it, and leave Nature to take her own course. This kind of work is probably almost, if not quite, confined to the young beginner. It is doubtful if any really expert and practical hand ever dreams of such a thing as helping to release chicks from the shell.

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## THROUGH A BIRDROOM WINDOW.

**By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.**

(*Continued from page 455*).

### They Smile at the Budget.

My Sacred Kingfishers were what would be described by teetotal people as moderate drinkers. In fact, I don't think they can like water. My soft-food probably caused a certain amount of thirst, and compelled them to imbibe in moderation; Prowinowski says: "It is rather a misnomer to call the bird a Kingfisher, since it not only does not plunge into the water to capture fish, but it is even found in dry and sandy places where it cannot obtain water, from which it would appear that it can exist without drinking."

The Sacred Kingfishers throw up pellets of undigested food, much after the manner of Owls and kindred species. At first I did not know this, and when I saw one of the birds writhing its neck about in a most convulsive way, I thought it was going to have a fit and die straight away. I was therefore greatly relieved when it merely threw up a dry pellet, and then looked as if nothing had happened.

They are almost mute, but if hungry or discontented make a querulous sort of note. They can perch perfectly, but are very awkward on the ground, proceeding by a series of jumps with the feet close together, like boys in a sack race. In flight they are swift and rapid as Swallows, and go straight ahead just like our own native Kingfishers. In appearance they are lovely little creatures.

### A Pair of Sparkling Eyes.

The upper part of the head is a sort of greenish turquoise blue, iridescent in the light; the back is a beautiful greenish blue, while the tail itself is what I should call azure; the upper part of the throat or bib is snowy white in the male, but much more dingy in the female; the breast and sides are a beautiful rufous brown in the cock, but much duller in the hen. There is a dark line of black running from the back across the cheek to the back of the head, in a line with the eye. The eyes themselves are very large and what we should call in a girl we were fond of—melting. The beak is very large for the size of the bird, and is curiously pointed upwards.

All the time I had my birds they were always in the most perfect plumage. If they go the least bit ruffled there is something wrong with their internal arrangements. Increase the live food at once and they will soon grow sleek and tight once more. In a large aviary by themselves, I feel sure they would breed. I should provide them with an ordinary Parrakeet nesting box, with some decayed wood in the bottom.

I believe I have read somewhere that a hen did actually lay an egg in England, and that it was white and very round. Gould says that in a state of nature they lay four or five eggs, and that they nest in the gum trees. I kept mine in a perfectly cold room all through a most severe spring, when it was pain and grief for a human being to enter, and they never seemed to feel it a bit. I therefore think I am justified in saying that they are not delicate.

### The Temptation and Fall.

Being very poor, I was one day tempted to sell. A rich neighbour came, saw them, coveted, and offered me a big price, and like Adam, I succumbed to temptation. I have been sorry even since, as no doubt Adam was, for it is years and years since I have heard of any Sacred Kingfishers in the market till last year, when the Australian Bushmen had a single bird for sale.

If ever the luck comes to any of my readers to secure a pair of Sacred Kingfishers, let them be sure to seize it. Such chances only come once in a life time. Only remember that you must feed them right. As Lamb said of a mild and dulcet substance that most appealed to his palate, the mealworms will ever have a fair sepulchre in the grateful stomach of that judicious bird Epicure, Halcyon Sacra.

I felt very miserable the morning my Kingfishers went away, though I knew that the man who had bought them had a bottomless purse, and that they would devour mealworms to their heart's content; and that I could sometimes go and see them free of cost; but who likes to see another enjoying your choicest treasures? It isn't human nature to do so. A pair of Brown's Parrakeets, however, did much to console me. You will remember the old French proverb:—"Quand on n'a pas ca qu'on aime, il faut aimer ce qu'on a.

(*To be continued.*)

## THE SONG THRUSH AND ITS TREATMENT.

**By C. PEARCE.**

The Song Thrush (*Turdus musicus*) is, to my mind, the king of the Thrush family, for the simple reason he is the best songster of them all. If the species is properly fed and well looked after, they will live in confinement for a good number of years. The only objection I have to their being kept in cages is that they commence singing too early in the morning.

### How to Hand-rear.

They are one of the easiest species to hand-rear that I know of. My method of hand-rearing is as follows: Take the nest when the young ones are about twelve days old; feed them for the first few days on hard-boiled egg and crushed biscuit, made rather sloppy by the addition of warm water; then, after a few days, add a few ants' eggs and dried flies, gradually making it less sloppy. Continue with this mixture until the young can pick up for themselves. As soon as they leave the nest, get some small mealworms, dip them into some milk one by one and drop them in the young ones' mouths.

When they are able to feed for, and take care of, themselves, I use the following as a stock mixture: To 2lb. of chicken meal add 4ozs. of dried flies and 4ozs. of ants' eggs, also crushed hen's egg shells to act as grit. In addition, I give each one four or five mealworms per day, also any live insects that I can get, such as house-beetles, snails, garden worms, caterpillars, etc. This is an inexpensive feed, but I have always found my birds to thrive and look well upon it; and what is more to the point, they are generally in full robust song. If the birds are required for exhibition purposes, the hens are generally the best, being more evenly spotted than the cock birds.

### Cage for the Thrush.

As regards cages, I am fully aware that opinions differ considerably as to the size and shape of suitable cages, also as to treatment of the Thrush. I may here mention that I make it a rule to keep my Thrushes out in the open, both day and night, summer and winter, in sunshine or rain, snowstorm or frost; and I have never yet found a single specimen to suffer any ill-effects from this treatment. Commonsense should convince anyone that it is natural for them to be kept in the open; whereas if you coddle them up by bringing them indoors at night-time, and then out in the cold wind in the daytime, they are more likely to catch cold and to suffer accordingly.

The cages I use are of the box pattern type, about 28in. long, 21in. high, and 11in. deep, with wire fronts only, and with a door in front of each and at the side. Each cage has a sheet of zinc on the top so as to overlap 1½in. at the side, and 2in. in the front; this keeps the rain from making the inside of the cage wet. I also use deal or fine sawdust in the drawboard, which I prefer to sand, because it keeps the birds' feet and tails clean, and also absorbs the moisture from the excreta. Further, I use a picture-frame with glass painted green, which I fix to the front of the cage at night to protect the bird from rain, wind, cats, etc.

I invite fanciers who have not given this interesting and handsome bird a trial, and who have the convenience for keeping it, to do so at once, as I feel convinced they will not regret doing so, the cost being quite nominal.

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# The Carriage of Birds . . . . by Passenger Train.

By G. WHELLER.

**A Lecture delivered before the City and Suburban A.C.B. on March 22nd.**

(*Continued from page 450.*)

### When a Bird Gets Lost or Dies.

The sender having carried out his obligations and the railway company theirs, nothing further happens in connection with the transaction; but in the event of the bird getting lost or dying in transit, trouble starts. It is then the duty of the consignee to advise the sender that he has not received the bird or that its condition when received was not satisfactory. It would then devolve upon the sender to communicate with the sending company, who are the contracting party for loss or damage, and any action in the matter must be against the company with whom the contract for its carriage was made, irrespective of whether or not during transit the bird has travelled over more than one railway.

The mode of procedure should be to ask them to prove the delivery of your bird; failing this to submit your claim for its value. The claim should be sent to the Stationmaster at the station from which you dispatched your bird.

In preparing your claim give nothing more than the statement of facts as required. I am strongly in favour of making the amount such a sum as you have ample proof is the real value of the bird, and this amount should be its market value, as any railway company would be successful in resisting a claim for a "fancy price," and would be in a position to get expert advice on the matter if it came to a case of going to law. Having settled the figure you are asking for in respect of the loss, back it up with such evidence as you can obtain, and stick to your claim, the practice of "putting on a bit" to take off later I don't agree with; railway companies "will pay," or they "will not pay." When they have decided which they are going to do, if it means paying the claim it is then the duty of the agent to try for a reduction, failing which to pay the claim.

### Successful Resistance of Claims.

There are many ways in which a railway company may be successful in resisting claims, Chief of these is the fact that the packing has not been done properly by the sender; what appeared when accepted by the company as a carefully packed parcel fit to travel successfully has turned out to be packed with rotten material, with the result that the contents have broken out and got lost. This might not happen in the dispatching of birds, but I think it is a point that should be borne in mind by fanciers and others sending birds by rail to see that the cage or cages are of a substantial make. Then, again, if a couple of birds were put in one cage and during the transit whiled away the time by fighting (with disastrous results), I think the company would claim successfully that this was a "culpable negligence." Or, it may be that the bird dying on the journey could be proved to have been suffering from some complaint prior to its having been handed to the company for transit, the sender perhaps being unaware of the fact. This would enable the railway company to resist a claim. Then, many cases for claiming have been brought about through insufficient address resulting in long delays caused by communicating with sender, etc. The company would be successful in a case of this sort.

Having in view the fact that there might probably be a claim in respect of any bird you are sending by rail, an important point should be made note of, and that is in respect of the company to which you are handing the bird. In the event of that company being in a position to take the bird the whole of the journey themselves, they are able to deal with you in respect of any claim you may have to make, and will sometimes, as a matter of policy, settle a claim where they need not, or where they may have a chance of getting out of it. But where two companies are concerned in the transit, difficulties arise. One company may be prepared to settle the claim for policy reasons, while the other company for the very same reason would refuse; with the result that the public go down between the two stools, and many a claimant has to resort to law over claims of every description where two companies are concerned, mainly because one or the other is holding out on a matter of principle, although it is notorious every company has given way and settled claims as a matter of policy. Thus you will see that wherever it is possible the services of one company only should be sought.

### At the Other End of the Journey.

In the event of a bird being refused by the party to whom it has been sent, both sender and consignee would be advised and would be held responsible for any risk or expenses resulting from such refusal. The company may, after a sufficient lapse of time, sell the birds. To obviate any trouble of this nature, the cause should be removed, which invariably is, that the bird is not up to the advertised point. A case may arise where the bird, when delivered, shows signs of having received rough treatment and is refused on this account. Notwithstanding this, the companies would still give notice of liability, and under the circumstances the better way is to accept the bird and sign for same "not examined," because the condition of the bird may be due to no fault of the company. In such circumstances you would be still liable to them for any expense incurred.

There is one little matter which, although it might not come exactly under the category of railway transit, is, nevertheless, closely related, and that is the sending of birds on approval. I think there should be a distinct understanding with the party to whom you are sending your bird, that in the event of his not completing the bargain, he should be called upon to declare the value of the bird on the return journey. Failing his doing that, the liability of the company being only to the value of 5s., your redress with the sender would result in complications. There is a point in connection with the sending of birds to shows and other places of a similar character that should be noted, and that is the fact that they must in all cases be sent "carriage paid," and the indemnity form you sign is applicable to the return journey as well. So that unless you make some arrangement with the show people you may find your bird returning under conditions which debar you from making a claim beyond 5s.

In conclusion, I should like to impress upon all present this evening the importance of seeing that their obligations to the company are carried out, and where possible show you have done so. As a rule there will be very little trouble in bringing home to the railway company the fact that they are solely responsible for any damages that may have arisen, for always bear in mind that the first enquiries made by the companies are whether the sender has left any loophole that will enable them to refuse the claim.

### The Discussion.

G. had sent a bird by train, but did not insure it; it got delayed and died within a couple of hours of delivery. The company offer him 5s., which is in accordance with their conditions signed by him at the time. He was of opinion they should have paid for value of bird, remarking that the conditions were only the company's bye-laws.—Answer: The company will only accept birds under their conditions and they must be adhered to; for a matter of 6d. the questioner had lost his right of claiming £2.

What difference is there between an insured bird and one not insured, in so far as the company deals with it in transit?—The insured bird would be signed for by every company's servant through whose hands it passed in transit.

Two birds duly insured had been delayed, and within a short time of arrival both died. Stationmaster advised sender that he had no claim because the birds were actually alive when handed to him. He admits he did not examine them at the station.—In my opinion the Stationmaster is wrong, or it may be bluff. The man should, of course, have examined them or signed "not examined." I think the questioner has a good case and that the company would pay if pressed.

Can the company make a passenger pay for a bird he carries with him under his arms?—Yes, the company undertakes to carry the passenger and his personal luggage only; anything he has with him which is not his own "personal luggage" is "excess luggage."

Were you bound to accept the company's conditions of carriage?—Yes, because the company are not common carriers and accept goods only on the conditions they lay down.

A questioner doubted the right of the company to examine the bird before accepting, and pointed out the trouble caused.—It should be obvious that the railway companies want to protect themselves from frauds, and they are quite right. Fortunately, it is not exacted in all cases. I should presume the Stationmaster had met trouble in some previous case for not doing so.

After the lecture, Mr. Wheller remarked that the points that struck him most in the questions asked were that bird fanciers were very similar to others; they would sign conditions and never trouble to read them, although in all cases the railway company handed them an exact copy of the conditions they had already signed, and that it only occurred to most to look the matter up when something went wrong. Again, when a claim is made, fanciers expected to be paid at once, forgetting that some railway companies, like traders, were liable to forget.

# ORNITHOLOGICAL ODDMENTS.

By Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

Author of "The World's Birds."

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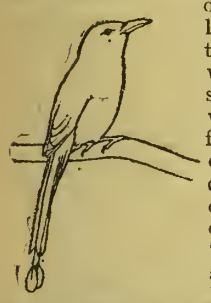
### A Tail Trimmer.

There is at present on view at the Zoo one of those remarkable birds from South America known as Motmots, the first that has been shown there for a good many years. The great peculiarity in tho habits of these birds is that they artificially improve their own tails. The natural shape of the Motmot's tail is like the Magpio's, but the bird prefers it with a "racket" tip, so it bites away the webs from the centre feathers near their ends, and thus produces a short length of bare shaft before an oval disc of feather. The present bird is about as big as a Jay, but with short legs; its plumage is very handsome, green abovo and chestnut below, with a lovely band of brilliant blue all round the black crown. The scientific name is *Momotus subrufescens*. Motmots feed mostly on insects, on which they dart like fly-catchers; but they also eat fruit, and, judging from those the Zoo has had, do well in captivity.



### Is Feather-eating Natural?

Of course, if the Motmot only chewed its tail-tips in captivity, and never showed the racket-tips in a wild state, everybody would put down the habit as an unnatural one; as it is, it stands unique in the animal world. It is as well here to raise, however, the question as to why birds go in for feather-eating or feather-biting; and I may remind my readers that Grebes habitually eat, and apparently digest, their own feathers as a natural thing, even in the wild state. It appears to be only the larger species that do this, however; the Dabchick does not. Feathers are evidently grateful and comforting to the stomach of the large Grebes, while tho tough little Dabchick may enjoy a botter digestion, and be able to do without such weird delicacies.

There is very little doubt that the feather-eating habit often points to some deficiency in the matter of diet; M. Rogeron, of Angers, a great authority on Water-fowl, says that the Red-crested Pochard, if not properly fed, will eat its own feathers; and I onco saw a duck of this species at the Zoo deliberately eat a Swan's feather a couplo of inches long. Everybody also knows how fowls in confined runs often take to feather-eating, though they never, apparently, practise this vice when allowed a run in the open.

### A Suggested Remedy.

Now a bird may conceivably take to feather-eating for quite different dietetic reasons. Either the diet is too low, and the bird craves variety and a more animalized menu; or it is too high, and it needs a corrective; monotony of food also is a factor which has to be considered as inducing abnormal habits. I would, therefore, suggest to anyone who has a feather-eating Parrot to vary the treatment according to that which has gone before; i.e., if the bird has been having "bits from tho table," including meat, egg, etc., I should advise, as most experts do, putting it on a plain diet of seed, fruit etc. If, on the other hand, it takes to feather-eating when it has been fed on what is supposed to be the proper diet, I should indulge it with anything it fancies—you can't make it worse, anyhow, and may do it good. The more one studies the feeding habits of wild birds, the moro one is surprised at the variety of foods they take, and thero can be no doubt that in many cases it is the lack of variety in diet that is at the bottom of a great many of our cage-bird difficulties.

### Earth-eating Among Birds.

In this connection I would allude to the fact, apparently little known, that some birds will eat earth. Bechstein mentions this as a habit of the Yellowhammer, and the keepers at the Zoo have observed it with the Blue-winged Sivas. Moreover, M. Rogeron suggests that the Common Duck does so; it is obvious, he says, that when you see it "bibbling" in newly-formed puddles in the road after a shower, it cannot be extracting therefrom any nutriment in the form of animal or plant life. Possibly earth is taken as a corrective by such birds, as coal and cinders are by pigs, and grass by cats and dogs. I do not think it at all impossible, however, that some birds may extract nutriment from mould; earthworms, as we all know, do so, and the digestive organs of a worm are curiously like those of a bird in some respects, tho crop and gizzard both being present in this humble creature, while tho gizzard contains grit as a bird's does. I would therefore suggest that the supplying of a lump of fresh earth at pretty frequent intervals to our cage-birds might in many cases be found to act beneficially on their condition, and would certainly not be likely to do them harm.

### Beginning with Foreign Birds.

As this is the time of year for commencing foreign bird-keeping in outdoor aviarics, it is well to particularize a few of tho most suitable kinds for beginners to keep, as often people take up this class of bird haphazard, get hold of delicate or uninteresting species, and ultimately givo up foreigners in disgust. Now, tho birds I always recommend beginners to start with are Budgerigars and Java Sparrows; they are extremely hardy in constitution, and very pretty to look at; moreover, the two species can be kept together, and set off each other's colours admirably. It is a mistake, however, to associate Canaries or other weak-billed birds with arrant pot-biters like these.

If one has a fancy for something smaller the quaint little Zebra Finch is a very hardy little chap, and a practically certain broeder; he will do well along with Canaries, Goldfinches, and other harmless birds. With foreign soft-bills, the choice is limited, it being practically a case of Pekin Robins or nothing, for nearly all other foreign soft-bills are scarce and dear in comparison, though Red-eared Bulbuls have been fairly cheap of late, and these will do well along with Pekins, and mako a pretty contrast.

### Why Not Breed Goldfinches?

When, by the way, are we going to start domesticating one of the most charming cage-birds in the world—our own Goldfinch? There is no great difficulty about it, for Goldfinches have been bred not only in aviaries, but in breeding-cages in a room, with the same general treatment as Canaries. Some people will bo asking what is to be gained by this; not much, perhaps, if English Goldfinches are used, but I believe that if we started with Siberian birds, or even by crossing these with English hens, we should ultimately be able to breed Goldfinches more beautiful than any which now exist in nature. We could certainly greatly increase the size, and we might be able to combine tho clear "whites" of the Siberian with the rich body-colour of the British race.

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# A Chat about Yorkshires.

By W. MUNDELL

A Lecture delivered before the L. and P.O.S. on April 15th.

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### The Discussion.

Mr. Crisp: How often would the lecturer think it necessary to introduce Belgian blood into one's stud? Would a quarter-bred Belgian once in four years, say, be too frequent?—A quarter-bred Belgian might with safety be introduced every four or five years; and you might occasionally cross in with your stock two half-cousins having Belgian blood in them. That, of course, would be interbreeding. Still, I should run them together. I use Belgian blood on both sides.

Questioner: Do you, then, get everything from the Belgian; swagger, figure, style, and so on?—Yes, everything.

### What is Pedigree Breeding?

May I ask again, said the questioner, if the lecturer, when mating up his birds, does so from sight?—No.—Would you, for instance, put two flat-headed birds together?—No; I believe in pedigree breeding. It is a well-known fact that if you havo birds which throw a fifth claw you will be able, by interbreeding, to get a strain of birds possessing a fifth claw on each foot. So, in regard to flat-headed birds; if you keep pairing such together you will ultimately fix those head properties in your strain. But I would, of course, if necessary, pair occasionally flat-headed birds that had come from round-headed parents.

Questioner: Then you mate from sight?—Yes, in that sense, I do. But I should not pair for that reason alone. You must keep to your pedigreo breeding. By pedigree breeding (the lecturer went on to explain, in answer to a question), I mean the keeping of a stock of birds knowing perfectly well the properties they will produce. I have, for instance, a strain of birds; perhaps the cocks are worth not more than, say, five shillings each. Now, I pair these cock birds to a strain of hens having quarter Belgian blood in them, knowing what I can expect from them. A good strain of birds has to be built up, and you can only do this by following the methods adopted by all successful breeders of any variety of Canary; it is all pedigree breeding.

Mr. Crisp: Have you ever known one of the first-class specimens of Yorkshires to be bred from mongrels, or from what one might term medium stock?—Well, not from mongrels, but from pedigree-bred birds, yes. A breeder can tell which birds throw the best average by pedigree breeding. When a show specimen does come, it is a freak or a "sport." And there is not one of them a year that will stand the ordeals of the show-bench, and maintain its honours, so that nothing will touch it. A really good specimen, when it does come, goes to the top at every show; but, as I say, you don't get one every year.

Questioner: The lecturer says he mates from sight, and that he periodically introduces some Belgians or larger stock birds; now, what I should like to know is, is that accepted pedigree breeding?—I did not say stock birds. I said I have a stock bird which I keep in with the stud. Thus you might have a Lancashire cock bird and pair it to a Yorkshire hen, selecting from among the young of this pair suitable birds for breeding with. About six years ago I asked someone to lend me an old yellow Plainhead winning cock bird. I ran this with a Yorkshire double yellow bird, and the blood of these is in all my stock to-day. But, of course, I kept breeding them along with my Belgian birds; watching them, and pairing them up with discretion.

Mr. Crisp: But that is purely selection.—Pedigree breeding is nothing but selection. Questioner: I must disagree with you there. I understand by pedigree that it means simply blood. And I should like to know why you did not retain the blood of the original specimens. My point is that the birds you discarded were of precisely the same blood as those you kept. To my mind it was a case of selection *and* pedigree breeding.—You must have pedigree and follow it up, even if you have to let the others go. You can call it selection if you like.

Mr. Crabb: There is one point that has been brought out that should be made clear, and it holds good in other varieties. That is, if you cross your birds, as presumably Mr. Mundell does, you get certain young which take after the one parent and some which take after the other. Now, the lecturer, after introducing the Lancashires, selects those young which take after the Yorkshire parent and puts the others away. But you can't clear out pedigree altogether, and pick one bird here and another there. I am inclined to think that Mr. Crisp should do what the Scotchman did when he was asked which of two given things he would have: "I will take both," he said. You want both selection and pedigree, as a matter of fact.

### The Introduction of New Blood.

Mr. Crisp: When purchasing new blood does the lecturer accept a man's word as to the pedigree?—I have not brought a stud bird into my bird chamber for the last 17 years. The hens I got from a Yorkshireman, who went "down the river" through not introducing fresh blood; his birds were much too little, and he sold all his birds at 6s. 6d. each. They were beautiful things, but little. There is no doubt about it, if you stick to the one strain you will have to keep on introducing position and length, if your birds are to hold their own.

Questioner: Therefore, I take it, it is absolutely necessary to introduce new blood?—It is. Questioner: But the point is that if you are introducing this new blood, the Yorkshires you produce are, it appears to me, simply "glorified mongrels." (Laughter.)—Well, what is a Crested bird, or a Cinnamon? In fact, can you tell me of a variety of Canary that is not a mongrel? (Laughter.)

Mr. Silverthorn: It is practically the same in the case of all species of animals; breeders are bound to introduce an outcross occasionally.

Mr. Crabb: There is another point, and that is that taste changes; and the Yorkshire of to-day is not the same as that existing in the time of Thackrey. The Norwich, too, is a different bird to-day compared with what it was some years ago. And you must keep introducing new blood in order to follow the taste and get what is wanted.

Mr. Curtis: I should like to know from the lecturer where breeders of the Yorkshire get that lovely buff feather from which they have on their birds, and which makes the feather look like a piece of boxwood? Do they get it from the Cinnamon-marked birds, or from the Greens?—It comes from the old-fashioned Norwich birds.

Questioner: How is it then that you cannot get that same texture of feather on the Norwich that they get on the Yorkshires?—For years and years we have been trying to breed with Cinnamon-marks, and it is by crossing dark-eyed Cinnamon-marked cocks with little, almost puny, pink-eyed hens, that we get most of that texture of feather to which you refer.

Mr. Silverthorn: In referring to the drop-tailed birds, do I understand that you meant birds which carry long tails?—There is a lot of the Lancashire in the birds, and Lancashires will be found to drop their tails somewhat, and that accounts for the drop tails I spoke about.

Questioner: And yet you would not breed with them?—No, I would not. I take care to select those birds only which do not drop their tails.

### Where are the Birds?

Mr. Ramsden: Can you give us a tip as to where we may find those breeders whom you referred to who only breed about twenty pairs, so that when they have done with them we may stand a chance of getting those birds? (Laughter.)—Well, there are some such breeders about. But I wonder how many of the birds that were exhibited, and that won first prizes at the Crystal Palace, were bred by the exhibitors?—Questioner: Perhaps you would not answer your own question? (Laughter.)—No, I wouldn't. (Renewed laughter.) The fact is, there are so many shows and so many different ideas as to the birds themselves, that when you go to a show you get there all the winning birds you have seen during the season, and I say there is not a good Yorkshire bird on the bench to-day—I mean a right good one. But if you were to classify the birds, and bring me all the winners, and let me judge them on the table, when you had got, say, the first three winners and placed them on top, you would then be able to see the difference between them and the others. The specimens would not run close together, either. When a winner is found it stands right away. I believe certainly there is plenty of room for good ones to-day.

(*To be concluded.*)

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# Correspondence.

## Coxhoe and District C.B.S.

SIR,—A special meeting will be held in the Lynside Inn, Coxhoe, in connection with the above society on Saturday, May 22nd, at 6.30 p.m. prompt, for the purpose of making rules and appointing officers. As this is a very important matter, we would like all members who can to make it convenient to attend. W. J. MUDD, Sec.

West Terrace, Coxhoe, R.S.O., Co. Durham.

## A Successful Start.

SIR,—Allow me to relate my experiences with three pairs of Yorkshires—two cocks 1908 and one 1907, and two hens 1907 and one 1908. Two pairs laid four eggs each, and set on February 25th and 26th, and hatched eight young. On the second round three pairs laid thirteen eggs and hatched thirteen young, leaving me at present with twenty-one young birds. The best advice I can give anyone is to keep birds clean, as cleanliness is the chief road to success; and also to read CAGE BIRDS regularly, as I have done for the last five years, gaining some very valuable information. GEO. STARES.

## Is She a Suffragette?

SIR,—I see in CAGE BIRDS, "Old Maid" has a hen Canary, which is like one I have myself; but, in my case, the bird is a Silver Lizard hen, named "Vixen," owing to her fighting disposition. I have placed six different males with this hen, and I find she will only mate with one that can and will give her as many "good hidings" as she gives him. Although, again, she will mate and rear her young, she never gives up her fighting. I find that in each case, if the cock shows fight she will in time come to her senses, and if the cock is of a mild temper and will not fight, she does her best to murder him. I have had to remove three very quickly in order to save their lives. This will be her third season. I thought I would see if she was any better, so placed number six with her—one like herself. They fought for two days, pansing only to get breath to eat or to say ugly things to each other. In the end they were mating. But having grown tired of her cat and dog lives with partners, I keep her as a foster mother. Like Suffragettes, she thinks she can do without males, for she makes her nest and lays and sits quite independent of them. I hope my letter may be a small guide to "Old Maid."

A WOULD-BE HELPER.

## The Border Fancy Canary in the South.

SIR,—I am pleased to see a few more letters on the above subject in last week's issue; I feel assured that ultimately the discussion will clear the air a little and help to bring about the desired type of bird. The standard of excellence so handsomely brought out for our guidance might well be termed complete, and clear enough for all to follow; but any observant visitor or member with a discriminating eye, who attends the various shows held on both sides of the border, will be forced to the conclusion that there are, indeed, many types. One seldom sees two judges taking the same type and style of bird. I know it is very difficult for the amateurs to follow, and, as I have already said, it is quite impossible that each can be on the true path. In reply to Mr. Hadwin, I see he asks me if Scotland led the way in getting rid of the thick-necked bird? Now, I think, for the interest of all, we had better let that fly stick to the wall. I feel sure that taking a stand either for or against this would neither advance the type of the bird nor create harmony amongst the members of the two clubs concerned, which latter I for one am working to obtain, for the future welfare of our wee favourites. Personally, I don't want to awaken any sleeping dog, and thereby cause a feeling to arise on one side of the Border against fanciers on the other. And I daresay that, after fully considering the cause, Mr. Hadwin will agree that a point of more vital importance to our English brothers is to get them to seriously consider whether this is not one of the things in regard to which they are lacking, and are therefore behind Scotland. Also, in regard to size, there is little doubt that taking them on an average, English fanciers favour a larger bird than we do here; indeed, I see Mr. Hadwin makes a little blunder likewise, when he states "as little over five inches in length as possible." Do not the rules say, "not to exceed five inches"? My own opinion is that a bird over that length should be left out of the show cage, if not the breeding-room. Mr. Hadwin also says he totally disagrees with me when I consider that exhibitors should study the fads of judges, etc. Now, if he looks over my letter again, he will notice that instead of disagreeing with me, he is only strengthening what I have said, and therefore agrees with me. I am, as a matter of fact, as much against studying the fads of any judge as any one; but, at the same time, I find I must do so in order to keep my birds "in the tickets." And the remedy he offers in his concluding remarks will not come to pass in either his day or mine, as I know that to tell any judge that he is going away from the standard with his awards, and that therefore he must "go," is more easily said than done. Each judge has a certain number of breeders and followers, who think his standard the right one; therefore, as long as they do so, and are on the committees of societies, they will vote for the particular judge they favour. I only wish that I could feel confident, as Mr. Hadwin does, that with a few strokes of the pen we might cause all judges to have the true standard adhered to on both sides of the border. I am afraid the time will be as "lang a-coming" as the fisher who sat down waiting for the stream to run dry, when he should be able to catch all the trout. I am sorry to see that Mr. Smith says he will write no more unless "Wee McGregor" discloses his identity. I fancy I hear "Wee McG." saying, "What for, ma?" He has a good cheek to ask my name, pa?" Therefore, I trust that Mr. Smith will defend himself likewise through your pages; for, although he has been held up to some uncalled-for personalities, as I have, by the youngest adopted, if not the saftest member of the "McGregor" clan, there are many fanciers who thank him for introducing this controversy into your pages.

J. PATTERSON.

SIR,—I am glad I have at last got "Wee MacGregor" to practically admit he is the great Mr. J. Robson, and to get such an admission it is worth putting up with the abuse and slander I have been subjected to, although at the same time I am sorry a man in his position in the Fancy should endeavour to silence criticism by attacking a novice under a *nom de plume*. If such a condition of things were to prevail it would drive novices from the Fancy. I warned Mr. Robson to be careful, but as he still repeats his slanderous suggestion that I am Mr. J. Smith and Mr. W. M. Thomson, also that I am a "disappointed exhibitor," I will explain the reason why I think he is so bitter against me. I do not like to do any person any harm, but as in the face of warnings he gives me no alternative but to either allow the public to think he is right, or to make an explanation, I therefore adopt the latter course. At a certain London show I exhibited an even-marked Border, and on going to the show in the evening of the first day I noticed Mr. J. Robson had awarded the second novice special to a prominent exhibitor. So I called a steward and pointed out that such exhibitor was not a novice, therefore the award was in error. He informed me, after consulting the Secretary and Mr. Robson, that clearly a mistake had been made, and that Mr. Robson would revise his awards. When my bird returned home the card stating my bird had been awarded the special for second best novice bird was attached to the cage. A few weeks after, on receiving the prize money, I wrote to the Secretary pointing out that I had not received the special, but I was informed the said special had been awarded by Mr. J. Robson to his brother's even-marked bird. I thereupon wrote that that could not be so, as this bird had been awarded the first novice special. In reply to this, the Secretary stated that a mistake had been made, and that the revised awards were: first novice special Mr. I. Robson's Cinnamon marked second novice special Mr. I. Robson's even-marked. It seemed to me to be scarcely satisfactory, to say the least of it, so I wrote to the Secretary complaining, and then I wrote to you, Sir, a letter, which you kindly inserted in your paper, suggesting that fanciers should not exhibit when a relative was the judge. A few days after the appearance of the letter enquiries were being made in Carlisle whom I was getting at. This even-marked bird, I believe, was sold to a lady fancier and exhibited at the recent Palace show, but was then wrong-classed by Mr. Robson. As Mr. Robson still suggests that I am Mr. J. Smith and Mr. W. M. Thomson, I will prove it is a lie if Mr. Robson will give £5 to the Fresh Air Fund. Mr. Robson evidently thinks I copy his example. In conclusion, I can assure Mr. Robson that, although we have been introduced to each other, I have no desire to claim his friendship.

ROBERT ELLWOOD.

Weybridge.

P.S.—Will Mr. W. M. Thomson kindly oblige by communicating with me? The above address will find me.

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## The Norwich Plainhead Club Special Prize Fund.

SIR,—May I draw the attention of the members of the Norwich Plainhead Club to the fact that a subscription list has been opened, at the instance of several influential members, with the object of providing a fund out of which the committee will be able to considerably augment the ordinary specials which have hitherto been given by the club, in order that more interest may be taken in the club, and better support given to patronage shows by members other than those actually interested in the cup? I have been asked to appeal to all members for their support. As the committee will meet shortly to allot specials and select patronage shows, etc., I shall be very glad to receive as early as possible donations (no matter how small) which will be thankfully received and acknowledged.

JNO. HOPKINS, Hon. Sec.

126, Bury New Road, Bolton, Lancs.

## The Green Marked Yorkshire Canary Club.

### A Plea for the Even Marks.

SIR,—Now that the formation of the above club is almost assured, it would be as well to consider the position of the oven-marked birds. It is often said that it is doubtful if there is a good, even-marked specimen in existence. At the present time the cause of this paucity is undoubtedly the lack of classification for even marks, and the classification was done away with to prevent the practice of faking the birds, which was in vogue at one time. May I, through your esteemed paper, ask the promoters of the above club to include the even marks in the classification? Say they ask the first year for two classes, let them read as follows:—"Yorkshire, Uneven or Even-marked Yellow," "Ditto buff." This will give the even marked birds a chance of competing in something like equal competition, instead of having to take their place in the A.O.V. Class amongst Crests and sundry other varieties.

T. C. CRAWHALL.

## A Curious Case.

SIR,—I have a "Hartz Mountain Roller" (cock bird, I believe) of last July's brood that has, for the last two months at least, been bare of feathers around and below the vent. The first that I noticed wrong about the bird was that it seemed swollen below the vent; then, after a few days, it discharged something about the size of a large bird's egg; this something had a thin film around it, which bursted on my pricking it, and also had the appearance of sawdust. During the cold weather I used sawdust for the cages, instead of sand (except a little sand placed in a corner of each), and this bird was in the habit of picking up the sawdust. After noticing how the bird was I immediately gave sand again, withholding the sawdust altogether; I also gave extra green food (dandelion). The bird soon got lively again, and it now appears perfectly healthy, with plenty of life. It sings well, but has not a feather around or below the vent. I feed it on about two-thirds best Spanish Canary and one-third summer rape, with a leaf or two of fresh dandelion or chickweed daily. Each bird has a piece of cuttlefish fastened up, and I may also say that I occasionally give a pinch or two of either maw or inga seed. This bird moulted early, and has been kept in the same room. I should be pleased to know if any of your numerous readers has had a similar experience. PILOT.

## Is the "Bird Gambler" the Curse of Bird Clubs?

SIR,—As my best wishes go with the genuine bird lover, and one who finds enjoyment and pleasure in the keeping of his pets, it has occurred to me how different are his sentiments as compared with a large section of bird keepers. The "bird lover" cares little of the whiz and burr of excitement that affects the "bird gambler." To the bird lover there is little difference in the value at which he estimates his pets—the only difference being that of affection aroused by some strange tameness or pretty mannerism that brings some particular bird more prominently before the eye. How different with the "gambler." His must be a bird that is in the money! He does not support the hobby in any way. He will probably never go to the monthly meeting of a society, or in any other way advance the hobby for the love of the birds. 'Tis true he pays his subscription to whatever particular club he belongs—generally a few days before the show date, so as to obtain his entries 33 per cent cheaper than he otherwise would! He obtains his subscription back by the sixpences he has saved in the entries!—so his name appears as a member (!) of the club. How on earth does *he* support the hobby? Each bird he enters is with the keen intention of taking the prize money. He takes the money; that the hard-working secretary, and committee-men have struggled to guarantee, men who have always to keep putting their hands in their pockets, buying specials of all kinds to attract competitors to put their birds up to get sufficient gate to make the show pay its expenses if possible. But what does the "gambler" care if the club drops out?—nothing! He simply transfers to another. Clubs drop out for two things (which may be summed up as one), want of interest, tantamount to want of funds. If one tried to trace *his* gifts to the club, one would find them conspicuous by their absence. Were all fanciers and bird-lovers of the same mind, the hobby would not last a season. When the year ends, and a debit is found in the club's exchequer, who is the loser? Not the gambler. It is the committee men and the few enthusiasts who have to pay the piper, men who come miles to attend these meetings without reward of any kind, except their love of the thing, and who, if not wonderfully careful, are flung relentlessly into the columns of the Press. The London Federation, thank goodness, will assist in the heavy task to a certain degree. It will stop "the gambler" in the members' classes. It will stop the evil practice to the extent of allowing him to be only four months in arrears instead of nine, which means, generally speaking, only his lending the money for a few weeks, for if he only gets a "third," he wins. How, I ask again, does he benefit the hobby? What is wanted now is to bar him the "open" show. How can you compare this man with a bird lover, who keeps his birds as birds should be, as birds of pleasure? How many societies show any return at the end of the year for the labour of the secretary (a job it is difficult to get any man to take up), the committee, and the enthusiasts? To the man who always owes his subs. (sometimes for two years) to his society, who never goes to any meetings, is full of complaints against one and all, pays his subscription as a last resource, with the sole idea of getting it back in a few days. Bird keeping is not a hobby, I submit, but a gamble. If all club members took but the slightest regard for the welfare of their clubs there would be many a radiant face throughout the United Kingdom to-morrow, whereas the "gambler" has got so strong as to become almost a curse.

IPSO FACTO.

## A C.B. Society for Southall.

SIR,—A meeting was held on Monday, May 10th, when it was definitely decided to form a society for Southall and District, the society to be called "The Southall and District Cage Bird Society." The membership is open to all fanciers. Meeting nights the first Monday in each month. The following officers were duly elected:—Chairman, Mr. A. E. Argyle; treasurer, Mr. H. J. Hireson; Committee, Messrs. W. H. Phipps, C. Huxley, J. R. Morgan, G. Kinns, W Smith, G A. Neal, E. M. Kidd, and J. Timberlake; secretary, T. G. Jeffery, 10, Western Road, Southall, Middlesex, who will be pleased to furnish any information respecting the society. All fanciers are cordially invited to join; the subscription is 2s. 6d. per year, with an entrance fee of 1s.

T. G. JEFFERY, Hon. Sec.

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Nov. 18—**Morriston** (W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Rd.) H.N. and W.M.

*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Cardiff.**—(W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland Road.) J.H.P. & J.R.

*Dec. 15—**Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun & Dis.**—(Mc Lucas & James, 26, Pontygraugwen Road, Pontypridd.)

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## CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

### Getting in Condition.

**No Name.**—I'm afraid you will not be able to do much breeding with the Yorkshire that is now moulting and sits huddled up on the perch. I suspect you have had it exposed to draughts or to great variations of heat. You must see these are quite avoided and keep the bird in a fairly cosy place where the heat is regular. As staple diet, give a mixture of three parts Canary to one summer rape, and three times a week give a pinch of hemp separately. Every second day give a half-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake or egg food with two drops each of sherry and cod-liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and a pinch of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it. Dissolve a pennyworth of citrate of iron and quinine in two tablespoonfuls of port wine, and give the bird twenty drops of this mixture in the drinking water two days in every three, until the moulting is stopped. It will be quite useless attempting to mate the bird until it is quite strong and active again.

### Deformed Claws

**Hopeful.**—You ought to have attended to the claws as soon as the bird left the nest, or even before it did so if you had noticed that the hind claws came forward. Give it small, nearly round perches, about the size of an ordinary lead pencil, and see if it will arrange its claws with an effort to enable it to perch upon them. If it does, leave in the perches, and this alone will remedy the defect in the course of a few weeks. But if the bird makes no effort to stand on these perches, return the ordinary perches, and then get a piece of tubing, as used on a feeding bottle, cut off two pieces about a sixteenth of an inch wide, and get someone to hold the bird whilst you pass one of these rings over the three front claws, and, holding the hind claw back against the shank of the leg, push the ring upwards until near the end of the hind claw. Leave it in that position, so that the hind claw is held backwards by the rubber ring. Do both the same, and let the bird wear them for a fortnight; then remove them, and again try the thin perches.

### Nesting and Not Laying.

**W. H. K.**—I suppose you have examined the nest, so as to be sure the hen really has not laid. It sometimes happens that a hen continues building up the nest after beginning to lay, when the eggs are often quite hidden from view without a close and careful examination of the nest. Failing that, I take it you are also quite satisfied she has not laid either in the nest or on the cage floor and the eggs destroyed. Your description of the swollen condition of the vent, as though the hen was about to lay, seems to imply that you handled the bird for examination, which is not advisable, unless rendered quite necessary. But still it is very unusual for a hen to appear so near laying, and then resume the normal condition without having done so. I have met with a few such cases generally in hens a few years old, and my experience is that they rarely, if ever, do any good in that season. I would advise you to be certain on the above points, and if she really has not laid, nor now shows signs of immediate laying, separate her for a fortnight and give her the following course of treatment; then mate her with a vigorous young cock, and try again. Feed on plain Canary as a staple, with green food, groundsel, chickweed, and dandelion, in unlimited quantities. Half a teaspoonful of summer rape daily, a pinch of inga three times a week; and half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops each of port wine and cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it every second day. In the drinking water give twenty drops common gin, six of dandelion juice, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for the first week, and in the second week give two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel every second day.

### Mopes on the Perch.

**A. L.**—Your feeding is not sufficiently generous. In addition to giving a staple of plain Canary, give also a half teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and twice a week a similar quantity of egg food, or crushed sponge cake, or a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with moist sugar. You might ring the changes on the last three items, and add a few grains of inga or gold of pleasure to either of the two first-named. On two other days each week give a few grains of hemp. Give all these extras alternately, and on different days, to make variety. Give a spray of groundsel or chickweed every day. Keep cage well supplied with clean gritty sand. In the drinking water give twelve drops of glycerine and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence daily for three days, and every alternate day for another week. After this give four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid in the water for a few days.

### Young Losing Feathers.

**"Mep."**—The feathers you sent have undoubtedly been broken off in the quill by some means, and as you say the hen cannot pluck them, I am inclined to think the nestpan or box, or perhaps some of the nesting material, was responsible. You should see whether there is any coarse material, or roughness about box, and whether it is too small, so that in either case the movements of the young might cause the feathers to be broken off. The feathers also are very small and poor indeed for birds seventeen days old, so it is just possible there may be some abnormality in the plumage. Your feeding is not quite correct. Try following: Give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape in the boppers; in separate vessels give as much cracked hemp daily as the birds quite clear up; also a supply of egg food given fresh twice a day at least, and in such quantities as the birds clear up each time; chickweed or groundsel also give fresh twice every day—not twice a week. A saucer of soaked rape may be given in addition daily, but great care must be exercised that this does not become sour. I do not think there is the least likelihood of the sea sand being responsible for the defective plumage.

### Two Norwich Cock Birds.

**Bert.**—I have no doubt whatever your surmise as to the draughty position being the cause of the panting and heavy breathing is the correct one, but in moving the young cock too near a hot water cylinder you have, I think, to use a trite phrase, merely jumped out of the frying-pan into the fire. Now that there is a prospect of the weather continuing mild and settled, if you can place both birds in a room where no fire is kept, do so. Failing that, keep them quite out of reach of the heat of the fire, so that they will enjoy as equable a temperature as possible. In either case see that draughts and chills, and damp are rigidly avoided. What is required is an equable temperature and pure air, rather than extra warmth. Feed on a staple of plain Canary, and give separately twice a week half a teaspoonful of summer rape; on two other days a few grains of hemp, and on two other days half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion, well mixed in it, and sprinkled with a few grains of gold of pleasure seed. Give green food—chickweed or groundsel—daily. In the drinking water for the first week give twenty drops of whiskey, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and the same quantity of chlorate of potash, every second day. After this give twenty drops of whiskey, six of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day after for another fortnight if necessary.

### Die with "the Rot."

**Tom.**—It would have been best had you described some of the symptoms exhibited by the young before death, as I am afraid I do not clearly understand what trouble may come under the designation of "rot." Are the crops empty or do they contain food when the birds die, and is there any appearance of diarrhœa? It is quite useless to try to make a random guess at the cause of the trouble; therefore I would advise you to send the next that dies to our post-mortem specialist for examination. Meantime, the following may be useful: You say you give crushed hemp in the hopper, but mention no other seed. If this implies that you give no other seed, this is decidedly wrong, and might account for the deaths. You should give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part rape in the hoppers. When the young are hatched, give a little pure yolk of egg first day; next day add a little bread or powdered biscuit, and afterwards add an equal bulk of the bread or biscuit to the egg. On the fourth day begin to give a little green food, groundsel or chickweed in preference to dandelion, fresh twice a day, and after eight or ten days add cracked hemp in a separate vessel. You now begin to give hemp a good deal too early. At the end of a fortnight, if there is a large brood, a saucer of soaked rape may also be added, but you must be very careful that this does not become sour. It "turns" very rapidly in warm weather.

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### Baldheads.

**J. S., Castletown.**—The baldness you speak of is not uncommon in old and debilitated birds, and is apt to occur in any weakly or poorly-fed stock when it is apparently due to exhausted vitality. But when the birds are young, as you say yours are, the cause may often be looked for in irritation caused by insect pests, or parasitic skin complaints. You ought to have said whether the skin appeared healthy or otherwise, but, anyway, try the following treatment for a few weeks, and if a cure is not effected, write again enclosing this reply, and giving the particulars asked for. First see both bird and cage are perfectly free from insect pests. Allow birds to bathe freely in fine weather, and add a few crystals of permanganate of potash to the water in the bath—just enough to make it a light pink colour. Feed on plain Canary only as a staple, and give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days the same quantity of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice each week for a month add also to the sponge cake as much as will cover a threepenny-piece of a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, linseed, inga, and gold of pleasure, as an extra. Give chickweed and groundsel freely each day. Once or twice a week you may slightly anoint the bare skin with sulphur ointment, but do not daub on enough to soil the remaining plumage.

### Something Gone Wrong.

**A. E. Wigston.**—If your hen is a young one, I should attribute her erratic behaviour largely to this fact, and another probable cause is your method of feeding, which, although you do not particularise about it, does not seem to be an ideal one. Take away pan and all nesting material, and keep hen by herself for a fortnight. During this time feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple; twice a week give in addition half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, linseed, and inga, and on two other days half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with a few grains of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it. Give a daily supply of chickweed, or groundsel, and one dandelion leaf a day. Keep cage strewn with clean gritty sand, and a piece of cuttlefish in it. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, every second day for a week, and during the second week give twenty drops of chemical food every second day, and on the alternate days two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel. Then mate up and try again, and when she commences to sit, stop all extra food and give only the Canary and rape in the hopper, and when young are hatched follow advice given to "Downcast" in this issue.

### Disheartening Failures.

**Downcast.**—A bad spirit this, in which to meet failures. You must buckle up and not be downcast any more. To a certain extent I think your feeding is partly the cause of your losses, and perhaps the room is partly to blame. If I were selecting any building for breeding Canaries in, anything in the way of "moisture," which must, I take it, indicate dampness, would put it entirely out of court at once. Damp and draughts are about the most fatal things which come into the lives of caged Canaries. Therefore, if there is really any dampness in your room you must take steps to correct it at once. Another thing, you evidently started breeding too soon for your situation. Instead of having a temperature of between 44 and 50 degrees, you should have waited until it kept somewhere about 55 degrees. Having attended to the points suggested, and guarded well against draughts, feed on following lines, and you should be able to save the next broods. Give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape in unlimited quantities in the seed boxes regularly. When young are due to hatch, give half a teaspoonful of finely-chopped pure yolk of egg twice the first day; ditto the second day; the third day the same quantity of egg, with an equal bulk of bread crumbs or powdered biscuit added; fourth day the same as third, but given three times instead of twice, and a spray of chickweed, groundsel, or lettuce, added; fifth day, double the quantity of egg food, and green food twice. After this add a little more biscuit to the egg-food; give as much as the birds will quite clear up two or three times a day, a liberal supply of green food, fresh, two or three times daily; and when the birds are eight or ten days old add cracked hemp to the diet in a separate vessel. At a fortnight old, if a large brood is being fed, you may also add a saucer of soaked rape. Keep all food and water vessels scrupulously clean, and never allow any stale food to remain in cage.

### Brevities.

**Buying Eggs** (D. Tisso).—Sorry I do not know where you could procure eggs from Crests to hatch out under your hen, whose eggs you have broken. The only means I can suggest of gratifying such a desire is to look around among your local birdy friends and see if one has had the misfortune to have a pair of adults go wrong after laying who might be induced to let you have the eggs for your hen to hatch out. I cannot suggest any price for such a deal; that must be a matter for mutual agreement between the parties concerned.

**Knotty Feathers** (Valuable Bird).—With your repeated plucking out of the knotty feathers on the wing butts, I can quite believe the wings appear sore, and are sore. It would be something to marvel at if they were not. Leave them quite alone. They may possibly dry up and disappear after attaining their full growth, but if they do not you will not improve matters by continually plucking them out, and will only cause the bird unnecessary suffering. Slightly anoint the place once or twice with pure vaseline or castor oil to soothe the soreness.

**Hatching and Accommodation** (Lily).—(1) Seeing your birds are kept in a rather warm kitchen, it is most likely that the cause of the two eggs failing to hatch properly was lack of moisture. Had you put them in a saucer of warm water for a few moments on the evening of the thirteenth day, and again on the morning and evening of the fourteenth, they would probably have hatched out all right. Do this with the next clutch, and also allow the hen to have access to a bath daily, if she desires it, for about a quarter of an hour each morning for the last three or four days of incubation. (2) I assume the measurements you give of the cage are in inches, not feet, and in that case it will accommodate four Canaries if you give it frequent attention in the way of cleaning and sanitation.

**Unfertile Eggs** (Perplexed).—The Lancashire hen that had four nests last year with only one fertile egg amongst the lot, was, to say the least, not being given a fair chance to succeed this year. Being a young bird, and also mated with a young bird, would to a certain extent account for the unfertility, as there exists no other variety in which it is more important to have at least one of the parents well matured, and over a year old. Perhaps this year she will do better if the four nests last season did not prove too great a tax upon her undeveloped frame. Unless you marked the first egg in order to identify it, you cannot be sure it was this one that proved fertile. On the contrary, I should say it was not, but rather the last egg in one of the clutches, my experience being that when some of a clutch are unfertile, it is almost, if not quite, invariably the latest laid that are fertile.

**A Curious Case** (Pilot).—The case is a very uncommon one judging by your description. It is not so very rare for fowls to lay eggs containing abnormal substances, but for a supposed cock Canary to present you with a substance like a shell-less egg which contained matter like sawdust, after it had, as you assert, been formerly in the habit of eating sawdust off the floor of the cage, is certainly unique. I should imagine the bird is a hen, notwithstanding the fact that it sings well, and that the substance was an abnormal egg. Your diet is very fair, and as the bird appears healthy, I should advise you to leave it alone and do nothing beyond substituting gritty sand in cage, and giving a liberal supply of green food, or a pinch of Epsom salts every now and again to keep bowels regular. The bareness will disappear most likely when the bird moults.

**Fawn or Cinnamon?** (W.H.C.).—I suppose what you call fawn colour is cinnamon, and it is by no means unusual to breed birds marked with this colour from a green bird. The buff green cock would undoubtedly have cinnamon blood in his veins, and if the clear buff hen had pink eyes, she, too, would be related to cinnamon blood, and for such a combination to throw cinnamon marked young is not unusual at all.

**Still They Die** (Nemo).—You ought to have enclosed the reply to which you refer as having followed closely, as I cannot tell which you may refer to. Anyway, I do not think I have advised anyone to give two kinds of green food in turn as you say you do, so perhaps, after all, you have not adhered very closely to rule. I think you would be well advised to send the next that dies for post-mortem examination to see if you have infectious fever among your birds. Then, when you have more broods, try what scrupulously following advice given to "Downcast" will do. For green food, I prefer chickweed, groundsel, lettuce, in order named. When these fail, watercress, dandelion, last of all.

**Deformed Claws** (Hopeful).—First try effect of giving the bird small nearly round perches, about the size of a lead pencil. If it manages to arrange its claws properly when on these, even if it has to make an effort to do so, leave it alone, and it will gradually cure the deformity itself. But if it does not appear to make any effort to clasp the perch, you must put on small rubber rings for a few weeks and give ordinary perches meanwhile. You will make suitable rings by cutting off a sixteenth of an inch from the rubber tubing on a baby's feeding bottle. For fuller details, see another reply this week.

**Yorkshire with Asthma** (Truro).—Now you have removed the bird from the room which caused the trouble, feed as you see advised here. Keep it in a comfortable temperature, quite free from draughts, and extreme fluctuations, though it need not necessarily be a very warm one, and guard against draughts and chills in future. Do not allow it to bathe in cold, chilly weather until quite recovered. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, six each of glycerine, and oxymel of squills, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day afterwards for another fortnight if necessary.

**Returning the Cock** (Beginner).—Now the second hen has gone to nest, you have done quite right to remove the cock and keep him by himself. When the young of the first hen are about a fortnight old will be quite early enough to return him, and he will then probably take upon himself the task of helping to finish off the young. There is no necessity for the formalities of introduction prior to returning him, but if he is very vigorous you should keep an eye upon him for a few hours to see whether he has designs upon clearing out the nest pan for the hen to start again. Should he prove troublesome in that way, keep him away until the young are old enough to be put in a nursery cage.

**Making things Variable** (J. L.).—I am constantly pointing out the danger and risks of a variable temperature, yet you wish to know whether it would do your Canaries harm to be in a room where a fire is burnt only at night. Now summer is upon us, and the little fire that would be burnt in consequence would probably make no appreciable difference, its effect would be practically nil, but when winter arrives, if there is sufficient fire burnt regularly at night to raise the temperature to any great extent, and none during the day, you must be well prepared to deal with a stock composed chiefly of soft moulters, and wheezy and "groggy" specimens generally.

**German Hen** (A Constant Reader).—Your feeding is probably the cause of the bird's condition, but you are silent upon this point. Feed for a fortnight or so same as advised "No Name." Give no green food until diarrhœa is quite stopped, then begin to give a leaf of dandelion daily, and gradually increase it to three or four leaves a day until she has gone to nest, when you must again discontinue it. In the drinking water give for two days six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence. After that, give twenty drops of whiskey, four of tincture of gentian, and a piece of gum arabic the size of a small pea for a few days. Shake the latter until gum is dissolved. **Hot water will expedite the process.**

**Bare and Scurfy Neck** (X.Y.Z.).—You cannot properly diet and treat for the baldness whilst she is sitting and rearing young. But when the young are quite out of her charge you might put her on the treatment given in full detail to another correspondent under "Bald-heads." Slightly smear bare patch with sulphur ointment twice a week instead of the vaseline, as advised, but do not overdo it, and soil surrounding feathers. As you say, the hen is not a good one, and has already starved to death two broods. I should not consider her worth troubling with, as you will certainly find this trouble very difficult to cure.

**Stopped Moulting** (Anxious). — Am glad to hear your bird is now in fine plumage under treatment advised. Stop medicines for a week. Continue to feed the same, except that you should drop the sponge cake, with the addition thereto, and give instead a small piece of bread sopped in milk and sprinkled with soft sugar and a few grains of gold of pleasure seed. Give this three times a week for two or three weeks, which should suffice to get the bird in nice plump condition, but do not continue it long enough to make the bird over-fat. Continue to give green food, chickweed or dandelion, or both daily. After an interval of a week give twelve drops of glycerine, and two each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel every second day for a week.

**Inflamed Feet** (Anxious).—The bird's diet is probably at the root of the trouble. Stop giving household tit-bits. In addition to the staple of plain Canary, give half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, twice a week a few grains of hemp, and on two other days half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake. Give a little watercress, lettuce or groundsel daily. Keep cage and perches scrupulously clean and strewn with clean sand, and also see the perches are properly shaped with no sharp edges and suited to the size of the bird's feet. Give six drops of dandelion juice, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in the drinking water every second day for a week, and on the alternate days four drops of tincture of gentain and ten of glycerine. Bathe feet once or twice in a warm solution of boracic powder for a few minutes, dry gently, and anoint sparingly with a little pure vaseline or cold cream.

# BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

## Feeding a Chaffinch.

**A Novice.**—I seem to be very frequently giving the method of treating Chaffinches. As a staple seed mixture give the following: Canary and teazle four parts each, summer rape, charlock and linseed one part each. In addition give a good feed of white sunflower seed or safflower seed daily; or put one part amongst the stock mixture. Smashed walnuts (and other nuts) are greatly relished also and should be given occasionally in the light of a special treat. A small feed of hemp can be given once a week. Give a mealworm or two every day, varying same with flies, smooth caterpillars, grubs, earwigs, spiders, aphides, gentles, wasp grubs, etc., as obtainable. Chaffinches will eat most kinds of live food. These birds are not particularly keen on green food, but will nibble with appreciation a sprig of shepherd's purse, chickweed, groundsel, dandelion, etc. Radish, turnip, and summer rape seedlings, are usually eagerly devoured, however, when just sprouting, which they soon begin to do when soaked in cold water.

## In an Aviary.

**Wee Bit.**—I am afraid your idea is not very practical. For instance, the birds you let out of the cages into the open aviary would not return to the cages of their own free will, and the catching of them would be a difficult matter, and bring about the upsetting (or frightening) of all the other inmates. The birds flying loose should be kept away from those caged up. If you want to breed Hybrids, you certainly must not put more than one couple in each quaker-oats box. The number of pairs, of course, need only be limited by the room you have at command for the cages, and time at your disposal to look after them. You would have to provide some cover (shelter) in the open portion, which would, I should think, accommodate up to half-a-dozen pairs—the fewer the better if results are desired. Holly, box, privet, and ivy, are all good evergreens, while fir branches, gorse, etc., bushes placed about provide good cover.

## A Disagreement.

**B. T.**—Really, you are in a better position than I am to decide which of the birds in your aviary is guilty of plucking the others. You should devote half-an-hour to watching the inmates (in the evening, or early morning, would do), when the culprit would soon stand revealed. At a guess, I should think it probable that the pair of Chaffinches and the odd hen Bramblefinch are fighting among themselves. I have very frequently in this column spoken of the danger attending unmated birds being left in an aviary. You should either remove the Bullfinch and Bramblefinch, or else find them mates. The method of feeding which you outline seems to be fairly adequate, except that the seeding greenfoods should be supplied daily, and not once a week only. Five or six pairs will be ample for breeding purposes in your place; non-breeders are best kept out.

## Over the Coal House.

**Boots.**—I should think you could construct a very decent place in the position you mention. You should most certainly board the inside and put the tarpaulin (or tarred felt) over the boards. Further, from what you say, I fancy it will get very hot in the height of summer, and you should arrange some protection from the mid-day rays of the sun. I think the building would be very suitable for muling couples; even more so than for Canaries. Your notion of stocking it, however, made me smile, if you will pardon my saying so. In the first place, the calculation of one square foot of floor-space is for a single bird, and not for a pair; and in the second place, this is only very rough and unreliable—certainly not intended as a guide to be religiously followed. I hope you are not trying to breed with 35 pairs of birds in a place of 35 square feet floor area. You will have a rare holiday sweeping up the feathers and the bits. Seriously, each muling couple should have a separate compartment—my own get a cage at least 36 by 11 by 16 inches. Then one can hope to do some good. But with a host of couples crowded together—never.

## Young Birds in an Aviary.

**Miss M.M.**—No particular preparation is necessary for feeding any young which may be hatched. You supply the usual seeds, and give suitable green food (including seeding wild kinds, chickweed, shepherd's purse, groundsel, grasses, etc.), and the old birds will utilise them freely. All else needed is the provision of two dishes of soft food daily—one containing a first-class insectivorous mixture, and the other the usual egg and biscuit (or bread) adopted by fanciers. If you choose to do so you can omit the latter item—should you give it, be certain it is always fresh and sweet, changing the supply twice or thrice a day during very hot weather, and keeping it in a well-shaded portion of the aviary. Some fanciers say their birds never take to it; but that is not my own experience. I have several which have taken to it readily this season, including Siskin, Linnet, and Bullfinches. A feed of small mealworms daily would be appreciated and any other suitable insect food you can lay hands on, especially shepherd's purse, etc., infested with "blight." By-the-bye, home-made "egg-cake" would answer admirably as a substitute for the egg and biscuit. It need not be moistened at all, providing it is not too stale and dry, but may simply be crumbled into a suitable dish and placed in the aviary. Don't add anything at all to it. But give the insectivorous food in addition.

## Hand-rearing Chaffinches.

**R.N.S.T.**—I don't believe in taking any young Finches from their parents at too early an age; let them show their feathers nicely before you remove them. Up to the twelfth day (from the 10th to 12th) is safe enough. The food to be used is the usual kind—that is, egg and biscuit. Crush two Oshorne biscuits, and well mix with them the yolk of half the white of a hard-boiled egg, using a fork to do this with, one with thin prongs. When feeding take the required quantity of this mixture, and make it the consistency of thin paste (or of cream) with new milk. See that it is always sweet and free from the slightest taint of sourness. It must be made fresh at least once daily. Often I put in a good pinch of Plasmon powder, which I am never without in my bird-room. A few small cut-up pieces of mealworm may be dipped in milk and popped into their mouths pretty frequently; likewise any house flies you can capture should also be fed to them. As the youngsters grow, add a little soaked and just sprouting summer rape to the stock food. Steep the rape seed in cold water which thoroughly change every day. It will soon begin to germinate (hurst), and is then ready for use, dabbing it as dry as possible in a towel before mixing it with the soft food. Gradually increase the quantity of this rape in the food. When they begin to pick up for themselves, wean them on to soaked rape, maw, lightly cracked Canary and hemp seeds, hulled and broken up sunflower seed kernels, and, above all, seeding chickweed, shepherd's purse, and groundsel tops. I have had them pick up ants' eggs with relish (especially live ants' eggs); in fact, I often mix some amongst the food I hand-feed with. See reply to "A Novice," this week.

## Brevities.

**A Missel Thrush** (W.R.).—The Missel Thrush certainly sings, especially in the early spring, but in my opinion its melody is far inferior to that of the Song Thrush. It is a loud, boisterous kind of song.

**Wild Seed** (Sherwood Forest).—It is an ordinary sample of what is known as "farmer's screenings"—residue from the threshing machine. It is suitable to offer British birds to pick over, but could be vastly improved by the addition of such wild seeds as thistle, dandelion, gold of pleasure, etc.

**Sample of Teazle Seed** (F. Groves).—I cannot detect anything wrong in the teazle seed, either by taste, eye, or microscope; indeed, it looks a good sample. I think the death of the Goldfinch was merely a curious, albeit unfortunate, coincidence. Only a powerful poison could have killed the bird so quickly.

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**Flying on the Wires** (Mr. Finch).—If you have the upper part of the wire front covered with glass (inside the wires of course), this might help the bird to lose the habit. It is not difficult to arrange, in the ordinary loose-fronted box-cage. The method has been recommended more than once in Cage Birds as efficacious; I believe it has been the subject of one "illustrated idea."

**Redpoll-Canary Mules** (G. Wells).—You could certainly put a steady cock Redpoll with your hen Canary, with hopes of breeding Mules; they are not hard to get. The cock Redpoll-Canary Mule has a pleasant little song, and utters it freely, but it cannot be termed either a very varied or very loud song.

**A Finch Mixture** (Goldie).—The sample of Finch mixture is a very good one of its kind, and with the addition of a liberal dash of sunflower seed would answer for the Greenfinch. It does not contain enough hemp and teazle for a Goldfinch, and far too much rape. You could still give the mixture of thistle, dandelion, sesame, cornflower, gold of pleasure, etc., as a tit-bit.

**Bramblefinch-Chaffinch Hybrids** (T. Donaldson).—I do not think these Hybrids have been bred in an ordinary cage; I may be wrong, but cannot call to mind reading or hearing of a case. They have been bred in aviaries, and the hens built their nests in the ordinary way, out of suitable materials supplied.

**For Floor of Cage** (Woodlark).—For the floor covering of my Larks' cages (either Wood or Sky), I use a mixture of half road-dust and half fine, but sharp, sand (bird-sand, put through a fine sieve). A Woodlark should have a perch in the cage, fixed rather low down (it depends, of course, on the type of cage in use).

**Over-feeding Finches** (Ruvigny).—It certainly is possible to over-feed Finches. A Goldfinch allowed to suddenly commence to gorge ad libitum on egg-food, might "turn up queer," likely enough. Some of my own Goldies are over-fond of it, and especially one Siskin which I have; but I only give a limited quantity to birds which are not feeding young.

**Sex of Song Thrush** (Cecil).—There is no true outward guide to the sex of Song Thrushes other than the song. I have tried several said-to-be infallible methods of distinguishing cock from hen, but with negative results. It looks as though your bird is a hen, seeing how well it is looked after and how excellent is its condition.

**A Breeding Matter** (A. Hill).—You should certainly test the fertility of the eggs by allowing the hen to sit, as they may quite likely have been fertilised by your friend's Goldfinch. In any case, let her sit a week before taking the eggs away, to afford her a rest. She would not be long, then, before building again. It is a good sign that the Goldfinch does not peck at the hen. But, of course, I can't tell from a letter whether he is in breeding trim. You must judge that for yourself by his song, his actions and the colour (clear or otherwise) of his beak.

**Nesting Material** (A. McWatt).—Moss, bents, tiny twigs or rootlets, dried grass, hair and wool are all that any hen British Finch requires to choose from in the way of nesting materials. Most of these are conveniently supplied by the well-known "medicated nest-bags" sold at the bird-shops and seed dealers. The other things can easily be gathered in the lanes. Personally I find the best thing is to get old (first-round) Linnet, Greenfinch, Blackbird, etc., nests, and pull them to pieces, after storing them in a moderately hot oven for twenty minutes or so. The nest of practically any small species will answer—even the Pied Wagtails, for instance. After the wild bird's first brood is out and about will be quite early enough for the average Hybrid couple to have nesting material.

# FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S.

## Feeding Young Budgerigars.

**W. Broadbent.**—You would find "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," price 7d., post free, from this office very helpful to you in breeding and rearing this handsome species. Canary, white and spray millet, with a few oats, greenfood and clean cuttlefish for the birds to peck at, will fully meet the case. If the birds appear fond of it, a plain biscuit or dry crust of household bread, may be thrown to them daily. Madagascar and Blue-wing Lovebirds will live peacefully with the Budgerigars, as also will Cockatiels, but before I can express an opinion on this point you must let me have particulars as to size of your aviary. Birds that will agree together where they have space, will tear one another to pieces in confined quarters.

## Budgerigars Out of Condition.

**Anxious.**—Either during their journey to you, or else since coming into your possession, the birds have somehow taken a chill, and I fear the signs you describe rather point to pneumonia in one of the birds at least, and I fear you will lose one or two. However, the weather is all in your favour and the birds may pull through, though it will delay their breeding. For one day, let their drinking water consist of one teaspoonful Dinneford's Magnesia and one ounce of water, repeating this after a week's interval. Several days each week well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. I should also supply a little lettuce, and should most certainly try and get some grass in flower (seeding grass) for them; this is their natural food, and is obtainable now almost everywhere and almost every garden supplies a little, while hedgerows and waste land usually abound with it at this season. Delay giving the Chemical Food for a week and give the following mixture (obtained from your chemist) daily for that period: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts. For use take one teaspoonful of the mixture to one ounce of water, this constituting their only drinking water. Hope they will recover, but test the birds' roosting places for draught—some window sashes are very leaky.

## Naming a Species.

**P. J.**—It is a Pileated or Chingold Song Sparrow. It is really a Bunting, though called a Sparrow, and is a very handsome species, though not adorned with gorgeous plumage. The ordinary Bunting mixture will suffice for this species, viz., canary, millet, oats, hemp, rape, and a little sunflower seed, greenfood, and one or two mealworms or other insects per bird daily. A few ants' eggs (cocoons) might also with advantage be given. Also any garden or hedgerow herbage, which is covered with plant lice, will be very beneficial for them. It is a pity you let the bird escape. This species has been bred in an English aviary, and has also crossed with a near species, and reared hybrids in this country.

## Treating Java Sparrows, &c.

**A. J. Adams.**—All the birds you name should agree well together, and will thrive on a diet of Canary, white and spray millet; with greenfood, grit and water for drinking and bathing. I find lettuce and grass in flower (seeding grass) to be preferred to any other kind of greenfood, though some species will eat flowering and seeding chickweed freely, but the latter should never be gathered from wet ground. When they are feeding young they should get a little soft food mixture daily and also a few ants' eggs (cocoons), as bought, scattered over their sand. These are hardy species and should do well with you, but, like all species of birds, they must not be subjected to draught.

## What Parrot is it?

**W. C. D.**—It is an Australian Roseate or Rose-breasted Cockatoo. It is a hardy species and should do well with you. I have a Hawk-headed Caique, which is quite an accomplished talker, and he often indulges in the gasps you speak of, and I have taken it as expressing pleasure, judging from the bird's demeanour accompanying it. You can really do nothing further to develop its talking capacity, save keeping it where it will hear plenty of conversation, repeat words to it, and generally pet it and make a fuss of it. Parrots and Cockatoos are very appreciative of such tactics, and they certainly try hard to mimic those they are specially fond of. Now it has made a start with a word or two, it should pick up others. However, the Roseate is not a great talker in this country, though in its native land it enjoys quite a reputation for talking capacity.

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## Amazon Rough in Plumage.

**T. T.**—Confine birds to seed mixture, ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, and green food. A little potato may be given, but it should be quite unseasoned Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish continually in cage, also grit. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Give one or two doses (one teaspoonful to the ounce of water) of Dinneford's Magnesia with two or three days between each dose. When not giving the magnesia, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food and continue this till the bird is in good feather. A dose of Dinneford's may be given occasionally to keep the bowels moving freely, but the excreta should not be permitted to become or remain watery.

## Breeding Budgerigars.

**M. R.**—It nearly always means interrupted and lessened results to have the sexes unequal during the breeding season, and this is what it amounts to with your Yellow cock bird incapacitated, though I have little doubt but what the eggs from the Yellow hen will prove fertile, the cock bird having evidently proved unfaithful to his former partner. I should put the almost blind cock mercifully out of its misery and procure another male bird, so as to level up the sexes, and the birds will soon mate up and settle down to breeding and continue right on up to the advent of cold weather or the moult, though they do not always stop for this. You would find "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" from this office very helpful.

## Green Parrot in Poor Plumage.

**J. B. L.**—It is the sops, pudding, table scraps, etc., that are responsible for the mischief. Confine your bird's diet to seed mixture, ripe fruit, plain biscuit, and nuts, with cuttlefish and grit continuously in the cages. Give, say, 4 doses of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful to the ounce of water) with 2 days between each dose—in between, and continue for a month or longer, well colour its drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. As it has been used to sop, you can just moisten a piece of biscuit in the Chemical Food water; but do not on any account give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. I prefer the following mixture: Canary, hemp, wheat, maize, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds in equal parts; get either a pint or a quart of each, well mix and keep a supply continuously in the cage, and you will find it a cheap and wholesome mixture. When a bird's digestion has been upset, it takes some little time to put it right, or, rather undo the mischief of an unwholesome diet.

## Budgerigar with Broken Foot.

**R. H., Hereford.**—In the previous query no mention was made of any wound, simply the fracture was referred to. It would appear that the wound had become poisoned, as there were signs of humour in the wound and all the toes were affected. Again, Budgerigars, or in fact any species of birds, can be very brutal to an ailing companion, and in many instances it is sufficient only for a bird to be ailing or injured for its mates to mob it to death, or nearly so. It frequently happens that fractures do not heal properly, and that the foot or toe will gradually decay away. I have had this occur with Zebra Finches, and yet they have lived and bred; but the foot of your bird was undoubtedly poisoned and you certainly did quite right to put it out of its misery. A good way to dress any bleeding wound is to well cleanse it in tepid water and lightly touch it with Friar's Balsam; this soon dries and checks bleeding, and mostly the wound heals. The cause of the abnormal growth of beak I should say was occasioned by its not having cuttlefish or mortar rubbish to nibble at. I do not remember the conditions under which your bird was kept, but birds naturally, when possible, grind their bills against hard substances. My Budgerigars use the aviary walls for this purpose. If they are caged, keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in their cage, and also a piece of rock salt or mortar rubbish, and the same in the aviary if there is no wall they can get at. However, occasionally, in spite of every precaution, an abnormal growth of bill will occur; in such cases it should be carefully trimmed down to normal size.

## Grey Parrot Unwell.

**J. F. D.**—As the bird still appears fairly strong (It is marvellous what some Greys will stand), there is still hope, but you have let the case run on too long and let the trouble get too deep-seated to enable one to treat with any degree of confidence. Give three doses of Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful to the ounce of water—with 2 days between each dose; see the bird drinks it up before any other drinking water is offered on these days. Spray or cleanse the nostrils (with a camel-hair brush) with glyco-thymoline daily till the trouble ceases; continue to foment, but when the face has become dry, touch the facial swelling with tincture of iodine; that is, if you can do so without the tincture entering its eye, which you must not permit. Note: The iodine must not be used on a festering growth, only on a firmish fleshy swelling, which from your letter I take to be the case with your bird. Stop milk sop; such should never be given, and give instead a little plain biscuit moistened in water that has been made the colour of port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food; do not make it too sodden, but at the same time fairly well moisten it, as the bird has been used to sop. Get a box of honey and horax from your chemist and wipe the bird's mouth out with this, or, at any rate, put a little on its tongue twice daily for a time. The other portion of its diet should consist of the seed mixture, ripe fruit, and a few nuts (shelled walnuts are best). Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. You had better carefully treat as above, and under the circumstances, report progress in a fortnight's time with particulars.

## Brevity.

**The Breeding of Budgerigars** ("Novice, Cheshire").—Budgerigars do not use any nesting material, and though personally I prefer the ordinary cocoa-nut husk to any other nesting receptacle for these birds, yet your boxes as described should answer perfectly well. Canary, millet, oats, and greenfood will suffice, though if they care for them when they are feeding young, you can supply dry crusts of stale household bread. For these birds there is no greenfood to equal grass in flower (seeding grass) and fresh lettuce.

# PARK AND LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

## An Ailing Squirrel.

**W. S. Negus.**—As you do not mention giving your squirrel any animal food, this may be the cause of his falling off in condition, as a certain amount is always desirable, consisting of such things as eggs and bread and milk, chicken or rabbit bones to pick, or, better still, mealworms and the eggs of young Sparrows. Give water regularly. He would probably be better with a mate, but breeding is not very likely.

## Rearing Young Moorhens.

**J. Hooke.**—You can rear young Moorhens on much the same food as young Pheasants, egg and bread crumbs, mixed up with ants' eggs and dried flies, with well-scoured gentles, if obtainable. But remember that for the first week or so they do not pick up, although they run about, but expect the parents to find the food and hold it up to them; thus you will have to do a good deal of hand-feeding at first When grown up they can be fed like poultry.

## Hand-rearing Grouse.

**M.G.P.**—Grouse can be reared artificially, like Pheasants, and on similar food (see that recommended for young Moorhens under another query), but plenty of green food, such as chopped tender grass, lettuce, and onions, must be given. Give heather if you can do so regularly, but Grouse will live without it, though they always need green food in great abundance and variety; you had better try them with all tender shoots of non-poisonous plants. When kept in a garden they have been found to eat strawberry leaves and those of fruit trees. When grown up they may have some grain, oats by preference.

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**Canary** (R. C.).—This bird died of "bird fever," and in all probability the other losses may be attributed to same disease.

**Black-headed Nun** (R. Aitchison).—Apoplexy, probably the result of too much good food, and not enough exercise.

# GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

**Carbolineum avenarius** (W.R.D.). — Many thanks for writing us.

**The Breeding of Linnet Mules** (E. Wood).—We shall be very pleased to receive the promised account of your experiences.

**A Seed Saver** (F. S. W. Bates).—We do not remember this idea, but will endeavour to trace it. Glad to hear of your great success in breeding.

**Photo** (J. S. Emerson).—We wish you every success in the hobby, and shall be glad to see the photograph of your room when it is completed.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 488.)

### A Question for Budgerigar Breeders.

SIR,—Will some of the readers of CAGE BIRDS kindly inform me when to take young Budgerigars for hand-rearing, and how, and what to feed them on? Perhaps "Action Hay" can oblige me.

A. J. HOLLOWAY.

### A Question for Goldfinch Fanciers.

SIR,—In your issue dated April 17th, I noticed a letter from "W. M." respecting a constipated Goldfinch, and the best way to cure it. I have been expecting to see a reply from some of our noted Goldfinch fanciers, but have not seen it yet. I may say that I saved a good Finch in the following way: I gave a small teaspoonful of dandelion juice (you can get this from the chemist), in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water (fresh each day) for three or four days; I also gave half a teaspoonful of niger seed each day for a week. I may also say that I give Goldfinches plenty of niger and dandelion seed. My stock mixture I make up as follows: Teazle four parts, hemp and canary three parts each, linseed one part, summer rape and charlock half part each. I also give plenty of wild seeds and thistle seed. I hope this will help "W. M." W. A. W.

### A New Society for Lutterworth and District.

SIR,—I am pleased to inform you that a meeting has been held by the fanciers in the Lutterworth district to see if we could form a society for the improvement and breeding of cage birds in this district by meetings for social intercourse, lectures and shows. About 23 names were promised for membership, which augurs well, and we consider this a good beginning which should lead to making the society a successful one. It was decided to name the society the "Lutterworth and District Cage Bird Society." It is restricted to a radius of eight miles. A series of lectures has been arranged, and a number of fanciers from Leicester have promised to come over and give us a good start on May 22nd. A Nest Feather Show has been decided on for June 26th. Anyone residing in the district who has not been communicated with, and are interested in cage birds, I shall be pleased to give any information to if he or she will send me name and address.

C. BROOKS, Secretary.

Market Street, Lutterworth.

### What is a Clear?

SIR,—The by-law recently passed by the Norwich Plainhead Club was for the purpose of avoiding as much as possible the unnecessary handling of exhibition birds; therefore, when Mr. Kingsmill stated that "it is necessary to handle some winning exhibits, or otherwise you are playing into the hands of fraudulent exhibitors," the impression he meant to convey will be obvious to everyone. And you will see that I did not misconstrue his meaning in any way, nor had I any intention of doing so. I would, however, like to point out to Mr. Kingsmill that all judges are at perfect liberty to handle any bird that they think has been tampered with; but there is a great deal of difference between that and indiscriminately handling a class of clears. I would also point out that the adoption of the by-law cannot possibly make any difference to the number of classes given at shows, for the birds will be shown just the same as before, the only difference being that "thigh-ticks," or birds without surface marks, which may previously have been honestly entered in marked classes, will have to compete along with the clear birds instead. If exhibitors or reporters really want to know which are clear and which are ticked, it could easily be done as I suggested in my last letter, by exhibitors marking their entry forms "clear" or "ticked," as the case may be, for insertion in the catalogue. Mr. Kingsmill will, therefore, see that so far from reducing the classification, the by-law is simply legalising a condition of things which previously existed, and cannot possibly make any difference as to the number of classes given, either one way or the other, and he will have to acknowledge that his "Canary jumble" is simply a myth, invented by him for the purpose of deluding fanciers by drawing their attention away from the real question at issue; and I am afraid, sir, that Mr. Kingsmill, despite his little sarcasms anent the "brilliant and modern ideas of improved classification," will have to toe the mark, and move with the times, whether he likes it or not. Mr. A. Woollard's letter needs no comment. It is simply a repetition of his previous efforts, and clearly proves he does not know what he is talking about. Mr. Woollard persists in stating that a thigh-ticked bird can easily be detected by a judge without handling, by closely scrutinising it, and getting it to turn round a few times; although it has been proved time after time that the tick cannot always be found, even when the birds have been handled. But supposing that Mr. Woollard's contention is correct, why does he want the birds handled if the tick can be found by looking at the bird in the cage? Mr. Woollard also says that if the judges are not permitted to handle the birds, fanciers could go on "plucking to their heart's content." Goodness, gracious! Mr. Woollard, cannot you see that if the judges are not allowed to handle the birds there will be no necessity for plucking? Mr. Woollard also persists in stating that thigh-ticked birds, etc., cannot be termed clears, although he has been repeatedly told that nobody ever said they were. The by-law of the N.P.C. does not make a thigh-ticked bird a clear one by any means; it simply shows that the two birds are to compete in one class, which will probably be worded so as to admit both. Truly, none are so blind as those who won't see! The fact that both birds are to compete in one class openly will not in any way affect the numbers of clear birds—that is, genuine clears—for the birds will be bred just as usual, and if Mr. Woollard thinks otherwise, he is clearly under a delusion. I might say, sir, that this is my last letter on the subject. W. REID.

### Cinnamon Border Fancies and Their Colour.

SIR,—Referring to Mr. Dixon's letter of May 1st, on the above question, I am afraid he is not paying strict attention to what I said in my previous letters. I think your readers will agree with me he is harping rather too much on the question of Cinnamon cock birds. If he will read again my letter which appeared on April 17th, he will see I didn't dispute the fact that he had the Cinnamon cock bird he referred to, or that he had seen the one that won at Selkirk in 1892. Mr. Dixon has convinced me there were Cinnamon cocks bred at that time; the question now is, were the Cinnamon Borders at that time superior in colour to what are on the show bench to-day? I notice Mr. Jas. Alexander in his letter says that the Cinnamon Borders in 1886 were as good in colour as they are now. Now, mark you, Mr. Dixon, he doesn't say they were superior in colour to what is now exhibited. Then, as to Mr. Dixon's friend saying he bred Cinnamons (both cocks and hens) in those early days; also that they were of better colour than now. It seems all very well to read, but then it is a very long time to carry the particular tone of the colour of a bird in one's eye. I will again ask Mr. Dixon to read my letter carefully, so as to avoid mistakes. I said, when referring to the disputed birds, that there was a bird (not birds) that was cardless. I did not say others at that particular show were cardless owing to their colour being doubted; I said there were two of the disputed birds at the Scottish National. I will here mention one of them, viz., the Yellow Cinnamon cock that stood fifth. This self-same bird (along with another Yellow Cinnamon cock bird belonging to the same exhibitor) was shown at the last City of Glasgow show, where it and the other stood cardless. More than one exhibitor remarked to the owner that they doubted whether they were colour-fed. The same remarks were passed on another Cinnamon exhibited by another fancier at the same show. It seems strange that at one show a bird is doubted for colour-feed, and at another show is said to fail in colour; there must be something wrong. I expect Mr. Dixon would have a good look at the first Cinnamon in tickets in each of the four classes at the Scottish National. I had a good look at them myself. One of these birds in particular was a grand one, but failed in colour (in my opinion); yet this self-same bird at the Crystal Palace was reported on as of nice colour; and in the same report a bird whose colour had been doubted was dubbed as "failing in colour"—a very strange thing indeed.

CINNAMON BORDER.


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### A Remedy Wanted.

SIR,—Can any of your readers tell me the cause of my loss of Linnets, Goldies, and Canaries? The birds are in an outdoor aviary, and I give them plenty of sound, large Spanish Canary, teazel, hemp, wild seeds, screenings from threshing machine, linseed, rape, gold of pleasure, and clean water daily. They are in good health, plumage, and song. Yet recently I have lost through death six of them. The birds may be singing one day, and then suddenly get a bit thick and gradually get worse, hopping about the cage bottom, pecking here and there, but appearing not to find what they want; then they tuck their heads in, and so remain for some time. If caught and examined their stomachs are found to be very red and swollen. I have given two drops of castor oil and put them in a cage in a warm room, or near a fire. I have put whiskey in their drinking water; chemical food also I have given, and sweet spirits of nitre, yet all to no purpose. Sometimes the breast is extended after the style of Pointer Pigeons. They also shake their heads and bring up food. They go very slim as they eat but very little, and die sometimes on the second or third day. I seldom, if ever, am able to save one. Yet there are others (they are mostly all together in a large flight) which live on the same treatment, and are strong and healthy and in full song.

PUZZLED FOR A REMEDY.

### A Tip to Those With Little Spare Time.

SIR,—My experience of this season's breeding up to now, no doubt will be useful to those who would like to go in for our hobby but who are afraid to do so on the score that they have no time. I have heard that saying many times; but what have they got to say to this? I have two pairs of Yorkshires up (I must here explain that I belong to the theatrical profession, and leave home at 9 a.m., and do not return until 12.30 midnight. So you see I am away from my birds 15½ hours. My wife is out also, and the door is locked, and I carry the key. I paired them on March 28th and April 2nd. Both hens laid every day until they had four eggs each. On April 16th, one hen hatched her four. She sat well, too. But the other hen only sat for two days. She left the nest (on account of the noise I made doing a day's carpentering in the room); I took the eggs away, and she was anxious to lay again in a week. So I let the cock bird in again (drew the slide), and in spite of the continued noise I make in the morning, she takes no notice of me, and is now sitting well on another four eggs, which, like the first clutch, are all good. I opened the first lot to see, and they were all fertilized. My other hen has four strong healthy chicks 11 days old, and is feeding them well. Now as to feeding. Before I go out in the morning, I fill two egg trays with egg and biscuit, and one tray with mixed seed, and I put three good, big heads of watercress in one of the drinkers, so that it is through the wires and in the water also, which keeps it fresh; and when I get home at midnight I fill it up again, and that they don't mind in the least, but come down, get a fill up, and go back and feed hens and chicks. And they have a good supply of fresh food for early morning, as soon as it gets light. I am quite satisfied with the results, and am sure it should interest and instruct a beginner who has little time as to how to go on. Anyway, I hope it will. CHAS. B. EVANS.

### The Colour-feeding of Canaries.

SIR,—I am speaking from practical experience when I say that birds can be got as good a colour when colour-fed every other day. I have birds that I fed every day in 1907, and they were very hot in colour, and the same birds colour-fed every other day in 1908 were just as good in colour. You will see that Mr. Ramsden admits that a bird teeming with natural colour will colour well if fed every other day. I would like him to explain how he knows when a bird is teeming with natural colour whether from appearance or from the way in which it is bred, because I have seen four young out of one nest all different in colour, and two of them hens, one of them being a long way better in colour than the two cocks. She was, too, nine times in the money this season out of nine times shown, and at the various shows your reporter said "very hot in colour," and at one show in particular, "very hot for a hen." I have also seen young birds shown at nest feather shows, and winning first prizes in Buffs, and, when moulted, turned out to be yellow hens; yes, and some of them red. Now, with regard to those that are not full of natural colour. I may say that if you give them colour-food ten times a day you will not get them any better in colour than by giving it every other day. Mr. Ramsden says my plan of withholding the seed is cruel. Well, I don't see where the cruelty comes in. I give the birds colour-food at 9 a.m., and in the majority of cases they have it eaten up by 12 noon. But when I was feeding every day I had to draw the seed every day from 9 a.m. until 3, 4, and 5 p.m., and all the fanciers I know, with one exception, draw their seed. Perhaps Mr. Ramsden will tell me which is the more cruel, every day or every other day? I have seen birds that would sooner die than eat the colour-food. Now, Mr. Ramsden, which way would you colour these birds? Perhaps you will say the food was not palatable. I won't say whose food it was, and perhaps Mr. Ramsden will give us a tip as to how to make colour-food palatable. I have seen it made up in various ways, and to me it is very unpalatable. I find it very easy to get young ones to eat it, but the old ones have had enough of it before, and they "fight shy"; and it is for those that won't eat it that I advocate the drawing of seed. To those who have no difficulty to get them to eat it, so much the better; leave the seed on. Mr. Ramsden says it is necessary to have seed to keep up stamina in order to get the colour. Now, as I said in my previous letter, I had as good a colour as any other fancier, and it does not seem that my birds have lost any of their stamina by my drawing the seed. And I may also state that I have 25 young ones ready to leave the nest out of 28 hatched, and the three that "went down" were accidentally killed. I think this result very good considering the parents were moulted in the above way. I would like to ask Mr. Ramsden if I am the only one he knows who draws the seed? I would advise those who were satisfied with their colour-food last year if they have any left to keep it to compare with the sample they intend purchasing this season. I find it keeps very well in an air-tight tin. The test that Mr. Ramsden advocates is very good. I find that birds colour-fed every other day eat it more freely, and seem to relish it far better. I don't want to press my system on to any fanciers, but I think that if they will give it a trial they will be more than satisfied.

JAS. STEWART.

### A Curious Device for Sexing Birds.

SIR,—A few weeks ago I noticed in CAGE BIRDS an account of the means by which one can tell the sex of birds, by the use of a needle attached to a piece of thread. I thought it almost impossible at the time, but I have since noticed another account of it in my brother's POULTRY WORLD, and I may say he is making good use of it, by telling the sex in the eggs he is setting under poultry. I notice the needle travels in a circle if the egg holds a cock bird, and, if a hen, it swings from point to point, and if unfertile it hangs steady. I have also tried it in regard to my Canary eggs, and have found that it works true. It has truthfully told the sex of every living bird or animal that I have tried; also, it acts on human beings in the same way. I further tried it on my Bull Terrier, Yorkshire Terrier, Parrot, 20 Canaries (cocks and hens), and different British birds; also cats. I went to different friends of mine, all bird fanciers, and tested it there, and although they tried to catch me by bringing birds and animals out, all covered up except the head, the needle told the sex correctly. The most remarkable part of the business is that the needle will only work when the thread is held by some person whose body is well supplied with electricity. My brother and I are the only persons (we have found yet) who can work it in this vicinity. All my friends had a try, but the needle would not stir, on account of their not being well enough supplied with electricity. This is the reason people laugh and say it is a trick. If any of the thousands of readers of CAGE BIRDS in the North would like to see it proved, I will be happy to oblige them. Perhaps some scientific reader will be able to explain how it works. There must be electricity in everything living, and more in males than females, which electricity must connect itself somehow with that in the needle, the latter having travelled to the needle from the hand of the person holding same. An unfertile egg has no germ, and thus no electricity; so then the needle does not work. I don't wish to be argued down on what I have written, as I am no scientist. I am only saying what I have proved to be so. I can sex any egg (fertile) or bird, or animal; and will prove same as stated above.

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## An Explanation from Plymouth.

SIR,—May I trespass on your space for a brief explanation? I notice in last week's "Round Table" articles that Mr. C. E. Brown, in recounting his losses, states that he "had a splendid Buff stolen, and five grand birds killed on the return journey from Plymouth show." What I wish to make clear is that these are two separate incidents, and that the theft of the Buff did not occur at, or in connection with, Plymouth show. I am pleased to state that although 49 annual shows have been held by the W.C.O.S., we have no record or knowledge of any bird ever having been stolen therefrom. We naturally deplore losses in transit, but this matter is, unfortunately, beyond the control of show committees.

C. DART, Chairman W.C.O.S.

P.S.—Should like you to accept my thanks for the splendid journal you issue weekly, and as for the specials, they are indeed marvellous productions.

## The London and Provincial O.S. Annual Outing.

SIR,—The arrangements are now complete for the visit of the members and friends of the L. and P.O.S. to Great Missenden, Bucks, on Sunday, May 23rd. The train leaves Baker Street (Metropolitan Railway) at 10.7 a.m., arriving at Great Missenden 11.18; fare 2s. 6d. return, each to take his own ticket, asking for the cheap day return. Hot luncheon will be provided at the George Hotel, at 1.30, 2s. per head. Ladies join the party by the 2.30 train from Marylebone (Great Central), taking the half-day return ticket, 2s. Tea at the George Hotel at 5.30, 9d. per head. We return from Great Missenden by the 8.48 train, arriving at Marylebone at 9.48 p.m. Messrs. G. Crabb and J. W. Ramsden have signified their intention of accompanying the party, which will be under the leadership of Mr. R. J. Pretty. Will members and friends kindly let me know by Thursday, May 20, if they wish to join the party, as the proprietor wishes to know by Friday the number of visitors for whom he has to provide. This being the first excursion organised by the society, I hope all friends will be present, and so help to make this function a success.

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## Type of Present-day Winning Norwich Plainheads.

SIR,—Please accept my appreciation of your Spring Number Supplement devoted to the Norwich Canary; also I am grateful to the gentlemen who so generously contributed articles. Mr. A. Grey's notes are superb in the first paragraphs, but the last I cannot let go by unchallenged. First, to style me as a "disappointed exhibitor" shows that Mr. Grey doesn't know who wrote the article for March 6th issue. Then his "Why, good gracious! etc.," shows him to be somewhat thoughtless. A question or two, please. How long was your "Queenie," Mr. Grey? Did you buy her, or breed her? We poor fanciers suffer a good deal from men with well-lined pockets. How long is the typical hen, nay, most of your cock birds, Mr. Grey, that you are justly proud of this year (1908)? How long are Messrs. Turner and Martin's Norwich that won so ably at the Crystal Palace? Also Mr. Cowling's yellow at Morpeth and Newcastle? I could mention many more; but just one other. How long is Mr. Dobinson's yellow that he has been so successful with? About four years ago Mr. Grey came into the Fancy able to buy himself success. He has done so, and now writes an article worthy the pen of a professional, and in the later paragraphs pulls himself to pieces by an attempt to criticise a brother fancier. "Why, good gracious!" my father was an exhibitor before Mr. Grey was born. I have a good twenty years' start of him, and knew what I was writing about, and sketching about, when I wrote on the Norwich Canary. My progress has been the result of a plodding uphill fight. Do not go back to the Border Fancy by any means for Norwich, but, good gracious! stay away from the Yorkshire and the "Starling." EDWARD FLOYD.

SIR,—Messrs. Walton and Noakes, in their remarks published in CAGE BIRDS' Spring Number, on the Norwich Plainhead, say, "we consider the present-day Norwich far in front of what was able to win ten years back as regards size and type." I beg to be allowed to differ with them on that point. I don't think we ever had Norwich as good as in those days; and, another thing, just about that time we had plenty of far better-headed birds—not the flat-skulled, browed birds you see to-day. I call such, one-year-lasters, that is the big bird of to-day. We had them equal in size, or larger, then. What about the Buff cock shown by Mellars, and friend Abbott's Buff, the largest show bird I ever saw? I believe he was on the boards for six seasons—a real laster. Also the birds shown by Wellings and Woods, P. Pendleton, Atkinson and Heaps, S. Taylor, Roe, Taylor (Attercliffe), W. Mercer, Trengove, Gutheridge and Fox, Stubbs, Irons, Silk, Dale (Liverpool), Davis (Manchester)—all exhibited better birds. I have not seen Buff hens with the same size and quality as Wellings and Woods used to show, or like the hen friend Silk won with at Liverpool. All the above-named fanciers were showing good teams consistent in type with good quality. Colour and size seems the rage to-day, especially with some of our judges. The beautifully-moulded, short, thick bird has to give way many times because of colour. At one show I attended this past season I saw a class of Norwich, I think about thirteen, in the class. The first prize bird was a red-hot one, with no type. I looked the class over, and when I came to the "c" bird I felt sorry; in fact, hurt, because I love a good bird. If I had been a buyer I would rather have had him than all the other twelve; in fact, the first bird I would not have had except as a songster. I believe the "c" bird has since changed hands. I have seen birds in the money more like dressed-up pokers, especially the yellow-marked birds—nothing in them but colour. I will say, however, we have a few of the old hands left who have stuck to type; but for alround good birds those exhibited are not as good. I myself have bred nothing but Norwich for many years, and I write for the good of the bird—to try and keep it what it should be, a true Norwich. A. MATHER.

## The Proposed New Society for Mansfield and District.

SIR,—I was pleased to see in CAGE BIRDS of May 8th the suggestion to start a cage bird society at Mansfield. Why Mansfield should be without a society is a mystery to me. The district is a regular hot-bed of fanciers, and has been so far as long as I can remember. Wake up, Mansfield, and show the whole Fancy what you can do in the way of having a good society, and a show second to none. Every success to Mr. Smith, the secretary, pro tem. J. BERTIE.

## Hand-rearing the Lapwing.

SIR,—I notice an inquiry in CAGE BIRDS of May 1 by "Peewit" on the above question. I would advise "Peewit" to take two or more Lapwings when they are fully-fledged. When they are hungry start them on bread and milk; the first piece will have to be put into the beak by hand. They will then very soon pick it up for themselves. They will also relish a few small worms. Raw meat is fatal at first. Personally, I find the Lapwing a dull pet, as he crouches at any sound, and is really lively only by night. When I turned mine out they disappeared in a few weeks, although pinioned, while the Oyster-catchers (or sea-pies) have remained with me for two years. I can recommend this as an interesting bird, and easily kept in condition on steeped dog biscuit. With a little cod-liver oil in cold weather, he only requires plenty of water and plenty of room.

M. G. P.

## Natural Colour Classes at Forthcoming Shows.

SIR,—We have read a deal of discussion both for and against the colour-feeding of Canaries for exhibition. No doubt there are a large number of fanciers who do not feed their birds, nor show them, seeing they have to compete with colour-fed specimens. Consequently the number of entries at our shows suffer through same. May I, therefore, suggest that all societies which cater for natural colour classes in their schedules this year, advise the Fancy of same as soon as possible through the medium of your valuable paper? This will be rendering a service to both fanciers who feed and those who do not. Many, although feeding the majority of their stock, would prefer to keep a bird or two for competition in the said classes. I may point out that the Western Counties O.S. at Plymouth are catering this (their Jubilee) year for two natural colour classes, "Norwich and Yorkshires," at their annual show in October, and the idea has been most favourably received by the fanciers in this district. If other societies would follow their example, and let fanciers know before they start feeding their youngsters, a note could be made of same, and birds which might otherwise be kept at home would possibly be seen on the show bench. I simply throw out this suggestion as possibly there are other fanciers who may like to give their views.—F. G. SMITH.

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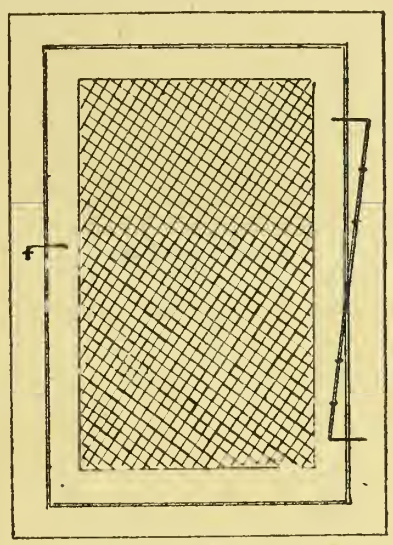
### No. 308.

### A Spring for Aviary Doors.

**Sent by Ernest Key, 8, Norfolk Street, Coventry.**

Enclosed you will find a sketch of a spring for use on aviary doors. Get a piece of rather stout wire (about 3-16th of an inch thick), and bend it the same shape as a letter Z. Let this cross the door frame and the support in the centre of the door



A Spring for Aviary Doors.

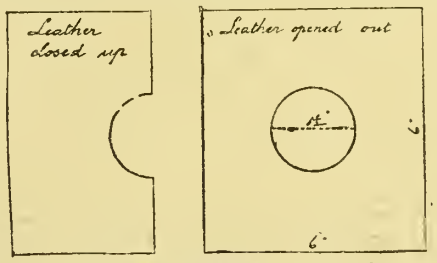
(as shown on the drawing) when there will be just enough tension to make the door close with a snap as you enter the aviary. Anyone using it will find that no bird escapes through the door, as is often the case when one goes to catch out a bird. It is also a good preventative of cats entering the place.—E. KEY.

### No. 309.

### For Birds with Sore, etc., Feet.

**Sent by J. Lisle, 25, Ridley Street, Cramlington.**

I am sending you a sketch of a contrivance which I use when dealing with birds which have sore feet, broken legs, or claws which want cutting. It is a piece of soft leather, about 6ins. by 4ins., with a hole in




For Birds with Sore, etc., Feet.

the centre (about 1½in.) cut out. Put the feet of the bird through the hole in the leather, then fold up, and you can do almost anything with the patient. Get someone to hold the ends, and then you have him steady. I have always used it for such like purposes as the above, and find it very successful. I hope it will be of use to other fanciers.—JAMES LISLE.

## CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting held at headquarters, the Church Institute, 60, Paddington-street, on April 26th, Mr. A. C. Burn presiding. Letters were read from the Secretaries of the L. and P.O.S., Toronto C.B.S., and Southampton O.S. The election of Messrs. W. Cook (Hyde Park), T. Cottey, and C. G. Rolls, then took place. The following were nominated: Miss Louisa Jolliffe (London, W.), Messrs. A. M. Jones (Maida Vale), and T. C. Picard (Balham, S.W.). The pair show balance-sheet duly audited, showing an income of £11 16s. 2d., an expenditure of £11 15s. 3d., was confirmed as read; also the quarterly statement of accounts ending April 1st, showing an income of £54 9s. 8½d., an expenditure of £29 12s. 11½d., and a cash balance £24 16s. 9d. Statistics of same were given, ranging over a period of 7 years. The announcement by the Secretary of the promise of a handsome silver cup by Mr. H. Robbins, for the Foreign Bird section, was greeted with hearty applause. A vote of thanks for this valuable addition to the Association's trophies was carried. The Chairman then called upon Mr. Wesley T. Page for his lecture on Foreign Birds. At the close, questions were asked by Mrs. Morrison, Messrs. G. Crabb, G. Box, C. Prior, and A. W. Curtis. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. W. T. Page for his interesting and popular lecture, proposed by Mr. A. C. Burn, seconded by Mr. C. Prior, and supported by Mr. A. W. Curtis, was carried.—V. WYNN, Sec.

# Wild Bird Life.

### The King of Songsters.

Now that the Cuckoo and Nightingale have returned from their winter quarters, summer may be said to have commenced. The voice of the former bird is heard daily and during the bright moon-lighted nights the glorious melody of the "King of Songsters" enchants any listener who cares to be about an hour or two before midnight. Some people are under the impression that this bird is simply a night performer, but this is quite a mistake; he sings as much in the bright sunlight as after sundown. But I am under the impression his song is not so full and long sustained, that he does not, in a sense, "settle down to it" in the daytime as at night. During the day he is, like other feathered creatures, constantly on the move, hopping about thickets and under-woods, picking up an occasional insect, and while doing so, from time to time singing a sweet passage, it may be from a branch, or from some refuse blown together by the winter winds, or from the bare ground. A friend of mine has seen one singing while it reclined on its side basking in the warm sunshine. Although many other birds are making the woodlands ring with their love songs, the liquid melody of the 'gale can be easily detected by the bird lover who knows his music. But rich and varied as the song of the Nightingale is, he has not been quite such a favourite with our poets as the Skylark and Thrush, although both Cowper and Tennyson have some beautiful lines in praise of him. Without doubt the proper time to hear and appreciate the performance of this matchless songster is after sundown, when other singers are asleep, and the silent woods and groves are outlined by the silvery moonbeams. From some low thornbush the full-throated melody is poured forth into the night, in phrases full and rich, and distinctly rendered, with a rest between each, allowing the listener time to digest the beauty of the melody, to wonder at its richness, and anticipate, if he can, the next liquid passage. There is no repetition in the song of the 'gale; change after change may be noted, until the listener loses count, and simply gives himself up to the enjoyment of the hour, wishing that other and less fortunate mortals could share his pleasure.

### A Pattern Cuckoo.

The American Cuckoo, unlike our own bird, makes its own nest and hatches and rears its young.

### Mummied Hawks.

Some idea of the esteem in which Hawks were held in ancient times may be gathered from the fact that they were embalmed and buried in earthenware jars, in the same manner as the mummified bodies of human beings.

### Wild Turkeys in a Park.

It is recorded that during the reign of George II. a large flock of wild Turkeys were kept in Richmond Park. During the autumn and winter they fed chiefly upon acorns, for at that time oak was the principal timber grown. The birds were hunted by dogs, and took refuge in the trees, in which the king shot them.

### How Birds Feed Their Young.

The majority of wild birds are born practically naked and are closely brooded by the parent, who feeds them from the crop with partly digested food. The soft-bills are mostly fed upon insects and worms beaten to a pulp by the parents for the first few days. Some birds, such as the Pelican, thrusts its head down the throat of the old bird and helps itself.

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OWING to illness, am compelled to sell my Foreigners; three pairs Green Budgerigars, 5/- pair; two pairs Yellow Budgerigars, 7/6 pair; two pairs magnificent Cockatiels, 14/6 pair; cock Weaver, 2/6; hen Saffronfinch, 2/6; grand condition; fully acclimatised.—Hancocks, 1, Liverpool-terrace, Crewe.

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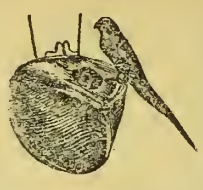

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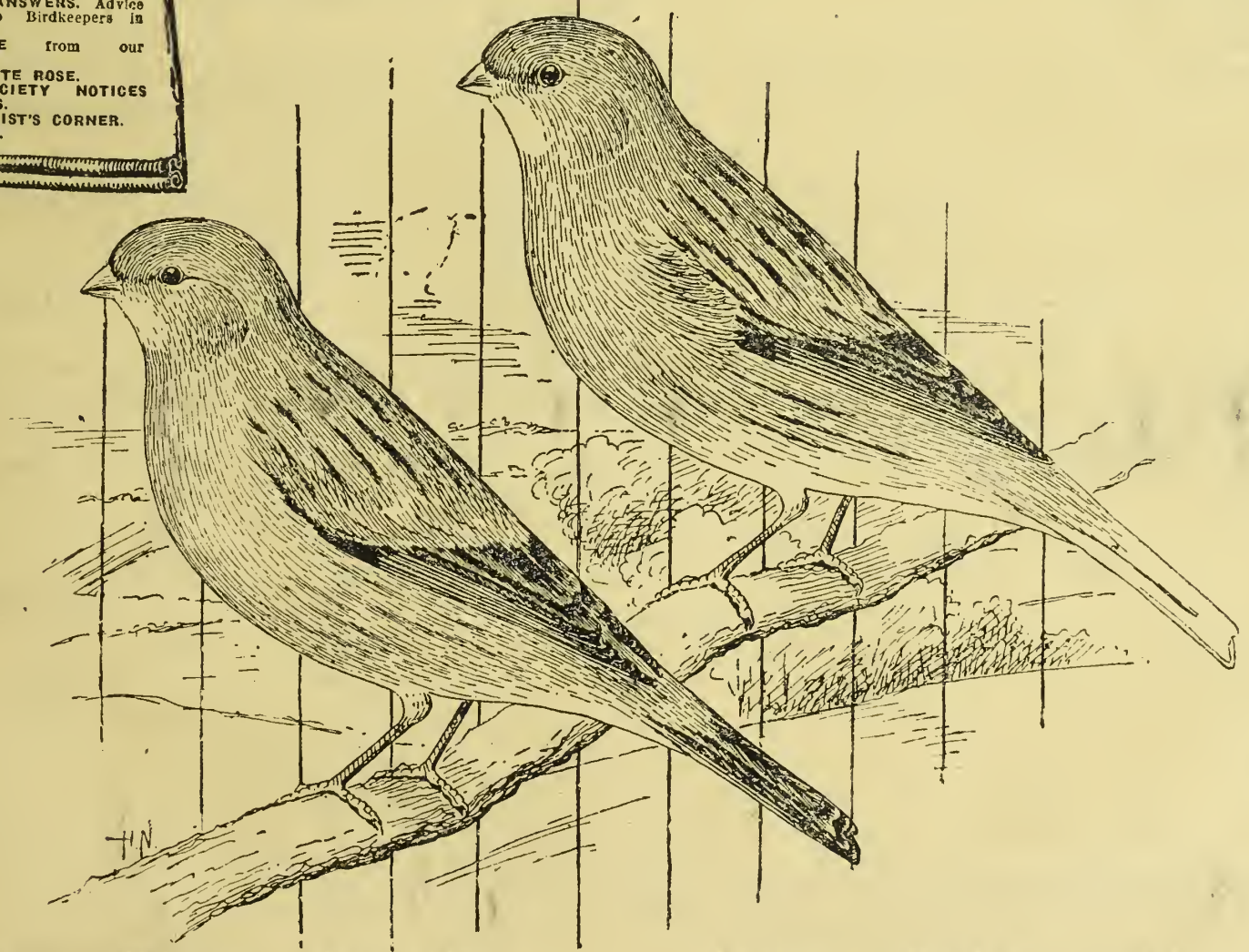

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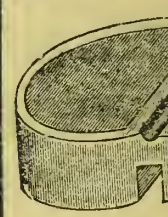

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PRICE List.—Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

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BARGAIN, cock Bullfinch, two years, can win; 5/-.—S. Jones, Lynton, Devon.

COCKS, Bullfinch, 5/-; Goldfinch, 6/-; bred Mules, house-moulted.—C. Cross, Barton, Ampthill.

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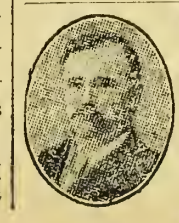

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COCK Thrush, most beautiful songster, better couldn't be; also two Goldfinches, one Linnet, one Green Linnet, all in full song; will sell or exchange for good pair Yorkshire or Norwich Canaries.—W. Fox, St. Neots, Hunts.

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## *Singing Contests.*

### SHEFFIELD.

Result of usual weekly Linnet contest held at Newmarket Hotel, Sheaf Street: 1, Birby, 53 secs.; 2, Foulstone, 46 secs.; and 3, Spotswood, 42 secs. We have taken "Linnet Fancier's" challenge up, and we sing at Leigh, in Lancashire, on Whit-Saturday, May 29th, at 3 o'clock.—H. FENN, Sec.

### NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual contest, held at Prince Albert Inn, on May 16th, when 19 birds sang for three good prizes. The winning bird, Mr. S. Hardcastle's "Chivvy," sang as no Linnet could "set" it, let alone beat it. Result: Hardcastle 1, Clegg 2, Atkinson 3. Judges, Messrs. Hineson and Towers; timekeeper, Mr. Dean. —W. DEAN, Hon. Sec.

### BLACKBURN.

Usual week-end singing contest of the Blackburn Linnet S.A., held at Old Red Lion, Snig Brook, when 14 birds were entered. There was some very good quality singing. Result: 1, Topping; 2, Catterall; 3, Rostron. Judges, Messrs. W. H. Topping and G. Rostron; timekeeper, Mr. G. James. Look out for the open-to-all-Englaud quality singing contest on Whit-Saturday, May 29th.—G. ROSTRON and H. SLATER (Secs.).

### YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Crown Inn, North Street, when upwards of 20 birds competed. Result: 1, Palmer; 2, Oxberry; 3, Granger; 4, Massheder. Judge, Mr. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

### DURHAM.

Linnet sing held at Burton Hotel, Gilesgate, on May 15th, when 24 birds competed for the three prizes. Result: 1, 3, Soulsby; 2, Brady. Judge, Mr. G. Reid; timekeeper, Mr. J. Stout; bookkeeper, Mr. Fairless.—GEO. REED.

Linnet singing contest, held at Fleece Hotel, West Auckland, on May 8th. Forty-five birds were entered, and some very good singing was heard. Result: 1st, Johnson; 2nd, Holmes; 3rd, Simpson. Judge, Mr. G. Reed (Brandon Colliery), who did his work well. Timekeeper, Mr. Stout; book-keeper, Mr. Bussey.—H. STONEHOUSE.

[Kindly note that your letter reached us unstamped, and that we had to pay 2d. surcharge.—EDITOR.]

### LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest for quality singing, held May 16th, at the Skinners' Arms, Buslingtborpe Lane, when 11 birds sang: Turner 1, Ward 2, Hutchinson 3. Judges, Messrs. Naylor and Symons.—WALTER NAYLOR, Hon. Secretary.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, May 15th, when 20 birds sang, and some very good singing was heard. Stead 1, Wood 2, Crowther 3. Judges, Messrs. Summers, Naylor and Jennings. Also on May 16th, when 30 birds were hung: Lister 1 and 3, Stead 2, Crowther 4. Judged to perfection by Messrs. Jennings and Cooper.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

A grand contest will he held at Plasterer's Arms on Whit-Tuesday, hoping to see the lads from Lancashire, as well as Yorkshire. Entrance, 1s. a bird, first birds hung 2 o'clock. Entries close on May 29th to Leeds, others same day.—ADVT.

# Club Reports.

## NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Meeting held May 11th, when a large number of members listened to a fine lecture by Mr. S. W. Birchley, the well-known British bird exhibitor, entitled "Birds of the Countryside." The lecturer dealt with the life of the birds, what they fed upon, how they bred, their habits, incubation, etc. Questions were asked by Messrs. Craighill, Odell, Woods, Kenyon, Norris, which were answered in a very straightforward manner. Mr. Craighill proposed, and Mr. Aspinall seconded, that the best thanks of the society he given to Mr. Birchley for his lecture, which brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.—JOHN DAVEY, Hon. Sec.

## WEST OF SCOTLAND BIRD CLUB.

Usual monthly meeting held May 1st in Nelson's Hotel, Ingram-street, Glasgow, President C. Hunter in the chair. The services of Mr. C. Campbell have been secured as judge for the Crests, Plainheads, and Yorkshires, Mr. Smillie will judge the Borders, and Mr. R. V. Raine the Mules, British, and Foreign birds at our annual show in November. Mr. Lawrie was to have given a paper on Canary and Mule breeding, but mistook the date of meeting. Messrs. Fernie, Coogan, and Haddon were proposed and enrolled. New members are still being received. Particulars may be had from me.—GEO. SMART, Sec., Carmyle, Glasgow.

## CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Monthly meeting, held at Nag's Head Cocoa House, May 4th, Mr. Crane in the chair. Considering the counter-attractions of the race week, there was a very good attendance. A new member was elected from Carnarvon. After some discussion it was decided not to hold the usual nest feather show this year. The date for our annual old bird show of Canaries, British Birds and Mules was fixed for Dec. 4th, and owing to the lateness of the meeting, it was decided to consider the schedule of same at next meeting. The secretary was instructed to ask Mr. C. Houlton if he would be at liberty to judge. Some interest has been aroused by the success of Mr. R. N. Williams, one of our enthusiastic members, he having succeeded in getting a Greenfinch-Bullfinch on May 2nd, an early date—an inital attempt at hybridising. — J. SWINDLEY, Hon. Sec.

## GREAT HARWOOD AND DIS. C.B.S.

The annual ramble took place on May 19th, when a party of about 22 members and friends journeyed to Hurst Green, by way of Edge End, Wiltshire. Starting at Towngate at 8 a.m., the party on reaching the green fields came across the nests of the following, namely: Blackbird, Thrush, Missel Thrush, Titlark, Peewit, Waterhen, Chaffinch, Robin, Hedge Sparrow, and last of all a wild duck, sitting on a grand nest of 8 eggs. On reaching Hurst Green, at about 1 o'clock, the party broke up, some going to Deane Bottoms, while the others went to Manor House Farm, where a good, substantial meal was provided by both parties. On leaving, we went through Winckley Hall grounds, returning hy way of Hacking Boat and Whalley Nab, reaching home at about six o'clock, the party voting it to be one of the most enjoyable rambles in the history of the club. It was decided to have another in about a month's time.—GEO. WADDINGTON, Hon. Secretary.

## DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held May 6th, when a large number of members and friends met to hear Mr. Allan Silver on "British Birds." A most enjoyable and instructive evening was spent. In the unavoidable absence of the chairman, Mr. F. Cole was elected to the chair for the evening. Mr. Silver upon rising said he had departed somewhat from the programme. He had not prepared a paper to read before them, but instead he had brought with him a number of plates of British birds, both in black and white and colours, which he proposed handing round for their inspection, and he hoped that while looking at the plates, they would raise any topic or ask any question they might suggest to them, and he would be pleased to answer them. Mr. Silver was kept very busy indeed, many most interesting topics being raised, and much useful knowledge gained. Mr. Cranfield proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Silver and Mr. J. W. Norris warmly supported this vote, which was carried unanimously. A vote of thanks to Mr. Cole for his services in the chair closed the meeting.—W. HODSON, Hon. Sec.

## DULWICH O.S.

### A Lecture on the Norwich Plainhead.

On April 22nd members assembled at headquarters to hear Mr. G. Gardner deliver a special lecture on the Norwich Plainhead. Mr. G. F. Woolhouse, who presided, referred to the lecturer's great experience as a breeder, exhibitor, and judge of this particular variety. The lecture, which was somewhat on original lines, was listened to with keenest interest by those present. He based his remarks on three points, viz., breeding for colour, shape and size; green blood; and antecedents. Mr. Gardner said he disagreed entirely with the efforts being made by some writers in the Fancy Press to put the clear bird in the top position amongst the Norwich Plainheads. He thought it was a great mistake, for he agreed with some of the writers who held that if they put the clear into the top position, it would cause breeders to breed for clears, and thus very greatly destroy the efforts of the Fancy to breed for colour.

He was, he said, a strong supporter of the use of green blood to establish colour in a strain and keeping it there. He thought, too, a good way of producing colour and shape was by the use of the Buff Green hen to Yellow cocks, if for shape; or of Buff Green cocks to Yellow hens, for Buff Greens usually possessed shape and meal and quality. Of course, he meant Buff Greens, and not mouse-coloured birds. He did not agree that all the colour came from the cock and the shape from the hen. If they bred the colour well into the strain they could keep it up quite as well by breeding from Green, or heavily variegated Green hens as from similar cocks, and Buff Green bred from plenty of Yellow blood in the strain would produce colour even if used on the hen's side as if used on the cock's.

Mr. Gardner dwelt at some length on the question of antecedents, as he said he considered that a most important point. For instance, a breeder had a short, thick-set hen, and he selected for her a cock possessing just a little too much length; which he did, on the ground that the hen controlling the shape would counteract in the young the cock bird's little extra length. There a fancier often made a mistake. Let him just sit down and think what was the cock bred from. Was he bred from birds of similar shape to himself? If so, what would be the result? And what was the hen bred from; from parents one or other of which had similar characteristics to the cock it was proposed to pair her to? If so, was it wise to mate the rather long male bird to her? Would not some of the similar faults in her antecedents reproduce themselves? Mr. Gardner advocated a thorough enquiry into and knowledge of antecedents in building up a strain as the only sure way to success. It was not altogether what a breeder could see in two birds, but what he knew also of their antecedents that made for success in the progeny. The same remarks applied to colour in this connection as to shape. His object was to create thoughtful breeders, and not encourage the idea that fanciers had only to buy winners at the different shows, and mate them together from outward appearances, and then expect splendid results. For such a policy often produced bitter disappointment. Money could do a great deal, but it was no use in bird-breeding, even though it might be in bird showing without brains. On this question of antecedents he wanted fanciers to think, watch, and store up results, for he believed that if they did so, they would be able almost to see at a glance what bird it was desirable (or the reverse) to introduce as a change for strength into their stock. Even then they should never do so without enquiry as to antecedents. No doubt there were isolated instances in which show specimens bought haphazard did "hit off" well together and produce good young, but the instances were rare, and, besides, a great amount of pleasure, profit, and instruction were lost by such a course.

Asked with regard to the question of marks and clears, Mr. Gardner said he thought the position feasible and wise, which supported Mr. G. E. Weston's view, that a bird with a tick not to be seen by the naked eye should be passed by the judge as a clear. The lecturer said he was opposed to the judge having to catch and overhaul the birds to find a tick, and thought the new decision of the Norwich Plainhead Club a sensible one. Asked again what he would do with a variegated Buff of fair size, shape, and quality, bred from two Yellows, he said he would pair it to a tight, thick-set ticked Buff hen. He laid great stress upon the presence of undercolour in a Buff bird; and, in reply to a question as to what he meant by undercolour, said: The yellow stratum below the meal, which made it appear as if the mealing sat upon a beautiful, rich ground, allowing the foundation to be seen through the mealing. Questioned as to the introduction of Cinnamon blood, Mr. Gardner replied that this depended upon the kind of feather the Cinnamon carried. But why need novices be making experiments best suited to large breeders when he could get the manufactured article ready to hand? A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Gardner for his interesting lecture, and a similar vote to the chair closed the meeting.—C. F. WOOLHOUSE.

## EDINBURGH NORWICH & M.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at rooms, 142, High-st., on 6th May, when there was a large attendance. The following well-known judges have consented to act at our annual show on 20th November: for Norwich and Crests, Mr. A. G. Cameron (Kelso); for Border Fancies, Mr. W. McAdam; for British and Foreign birds, Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh). Mr. Dewar has also consented to judge our Young Bird Show on 10th July. The Secretary was asked to make enquiries respecting a ramble on a Saturday afternoon, and to invite friends to same. The meeting then adjourned.—WM. HOLTON, Sec.

## HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting, held at headquarters, Spencer Hall, Spencer Road, Dartmouth Park Hill, N., on April 29th, Mr. G. Gardner presiding. The table show of British birds brought forth a crowded house, both of members and visitors. Our late secretary, Mr. W. Reynolds, paid us a welcome visit from Nottingham. A vote of thanks to Mr. A. Silver, who judged, brought the meeting to a close. Next meeting, at headquarters, May 27th, at 8.30 p.m., when Mr. Geo. Gardner will lecture on "Crests of the Olden Time, and Crests of To-day." A hearty welcome extended to all.—Geo. H. NEAL, Hon. Sec.

## SCOTCH FANCY CANARY NATIONAL DERBY ASSOCIATION.

Membership, 1909, continued: Messrs. J. Fairley (Coatbridge), L. Jackson (Kirkmuirhill), W. Beattie (Dundee), W. Lees, J. Orr, John Orr, and J. Shannon (Glasgow), J. Pollock (Cambuslang), G. C. T. Hope and J. Dalgleish (Edinburgh), R. Carmyllie (Broughty Ferry), J. Carson (Dalkeith), F. Strathearn (Alloa), J. D. Maxwell and D. Maxwell (Falkirk), R. Findlay (Darvel), J. Burnside (Lesmahagow), J. Moyes and A. Leslie (Thornton), C. Wright (Lesmahagow), Mr. McFarlane and Mr. Nairn (Glasgow), A. Lang (Rutherglen), R. Willison (Barrow-in-Furness), W. McArthur (Paisley), W. Muirhead (Bonnybridge), W. Gibb (Wishaw), M. Smith (Falkirk), A. Galston and J. Fleming (Glasgow), W. Hutchison (Slamannan), C. F. Dunlop (Uddingston), J. Chaplin and J. McMahon (Glasgow), M. Frew (Neilston), J. Noble (Bonnyrigg), N. O'Donnell, W. Lambie, J. Struthers (Paisley), J McLennan (Edinburgh), T. Jackson (Kirkmuirhill), M. Muirhead (Alloa). New members, it will be observed, have come well forward. We will only be too glad to have more, and, of course, shall expect former friends to continue with us.—THOS. SMITH, Sec.


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## LLANELLY AND COUNTY F.A.

Meeting held at headquarters on May 11th, when there was an excellent attendance. The cage bird classification for the forthcoming show to be held on December 7th, was discussed and practically decided upon. There will be eleven classes for cage birds, which will be judged by Mr. C. A. House.—S. H. GASCOIGNE, Hon. Sec.

## EDINBURGH SOUTHERN O.S.

Monthly meeting held in Buchanan's Hotel, High Street, May 12th. The following gentlemen have consented to judge our annual show on October 30th: Mr. J. Cook (Cowdenheath) for Scotch Fancies, and Mr. C. Miller (Leith) for Norwich and other varieties. The principle business was a discussion anent prize cards, and it was agreed to leave that part of the business over till next meeting. The Secretary read out a subscription list which had been got up by the Musselburgh O.S. in aid of a brother fancier, who is unable to follow his employment through bad health. I hope fanciers will kindly respond.—S. HEWITT, Secretary.

## WOOD GREEN AND DIS. F.F.A.

Usual monthly meeting, held on May 11th, a lecture by Mr. C. A. House attracting a record attendance. Those present were well repaid for their trouble. The lecturer gave a very interesting and instructive address on "How to Become a Successful Breeder and Exhibitor," after which questions were asked and answered, and the lecturer was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Many new members were made, and we are pleased to say the society is growing very fast. Visitors are welcome to our meetings on the second Tuesday in each month, at 165, High-road, Wood Green.—T. CALLEGARI, Sec.

## NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at usual place on May 6th, when Mr. Currah presided. There were fully 70 members present. The schedule of annual show, with one or two slight alterations, was approved of. There will be 115 classes, including members' classes. Messrs. Thos. Robson and J. Maddison have again been chosen to judge at our First Feather Show, on July 11th. The following were elected to membership, viz.:—Messrs. Thirwell (Benwell), Dixon (Choppington), Woolett (Barrington), T. Thompson (Gateshead), T. Jones (Gosforth), and A. Thompson (Heaton). Other business was quickly got through, as the members were anxious to hear Mr. Gilhespy's paper on "The Norwich Plainhead."—CURRY and HUTCHINSON.

## SOWERBY BRIDGE AND DIS. C.B.S.

On May 8th, at the Bull's Head Hotel, Mr. Cruise gave a lecture. There was a good attendance, amongst whom we noticed friends from Bradford and Halifax, etc. Mr. Cruise stated that he had been a fancier for 22 years, and gave an excellent and interesting lecture, naming the various methods he adopted with success himself. He also gave plenty of valuable information. There was a lively discussion afterwards. Mr. Cruise was heartily thanked for his kindness in coming at great inconvenience to himself. The lecturer suitably replied, and one and all expressed their feelings at having spent a most profitable evening.—A. E. MORTON, Hon. Sec.

## EDINBURGH NORWICH & M.B.S.

Through the kindness of Mr. T. Speedie, the members held a ramble over the estate of Colonel Gilmour, at Neither Liberton, on May 6th. There was a large attendance of members and friends, the weather being all that could be desired. In our walk over the estate a great number and variety of birds were seen. Nests, too, were very plentiful, especially those of the Thrushes and Blackbirds, many of them containing young. A very noticeable feature was the number of young birds ready for the wing. A pleasant afternoon was spent. After a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. T. Speedie, the company returned home.—W. HOLTON, Secretary.

## LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Meeting held at Ye Olde Boar's Head, Manchester, on May 1st, and a good number of fanciers attended. A communication from the Toronto C.B.S., making an offer to exchange medals with the L. and L.F.A., and so give an added interest in the coming show season 1909-10, was read. We unanimously decided to exchange two silver medals with them, the same to be selected later on. Applications for patronage were left over until our next meeting, which will be held at Oldham in connection with Oldham First Feather Show. Two new members were made, Mr. J. Green (Leigh), one of the promoters of the L. and L.F.A., rejoining us after a long absence. Mr. W. Bason (Rawtenstall), a new recruit, was the other new member. Others are promised for next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks brought the meeting to a close. Will all Societies desiring L. and L.F.A. patronage kindly send on their applications as early as possible, so that we can discuss them at next meeting.—JOHN RUKIN, Hon. Sec.

## SWINDON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

### A Discussion on Breeding and Feeding.

Monthly meeting held in the Mechanics' Institute on May 8th. It was decided to give two medals, for Canaries and British respectively, for points gained at members' monthly shows. At next meeting the first show for British will be held. It is hoped Mr. Poole will be able to judge. The chairman, Mr. W. Greenwood, then proceeded to open a discussion on "Breeding and Feeding." He said that although we all had our fads, he did not think there was any royal road to success. The first essential for all sorts of Canaries was a good roomy cage, and especially was this true in the case of Crests. In spite of the objections urged against the platforms on the ground of their gathering the dirt and harbouring red mite, he considered they had compensating advantages, and always used them himself. He also strongly advocated using nest pans of different sizes, giving the hen a small size to sit in, and when the young were about ten days old transferring them to a larger one. In transferring the young he never moved them singly, but always lifted the whole brood out in one handful, believing that thereby less disturbance was caused. In spite of occasional lean years occurring amongst the most successful of breeders, cleanliness and good food could be relied upon to produce strong, healthy youngsters in the majority of instances. Men who were away from home all day, he considered, were at a great disadvantage, unless fortunate enough to possess wives, as who were as deeply interested in the birds as they?

He thought egg-food killed more birds than anything else; that was, when the egg-food was allowed to turn sour, it was responsible for a large proportion of the deaths among the young stock. See how ravenous they are, he said, and if they are fed with sour food what must the result be? He thought that with fresh eggs and bread crumbs finer and stronger birds could be bred than with anything else. However, he thought that in the very hot weather, the food kept better if two thin lunch biscuits were substituted for some of the bread. Sometimes in thunder-storms the egg-food went sour very rapidly, and then if breeders were not careful many young birds would be lost. For the old birds, the plainer the food the better. Canary seed should be the staple food and the best was the cheapest. Birds which grew a great amount of feather could be allowed a more liberal allowance of hemp seed. With regard to rape seed, the older it was the better. Old seed might look distasteful to the eye, but when boiled it was greatly relished by the birds. If half a teaspoonful of inga seed was given to each pair of birds he thought there would be fewer egg-bound hens. Maw seed might with advantage be sprinkled on the egg food when the young were a few days old. When young are first separated from the old birds, no water should be given for two or three days, and then for some time only boiled water. At three or four weeks some birds were very ravenous, and then diarrhœa followed. The best remedy, he thought, was to mix powdered chalk and cuttlefish with the egg-food; in fact powdered cuttlefish might with advantage be added to the egg-food later on through the moulting season.

A keen discussion then followed. In answer to Mr. Bywater, Mr. Greenwood said he generally used watercress as greenfood, but had been afraid to use much in the present season as the nights had been so frosty. He did not object to mixed seeds if given only occasionally as a change. With regard to changing the nests, Mr. Sprules said he gave a clean nest pan to a brood nine days old, whereupon the hen refused to feed or notice them and all were dead next morning. It was his first, and he thought it would be his last experience of changing nest pans. Mr. Hopkins thought it best to change the nests before the young had their eyes open. He dusted the nest with pyrethrum powder when the hen began to sit, and again after about eight days. Two or three times while the hen was sitting he gave her a bath with the chill taken off. Mr. Smith thought that the boiling of rape must remove some of its nourishing properties, and render it liable to soon turn sour. He was obliged to prepare his egg-food at night for the following day. He stood it in a basin of cold water, and it always kept sweet for at least twenty-four hours. He added a teaspoonful of sugar and a pinch of salt to each egg, believing that the salt produced thirst in the hen, causing her to leave the nest more frequently and thus preventing sweating.

## WALLASEY AND DIST. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters, May 6th, Mr. Woodman in the chair. The secretary announced he had made final arrangements respecting the removal of headquarters; so will members kindly note that on and after July the monthly meeting will be held in the Fairhaven Institute, Sea View-road, Liscard. The season's specials were then discussed, the secretary reporting having received a splendid nickel-plated coffee-pot and teapot from the president, W. H. Lever, Esq., M.P. The fixing of specials will be left over till the June meeting. Mr. S. Hadwin then opened a most interesting and instructive discussion on the rearing of young birds, dealing very fully from the time the hen commences to sit until the young are ou to seed. Questions from right and left were "fired" at Mr. Hadwin, and were answered in a most satisfactory manner. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded him, and the meeting adjourned.—WM. MALLINSON, Sec.

## HARTLEPOOLS C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held on May 5th, at which the resignation of our esteemed Secretary (Mr. Williams) was accepted with regret. We are sure that all fanciers will wish him a speedy recovery to his usual good health. It was decided to make arrangements for our annual outing to Wynyard Park. The members present, as a whole, had good reports to give concerning the breeding season. In the Norwich section, Mr. Papple had 7 young and 4 hens sitting, whilst Mr. Robinson had 14 young and 3 on eggs. Mr. Smith was also fortunate, he having 6 young and 3 hens ready to batch. Mr. Booth and Mr. Whittet were each well on the way to success, and Mr. Ward—a new member—and the Rev. Mr. Bennett (who was also proposed and accepted a member) are both doing very well. Myself—well, I don't think I have ever done better, as I have between 20 and 30 young Yorks, and have several hens on the point of hatching. So that, all being well, I shall again have a good season. Mr. Ronald is putting up late, and Mr. Hillier is, as usual, going in for Hybrid breeding on a rather extensive scale.—ERNEST WOODHEAD.

## YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Meeting held on May 4th, a good turn-out of members being present. The classification for First Feather Show was fixed as follows:—1, Cl. or tkd. yell.; 2, ditto buff; 3, variegated or Cinn yell.; 4, ditto buff. The allocation of specials was then decided on, these being: gold medal (presented by Dr. C. Syson), for best young bird; silver medal (presented by Mr. W. B. Cobb), for best bird shown by a novice; two specials (presented by Mr. Alex. Leitch), for best second and best third birds; two specials (presented by the president, Mr. R. B. Gibb), for best fourth and best fifth birds; 1s. special (presented by Mr. Andrew Robertson), for each commended bird; special (presented by Mr. J. Smith), for best pink-eyed clear or marked Cinnamon; 3s. for most points and 2s. for second most points given by the club. Entry fee 4d. per bird. The secretary was instructed to engage a hall for show as soon as possible. As we are still undecided on meeting place, a special committee was elected to look for a suitable hall, and report to secretary, to enable him to fix the hall they decide on for our next meeting. Mr. T. Penman then kindly gave us a lecture on "The Ideal Breeding and Training Cage," and the cage Mr. Penman exhibited proved a revelation to everyone. At the close Mr. Penman was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. I should be pleased if Open Show secretaries would apply for the club's patronage as soon as possible, the closing date for same is June 24th.—FRED. BOWMAN, Hon. Sec.


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# *Twitterings.*

We hear that Camborne (Cornwall) Show is fixed for November 4th, and that Mr. W. G. Poole, will judge.

Our show will be held on January 6th, writes Mr. J. Walters, hon. secretary of the Waunarlwydd P.P. and C.B.S.

Mr. J. W. Bancroft (Sale) will judge at our First Feather Show on June 26th, writes Mr. J. Irlam, secretary Sale Open O.S.

We hear that Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham) is one of the judges elected for the St. Helen's show, to held Novemher 19th and 20th next.

I have removed from Barningham Street, writes Mr. J. Forster (P.C.), and my present address is 42, Kingston Street, Darlington.

We have engaged Mr. A. Wellings to judge at our annual show on Novemher 5th, writes Mr. J. W. Marsden, hon. secretary of the Blackhurn and Dis. C.B.S.

Thanks for the original sketch of my King Parrakeet, writes Miss Flora Brammer (Fulham). I am very pleased with same. It looks very nice on the cover of CAGE BIRDS.

All fanciers interested in that "wee gem," the Border Fancy Canary, should hear Mr. Rohson's lecture at the Dulwich O.S. headquarters, May 27th. (See club notices).—(ADVT.)

Our first feather show will be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel on June 10th, writes Mr. J. Houghton, secretary of the Gloucester and District C.B.S. Mr. J. H. Payne will judge.

Five small Robins are taking their first lessons in aviation in a hedroom at Mayfield Road, Sanderstead, Surrey, the mother hird having reared them in a nest on the top of a cupboard.

We are having a country ramhle on Sunday, May 23rd, writes Mr. A. Waud, hon. sec. ot the Yorks C.B.S. All membhers and their friends wishing to join us kindly meet at the station at 9.30 a.m.

Will secretaries kindly note my change of address from Kilhurn to 30, Wellesley Road, Harrow-on-the-Hill, writes Mr. J. A. Simpson. On and after June 1st all correspondence should he addressed to me there.

Our First Feather Show will be held in the Engineers' Arms, Ormond Street, Jarrow, on July 10th, writes Mr. Robt. Blore, hon. secretary of the Jarrow, Hebhurn and Dis. C.B.S., and our annual show on Novemher 27th.

We are having our annual ramhle on Sunday, May 23rd, to Hodder Wood, writes Mr. J. W. Marsden, hon. secretary of the Blackburn and Dis. C.B.S. Members and friends will meet at Blackburn station at 9.45 a.m. All bird lovers are invited.

Readers should remember that they have but two more days in which to generously send in their new-laid eggs for distribution among the London hospitals under "The Poultry World" Hospital Egg Week scheme. All contributions of eggs heartily welcomed; see page 484 last week for full details.

At our last monthly meeting, writes Mr. Wm. Massey, hon. secretary, Bolton and Dis. Roller C.S., we altered our open show date from Decemher 17th and 18th to December 31st and January 1st, on account of the former date clashing with Bury.

We have engaged Mr. Bond (Southport) to judge the cage hirds on May 29th (Whit Saturday), writes Mr. W. Aitken, hon. secretary of the Bangor and Dis. F.S. I hope he will get good support from fanciers in the surrounding district, as it our first venture.

At our meeting held on May 11th, writes Mr. F. Steeple, secretary, Oldham and Dis. C.B.S., it was decided to hold our First Feather Show at headquarters, the Textile Dining Rooms, on July 3rd. Mr. W. Hardy will judge.

The three-guinea cup presented by Mr. W. Turton to the Leeds C.B.S., to be won outright by a member this year, writes Mr. J. Chambers, the hon. secretary, is now on view at Mr. Turton's North Street Stores, so that fanciers in the district can go and see this valuable special.

At a well-attended meeting of the Barton-on-Humber C. and B.B.C., held at the Red Lion Inn on May 13th, writes Mr. E. C. Dunn, hon. secretary, it was decided to hold a First Feather Show on June 19th. Any fancier in the district wishing to join, I shall be very pleased to hear from.

Kindly note my change of address from Portland Street to 104, Cemetery Road, Southport, writes Mr. Benj. Bullough, secretary of the Southport and Dis. C.B.S., where all communications must he sent in future. Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) is engaged to judge at our annual show on Decemher 11th.

The Kent County C.B.A., writes Mr. Geo. Sanderson, the hon. secretary, have arranged for a ramble to take place, weather permitting, on Saturday, May 29th. Will those who desire to join us please meet on Buckland Bridge, Dover, 1.45 p.m. prompt? Fanciers welcomed.

I shall be pleased to receive applications from secretaries of northern societies desirous of having the patronage of the Northern Crest Club for the annual shows, writes Mr. J. G. Hutchinson, the hon. secretary of the N.C.C. To obtain our patronage there must be six classes for Crests, viz., four for old and two for young birds. I shall also he glad to hear from anyone desirous of becoming a member.

The British Roller C.C. have in hand the new rule hook with the names and addresses of the members, writes Mr. J. W. Norris, the hon. secretary. Roller fanciers who have an idea of joining the club (and they cannot do better) will greatly ohlige by sending their names in at once, so that they can be included in this year's rule book. Any further information may be had on application to me at 31, Scylla Road, Peckham Rye, London, S.E.

We are holding our first young bird show on June 10th, at our headquarters, "The Crown Hotel," Lavender Hill, S.W., writes Mr. Ernest Box, hon. secretary of the Metropolitan C.B.A.

Fanciers should note that the Millom and District C.B.A. is now open to all comers. writes Mr. J. Thomas, the hon. secretary, and that the annual subscription is 2s. 6d. up to July 1st, after which date it will rise sixpence per month up to the end of the year. All intending membhers should communicate with me at 83, Lonsdale Road, Millom.

At our last meeting, writes Mr. R. H. Turner, hon. secretary of the Morley and Dis. C.B.S., we decided to have our first annual ramble on Whit Monday. We leave Morley at ahout 6 o'clock, and go hy tram from Churwell to Leeds, and then on to Rodley, where we make a start for Ilkley across the moor. It is hoped a good number of both members and friends will make up the party.

Valuahle special prizes have heen accepted by the following clubs for competition amongst those members who colour-feed solely on Ramsden's Pure Peppers during tho coming season:—The Norwich Plainhead Club, Southern Norwich Plainhead Club, Yorkshire Open Norwich Canary Club, Yorkshire Canary Club, Southern Yorkshire Club, Yorkshire Union, Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire Club. Ramsden's special prize scheme has caught on, and promises to be a huge success. To colour-feed properly use Ramsden's Pure Peppers, the hest the world produces, and the accepted standard of perfection.—(ADVT.)

## OBITUARY

**Mr. B. BARDSLEY (Oldham).**

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. F. Steeple, secretary of the Oldham and Dis. C.B.S., I write to inform you of the death of one of our most respected Lancashire and Lizard fanciers, Mr. Ben Bardsley, in his 69th year. He died very suddenly in his chair on May 9th. He was interred at Greenacres cemetery, on May 13th, and the society was represented hy Messrs. J. W. Cocker and F. Steeple. He had been a memher of our society for a great number of years. He was an ardent lover of the Lancashire and the Lizard Canary, and had been a hreeder and exhibitor of those varieties for upwards of forty years. I am sure all fanciers will join me in conveying our deepest sympathy and condolence to his family in their bereavement.

We regret to hear that death bas suddenly removed from a large circle of friends Mrs. B. Turner, the widow of the late Mr. Ben. Turner, of Rochdale, who achieved great fame as an exhibitor of Lancashire Canaries, especially yellow Plainheads. Mrs. Turner was one of the most devoted and respected workers in connection with the ladies' stall, which has become such an acceptahle feature of the Rochdale O.S. Annual Show.

The Glasgow and Western Counties ramble to Thorntonhall takes place on Saturday, May 22nd, writes Mr. T. Drysdale, the secretary.

The next meeting of the Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. Daniel John, the secretary, is an important one. If members do not attend I shall have no option but to resign the secretaryship.

The enterprising proprietors of the now well-known "Fox's Egg and Biscuit Food" have just placed upon the market another article which promises to become as famous and as widely-used as is the above commodity. It is, we venture to think, an article which a great number of cage-hird fanciers will be very glad to give a trial to, for it is designed to save them a lot of time, trouble, and expense in the colour-feeding of their hirds. The new food is to be known as "Fox's Egg, Biscuit and Colour-food," and, as its name implies, it is a combination of their celebrated egg and hiscuit preparation with one of the finest quality bird-peppers it is possible to ohtain. This particular tasteless pepper has been secured only after great research and trouble hy Messrs. Fox Bros., who are convinced they have one of the richest-coloured peppers ever put before fanciers. All the bird-keeper has to do is to add a few drops of water to the required quantity of "Egg, Biscuit and Colour Food," to have ready a feed which will hring out his birds hot enough in colour for the keenest competition. It is packed at full strength, and how this can be modified (as may be required) is explained in the directions on the tins. A sample tin of this new food has heen sent to us, and from its rich appearance and wholesome taste we feel convinced it will hear out all that Messrs Fox. Bros. claim for it. Our readers should certainly order a tin from their local seedsman; or send 8d. or 1s. 4d. direct to Messrs. Fox. Bros., Granville House, Arundel Street, Strand, London, W.C., when a tin will reach them, post free.

### Green Marked Yorkshire C.C.

A meeting for the formation of the above will be held at the Market Tavern, Bradford, on Saturday, May 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. All intending members urgently requested to attend. Business: election of officers and committee for 1909, etc.—F. ARMSTRONG, secretary pro tem, 78, Pear Street, Halifax.

### Southern Norwich P.C.

Will clubs within our radius make application for patronage at once, as we are allotting same to ten clubs instead of six this forthcoming show season? Will clubs also mention if other specials are being given to our members at their shows, so that we may advertise same in our printing matter? Corrected addresses of members I shall bo pleased to receive, and subscriptions for the year.—F. S. MATTHES, hon. treasurer and sec.

## RESULT OF THE "MOST POPULAR BIRD" COMPETITION

This competition, it will he remembered, arose out of a letter sent us hy a correspondent, in which he asked us to place 17 species of hirds in their relative order of popularity. Not feeling exactly equal to this task (though we were pleased to give him our opinion for so much as it was worth), we left the matter in the hands of our readers, to settle it by vote. The analysing of the voting coupons sent in bas taken up considerahle time, hut we are at last in a position to give the result.

The list of hirds was as follows:—Yorkshire Canary; Redpoll; Linnet; Hawfinch; Bramhlefinch; Bullfinch; Parrot; Chaffinch; Greenfinch; Norwich Canary; Blackhird; Goldfinch; Thrush; Woodlark; Skylark; Starling; Siskin. Their relative popularity is revealed by the voting to he:

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| First | Norwich Canary |
| Second | Yorkshire Canary. |
| Third | Goldfinch. |
| Fourth | Linnet. |
| Fifth | Bullfinch. |
| Sixth | Skylark. |
| Seventh | Thrush. |
| Eighth | Greenfinch |
| Ninth | Siskin. |
| Tenth | Chaffinch. |
| Eleventh | Blackhird. |
| Twelfth | Redpoll. |
| Thirteenth | Parrot. |
| Fourteenth | Bramblefinch. |
| Fifteenth | Hawfinch. |
| Sixteenth | Woodlark. |
| Seventeenth | Starling. |

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This gentleman had ten of the birds down in their correct (as shown by the analysis) order of popularity. No other competitor succeeded in placing more than nine accurately. Failing any appeal for a scrutiny on or before Friday, May 28th next, the prize will be forwarded to Mr. Jeffery.

Canary men will be interested to learn that the Norwich beat the Yorkshire for first place hy 266 votes to 96, which we venture to think an unlooked-for large majority. In the voting for second position, the Yorkshire easily outdistanced all other competitors. Coming to the British birds, the Goldfinch proved the most popular, with a clear third majority over the Linnet, the latter bird, in its turn, coming in an easy fourth. The Bullfinch, too, was a long way ahead of the Skylark for fifth place. Thence downwards every place was closely contested, it being almost a tie for many of the positions—at least, until the two hottom-most places were reached, for which the Woodlark and Starling were clear candidates.

The Parrot was the most difficult bird to apportion a position; some voters had him first, while others had him last. It may be of interest to say that the hirds which secured votes for premier place were the Norwich, Yorkshire, Goldfinch, Linnet, Parrot, Blackhird, Thrush, Skylark, and Greenfinch—though the last-mentioned four got but six "hands" between them. We noticed that in certain parts of the country certain hirds met with more support than in others—thus in the lists received from metropolitan readers the Chaffinch invariahly occupied a high place.

I hope you are having milder weather down south than we are up north, writes Mr. John G. Hutchinson (Newcastle-on-Tync). The old saying, "Don't change a clout till May's out," seems to hold good, for the frost is still pretty severe at nights; and in the early mornings the hoar-frost is visihle upon the ground and herbage. Bird fanciers are complaining of young ones dying in the nests with plenty of food in their little crops; in fact, it has been so cold this last week or so that hens are leaving their nests altogether. But all genuine fanciers are living in hopes of getting a few young ones later on.

The dates of our next annual show have now been fixed for December 31st, 1909, and January 1st, 1910, writes Mr. J. Winter, hon. secretary of the Scottish National C.B.S. The judges appointed are as follows: for Norwich, Messrs. W. Booth (Hyde) and A. Watson (Kilmarnock); for Crests and Crestbreds, Mr. T. Taylor (Gateshead); for Scotch Fancies and Belgians, Messrs. R. Wright (Greenock) and J. Elder (Tweedmouth); for Border Fancies, Messrs. J. Patterson (Chirnside) and J. W. Bruce (Coldstream); for Cinnamons, Yorkshires, Greens, and Lizards, Mr. J. Robson; for Mules, British and foreign hirds, Messrs. J. Dixon (Wigton), J. Goodfellow (Edinburgh), and C. T. Maxwell (London).

The committee of the South Manchester C.B.S. have arranged with Messrs. Washbourne and Son to have a cage-making demonstration at their next meeting to be held at headquarters, on May 24th, writes Mr. J. C. Spilshury, the hon. secretary. At the same meeting Mr. J. Stirrup will show us how to make cage fronts. These two lectures will be full of items of interest, and I hope as many members as can will make it convenient to be present. Our meetings this year have been very badly attended, and it does not give the committee much encouragement to work, if the rest of the members do not show their willingness to put their shoulders to the wheel and make the society go ahead.

# Breeding & Feeding for Colour.

By JOHN W. BANCROFT.

**A lecture delivered before the Sale Open O.S., on March 15th.**

(*Continued from page* 463).

In the early days of colour-feeding nothing but the hottest cayenne was used. Later came the use of dyes, logwood, madder, turmeric, cochineal, and such-like stuffs, which were no doubt more or less harmful when used for the purpose under discussion. More recently, however, has come into prominence the now almost universally used pimento, an innocent, harmless vegetable, largely cultivated in Spain, and used in that country chiefly for soups, gravies, etc. Pimento of the proper kind is exceedingly rich in colouring properties, being known to the bird trade as aveper, sweet, tasteless, or cold pepper. By the use of this pepper alone, it is possible to colour-feed Canaries almost any shade desired; but to colour-feed the birds (especially yellows) to the acme of perfection, a certain amount of hot Natal is required. Natal pepper puts a brightness, a finish, a richer tone on the bird's plumage than can be acquired by the use of tasteless or cold pepper alone, doing away with the dull brickiness usually in evidence when none but cold pepper has been used. The hot Natal also puts a warmth in the bird's system, which helps them to cast off their old plumage easier and quicker. And the sooner a bird gets through the moult, the more even and satisfactory his colour will be. Again, the hot cayenne helps to check the tendency to looseness of the bowels, which a free use of cold pepper alone usually causes. Hot Natal pepper has been the chief butt for those people who look upon any kind of colour-feeding with disfavour. These we are apt to call the "colour-feed faddists," and to what lengths have some of these (shall I say misguided?) people gone? According to their statements, the number of cage birds which have been cruelly done to death by the various and pernicious habits of colour-feeding must be legion. No doubt in many cases it has been done in all good faith, the parties being convinced in their own minds that it was a cruel practice. They have been informed by others that it was so, and have accepted these erroneous statements as facts, instead of testing them personally by practical experience.

### Harmless and Beneficial.

But there are others again (and these I have no sympathy with), who have attempted it in a careless, half-hearted, happy-go-lucky way—not having the patience to attend to their birds properly during the moult, and being too tight-fisted and stingy, looking at the matter from an £ s. d. point of view; these, I say, not having succeeded in getting such good results as their more intelligent and persevering brother fanciers, have given up in disgust, and, joining the ranks of the faddists, have condemned tooth and nail a practice which they in their sublime ignorance practically know little or nothing about.

Colour-feeding as we understand it to-day is perfectly harmless. I will go further and say it is beneficial. I don't for a single moment believe that colour-feeding, as practised at the present time, has ever killed a healthy bird, and it would be foolish indeed on the part of anyone to attempt to colour-feed an unhealthy bird.

Someone may ask "Why colour-feed at all?" The answer is obvious—because colour-fed birds are the fashion, in certain varieties. And to be out of the fashion in this respect, is to be out of the exhibition world altogether. Genuine hot Natal pepper does not do half the harm which many would have us believe, as I have on many occasions proved. Just an instance, by way of illustration: some years ago I had a capital exhibition Siskin, a second year bird at least, when I purchased him. He was a splendid Muler, and would pair up to almost anything with feathers on. In fact, I used to say in joke, that if I put a Cochin China hen in to him, "Joey" would have a try to Mule with her. I colour-fed this Siskin for five seasons, with hot Natal alone, also breeding from him each season. He died suddenly shortly after coming, while in my possession, through the fifth moult. Now, according to the doctrine of the colour-feed faddists, this bird's liver must have been eaten away through the bird's being compelled to eat (or rather being allowed to eat, for he was a perfect glutton for feed) so much of this abominable pepper. Not so, however, for I dissected the body, and found every organ in a perfectly healthy condition, and as to his liver, I only wish my own was in anything like the same order.

### Not Like Human Beings.

One thing that the faddists neglect to take into consideration when running down the pepper-feeding, is the fact that amongst other things, hot pepper does not affect a cage-bird in the same manner or degree as human beings. Because hot pepper placed on the tongue of a human being tastes hot and fiery, this does not follow that such is the case when a Canary eats it. This cannot be so; otherwise the birds would not devour it so eagerly, or with such apparent relish.

The same holds good in the case of a fine make of insect powder. Get only a small quantity of this up one's nostril, and it will quickly bring on an attack of sneezing. Yet dust this same powder over a nest of eggs when setting a Canary hen, or even over a brood of nestlings which have not opened their eyes, and not the slightest inconvenience will be apparent, either to the sitting hen or to the nestlings. Not, by the way, that I am much of a believer in insect powder as a red mite exterminator; for from what I have observed of its effects in this direction, they are about on a par with the old saying that "Love laughs at locksmiths." For with me the mites have laughed at the powder, and not only that, but have lived and multiplied exceedingly well upon it. In fact, I always seemed to have more mites about when using the powder, and this has caused me to altogether abandon its use.

### A Refutation of Grave Charges.

Colour-feeding, say the faddists, is cruel, harmful and dishonest. I will endeavour to the best of my ability to refute these grave charges. It is cruel, they say, to force the birds to eat that which they have an aversion to, withholding from them their rightful diet, such as Canary seed, etc. This is absurd on the face of it. For, given good, properly-prepared colour-food during their first or nest feather moult, very few indeed will be the Canaries or Mules which will not willingly partake of it; and this, mind you, without withholding from them their customary seed diet.

During the past 15 years I have moulted and colour-fed some hundreds of Canaries, Mules and British birds, and I can safely say that not more than one in fifty have refused to eat the feed quite readily and eagerly, without the slightest compulsion.

It is harmful, say the faddists, as it shortens the lives of the birds, eats away their liver, and causes them to suffer tortures innumerable. If colour-feeding be harmful, how do the faddists account for those varieties which are, and have to be, colour-fed (to stand any chance of success on the show bench) being the longest lived? Show me the Belgian, Scotch Fancy, Crest, or Lancashire, for instance, which lives to as great an age as the average colour-fed Norwich or Mule. The latter live the longer by far than any variety of Canary; yet they consume the greatest amount of hot pepper. Just one more illustration. About twelve years ago I had a capital stud of Norwich Canaries and Muling Finches, and upon my removing into a house where the previous tenant had the misfortune to have to bury a child which died of scarlet fever, Canary plague or septic fever broke out amongst my stock. So severe was the outbreak that I lost between 50 and 60 birds in about a fortnight. What seemed to me a most singular thing was the fact that all the deaths took place amongst the Britishers and those Canaries which had never tasted the colour-feed. I did not save a single Finch, nor yet an unfed Canary. The sole survivors were those Canaries which were on colour-feed—not a single one of these died. This convinced me that there must be some advantage in colour-feeding at any rate.

(*To be continued.*)

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# The Training of Skylarks for Contest Singing.

**By ALEX. DONNELLY.**

As everyone knows, the Skylark is the most popular British singing bird we have. It is very hardy, and if treated properly will live and sing for years. The Larks build their nests in the fields on the ground in holes, mostly holes made by the cows and horses. They lay mostly four eggs of a very pale blue, heavily marked with brown spots. They sit for 14 days. The young ones are very greedy and very lively. I have known them to run out of the nest when they have been disturbed at 14 days old.

### Taking and Feeding Young.

Anyone about to take a nest of young Larks should do so when they are about seven days old, and feed them with a stick or peg. The best food to feed nestlings with is boiled potato and hard boiled egg (as much potato again as egg). Boiled potato and milk is also good, also bread and milk, or ordinary Lard food softened with milk. Do not make any of the food too sloppy, or it will give the birds diarrhœa. As soon as they start picking for themselves they want caging off and putting on to the solid meal.

Get a pennyworth of beef dripping, melt it in the oven, then get half a pound of pea meal, quarter of a pound of bean meal, quarter pound of ground rice, and put the meal and rice in a tin to be cooked in the oven. Mix well together the beef dripping, meal and rice, and cook in a nice warm oven for 20 minutes. Beat up three eggs. When the beef dripping, meal, etc., have cooked, mix the three beaten eggs and a handful of sugar and rub all the lot together in your hands. Put it back in the oven for another fifteen minutes, and do not forget to keep stirring it up. Do not let it burn or it will be spoiled. When it is cold put in an airtight tin or can, and it will keep for months.

### Caging off Young Birds.

A nest of young ones that are nicely grown will want caging off by themselves. The ordinary shop cage is suitable, or a "running-cage," one about three feet long, string at the top, will do for a time until you can pick the cocks out. Of course, these young will want a schoolmaster, or good singer, to teach them to sing. It is always best to keep a caught bird before taking a nest, so that he will be singing while the young ones are being brought up. I have known such a bird bring nestlings up himself.

To choose a wild caught bird watch the birds in a shop. You will sometimes have to watch for an hour or two. Always pick out the bird that is the steadiest. Do not, if possible, have the bird that is always flying to the top of the cage; but if you happen to fancy the bird that does, take it home, place it in a position where the family are frequently passing, place a board on the top of the cage to keep it dark, and give him a mealworm, or offer him one every time you go to it. It will usually "cool down" in about a fortnight, and start looking for you to come with the mealworms.

Now, these are the birds I like to train for contest singing. To train them for contest singing, frequent the public bars, taprooms, etc., and get it used to company, and to being knocked about. Give it every chance to sing in a strange place, and you will not have much trouble to train him. You will want some extra food, or what I term "singing meat." To two tablespoonfuls of the above-named meat add and mix the following: Two baby rusks, yolk of a hard-boiled egg, two tablespoonfuls of crushed hemp seed, a spoonful of syrups of violets, and a pinch of maw seed steeped in brandy for four days. You want to start with the "singing meat" at least four days before a contest. Make some dark cover of cloth or box with a lid on, but always have the lid or door where the meat box and drinking glass are. In making a cloth cover, do it so as to cover on the top and three sides of the cage. Leave one side loose so that it can be lifted up when you like. Keep this cover on the cage. Keep the bird dark.

When taking the bird to a contest wrap it well up with some warm covering, besides the one in ordinary use. Go at least two hours before you have to sing your bird. Have about a dozen mealworms that have been steeped in the best Scotch whisky for twelve hours. Give your bird two of these about every ten minutes. When you hear him singing under your cover he is ready. If he is ready too soon, keep offering him a mealworm to keep him on the work, but do not let him have it. This is only to pass the time away until it is your turn. When your turn comes you have only three minutes to get him started. If he is singing in your hand handle the cage gently, and keep tapping with your fingers until the last half-minute. Hang him gently, and he will do his best if you have not neglected to take the meat box off. Remember, he has not seen his meat, except in the dark, for four days.

### Cleanliness Before All.

It is always understood that cleanliness is before anything in the case of all kinds of birds. On the night before the contest run your bird into another cage. Clean him out and put some fresh sand in that has been warmed a little. Let the bird have half an hour in this. Do not have any gritty sand for contest singing, as the birds are sure to be picking at it instead of singing. Get the ordinary red sand, and see there is not a speck of white in it, as the bird will be sure to pick at it instead of singing. Anyone who intends going in for contest singing should visit a contest or two before starting. He will then see the workings of it; he will also have an idea as to what is wanted. Some birds will sing very loudly, some very softly. The soft singing ones can stick it the longest, as the loud singers seem to get dry and want to drink often. But I have heard loud singers put some very good time in. Every one likes to hear a loud singer; but if the birds are singing ever so softly, it counts on the watch, as at these contests there is a timekeeper and a judge. The timekeeper has his watch running counting the minutes one by one. The judge has also a watch, and every time the bird stops, if only for a second, the judge stops his second finger on the watch. The judge must have a good ear, also a few fine watches, as I have known many watches spoiled with stopping and starting the watch with the birds. If anyone seeks further information I will be pleased to give it as freely as I give this.

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# Some of the Common Foreign — Birds. —

By WESLEY T. PAGE.

**A lecture delivered before the City and Suburban A.C.B. on May 3rd.**

I have to thank your chairman for his kind introduction; his lavish words have almost robbed me of my self possession. Again, others have dignified what remarks I may be about to make by calling them a lecture. To me what I have to say is simply a homely talk about our, I take it, one common interest in birds. We shall deal with the Commoner or more freely imported species of Foreign birds. One hesitates to apply the designation "common" to any of the Creator's handiwork, yet I cannot find another word to meet the case; so please interpret this word "common" as merely indicating that the birds are numerous, or may be cheaply purchased.

Foreign bird-keeping is a very fascinating hobby, and a lifelong study; it never grows stale. As we watch the feathered occupants of our aviaries or cages, some new feature, or some new fact, is revealed to our delighted and interested gaze. It has its disappointments, I grant you, and sometimes these are many; but those successes which come our way and the continued source of pleasure and interest which, say, an aviary containing a selection of Waxbills gives, more than compensate for one's failure to rear the young of any given species, or the unexpected and unaccountable loss of some apparently well-established bird. Again, the breeding of Foreign birds is not the same as the breeding of, say, domesticated Canaries; the element of uncertainty is very great and must always remain. This, however, but gives zeal to the fascinating pursuit of Foreign bird-keeping.

### Concerning the Aviaries.

The first points to touch upon must be the housing, treatment, and acquiring of our avian pets. Aviaries.—These need not be costly. If you have only a back-yard, providing the sun shines therein for a portion of the day, that is all that is needed. The aviary itself should consist of a shed (which must be well lighted), and covered and open flights, allowing such accommodation which you would give fowls. But the shed must be draught and weather proof. Materials.—Slater's battens, ½in. mesh wire netting, and ¾in. or 1in. tongued and grooved match-boarding, with the necessary nails, are all that is required. Architecture.—Well! that is all according to your own fancy. My own opinion is, the plainer the better—plain, but neat and sound should be one's maxim. (Photos of several successful aviaries were at this stage passed round the meeting). Furnishings.—Branches. Never use formal perches; a bundle or two of pea or bean sticks will last you a year and will prove both picturesque and practical. Food hoppers.—These are legion; most of them are good, providing cleanliness be practised. Nesting receptacles.—Closed boxes with suitable entrances, open boxes and husks, will about meet the case; all these should be screened with heather sprays or twiggy branches, as Foreign species do not care for their domestic arrangements to be open to the vulgar gaze. Cages.—Here again I advise plainness. Put your money into the jointing and into sound workmanship. I pin my faith to the box-type cage, both as a breeder and also as a stock cage. I believe in size, and I use as a minimum one 2½ft. long by 1½ft. deep and 1½ft. high. I supply twiggy branches as perches and a nest-box or husk at either end. In such a cage many species will breed, and they will certainly keep in health and vigour with ordinary care and cleanliness.

### The Newly Imported Species.

Acquiring and treating newly-imported birds we will next deal with. By far the better way is, if possible, to procure your birds from a place that is near your own locality; you can then see them before purchasing them. Such will be the cheaper way in the end, even though the initial outlay on them be a little greater.

Do not introduce new purchases into your bird-room straight away. If you cannot spare a room for quarantine purposes, keep new purchases in one of your living-rooms for, say, three weeks before putting them into your bird-room. No matter how healthy the birds appear, never introduce the quarantine cages into the bird-room; let all these cages be kept strictly outside. When not in use these are better stored in the open somewhere, but should be protected from rain. The cage which has been occupied by some newly-imported bird which has died, should be well sterilised before being used again; that is, all crevices, and, in fact, the whole cage, should be painted over with either carbolic acid or paraffin, then thoroughly scalded, and finally well swilled with cold water. Then when it is dry the cage will be quite safe to use again.

### Methods of Feeding.

Foods for seed-eaters.—Canary seed, white, French, and spray millet; paddy rice, oats, and hemp. Green-foods.—Pre-eminent for Foreign Finches is grass in flower (i.e., seeding grass), or grass in the ear; next comes French lettuce (succulent and fresh); then flowering and seeding chickweed, but not rank, growing from wet land. All seed-eaters, including the Canary and most Foreign and British species, will take a little fruit. I find seed-eaters, too, favour apple or orange more than any other kind.

The soft-food mixtures.—Their name is legion, and many of them are really good if a little common sense is used when mixing them. The following will keep almost anything. Stock items.—Ants' cocoons (eggs), dried flies, cod liver oil cage bird food, and game meal (without shell). You can mix these in bulk. In a dry place this mixture will keep indefinitely. Use the various items in equal parts and on such a mixture you can, as I said, keep almost any bird. Take the daily portion and moisten it with boiling water; then add about quarter bulk of crumbled sponge cake. Also add to the mixture ripe fruit ad lib.

For insectivorous and frugivorous species milk-sop is an important item of the daily bill of fare. Insects.—Mealworms, spiders, smooth caterpillars, beetles, cockroaches, wasp grub, gentles, and, above all, living ants' eocoons when procurable.

### Some of the Birds Considered.

Budgerigars.—These now cheaply-to-be-procured birds are very handsome in their plumage of yellow, green and black, and are almost universal favourites. Their treatment is very simple, and the main points to keep in view are as follows:—In procuring stock, get each separate pair of birds from a different source, thus securing unrelated progeny. Breeding takes place all the year round, but inbreeding to any extent should not be permitted. New blood must be continually introduced or your stock will deteriorate. Surely a class for these birds should ultimately pay. It would need advertising though. It should be for Green and Yellow varieties combined, the two varieties to meet on equal or common ground; and purity of colour, size and general condition alone should regulate the awards.

The Java Sparrow: grey and white.—These are handsome and interesting birds, even though of robust and heavy build; but there is one difficulty in connection with them, and that is, that the wild-caught grey birds do not nest freely in captivity. This difficulty can be got over thus:—Pair up a male Grey to a female White Java, and then pair their progeny up with imported Grey birds; the result will then be a free-breeding strain which will throw 95 per cent. of pure Greys among their progeny. And very probably, if carried on to any extent, new varieties, as in the case of the domestic Canary, would ultimately be produced. Again, with this species, a class should ultimately be provided for them at exhibitions, and should pay and secure a large entry if it were made clear that the two varieties, White and Grey, would meet on equal terms, and that merit alone would score. In other words, a White would not score over a Grey because it was White and a little more uncommon than the Grey.

*(To be continued.)*


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## YORK C.B.S.

### Lecture on the Linnet and Hybrid Breeding.

At the monthly meeting, held April 19th, at headquarters, All Saints' Church Rooms, North Street, Mr. A. Richardson occupied the chair, supported by the Committee. A very large audience of members and friends gathered to hear a paper on the Linnet, and Hybrid Breeding, by James Nicholson.

As this is the first paper I have ever given on birds (said the lecturer), I hope you will all listen patiently to me, and not run away before I finish, as doubtless some of you will be tempted to do. My discourse will be confined chiefly to one of the most popular and desirable of British cage birds, both for exhibition and song purposes, viz., the Linnet. I shall also comment a little on Hybrid breeding. The Linnet has been my favourite bird ever since I was a school lad, and I have never had less than half-a-dozen, but of course, during the catching season, I have had up to as many as a hundred at a time. My few remarks are intended for novices more than the old hands, and to make them clearer I have brought with me three actual specimens for comparison. Well, to begin with, the Linnet is well known for its singing abilities, and I should suggest next to the Nightingale for song. It builds its nest chiefly in whin bushes, and sometimes in a thorn hedge, and the nest is easy to find because the male bird is generally singing quite close to it. The young Linnets are dark brown in colour when in the nest, and gradually get lighter up to leaving it. They generally leave the nest when about 26 days old, but the best time to take them if you wish to hand-rear them, is when they are about 12 days old; but personally I prefer those that are wild-caught to hand-reared ones, as they seem to be better developed, and to have a greater amount of vitality. I have always kept my Linnets in good health by feeding them on the ordinary Linnet mixture, with plenty of wild seeds and green stuff when in season, but the things I lay most stress on are cleanliness, and the fresh supply of water daily, which should be given first thing in the morning. I am also a staunch supporter of the daily bath, but they must have it in the morning.

When on the look out for a show specimen, if you haven't the time to go catching yourself, you must be there when the catcher comes in with his box; then you have a good chance of getting your pick, and securing a likely bird. But if you cannot be there the next best thing is to get in touch with a good catcher, and get him to send you a couple of dozen on and then select those which you think are likely to turn out show specimens. In choosing a Linnet for exhibition purposes, choose as large and as chubby a bird as possible, with plenty of white in the wings and tail, a good broad head and a bold eye. It must have a good nutty brown body colour, with plenty of pencilling nicely broken up. Now a word as to this body colour. No doubt every fancier present has read the discussion that has been going on in our ever welcome paper, CAGE BIRDS, lately, owing to the action of a fancier who it was said had faked or put this body colour on. The sooner this faking is done away with the better it will be for the societies and the Fancy in general. Among the three specimens which I have brought here to-night, I have the Linnet which beat the Crystal Palace winner at Doncaster on December 26th, 1908. I have also one which I have purposely faked to show how the deception is carried on, and I have also a newly-caught one, which I think is a likely one for a show bench. Now, you can all have a good look at the one on which I have used the artist's brush, and it will be a good help to you to single them out on the show bench, if ever you come across any. The most critical time for the Linnet is the moulting season, but you need have no fear if you will give him plenty of shepherd's purse, plantain, hardheads, and large thistle heads, together with his ordinary seed. With this diet, I think you stand a good chance of getting on your birds a good natural body colour; besides, nothing tames a Linnet so much as giving him wild seeds, because after the first or second time you have given him a thistle head or stalk of plantain, he will naturally think every time you come near him you are bringing him a tit-bit, and will be there to take it from your hand.

My next few remarks will be in reference to Hybrid breeding, between two British birds. I expect you consider me an authority on the subject because I have succeeded in breeding a Goldfinch-Bullfinch. Ever since I saw one on the show bench I made up my mind to try and breed one like it, so I kept pairing up every season, but was doomed to disappointment times without number, until last year I succeeded in getting one. Mind you, I never had any difficulty in getting the birds to pair; the difficulty lay in getting the eggs fertilized. The first step is getting the pairs you want to breed with. My plan is to get them at the back end of the year and let them run together all the winter, and by so doing they know each other thoroughly by the time the breeding season commences. Some fanciers do not put them together until the breeding season; I have tried this plan, too, but have always found plenty of feathers at the bottom of the cage. Last year I tried a Linnet and hen Bullfinch in this way, but behold, next day I found the Linnet in the bottom of the cage with all his wing feathers pulled out; so that closed his career for the season. I find these birds require a quiet place away from everything. I feed them on the ordinary Finch mixture, and plenty of crushed sunflower and hemp seeds, and I generally give the hen Bullfinch a little insectivorous food. During the winter I give a little sweet apple or boiled carrot, and during the spring plenty of hawthorn buds and dandelion. I am a great believer in dandelion heads for all Finches.

As soon as the hen has laid the eggs I put them under a hen Canary to sit, and by so doing I stand a better chance of getting the young ones up, as it is very rare a British bird will sit its full time in captivity. I let mine sit as long as they will, but it is on Canary eggs. If you do succeed in getting any young ones and you have plenty of good feeding hen Canaries, you have arrived at the goal you have aimed at. My advice is, persevere and be up in the morning and look well after your birds, and you are bound to succeed. Just a little wrinkle before I close, and it is this: Always keep a piece of old lime out of a wall in the bottom of your cages during the breeding season; a lump about the size of a large tea cup, as I find it acts for three purposes: It helps the hen to shell her eggs: it wears the sharp points of the claws, which sometimes penetrate the eggs in the nest when they are jumping off and on; it keeps the bill in order, as the upper part has a tendency to grow much longer and sharper than the under part. In conclusion, I wish to say that I will give 5s. as a special prize to the novice of the York C.B.S. who breeds the best Hybrid this season; the Hybrid must be between two British birds, and by a novice I mean one who has never won a first prize in an open competition. I wish you all a most successful breeding season, and I hope you have derived a little bit of information from this paper.

At the close an interesting discussion ensued, the following gentlemen taking part:—Messrs. Hunter, Boyle, Thompson, Balmforth, Cardwell, Wright, Sissons, and Campling. Mr. A. Richardson moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Nicholson for his kindness in giving us such an able lecture; this was seconded by Mr. Hunter, and carried unanimously. Mr. Nicholson replied, and this brought another very successful meeting to an end.—A. WARD, Hon. Sec.

## DEWSBURY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

### Lecture on "Breeding and Rearing," by Mr. H. J. Chittenden.

An address of much practical usefulness on the subject of "Breeding, and Rearing," was given by Mr. H. J. Chittenden, of Bradford, at a gathering at the Royal Hotel, on May 8th, over which Mr. W. Pickering presided. Drawing from a vast store of experience, Mr. Chittenden dealt with the subject in a very thorough manner. He began by advocating the use of double-holed cages for every pair of birds, and went on to describe a preparation for dealing with "red mite." This consisted of two-pennyworth of rock camphor and ordinary paraffin added to two pounds of tallow whilst the latter was boiling in a three-pound jar, the cage being thoroughly painted with the mixture, which, when set, was of about the consistency of paste. Mr. Chittenden then described the four pairs of birds which he recommended would-be breeders to acquire. First, he said, he would obtain a clear yellow cock 6¾ to 7 inches long, perfectly straight, good round head and wing carriage, and plenty of leg; and as a mate for that he recommended a medium sized good feathered hen, of the best possible quality. Next he recommended a three-quarter bred Lancashire Coppy cock, as big as possible, mated to a good yellow breeding hen. Then he would have a self green or foul marked yellow cock, and a good feathered buff hen, and lastly a good yellow cinnamon marked cock, mated to a slightly eye-ticked marked hen if possible. If a young fancier started with four pairs like that he would have no need to go outside of his own room for some years, for he could intercross as he wished and still retain size and quality and breed from any variety on the show bench.

The lecturer next had something to say about in-breeding, of which, if judicially carried out, he strongly approved. He expressed himself a strong believer in pedigree, and said that he would sooner breed from a pair of inferior birds with a pedigree he knew than from the best birds he knew nothing about. The two latter might be as far off "hitting," as the two ends of the earth. Some of the big lecturers—their southern friends particularly—said they always liked to select their birds and go on "face value," but he did not believe in it. Out of the thousands of birds bred within thirty miles of Bradford, how few were really first-class birds; and that proved indiscriminate breeding did not produce what was required.

Some valuable hints for getting the birds into condition were next given, and the lecturer emphasised the necessity of making a good nest. He also laid it down very strongly that the hens must be interfered with as little as possible, whilst breeding, remarking that he would sooner lose a nest than bother a young hen. He showed how important this was, and how undue interference produced undesirable results. Next he advocated regular and systematic feeding, just with egg food—not too rich—and then, at the end of three days, dandelion or watercress, and later still, lettuce. He recommended that the young nest should be taken away at the end of three weeks. Lastly he referred to the common complaint of inflammation of the stomach, caused by hard corn. This could be prevented by using ground seed and boiled water. Alum water was a splendid remedy for the disease, and three parts of olive oil, to one of turpentine was good as an outward application.

A number of questions were asked, and these Mr. Chittenden answered very minutely, being very heartily thanked for his services at the close of the proceedings.


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# Some Breeding Season . . . . Troubles Considered.

By T. W. WILSON.

**A Lecture before the members and friends of the Halifax O.S. on April 3rd.**

*(Continued from page 450).*

When the youngsters are nine days old the bad feeding trouble, if present, is always minimised, as by this time if the cock is present, he is ever on the watch for a little neck craning up between the nest and the careless mother, and so soon as he sees it, he has the beak stuffed full in a trice. And so the little family-game goes on. Try all the ways you can think of, and give a variety of fresh food. You can, of course, only lose them by inaction on your part, while a little home-made wit often finds some way by which to successfully get out of the difficulty.

### The Sweating of Young.

Then if you have succeeded in conquering in any of the foregoing cases, there are yet a few more troubles that occasionally arise, one of the most trying of which is that of the hen sweating her young. In all cases this trouble is due to the hen bird not being in a hard condition at the outset, or to her being of a naturally weak constitution, so that being possessed of but a small amount of vitality, she soon becomes lowered in general tone by the severe tests that maternity entails, and she breaks out into cold sweat somewhat analogous to those from which the advanced consumptive person suffers. As this is my experience and belief, such a hen has no place in my stock the season after; that is, of course, if this bird is not a naturally strong one suffering from temporary weakness, as does sometimes happen. The majority of cases though are not so bad but that they are more or less capable of successful treatment.

When I have a case of this sort the first thing I do is to vary the diet a bit and limit the supply of greens, giving each day my old and tried friend the salt water bath. This bath never fails to raise and invigorate her in a marked degree, besides keeping her off the nest pluming herself a bit; and I don't care how young the chicks are, I have never known them to take cold even when she goes straight on to them in a dripping state, as she sometimes does, though with plain water this would be the result. I had to deal with a particularly bad case of this sort last year. The trouble began when the young ones were four days old, and I did as I have just indicated. I added twenty-four hours' soaked German rape to her dietary, and a little maw seed mixed with the soft food, and I varied her small supply of green-stuff. Although she continued to sweat, it was in a less degree each day; the saline bath did the rest, and a nest of strong birds was reared.

Some may ask: "Will the hen always use such a bath?" My experience has almost invariably shown me that she will. I may say that I have never done much good by using mechanical means, such as putting wood or nails upright in or across the top of the nest pot. Finally, I may add that this trouble is more prevalent in the second or third nests than in the first, and I think this fact throws great light on the cause of it.

### Over-anxiety to Nest.

Next in the natural (or unnatural) order of things, comes the more vexing than disastrous trouble, of the hen wanting to go to nest before she has done her full duty to the (shall we say?) 15-days-old chicks; and in such cases she very often takes a fancy to line her nest with soft feathers from the backs or breasts of her half-fledged brood.

When the young ones are still in the nest I have found good to accrue by spraying them with an infusion of quassia, which makes the feathers taste bitter to her ladyship's palate. This must be done with great care, so as not to flush the birds out of the nest before their time—a thing which is easily done. If the case is a bad one, and I know my hen, or rather the pair, I remove her to another cage, leaving the cock to manage the brood single-handed; this he seldom fails to do.

If when such a case occurs the young are old enough to be removed, I put them in an old show cage, which I hang on the front of their old home, leaving the door of the breeding cage open and the show cage in such a position that the parents are able to feed the young through the wires or water hole. I also lower the perch in the show cage to help place the chicks out of easy reach of the hen when she tries to pluck, as she generally will. Further, I place a supply of food in with the young. If she still succeeds in plundering them, as is sometimes the case with an insistent and resourceful hen, I put the chicks in another breeder along with the cock bird, and run him in to her for a short time daily; and I continue this till she is sitting again, or till the youngsters are able to pick for themselves.

### When the Young "Go Light."

Even though your birds are presumably now able to do for themselves, I must warn you that you are not yet quite out of the wood. They are eating and sleeping (they sleep a lot at this stage), and bathing, all as lively as can be (and here I may add that the sooner you introduce the bath after this the better, as they take to it better than if it is withheld till later; and it has a very bracing effect); but when they are from six to eight weeks old you will be drawn to observe that one (perhaps more) of them has begun to look very listless and puffy, and that its tail goes droop, droop, droop; the bird being too often down at the seed-box. This is a sign of what is known as the "going light" trouble—a form of consumption to which all young birds between the ages of five and nine weeks are liable.

In this ailment prevention is far easier and better than cure, so taking time by the forelock, I always put my youngsters on a special diet when they are five weeks old. Twice a week they get nothing but milk-sop to eat, and on two other days nothing but cod-liver oil food, the other three days ordinary egg-food. To make the milk-sop I cut a thick slice of bread, put it in a shallow dish and pour as much boiling milk over it as I find it will absorb. I then sprinkle a little sugar on the top, also a pinch of maw seed, and give the sop when it is cool, having just squeezed out as much milk as I can with the flat of a knife and putting it in the pots as unbroken as possible.

When I find a case of a youngster that, in spite of all my efforts, has gone too far for my liking on the downward path that leads but to death, I give it one drop of olive oil in the beak for two days and put it on the two aforementioned foods only, till it either gets well or dies. I save quite a large percentage even when they are thus far advanced. This malady, distemper, or consumption—call it what you will—cannot be taken lightly unless you are prepared to lose a large proportion of your hard-won birds. I can think of cases in point, where the breed has not been a particularly strong one, when a fancier has lost one half or more of his young birds, but if you take time by the forelock as I have just said, you need not lose more than two or three per cent.; but some slight loss you will probably experience after you have done everything possible.

*(To be continued.)*


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# Correspondence.

## The Sad Case of Mr. Barwell.

### An Appeal to Fanciers.

SIR,—In issue of May 8 my name was inadvertently put as Watson, instead of Nason, as treasurer to the Barwell Benefit Fund. I might also say that I have not yet had a single response to my appeal. Surely this is not representative of the Cage Bird Fancy, which is usually so ready to help one in distress.

J. NASON, treasurer.

Foresters' Arms, Northampton.

## Six Youngsters in Four Eggs.

SIR,—I have read Mr. J. W. Boocock's letter about six youngsters in four eggs, and may say I have had a similar experience. I paired up all my birds at the end of March (by the way, they are all pink-eyed sib's), and this particular pair, a yellow Cinnamon marked cock, and a Clear Buff hen. The cock is a 1906 bred, the hen a 1907. The hen laid her first egg on April 5th, and laid every morning, laying her fourth egg on April 8th. Two of the eggs were very large and two ordinary size. She sat and hatched out two youngsters on April 21st. Seeing the other two eggs did not hatch, I tried them in lukewarm water, and as they showed no signs of life, I opened them on April 22nd, and found two fully developed youngsters in each egg, thus being six youngsters in four eggs. I also let two other fanciers here see them, and they never heard of it before. I may add the two youngsters that hatched out are both doing well under their own mother.

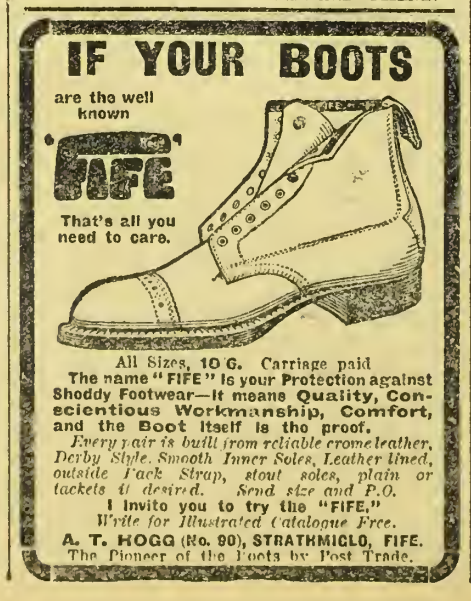
JAS. RAMSAY.

## Among the Birds of Perthshire.

### A Holiday Jaunt.

SIR,—Two of my fellow chums and I were eagerly and joyfully anticipating a feast from Nature's store some weeks ago. The weather of the few days previously had been glorious, making the possibility of disappointment with the elements seem an absurdity, and we were busy on the Thursday evening making preparations for our outing, which was to take the form of a fishing expedition. The country from my window next morning looked like a new and beautiful world, and all Nature was rejoicing as if brought into newness of life. No need, in the heart of Perthshire, to journey by train, or to mount a cycle to spend a few hours in meditation by wood and stream; and in less than an hour we were surrounded by happy, rippling, shining streams, hills and dales—a perfect land of dreams. We had no idea that our fishing would be successful so early in the season, with the sma' bree yet smelling in the water and giving it a cold raw colouring; still the sun showered down his glorious rays of heat and inspiration and filled us with quite a child-like gladness, and we were quite regardless of our sporting reputations. Why? Well, it is only necessary to add that my friends were both keen on the "wing," due, in a measure at any rate, to my influence. Our ears were often strained listening to the same sounds, and our eyes were lifted in the same direction, heavenwards. We got our rods set up and soon had the flies doing their duty. Casting, and anxiously waiting for a rise, we plied away for some time without the slightest sign of recognition on the part of the fish. Perhaps an hour passed in this desultory fashion, and one could see that my pals were beginning to think such indulgence a waste of energy. Accordingly we retired to a grassy bank to investigate the contents of our fishing basket. Being an enthusiast myself I continued to throw my line, and surely instinct directed me, for at that moment I heard a shrill but soft note, and if the call was not quite familiar to me, I was not kept long in suspense as to the bird which uttered it, and all of a sudden I saw a ball of green fire dart past up stream, and for the first time in my life, although I often fancied I had a glimpse of the same spirit before, I beheld a gorgeous cock Kingfisher. What a dazzling sight! It stood out in contrast to anything I had ever seen before, I think. The glorious reflections of his lovely colours in the water eclipsed the rays of the sun itself which created them. It is beyond description, and therefore I won't tax my admittedly brilliant and poetic mind to convey an idea of its magnificence or my delight on beholding such a picture; not even to those who have never seen one as I did in its free, wild, and, to my mind, only proper sphere. The fishing had no charm for me after that. My pals regretted having missed the sight, but I felt they were not capable of appreciating my description; and certainly such sights must be witnessed to be appreciated or even to appear credible. The rods were lying useless at our feet, and I interested myself in the correspondence columns of CAGE BIRDS, and smiled in conclusion at the futility and irrationality of some of the arguments put forward lately against the practice of colour-feeding. Old Sol was at his height, and we dragged ourselves and the now neglected rods along the river side for the matter of half a mile to a cottage which we knew, where we had lunch, thereafter intending to try fishing again in earnest. There is a stretch of water, about half a mile long (at this time) just at this cottage, and we determined to have a row in the "Lass o' Gowrie," a small, flat-bottomed boat that lay near the garden gate. It was delightful lying in the stern watching the clumsy diving flight of the Lapwing and the nervous anxiety of the hen near her nest on a bit of marshland just opposite us. Here, too, a pair of Oyster Catchers had already found a home, and were cautiously strutting about on the shingle a few hundred yards ahead of us. But we must get ashore, or the Editor will be obliged to sink the ship. It so happened that our hosts at this little refuge had a son whose name was Charles, and who, by the way, was nearly as ardent a lover of birds as myself, having about 15 Britishers in cages arrayed on supports here and there round the cottage. He it was who told me of his observations of the few pairs of Kingfishers that frequent this district, and of an experiment he tried with a nest of young. He found the nest and determined to try his hand at rearing the young. One morning he went to the sand bank, and after some laborious digging managed to secure six young Kingfishers, took them home, and waited to see them gradually taking the inevitable turn for the worse. Then when he was certain that his efforts had failed, he returned them to the nest, and to his great relief and joy found them flown next day. I advised him to try again this year, giving him the necessary instructions, and I hope, for my own selfish motives, he will succeed. His stock consisted of the commoner kinds, mostly Finches, all in the pink of condition and making the neighbourhood of their domicile resound again and again. "Jecky," the Jackdaw, amused me very much, and he follows Charles at call. "Old Charles" informed me that the bird would take a sixpence from the hand and hide it. I told him, however, that I could not afford the risk of putting his words to the test. He summed up "Jecky's" exemplary character and aptitudes in a trite phrase, "He's an anshent (ancient) beastie," and we all heartily agreed. They were a jolly "threesome," to be sure, and when the hour of our departure had come I casually offered Charlie my copy of "C.B.," thinking perhaps it would be a treat he had never dreamt of in such an outlandish spot, but my friend had just received his own copy off the van, and we parted like friends that had been reared together. On our way home we were indignant to see that the fishes had just begun to rise, and were now enjoying a dainty meal off the surface of the rippling stream unmolested. Flocks of Fieldfares pleased our vision better as the birds uttered their Scandinavian warning and retired on our approach to the topmost boughs of the now budding trees, that seemed to resent their rather unusual visitations and seemed to politely request them to remove to their own homes and make way for the more welcome visitors now daily expected. All the way were signs and expressions of the approaching genial season, and my friends as much as I myself were delighted with the outing, that had proved so instructive and even exciting. Our minds were easy and our burdens light, thanks be to the fishes.

EDWARD MILNE.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## A Suggestion for a Model.

SIR,—I was almost expecting to see some correspondence arise anent your last special issue. Doubtless you have received the usual rush of congratulations upon a splendid turn out, to which you may, although rather late, add the writer's. But my real object in writing is to draw more particular attention to your full-page plate on "A Study in Types." In these days of varying types and discussions thereon, I think it would be an excellent thing for the good of the Plainhead Fancy if one mutually agreeable type could be fixed upon by all the Specialist N.P. clubs and outsiders generally, and to fill such a position I do not think a better model could possibly be evolved than the cap and wing marked bird standing on the side of the bath on the plate in question. Could not Norwich fanciers universally agree to accept such a model? Certain it is that there is not one who would not be overjoyed at breeding such a bird. No wonder CAGE BIRDS is the birdy man's guide, philosopher and friend, in making its illustrations, like its text, practically edifying. It is not here one finds caricatures of Canaries with saddle-hackles that might grace a Yokohama rooster shown as typical specimens.

A LOVER OF TYPE.

## An Interesting Experience.

SIR,—Possibly the following may be of interest to readers of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. I put a pair of Norwich Canaries together about the last week in March. The hen laid her first egg on the 8th of April; she laid four in all—one I had the misfortune to break. I transferred the other three eggs to a Buff Norwich hen which was paired to a Goldfinch, and which had laid five eggs, all being clear. One hatched on the 24th of April, one got broke, and the other proved clear. I took the next box away from the pair of Norwich for a time, and seeing she was determined to nest again, I put the box back again, and she laid the first egg in the second nest on April 21st. This was soft-shelled. She laid again the next day a big soft shelled egg, with another small, thin shelled egg inside it. The next day she laid an ordinary-sized good egg. The next was a big one nearly the size of a Thrush's egg. The last was another ordinary-sized one. I set the hen on April 25th on the three eggs May the 8th two eggs hatched. Thinking the big egg would not hatch, I broke it on Sunday, May 9th, and found in the shell two perfectly-formed chicks, but dead. By the look of them they must have died about a day before the others hatched. The hen, I may say, was a two-year-old bird. She did not go to nest last year as she was moulting all the summer long. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

HUBERT GIBBS.

## The Song of the Linnet.

### The English "Mocking Bird."

SIR,—Kindly allow me a little space in your valuable paper to enlighten and interest a few fanciers on the Linnet song. I have been asked by many what the Linnet song consists of. It is very difficult to explain the song of the bird on paper, but before trying to do so I wish it to be understood that I am perfectly well aware that in different parts of England fanciers have different names for their notes, and different ways of singing; therefore, I don't expect every one to agree with my version of the song. Tho Linnet is (as most fanciers know), a mocking bird, but to get along with the song is my subject. It consists of the following notes: Chattering, chowing, reeing, peeing, whinnying and scraping. All Linnets sing two or three of these notes, and also turn them. Some are longer, some are deeper, and some will get more turns together than others. The lightest note is tittering, taken from the Tit-Lark, viz., tit-tit-tit (run and turned heavier or deeper), whinny titter and jingle titter. There are various ways of chattering, viz., running chatter, rolling chatter, cater chatter, stammering chatter, chattering reo and locking chatter. Reeing is a kind of tremulous note, and consists of the following: fine reeing, rolling ree, trumpet reeing (very seldom heard), hollow reeing, curling ree, and blubbering ree. Next comes peeing, taken from the Bullfinch pee pee, fear fear, pi pi, po po. To be correct, I must give the names of the various ways of peeing. Plain peeing, whistling pee, feeing pee, pieing pee, bell peeing, and pooing pee. Whinnying is a nice note, and very hard to sing. It is taken from the Cuckoo, Nightingale, Waterhen, Snipe and Blackbird. The names of the different ways are filly whinnying, Blackbird whinny, huffing whinny, and laughing whinny—he he, ha ha, ho ho—all right from the stomach. Scraping is taken from Corncrakes, Skylarks, Rooks and Ducks—wiff wiff, wyke wyke, car car, cow cow, quack quack. It is impossible to make every one understand from a written description the correct sounds of the notes, but here are the different ways of scraping: Sharp, broad, kind, cowing, barking, draker and quaking scrape. Next I come to chowing, the worst of the classical notes. This note is taken from several kinds of birds, and has various forms of expression, viz., chict chict, chey chey, chi chi, chow chow, the last being the best. The Linnet has yet some more classical notes, but not so often sung as some of the above-mentioned notes. First we come to bell pether, taken from the Canary indoors, Cuckoo pether, Woodlark woodle, and Nightingale jugging. All the above are notes for quality singing. It is not necessary to learn the above for time singing. I sincerely hope the above will be well read, not only by those who have asked me to write the Linnet song, but by all novices intending to follow Linnet singing. I have retired from Linnet judging for a good many months, but I shall always be pleased to read singing results. In conclusion, I beg to wish CAGE BIRDS (the finest bird paper published) as much success in the future as it has had in the past.

FRED ALLEN.

## Wild Bird Life in Bradford and District.

SIR,—I will try and give you a few notes on the birds I have noticed around here at Bradford. On April 18th I and two of my friends went for a walk to take note of the bird life. We went to Clayton through the fields, looking at the birds as we went along. The Skylarks in scores were singing their love songs, and Blackbirds, Thrushes, Chaffinches, and Greenfinches were "tuning up" all the way where there were any trees, etc. We then went on into what is called "Sunwood." Here we noted a flock of Twites feeding in a ploughed field. And here let me point out the mistake made by Dr. Bradburn in his book on British birds, where he states that the Twite does not breed in this country. I may say (and your readers may be interested to know) that it breeds within a few miles of Bradford, and I can go with certainty and find a fair number of their nests every summer. They are late breeders, and it is about Whitsuntide when they commence laying. But I will get back to our ramble. We went along the back way of the wood and found a few ren's nests and a Hedge Sparrow's, Missel and Song Thrushes, Blackbirds—all building. Only the Hedge Sparrow's had eggs in it. We then wended our way back home, and, coming along the side of the wood toward Deep Lane we noted the Swallow, and a pair of lovely Whoatears. I have also noted the Willow Warbler. We arrived home at about half-past five to tea, having spent a very enjoyable afternoon.

P. JOWETT.

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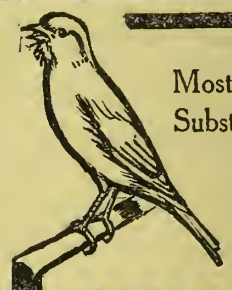

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Dec. 18—**Crook & Dis.**—(W. Rutherford, West Roddy moor). J.S.

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Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,) T.Mc.C., J.S., J.M., G.Gn.

Jan. 1—**Guisborough "Priory"** (Atkinson & Wilson, 80, Westgate).

Jan. 8 — **Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees).

Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton).

### Scotland.

Oct. 2—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane).

Oct, 9—**Broughty Ferry**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). C.Bk., W.H., D.Bn., J.Sn., A.W.W.

Oct. 9—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). H.B.

Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford, Normand Place, Kelty, N.B.) W.R., G.H., A.G.C., J.W.B., G.M.

Oct. 23—**City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 6, St. Catherine's Road. G.F., J.Sn., R.F.A., J.A., T.C.G.H., J.C.

Oct. 30—**Ayr & Dis.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road).

Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan, 23, High Street. J. H., G. H., J. B., D. L.

Nov. 6.—**Bo'ness** (F. M' Gillivray, Ferry View, Gauze Road, Chance). J.S., J.B., J.T., W.C.

Nov. 12 & 13 **Glasgow & West of Scotland**—(F. Bowman 5, Parkview Gardens, Tollcross, Glasgow).

Nov. 13—**Kirkealdy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.) D.L., J.Wn., A.C., P.P.

Nov. 19 and 20—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(J. Bv. Murdoch, 9, Burnside St).

Nov. 20—**Galashiels**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew Street).

Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.).

Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.)

Dec. 18—**Broxburn**—(D. Anthony, Main Street). T.S., J.B., G.H., J.W., W.S.

Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.—**Scottish National.**—(J. Winter, 11, Parkside Street, Ediuburgh.) W.B., A.Wn., T.T., R.W., J.Er., J.P., J.W.B., J.R., J.D., J.G., C.T.M.

### Wales.

July 21—**Llandudno (Vale of Conway & Dis. F.A.)** (A. T. Johnson, Ro Wen, Talycafn).

Nov. 10 and 11—**Swansea.**—(A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, nr. Swansea.)

Nov. 17—**Maesteg**—(W. Jenkins, 43, John Street, Nantyffyllon, Bridgend).

Nov. 18—**Morriston** (W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Rd. H.N. and W.M.

*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Cardiff.**—(W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland Road.) J.H.P. & J.R.

*Dec. 15—**Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun & Dis.**—(Mc Lucas & James, 26, Pontygraugwen Road, Pontypridd.)

### Ireland.

Nov. 11 & 12—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton, Banbridge, Co. Down).

Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—(H. J. Niblock, Seatown Place.)

Dec. 15 and 16—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan). H.N.

### Foreign.

Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H.S. Tibbs, 184, John) Street, Toronto, Canada.)

## ENTRIES CLOSE.

May 22—**Bangor**—W. Aitken, 1, Belmont Street.

May 26—**St. Columb (Royal Cornwall)**—S. H. Tamblyn, Pentreve, St. Columb.

We have received a sample of the "C.B." (crushed biscuit) being advertised in our columns, by Mr. E. J. Grain, bird seed merchant, Nottingham, and can thoroughly recommend it as an excellent article of feed, ground to just the right degree of fineness to suit the fancier.

Although so long after the advertisement of my book was inserted in CAGE BIRDS, the applications are daily coming in now, writes Mr. S. W. Birchley, and I am sorry to say I have run out of prospectuses, but hope to have some more off the Press shortly. I should therefore be greatly obliged if you would kindly allow me to say that those who have not yet received them will do so in the course of a few days. There are 2,000 already out.

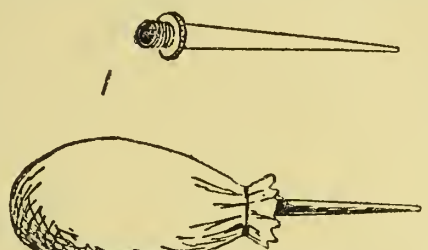
The judges elected for the open show of the Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C. on November 12th and 13th next are: Norwich, Mr. J. Calderwood (Kilmarnock); Crests and Yorks, Mr. C. Campbell (Glasgow), Borders, Mr. J. Smillie (Riccarton); Mules, British and Foreign, Mr. L. J. Arrighi (Edinburgh). One other judge for this latter section has still to be fixed. As there is usually so much dissatisfaction over the shilling charged for prize cards, the club has decided to give 30s. per class prize money, with no charge for prize cards, and we hope fanciers will show their appreciation of this by sending on a large entry.—FRED BOWMAN, show sec.

# Illustrated Ideas

*Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.*

## No. 310.
## A Device for Hand Feeding.
### Sent by W. Smalldridge, 204, Clive Street, Grange, Cardiff.

The implement I use for hand-rearing Mules or Finches is made with the spout of a penny oil-feeder (tin), and the thumb off a

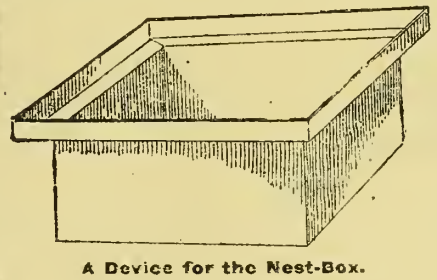


A Device for Hand-Feeding.

large kid glove. The spout should be filed off level, and the hole be sufficiently large to allow the food to pass through. I find it better than a syringe, as it is easier to fill, and you can steady the birds with one hand. —W. SMALLDRIDGE.

## No. 311.
## A Ledge for Nest Boxes.
### Sent by A. Riley, 26, Boulton Road, West Bromwich.

The enclosed sketch shows a ledge to prevent young birds from falling from the nest. Obtain a piece of wood 1½in. in width, and cut in pieces to the same size as your nest-



A Device for the Nest-Box.

box. Nail together to form a square, which will fit on the outside of the nest-box. Then nail on the outside of this four more pieces of wood to enclose it. If this is fitted on after the nest is made, you will find it will prevent the young birds from ever falling out of the nest.—ARTHUR RILEY.

Mr. J. Walsh, the well-known bird and food specialist, of Penny Street, Blackburn, has just issued a revised price-list of his seeds, foods, medicines, etc., and will send a copy post free to all readers who apply for it. The prices are exceedingly low, considering the guaranteed quality of the goods.

The committee of the Fife and Kinross Norwich P.C., writes Mr. A. Dickson, the hon. secretary, invite applications from societies (in Fife and Kinross), that are desirous of the club's patronage for the coming season. All applicants must state number of classes to be provided and the judge's names. The applications must be sent not later than July 30th.

I shall be glad, writes Mr. John Rukin (Rawtenstall), if you will convey the thanks of myself and wife to the host of fanciers and friends who have written me letters of sympathy in our recent bereavement. Many are people I have never met, which shows the kindly thought given by fanciers to all in sorrow and distress. I hope that my many friends will accept my thanks in this way, as our house is still very much upset, our only child, a lad of 13, being taken with the same complaint as the other one on Friday, May 7th. But I am pleased to say he is now doing well, and likely to pull through.

"Country Queries and Notes," the monthly journal published by the proprietors of "The Countryside," has this month (May) changed its title to "Science Gossip and Country Queries and Notes," the published price being fourpence. It is certainly a very useful little magazine for all interested in natural science, and highly entertaining withal, the articles being brightly written, with none of the dryness proverbially associated with scientific topics. Birds have a large amount of space devoted to them, and our readers interested in wild-bird life should order a trial copy of "Science Gossip and Country Queries and Notes" from their newsagent.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

# Club Notices.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

**Burnley and Dis. C.B.F.A.**—May 25 Club Room, 7.30.—W. Clarkson.

**Belgrave and Dis. F. and F.S.**—May 25, New Inn, Loughboro' Road, 8. Final arrangement for members' show, to be held May 31.— W H. Riley.

**Barnsley and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 29, Clarence Hotel, 8.—E. Carlisle.

**Bonnyrigg and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 29, Forresters' Arms, 7.30. Show business.—G. Harper.

**Barton-on-Humber C. and B.B.C.**—May 27, 8.—E. C. Dunn.

**Bradford East O.S.**—May 25, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Arrangements for Members' F.F. Show, and Whitsuntide ramble.—H. Hill.

**Brighouse and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 25, Round House Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

**Border City (Carlisle) O.S.**—May 30. First ramble; train 2 p.m. for Burgh; June 2. General meeting; business, schedules for shows and reports of correspondence, etc.—J. Chaplow.

**Bolton and Dis. O.S.**—May 26, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 7.30. Table show of young birds; two Nor., two Yorks., two A.V. classes; mr. J. Hopkins judge; admission free.—H. Parkinson.

**Bramley O.S.**—May 29, Carnival Rooms, Bramley, 7.30. Arrangements for F.F. Show.—A. H. Craven.

**Cowdenbeath and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 22, Waverley Rooms, 7. Result of Essay competition.—J. Simpson.

**Crewe O.S.**—May 25, Burton Hotel, 7.45. Urgent, Young Stock Show business.—T. L. Hancocks.

**City of Bradford O.S.**—May 22, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8.—F. Rhodes.

**Derby C.B.C.**—May 29, Victoria Street, Congregational Schoolroom, 7. Nomination of young birds.—W. Stevens.

**Darlington C.B.S.**—May 25, Half Moon Hotel, 8.—W. Underwood.

**Dulwich O.S.**—May 27, Herne Tavern, Peckham Rye, 8.30. Mr. J. Robson's lecture on "The Border Fancy Canary."—S. J. Kent.

**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 26, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Schedule for F.F. Show. Election of judge, etc.—Buck and Johnson.

**Green Canary Assoc.**—May 27, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool, 8. Members please attend early; there is a large amount of business in connection with patronage and the season's specials, also judge and schedule for Nest Feather Show.—S. Hadwin.

**Great Horton Good Intent O.S.**—May 29, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 7.30. Intending members please attend.—H. Schofield.

**Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.**—May 25, Lello's, 7.30. Friends invited.—W. Simpson.

**Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.**—May 25, Cricket Players, 8.—W. Cottingham.

**Heywood and Dis. O.S.**—May 25, Rechabite Hall, Pine Street, 7.30. Schedule, etc., for F.F. Show and other business.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

**Houghton-le-Spring and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 22, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. No new members accepted after this meeting.—A. Widdowfield.

**Jarrow, Hebburn and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 24, large room, Lockhart's Cafe, 8. Mr. J. Richardson (Simonside Tyne Dock) will give a washing exhibition. Intending members cordially invited.—R. Blore.

**Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 22, Centre Hotel, 7.30. Important: members please attend.—D. John.

**Leicester C.B.S.**—May 24, Saracens Head Hotel, Market Place, Leicester, 8.15. "Some British Birds we Have Exhibited, and Their Characteristics," by Messrs. Ride and Hunt. Fanciers invited.—J. A. Tyler.

**Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 26, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Members' Table Nest Feather Show; small entrance; all birds to be staged and entries made before 8; J. Marsh judge. All welcome.—R. H. Davies.

**Musselburgh O.S.**—May 29, Central Halls, 7. Last day for booking hens.—D. Kay.

**Midland Roller C.C.**—May 27, Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, 8. Fixing show date, appointing judge, and passing rules. All Roller fanciers given a hearty invitation.—J. H. Willows.

**Metropolitan C.B.A.**—May 27, headquarters, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., 8.30. Annual show and Young Bird Show business, etc.—E. Box.

**Morley and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 22, Sycamore Hotel, 8. Rambles and shows business.—R. H. Turner.

**North Manchester C.B.S.**—May 25, Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 8. F.F. Show business.—J. Davey.

**Northern Yorkshire C.C.**—May 26, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 8. First Nest Feather Show. Class 1, cl., 2 ticks, etc.; judge, Mr. Ellwood. Arrangements for specials; also specials for autumn shows.—T. C. Crawhall.

**National B.B. and M.C.**—May 27, Feathers, Great Chapel Street, Westminster, 8.—Plumbridge and Carr.

**Oldham and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 25, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. F.F. Show business.—F. Steeple.

**Pendlebury, Swinton and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 27, Blue Ribbon Hall, 8. Classes for F.F. Show, selecting judge, etc.—A. Donnelly.

**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.**—May 26. Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Committee meeting.—W Adams.

**Sale Open Society.**—May 24, Technical Schools, 8. Specials and other business for First Feather Show.—J. Irlam.

**South Manchester C.B.S.**—May 24, headquarters, 8. Cage-making demonstration by Messrs. Washbourne and Son: also making of cage fronts by Mr. J. Stirrup.—J. C. Spilsbury.

**Stockport B.F.A.**—May 25, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. F.F. Show business.—W. Stafford.

**Sunderland C.B.A.**—May 29, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30.—W. Reid.

**Swansea and Dis. C.B.A.**—May 27, Market Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Table Show; Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite, six classes, house-moulted and fresh-caught; judge, Mr. D. Williams.—A. Hitchings.

**Scottish Metropolitan (Open Derby) O.A.**—May 29, Buchanan's Hotel, 114, High Street, Edinburgh, 6.30. Election of judges, prize cards, and payment of annual subscription, etc.—J. R. Meikle.

**Tong and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 24, Holme Lane Hotel, 8. Colour food distribution.—J. Smith.

**Yorkshire Union of Cage Bird Societies.**—May 22, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 6. Tenders for printing and working agreement with the London Federation of C.B.S.—H. Hill.

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# Questions and Answers.

## DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

**For Rules see last week's "Cage Birds."**

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of ADVISORY EXPERTS. Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

## CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

### Effects of Egg Substitutes.

**T.J.P.**—Your query as to whether the use of egg substitutes has any detrimental effect on the breeding of Canaries is too general and far-reaching to be given a definite reply. Certainly you must recognise the plain fact that there may be all degrees of good and bad substitutes. Providing one has a wholesome biscuit food, whether it contains egg or not, it is not so much a question as to whether it will prove detrimental as whether the birds will eat it with the same zest and relish as they do ordinary egg food, and if they will not, there is a very great probability they will not feed young freely with it, and young birds cannot thrive on the best substitute ever invented if the parents do not convey it to them.

### Not Singing.

"Cilwra."—It is impossible to tell from such meagre particulars why the cock has not yet commenced to sing. As you have no doubt whatever about its sex, it may be he has discovered sufficient interest in life by chasing about the hen with which you say you have mated him. There are some cocks of this stolid nature which give up singing when mated. I presume you gave them a nest-pan when mating them; if not, do so at once, and next day give a small quantity of nesting material and note results. If they begin to carry it in the nest-pan, give them sufficient to make a nest. The pair will probably have settled down more amicably by now, but if the cock should continue bullying the hen after she has laid, remove him a day or so after she has laid her last egg, and let her hatch and rear the young by herself.

### Feeding for Song.

**Teddy W.H.S.**—There must be something wrong with any cock Canary that does not sing at this time of year without any special feeding. Your dieting does not seem of the best. Give a mixture of three parts Canary to one of summer rape as a staple, and, in addition, give separately half a teaspoonful of hemp twice a week, and on two other days a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry mixed in it, and sprinkled with a few grains of gold of pleasure seed. Give a spray of chickweed, groundsel, or dandelion leaf daily. Keep in comfortable place, quite free from draughts, and keep cage nicely strewn with clean gritty sand. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for three days. After that give two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel every second day for a week or so. Discontinue all drugs and extra feeding as soon as the bird begins to sing freely.

### Waiting and Moulting.

**G. F. Grocott.**—(1) The Crest hen has probably been mismanaged through the winter months not to have bred at all in the last two years. Discontinue mixed seeds, and feed on a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape mixed together; every second day give the pair a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, linseed, and inga, and on the alternate days the same quantity of egg-food with four drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. Give a liberal supply of dandelion and chickweed daily. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week. She may set to work in the course of a month when the weather gets warmer, and perhaps rear one brood this year. (2) The Green hen will not be fit to mate before the first week in June. If you mate her too soon, it will simply mean a clutch of clear eggs, and then the season may be too far advanced to rectify the error; so do not be too impatient.

### A Wild Customer.

"Perplexed."—Your bird must be an uncommonly wild or nervous specimen. Keep it in a moderate sized cage, and hang it about on a level with the face, where someone will be constantly moving about. It will probably be very wild for a few days, but take little notice of it beyond feeding and tending it methodically each day, and it will doubtless soon steady down and behave more like a domesticated creature. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple; twice a week give a few grains of hemp, and on two other days a small quantity of crushed sponge cake, with a few grains of inga and gold of pleasure sprinkled over it. Give a supply of green food daily and stick it in the wires so that the bird is compelled to come up from the bottom to get it. In the drinking water give twelve drops of glycerine, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and the same quantity of chlorate of potash every second day for a week or so.

### Abnormal Eggs, &c.

**E.H.M.**—Although you give no clue as to the age of your hens, I am inclined to think they have at any rate passed the first flush of youth, and are also, perhaps, a trifle worn out. Separate both hens for two or three weeks, and, of course, take away the nest and pan from the one that has had two clear eggs. When separated, first give a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for three or four days, and after this six drops of dandelion juice, and two each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel every second day for the remainder of the fortnight, and on the alternate days twenty drops of chemical food. As a staple, give a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape, and give separately twice a week half a teaspoonful of hemp, on two other days a pinch of inga, and every second day half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod-liver oil emulsion mixed in, and a pinch of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it. Give a liberal supply of groundsel or chickweed, and one small leaf of dandelion daily. At the end of the fortnight, if the hens are fresh, mate again with lusty young cocks.

### Overfed Hen.

**Goldie.**—Your hen is evidently one of those specimens which flourish and grow fat even on frugal fare. In the condition you describe she is quite useless for breeding, and the probability is that unless you could turn her out into a large aviary she will never do any good at breeding, for the simple reason you cannot put any practical limitations to her diet. When young are about, if indeed she succeeded so far, egg food or some equivalent substitute must of necessity be supplied, and then the hen gets her chance and lays on fat until she is quite useless. The best method to reduce her is to keep her in a large flight cage alone, give a small teaspoonful only of plain canary daily, and twice a week omit this altogether and give instead rather a less quantity of summer rape. Give no other seed or extra food whatever, but keep her well supplied with groundsel, chickweed, or lettuce. Give these green foods in unlimited quantities. Keep cage floor quite clean and strewn with gritty sand, so that you are sure she only gets her bare allowance of seeds each day. Of course this method requires rigid daily attention, as forgetfulness for one day might mean irreparable disaster. If the green food is not sufficient to keep the bowels very free, give a pinch of Epsom Salts in the water three times a week.

### Bad Eyes.

**R.H.T.**—They seem to be suffering from ophthalmia, and have, I suspect, been exposed to draught or a chill. Your feeding also is very bad, and doubtless renders them more susceptible to disease. Try following, and I think the trouble will soon cease. As a staple diet give plain Canary in unlimited quantities. In addition give separately a teaspoonful of summer rape each day, and a similar quantity of egg food or crushed sponge cake to each pair every second day. Twice a week when not feeding young give also a small teaspoonful of hemp. When young are being reared, feed as advised in numerous replies the last few weeks. Give green food daily, and add chickweed and groundsel. Add also to the soft food of the birds that are ill, two drops of port wine and two of cod liver oil emulsion each time until well. Keep them caged separately; in a rather warm and regular temperature; keep cages and particularly the perches scrupulously clean; and add to drinking water six drops of dandelion juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and on the alternate days twenty drops of chemical food. Bathe eyes once daily in a warm decoction of camomile flowers in a teacupful of which mix ten drops of laudanum. Dry carefully, and drop on each eye one drop of rose water in each ounce of which you have got your chemist to dissolve one grain of sulphate of zinc.

### Great Expectations.

**"A New 'Un."**—In sober earnest, your attempt to breed with such birds as you describe is, in all probability, foredoomed to dismal failure. To have any success at breeding one wants, above all else, healthy robust stock; but yours are worse than worthless. I am sorry to put this damper on your hopes, but it will be better than leaving you in a fool's paradise. First of all see your cages are perfectly clean and free from red mite, as I imagine bird No. 2 is troubled with this pest. Next see they are comfortably "housed" and situated, quite beyond reach of draughts, and where the heat is fairly even night and day. This does not mean that you should use any artificial heat. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple, and give separately half a teaspoonful of hemp three times a week. Every second day give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with two drops each of sherry and cod-liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled over with gold of pleasure seed. Give a liberal supply of chickweed and dandelion daily. Feed both on these lines until they are well. Allow them to bathe freely in fine weather provided only they do not show signs of chill after doing so. In the drinking water give both six drops of dandelion juice and as much Epsom salts every second day for a week as will cover a sixpence, and on the alternate days give No. 1 twenty drops whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, and No. 2 the whiskey and glycerine as above, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. After the first week, give both birds twenty drops chemical food every second day for a week or two, and on the alternate days, for a week, two drops each tincture of steel and tincture of gentian. Do not mate them up until they are quite vigorous.

**Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.**

### Looseness Whilst Feeding.

**C. K. Eaton.**—You omit to say how you prepare egg food, as well as how you feed generally, and the former in particular may contain the solution which would explain why your hens get relaxed after feeding young for few days. As I read your letter, you evidently give the parents egg food in unlimited quantities right away from time the young are hatched, which, if you gave pure yolk for the first day or so would certainly tend to cause looseness. But your practice would still be wrong from the beginning. When the young are hatched, half-a-teaspoonful of egg morning and evening on the first day is quite sufficient to give; on the second day the same quantity of egg and half its bulk of bread crumbs or powdered biscuit; the third day about two teaspoonfuls should be sufficient, and equal parts of egg and biscuit is quite rich enough. On the fourth day begin to give a little green food. If looseness still exists when feeding in this way, add a small arrowroot biscuit to one Osborne biscuit and use these pounded together for mixing with the egg instead of bread crumbs. Or you might use maizena wafers instead of Osborne biscuits. Of course, you must know that there is naturally a looser habit whilst feeding young than during incubation. You might give a wee bit of egg food twice a week during incubation, but not oftener; and even this should not be necessary if you carry out the above instructions.

### Too Prolific.

**The Rhondda Lad.**—The reason is probably that your diet is too stimulating at the beginning; that is, from the time the young are hatched. What green food do you use? and when do you begin to give hemp? What do you call "plain" seed? As you say you give plain seed in one vessel, and a mixture of Canary, rape, and hemp in another. Look up reply to "Downcast" in last week's issue for details on feeding from the time of hatching, and see if you cannot discover something wrong in your method. Adopt the method given there, and withhold hemp until the young are at least eight days old. Then, if you have been using dandelion as green food, stop it at once, as it forces such hens too rapidly into condition. Substitute instead either groundsel, lettuce, or chickweed, in the order named.

### Hens Dying.

**W.E.S.**—Am strongly inclined to think you may have septic fever of a certain type among your stock, and consequently in order to ascertain beyond doubt if this is so, I advise you to send the body of the next that dies to our specialist for a post-mortem. Meantime, keep cages and all appliances scrupulously clean; boil all food and water vessels that may be so treated daily; so that all egg food is pure and perfectly fresh at least twice a day; and do not import any fresh birds, or mix up any apparently healthy specimens with these that become ill. When young are hatched, boil all water before use, and add six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid to each drinker, and if the looseness makes its appearance, add also four drops of tincture of opium for a day or two. In case the trouble proves to be of septic origin, get Dr. Clarke's handbook on the subject (7d. from our Publishing Manager) and read up the contents. The subject is too extensive to attempt to deal with it here.

### After Effects.

**"Thank You."**—Glad to hear that by following advice in CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL you cured the bird of the immediate effect of its severe cold. As you say that its diet consists of bread and milk, am I to understand this is its only food? If so, it is quite wrong. As a staple diet, you should give two parts Canary to one part summer rape, mixed together, and give separately twice a week a pinch of hemp, and half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake on one or two other days each week. A small piece of bread and milk may be occasionally substituted for the sponge cake, but should never form the chief article of a healthy Canary's diet. Give a little green food daily. As regards swollen eye, bathe it daily in a warm solution of camomile flowers, to each teacupful of which add ten drops of laudanum. Dry carefully, and drop in the eye one drop of rose water in an ounce of which you have got the chemist to mix one grain of sulphate of zinc. Keep its perches scrupulously clean. Add a few grains of Epsom salts to its drinking water for a day or two.

### Feathers Breaking Off.

**Perplexed.**—As you have now discovered, your feeding has been quite wrong, and was mainly responsible, although I also think the bird is a naturally weak and debilitated specimen, for which you will probably do but very little good. Feed on plain Canary only as a staple. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days for two or three weeks a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with two drops each of port wine and cod-liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and twice each week omit these drops and add instead as much as will cover a sixpence of a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash. Twice a week give a few grains only of linseed. Give a little chickweed or groundsel daily. See its cage is clean, free from red mite, and keep supplied with clean gritty sand. Encourage it to bathe freely in fine weather. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and the same quantity of chlorate of potash every second day for a week. On the alternate days give twenty drops of chemical food. Then omit medicines for a week, and give them again for another week. You will probably have to wait for the moult before the bird gets in fine feather.

### Norwich Cocks Moulting.

**Amateur.**—Although you say the birds are quite free from draughts, I am inclined to think this is partly the cause of the moult, and is aggravated by great variations of temperature. I make these deductions from the fact that the birds are kept in a kitchen, six feet from the fire and close to a window. In such a position it must be practically impossible to avoid great fluctuations, and also exceedingly difficult to get rid of draughts. If you could move the cages to a position further away from both fire and window, where they would be secure from draughts, the temperature would be much more equable day and night, and the birds would do better. Your feeding is also faulty. Give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops each of sherry and cod-liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and on the alternate days a few grains of hemp. Give a little green food daily. For the first two days give a pinch of Epsom salts in the water, and afterwards dissolve a pennyworth of citrate of iron and quinine in two tablespoonfuls of port wine, and give twenty drops of this in the water two days in every three until moulting has stopped. Keep cage strewn with clean gritty sand, and see they are quite free from red mite. Do not mate the birds two or three weeks after moult has stopped.

### Bald and Scurfy.

**"Physic."**—The loss of feathers is due to an unhealthy condition of skin, probably caused or aggravated by an improper diet, though you say nothing on this point. Keep these birds by themselves and thoroughly disinfect any cages they have occupied, and also keep those in which they are isolated scrupulously clean, especially the perches and all food and water vessels. Keep a separate bath for them and encourage them to bathe freely, adding a few crystals of permanganate of potash to bathing water two or three times a week. Feed on a staple of plain Canary, and give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of egg food or crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod-liver oil emulsion mixed in it. Twice each week also mix in the soft food as much as will cover a sixpence of a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur and one part chlorate of potash. On two other days each week, when you are not giving sulphur, give a few grains of linseed. Give a little chickweed or groundsel daily. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, the same quantity of chlorate of potash, and six drops of lemon juice every second day for a week, and on the alternate days twenty drops of Chemical Food. Then drop this for a week, and give it again following week, continuing it in alternate weeks as long as necessary. Slightly anoint bare skin twice a week with sulphur ointment.

### Brevities.

**Sitting Without Laying** (South Devon).—Look up reply to "W. H. K." in last week's issue, and treat your hen as therein advised, with the exception of giving a pinch of a mixture of equal parts of inga, linseed, and gold of pleasure, instead of inga alone. Then if she commences sitting without laying when mated again, and appears to sit closely and steadily, give her a clutch of common eggs to hatch out and rear, which she will probably do, and may make a good foster parent. It would have been worth while trying her with a clutch this time had she not been sitting quite so long, but as she will have sat almost a fortnight before this reply appears, I would not advise you to try it unless you had a clutch almost ready to hatch, the parents of which had deserted them.

**Clear Eggs and Baldness** (G. K.).—Anything that tends to lower condition and weaken her must help to contribute to unfertility, but there is nothing to show the slightest connection between your hen's becoming bare over the beak and laying unfertile eggs. Indeed, as the hen produced two normal clutches of eggs she had clearly done her share; and the fact that all the eggs but one were unfertile shows the cock to be the failing one. He wants feeding and toning up a little. As regards bareness, you should first find out whether it is due to any mechanical cause, such as friction against wires, red mite, or the cock pulling them out, etc. If no such cause exists, wait until the bird has finished breeding, and then give her a course of treatment as advised to "J. S., Castletown," in last issue just before moulting, when she should moult out in good plumage.

**Removing Eggs** (H. Cook).—Yes, it is advisable to help the simultaneous hatching of the eggs to remove first three as laid, and substitute dummies, or at least one dummy for the first egg removed, and keep them in a small box in bran, turning the box over each morning and evening, and replacing the eggs in the nest on the evening of the third day, removing the dummy or dummies at same time. You must also take this opportunity to re-arrange or make a proper shaped nest if the hen has not managed to construct a serviceable nest herself.

**Quantity of Colour Food** (Paprika).—The quantity varies not only with the individual, but with the duration of the moult. Some birds require much less than others to bring them out the same depth of tone; and, again, some birds moult much quicker than others, and do not require feeding for so long a time. You will thus see it is impossible to lay down a hard and fast rule with any single bird, but under average conditions I should say about three ounces would be sufficient. The quantity you name would probably be sufficient for from six to eight birds.

**A Brood of Seven** (Wally).—A really good feeding and healthy hen will certainly manage a brood of seven. But it is very unwise from more than one point of view to put such a tax upon her. It would have been best to leave the cock with her to assist in the task of rearing young. If you should have another brood of three or four hatched within a day or so of this brood, transfer two of the seven to the smaller brood, otherwise return the cock when they are a week old if he is at liberty. Of course, there is the possibility that all the seven will not hatch, which is, perhaps, the least desired way out of the difficulty.

**Laying Small Egg** (G. K., Darwen).—See replies to "A. E., Wigston," and "Downcast" in last issue, and treat your hen as advised in those replies. Candidly, I am afraid you will do no good at all, and if you could replace her with a healthy young hen ready to nest I should certainly advise you to do so, and thus prevent the season being a total failure.

**A Question of Mating** (Brownlow).—You made a mistake in removing the hen the second time, because the cock chased her about. Most cock birds that are in condition are more or less violent wooers, and what you took to be a scrimmage was probably only love-making. Your feeding is rather faulty. Give a mixture of two parts Canary to one summer rape as a staple; twice a week give a few grains of hemp, and every other day until mated give each half a teaspoonful of egg food with a pinch of inga and gold of pleasure added. Give him two or three dandelion leaves daily, and the hen one and a little of some other green food. Give the cock a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for two days, and afterwards twenty drops of whiskey and four of tincture of gentian for a few days.

**Young Dying** (German Roller).—You have met precisely the same trouble, and evidently in exactly the same way, as "The Rhondda Lad," to whom a detailed reply is given in this issue. Please refer to this reply for information. The presence of the cock in the same room would make little or no difference if you hung him in such a position that they could not see each other. After the young are a week old, you might also add by slow degrees one part of crushed sponge cake or moist bread crumbs to two parts of the egg food.

**Becoming Bare** (S. Tanner).—It is suffering from red mite attacks. Provided you are not expert at hand-washing, I would advise you to get a competent person to hand-wash it for you, and add a teaspoonful of creolin to a pint of the water used in the first basin. Then put the bird in a perfectly clean cage, and see all fittings and the place where it is to hang are perfectly free from insect pest. If you have more than one cage in use, do them at same time, so there can be no risk of re-infecting. After, give the bird a bath daily, in which mix a few drops of essence of quassia twice a week, and also brush over joints of the door, ends of perches, etc., with a small brush dipped in the strong essence. You may give twenty drops of Chemical Food in its water daily for a fortnight to keep up strength.

**Two in One** (G.E.F.).—(1) I should imagine it quite useless for breeding. Drop the hemp, inga, and linseed out of the staple diet, retaining only the Canary and rape in the same proportions. Mix the last three in equal parts, and give half a teaspoonful twice a week separately. Every second day for a week give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod-liver oil emulsion, well mixed in it. Give a little dandelion of chickweed daily. In the drinking water give ten drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for three or four days, and afterwards twenty drops of whiskey and two each of tincture of gentain and tincture of steel every second day for a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary; (2) I do not care to use white of the egg for first four or five days after young are hatched, although many fanciers use it from the first with success. Then, the "white" is the portion that should be rejected,

**Seed Sample** (Novice).—It is quite impracticable to express any definite opinion of the bulk of seed from a mere pinch of it. The sample is a very small seed and seems to contain a fairly large proportion that is also thin. It is very sweet, and appears clean and bright, though the latter cannot properly be judged from so small a sample. If nice and clean in bulk, its only drawback is its small size, which is all against economy.

# BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

## Linnet Not Singing.

**M.E.T.**—A house-moulted cock Linnet which is "in the best of health and very lively," yet does not sing, is a puzzle I am afraid I cannot solve. Are you really sure of the sex? Even a healthy hen will sing at this time of the year. I suggest you hang the bird outside on sunny days, and give it as many seeding dandelion heads daily as it will eat. Your method of feeding seems to be good enough; at any rate, it will not account for the absence of song. What green food is it you are giving? Seeding shepherd's purse and chickweed are plentiful now, in ripe condition, and these are the Linnets' favourites. Give him a little sunshine, but don't let him roast until he gasps for breath, should his cage afford no shade at the top.

## Changelings.

**X.Y.Z.**—1, The eggs you have put under this hen are Linnets, without a doubt. If she will sit the extra seven days necessary (presumably) to hatch them out—there is no reason why she shouldn't, for I have known it happen—then she will rear the young on the same food as you would give her were they young Canaries. It is advisable, however, to give as much seeding chickweed and shepherd's purse daily as she will use; many of my own hens feed very largely on these two "green foods," and each is very plentiful now. Probably the hen will behave properly with her own second nest. 2, You speak rather disgustedly of this hen's refusal to use egg-food, but really this matters nothing at all, so long as she feeds freely on seed and seeding greenfoods; the young will be reared all right then. I certainly think it is worth while letting her try her "band" on the Chaffinch's eggs; feed as advised for hen No. 1.

## Four Interesting Ones.

**Nemo.**—1, No; Goldfinches moulted in an outdoor aviary (flying loose) do not come as white in the legs as birds moulted in cages indoors. Some of the latter, however, take more than one moult before becoming really "white-legged." 2, I don't know anything about the legal aspect of the matter, but morally you would not be justified in selling birds as "house" moulted which have in reality been moulted in an outdoor aviary when flying loose. If moulted in cages, and very tame, then the case would be different, for in my opinion much of the virtue of the "house-moulted" bird lies in the fact that it is domesticated—that, indeed, is what fanciers read into the term. A Goldie moulted in an aviary has yet to be got steady, if it has never previously made the acquaintance of a cage. 3, Your aviary would hold between three and four dozen birds comfortably. 4, Cheveral and Pea-throated Goldfinches are considered by many to be the best birds for light Mule breeding; on the ground that the break of light plumage predisposes to the throwing of light young birds, I suppose. But it doesn't necessarily work out so in practice, as I have fully proved on several occasions. If one fancies a Cheveral or Pea-throat, there is certainly no harm in using it; I only want to point out the folly of paying long prices for such birds under the belief that they make light Mules a certainty.

## Hand-feeding Finches.

**Andrew** (Leeds).—Quite right; follow the directions given "R.N.S.T." last week when hand-feeding your Greenfinches. It is not difficult, providing one's patience stands the test; no one ought to undertake the task unless able to carry it through properly. No one can expect to be successful with every bird he tries to hand-rear, but a large proportion should certainly survive. Finches should have a little soaked (just sprouting) summer rape seed mixed among their soft food from the day they are taken (nine or ten days old). It gets "mashed" by the fork in the process of mixing. It can be increased from day to day until a good proportion is present. I have known many Finches reared on this and soaked bread alone. Of course, being more or less moist, the more soaked rape one uses the less the food wants moistening with milk (or water). As the birds get older it should not be given so "sloppy" as at first. Don't forget to mix in every two days or so a small quantity (say, a tiny salt-spoonful) of crushed cuttlefish, or very small particles of grit. I always think the young birds seem to feel the cold, during inclement weather, when they commence to roost outside the nest, and at this period they should be kept very cosy (especially at night), their cage covered with a warm cloth, and stood in a warmed room when possible. It is the large birds which seem most susceptible to attacks of cramp. It is a very good plan, however, to lightly colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food—I generally use Fellow's Syrup of Hypophosphites myself, but this is an expensive preparation, and not to be bought in small quantities. It is certainly, however, a fine tonic and strengthening medicine for birds. When they commence to pick about for themselves, offer (in addition to soft food and soaked rape) maw seed, lightly cracked Canary and hemp seeds, groats, or coarse oatmeal, shelled and broken up sunflower seed; also seeding heads of chickweed, shepherd's purse, and groundsel, and thistles in season. Don't, at the same time, forget grit and cuttlefish, likewise old, crushed mortar.

## Rearing Canary Mules.

**Peter.**—All Canary Mules reared by Canary hens are brought up in very much the same way as young Canaries—that is, on similar food and treatment generally. That you gave your own birds the correct treatment—or correct enough, at any rate—is proved by your rearing them successfully. Now they are commencing to feed themselves offer (in addition to soft food and soaked rape) maw seed, lightly cracked Canary and hemp seeds, groats, or coarse oatmeal, shelled and broken up sunflower seed; also seeding heads of chickweed, shepherd's purse and groundsel; and thistles in season. Don't, at the same time, forget grit and cuttlefish, likewise old, crushed mortar. Steep the summer rape seed in cold water, which thoroughly change every day. It will soon begin to germinate (burst), and is then ready for use, dabbing it as dry as possible in a towel before offering it to the birds. All crushed seed should be prepared fresh daily. I should wean them off egg food as soon as possible, substituting for it home-made egg cake moistened, if necessary, with a spot or two of milk or of water, or a little stale sponge cake, or crushed sweet biscuit (maizena wafer, tea or Oshorne) also moistened with milk. Egg-cake made and baked at home really does not need damping. Don't make the mistake, when dropping egg, of leaving off soft food entirely. The best cages for general use are the box pattern ones known as Finch stock cages (any of the large cage makers advertising in our columns will supply them). They are about 16 by 10 by 8 inches, wired in front only, doors at front and side, seed box inside, running from front to back, two perches about on a level with top of seed trough, water vessel outside. You could moult the Mules, of course, in small flight cages, about 3 feet or 4 feet long—say double breeders with centre partition removed. They are apt to be mischievous, and pluck one another.

## Muling Troubles.

**Cockie.**—1, Two eggs make up a disappointing clutch, it is true, but as you knew there was a chance of their being fertile, you should have let the hen sit, if so disposed. The only thing to do now is to put in the nest-pan and fresh nesting material, and let her have another try. She should have had a "rest" for not less than a week. If she refuses to "call" to the Linnet, you must resort again to the dodge of having the cock Canary in front of her cage two or three times. You could hang him on in a cage; it is easily contrived. By the way, what is it you mean when you say she "is now quite off"? It is best to be explicit; "quite off" can mean a lot of things. 2, It is no use parting the Goldies and hen Canaries now if you want to do any good. Obviously it is not the fault of the Finches, for if the hen Canaries were ready to go to nest, they would commence to build. Feed them up with a little egg-food daily, and a small teaspoonful of niger seed; and don't forget young leaves and seeding heads of dandelion.

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## Brevities.

**Hand-rearing Linnets** (New Reader).—Linnets should be hand-reared in exactly the same way as recommended for Chaffinches in the reply given "R.N.S.T." last week. Take them when about ten days old (10 to 12 days).

**Linnets Breeding** (A.D.G.).—I am afraid your Linnets must be comparatively recently-caught birds (if they show red on the breast, you may be sure of this), which accounts for their being so very unsteady. I am afraid the chances of such birds breeding this year are somewhat remote. The best method would be to put the breeding cages in a very quiet corner of some room, where the birds would be disturbed as little as possible. Domesticated (steady) birds are always to be desired for breeding with in cages.

**In an Aviary** (F. Satchwell).—In an outdoor aviary eight feet by six feet by four feet, you should have an excellent chance of breeding Mules from two cock Goldfinches, and five hen Canaries. The allowance of room is something more than merely liberal.

**Another Aviary** (J. E. Foster).—Your plans seem to be very well laid, and I hope will meet with success. You want to arrange for plenty of ventilation during the summer, and freedom from damp and draughts, as far as is possible, in the cold weather. Damp is a great enemy. The place will hold with comfort about two dozen birds the size of a Chaffinch; overcrowding is not desirable.

**Greenfinch Signs** (Goldie).—Song and lively actions point to a Greenfinch being in breeding condition—they bounce about, flapping their wings, like a hen Canary does when she feels "fit." A Greenie, once he takes to a hen, is fussy and affectionate, and can be seen feeding her frequently. I must say, however, that they vary a lot in disposition; some are very savage with the hens one puts to them.

**Identity of Bird** (C. Griffin).—The Spotted Flycatcher has no black about it. I can't place the bird you describe at all; it puzzles me. It might very well be the Pied Flycatcher, which is a "black and white" bird, and is, further, not at all shy; but its legs are black, not light, in colour, and it is black on the crown of the head (white just on the forehead), and not all white. This latter species is the only bird I know in any way answering your description; possibly you were mistaken in putting down the whole of the head as white. I am assuming, of course, you were not looking at a "freak."

**Red-breasted Linnets** (B. Webb). — Red-breasted Linnets are not the kind to mate with hen Canaries; and no one ought to have sold you them for that purpose. The red breast is a sign, usually, that the birds were caught on the verge of their natural breeding season, and they are then invariably extremely difficult to steady down. I do not suppose that your birds will become really steady until they have done a house moult.

**Stumps** (W.R.S.).—If you feel carefully at the root of the tail, among the small feathers, you will find the stumps of the tail feathers there, bidden by the aforesaid small feathers. These stumps must be carefully pulled out before a new tail can grow. It may be done with the finger and thumb, taking care not to pull out any of the feathers surrounding the stumps, and not to accidentally "squeeze" the bird. It is easy to anyone used to handling birds. With regard to the hand-rearing of Linnets, note the reply given "New Reader," this week.

# FOREIGN BIRDS.

M.B.N.H.S., etc.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S.

## Budgerigars Not Using Husks.

**Perplexed.**—Your birds are possibly young ones, and will probably settle down and make proper use of husks soon, when they have got more used to their quarters. I presume you are not over-run with mice; if such is the case, it would largely account for the trouble. But I am of opinion their next clutch will be laid in the husk and satisfactorily incubated. I should give them a few oats and also flowering (seeding) grass, in addition to present diet. Also keep a piece or two of cuttlefish hanging in aviary. There are two books dealing with this species advertised in this column, which you would find of great use.

## Moustache Parrakeets.

**"Dan Leno."**—I have never been able to satisfactorily settle the point as to the actual outward sexual distinctions. The only female I have handled was not fully mature when an accident took it off. In the bird in question the moustachial streaks were practically non-existent, but I cannot be sure that this feature is constant; however, I will take an early opportunity of settling this point, and insert the result in this column. There are several new species or races sold as Moustache Parrakeets, which probably accounts for there being practically no published account of the outward sexual distinctions of this species.

## Mating a Quaker Parrakeet.

**T. W. M.**—I am not quite sure of the exact age at which Quakers breed, but should not think they would do so before they were a clear 2 years old. Once the young bird was fully adult, I should most decidedly say a young cock would be most likely to give better results than an old one. Most decidedly your bird is not too old for breeding. I presume you know the Quaker is one of the few nestbuilding species of Parrakeets; you must either fix up for them a strong wicker platform or good-sized barrel with one end entirely open, and supply them with a twiggy branch, about the same length and substance as birch brooms are made from. If you get one of the young cocks (18 months), I do not anticipate they will breed this year, though a nest may be built. You will find their nesting arrangements very interesting.

## Birds for Small Aviary.

**W. H. S.**—Am afraid sooner or later you will have trouble with the Chaffinches and Bramblefinches, these being most unsafe for a mixed series. Goldfinches, Siskins, and Twites and Redpolls would be better. As it is your initial venture with Foreign birds and you wish for seedeaters only, I would advise you to get one pair each of Zebra Finches, Cutthroats, and Java Sparrows (white for preference). If you put up a few nest boxes and husks they will probably breed, especially the first-named. Supply Canary, white and spray millet seeds, lettuce and grass in flower (seeding grass), with water *ad lib.* for drinking and bathing, though bit is customary to supply a little soft food when they are feeding young, and it is better to do so, as it makes the parent birds' task much easier. All the three species named have frequently reared young on seed alone.

## The Amiability of Budgerigars.

**R. H.**—Much regret you had to kill the bird. It is a common statement of fact that, providing they are not overcrowded, Budgerigars will agree together in almost any numbers (according to the accommodation), and are naturally gregarious. It is, however, equally a matter of fact that no species are immune from pugnacious and murderous individuals occasionally. I have had cannibals occur among Budgerigars. The only thing to do in such cases is to catch up the culprit, and either kill it or give it total freedom, and leave it to take its chance with our inhospitable climate. I prefer the latter, but in such case it is better to take it some little distance (where there is plenty of growing grass) before setting it at liberty, or it may annoy you and continue its mischief from outside the aviary.

## Mannikins and Java Sparrows.

**"Tea-Cup."**—None of the Mannikins have any power of song, some of the species being practically silent to human ears, though they appear to make prodigious efforts to sing. The Java Sparrow has a not unmusical, in fact, a rather pleasing warble. The sexes as to plumage are practically alike, but with most of the species the beak of the female is narrower at the base and more pointed than that of the male. This is most distinct when viewed in profile, and should enable you to pick out a true pair from a cage full, or decide whether a given two birds are cock and hen. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet seeds; paddy rice (rice in the husk, oats, green food, grit, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing. They must not be subjected to draught or they will soon shuffle off, though in a roomy garden aviary they will live out-of-doors all the year round.

## Finches and Budgerigars.

**"Nemo."**—The small birds you name are suffering from the effects of the voyage. For one day only make the drinking water just saline with Epsom salts, and if the voidings are not watery, repeat this after an interval of three days. Try them with a little crumbled sponge cake moistened with boiled milk. The chemical food can do no harm and should do good if they will drink it. A mealworm per day, per bird, will also help such as will take them. Keep them out of the reach of draught and in a roomy cage, but not in a vitiated atmosphere, and as soon as the winds are a little warmer put them out of doors. The Bengalese must take their chance with the same treatment as the rest, but I fear they are ricketty and of no use, that is, so far as I can judge. Budgerigars or any other species of Parrakeets would ruin the growing trees and bushes of the largest aviary that could be contrived for them in captivity in a few months. The firm you name are still to be found at the same address. Let your Finches have a piece of ripe apple to peck at, also leaf of fresh lettuce and plenty of grass in flower (seeding grass). I, of course, take it you are supplying grit; if not, do so, but introduce it in small quantities at first. I fear you will lose some of them. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners" very helpful. See advert in this column.

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## Rosellas for Outdoor Aviary.

**W.S.**—The manner to obtain a pair of adult aviary-bred Rosellas is to advertise in our columns, and purchase them from a private individual. The birds should be at least 2 years old, as you require them for immediate breeding. However, if you secured a pair of imported birds in full colour, this would insure their being adult, and as a rule such settle down to breeding just as soon as they have become accustomed to their quarters; this latter condition applies equally to aviary-bred or imported birds. The aviary you describe would accommodate them in addition to its present inmates. I have never known Red Rosellas to interfere with any description of small birds in their enclosure; however, I cannot advise you to remove the division between the two aviaries unless you can put the Zebra Finches elsewhere, as Budgerigars are most unsafe company for Finches of any species. Apart from the question of mixing Parrakeets and Finches, your prospects of successful breeding with the former would be greater with the division removed.

## Treating a Young Grey.

**A. Nichols.**—Am afraid it is rather a complication than a cold. As it is quite a young bird you must give boiled maize for a time. Prepare this as follows: Boil till soft, then drain away all surplus moisture. Only prepare sufficient for the day's use, as it soon turns sour; also keep a tin of the seed mixture—two parts each Canary and oats and one part each hemp, wheat, dari, and sunflower seeds—continually in cage; when it is eating heartily of the seed mixture, gradually discontinue the maize. Such ripe fruit as it will eat, plain biscuit, and nuts, should also be given regularly. A piece of clean cuttlefish should be continually in the cage, and a little grit should be mingled with the seed mixture. Do not give any slops, table scraps, or animal food, but if the bird has been used to such, the biscuit can be just moistened with tepid water (not saturated); it will soon become accustomed to the proper diet. For one day only after draining the moisture away from the boiled maize, soak into it one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia, repeating this at intervals as may be necessary to keep in check any tendency to constipation. On other days in similar manner soak into the daily portion of maize half a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food, continuing this for a month at least. Get from your chemist the following mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine. For use, take one teaspoonful of the mixture to one ounce of water, and let this form the bird's drinking water till cold yields. Only mix one ounce at a time, and do not leave it continually in cage, but permit the bird to satisfy its thirst three or four times a day. If there should be any running at nostrils, spray or cleanse with diluted glyco-thymoline. Use a fresh portion of the solution and well cleanse your camel-hair clearing brush for each occasion. Hope the bird will soon improve.

## A Sick Amazon.

**W.D.C.**—Do not give any more castor oil, but give three drops of tincture of opium direct to the beak daily for three days. For the present you had better not give any aperient, but if such should be necessary, give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in one ounce of water in lieu of the castor oil. Put bird on a course of Parrish's Chemical Food, making the drinking water the colour of pale port wine with same. Stop tea sops at once, the long continued use of which is the main source of the trouble. Diet as follows: Seed mixture, Canary, hemp, oats, wheat, maize, and sunflower seeds in about equal parts. Keep a supply continuously in cage. If it will take it, a little boiled maize should be given two or three times a week, or it might be given daily at present; boil it till it is soft, drain off all moisture, and add from 15 to 20 drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. Note, the boiled maize only keeps fresh one day, and the food vessel must be kept strictly clean. If it calls out for a bit of sop, dip a piece of biscuit in the chemical food water, but on no account give tea, coffee, or milk slops, or yet any kind of animal food. Keep the bird warm, but not in a vitiated atmosphere. Ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, boiled potato (unseasoned and without fat of any kind) are all wholesome. Treat as above for a fortnight, and then report progress. While it is not strong a few sips of very weak tepid brandy and water, will make a good stimulant.

## Brevities.

**Parrakeets Killing Young** (M.A.F.W.).—Unless you supply me with full details of your aviary accommodation arrangements and its inmates, I can neither suggest cause of failure last year nor a remedy for the present breeding season. It is also important I should know what species of Parrakeets you refer to.

**Grey Parrot Moping** (J. H. Wilson).—Please send me full particulars as to how you have been treating this bird (that is, diet and general treatment), and I shall then be in a position to assist you. Give the bird three drops of sweet oil, and if the vent is at all swollen, anoint the vent with the oil; if the first dose does not cause the bowels to move freely, repeat dose on following day. On receipt of full details shall be pleased to advise further.

**Is it a Cutthroat?** (Node).—Your bird is the Cutthroat or Ribbon Finch, the hen of which lacks the crimson throat band. Their requirements are very simple, Canary, white and spray millet seeds, with greenfood, grit, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing being all they require to keep them fit and healthy. Providing they are kept out of draught they are a hardy and long-lived species. If you give them a roomy box cage, say, not less than a double breeder, with the division removed, with a nest box at each end, they should breed. Do not meddle with the nest boxes after they build till the young have left the nest; a little soft food should be supplied daily while they are rearing young. Lettuce and grain in flower (seeding grass) form the best green food.

# POST MORTEMS.

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**Crested Canary** (Mrs. Cotton).—This bird, although it might have been in breeding condition, was very thin; its liver was in a softened condition, and there was general inflammation of the internal organs, indicative of feverishness.

**Canary** (Lady Mary).—"Chill," or inflammation of lungs and liver during period of egg-laying.

# GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

**Competition Result** (Mr. Burton, jun.).—The result of the matched pairs competition is not yet known.

**Illustrated Ideas** A. Bridges).—Have already published this. (A. McMillan)—Have given a very similar idea. (W. Pothecary).—Note reply to A. McMillan.

**Hatching Eggs** (A. Gordon).—Thanks for your letter and sketch, which we shall hope to publish next week.

**A Selected Thrush** (Edward Williams).—If you will conform to Rule 8 we shall be pleased to take the matter up for you.

**A Net Trap** (W. Leeson).—Thank you for writing us. We will make enquiries into the matter.

**An Address** (G. Cooms).—The London address of the firm which supplies Carbolineum Avenarius is C. A. Peters, Ltd., 116, Newgate-street, E.C.

**Our Next "Special"** (J. G. Hutchinson).—You can depend upon the bird you mention receiving every consideration.

**Stocking an Aviary** (F. M. Pinnock).—We should think that a collection of small Foreign birds would be most suitable for your aviary, and we have sent your query along to our Foreign Bird specialist. Look in his column for a reply. You might have a Canary and British bird or two along with them.

**Two Matters** (A.A.H.).—(1) We do not remember receiving your suggestion for catching birds out of aviaries. Do you mind repeating it? (2) You could use this chicken meal in conjunction with a packet Lark or Thrush food; it would answer quite well then.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 508.)

### The Explanation from Plymouth.

SIR,—Respecting the required explanation from Plymouth, I hasten to say Mr. Dart is certainly quite right. I should have said (and what I really thought I had written until I saw the error in CAGE BIRDS) was: "Having had a splendid Buff stolen from a leading show in Wales, and five grand birds killed on the return journey from Plymouth show, etc." I may say I should certainly have corrected the error had not Mr. Dart's letter appeared. C. E. BROWN.

### A Question for Mealworm Breeders.

SIR,—I should like to ask those of your readers who breed mealworms if it is a fact that the beetles have wings, and fly away; also that the worms eat the eggs laid by the beetles? In my own experience I have found it not so; but next week I will give you the experience of a friend of mine, who is a corn chandler, and who found he could not breed any worms after three years' trying.

F. VINCENT.

### The Proposed Green-Marked Yorkshire C.C.

SIR,—At the urgent request of the promoters of the new Green Marked Yorkshire C.C., I have been asked to accept the position of secretary pro tem. for the same. I might say we have already over 40 names on our list as intending members. We think the club will be better able to advance the claims of the marked bird, which has been very much neglected at shows, especially in the past, although so valuable to the breeder. We (the promoters) should esteem it a great favour if you would kindly in "Twitterings" insert the notice of the meeting for the formation of the club. All fanciers interested will be welcomed thereat.

F. ARMSTRONG, Sec. pro tem.

78, Pear Street, Halifax.

### Releasing Young Birds from The Egg Shells.

SIR,—I noticed a small paragraph at the end of an instalment of the "Novices Notebook" in CAGE BIRDS, advising novices to let the eggs alone with the exception of emersing them in warm water. I paired up a Crested cock and Crest-bred hen which had four eggs. I removed the cock when the third was laid. On the fourteenth day I expected the eggs to hatch. They failed to do so, and I let her sit another three days. On taking them out I very carefully chipped off the large end of first egg, when I found it empty; the second egg I did the same to, but on doing so I was very surprised to find one young fully-formed chick. I did the same again with the next egg, with the same result, also with the last, but this proved unfertile. I have the two birds, which are getting on splendidly now. I most certainly would have lost them if I had not released them. This was done after dipping them twice. I would like to know if any other fancier has done likewise. However, I would advise doing it after the 15th day at the latest. OVERDUE.

### What is a Clear?

SIR,—What is a Clear? A bird free from dark underflue, pure and simple, without finger moult. I once purchased a Buff cock bird, a clear; but six weeks after, when I washed it, I found it was a ticked bird; new feathers were growing. Yield not to temptation or you will expose yourself to the general ridicule. What good is a clear class if ticks are allowed? There is a class for Ticked, Marked, or Variegated; why not have one class for the ticked, and one for the marked or variegated? The trouble would then end in that respect. Include the even-marked birds, too, and judge the birds for type and not for colour. What is type, then? Why the most typical bird selected for the club standard of last year. For a Norwich, don't be deceived by the words "not to exceed 6½ inches," but take the standard of type, something after this style: Let your cock birds be large, with good rounded heads, eye well set at side, full necks, deep chests, well-set leg and pipe tail, wings well braced, not quite close at tips, and the birds standing well across the perch. Let your hens be after the same stamp, full of quality, and of medium size. So it is still type first. Here are a few remarks heard after the judging of the class: "Just look here; did you ever see the like? Look at it! What does he want?" "Why, colour; can't you see?" "Well, there is no type in that thing; he has gone for colour." Now, in my opinion, it's not the judge who is to blame at all; it's the exhibitors, for putting the birds on the show bench—not a good, typical bird in the class, so the judge has to do his best under the circumstances. A stranger called on me a few weeks ago and asked if I had ever seen a better or more typical bird than Mr. Irons' buff, or a yellow which Mr. Davis showed at the Palace. I had to say "No." But a gentleman showed a yellow cock in the £3 Limit Class at a Royal Aquarium show, which was soon claimed, a bird that could run away with any that I saw last show season. I rather think this said bird came from Kingston-on-Thames, and it stood first. But the bird of to-day seems to be larger, though I contend that it is so only by appearance, owing to the bird carrying longer feathers. Take the bird in your hand, and you will be convinced. A short, tight-feathered bird then seems to be the larger of the two. It's not feather we want on a Norwich Plainhead, but flesh and muscle, a good solid handful. I remember a yellow cock that Mr. Silk, sen., used to show, with a wonderful head and full neck, deep in chest, short in tail, well-braced pair of wings, well-set legs, bold in eye, and the eyes set in the side, not just behind its beak, as in a lot of the so-called good ones to-day. I am in hopes of seeing a good one yet. I trust that the judges will take type as their first point, and that exhibitors will send along type for them to deal with. Then there will be no argument about the ability of the judge to deal with his class, and he will not get colour blinded, for it will be a type standard. I hope your columns will be open to further sound gospel to assist the learned and unlearned in the bird pastime.

W. J. PAVEY.

### A Question for Budgerigar Breeders.

SIR,—In reply to A. J. Holloway, permit me to say that I have found it hopeless to hand-rear Budgerigars. I have tried about three birds at different times, birds which the parents refused to feed. Budgerigars have a small tongue, like a little hard pea, which prevents one getting at their throats, and then, as their parents feed in quite a different way to other birds, they don't "gape" like ordinary nestlings, for the old ones seem to put their beaks right into the young one's mouths. However, if it is for the purpose of taming, this can be accomplished by removing the young as soon as they come out of the cocoanut, and giving them two or three lessons every day. But don't attempt to touch them before they leave the nest, as it annoys the "parents," and will probably have a disastrous effect. I say remove them just for their lesson, and not take them away altogether, because, as a rule, they can't feed themselves for about a fortnight, or sometimes longer, after they leave the "husk."

ACTION HAY.

### Terrible Slaughter by a Dulwich Suffragette.

#### Two Killed and One Laid Bare.

SIR,—Thinking it might be of interest to your many readers, I am sending you a true account of a fighting hen. She is a 1908 Norwich, and is owned by Messrs. Rogers and Mazzoni, of Dulwich, who are anything but pleased with her killing powers. The first cock that was put with her was found on the cage bottom in a dying condition, and passed away to the "happy hunting ground" in a few minutes, taking with him a large lump on the back of his neck. Cock No. 2 was then introduced to her ladyship, and a sharp watch kept; but alas! she was too quick, catching him in the right place first go. He also lay dead (with another lump). After a few days I took around a good big cock Greenie, thinking he was quite capable of teaching her better manners; but she soon got the best of him, and we had to take him out to save his life. He was minus half his feathers, and with a lump on his neck quite as big as the other two. She tackles every bird in the same way, nipping them at the back of the neck, and shaking them like a rat. Now, what can be done with a bird like her? Canaries she kills, British she has no respect for, so there is only one thing left—try her with a foreigner. I suggest a Parrot.

A. M. REES.


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### A Fifteen-year-old Chaffinch.

SIR,—I have a cock Chaffinch who is 15 years old. Although he has lost recently the sight of one eye, he is now in full song. He was taken from a nest by a friend of mine, so that I am sure of his age. He is very tame and will feed from my hand, and even knows my footstep. I think this may interest some of your readers, and I shall be glad to know if it is a record of longevity for this class of bird. I am a constant reader of your periodical, and have found it most useful in the treatment and keeping of birds, which is my hobby.

M. TAIDDY.

### New Society for Mansfield.

SIR,—I have eight names to enrol as members of our society. Seeing that it only requires a fortnight to Whitsuntide, I cannot make it convenient to call a meeting before the holiday week, but will make it my business to do so the week after the holidays, and I will send notice of same to CAGE BIRDS; so that those who intend to join will please attend. I hope they will come up in good numbers, and let the world know that we have some good fanciers in Mansfield and district, and that we intend to have a club that will hold its own against any in the Midlands. In the meantime, I will do what I can in trying to get some vice-presidents for the society.

JOSEPH SMITH, Sec. pro tem.

### A Chat About Yorkshires.

SIR,—The many very interesting discussions on all sorts of subjects which have taken place in London, and been reported in the Fancy Press, have, I think, been entirely eclipsed by the above. What with flat-headed Yorkshires, caused by the head of the young pressing against the shell, and cured by the frequent use of the bath, and the suggestion that a race of five-toed birds could be established, one would think the highest point had been reached. But all this is as nothing compared to the statement by Mr. Mundell that there are *dark-eyed* Cinnamon marks. This is a staggerer, and no mistake. I should like very much to see one. I have seen hundreds of Cinnamons and Cinnamon marked birds, but I have never seen or even heard of one being dark-eyed. Even a Cinnamon Sport from the Greens is always pink-eyed. Mr. Mundell seems to have had a very lively time of it, and some of the questions asked were teazers, so perhaps he was trying to get a bit of his own back, by seeing if the company would stand the suggestion that there are dark-eyed Cinnamon marks; or perhaps this is a reporter's error. However, I shall wait anxiously for further information.

S. HADWIN.

### A Remedy Wanted.

SIR,—I welcomed this item in your last issue from a correspondent who unfortunately did not give his address, as I should have liked to have written him. He is right on the practical side in his letter; it is intensely interesting to read his description of the progress of the symptoms of the peculiar disorder mentioned. I can endorse it thoroughly in every detail. "A fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind," and personally, I feel grateful to the unknown for introducing such a practical subject for discussion, and I hope some of the noted "Linnet kings" will for once bring out their store of experience and knowledge for the benefit of the numerous readers who must have gone through the distressing and anxious experiences referred to. I am at a loss myself how to advise him, as I have had just the same trouble this season, and at the present time have two good Scotch Linnets downstairs for special treatment whilst writing, and their breasts are for all the world like those of Pouter Pigeons. I find the abdomen in all cases to be red, and much inflamed, with distended skin, as tight as a drum. I have set it down as inflammation of the bowels, and thought it must be due to constipation and acted accordingly, with the result that they have died just the same. No matter what the state of their droppings, in most cases my experience goes to prove they finish with diarrhœa. It seems peculiar to British birds; it is seldom Canaries get so. Yet I have known odd cases, but you can generally get them round by dieting with bread and milk. Britishers simply ignore this, and won't even touch it; at least, I have found them dead, and they have not had anything else, but preferred death to eating it. Yet the Canaries eat it readily. It is not just the new-caught ones that get it, as I have lost house-moulted Finches, Goldies, Linnets, Siskins, and Redpolls with it. Linnets and Siskins seem to be peculiarly liable to it, although I never had Twites get so. I have fed them as described in detail by noted fanciers, have also had special mixtures with twelve or more different sorts of seeds specially selected for Linnets; but the results have been the same. Like him, I have invariably found it fatal. I have occasionally congratulated myself on having effected a cure and put them back in the flight, yet they seem to relapse again, and a second attack proves speedily fatal. I have kept them solely on cole seed, which some swear by for bringing their "Little Mary's" down, but it relaxes their bowels too much. Maw seed seems acceptable (they eat it readily), but if it is caused by constipation, maw seed will intensify the evil. Linseed seems wrong, for generally they are too fat when they get thick. Niger seed, also, is fattening. If it were not annoying, it would be a most amusing puzzle, although rather too expensive (I can vouch for it that my experience does not prove it a paying hobby). They have nothing in their crops at the finish; they simply tuck their heads away and get in the corner, evidently determined to depart from this "vale of tears." Yet some keep all right and sing lustily on the same diet, perhaps weeks, or months, till their turn comes, and I can bet on the results when I detect the first sign of thick appearance, and the dullness of action plain to see. I hope some capable fancier will elucidate the mystery. I forgot to mention that tincture of aconite in the water has proved futile as a remedy in my case. I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of your valuable paper, which I look for eagerly.

NIL DESPERANDUM.

### The Affairs of the United Kingdom Lizard C.B.S.

SIR,—Having read with interest Mr. Thompson's letter in CAGE BIRDS, re the above, and after waiting patiently, and not seeing any reply from the present secretary, I, as the one who proposed the above society, think it is quite time we ended this muddle by having a general meeting to elect officers who would be capable of carrying out the society's interests instead of letting it go to the wall, as there are sufficient fanciers of the Lizard Canary to keep up one good strong society equal to the Norwich Plainhead Club (judging by the number of birds that have left the district), without the inclusion of any other variety of the Canary. Will all members of the U.K.L. Society please attend a meeting at the Howard Arms, High Street, West Glossop, at 6 o'clock on May 30th, 1909, with a view to re-forming the above society? All fanciers invited.

Glossop. E. FULLER.

### A Small Mixed Lot of Interesting Pets.

SIR,—A short par about my little bird room may interest some of your readers. I am lucky enough to be in a quiet street, with a good big window to the front, and so the birds get lots of sun and light, and by putting up some small-mesh netting I can open the window and give them plenty of fresh air without fear of losing any of them. I keep them in big, roomy, if not showy cages, adapted to each particular bird's requirements. They thus have a happy comfortable time. The first bird I ever kept was a Ring Dove, and as he got to be very tame and fond of me, I got him a wife, and recently they hatched out their first egg. Easily kept, cheap, and good breeders they are, I find, very interesting. My own particular pet is a Starling. He sings continuously from "early morn till dewy eve" (and in gaslight, too); with imitations of my Jay, snatches of songs, a few words, etc., interspersed; and he will bathe as often as he gets near water, even sitting on my hand while I hold him under the kitchen tap! His one fault is that he hates going back to his cage. My only "aliens" are a pair of happy, tricky, sweetly-warbling Budgerigars, the cock of which is quite tame, sitting on my hand, coming out his cage, and running about. Strangely enough, his mate is the very opposite, going into quite feminine hysterics whenever I approach. I got them both at the same time, too. I hope to see them start housekeeping soon. They dearly love a thick branch to peel the bark off, and they saw away quite busily. My biggest bird is a finely-feathered Jay, who is sadly wild yet, but whose confidence I am gradually winning by patience. He makes no mistake about one thing—his food, calling loudly until I attend to his frequent wants. My last arrival is a wee Robin He is singing grandly as I write, and he cost me but a humble "tanner." I lost his mate through the usual delays of the railway. He is a hungry little chap, and goes for his mealworms lustily. To hear his tiny treble mingling with the full, loud notes of the Starling is delightful, and altogether my birds have been a source of much pleasure, both to myself and friends this past winter.

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## A New Society for Beamish and District.

SIR,—A meeting was held on May 14th, when it was decided to form a cage bird society for Beamish and District, to be called the "Beamish and District Cage Bird Society." Our headquarters are to be at the Bird Inn, High Hold, open only to novices. All novice fanciers will, therefore, be made welcome at the next meeting, to be held at the Bird Inn, on May 22nd, at 7 o'clock. The contributions will be 6d. per month. The following officers were elected at the last meeting—Mr. W. Knowles, Chairman; Mr. Jos. Carr, treasurer; and myself as Hon. Sec.

M. CROSBY.

2, Eden Terrace, Beamish, Durham.

## Does It Constitute a Record?

SIR,—I would be glad to learn, through the medium of your paper, which I take in regularly, whether the following does not establish a record. For some few years now I have taken an interest in Canaries, and in a small way have also done some breeding. I have a Roller hen, two years old, which I mated up with a Schoolmaster, and placed them in a double breeding cage to themselves. She brought off a nest of three birds, and when they were nineteen days old she again commenced to lay. She laid the first two days, missed the third, then laid for eight consecutive days, making a total of ten eggs in eleven days. I am away from home from six in the morning until six in the evening, but as far as I could see she commenced sitting in real earnest when I placed the four eggs in the nest. My difficulty was to know which were the eggs she laid after. I managed to tell two of them, and removed them, leaving her eventually with eight, which she is covering beautifully. I should be glad to know if any of your readers have had a similar experience, and how they have managed at hatching time. A. HORSLEY.

## Type of Present-day Winning Norwich Plainheads.

SIR,—Be good enough to allow me space in your valuable paper to answer Mr. Floyd's questions. He says he is not a "disappointed exhibtor"; that may be so, but I have never heard tell of him winning any prizes in open competition worth mentioning during the last eight years. Oh, yes! I know who you are quite well, Mr. F. You ask me whether I "bought 'Queenie' or bred her." I bred "Queenie" myself, and she was born in my bath room on July 8th, 1904, and won for me that year 1st and special best Unflighted at Hawick; 2nd South Shields, 2nd Morpeth, 1st and special in open Yellow hen class at Gateshead, also gold medal best Unflighted belonging to member of B.C.N. and C.C., and in 1905 1st, special and B.C.N. and C.C. medal at Hexham, 1st and special best Yellow, also cup for best bird at Kirkcaldy, Morpeth 1st special and medal, Gateshead 1st special and bowl for best in show, after which I sold her to Mr Eckersley for £20. Now, I consider it a very mean thing to try and take the honour of breeding this bird from me. Fortunately, I have plenty of witnesses to prove I bred her; Mr. Dixon, of Bedlington, Mr. Sealey of Choppington, Mr. Pegg of Morpeth, and Mr. Myers of Morpeth, saw this bird frequently while she was young and before she was exhibited. It is yet another insult to say that I have "bought" my success. I have won at the leading shows with Unflighted birds every year, from my start in the Fancy, and I have never bought an Unflighted winning Norwich in my life. It may be news to you, Mr. Floyd, to hear that I made in my second year £50 7s. 6d. from my birds; so where does the "buying" of my success come in? Since then I have bought an occasional stock bird at the end of the show season, as any sensible fancier will do to improve his stock. Almost every stock will develop faults, and it behoves every fancier to see that they are corrected at once by the introduction of a suitable stock bird; and no thinking man would term this "buying" success. I am pleased to say that I do not now require any outside help, as my last year's performance of 29 firsts with Norwich, the Scottish National Cup, also Sandiford's Cup, and the N.N.P.C. solid silver bowl, which I have won outright, all with birds I have bred myself, proves the quality of my strain at the present time. Next Mr. Floyd asks me how long is the typical hen and most of my winning cocks. Well, if he means my Unflighted Yellow hen, that was first and special best Unflighted at the Scottish National (the hen that beat both the Unflighted yellow and buff winning cocks), this hen, I should say, is 6in. to 6¼in. long. I don't know how long Messrs. Turner and Martin's birds are. I should think "Queenie" was 6ins. or 6¼ins. long. What has your father being in the Fancy before I was born got to do with "The Type of the Present-day Winning Norwich," Mr. F? You talk of your progress being the result of a plodding, uphill fight. I have never heard of any progress you have made. I know of nothing you have done that could be termed progress this last eight years. Your progress reminds me of the time I was at school, when a boy came late one frosty morning, and was questioned by the master as to the reason. He said that in climbing a steep hill on the road to the school for every step he took forward he slipped two backward. "Oh," said the master, "then kindly explain how you managed to get here?" Boy: "Well, sir, I turned round and walked backwards." I am inclined to think that you are like this boy; you must have been progressing backward. If, as you say, you know what you are "writing and sketching about," that last letter of yours does not show this knowledge; in fact, I fail to see what it has got to do with the typo of the present-day winning Norwich at all. In no part of that letter do you bring any argument to prove that 5½ins. is a suitable length for a Norwich, nor do you mention any noted winning Norwich that was that length. I was requested by the Editor of CAGE BIRDS to give my opinion on the "Winning Norwich," and I venture to think that I backed up my ideal Norwich 6in. to 6¼in. with sound sense, and gave good reasons for same. I mentioned no names, and only criticised your standard in a gentlemanly way. If you are able to write as you say, you ought to be able to bring forward sound sense in support of your "ideal" standard, instead of what you wrote last week, which, in my opinion, had nothing to do with the subject. I consider your 5½in. in Border Fancy or "Wee Gem" standard no standard for a Norwich at all, for then a judge would have to place some birds in the money that would only be 5ins. long; nice little "wasters" these would be!

ALFRED GREY.

## Natural Colour Classes at Forthcoming Shows.

SIR,—In reference to Mr. F. G. Smith's letter in May 15 issue of your valuable paper, should like to say that the Gloucester C.B.S. has always catered for the natural-colour Canary. Last year we gave two classes for Norwich Plainheads natural colour—one for Yellow Clear or Marked, and one for Buff, ditto, entry fee 1s. 6d., with prize money as follows:—First, £1; second, 10s.; third, 7s. 6d.; fourth, 2s. 6d. Special prize £1 cash for best natural-colour Plainhead in show. And we are again catering for them at our next open show on October 27th.

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## Some Strange Nesting Sites.

SIR,—Allow me, through the medium of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, to state that one day, while taking a walk through some fields near Sunderland, I saw a basket lying right in the centre of a field. I went over to it and found inside two nests—a Hedge Sparrow's and a Thrush's. The Sparrow's nest contained five eggs, and the Thrush's three. Is not this rather remarkable, seeing that these two birds usually build in hedges or the like? A few yards further on is a scare-crow. Inside the pocket of the coat is a Robin's nest, newly-built, and containing two freshly-laid eggs. Another time, while on a bird-nesting expedition, I found a Linnet, quite dead, sitting upon five eggs. The bird was quite cold and stiff, and looked as if it had been dead quite twenty-four hours. The eggs were quite warm.

F. STREETS.

## The Breeding of Winning Norwich Plainheads.

SIR,—I feel sure all lovers of the Norwich Plainhead must have been very interested in the last two or three issues of CAGE BIRDS, and some have, no doubt, learned something to their advantage when reading the views of such well-known breeders and exhibitors, under the heading "Our Round Table." Speaking for myself, and being a lover of that cobby bird, the Norwich Plainhead, I was very much interested. I have bred a decent bird or two in my time, and some of the best have been bred from the least expected quarter, namely, what I considered the worst pair of birds. But while reading through the views of the writers I could not help noticing the difference of opinion of some of the writers when it comes to mating the pairs together to breed winners. Mr. Dent likes one bird to have good size and the other to have plenty of style and quality; Mr. Cameron likes both birds to be of medium size; Mr. Baker likes the birds of good, medium size, the cock bird to be the larger of the two; Mr. Grey (who has bred some good birds) prefers a large male bird, the hen to be short in flight and tail (I suppose that means small or medium-sized hens); Mr. Hodder, another breeder, prefers the cocks to be large, and the hen very typical (and he ought to know, having bred some good birds in his time); Mr. Brown prefers to pair his best birds together, as he detests big, browy stock birds. Now, I almost fancy I can hear a novice saying, after reading the above, "Now I am done; how shall I pair my birds up to produce winners?" And what advice can one give, but to say, sift your birds out a bit, and pair up different pairs according to the views of the writers? For my part, I like a good, big, bold cock bird with plenty of colour, big head and neck, but, as with friend Hodder, it must have a sweet, typical hen to go with. Years ago I remember going into a fancier's room (I was a very raw novice then), and looking at his stock of birds I saw a good one, as I thought. The fancier told me it had won at several shows, and was second at the Palace, so I asked what the parents were like, and I can assure you I was never more astonished in my life than when he pointed to a big browy-looking bird, a giant in size. I had just read an article in a Fancy paper (not CAGE BIRDS) on the Norwich Plainhead, where it advised breeders to discard all such birds. But when he showed me the sweet, typical bird that he had paired to the rough-looking article, the cock bird, I was not so surprised that that bird put size into his stock—good heads and necks as well. About two years after that I bought a similar bird off the same man, which bred me a Buff which turned out a winner of over twenty first prizes, a cup, and several medals. Now, I don't want fanciers to think I advocate the keeping of all browy, big stock birds; but if I breed a big bird a bit browy I would sooner keep that if I were wanting size in my stock than run about looking for another which I didn't know anything about as to how it was bred. Mr. Dent doesn't mind if the hen is the larger one of the pair, so long as one has the size. Generally speaking, most fanciers prefer the hen to be the smaller when breeding with a large and small bird, but the novice need not despair about that, for Mr. Dent knows a thing or two, having bred a few good birds in his time, and so must know what he is talking about. So that novices need not part with all their big hens. Mr. Cameron likes the birds of medium size, as also does Mr. Baker. Well, friend Baker, you ought to know, as you have bred them, and should know a good deal about it (if you don't pick them up, Edward). As to buying, you are not the only one who buys a good bird, and we sometimes want the likes of you to come along when the pocket is low; but I was wondering how you were able to keep up size in your stock if you only bred with medium-sized birds to breed winners; or are those medium-sized birds bred from big stock birds? Or is it the smell of those lovely cakes and pastries that does the trick? My experience in breeding with the medium-sized birds is that I get my birds down in size a lot; but I know one thing, I can breed some good, typical hens with such pairs. So does Mr. Baker, by the look of some he turns out at times. I feel sure there are a lot of fanciers like Mr. Baker who are amused at some of the letters received from applicants for birds, such as requests for a Palace winner for about 12s. 6d. I recently had a letter from a man wanting a yellow Norwich Plainhead cock bird. He writes: "The bird must be a young and very large one; good, big, bold head, which must be free from browing, but must be round, and the bird short in wings and tail, tight in feather, and extra good colour; must be well across the perch, price 12s. 6d." I thought the fellow must be "up the stick" (or perch) himself. After giving about £5 or £6 for the parent birds, one is asked for a bird like the above for 12s. 6d.! I thank all the fanciers for their views on the Plainhead, and wish them a successful breeding season.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD.

## The Clashing of Show Dates in Scotland.

SIR,—I was much surprised and disappointed to observe in last week's CAGE BIRDS that Forfar and District C.B.I.S. had decided to hold an open show on October 23rd next. Already two societies in Scotland (Kelty and Perth) have fixed on the above date for their open show, and as all the three towns above-mentioned are within comparatively easy reach of each other, the decision of the Forfar society is all the more surprising. Kelty and Perth dates have been advertised for some time in your paper, and I take it that the Forfar members are quite well aware of the fact. How then can they expect their show to be a success, clashing as it does? They will endanger the success not only of their own show, but also of Perth and Kelty. I notice the Forfar members request the Fancy to rally round them, but if that society gets its desserts its show will be a failure. I trust the Fancy will encourage those first in the field. It would surely have been an easy matter for the Forfar society to have selected a more convenient date (i.e., the 16th October, on which there is no show billed). Are our Forfar friends too selfish to consider others? And are they too stupid to see that by their action they will also be sufferers? When societies advertise in the show dates column, it makes this result seem all the more absurd. We in Scotland hear many complaints about the Cage Bird Union, but it seems to me that we could well do with such a union. There is still time for the Forfar society to alter its date, but the two other societies have, of course, appointed judges, and cannot now make any alteration.

CLUB MEMBER.

## Wonderful Experiences.

SIR,—It is only reasonable to expect that some more or less novel experience should have fallen to the lot of a breeder of nearly twenty years' standing, as Mr. Bryant claims to be in your last issue. Twin Canaries, though certainly rare, are now to be found recorded yearly, and two eggs containing twins in one clutch have also been recorded in your columns. But for a Canary to lay an egg as large as a pigeon's, and be none the worse for it, is, I fear, putting almost too great a strain upon the credulity of the average fancier. I will not, of course, go the length of saying that such a thing did not occur, but I would like to suggest that when Mr. Bryant has the misfortune to lose another Canary by death, he should pluck the body entirely bare of feathers, then procure a pigeon's egg, and compare the two side by side INCREDULOUS.

## The Border Fancy Canary in the South.

SIR,—I notice a mistake somehow crept into my letter appearing in the last issue of CAGE BIRDS, which please rectify at once, in case "Wee McGregor" is at me. Do not the rules say "not to exceed five inches in length," should have read five and a-half inches, and my remarks are applicable to a bird over the last-mentioned length.

J. PATTERSON.

SIR,—Seeing I have already taken up so much of your valuable space on the above subject, I will answer the letter of "Wee McGregor" as briefly as possible with justice to myself. I will leave out the personal element, and allow readers to judge for themselves which of us has the interest of the fancy most at heart. This correspondent, by his inconsistency of argument and dogmatic expressions, does not give one thought as to how he hurts others, who have dared to whisper the slightest opposition to his way of thinking. I don't belittle any special judges (himself included). Let each act worthy of his office, and the honour extended to him. Now, with regard to some of Scotland's best birds have either of the two beauties depicted on CAGE BIRDS' last coloured plate, ever been so far South? The yellow cock is, without any doubt, the finest yet seen—has been described as the "marvel of the breeder's art"—and if he is not the perfect model aimed at by the B.F.C.C., then many eyes have been greatly deceived. I could mention more, but hope readers will rest content with this instance. Again, I emphatically deny that I have "libelled" either any person in Scotland or England, or their birds, and even although "Wee McGregor" has limited his argument to a certain radius, I have never done so. His sneer about my shifting my ground and shuffling out only recoils on his own head. He has lashed himself into a fury against your humble servant, but without cause. Have I not already stated that the reason Scotland's exhibitors sent birds to the shows he mentioned was because the judge *ought* to know a Border? Again, I say, that as far as Scotland is concerned, this type of bird (thick-necked) is fast disappearing. I take a wide outlook. If London and district is the South, there is indeed a very large North left wherein this variety is bred, and where your paper, CAGE BIRDS, is eo widely read and admired. As to misguiding the novices by telling them to discard all thick-necked birds, when I must have had such birds in my room which I had disposed of to someone (presumably to be used to breed Borders from); now if he had followed this correspondence closely he would have noticed that I advised the novice to return all bull-necked birds as useless This proves very clearly that I have the courage of my convictions. I have conducted this correspondence purely for the love of the bird we admire, not from the motive this "Wee McGregor" would like to place on my actions. Now, sir, I have answered all the questions asked by this correspondent truthfully and honestly, without any spite, and as one gentleman might expect from another, I expect him to let me know the name and date of show he mentions where the complaints were loud and long against my awards. If not, in future, I will not take the slightest notice of any letter appearing under his cowardly nom de plume. J. PATTERSON.

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SIR,—Mr. Robert Ellwood having made free use of my name in your columns, and in your last issue having practically made a charge of dishonesty of action against me, must be my excuse for asking permission to reply to that gentleman. It is quite true my brother did show at a show where I was judging, which show was the Dulwich and Peckham Cage Bird Society's annual open show. Why did Mr. Ellwood omit to mention the name of the show? At that show there were two specials given, one for the best novice bird in the show, the other for the second best novice. While judging, of course, I had nothing to indicate which were novice birds or which were champion, both champion and novices competing in the same classes. Consequently when awarding these specials my steward, Mr. Cunningham, had to tell me, as I picked out the birds, whether they were eligible to compete for these specials or not. The special for best novice bird went to the second prize Yellow Self Cinnamon (not Cinnamon marked, as Mr. Ellwood says; neither was the special for best novice bird ever awarded to the first prize evenly marked bird as stated by him). In awarding the special for second best novice bird my steward allowed me in error to give it to a champion bird. This, as I have already said, was no fault of mine, I not knowing which were champions and which were novices, being guided entirely by my steward, and I am sure it was purely an error on his part. In the evening of the first day of the show Mr. Ellwood visited the show and pointed this out to one of the stewards. I had not left the show and the official came to me about the error. I said I was quite willing to re-award the special, it then going to the 1st prize evenly marked bird, which was No. 3 in Class 24, Mr. Ellwood's 3rd prize bird being No. 2 in the same class. By some means (I don't know how) the special card, I am informed, got put on to Mr. Ellwood's bird in error; but surely no one with the slightest reason in them at all would expect to take a special with a 3rd prize bird over the 1st prize bird in the same class, which was equally eligible to compete for that special. It will be observed that Mr. Ellwood does not complain of the special being transferred from the champion bird; but complains of the 1st prize bird in the class he was competing in taking the special over his 3rd prize. I am prepared to swear that this 1st prize bird was never awarded the special for best novice at any time, as stated by Mr. Ellwood, but the special for second best. I was informed by the secretary, Mr. Hodson, in whom I have every confidence, and whose integrity is beyond dispute, that all this was explained to Mr. Ellwood, yet he wrote to him that the last had not been heard of it. He writes in your columns as if some injury had been done him by me. If Mr. Ellwood was not satisfied with the explanation of the officials of the society, he could have had it confirmed by me, or otherwise, if he had written me. I am prepared to swear on oath that such are the facts of the case, and to call the officials and committee to prove such. I am also prepared to swear on oath that I did not know my brother (who lives some 300 miles from London) was showing at that show, nor had I ever seen his birds before. I am also prepared to swear that on seeing my brother's name in the catalogue of the said show, I wrote to him forbidding him ever to show a bird under me again, as I am one who believes in not allowing the slightest suspicions to follow my actions. My character is the dearest thing on earth to me, and I would not sacrifice it at any cost. But I am not responsible for my brother's foolishness in sending birds to a show where I was judging, though I am sure he did it with a pure mind, not thinking it left an open door to suspicion. I did all that any one could do—that was, forbade him ever to do it again. I further make an emphatic denial to all Mr. Ellwood's statements anent myself, nor am I ashamed to sign my name to what I write. Mr. Ellwood's attack on me is a malicious one, with a view to damaging my reputation. He writes to you as if he had some secrets to divulge to the Fancy, that I had been doing something I should not, and quotes the Dulwich show incident, over which I had no control, and am in no way responsible for. All my doings are fair and just, and I will not be twisted either to the right or left even by Mr. Ellwood. I fear no man on earth in regard to my actions and doings. If Mr. Ellwood accredits me with dishonesty of action in any shape or form, or collusion with my brother, he has only to say so, and we will prove it in a place other than the Fancy Press. If my name is further referred to as having acted dishonourably in any shape or form, proceedings will be at once instituted.

JOHN ROBSON.

**Several letters unavoidably held over.**

# Under the White Rose.

THE Y.C.C. held its annual general meeting on Saturday last at headquarters, a fairly large and representative body of fanciers being present. The balance-sheet for the past season must be considered most satisfactory. The result of the ballot for officers was made known (see secretary's report), Mr. F. Armstrong (Halifax) being returned as president for the ensuing year. Hearty votes of thanks were given the retiring officers, Mr. Shackleton, the late president, responding. The arrangements for next season's competitions were next considered, the premier trophy being presented by Mr. J. Bailey, a seven-guinea prize to be won twice before becoming the property of any exhibitor. A change is to be made in the outside Yorkshire prizes. The Y.C.C. will now offer to societies desiring its patronage, a number of silver medals with an enamelled Yorkshire bird in centre, to be competed for by members of the club at such shows, one medal to be won at each show, and only one to be won by any exhibitor during a season. Two substantial prizes were given for the amateur and novice sections, Mr. F. Armstrong presenting a shaving cabinet for members who have not previously won a Y.C.C. competition prize, and Mr. A. Gill an easy chair, value two guineas, to the novices. In future all competitors must "star" the birds they wish to compete for the specials, three being the highest number of birds an exhibitor is to be allowed to compete with at each show.

YORKSHIRE Union holds a delegates' meeting to-day (Saturday), when one or two items of great interest are to be brought forward. At the close of this, the "Green Marked Y.C.C." will probably be put into working order. A meeting is being called to take place at 7.30, when Mr. W. H. Shackleton, the promoter, hopes to see many besides the forty odd names he has already down. He and others are pleased to hear that the idea of this club is well liked outside the Bradford district, and no doubt Mr. Crawhall's plea (see last week's CAGE BIRDS) for the even-marked birds will receive due consideration; in fact, there is every probability that they will be included. The Cinnamon Marked Club now allow them to compete; and this is only just. What can appear more ridiculous than for a club to promote the breeding of marked birds, and then, when a fancier breeds one to the highest point of variegation, viz., an even-marked specimen, to debar him from exhibiting it under the club's patronage? By all means let them be included.

I MIGHT mention an occurrence at one of the Yorkshire Union shows last season, not in Yorkshire classes (therefore it must be in Norwich!), where the schedule read: "Ticked or variegated Yellow, etc." In the A.V. class were two evenly-marked birds of the same variety, that should by all means have been shown in the former class as variegated, as they were birds that showed the highest form of varicgation. But nobody mentioned the matter, and it would probably not be noticed by many.

EVERY evening one can see fanciers out in search of green food, dandelion being usually selected for the first round; but even now some complain that it is getting too rank and strong for feeding young birds, so fanciers will do well to prepare for a new crop. During the next few weeks this plant will be in full seed, and this is the time to gather it and put it straight into the ground. Method, dig up pretty deep and loose, then sow fairly thickly, and cover to the depth of from a quarter to half an inch—just sufficient to keep it from the sight of the cheeky Sparrow. In a few weeks you will have a nice thick bed of juicy and succulent green food. Sowing it thickly prevents its growing rank too quickly. Another method is to cut off the old roots just below the crown, when a good thick crop of new leaves will repay you for your labours. One thing often done is to keep the seed over to the following spring. But this is a waste of time and material as it will not grow; it must be sown as soon as ripe. A friend of mine put in four ounces this spring (cost 1s. 6d.) but is still waiting for the first bit of green! "STRAIGHT-'UN."

# *The Shows.*

## PORTMADOC.

A cage bird section was added to this good old fixture, held May 14th, in the Park, protection being provided for the birds.—Entries did not come up to the average. It could not be expected that many Canaries would turn up, as the breeding season is well advanced; still, some of our best graced the show-bench once more. Hybrids, British and Foreign birds mustered fairly well. There were very few Norwich, but those exhibited were of good type. Yorkshires were a little more numerous, and some beautiful typical birds were shown. Messrs. Williams and Williams won the special for best cage bird, with a fine, all-round, wing-marked dark Crest; best Mule or Hybrid, Mr. Richards, with a Goldfinch variegated Mule, pretty, evenly marked; best British Goldfinch, Mr. P. H. Harris (London); best Softbill, Mr. A. C. Brotherhood, with an excellent Waxwing. Altogether the birds were shown in good condition. An excellent committee of ardent fanciers manage the affairs of the society, headed by the chairman, Mr. J. Humphreys, treasurer Mr. J. R. Pritchard, and Mr. R. G. Humphreys the indefatigable secretary, as usual, had everything in good order. Messrs. D. B. Williams, W. G. Williams, J. Thomas, and O. J. Roberts are a very fine staff of hard-working stewards, who did their best for exhibitors, and had everything over in good time. Mr. A. De Winton judged.

NOR. TICK., ETC.: 1, 3, Winnard, both typical birds, in good form, winner fine size, variegated, rare stamp, nice head points, latter four-pointed, even-marked, grand shape, colour and quality; 2, E. J. Jones, another good buff, lightly mkd., with immense size, in excellent form; hc, L. Jones. CREST: 1, Williams and Williams, capital bodied, wing-marked D.C., well centred and framed crest, in good order; 2, E. J. Jones, another grand bodied Crest, good one. YORKS.: 1, Owens Bros., cl. buff, long and stylish, in excellent form; 2, Strong, nice all-round buff; 3, Williams and Williams, very smooth, upstanding, stylish hird, neat head, wings and tail. TKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, J O. Williams, well-known wing-mkd. buff, full of style and quality, in good condition; 2, E. J. Jones, another ticked, fine length, straight as a pencil, well up on leg. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Winnard, Nor., cl. yell., winning, ideal, well over perch, good, round head, and a blaze of colour, 3rd fine buff Ner., splendid contour and condition; 2, H. S. Davies, Scotch Fancy, not looking his best; hc, G. Edwards, Davics; c, J. O. Williams. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Richards, Goldfinch, variegated Mule, in pink of condition; 2, Winnard, Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hyb., rare stamp, nice deep colour and condition; 3, E. Jones, lovely dark Goldfinch Mule; hc, Jackson, buff Linnet Mule, well shaped, good size; hc, D. R. Jones, Greenfinch Mule. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Harris, nice Britisher, not looking his best to-day; 2, Pritchard, nice blaze and tanning; 3, Jackson, typical Finch, in best of colours and condition, rare big face, deep blaze, good tanning, moons well defined; hc, J. O. Williams, fine blaze and condition; c, Owens Bros., very typical Finch, good tans and buttons. HARDBILL: 1, Winnard, very big Bullie, fine shape, nice cap, lovely colour; 2, Owens Bros., grand Greenfinch, put down very fit; 3, Bell. SOFTBILL: 1, Brotherhood, really fine, well-conditioned Waxwing, well shown. FOR.: 1, Davies, Peruvian Lorry, very good third; 2, Miss M. Jones, very nice exhibit; 3, Bell. BRIT. THRUSH, ETC.: 1, D. Thomas, Glaslyn Stores, very nice Blackbird. A.O.V. BRIT.: 2, Bell, very good-sized, sound coloured Greenie, put down very fit.

## BRIGHTON F. AND F.A.

Fifth monthly show held on May 5th, at the King and Queen Hotel Assembly Room, when there were a nice number of exhibits. Mr. Gravett placed the tickets to the general satisfaction. The awards were: NOR.: 1, Absalom. YORKS: 1 and 2, Dandridge. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Absalom; 2, Riddles: 3, Dean. BRIT: 1, Pearson.—A. RIDDLES, Assist. Sec.

## ALNWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second table show of British song birds held at Kemp's Temperance Hotel, on April 28th. Thirty-six birds were displayed, and considerable interest was taken in the exhibition by the many people who visited the room. Mr. J. Robinson (Alnwick) officiated as judge, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, Staig; 2, Baxter; 3, Forster and Thain; vhc, Baxter. LINNETS: 1, 3, Baxter; 2, Knox; vhc, Forster and Thain; hc, Wake; c, Beswick. REDPOLLS: 1, Straughan; 2, 3, vhc, Baxter; hc, Staig; c, Forster and Thain. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, spl, for best bird in show, 2, vhc, hc, Baxter, Greenfinch, Chaffinch; 3, c, Knox, Bramblefinch. A.O.V.: 1, Forster and Thain; 2, Baxter; 3, Knox, Yellow Buntings; vhc, Staig; hc, Forster and Thain; c, Forster and Thain. The next show of the society in May will be confined to first nest feather Canaries.—W. A. BROADLEY, Hon. Sec.

## GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES CLUB

Usual monthly meeting held in Good Templars Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Mr. Pettigrew presiding. The first business was the date of our meetings. Mr. Malcolmson moved that we retain our old date, seconded by Mr. Connelly; carried unanimously. It was carried that we have a ramble on May 22nd, to Cadzow Forest. The judges for the monthly show are, Messrs. Renfrew, Knox, Shearer, and Reid. Awards of show were as follows:—REDPOLL: 1, 7, Malcolmson, 1st grand one, wins easily; 2, 3, Connelly, two good ones, staged in fine order; 4, 5, Pettigrew, two nice birds; 6, Thomson. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, spl, Malcolmson, grand bird, in first-class order; 2, 4, spl, Pettigrew, 2nd nice bird in fine order, well staged; 3, spl, 5, Connelly, 3rd good bird, with another moult should win; 6, Small; 7, Thomson. CHAFFINCH: 1, Small, fine one; 2, 3, 5, 6, Pettigrew, team of grand ones, close on winner; 4, Thomson, staged in fine order. BRAMBLEFINCH: 1, 5, 6, Pettigrew, 1st grand bird, well tanned, staged in nice order; 2, spl, Small, fine bird, well up; 3, Connelly, good bird, staged in grand order; 4, Malcolmson, fine strong bird.—T. DRYSDALE, Sec.

## LLANGEFNI.

Show held May 7th. Two classes were provided for Cage Birds for the first time, which no doubt will mean a bright future for the Society. There are many good all-round fanciers already in the island, and the Llangefni Show officials who have done such good work in previous years to improve stock and increase prize money, will undoubtedly do the same with regard to Cage Birds. The Drill Hall is well lighted and ventilated, and is one of the best places adapted for such a show. All was in apple pie order, under the supervision of the most willing and able Hon. Secretary (Mr. T. J. Pritchard), the President (A. C. Davies, Esq.), the Vice-President (Dr. G. Ll. Jones), and a good staff of stewards in all sections. The weather was very favourable. Mr. L. P. C. Astley (London) made the awards, which proved satisfactory. Some real good birds were shown, especially the winners.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Owen, good size, fine blaze, tans, and buttons, shown in nice condition; 2, Jones, very good colour, nice tanning and blaze, bars and buttons, not looking his best; 3, J. O. Williams, Greypate, very promising all-round young bird, well up, rare face and condition; res. L. Roberts, Greypate, good colour. Can. (8): 1, J. O. Williams, very stylish and typical Yorks, wing mkd. buff, well up on legs, neat head, wings and tail as straight as a pencil, in tight condition, takes spl. for best bird; 2, W. H. Williams, wing mkd. dark Crest, fine all-round bird, well framed, well centred crest, A1 body; 3, vhc, Molan and Williams, 3rd another cl. yell. Yorks, slim and stylish, nice carriage, good condition, vhc same variety and colour; res. L. Jones, tkd. Yorks.; hc, R. Williams, Cinn., Nor. type; c, Owen, Green foul Yorks.

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### FIFE AND KINROSS NORWICH P.C.

Meeting held May 15, in Penman's Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, when some more new members joined. The club's membership is steadily growing. The members gave a report of their breeding results, and those present had about 50 young birds between them. It was agreed to write to CAGE BIRDS stating that all societies in Fife and Kinross wishing the club's patronage should write to me for same before 30th July.—A. DICKSON, 37, Adam's Terrace, Kelty.

### SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual fortnightly meeting held May 15th, at Fawcett Street Cafe. The Chairman, Mr. J. Farrar, presided. The Secretary placed before the members a letter from the secretary of the Northern Crest Club, intimating that the N.C.C. Club show would be held in conjunction with our annual show, November 19th and 20th. It was decided that the classification for the Crest section of our show be drawn up, and the following classes were decided upon:—Norwich dark Crested buff cock; Crested hen, any colour; yellow Crest-bred; Crest-bred cock, buff; Crest-bred hen, any colour; Norwich pairs for Crest breeding; Norwich Crest, bred 1909; Crest-bred, bred 1909; Crest, a.o.v. The rest of the evening was devoted to discussing various birdy matters, one very interesting item being wild birds and the feeding of their young. Fanciers are welcome to attend our meetings.—W. REID, Hon. Secretary.

### MIDLAND COUNTIES YORKS. C.C.

General meeting held at the Crown Hotel, Birmingham, on May 13th, Mr. Paddock in the chair. First on the agenda was the framing of by-laws, of which seven were proposed, seconded and carried. The patronage of the M.C.Y.C.C. will stand over for consideration until next meeting, date of which will be published in due course in CAGE BIRDS. It was decided to give in addition to the specials already reported a trophy, conditions of which appear in by-laws. It was proposed that the condolence of the meeting be sent to the Revd. Coussmaker, a member of the club, in his bereavement. Applications have been received from several societies for the M.C.Y.C.C. patronage, all of which are under consideration. Specials were promised by the following: Mr. J. C. Cain (Birmingham), Mr. Uzzell, Sen. (Birmingham), and the Revd. Coussmaker (Rugeley). Will all fanciers wishing to join, please note that they can show at all shows where our patronage is given, without severing their connections from the societies to which they belong, as this is a specialist club. In my report of committee meeting, held April 22nd, it was stated that we had decided to add two additional classes for Cinnamon marked birds in the event of our securing a cup. We have been unable to meet the donors' conditions, so for this year this will have to stand in abeyance.—W. H. UZZELL, Hon. Secretary, 76, Drayton Road, Kingsheath, Birmingham.

### SCOTCH FANCY CANARY NATIONAL DERBY O.A.

The executive sent out a considerable number more members' tickets this year, and the returns up-to-date are equal to previous years. Gentlemen who have hitherto supported the society, owing to circumstances over which they had no control for the present, have fallen out of the Fancy; against these new members have come forward. In the end it is to be hoped the executive will have the joy of having a substantial membership. I have to remind readers that the membership year closes on May 31st. I will take it as a favour if fanciers who do not intend to be in attendance at the half-yearly meeting will remit for sold tickets, and return the unsold on or before the 31st day of this month, to enable the roll to be completed in due course. Scotch Fancy Canary breeders have supported the National Derby Association substantially in the past, and Messrs. Hart (honorary president), Wright (president), Councillor Hogg (vice-president), and others, would like the current membership to exceed former years. Brother fanciers can, if they will, bring out 1909 as the record; it is required to maintain the supremacy of the graceful Scotch Fancy Canary. New members heartily welcome; they can have a membership ticket on dropping a postcard to the secretary.—THOMAS SMITH, Sec., 56, Minard-road, Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

### HAMILTON (Cadzow Oaks) O.S.

Meeting held in the Town Hall on May 8th, Mr. D. Johnston in the chair; 14 present. The secretary announced that the lecture on "Birds I Have Kept," by Mr. Wm. Hamilton, was held over. Annual social: Will guarantors who have not yet paid up kindly do so, as the bills have to be met? Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due for membership, the half-year's rent of the Lesser Town Hall having to be met in May. Mr. Malcolmson moved, seconded by Mr. H. Forrest, that the portion of the March, 1909, minutes relating to confined show be deleted; carried. A discussion then ensued as to whether we should have a confined or open show. Proposed by G. Martin, seconded by A. Malcolmson, that we hold an open members' show, exhibitors at annual show to become members of the society on or before June, 1909, meeting, and members or their servants to accompany their birds to the show. Passed by nine votes. The 25th December was agreed upon, by nine votes, as the date. The classification approved contains: Norwich, 11; Borders, 10; Mule or Hybrid, 6; British and Foreign, 12 classes. It was proposed and carried, regarding the two selling classes, that the price of Norwich be 15s., Borders 10s., that sealed offers be made for birds, and that the highest offer before four p.m. on show date be accepted, and that all amounts realised above the selling prices go to the funds of the society. The secretary was instructed to write to one judge for each section, or three in all. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman. As the annual show is to be on new lines this year there will be a committee meeting on Saturday, May 22nd, at 48, Barrack-street, to discuss the best means of advertising it. Will all members who have not yet paid, and all intending exhibitors at the show, kindly forward their subscriptions to me at 48, Barrack-street, amount 2s. 6d., payable on or before June, 1909, meeting. The entry fees and prize money will be the same as at our last open show. If not accepted, the half-crowns of intending members will be returned to them after the June meeting. As this is the first show (so far as is known) giving open show prize money in a members' show, we are looking to the Fancy to support us. The June meeting should be held on the first Saturday, but as that is a holiday the secretary is endeavouring to obtain the Town Hall on the 19th June. The appointment of judges for annual show, and classification and judges for young bird show in July, will be brought before this meeting.—A. CANT, Hon. Sec.

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### Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C. Prospects.

I am pleased to report that application for membership of the Cinnamon-marked Yorkshire C.C., has already been received from the following fanciers, who intend to take up this interesting variety, writes Mr. H. H. Towers, joint secretary, 8, Colne Road, Glusburn, Crosshills, near Keighley:—Messrs. E. Radley (Skelmanthorpe), W. Jones (East Ardsley), A. Huddleston (Manningham), F. Grange (Manningham), W. Batty (Shipley), B. E. Garbutt (Bingley), Shoesmith (Bradford), J. Pownall (Bradford), J. Bracewell (Leeds), and T. Booth (Brentcliff, near Leeds). Many others are "thinking it over," and there is every prospect the coming season will be a record in every respect. The introduction of separate novice classes in connection with the club has been most favourably received, and aroused great interest in a very large section who previously had no incentive to join us. Other changes in the rules have met with a mixed reception, which is not to be wondered at considering the many differences of opinion a club of this description is sure to bring forth. The feeling is pretty general, however, that private opinions will be put on one side, and that all will work together harmoniously for the benefit of the club and Fancy at large, and any points which can be improved will certainly receive attention from the members at the next general meeting. The excellent article which appeared in last weeks' issue of CAGE BIRDS by Mr. F. Hammond (to whom all praise is due), anent the entries at Yorkshire Shows, proves how popular this variety is, and those figures should easily be beaten next season. We have already had several applications for our patronage, including the following:—St. Helens, Sandy Lane, Bradford East, and Eccleshill. Applications should be sent as early as possible to me.

## ORNITHOLOGICAL ODDMENTS.

**By Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.**

**Author of "The World's Birds."**

### How to get Humming Birds.

Several times last year I was asked this question, and the only reply I have been able to give was: "Either go and get them yourself, or pay some reliable man to do it for you." And, as it may happen that some one has business in the States, it is worth mentioning that now is the time to get their local Humming-bird. This is the Ruby-throated species, a very tiny one, but fairly easy to keep, judging from the fact that many years ago Gould brought a pair to England—at least he got one of them to London, though the other died in the Channel. In those days, crossing the Atlantic was not so simple a matter as it is now, and this particular ship found herself obliged to cross the Newfoundland banks, where, owing to the cold, the Hummingbirds became torpid every night. This looks as if the Ruby-throat were a tough and hardy species, as indeed it must be to migrate as far north as Canada, where it is found in summer. It may be seen flying about in the grounds of the New York Zoo, so I am told, and any intending Humming-bird importer ought to get permission from the authorities of that institution to catch some and bring over some good British soft-bills for them in exchange.

*Virginian Red Cardinal.*

### The Method of Management.

The only real difficulty in keeping Humming-birds seems to be the provision of proper food, but the same thing applies to all small soft-bills, and Humming-birds are easier than most, because they are to a great extent honey-eaters, though they cannot live on nectar entirely, and some substitute for small insects and spiders must be provided. Gould fed his on syrup in which raw yolk of egg had been beaten up, and I have heard of a case in which some were kept for months in South America on condensed milk, and then released in the end. Those at the Zoo were fed on syrup fortified with "Marmite" a nitrogenous vegetable extract, and it must be remembered that a pair of these lived for a month, though the rest died soon. The pair that lived were *Lampornis prevosti*, and as only one other of this species was imported, it would seem to be a fairly hardy one. A cage for Humming-birds should have few perches, and these very thin, as the birds' feet are very small. There should be a little feeding-pot for each bird, and water for drinking needs to be provided as well as syrup. The greatest care should be taken to ensure cleanliness, as the birds cannot hop about, but only fly, and hence if their wings get sticky they are unable to get about.

A most important point is to have a large gauze or glass case ready for their arrival, well stocked with plants covered with greenfly, and with those any black spiders; once one has them here there ought to be no insuperable difficulty in keeping up a supply of insect food. The sort of food that Goldcrests will live on should also be mixed in their syrup, and if they can be got to take some of it the difficulty would be at an end. No birds would repay trouble better, as they get most charmingly tame, and their insect-like flight is most fascinating to watch.

### The Venezuelan Cardinal.

Speaking of Venezuela reminds me that there are a lot of nice birds to be got there, judging from those the Zoo has been receiving from that quarter from Captain A. Pam. One of the best, if not the best, is a near relation of our old friend the Virginian Cardinal—the Venezuelan Scarlet Cardinal (*Cardinalis phoeniceus*). Beautiful as is the Virginian Cardinal, I think the Venezuelan is even more so; it is of a brighter red, and has the black mask reduced practically to nothing; its crest is longer, and carried in a most jaunty way, even curling forward, while the tail droops in a way that breaks the outline elegantly, as in some softbills; in fact, except for the bill, the bird has not at all the style of a Finch. The said bill, which is rather bulgy in shape, is blue-grey, like a Mannikin's, not red like the Virginian Cardinal's, and by this I know that I saw a bird of this species in the Paris Zoo about a dozen years ago, for I distinctly remember there a Red Cardinal with a blue bill, though I did not then know what the species was. Just now they have two of these beautiful birds at our Zoo, the only ones which have ever reached England, but unfortunately their colour has faded a good deal. This, however, is no doubt due to the circumstances under which they are kept indoors on the least well-lighted side of the house, for the Virginian Cardinal is also apt to lose its colour under such conditions. In Venezuela can also be obtained the Red Siskin I was mentioning recently, the Yellow-winged Sugar-bird, the Spotted Emerald Tanager, and other desirable birds.

*Venezuelan Scarlet Cardinal.*

## The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given each week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.

### *Revenge is Sweet.

Last summer a Swallow had built its nest outside of our house, and while it went for a fly round, a Sparrow came and took up its abode in the nest. Here it bred some young ones, but about two weeks afterwards I noticed a Swallow blocking up the entrance of the nest. Then it flew away, leaving the young Sparrows and their mother to be suffocated.—Sent by P. Topp (age 12), 39, Somerset Road, Portswood, Southampton.

### *The Parrot Knew.

A Parrot that was kept in a kitchen was a great thief. One day, in trying to steal some pickled cockles she fell against a stove, and burned all the feathers off the top of her head. Of this she was greatly ashamed. Soon after, an old gentleman was brought into the parlour where Polly was. On taking off his hat it was seen that he was very bald, thereupon Polly, to the dismay of her mistress, called out, "Oh, he has been at the pickled cockles."—Extract, sent by F. W. Balls (age 14), Eastward Ho! College, Felixstowe, Suffolk.

### **Thrush Saved from Drowning.

A short time ago I saw an old Thrush limping about in a curious manner. I tried to catch it, but the poor bird, fearing me, tried to fly out of my way. It had something the matter with its one wing, so that it could not balance itself. In doing so it fell into a canal. I took off my cap and tried to draw it near the bank, but without success. It twirled around in the water like a cannon ball going through the air. The water was gurgling down its throat, and it was sinking. I could not see it drown, so I went into the water as I was, and got it out. I thought its end had come. I emptied a lot of water out of its stomach, and took it home and fed it, and kept it warm for the night. The next morning it flew as well as any other bird. It was surprising.—Charles Nicholls (15), 43, Windsor Road, Griffithstown, Mon.

## *Wild Bird Life.*

### Concerning the Cuckoo.

All our spring migrants have returned. The last of them, the Spotted Flycatcher, was seen on May 10th, but only a single specimen, although the district traversed was the usual summer haunt of these interesting birds. A fine pair of Red-Backed Shrikes have taken up their old quarters, and can be seen among the same trees and bushes, and even perched on the same dead boughs as last year. The love of old haunts appears to be an inherited instinct in most birds, more so, I think, with our summer visitors than our resident birds. But the Cuckoos must certainly be an exception, as last season they were almost as plentiful as Wood Pigeons, but this year not more than half a dozen birds have been heard. Not one man in a hundred knows this bird by sight, and yet his habit of constantly repeating his name, has made him the most popular of our summer visitors. To many he is a bird of mystery.

"O Cuckoo! shall I call thee bird,
Or but a wandering voice?"

This is because of the bird's wandering habits, for unlike others he has no home ties, nothing to keep him in a certain hedgerow or wood; and few learn to recognise this two-note songster. The Cuckoo arrives in April, and leaves us about the end of July, but young birds of the year may be seen during August and part of September, frequenting the district where they have been reared. The life history of the Cuckoo is one of the most extraordinary chapters in ornithology. These birds do not pair in the same manner as others; there appears a preponderance of males over females, so that every hen bird has generally two or three males constantly in attendance. It is these latter birds that utter the well-known call, the female's note being quite different, and apparently only used as a call to the males. It is supposed that the hen bird lays her eggs upon the ground, but whether this is done as a general rule, or simply when the selected nest is not large enough for her to deposit her egg direct, appears doubtful. She will carry the egg in her beak to the nest of the small birds she has selected to be the foster parents of her offspring.

### Power of Flight.

Bird flight is one of the wonders of creation. A bird is capable of beating the fastest four-legged creature. The fleeing hare and deer have no chance with the lordly eagle. But although we daily see birds fly fast, we seldom see them at their best. The increased speed of the Wood Pigeon or Blue-rock, when the gunner has shot at, and missed it, must be considerably beyond its ordinary rate of progression.

### Stormy Petrels.

Sailors have a superstitious dislike to the Stormy Petrels, or, as they are sometimes called, "Mother Carey's Chickens," believing that their appearance forebodes storms, with which they are in some way or other connected. That storms do frequently occur when, or soon after, these birds are seen, is certainly true; but the cause probably is that they instinctively feel the approach of the gale, and hover round the ship, which they imagine may shelter them.

### The Sparrow in America.

The acclimatisation of the common Sparrow in America, which was nothing less than a tragedy, was the work of Senator Pike. He took with him a number of birds from England in 1850, but all of them died upon the journey. As he was determined to have some he imported more in 1853, and let them loose in Greenwood cemetery, where their surroundings, being all that could be desired, they flourished and multiplied, and have now become one of the greatest pests of a great country, and have at times been the cause of more bad language than all the skunks and rattlesnakes put together. Although the Sparrow is mischievous and destructive, one of the chief complaints against him is that he drives away other more interesting and beneficial birds.

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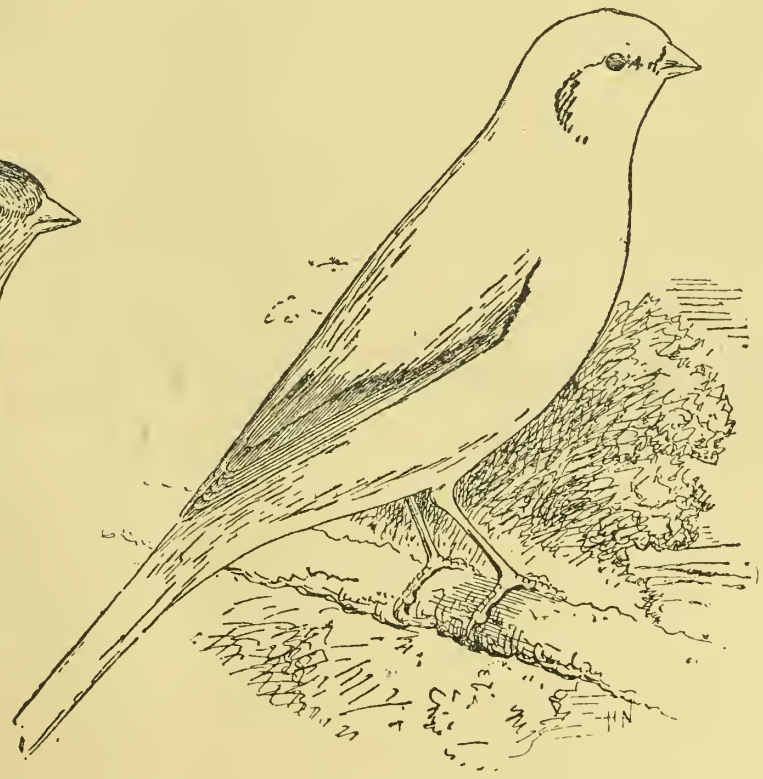

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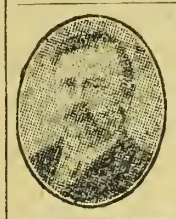

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## NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE C.B.S.

### Mr. Gilhespy on the Norwich Plainhead.

At the meeting held on May 6th, Mr. John Gilhespy read the following paper: Having been invited to explain for the benefit of the novices, the way in which I have worked up my strains of Norwich Plainheads, it give me great pleasure to do so. First allow me to state what is my ideal type of a Norwich bird. Get a bird as near the type of a Bullfinch as possible: which means a nice, short, thick bill, with a round head, a well filled-in neck, broad and well filled-in back, with a pair of evenly-braced wings, and short tail, with a good, broad chest clean cut away under; length not to exceed 6½ inches, carriage bold, and a good, natural colour; yellow to be silky-feathered, and the buffs nicely mealed or frosted. Second, I believe the hen to be the foundation of type and quality. I advise you to go to a breeder who has a winning strain, buy from him three hens related to each other, full of colour, type, and quality, either small or not above medium size. I prefer the little models. The reason I advise you to get them related to each other is that inbreeding has been the secret of all my success. Having the hens related saves you one year in working up a strain, which will, or should, breed you year by year birds true to type and quality. Third, you must then try to find cocks as near to type and quality. At any rate get them good in colour with grand beads and even braced wings. If they are paired up this way, I don't see any reason why your birds should not be amongst the prizes the first year. Fourth, I believe in putting a yellow cock bird to a buff hen, and a buff cock bird to a yellow hen. Of course, this includes clear, ticked or variegated.

Fifth, suppose you pair up three pairs, and you succeed in breeding young from them, carefully select those nearest to the type you are aiming at, and take the cocks from the No. 1 pair and put them to the hens from the No. 2 pair; the cocks from No. 2 pair to the hens from the No. 3 pairs and the cocks from the No. 3 pair to the hens from the No.1 or No. 2 pairs. You can even go farther and cross some of the old cocks with some of the young hens. Sixth, you will have fixed or worked up a strain in two years; now, by carefully pairing up each year, this strain should last you from 5 to 7 years. Should you wish at any time to introduce new blood into your strain, do it from the hen's side. Be certain that she is good in colour, type, and quality. Seventh, don't breed from birds with the following faults: A thin bill and narrow head, or a flat head, or long sidedness, with wings like scissors, or a hinged tail, or crouching. You may go on from year to year and not be able to breed out the above faults. I hope some of you may find something in this paper to help you to breed a few champions in the future. At some future meeting I will give you a paper on the feeding, caging, and breeding of the Norwich Plainhead.

The Chairman then invited a discussion.—Mr. Curry: Do you believe in either breeding double-yellows or double-buffs?—I do not approve of it; more especially in the case of yellows, as I have found it results in long, slim birds.

Mr. Macdonald: Do you believe that inbreeding is beneficial in other varieties?—Yes, if you are careful in selecting birds that are of strong constitution and true to type—old cocks to young hens, daughters preferred. I at one time paid 5s. 6d. for a marked bird, from which I bred an even-marked, which was in the money at its first show, where it was claimed; but I managed to keep some good green-marked birds of the same strain. I have no objections to pairing young cock birds to their mothers if their properties are good.

Mr. Macdonald: By inbreeding, do you not lose size?—No, certainly not.—Mr. Macdonald: Do you prefer the Norwich bird of to-day to the bird of a few years ago?—Give me the good mealy, chubby bird before the long birds of to-day.

Mr. T. Robson: Do you prefer buff cock to yellow hen or vice versa?—I prefer a yellow cock bird to a good buff hen at first, and then buff cocks to the young yellow hens bred off above-named pair.

Mr. Macdonald: How would you propose to get size?—Get a cock bred the third cross from the Lancashire, with good head and neck; pair him up to a nice type hen, a little model, as type comes from the hen.

Mr. Currah: Do sib. bred birds loose size and colour?—I never had difficulty that way, I always used ticked or variegated birds.—Mr. Robson: How do you like the third cross Lancs. bred?—Get the Norwich in twice.—Mr. Curry: Do you think it necessary to have a green bird in your room?—Yes, but a variegated one will do as well.

Mr. Robson: What is your opinion of this "invisible ticked question"?—They should pass as clears.—Mr. Curry: How many days do you wash your birds before a show?—Never less than 3, 5 if possible.—Mr. Robson: Do you prefer to colour-feed in cages or flights?—I prefer large flights. Slightly darken your room, and give plenty of fresh air. Don't cover your cages up with brown paper.—Mr. Mackenzie proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Gilhespy. It was supported by Messrs. Robson, Hutchinson, MacPartling, Macdonald and many others.—CURRY and HUTCHINSON, Hon. Secs.

Please accept my best wishes for the success of CAGE BIRDS.—I have been a subscriber from the first issue.—ARTHUR BULLOCK (Longton).

I and my son, E. Rink, have been readers of CAGE BIRDS for many years, writes Mr. A. B. Rink (Blackburn), and certainly consider it far and away the best published for fanciers.

CAGE BIRDS is a treat to read. I am never without it, and have taken it for the last six years. It is a grand guide for novices. I wish it every success.—CHAS. QUIRM (Donnybrook, Co. Dublin).

# Singing Contests.

### CONSETT.

Contest held May 22nd, at the Coach Horse in Leadgate. This was a brown Linnet singing contest. There were 25 birds. 1st, Walker; 2nd and 3rd, Boyd and Partners. Judge, Mr. B. Walker; timekeeper, M.B.

### WARRINGTON.

Usual contest held May 22nd. 1st, Crawford, 62 secs.; 2nd, Hughes, 58 secs.; 3rd, Lawton, 51 secs. Open to all England. Contest will be held at Club House, Unicorn Inn, Winwick-road, on Whit-Monday, May 31st.—W. PEET, Sec.

### LEEDS.

Grand Linnet contest for quality singing, held at Plasterers' Arms, Skinner-lane, on May 22nd. There was an excellent entry of good birds. Mr. A. Kendall gave three excellent prizes. Result: 1st and 2nd, Solomon; 3rd, Lorriman. Judges, Messrs. Towers and Lorriman. Also a grand contest on May 23rd, when 23 birds sang. 1st, Lorriman; 2nd, Soloman; 3rd, Johnson. Remember, contest on Whit Tuesday.—J. HARGREAVES, Sec.

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, May 22nd, when 22 birds sang. 1st, Stead; 2nd and 3rd, Crowther. Judges, Messrs. Summers and Naylor. Also on May 23rd, when 28 birds were bung. Messrs. J. Melia and C. Cooper judged. 1st, 3rd, 4th, Stead; 2nd, Bland.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Usual weekly contest for quality singing held May 23rd, at Skinners Arms, Buslingthorpe-lane, when 17 birds sang. 1, Wood; 2, Sellers; 3 divided between Wood and Hineson. Judges, Messrs. Hayes, Naylor, and Symons.—WALTER NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Usual week-end contest for Linnets held at Plasterer's Arms, Skinner Lane, on May 15, when a splendid entry of birds competed. 1, Johnson; 2 Duffy; 3 and 4, Lorriman and Johnson. Judges, Messrs. Towers and Lorriman. Also grand contest on May 10, when the winner, owned by Mr. Solomon, sang well, "running-reeing" like a German Canary.—1, Solomon; 2, Johnson; 3, Duffy and Johnson.—T. CRANE.

### YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Crown Inn, North-street, May 22nd, when 20 birds competed. Result: 1, Massheder; 2, Johnson; 3, Lee; 4, Moor; 5, Granger. Judge, Mr. W. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Bricklayers Arms, Palmer-lane, Hungate, on May 15th, when 24 birds entered for competition. Result: 1st, Oldroyd; 2nd, Mangham; 3rd, Buckle; 4th, Gurden; 5th, Moore; 6th, Lady. Judge, Mr. J. W. Paver. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Limbert, sen.—WM. EMPSON.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer-lane, Hungate, on May 22nd, when 24 birds entered. Result: 1st, Moore; 2nd, Oldroyd; 3rd, Laverick; 4th, Whitehead; 5th, Maughan; 6th, Buckle. Mr. Paver officiated as judge, and Mr. Limbert, sen., as timekeeper.—WM. EMPSON.

### SHEFFIELD.

Usual Linnet contest held at Don Inn, Dunlop-street, Carbrook, on May 22nd, when 20 birds faced the judges; 2 minutes' sing. 1, Brown, 55; 2, Brown, 47; 3, Albert, 39. Also on May 23rd, when 15 birds contested; 3 minutes' sing. 1, Booker, 84; 2, Brown, 78; 3, Baker, 39. Mr. Cole the same day challenged Mr. Brown to sing Baker's bird to see which was the better. Cole winning the toss, had choice of windows and time-keeper; Brown won in fine style, Cole running a good second.

There will be a contest at Don Inn, on Whit Monday and Tuesday, when a copper kettle and other good prizes will be given; entry, 6d. per bird. All entries to be in by May 29th at the Don Inn, Dunlop-street, Carbrook.—A. BROWN.—ADVT.

Result of the Linnet contest held weekly at Newmarket Hotel, Sheaf-street: 1, Palfreyman, 102sec.; 2, Bisley, 65 secs.; 3, Machin, 56secs. We also sang the match at Leigh—4 Sheffield birds against 4 Leigh birds. The Sheffield birds won the first 2 heats easily, then the Leigh party threw up the match and abandoned it.—H. FENN, Sec.

### BLACKBURN.

Blackburn Linnet Quality Singing Club's nsual week-end contest held May 22nd; upwards of 20 birds contested. Members and friends heard some very good all-round singing. Result: 1, Rostron; 2 and 3, Topping. Judge, Mr. Dobson; timekeeper, Mr. Cardwell.—G. ROSTRON and T. SLATER, Secs.

There was a good afternoon's pleasure in the Blackhurn and Dis. Lark F.A. contest, held at Mayson's Arms, Audley-lane, on May 23rd, when 19 birds competed for six prizes. The Burnley members again showed how to hang their birds in a most thorough and willing condition. Mr. Harrison's bird (which sang the whole time out again) proved to be a marvellous bird, singing (covered) while being carried upstairs to the contest room and down again. The prize winners were:—1st, Harrison, unbroken; 2nd, Sheffield, 9 mins. 55 secs.; 3rd, Pollard, 9 mins. 52 secs.; 4th, Halliday, 9 mins. 51 secs.; 5th, Jackson, 9 mins. 47 secs.; 6th, Sheffield, 8 mins. 15 secs.—ROBT. AIREY, Sec.

### LEIGH.

Linnet singing contest held at Fleece Hotel, May 22nd, when the landlord, Mr. T. Bromilow gave 10s. to a entrance of 1s. a bird, which was made up into 5 prizes: Result; 1, Sefton, 129secs.; 2, Boydell, 119 secs.; 3, Statham, 92secs.; 4, Jones, 71secs.; 5, Milligan, 53. Judges, Messrs. Hayes and Parker. Mr. Ellison, timekeeper. There were 27 birds present, and some very good singing was heard.—J. W. JONES.

### WIGAN.

Linnet singing contest held at Millstone on May 13th for the benefit of one of our old Linnet judges, Mr. T. Jump. Twenty-four birds faced the judges, Mr. Parker and Lady Green; timekeeper, Mr. Stanger. There were six prizes, three for quality and three for time. Result for quality: 1 and 8, Jones; 2, Rostron. Result for time: 1, Green, 101 secs.; 2, Mather, 89secs.; 3, Statham, 81secs. Judges for quality: Messrs. Rostron and Jump. After the contest Messrs. J. Dobson and W. H. Topping gave us a few words about quality singing.—J. W. JONES.

Wigan Linnet Cluh held their first open match at the Millstone Hotel on May 15th, for the benefit of Mr. T. Jump, an old Linnet fancier. We had a record for a Linnet match—an entry of 54 birds from Wigan, Leigh, Blackburn, Preston, Westhoughton, Lowton, and Warrington. Six good prizes were sung for. Winners for quality: 1st and 3rd, Jones; 2nd, Rostron. For time: 1st, Lady Green, 106; 2nd, Mather, 82; 3rd, Stalthan, 81. After the match a very enjoyable evening was spent amongst fanciers, Lady Green at the piano. We thank the fanciers for turning up in large numbers, and also the several gentlemen who gave us donations.—A. PARKER, Sec.

### 16th ANNUAL LINNET CONTEST.

This contest will be held at the King's Head, Shannon-street, Leeds, on Whit-Monday, when £16 will be given away in prizes, also a few specials from well-known gentlemen. The members of the King's Head are all very thankful to CAGE BIRDS for a bound volume of same; to Mr. Harry Allen (the Original Linnet King), for giving three dozen packets of his special mixture; to Mr. Woodhead for giving two stone of his best bird seed; and to Mr. Beevery for a leg of mutton, which will be made into sandwiches for the lads in Lancashire and county of Durham. The judges for the largest contest in the world are as follows: Messrs. Harry Allen, C. Cooper, and J. Melia. Also a grand contest open to all England will be held on Whit-Tuesday. Everybody welcome. Singing to start 11 a.m. Findaly's fine ales and cigars of the best.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.—(ADVT.)

# Under the White Rose.

THE meeting called for Saturday last by the promoters of the proposed "Green Marked Yorkshire Canary Club," was well attended, and the hopes of the most sanguine were fully realised, the "chicken" being duly hatched out. It moreover received plenty of nourishment in the shape of two valuable trophies at £5 5s. and £2 2s. respectively, and the enlistment of fifty-one members in its ranks The opening speech was made by Mr. W. H. Shackleton, who racily dealt with the need of a club for this variety, as in his opinion they did not receive the support and classes they deserved, and more particularly so in regard to the hens, which in many breeders' homes are termed "bacca brass," on the supposition that when sold you only get sufficient to buy a little "bacca," and as "bacca" has now gone up we shall have to do something to get the "bacca brass" up also. The speaker also stated that he expected the club would receive a lot of support from outside the county of broad acres—particularly Liverpool way—as the marked bird is a general favourite all over the country. Next it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a club be formed to look after the advancement and interests of the Green Marked Yorkshire Canary, to provide competitions, and to secure classification for it at shows.

NEXT business was the election of a president, and for this office Mr. W. H. Shackleton received the solid support of all, as also did Mr. F. Armstrong for the secretarial duties. I can only say that in Mr. Armstrong we have secured a great enthusiast. There is only one thing he likes better than a green marked bird, and that is "two green marked 'uns." Next it was proposed that a committee of seven be elected to draw up rules and prepare suggestions as to routine, competitions, subscriptions, etc., not forgetting the novices. The committee meet to-day (Saturday), so things will not be long before they are in working order. Mr. W. H. Shackleton promises a £5 5s. trophy, and Messrs. Ogden Bros. a £2 2s. trophy for a commencement, and there was a statement made on Saturday that the membership will top the C.M.Y.C.C. in very little time, and they are going strong at present.

YORKSHIRE Union held a delegates' meeting on Saturday last, and the secretary will now be putting the year book into print, and all that wish to utilise its pages for advertisement had better send the matter on at once, or it will be too late. Also a wish for a working arrangement between the Y.U. and the Federated London Societies (from the latter society) was brought forward, and there is every probability of an amicable arrangement being arrived at quite early. This reminds one that the hand of friendship between the Y.U. and the C.B.U. is still wanting to be extended, the C.B.U. members at present being debarred from competing for the valuable trophies offered by the various specialist clubs at Y.U. shows. Now ye C.B.U. members, don't you think something could be done? What could be fairer than the terms offered you? Here they are, just to keep them before your memory: "That the members of each society be allowed to show at each other's shows, without fee or license." "That each society recognise each other's disqualifications and suspensions." This is practically all that is required. An amicable arrangement is certainly required.

"STRAIGHT-'UN."

### Starling Burnt to Death.

A slight fire occurred in Beverley on May 1st, says a Hull contemporary. Under the eaves of the house of Mr. Bennett, in York Terrace, there was a nest occupied by Starlings. The hen bird was sitting on her eggs when a spark from a neighbouring chimney blew on the nest. The nest caught fire, and as the mother-bird would not leave her eggs, she was burnt to death. The flames from the nest ignited the dry woodwork of the eaves, which were quickly burning furiously. The fire brigade was quickly on the scene, and the fire was extinguished before much damage was done. A pathetic feature was the distress of the male Starling when he returned. He was away at the time, probably gathering food, and when he got back to find his home and mate destroyed his actions were very touching. He flew around the place where the nest had been, and perched on the roof of the house with mournful and bewildered twitterings till darkness hid him from curious eyes.

# The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given each week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.

### *A Mother Thrush's Affection.

Last March I was walking through Richmond Park when a young Thrush fell off a tree almost at my feet. I took it home and put it in a cage which I placed in a summer-house at the bottom of the garden. Next morning to my surprise I saw a Thrush going in and out of the summer-house and feeding the young Thrush. It fed it for nearly a fortnight, and then I let it go, when they both flew off merrily towards the Park. I think the mother Thrush must have followed me home.—Sent by F. Freeman (age 13), 66, Wyndham Road, Kingston Hill, Surrey.

### **Found Out!

Once, when I was out for a walk in the fields, I found a little Sparrow which could not fly. I took it home and put in a cage near the window. For a day or two it was quite contented in its new home. Two or three days afterwards I was amazed to see the mother bird fly in through the open window and commence feeding the young bird. This was repeated for several days, till about a fortnight later, seeing the little bird was able to fly, I let it out, and it flew away with the mother bird, which had been perched on a tree in the garden.—Sent by Mabel Dunn (age 14), 17, Stanley Street, Darlington.

### *A Talking Canary.

A lady who kept a pet Canary one day heard it speak. It was heard to repeat what it had uttered, and it was not long before its vocabulary was considerably increased, the words being distinctly articulated in the midst of its song. There appeared to have been no teaching of the bird: its power of imitation was spontaneously exercised. At the time the lady heard it, it distinctly uttered the words "Mary," "Dicky, dear," "O pretty dicky, dear," and "Pretty queen." Five hundred guineas were said to have been offered for the Canary. But in a few weeks it was dead.—Sent by Walter Lord, 67, Little Clegg Road, Smithy Bridge, near Rochdale.

### YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

#### Council Meeting.

Council meeting held at Market Tavern on May 22nd, Mr. R. Halliday, president, in the chair. Hoyland and district made application to hold an open show this year, and this was granted unanimously, the date fixed being January 22nd, with Mr. J. N. Harrison as judge, providing he is open to accept the engagement; if not, the next reserve judge will be called upon. I feel sure each and every member of the Union will join with me in wishing every success to the Hoyland Society, in this their first show under the rules of the Yorkshire Union, and may I plead on their behalf for practical support when the opportunity comes to give it, thereby letting the Fancy in general see that our motto is a sincere one, that union is strength. The next item for the delegates to consider was the letter from the London Federation of C.B.S. re upholding each other's disqualifications, and combining together in order to try and get reduced railway charges. The council passed a unanimous resolution that the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S. would acknowledge all suspensions made by the London Federation, the Council feeling that this would prove beneficial to all concerned. With regard to the proposal for reduced railway charges, a lot of discussion took place, as was only to be expected after the many attempts which the Yorkshiremen have made in this direction, they having left no stone unturned in the past. However, the feeling was unanimous that if the Federation was successful in getting the Cage Bird Union to join hands along with us, the three bodies combined ought to be able to make some impression on the railway companies, and thereby bring a long heped-for alleviation of unjust grievances. They therefore passed a resolution joining hands with the Federation, and in the event of the C.B.U. amalgamating along with us, the Council would bear its equal share of the expense incurred. The secretary of the Union was instructed to forward to the London Federation our decision, along with a few suggestions which the Council thought would be of help in the proposed scheme. Another important item was the consideration of the tenders for printing. Seven firms sent in tenders. Previous to their being opened a proposition was made that the lowest tender be accepted, but this was defeated. After they had been opened and their respective prices quoted, the Council voted on them, and "Fur and Feather" was selected. The Council decided to give them a month's time in order to print same from the date on which the copy was handed in to them. This brought the business to a close. I should esteem it a favour if all those who intend having advertisements in the Union handbook will forward them on to me in the course of the next few days, as I am now completing copy to hand in to the printer. The last day for advertisements will be June 7th.—H. HILL, secretary.

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## No. 312.
## To Keep Watercress, etc., Fresh and Crisp.

**Sent by A. Freestone, 3, Clarendon Street, Leicester.**

The way I keep my watercress and other green food fresh and sweet during hot weather is: Get a large flower pot (a 10in. pot will do nicely), and plug the hole up with a cork. Then get a small jar and place the

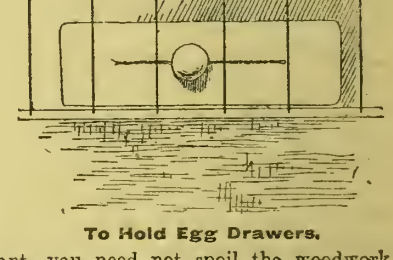
To Keep Green Food Fresh.

green food in it, with water. Stand this on the kitchen floor and place the flower-pot over it. With changing the water daily you will find you are able to keep the green food fresh and firm for a considerable time. Fanciers using this method will find they greatly benefit by it.—A. FREESTONE.

## No. 313.
## To Fix an Egg Drawer Between Wires.

**Sent by W. F. Kent, 32, Russell Road, Wallasey, Cheshire.**

I am sending an idea on how to fix an egg drawer between the cage wires. If you have an egg drawer, and it does not fit the wire



To Hold Egg Drawers.

front, you need not spoil the woodwork of the cage by cutting out a square. Just place the egg drawer inside the cage, with the knob through the wires. Then obtain a piece of cage wire, and twist it round the knob. To take the egg drawer out, turn the wire to right angles with the cage bottom.—W. F. KENT.

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# Hints on Hybrid Breeding . . with Bullfinch Hens.

By THOMAS SMITH.

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### The Canary-Bullfinch.

That what was considered impossible is possible now is proved in the case of the crossing of the Canary and the Bullfinch, for until receutly breeders generally thought the Canary would not breed with the affectionate Bullie hen. In fact, during the last two years quite a number of this cross have appeared on the show-bench at the various exhibitions. To obtain this cross the cock Canary is preferred. He should be strong and vigorous, as nearly as possible of the same shape as the Bullfinch hen; a yellow piebald, of a strong green, and a deep yellow. He should be large and in the pink of condition. The hen should be a large Siberian Bullfinch, firm and vigorous.

The pair having been selected, they should be put into a commodious cage, and wintered, and kept together until the breeding time comes round, say, the end of May, or the beginning of June. The Canary takes up readily with the hen, the first sign being his feeding her. By-and-bye she will be seen to rush through the cage with building material in her beak and to soon commence to build in real earnest. For finishing purposes fine grass (which can be picked up anywhere in the country) should be placed in the cage; it is a capital thing to have the bottom of the cage covered with it in case the hen should drop the eggs from the perch. Most Bullfinch hens lay in the nest alright, however. I have had both classes of hens and have seldom lost an egg. My most successful season with a Bullfinch hen was, in fact, from eggs which were dropped on to the grass. The eggs should be placed under foster parents and dummy eggs given to her to encourage her to sit. It also helps to husband her resources for future years. A Bullfinch hen which will not sit lays clutch after clutch; rarely more than a week intervenes between each clutch. Such is of necessity a severe strain upon her and entails the keeping of a large stock of foster parents to hatch the eggs and rear any young.

In the event of young being got from this important cross, the parents are a valuable asset. A proved pair are the most likely to breed during the following season. Further, should the owner wish to dispose of the pair he will find a ready market for them.

Fanciers do occasionally take a nest of Cauaries from the cock before putting him with the Bullfinch. But that course, I think, spoils him for taking up with the Bullfinch hen, and frustrates all chances of obtaining fertile eggs. Bullfinch hens have likes and dislikes. If she makes up her mind to have nothing to do with a certain mate she will stick to it tenaciously; on the other hand, should she take up with a husband she becomes so devotedly attached to him that she will not look at another mate. In the height of the season on the death of the male bird, I introduced other males, only to see them maltreated by the Bullfinch. The remainder of that season was a failure with this good hen. She died in the autumn.

With the cock Canary and Bullfinch hen hopes are raised to the highest; but the difficulty is to secure fertile eggs. Once they are secured the greatest care should be taken to have them properly hatched and the young reared. Once the young get over the eighth day there is little fear of their thriving.

The next concern is the sex. Wiseacres will readily give a decision, but they are often wide of the mark. Whistling and the moult are the real tests. Both male and female display red feathers shortly after the start of the moult, but it is when they are well through the moult that doubt is removed; the hen is then a dun colour and the cock a bright red. Size has misled many a breeder, it not being generally known that the female Hybrid is larger than the male.

For an exhibition winner colour-feeding is indispensable. A pound of tasteless pepper mixed with a quarter of a pound of hot pepper, I have found do all that is required, given in the usual egg mixture. The young bird after a day or two takes to it quite freely. The colour and egg-mixture should be started when the bird is seven weeks old, and should be continued daily without intermission until it is right through the moult. In the case of a female, so soon as the sex has been definitely determined, the colour-feeding may be dropped as it is of no use. A properly colour-fed Canary-Bullfinch male is a brilliant exhibit and easily kept in condition provided health is maintained. As it is liable to chills and the ills which follow therefrom, it should be kept in as even a temperature as possible, and out of all draughts, both in the bird-room and at shows.

The food for rearing should consist of egg and biscuit mixture with dandelion heads and chick-weed in their season. The green-food should be discontinued whenever the young are able to do for themselves.

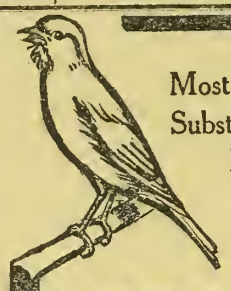
### The Linnet and Bullfinch.

A favourite Hybrid used to be the Grey (or Heather) Linnet and Bullfinch. It is easily obtained, but with the iucreasing number of Greenfinch-Bullfinch, Redpoll-Bullfinch, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, and Canary-Bullfinch Hybrids, it has declined in exhibition merit. It is, however, a very fine exhibit. It is somewhat paler in colour than some of the others, but it is a charming bird, the characteristics of both parents being visible. It is of a mild nature, and there is no difficulty in keeping it in order.

The cock Linnet is naturally an affectionate bird, and mates very readily with the Bullfinch hen. It seems to be an easier matter to get fertile eggs from the use of the Linnet than from that of the other husbands of the Bullfinch hen; and this is a consideration, especially with the beginner in the Fancy. For a start in Hybrid breeding the Linnet and the Bullfinch hen make a very suitable pair. They usually start to breed in June, and continue up to about the end of August. This cross is as easily reared in its earliest infancy as any other cage bird. When it gets a grip of life in a healthy nursery it grows very speedily, and can forage for itself at an early age. It passes through the moult quickly and while quite young is ready for the show bench.

Colour-feeding is often resorted to, but it is questionable if it improves him. Certainly the colour will not come out in "a blaze." To keep it in good condition, the bird should have a free use of the bath. It is very fond of a "plunge," but should not be allowed to remain too long in the water. The young Hybrid is not of the strongest, and if it gets chilled, it is not an easy matter to restore him to a full measure of health. The Linnet-Bullfinch Hybrid is not demonstrative, and may be confined in an open cage; but I recommend a box cage.

This Hybrid can be fed on the same diet as Canaries; that is it should get the ordinary fare supplied to other inmates of the aviary.

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# ORNITHOLOGICAL ODDMENTS.

By Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

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### Mealworm Minutiæ.

Mealworms are so closely bound up with the welfare of our birds that I make no excuse for mentioning them here, as I see some information about them is wanted. The mealworm beetles do have wings, and are liable to fly away; that is, no doubt, how they have been distributed from place to place, in addition to being accidentally carried about in flour and biscuit sacks. There are apparently no mealworms to be had in Australia, however, nor in India, which seems curious, considering that these insects thrive in warmth. It is not generally known that there is another species of mealworm besides that generally seen, which is, as everyone knows, of a light yellow ochre colour. The other kind is a dark, blackish-brown, of very much the same shade as that assumed by some common ones when they die. This dark hue is quite normal for this second species of mealworm, which is more active, and inclined to frequent the backs of corn-bins in stables, etc., rather than places where flour is kept. The beetles produced by the two are much alike, but one is more glossy.

### Food for Sacred Kingfishers.

Speaking of mealworms, I was very much surprised to find that when the Rev. Mr. Farrar found his Sacred Kingfishers were bidding fair to quite ruin him in mealworms, he proceeded to get them on to a soft-bill's mixture. Why ever did he not try raw meat? Or is the *res angusta domi*, of which we hear so much in connection with the clergy, so insistent a fact at Micklefield that the vicar is in the position of the unfortunate undergraduate in the Oxford Limerick?

"There was a young scholar of Queen's,
Who lived on potatoes and beans;
When they said "Take to meat,"
He replied "Such a treat
We never indulge in at Queen's."

I can vouch for it that Sacred Kingfishers will do well on meat, for several have been thriving on it at the Zoo ever since Mr. Seth Smith brought them home from Australia last year. Indeed, they prefer it to fish, on which this species of Kingfisher does not feed, at any rate normally. At the same time, I would rather give such birds small fish than meat, on the general principle that a whole small animal is better diet for a carnivorous creature than bits of the meat of a large beast, which are heavy feeding, and only suitable for carrion-eaters.

### Emergency Foods.

It is a matter of considerable importance to know what foods can be safely substituted for the natural diet of a bird, especially if one is travelling abroad, or if one gets hold of a bird of whose diet one knows nothing. Fish will keep a meat-eater, and meat will keep a fish-eater; but in the latter case it is likely to kill if continued too long. Egg and bread-crumbs or bread and milk is a safe diet for any mixed feeder for a time, until one can find out more about its real diet, and get its food properly balanced, and condensed milk is a good food for any honey-sucking bird. The outcry against egg has, I think, been productive of a considerable amount of harm. Any amount of birds die from an insufficiently animalised diet, and one can get eggs almost anywhere, while dried "ants' eggs" and "flies," game-meal, and other egg-substitutes, are not procurable except in certain favoured spots of the earth's surface, such as this happy country, and not everywhere there.

### The Problem of Transit.

Another foe to imported birds, besides low feeding, is dirt. I don't mean so much the septic effects, but the mechanical clogging of feathers and feet, so pitiably noticeable in imported soft-bills especially. Nothing is more uncomfortable or deadly to birds than this; and yet it is so easily avoided. It is useless to expect that travelling cages are going to be cleaned out every day on board ship or anything like it; and yet they are generally arranged in accordance with such an idea. The proper way to make a travelling cage is with a barred floor above the draw-tray, as John Chinaman does, and his exports are the best in condition of any I have ever seen; there are no travelling and stock-cages so good as those he makes out of split bamboo, beautifully put together, and yet without a single nail in the whole concern. The Calcutta bird dealers in my time habitually kept their stock in these; the usual size of the large ones for a number of small birds was about two feet long and one high and broad; and, in spite of the hot climate, their birds kept in far better condition than they do in our dealers' solid-floored cages, as nearly all the dirt falls through, and whenever the birds have a bath they incidentally wash the grated floor.

### Life Without Grit.

Grit is never given to cage birds in India, except, incidentally, to Partridges and Larks, to which sand is supplied; yet they do well and keep in fine condition. Of course, this is no argument against its use, which is expedient, inasmuch as birds habitually eat and crave for it; but it can evidently be dispensed with. In all such cases it is well to exercise caution in getting birds on to it, as it is very easy to kill a bird by indulging it fully in an article of consumption to which it has long been a stranger. It is in this way that the idea has arisen that water is bad for Parrots; so it is, if you let them have an unlimited supply when they have been without it for a long time; it is as unwholesome then as a sudden full meal is well known to be to a starving man.

### The Personal Equation.

*Male Globose Curassow.*

One hears a great deal about certain birds not breeding well in captivity, although they are "good livers." Now, here is a case which may throw some light upon this. Every visitor to the Zoo knows the Curassows—big handsome crested birds, something like turkeys. Now, the old male Globose Curassow, the gentleman with the yellow knob on his nose, although he had the choice of two or three attractive ladies fell in love with a hen Heck's Curassow, and is now nesting for the third time with her. Curassows have always been regarded as bad breeders, and it has been possible to know them to breed in this case simply by the fact that his sweetheart could be identified. If she had happened to be one of his own kind, it would not have been easy to tell the favoured fair one where all were alike, and he might easily have been put up with the wrong one, and there would have been no result. The moral obviously is to allow all shy breeders a choice of partners, and I may mention that in breeding our Partridges in captivity they must be allowed to select their own mates, and cannot be matched anyhow.


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# Twitterings.

We are having an open Nest Feather Show on August 7th, writes Mr. C. Hardy, secretary of the Runcorn and Dis. H. and O.S.

A Humming Bird's nest, containing three dead fledgings, was discovered in a consignment of bananas which reached Leicester market recently.

There will be no meeting of the Altrincham C.B.S. on Tuesday next owing to the Whitsuntide holidays, writes Mr. T. Harrison, the hon. secretary.

Mr. H. W. Walsh (Halifax), will judge our First Feather Show at the Commercial Hotel, on June 26th, writes Mr. J. Lewis, secretary of the Spen Valley C.B.S.

The judges appointed for our annual show on October 20th and 21st, write Messrs. Easterling and Allen, hon. secretaries of the Battersea Open C.B.S., are Messrs. J. Robson and A. J. Patrick.

In future, writes Mr. C. L. S. Mazzoni (E. Dulwich), the partnership of Messrs. Rogers and Mazzoni will include also Mrs. Mazzoni, who heretofore has shown separately, having her own birds.

The Attercliffe and Dis. C.B.S. are having a Novice Table Show at their next meeting, June 10th, writes Mr. W. Richinson, the hon. secretary, and the committee hope all novice members will bring their birds.

We have been able to secure the Town Hall, Maesteg, for our open show on November 17th, writes Mr. W. Jenkins, hon. secretary of Maesteg and Dis. C.B.S. It is well lighted, free from draughts, and can be heated to a suitable temperature if required.

Mr. A. F. Stitch (Aigburth) writes expressing the great pleasure he experienced on the occasion of a recent visit he paid to the headquarters of the Garston Society to listen to a paper on breeding and rearing given by Mr. Wilkinson. Although an "outsider" and a novice, he had a most cordial reception, for which he thanks the members.

## HOLIDAY NOTICE.

**Owing to the Whitsuntide Holidays the offices of CAGE BIRDS will be closed from Saturday to Monday next inclusive.**

**Will Advertisers and Correspondents generally kindly note that all matter intended for next week's issue should be posted early, to reach us on Tuesday, June 1st, certain.**

Mr. J. W. Bancroft (Sale), will judge at the Nest Feather Show of the Altrincham C.B.S., on July 10th, writes Mr. T. Harrison, the hon. secretary, and Messrs. S. Hadwin (Liverpool) and A. Wellings (Prescot) have been elected as two of the judges to adjudicate at the next All England Show of the Altrincham C.B.S., on December 3rd and 4th.

I should like to meet a few kindly friends on Sunday, May 30th, for a morning's ramble through Uxbridge and Ruislip, writes Mr. J. Burton (Gt. Titchfield Street, W.). It would be most pleasant, as this part is full of bird life. The trains leave Baker Street at 9.37 and 10.19, and Uxbridge for home at 1.7, and 2.7, price 1s. 3d. return.

Allow me to say how much pleasure I derive from CAGE BIRDS, writes Mrs. W. H. Read (Cambridge). It is entirely due to reading this paper that I took up this delightful hobby, viz., foreign bird keeping. My husband's (Rev. W. H. Read's) bobby is carpentry, which comes in most handy for me, as he is able to build the most delightful aviaries.

We have engaged the following gentlemen to judge at our open show on November 27th and 29th, writes Mr. T. Smith, hon. secretary Ilkeston and Dis. O.S.: Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) for Norwich and Yorkshire, Mr. M. Norwood (Sutton-in-Ashfield), for Crest and Crestbreds, and Mr. C. Houlton (St. Helens) for British Mules, and foreign birds.

The City of Bradford O.S. have issued a list of members' shows for the 1909 season—two first feather and four old bird shows—to be held at the "Flying Dutchman Hotel," Leeds Road, Bradford. Novices are catered for to the extent of 7 classes at the former shows and 10 at the latter. The secretary is Mr. F. Rhodes, 112, Fitzroy Road, Bradford Moor, Bradford.

At a meeting of Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun and Dis. F. and F.S., writes Mr. A. A. Gordon McLucas, joint secretary, Mr. C. A. House was elected as judge for the cage bird section of our show on December 18th. This society have decided to hold lectures, etc., monthly, their headquarters being Coole's Restaurant, Arcade, Pontypridd, where the first lecture on cage birds will be delivered on June 14th.

Will secretaries when making application for the National British Bird and Mule Club's support kindly give the following particulars:—Name of judge (who must be a member), and date of show and number of classes in Hybrid and British section. By doing so they will save much time and needless correspondence. All applications to be sent in before July 22nd. —PLUMRIDGE AND CARR, hon. secretaries.

The Poplar and Dis. C.B.S. have just issued an up-to-date manual for 1909-10. It not only gives the list of fixtures for the year, the rules and regulations of the society, and the members' names and addresses, but also a number of serviceable diary particulars such as a calendar, "Things to remember," a "General Insurance coupon ticket," etc. The secretary is Mr. H. W. Cook, 4a, St. Dunstan's Alley, Gt. Tower Street, London, E.C.

As a proof of the circulation of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, you will see from the enclosed letter that I am this week sending some of my "Secure" breeding husks for Budgerigars to Italy, writes Mr. T. Harper (Wolverhampton).

The following well-known gentlemen have been appointed to judge at the Leith O. S. Show on October 23rd, writes Mr. G. Brown, the sec.:—For Scotch Fancies, Messrs. D. Brown (Edinburgh) and J. Carson (Dalkeith); for Norwich, Mr. J. M'Lay (Kirkintilloch); for Borders, Mr. H. Bennet (Kelso); and for British birds and Mules, Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh).

Our cage bird show will be held on December 2nd, writes Mr. C. J. Young, secretary of the Frome and Dis. F.A., with Mr. J. Robson as judge. We are giving silver cups to each section for the best bird bred 1909 by a member residing within 10 miles of Frome, and shall be pleased to hear from any fanciers within this radius desirous of joining. The subscription has been reduced to 2s. 6d.

The judges appointed for our show on November 26th and 27th, writes Mr. Alex Miller, secretary and treasurer of the City of Dundee and Dis. C.B.S., are as follows: For Crests, Mr. C. Campbell (Glasgow); for Plainheads, Mr. A. Malcolmson (Glasgow); for Borders, Mr. D. Hamilton (Hamilton); for Scotch Fancies, Messrs. D. Black (Govan) and G. Fulton (Partick); and for Mules, and British and foreign birds, Mr. J. Livingstone (Bathgate).

Through an accident some months ago, which has unfortunately deprived him of the use of one of his eyes, disabling him for bis usual employment, Mr. Jas. Irlam (the well-known and respected secretary of the Sale Open O.S.), has decided to open a bird, seed, and fanciers' appliance stores at 97, Cross Street, Sale, writes Mr. H. Whitney (Sale). I am sure he has the sympathy of his friends (and they are many), who join with me in wishing him every success in his new venture.

The City and Suburban Society's annual outing, writes Mr. V. Wynn, the secretary, takes place next Saturday, May 29th, to Great Missenden, by the 1.30 p.m. train from Marylebone (Great Central Railway). The return fare is 2s. 6d., and arrangements have been made for a meat tea to be provided at the "Nag's Head" at 1s. per head. Friends are cordially invited, and if fine a pleasant outing is assured under the capable guidance of Mr. P. Adamthwaite, who has intimate knowledge of that district. The meeting place is under the arch on the platform; all persons get their own tickets.

"The Commonsense of Poultry Culture" is the title of a booklet by Mr. C. P. Telling. Those interested in the subject of poultry-keeping should not fail to obtain a copy, price 3½d., post free from the author, at 102, Thornleigh Road, Horfield, Bristol. Among his "hints" will be found the suggestion that cage-bird fanciers should keep bantam hens, which would be found to supply all the egg-food necessary for their birds. In turn, he says, the waste-seed and sweepings from the bird-room and the house-scraps would be almost sufficient to keep the bantams. The main points of poultry culture are dealt with by Mr. Telling in a very practical manner.

### The Crested Canary Club.

I have to acknowledge applications from the following societies for C.C.C. support: Sunderland, judge T. Heath; Bristol, judge T. Heath; Manchester, judge E. Godley; L.C.B.A., judge J. Robson. Will all societies desirous of securing the club's support please make prompt application, taking notice that according to the C.C.C. rules support will only be granted to societies electing club judges?—J. S. CLARKE, hon. secretary.

### Midland Counties Y.C.C.

I should be glad if secretaries of any society wishing to have the patronage of the M.C.Y.C.C. will please communicate with me at once, so that I can bring same before our next meeting which will be held in June, date of which will be published in CAGE BIRDS in a week or so. Any fancier wishing to become a member please send me name and address with 1s. nomination fee, when I will place same before my committee for election. The radius of the M.C.Y.C.C. embraces the counties of Worcester, Warwick, Stafford, Northampton, Leicester, Nottingham, Derby, Huntingdon, Bedford, Salop, Radnor, Hereford, Rutland and South Cheshire. We are catering well for the novice.—W. H. UZZELL, hon. secretary, 76, Drayton Road, Kingsheath, Birmingham.


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A curious sight is to be seen in Mr. Hadfield's garden in the Gleadless Road allotments, Heeley, Sheffield, writes Mr. G. W. Hukin (Sheffield). A Thrush having found its way through a pane of glass into a greenhouse, has laid four eggs in a tree-pot.

Many thanks for the copy of "House's Norwich Canary Handbook," which I received. It is a very useful book, and full of valuable information. I hope you will have a quick and ready sale for it, which it deserves.—T. and W. NISBET (Musselburgh).

I find CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. D. Roger Rowlands (Birkenhead) most valuable; so much so, that I cut the "continued" articles and paste them in book form, indexing same for ready reference. I would not mind having to pay 2d. every Friday for my copy.

We have received a copy of the Leeds syllabus for 1909. The programme includes several very interesting addresses and members' shows, and a washing exhibition. There is an excellent list of special prizes offered by the tradesmen of Leeds for competition. The secretary is Mr. W. Tose, 7, Park Street, Leeds.

"British Birds" for May (one shilling, Witherby and Co.), contains in addition to the usual instalments on "British Ornithologists and their Works," and "Additions to our Knowledge of British Birds since 1899." an article by Mr. Norman Gilroy, M.B.O.U., on "The Nesting of the Goosander." The "Notes," too, this month, include contributions on the subjects of the eggs of the Cuckoo, Red Grouse, and Black Grouse Hybrids, the nesting records of the Kittiwake in the Isle of Wight, etc. The issue is beautifully illustrated, and is very readable.

I have received your last Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. W. T. Scott, of South Canterbury, New Zealand, and I think the coloured plates are just excellent, especially the "two wee gems," which I don't think anyone could better. I think Mr. Norman must have spent some time getting them up to their high standard. I must also congratulate the breeder of them. My father is one of the oldest breeders of Borders in Chirnside. He has bred them for the last sixteen years or more. He procured his first stock from Mr. Edminson, of Carlisle, a noted breeder in his day. He was in partnership with Mr. Hugh Connerton, who is still "on the boards." My hearty good wishes to the Editor and staff, and good old CAGE BIRDS.

### What Do Nightingales Sing?

In Dr. G. H. Vos's latest handbook on "Birds and Their Nests and Eggs," it is recorded that a Frenchman has put the song of the Nightingale into words, the English translation being as follows: "The good God has given me a wife whom I have beaten so much, so much, so much, but if He gives me another I will not beat her any more, any more, only a little, only a little, only a little."

### Starlings in Post Boxes.

For several years past, says a Hereford contemporary, Starlings have been making a persistent raid on the private letter box of Mr. Lewis, Wyecliffe, Breinton, for nesting purposes, and this year they have again returned to their old quarters. The box is cleared of letters every day, and on numerous occasions the nest itself has been removed with the hope of driving the intruders away; but they remain as persistently as ever; and, it may be added, are not above tricks of mischievousness. Last year a boy picked up a letter in the vicinity of the box, and the wonder was how, after being properly posted, it could be discovered on the road. One day a postcard was also found 20 or 30 yards away from the box. This had, too, been duly posted. The birds, of course, must have carried the contents out of the box, which shows that post boxes which become the visiting places of such birds as these should be carefully watched.

### The Open Norwich P.C.

The vice-presidents of the Open Norwich Plainhead Club, recently elected, writes Mr. O. Mitchell, the hon. secretary, are Mrs. C. M. Sunderland and Messrs. F. Carl, C. Hepleston, J. C. Shields, C. J. Whitcley, and Harry Virr. With regard to the formation of the club, and the reasons given on page 438 of our recent Spring Supplement, Mr. Mitchell remarks: It may be argued that these reasons are more applicable to the forming of a club merely for the Yorkshire districts, or that, if pressure or persuasion had been brought to bear upon the club already in existence (the N.P.C.), such reforms or alterations of procedure might have been brought about as would have met the requirements which it was intended the new club should fulfil. Whatever were the original intentions of the promoters, the future policy, scope, and radius of the new club were quickly and effectively settled by the action of the existing club joining the Cage Bird Union. By so doing, almost the entire body of Yorkshire members (as were many others) were compelled to resign their membership, as by retaining same they would confine themselves to exhibiting at shows affiliated to, or having a license from, the said Union, and, in districts where such control is almost unknown (West Yorkshire, for instance), the necessity of always exhibiting at places far distant, and having entirely to ignore shows in their own districts, such coercive policy had very little chance of success. Hence, the decision to thrown open to the world the membership of the newly-formed club, with no restrictions as to where or when the members should exhibit. The objects of the club are: (1) The maintenance of the standard points of all varieties of Norwich Plainhead Canaries; (2) The suppression of fraud and dishonourable conduct therein: (3) The advancement and protection of the interests of breeders and exhibitors of these varieties.

# The Breeding and Rearing of Crests and Crestbreds.

By D. BROWNING.

**A paper read recently before the Exeter and District C.B.S.**

Over thirty members put in an appearance at the Oddfellows' Hall, under the chairmanship of Mr. G. Down, to hear Mr. Dan Browning, the most popular judge and exhibitor of the Crest, tell of his thirty years' experience. It was evident from the hearty reception he received that the members were not going to be sent away disappointed. Mr. Browning said:—

In this paper I shall tell you little that is new about the Crested Canaries, but must, of course, go over the same ground that a great many have done before. To breed first-class Crests and Crest-breds is a most difficult matter, even to the old hand; how much more so, then, to the novice, who, having purchased two or three pairs of birds, paying a long price for them, at the end of the first breeding season finds he has not a bird fit to look at? To such I would say: Don't give up, but try again.

### When Starting a Strain.

In starting to breed Crests and Crest-breds, the purchaser of two pairs should begin with a Crested cock and a Crest-bred hen, a Crest-bred cock and a Crested hen—all buffs, for they are easier to breed, and you are more likely to get larger Crests from them. A good Crest and a good Crest-bred do not come off the same parents. Each one must be bred separately, and to succeed your birds must be paired up to produce each independently.

If you are intending to start in the breeding of Crests, I would recommend you to purchase off a successful breeder, a Crest cock bird that has a good-shaped, round, drooping Crest, dark and broad, and not hairy or fine in feather. See that it has a good, well-formed Crest at the back of head. It should have plenty of size, as it is the cock bird that gives size to the progeny. Get a Crest-bred hen with a good, stout, Norwich-type body, with short beak and a nice cushion-shaped head covered with long, broad, veiny feathers which should, when turned over, reach to the end of the beak. The Crest-bred cock should have a high, round head, with an abundance of feather on it, and especially long in entrance feather; that is, directly over the beak, which it is as difficult for one to get as is a good Crest. I do not mind a thin, narrow head if it is properly bred, as such generally carries a lot of head feather, and gives a grand droop to the Crest. A small head will carry a large Crest, and show it to perfection. Pair only one cock to a hen, and not to two hens, as better results are got, and you do not weaken your birds.

### How and What to Pair.

If your Crested cock bird is evenly marked, you must pair him with a clear or lightly-marked or ticked hen. If he is heavily variegated or a green, pair him with a clear or lightly-ticked hen. In the production of first-class stock, a pedigree must be built up, and every breeder who wants to do well on the show bench must from the first establish a strain of birds for himself. To do this a certain amount of in-breeding is essential.

In in-breeding use only the strongest and most healthy birds. There are several crosses which suggest themselves—that of father to daughter and of mother to son and that of cousin to cousin. You will thus have a great part of the strain you want to establish.

### Double Crest Breeding.

The pairing of two Crests together sometimes results in a good Crest. If this is tried, it must only be done with the largest and most perfect Crest. The Crest-breds from this cross are valuable, and, paired to Crested birds bred in the usual way, often produce good youngsters.

If you breed nothing but buffs for three or four years you will find the feathers getting courser. Now is the time to introduce the yellow. The yellow mated to a buff not only refines the feather, but also gives it more gloss. The buffs so got should be mated the following year with a buff, to keep up the size of your birds.

### The Lancashire Coppy Cross.

This cross has been largely used to produce many of the Crests and Crest-breds which you find on the show bench to-day. If you breed from this cross, you must get a large, thick-set, broad-skulled Lancashire Plainhead cock. Pair him to a good Norwich-type Crested hen, heavy and broad front and back Crest, the hen being nearest the type you intend breeding. A great many fanciers go so far as to say that you cannot get a good show Crest without this cross.

The Crested birds may be classed under five headings, viz.: 1, Evenly-marked dark Crest; 2, clear body with dark Crest; 3, variegated or green Crest; 4, clear body with grey Crest; 5, clear body with clear Crest (yellows or buffs).

### When to Begin to Pair.

Towards the latter end of March or beginning of April is soon enough to put your birds together. A fortnight before the time I put the cock bird in the next compartment to the hen. Through this they can see each other, so that when you open the partition and let the cock bird through, there is not much trouble in mating them. For a month or six weeks before pairing your birds must go through a course of generous feeding to get them up in condition. Especial attention must be given to the cocks, for as a rule the hens are more easily brought into that state known as "ready," a little extra egg food being all that is needed.

### The Feeding of Young Birds.

In feeding your young birds, see that the hen has fresh egg-food three times a day. I make my egg food as follows: Rub a thick slice of bread and one egg through a wire sieve. The bread should be three days old before it is given to the young birds. Give the first feed early in the morning, so that the youngsters begin the day with their crops full. At each time of feeding remove all stale food, and give a good supply of green food, either dandelion or lettuce or watercress. This should always be young and fresh.

Every time you go into your bird room, look about the cage bottoms, as sometimes the hen, in getting off the nest, may drag a young one with her. If ever such has happened, don't think that because the young one is cold and stiff it is therefore dead, as I myself have been mistaken many times. Take it in your hands, and place the hands together and breathe on the young bird; in nineteen out of twenty cases you will soon feel it trying to move in your hands. Put it back in the nest, and in a few hours it will be as well as ever.

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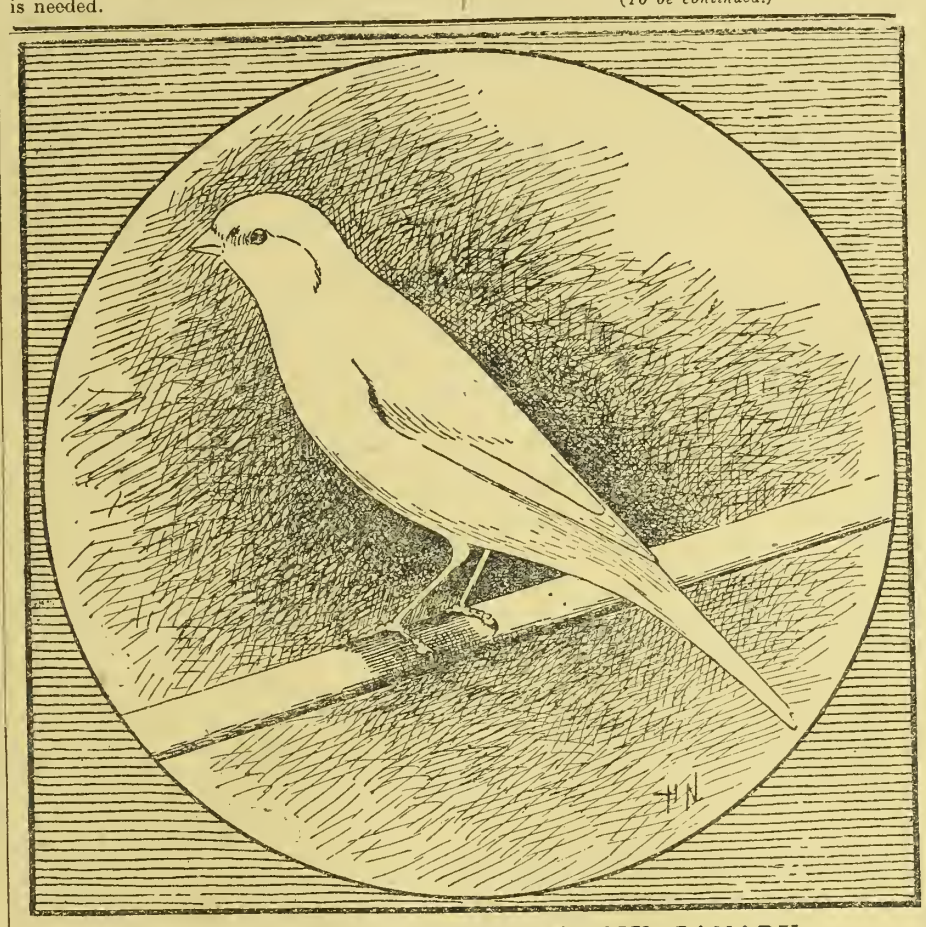

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One great difficulty in breeding Crests is the fact that many of the hens are bad feeders. My advice to all who intend breeding Crests is to secure a reliable lot of feeders before you start. Some Crests and Crest-bred hens are alright, but the majority are very untrustworthy. To be on the safe side, it is as well to have a stock of feeders The little Germans or Common cross-bred hens are very good.

For the nest I give them plenty of good, clean moss, and well-cured cowhair, and let them build their own nest. You must watch closely, and when your hen lays her first egg take it away and give her a dummy. Take all of them away, and put them back again in the nest when she lays her third egg, then you will have them hatch out almost at once, instead of their coming out in succession, as would be the case if they were left in the nest as the hen laid them. The later ones in that case come in for a poor chance of the food, through the older birds being able to reach farther for it from the mother.

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# The Lizard Canary & Its General Management.

**By J. HAMPSHIRE.**

*(Concluded from page 385).*

If the young have been well fed, you will find that they are ready for being taken away from the parents at about twenty-three days old, as by this time they are able to eat egg-food. But should some of them not be eating so well, you might put them in a nursery cage, in front of the breeding cage for a few days. Be mindful, however, not to allow the youngsters to get "plucked." It is a great drawback to an exhibition Lizard, if plucking has been done, for as a rule the new feathers come with white tips on them.

However, in some cases, plucking may prove beneficial, and is done purposely in other varieties. Supposing you have got a bird with what I term a grizzled tail or wings, that is, one which is grey in wings, or tail; by tailing or flighting it, if it is a bird that carries good black, it may possibly, if you pluck out the grey feathers, grow the new ones without the white tippings, when it is, say, about five or six weeks old. At the same time, also begin to give a little colour-feed. I have known such birds to turn out prize winners.

### Moulting and Colour-feeding.

We now come to the moulting and colour feeding. In the first place, I wish to impress upon you to keep all the best birds in separate cages, if possible. I begin to give the early-bred ones a little colour-food when they are eight weeks old; the others I commence giving the food to when they are six weeks old, as I always find that the early hatched birds do not begin to moult as soon as the later nests.

The colour-food I use is as follows: One lb. of hot, to four lbs. of tasteless pepper. I begin with a teaspoonful, increasing it a little at a time, until I get to five teaspoonfuls to two eggs and bread, or according to the number of birds to be fed; so that they get an average spoonful per bird per day. This I continue until they are nearly finished moulting. Then I gradually knock it off by degrees. I also give them a little linseed two or three times per week, as it helps to put on the gloss or sheen when they are finishing the moult. It is advisable to keep the birds covered up during moulting, as it shades the strong light off them a little, and also keeps the birds a deal cleaner.

### Some Final Considerations.

I am not a great believer in so many kinds of medicines, but I generally have Parrish's chemical food, Epsom salts, and Turkey rhubarb, which can all be given in the drinking water, a few drops at once. As regards showing, if you intend to become a successful exhibitor, you should teach your birds to run into show cages, and also put them down in the pink of condition. See that both the bird and the cage are perfectly clean, as bad staging may lose you the place of honour. If you are not successful at first, try again, as there is nothing like trying for gaining successes.

I think the Lizard is the prettiest Canary we have, and it is a bird which is fast coming to the front. Some people used to think that because Lizards were termed only one-year show birds, new beginners would not have any chance against the older fanciers of this variety. However, both old and young fanciers are beginning to see that it is just the bird to start with to be on an equal footing with other exhibitors, as both the novice and champion have to breed fresh show birds every season, and by having to do so, we are all at one starting point.

In conclusion, I beg to thank you, one and all, for the hearing you have given me. Should the few hints I have given you be of service to the younger fanciers, I shall feel highly satisfied for the trouble I have taken.

Questions were then asked, some of which are appended. Mr. Norris asked how the spangling of the Lizard was kept up?—Experience, said Mr. Hampshire, has taught me that to keep up good spangling it is necessary to put the best birds for rowing together, that is, birds which carry plenty of large dark spots, and those on which the rowing is as near as possible in parallel lines down the back. I may say that there is what I term the "mooned," also the "creeled" Lizard. The "creeled" as a rule is very linable; the spots are inclined to be v-shaped and rather small. But the "mooned" bird with spangling or spots, is rounder and much larger.

Mr. Jones: Why does the lecturer use Turkey rhubarb?—Because I find that if you buy it in the root and grate it and give, say, enough to cover a sixpence, mixing it with the drinking water, it is a medicine which will soothe the birds as well as remove costiveness, etc.

Mr. Odell: Why do you prefer bread to biscuits?—The reason why I use bread—loaf bread, about two days old—is because my hens feed better, and I have reared more youngsters on it.

Mr. Norris said he was highly satisfied and wished to propose that the best thanks be given to Mr. Hampshire for his able lecture. Mr. Odell seconded the proposition, which was supported by Messrs. Clark, Kenyon, Balshaw, and others. The chairman, Mr. Balshaw, in support of the proposition, said that he had heard a great number of lectures in his time, but this one had been the most instructive and straightforward of all he could remember, and he felt sure every one present had benefited by it. This brought the meeting to a close.

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# Difficulties of the . . . . . Breeding Season.

By T. C. CRAWHALL.

**A Paper read before the members of the Gateshead and District C.B.S. on April 28.**

When your secretary asked me to give you a lecture I tried to excuse myself, for it is not so long ago that I almost bored you to death with a list of medicines as long as from here to the top of Grey's monument. However, he would take no excuse, so I thought the most seasonable thing to talk about would be the difficulties we encounter during the course of the season we are now in the midst of.

There are difficulties many and varied, which none of us have yet thoroughly fathomed, and which it will take many years of very careful study to remedy; but with care and watchfulness and the help of numerous societies and the Fancy Press these difficulties will in time be overcome, though I hardly dare to hope that anyone will be able to breed Canaries and hybrids as freely as they do chickens and ducks. How often we notice that a certain fancier has a run of good luck, averaging 6, 7, 8, or 9 young per hen; this good fortune continues for two, three, or four years, and then suddenly, without any apparent cause, he has two or three years of most unfortunate results, hardly rearing a single youngster. His methods of feeding are the same as during his successful years; he is just as careful in his regularity of feeding, in the making of his egg food, and in his methods of cleanliness. There is apparently nothing to account for it. Yet there the fact is. He starts with the same or equal stock; works on the same principles; yet how different the results.

### The Necessity of Healthy Stock.

The first, and, I think, the most important factor towards securing a successful season, so far as results in the number of young are concerned, is that the stock should all be healthy and in vigorous condition. It is useless breeding with birds that are out of health.

Your efforts are doomed to failure if you do not commence the season with healthy stock, no matter what the variety. I like to see my hens lively and hopping about the cage from perch to perch, flapping their wings, and calling frequently, with an occasional hop and flap which is so much like a somersault. The cocks should be in full song. I like to see them before pairing "feeding the perch" or some object in the cage with regurgitated food. Only healthy cocks full of vigour do this. A bird that is not in the height of condition will not feed his feet or the wires of his cage.

If you pair together birds which are in this condition, you are in a better way towards a successful season than if your birds are sitting dull on the perch with their tails wagging behind them like little Bo-peep's famous sheep. Birds that sit dull may, and often do, lay, but you will very rarely find them able to rear a nest of youngsters to maturity; they generally fail about the third or fourth day—the weight of maternal responsibility is too great, and they sit on their young and brood them to death. What their thoughts are, if they have any, I dare not think. I am afraid that if the same thing happened in human affairs the R.S.P.C.C. would be making enquiries. I have heard of some fanciers who, when they have had hens of this description, have taken the law into their own hands and given the final touch to the offender.

But was it altogether the hen's fault or the fancier's? If he had used his eyes and senses before pairing, and noted the bird's condition, he would not have blamed her for not rearing her young, but would have seen that she was not fit for the arduous task of feeding. Such a bird had better be discarded altogether, or, at least, not used until quite late in the season, when the warm weather has made its influence felt.

### Beware of the Nervous Hens.

Having commenced, then, with healthy birds in good condition, all generally goes smoothly for a while. Mate takes to mate; the cocks feed the hens, and all looks rosy. The fancier, consequently, is congratulating himself, and looking forward to the end of the season to having his flights filled with young. Now is the time to curb your desires to look at the eggs every day. Leave the birds severely alone; interfere as little as possible, and let your movements in the room be as quiet as possible. Sometimes when men come into my room they go straight up to a sitting hen and peer closely through the wires at her. I always feel as though I should like to take them by the coat tails and pull them away.

When a hen begins to incubate her eggs a period of nervousness sets in which she never displays at other time. You may see hens sitting on their eggs with their mouths agape through nervousness; yet out of the breeding season they are as quiet as possible. And if they are interfered with or frightened they may possibly leave their nests altogether.

So that the first lesson to learn in order to ensure a successful season is to restrain your curiosity, and leave the birds to themselves as much as possible, only doing the necessary duties of feeding, watering and cleaning as expeditiously as possible .

### The Food for Sitting Hens.

The question of food for a sitting hen is an oft-discussed one. Some breeders recommend a very plain diet of Canary seed alone. Others consider that to have the hen in a suitable condition to rear her young it is necessary to give nourishing food every day during incubation. I think that it is necessary to keep a hen in such a condition that she will not only commence to feed her young when they hatch, but will be able to continue feeding them until they are matured. Nature has provided birds with the instinct to feed their offspring in the same way as she has provided the young with the instinct to hold up their heads to be fed; and if the hen is in good health she ought to feed her young frequently.

There are a few unnatural mothers, as in the human family, who only consider their own wants and neglect those of their family, but these are very few. Others become so through illness or improper feeding.

If you will add a third part of German rape seed to your Canary seed from the time of pairing and onwards throughout the breeding season, you will find it tends to keep the hens in better condition through the season than if Canary seed alone were given. I look upon rape as a kind of green food, because the plant embryo is in the form of miniature leaves. But the embryo in Canary seed is like wheat, barley, and oats—full of starch. In addition to this mixture of Canary and rape, you will find it of advantage to give a little of the usual mixture (rape, inga, gold of pleasure, linseed, hemp, etc.), twice or three times during the fortnight. Egg food made not too rich should be given not more than twice while the hen sits, and not every day, as some people advise.

If you feed thus you will have the hen in good condition—neither too fat nor too weak, and ready to take up her maternal duties when the chicks appear. If you feed too generously while they are sitting you will find they will either give up feeding, and forsake the young ones altogether, or else brood them too much, and become what is generally termed "sweating hens."

### The Difficulty of Non-feeding Hens.

I am convinced that there are two chief reasons for non-feeding hens; the one is that the hens are in too poor a state of health to do their duty, the other is that they have been having too much of a good thing amongst the "flesh-pots of Egypt"—in their case the egg drawers. The middle course is the best to adopt—be neither too generous nor yet too stingy with your tit-bits.

But with all your care you will find this difficulty of non-feeding hens will crop up in every room; if not in one season, in another. When it does come, I would suggest the giving of a purgative of some sort. There are many; e.g., castor oil, olive oil, and syrup of buckthorn. What I prefer most is either syrup of rhubarb or Epsom salts, given in the drinking water. Soak all the seeds—two parts Canary, one hemp, and one rape. Give a small piece of milk sop in the afternoon instead of egg food, with a sprinkling of maw seed. If this does not answer, together with some green food, I do not know what will.

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# Seeds and Their Properties.

By F. BOWMAN.

**A Paper read recently before the Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C.**

At our last meeting held in the Good Templars' Halls, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, Mr. Fred Bowman (Secretary of the Scottish Y.C.C.) favoured us with a paper on "Seeds and their Properties." The turn out was not so good as the officials would have liked, but those who were present spent a most enjoyable and profitable evening. The chairman was Mr. R. B. Jarvie, and in calling upon Mr. Bowman, he said that he needed no introduction, being one of our own office bearers.

Mr. Bowman spoke as follows: This paper is intended chiefly to demonstrate the properties of the various seeds used by most fanciers. I am sorry to say that my list is anything but complete as regards the number of seeds in use, but to the average fancier these will be all he may require. To my mind seeds occupy a far more prominent place in our hobby than most admit. For instance you will hear one man swear by one seed, where another man will swear at it. If you ask either of these men why, ten to one they will find it impossible to give you a satisfactory answer, simply because they have never gone to the trouble to find out. Now my object in giving this paper is to try and prove to you that every seed has its proper place as a food for our birds, and if fanciers would only blame themselves, and not the seeds, for any harm done, they would be nearer the mark.

### Careful Selection of Seeds.

We should all try to remember that a bird is simply a machine that consumes food and gives its best in return, according to the correct quantity and quality of the food given. Every action of a bird burns up a certain amount of heat and energy, and as heat and energy are the chief things that keep our birds in a perfect state of health, it should be the object of every fancier to see that his birds get seeds containing the necessary properties to replace this loss.

Before taking the seeds individually, it is necessary to divide them into three classes. The first is nitrogenous or albuminous, the second carbonaceous (such as saccharine, or starch), and the third vegetable fat. As it is impossible to find a single seed containing these properties in a correct proportion, it is necessary to use a quantity of different seeds, each one in itself containing either too little or too much of these properties, and so blend them together as to form a perfect food.

Of course, you will understand that what suits one bird will not suit another, so that you require to study your birds equally as much as the seeds. Temperature, too, plays a very prominent part in the selection of the proper proportion of seeds to give; it makes no difference if a bird be kept in a cold or a heated room—the temperature of the bird's body must remain the same if you wish to keep it in perfect health. Birds kept in a cold room require a greater amount of carbonaceous food than birds that are kept in a heated room. A bird that is moved from a warm room to a cold one invariably goes wrong; in most cases it is because its owner never thinks to counteract the change by giving a greater proportion of heat-forming seeds.

### The Three Great Objects of Food.

It will thus be seen that the three great objects of food are: first, to furnish heat; second, to produce force; and third, to build up the waste tissues. An excess of nitrogenous or albuminous food causes the blood to become sluggish and induces disease of the kidneys. An undue proportion of carbonaceous food causes fatness and liver disease; a plentiful supply of green food is the finest preventive of this as all green food contains a very large percentage of natural salts, which makes it the finest blood purifier it is possible to give.

As this brings me to the subject of this paper —"Seeds and their Properties," it will be necessary to take each seed separately. The first is Canary seed, this being universally used wherever the cage-bird hobby is to be found.

### Canary and Rape Seeds.

Canary seed, as is known, has an outside shell or covering, commonly called the husk, this being practically of no use as a food. This husk contains a large amount of mineral matter such as phosphates, iron, etc., some of which must pass into the stomachs of the birds and will certainly act as a blood tonic. Below the husk is a thin layer of cells containing most if not all the nitrogen of which this seed is composed. The seed itself is a starchy kernel, rich in carbonaceous matter from which most of the heating and feeding properties of this seed are obtained. So you will see the reason why birds keep in a perfect state of health when fed on this seed alone; it is because it contains more of the principal properties of the necessary food than can be found in any other single seed.

The next seed is rape seed. This combined with Canary seed, is the one advocated throughout the Fancy, as necessary in the formation of a staple food. Rape seed is something like Canary seed in its properties, but it contains far more nitrogen, in fact too much to allow it to be used as freely as Canary seed. It is also composed of less carbonaceous matter, and is richer in oil, containing about one-third of fatty matter, which makes it a very dangerous seed if used in large quantities. It is best as a food for young birds, the excess of nitrogen being specially adapted as a bone and muscle former.

This seed is very much improved as a food if it is boiled for a few minutes and then run through several changes of cold water, this method taking out most of the mineral properties and leaving only the vegetable.

### Hemp Seed.

Most fanciers are great believers in hemp seed, and rightly so, if it is used in the proper season. This seed is probably the greatest factor in the realisation of a successful breeding season, and it easily holds pride of place in bringing backward birds into breeding condition. It is possessed of great stimulating properties, and if used in large quantities has the tendency to an enlargement of the liver, which is chiefly owing to the excess of carbonaceous matter it contains. Its heating and stimulating properties make it possible for one to successfully rear young birds, even without the use of egg food.

The greatest evils of hemp seed are caused through its being used too freely. This is specially noticeable among Norwich Canaries. Many a bird with a good front simply carries too much fat through having been fed too liberally on hemp throughout the winter months. In almost all cases birds overfed in this way fail to be successful in the breeding cage; and whether they will gain the longed-for object on the show bench is very doubtful. Mr. Craig in his lecture on British birds mentioned another great fault of this seed, and that is, its tendency to darken the feather of birds fed on it during the moult; this is owing to the excess of oil it contains. Most seeds rich in oil have the same failing, if it may be termed as such.

### Linseed and Niger Seeds.

Most fanciers know that linseed is advocated throughout the fancy chiefly for the oil which it contains, and it certainly helps the birds to produce that fine silky sheen we all like to see on their new feathers. The oil of this seed is unlike the oil of hemp seed, as its action on the bird's bowels is of a more soothing nature; and the seeds given during the moulting season are very valuable in helping the birds to get rid of the excess of useless matter gained during the breeding season. Another property of linseed, and one that you very rarely hear spoken of, is its richness in albumen and nitrogen. Linseed contains a higher percentage of this property than any other seed, making it a very dangerous one if used too freely. But at the same time it is a valuable pick-me-up for all birds that are down in condition. A little given once or twice a week during the show season, will help the birds to quickly regain the extra loss of tissue which is unavoidable during the exhibition season.

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# *Club Reports.*

## EDINBURGH NORTHERN O.S.

Montbly meeting held in Gow's Coffee Rooms, Rose-street. The Secretary intimated that they had secured another hall for their show, to be held on November 6th. The following gentlemen have consented to judge: Messrs. Muirhead (Bonnyhridge) and G. Hope (Edinburgh) for Scotch Fancy, and Mr. Winter (Edinburgh) for Norwich and Borders.—C. PURDIE, Sec.

## POPLAR AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Usual meeting held on May 20th. Then followed a lecture given by Mr. J. Robson on the Norwich Canary, which was listened to with marked attention. At the close the lecturer invited questions which called forth enquiries from nearly all. He was kept busy for just over an hour. The Chairman then proposed a vote of thanks, which was supported by Messrs. Cook and Reeves.—H. W. COOK, Hon. Sec.

## LUTTERWORTH AND DIS. C.B.S.

A lecture was held at the Angel Inn, on May 22nd, when the president of the Leicester Hand-in-Hand Society presided, and in his opening remarks commented on the points of a cage bird society generally, and also made a good speech, followed by some excellent advice to leave self interest, etc., out of all matters concerning members. A grand speech by that well-known fancier, Mr. Walton (of Walton and Noakes) was listened to with interest. Questions having been invited, several were asked, and were answered in a true fancier's spirit. Other short speeches followed by Messrs. Mann (Coventry), Tyler, Needham, Hulse, and Allen (Leicester). A vote of thanks having been passed to the visitors, the chairman briefly responded, referring to his society's readiness to come over at any time and give a lecture. One new member was made, which brought a pleasant evening to a close.—C. BROOKS, Sec.

## YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

Annual general meeting held May 15th, at Market Tavern, Godwin-street, Bradford. There was a very good attendance. Mr. Shackleton occupied the chair. The balance-sheet was adopted. It showed a balance in hand of £1 17s. 9d. The Chairman then gave the result of the voting for list of officers for 1909-10: Chairman, Mr. F. Armstrong; Vice-Chairman, Mr. R. Halliday; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. John Greaves, 279, Hollings-road, Bradford; Assistant Secretary, Mr. W. Crabtree; Auditors, Messrs. R. W. Alderson and T. Clegg; Scrutineers, Messrs. T. Ogden and F. Hammond; Committee (outside Yorkshire), Messrs. A. Ambler, G. W. Cuthbertson, A. Hirst, A. E. Pattrick and J. W. Ramsden; (inside Yorkshire) Messrs. M. Broadley, J. Bailey, H. W. Battye, W. A. Cowgill, A. Cooper, S. Dean, F. Hammond, R. Sutcliffe, H. H. Towers, and J. Wilcock. Total number of voting papers returned, 82. Mr. Armstrong then took the chair. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring officers, also to the subscribers and donors of special prizes After a long discussion it was decided that the Outside Yorkshire Committee remain constituted as before, viz., five members, and that the Inside Yorkshire Committee be extended to 20; and on the motion of Mr. R. Halliday, seconded by Mr. Chittenden, the following gentlemen were co-opted thereto: Messrs. H. W. Walsh (Halifax), E. Radley (Skelmanthorp), C. T. Parkes (Wakefield), A. Livesey (Bingley), J. Shackleton (Keighley), J. Thomas (Otley) C. Stokoe (Leeds), A. Spencer (Doncaster), L. Lane (Barnoldswick), and W. H. Shackleton (retiring President). It is hoped that by the aid of these gentlemen there will be a large increase in membership. The Outside Yorkshire Competition was then dealt with. This, in the opinion of many, should be dropped, there being so few competitors. Finally, it was carried that the club at five shows outside Yorkshire give a silver medal to be won outright at each show. One medal only can be won each year by the same member residing outside Yorkshire, and there must be five competitors or the medal will be withheld. The challenge cup competition having been won by Mr. J. Bailey, this gentleman generously promised a trophy value 7 guineas for next year's competition, which was gratefully accepted (to be won twice before becoming the property of a member). Next came the method of counting points gained in the different competitions, and after a long discussion it was decided, on the motion of Mr. J. Hartley, seconded by Mr. F. Hammond, that in future a member may show as many birds as he likes, but three only to count, which must be starred by the exhibitor, also first bird to count 7 points, the second 6, and downwards to commended 1 point; in cases where there are less than seven entries, the lowest award to count one point, and so on upwards. It was also decided to insert trade advertisements and breeders' cards in the club's Year Book, terms on application to the Secretary. The following new members were accepted: Messrs. T. C. Crawhall (Newcastle), F. Easterling (London), W. Beaumont (Skelmanthorp), P. Parker (Wakefield), C. T. and E. Parkes (Wakefield), A. Gill, J. Lane (Bradford), and A. Livesey (Bingley). Applications for the club's patronage have been received from the following societies, and will be dealt with by the Committee in due course, viz., City of Bradford, Leicester C.B.A., Huddersfield, Shipley, Dulwich O.S., Burnley, Queensbury, Gateshead, Eccleshill, Harrogate, Manchester, Sunderland, East Bradford, Cockermouth, St. Helens, Sandy Lane, and Liverpool.—JOHN GREAVES, Sec.

## NORTHERN B.B.M. AND F.B.C.

At a meeting held May 18th, in Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger-street, Newcastle, correspondence was read from the following: Yarm and Dist. C.B.S.; Darlington C.B.S., Border City (Carlisle) O.S., Sunderland C.B.S., St. Helens O.S., Blaydon C.B.S., and Gateshead C.B.S. It was agreed to leave applications over till June, when club's patronage will be decided. Societies requiring club's patronage (Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, Westmoreland radius) please state classification and judge when making application. Table show resulted as follows:—A.S. BRIT.: 1, Maddison, Twite, lovely condition, A1 colour and markings, nice size, steady as a rock; 2, Bertram and Storey, Linnet; 3, Taylor, Bramble, nice size, colour, and spangling. Mr. T. Robson judged, giving every satisfaction. At our next table show, to be held in conjunction with the Northern Y.C.C., it was decided to have three classes, to be as follows:—Class 1, A.S. Foreign, limit price not to exceed 7s. 6d., single or pairs; Class 2, A.S. British, previous winners of firsts, seconds, or thirds competing; Class 3, A.S. British, all field-moulted or newly-imported. Judge, Mr. T. Robson.—J. BERTRAM, Sec., 95, Gainsbro-grove, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

## GARSTON B.B.A.

Meeting held Baptist Schoolroom, Earp-street, May 19th, when a paper was read by Mr. Alfred Wilkinson on "The Breeding and Rearing of Young Birds." The subject was dealt with in a very creditable and masterly manner. At the conclusion, an interesting discussion followed. The usual vote of thanks to the lecturer was accorded unanimously. Three new members were proposed, viz., Messrs. Molyneux (Aigburth), Seddon (Wooiton), and Walker (Liverpool).—J. F. D. ALEXANDER, Hon. Sec.

## BUCKHAVEN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held May 15th, Mr. Allan Peters (president) in the chair. A lecture was given by Mr. D. Baird on "The Rearing and Breeding of Canaries," which was listened to with keenest interest by those present. At the finish several questions were asked, and were answered in a most satisfactory manner. It was decided to hold a table show for British birds (hard-billed) at the next monthly meeting to be held June 12th. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.—JOHN LAWRIE, Sec.

## YORK C.B.S.

Whist drive held at headquarters, "All Saints' Church Room, North Street, on May 10th. Seventy-six members and friends took part. The committee had arranged four prizes for ladies and four for gentlemen. Considering the season for whist drives is getting well advanced, the committee thought this number very satisfactory. Mr. A. Waud (Secretary) had all the arrangements well in hand, and gave his usual smart attention. The M.C.'s were Messrs. T. Wright, H. Watson, and H. Thompson, to whom our thanks are due for the painstaking way they looked after everybody. At the close the Chairman (Mr. A. Richardson) presented the prizes to the successful winners. Ladies: 1, Miss Sumpton, score 120 (lady's satchell); 2, Miss Shackleton, score 113 (lady's umbrella); sealed, Mrs. Fairburn, score 103 (lady's purse); and booby, Mrs. Alderson, score 79 (flower vase). Gentlemen: 1, S. Campling, score 113 (gent.'s brush and comb); 2, H. W. Watson, score 111 (gent.'s pocket knife); sealed, C. Warriner, score 103 (silver-mounted pipe); booby, H. Dixon, score 77 (gent.'s stick).

Twenty-two members and friends made up a party which left York on May 23rd by the 9.57 train for Strinsall. On arrival at Strinsall the party was met by Mr. Hatfield, who ably acted as guide. All necessary arrangements had been made for a really good day in the country, after being closed up all the week. A start was made for Flaxton. Out in the distance could be seen the beautiful old castle at Gilling. Making our way back across the common we saw some beautiful birds, and heard their lovely song. Our dear old friend, the Very Rev. the Dean of York, said, on opening our annual exhibition of Cage Birds, that birds were the lords of creation, and were sent to brighten the lives of poor citizens. And this they did to its fullest extent on this occasion. The first to take our attention was the Linnet, singing so splendidly that it made you feel you were pleased you had taken the trouble to journey seven miles to hear him. We also came across the Greater Whitethroat, Lark, Whinchat, Song Thrush, Siskin, and Yellowhammer. Also we heard the Cuckoo. Getting back to Strinsall Village (passing wild strawberries in abundance), light refreshment was provided by Mrs. Sutcliffe and Mrs. Wilson. The party keeping to the fields on the banks of the Foss, then wended its way back to York, which was reached at about 4.30, all having spent a very pleasant day and enjoying the beautiful walk home. Thanks were given to Mr. Hatfield for taking so much trouble to map out our route and helping to make the walk so pleasant and enjoyable. The following friends expressed the pleasure it gave them to have been able to join the party: Messrs. H. Hopper, C. Young, G. Sawdon, E. Boyes, J. Brain, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Boyes, and Master E. Waud. The committee and members in reply said it always gave them pleasure in seeing and making friends, and especially those who took an interest in birds and Nature, Mr. A. Waud, the Secretary, was thanked for carrying out the arrangements to everybody's satisfaction.—A. RICHARDSON, Chairman.

## UNITED METROPOLITAN SHOW.

A meeting of delegates representing the Carshalton F.A., the Civil Service F.A., and the South Metropolitan F.A. took place on May 4th for the purpose of framing a set of rules to govern the above-named show. It was agreed that rules adopted by this meeting be submitted to the various London and Suburban societies for their consideration. It is hoped secretaries will bring the matter before their members at the earliest possible date so that no time may be lost in calling a meeting to elect officers and make arrangements for the 1909 show.

### Synopsis of Governing Rules.

That the show be called The Grand United Metropolitan Show, its objects being to promote a grand annual show, open only to members of affiliated societies, thereby creating keener competition amongst the members, poultry, pigeons, rabbits, cavies, Cage Birds, and fancy mice being the varieties catered for. The show shall consist of an unlimited number of societies, and for the present residing within an unlimited area. That the show be under the direction and management of the following officers, viz., Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary (honorary or otherwise, as may be deemed necessary), Assistant Secretary and Committee. That the Secretary and Treasurer each shall be bonded to the amount of £25, the show bearing the expense of such bond. That four members be elected as committeemen. That the annual show be held within a radius of 3 miles from St. Paul's Cathedral. Any profit or loss incurred at an annual show shall be divided or made up by the whole of the societies supporting the Grand United Metropolitan Show, such societies to receive or pay their share in proportion to the number of entries made by each Society. Note: By affiliating to the above show it is not meant to infer that societies joining should not hold a further open or members' show on their own account, or to in any way interfere with existing rules or regulations of any Society. The show already has one challenge cup.—A. WATSON, Hon. Sec. *pro tem*


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# Correspondence.

## The Rook and the Crow.

SIR,—Would you kindly allow me to settle an argument through the correspondence column of CAGE BIRDS? It is this: Is the Rook and the Crow one and the same species? If not, what is the difference? I should be pleased to have any information your readers can give me on the subject. Wishing your valuable paper every success.

F. HAYWARD.

## Remarkable Egg Laying.

SIR,—Amongst our stock we have a most prolific hen. She laid six eggs first round; second round she laid seven, so thinking she had finished, sat her on five eggs. Our astonishment was great on looking into her nest a week later to find she had nine under her, making eleven eggs in all she had laid this round! There is no mistake, as each egg, as it is laid, is put into a cabinet with drawers numbered to correspond with the number on the cage and a careful record is kept. Being our champion pair, we were obliged to call to our assistance two foster mothers. There seems no lack of eggs this season. We have three other pairs with six under each, all going merrily. Returning to the first round, three hens had 16 eggs between them; 13 chicks were hatched, and three were dead in shell. We reckon it is the Dulwich air that stimulates them.

C. L. S. MAZZONI (Rogers and Mazzoni).

## Green Marked Yorkshire Canary Club.

SIR,—A well-attended and enthusiastic meeting of Yorkshire fanciers assembled at the Market Tavern, Bradford, on May 22, to inaugurate this new open specialist club. Mr. W. H. Shackleton, one of our premier Yorkshire exhibitors, was prevailed upon to take the chair. He lucidly placed before the meeting the chief reasons which had led to the desire for the formation of this club. He could conscientiously assure those present, he said, that the promoters were only actuated by the highest possible motives in desiring to do justice to the green marked bird. Every breeder of repute knew the value of this bird. It was the fountain head of colour and quality. Why, then, should it be left out in the cold? The only marked birds catered for really were the Cinnamon marks. This club would supply a long-felt want. The only thing the club desired was the same facilities as were granted to other sections; then this club would soon equal the other specialist clubs. The value of the green-marked bird would increase by leaps and bounds, especially the hens, which had so far, with one or two exceptions, been entirely neglected. If a bird has value from a breeder's standpoint, surely it has value from a show point of view. Suppose for a moment, he said, a bird to be an ideal Yorkshire bird in type, size, shape and quality, but rather heavily marked, its value was infinitesimal compared with a bird of lighter marking or clear, although a much inferior bird in other respects. All the new club desired was the hearty co-operation and support of Yorkshire breeders and exhibitors; then he felt sure of the unbounded success of the new club. (Applause.) The intending members presently got to business in electing its chairman, hon. secretary, and a committee of seven pro tem. It was felt that the Committee should be voted upon later, as there would probably be many new members enrolled, and they desired it to be as representative as possible.—Mr. W. H. Shackleton was unanimously elected Chairman, Mr. F. Armstrong, 78, Pear Street, Halifax, as hon. secretary, and Messrs. Ogden Bros., H. W. Walsh, S. Dean, W. Crabtree, F. Hammond, H. Hill, and J. Wilcock as Committee pro tem. The club seems assured of a glorious success. We have already enrolled nearly 60 members, including gentlemen in the North, Midlands, and Lancashire, and prominent Yorkshire exhibitors. Mr. Shackleton has promised a five-guinea trophy, Messrs. Ogden Bros. one of two guineas, and others. Intending members will thus see that the club is on a sound basis. Rally round us, fanciers! give us your support please, and this will rank as one of the strongest specialist clubs. The Committee meet May 29, Market Tavern, Bradford, 6.30 p.m. Business: Drawing up of rules and regulations.

F. ARMSTRONG, Hon. Sec.

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## A Question for Mealworm Breeders.

SIR,—That the beetles of the mealworm have well-developed wings your correspondent, F. Vincent, might easily have discovered for himself by taking a dead beetle and carefully removing the blackish, horny wing case—to use an utterly unscientific term for the sake of clearness—on the back, when the transparent gauzy fly-like real wings will be found elaborately folded and packed away beneath. Or by holding a live beetle, a little gentle persuasion with the end of a match stick or similar article at the end of the wing case will probably cause it to unfurl its wings in a very convincing manner. The beetles are certainly quite capable of flight, but those who attempt mealworm breeding do not, as a rule, give them the chance to fly away. The boxes or other receptacles are, or should be, always kept covered. As regards the worms eating the eggs, I would not venture to express an opinion; but this I do know, that there are few things which either the beetles or worms will not gnaw away and damage, including such delicacies as cardboard, paper, linen, woollen, and wood. Whether they really eat all they gnaw I will not say, but I am certain the beetles will eat cardboard.

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

## Cockatiels Hatched Under Budgerigars.

SIR,—It would no doubt be of interest to your readers to know that I have two young Cockatiels (now ten days old), which were hatched under Budgerigars. They are both strong, and are doing well. As they are in a cokernut nest, I hardly know, at present, how they will get on when they are bigger. I have a very large aviary, also a smaller one. The large aviary contains a varied collection: Budgerigars, Cockatiels, Lovebirds, Rosellas, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Greenfinches, Mandarin Ducks, and one African dove. The smaller one is reserved for Canaries, and a variety of small foreign Finches and Waxbills (I do a bit of dealing but not much). I have quite a lot of young birds and eggs, and am looking forward to a good breeding season. I have lost several very good birds through their getting drowned in the small brook which flows through the bottom end of my large aviary. Only a fortnight ago I found my hen Rosella drowned. She was just ready to lay. The cock bird has searched in every corner for her, and is even now perpetually calling her. I have covered the water over now with wire netting, leaving a small shallow place where they can drink and bathe. They all keep in splendid condition, and sleep in the open (under cover) all the winter, refusing to go into the roosting shed, which is rather dark.

H. LEWIS.

## Some Interesting Foreign Birds.

SIR,—Among the most interesting birds for a novice at foreign bird-keeping to commence with are the Waxbills. They are among the smallest of birds—cheery little souls, full of life and vitality, and on the go all day long, when acclimatised and well treated. A Crystal Palace aviary in a sitting-room makes a nice home for them if placed in a good light, and in a sheltered spot where no draughts can blow through it. I prefer a roomy, box cage, say 3ft. long, 2ft. high, and 1ft. deep, which will hold eight or ten of them comfortably. If well made and enamelled pale blue inside, and holly green outside, it looks well, and is better for the birds than an all-wire cage. If the cage is made like a double breeding cage, with sliding partition in the centre, the birds can be kept in one compartment while the other is being cleaned out. Fit the cage up with perches of different sizes (natural branches are best), and hang up three or four rush nests, or cokernut shells, lined with felt nest linings for them to sleep in. White millet is the staple dict for these little birds, but they must also have Canary and spray millet. Plenty of water for drinking and bathing, also grit and cuttlefish bone must be supplied. During the spring, summer and autumn give green food regularly. The flowering and seeding heads of grass are liked best, and if covered with blight all the better. Most of these little birds go almost mad for green fly and spiders, which are very good for them, and a grand pick-me-up for fresh imported birds. During the birds' moult, or when they are down in condition, tinge the drinking water with eight or ten drops of Parrish's Chemical Food which is an excellent tonic. Beginners must not be discouraged if they lose many birds when these are bought freshly imported from the dealers. The majority of the birds are very delicate at first, but quite hardy when acclimatised. Always buy acclimatised birds, if possible. Here is the writer's experience of a few species. Cordon Bleu: A beautiful little bird. Top of head, back and wings grey-brown; face, breast, sides and tail bright blue; beak red, and bright crimson ear-patches. The hen is without the crimson ear-patches. The cock bird has a few musical phrases, but no proper song, and the hen tries to sing a little. Simply crazy they are after green fly and spiders, which they take from my fingers or from a pair of tweezers. Blue-breasted Waxbills: Almost similar to the preceding species, but with larger heads and darker (purplish) beaks. The cock bird has no crimson ear-patches. This is a rather expensive little bird, but is the best singer of the lot—we compare ours to a Lark. Lavender Finches: Chubby little birds, and the clowns of the cage. They can never keep still, but are always trying to pull a rush nest to pieces, or else are playing at tug-of-war with a piece of ribbon. One bird wil amuse itself for hours taking a piece of ribbon into a nest and pulling it in hand-over-hand, or rather beak-over-beak, and then pulling it out again. They are as fond of spiders as the Cordon Bleus, and will take them from my fingers. In colour they are of different shades of lavender-grey, with a black streak through the eye, and lovely ruby-red rumps and tails. These birds, when in condition, have a bloom on them like a peach. Common Fire Finches: Delicate little mites, brown on the top of the head, having brownish red backs and tails, and bright red breasts. These birds look best by gas-light. Their call-note is similar to a Canary's. St. Helena Waxbills: Brown birds, with wavy markings of a darker shade all over them. Coral-red beaks, red streak through eye, and rosy breasts. Very pretty birds they are, with a nice little song. Orange-Breasted Waxbills: The smallest of the lot, and the smallest foreign birds imported alive. Timid little birds, with no song but a loud call-note. They do not seem fond of green food or insects. Greenish-brown backs and orange-red breasts and rumps, red beaks and fan-shaped tails. The hen has a pale yellow breast. Avadavat: Almost as small as the preceding, and an interesting little bird. The winter plumage of the cock is brown, which turns to red with white spots in summer. This bird has a sweet song. Green Avadavat: A larger bird than the common Avadavat, and quite different. Grcenish-brown above and white with dark bars below, and red beak.

J. C. W. MEADOWS.

## Feminine Amenities.

### A Peterborough Tragedy.

SIR,—I think the appended account, sent to a Peterborough paper by Mr. H. Anker (of Cowgate), will interest readers of CAGE BIRDS. I was much interested, says the writer, in reading the account of the piebald Blackbird in Peterborough Park and of her life and death scrimmage with two other lady Blackbirds. But an even more interesting incident has occurred between a lady Blackbird and a lady Thrush in the Gaol gardens at Thorpe Road, Peterborough. The Thrush and the Blackbird had built nests in the Gaol garden, selecting sites very near to each other. Both had broods of young birds about the same time. The mother Thrush not only fed her own young, but also gave free meals to the young Blackbirds in the neighbouring nest, the mother of which was a little given to gallivanting and really ought to have had the Inspector of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Chicks put on her track. She intensely disliked her neighbours pushing their beaks into her affairs, however, and when, a week or so ago, she found the mother Thrush feeding the young Blackbirds, she resented it warmly and without more ado fiercely attacked the mother Thrush. A life to death struggle followed. The Blackbird and the Thrush fought as only ladies can, but victory is not always with the virtuous, and the Thrush paid for her kindness with her life. When the Blackbird had her neighbour dead on the stricken and feathery field, she satisfied her vindictive savage little soul by pecking out the Thrush's eyes.

A. ROWLES.

## Coalville and District Cage Bird Society.

SIR,—A meeting was held on May 15 at the Three Horse Shoes Hotel, Hugglescote, when it was definitely decided to form a society, to be called the "Coalville and District Cage Bird Society. The reason we have decided to call it that is because we thought outside fanciers might otherwise think it was the old society reformed. I can assure them that it is a new society for all interested in the welfare of cage-birds. I am pleased to say we have a good muster of cage-bird fanciers, and a very good meeting was the result. At the close we enrolled 22 members, which I think was very good. We have decided to have a nest feather show on June 19, at the above-mentioned hotel. We are open to a radius of six miles for our first attempt, and I think we shall do very well. It was decided to make the entrance fee 1s. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, J. Sidney Thompson, Esq.; John Kirby, Esq., D.C., chairman; vice-chairman, Mr. Ernest J. Holmes; Committee, Messrs. E. Taylor, F. Saunders, G. Knight, H. Toone, W. Richards, J. Bird, J. Johnson, and others. I shall be pleased if fanciers and all interested in the Fancy in the district will be kind enough to forward their names and addresses to me, and also try to be at our next meeting, which is fixed for May 29 at 7 o'clock at headquarters, the Three Horse Shoes Hotel.

WILLIAM COOPER, Sec.

White Hill, Ellistown.

## A Mule Breeding Experience.

SIR,—Is my experience, which I am writing about, in any way remarkable? All my friends disbelieve me and call me a "gentleman," although I have challenged them to come and see for themselves; but they won't come, so I thought I would write you. I have a cock Goldfinch and a hen Canary, and on the 25th of March I put them side by side in separate cages. All went well, and on the 1st of April I put them together. I had seven eggs in all, one of which I broke. I set her on three, and she laid the other three afterwards. I took the cock away only when I had set the hen on the three eggs, and my friends say because she laid the three eggs afterwards that none of them would be any good. However, I took no notice of what they said, and left it to chance, and on the 30th April I found three had hatched. Then one was hatched the next day, and another the next, but the sixth egg never turned at all, so after a day or two I broke it and found it was "rotten." Now, the five youngsters are doing nicely so far; they are 20, 19, and 18 days respectively. They are getting about the cage, have a fly now and then, but do not pick seed for themselves yet. The mother feeds them well, and they are nice birds now. But my friends (all bird fanciers) will not believe me; they say it is too early for Mules. I forgot to mention that the hen had never laid an egg before, and is eight months old; that makes them disbelieve it the more. I should be glad if you could let me have your opinion in CAGE BIRDS. I may add that one friend of mine has had no fewer than 23 eggs this year—6 Goldie-Canary, and the rest Canaries, and all he has to show for them is four young Canaries; whilst another friend had six Canaries' eggs, but the hen died during setting, and all eggs were found to be bad.

A BRIGHTON BEGINNER.

(There would seem to be no ground for the scepticism displayed by the friends of "A Brighton Beginner," as many instances of Mules being bred at an earlier date have been recorded in our columns from time to time. It is quite wrong to think that eggs cannot be fertile because they are laid after the male bird has been taken away from the hen.—EDITOR).

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### England.

Oct, 1 & 2—**Burnley & Dis. C.B.S.**—(W. Clarkson, 30 Pine Street.) H.W.B. & J.H.R.
Oct. 2—**Longton.**—(E. Tams, Church Street.) J.H.R.
Oct. 8 and 9—**Accrington & Dis. C.B.S.** (J. W. Philpott, 28, Jubilee Street, Oswaldtwistle). J.H.R.
Oct. 12 & 13—**Dulwich O.S.** (Woolhouse & Rogers, 54, Welbeck Terrace, Dunstan Road, East Dulwich) W.M., J.R., W.H.V. and W.V., and G.G.
Oct. 13 and 14—**Caterham.**—(Jas Kilby, Caterham Valley.) J.R.
*Oct. 13—**Alnwick.**—(W. A. Broadley, 45. King St.) J.M. & T.D.
*Oct. 15 and 16—**Bolton** (H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove). J.C.B. and J.W.
*Oct. 16—**Coventry (Godiva)**—(W. H. Bray, 12 Berry Street). J.R.
Oct. 16.—**Darlington C. & C.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook Terrace.) J.W. & F.M.
*Oct. 16—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage.) W.P.B. & A B.
Oct. 19 and 20—**Western Counties (Plymouth)**—(Thos. Pope. 98. Embankment Road.)
Oct. 20 and 21—**Battersea, Open.**—(Easterling and Allin, 340, Battersea Park Road.) J.R. and A.J.P.
Oct. 20 & 21—**Eastbourne**—(R. M. Daly, 120, Whitley Rd). C.A.H.
*Oct. 22 and 23—**Newcastle-on-Tyne**—(Curry and Hutchinson, 60. Grosvenor Gardens.) J.R., W.V., W.M., W.C.D. and T.H.
Oct. 22 and 23—**Hinckley**—(W. Warner, Upper Bond Street).
Oct. 23—**Middlesbrough**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road). W.M. and J.M.
*Oct. 23—**Burton-on-Trent**—(Elliott & Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
*Oct. 22 and 23—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street.)
*Oct. 27—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(E.C. Parnell, 12, Princes Street.)
*Oct. 27 & 28—**Gloucester C.B.S.** (J. R. Houghton, Dargai, Hathérley Road.) H.W.B. & W.V.
*Oct. 27 and 28—**Grimsby & Dis. O.S.**—(W. H. Moore, 39, Lord Street). J.H.R. & F.M.
Oct. 27 and 28—**Clapham**—(A. C. Askew, 152, Manor Street.)
Oct. 27 & 28—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Magg, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown). C.A.H. and T.H.
Oct. 28—**Frome C.B.S.**—(W. Minty, 7, Stony Street.)
*Oct. 28—**Hanley**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head)
*Oct. 28 & 29—**Wolverhampton**—(J. Gibbons, 74, Napier Road). J.C.B. and R.J.H.
*Oct. 29 and 30—**Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road.) W.V & R.R.
Oct. 29 and 30—**Manchester (Belle Vue)**—(G. W. F. Lythgoe, 25, Stamford Street, Old Trafford.)
Oct. 29 and 30—**York** (A. Waud, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). W.P.B. and W.A.C.
Oct. 29 and 30—**Shields**—(J. Farrass, 98, Marlborough Street.) C.A.H. & T.D.
Oct. 30—**Derwent Valley C.B.S.**—(J Brown, 12, Humber Street, Chopwell, Durham).
Oct. 30 and Nov. 1—**Norwich Alliance, All England**—(R. Roll, "Dalwood," Cecil Road, Lakenham), C.A.H.
Oct. 30—**Hartlepools**—(H. J. L. Williams, 30, Lister St., W. Hartlepool). W.A.C. and J. Wkn.
Nov. 2 and 3—**Weybridge**—(H. E. Parrott, Grove Place.) C.A.H.
Nov. 3.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Av.) J.R., and W.V.
Nov. 4 & 5—**Dulwich & Peckham**—(W. Hodson, 209, Crystal Palace Road, East Dulwich.)
Nov. 5 and 6—**Blackburn** (J. W. Marsden, 44, Troop Street). A.W.
Nov. 5 and 6—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.) J.R., & H.W.B.
Nov. 5 and 6—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe & Hillmen 35, Whitefield Road, Everton.) W.M. J.C.B., & G.E.W.
Nov. 5 & 6—**Sheffield**—(Lindsay.) & Bingham. 202, King James Street, Walkley
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Wigan**—(W. Ridge, 55, Poolstock),
*Nov. 6—**Rochdale Good Intent**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford Street). J.H.R. & R.B.
Nov. 6—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). H.W.B. and C.H.
Nov. 6 and 8—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(C. Draper, 105, Belgrave Street.) J.H.P. & R.J.H.
Nov. 6—**Cleator Moor.**—(J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road). A.By.
Nov. 9 and 10—**Hastings United**—(A. E. Godden, 50, Harold Road, Clive Vale). J.R.
Nov. 10—**Leek**—(R. Hall, Hallscroft, Rudyard, Staffs). W.V.
*Nov. 11 and 12—**Cambridge**—(T. S. Moore, 123, Newmarket Road). J.F. & J.R.
*Nov. 12 & 13—**Wallsend-on-Tyne**—(Richardson & Greenwell, 35, The Avenue). J.H.R., J.W., and J.W.B.
*Nov. 12 and 13—**Preston O.S.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn.) A.W., P.R. and A.H.
*Nov. 13—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.**—(Bagshaw and Flint, High Street, Tideswell, nr. Buxton). W.M. and J.T.
Nov. 13—**Warrington** (C. Dukes, 26, Dundonald Avenue, Stockton Heath.)
Nov. 13 and 15—**Nottingham**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square, Parkside). T.H., C.H. & W.V.
Nov. 17—**Reading**—(G. A. Charles, 4, Talfourd, Avenue, Earley, Reading). J.F.
Nov. 17 & 18—**Hayle**—(H. Ware, 2, Pond Rd.)
Nov. 17 & 18—**West Bromwich.**—(T. Duffield, 13, Braybrook Street.) J.H.P., W.G.P.
Nov. 19 and 20—**Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19 Lambton Street). W.V. & E.B.
Nov. 19 and 20—**Sunderland**—(W. Reid, 14, Plantation Road, Pallion.) T.H., J.Str.
Nov. 19 & 20—**Pendleton & Salford**—(H Clayton, 42, Anne St., Higher Broughton, Manchester). A.W. & J.C B.
*Nov. 20—**Coventry O.S.**—(G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon Road.)
Nov. 20—**Crook Original**—(Bird and Siddle, 15 Church St). A.B., J.H.R.
Nov. 23 & 24—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(M. E. Feltham, 123, Commercial Rd.)
Nov. 24 & 25—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze Road, Horfield.)
*Nov. 25—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad St.) W.P.B, & S.H.M.
Nov. 26 & 27—**Salc Open**—(Jas. Irlam, 86, Harley Rd.) J.C.B.
Nov. 27.—**Darlington C.B.S.**—(E. Bunskill, 2, Dancsbury Terrace). W.P.B. and J.M.
Nov. 27—**Hetton-le-Hole**—(A. J. Notley, 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs, Co. Durham). A.B
*Nov. 27 and 29.—**Ilkeston.**—(T. Smith, 5 King St.) J.C.B.; M.N., C.H.

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Nov. 30 and Dec. 1—**Morecambe** (J. H. Ireland. Parliament Street).
Dec. 1 and 2.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—(W. T. Hawes, 125 Commercial Rd.). G.G.
*Dec. 1 and 2—**City of Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.) C.A.H.
Dec. 2—**Frome & Dis. F.A.**—(C. I. Young, 8, Palmer Street). J.R.
Dec. 3 & 4—**Altrincham**—(T. Harrison, 4, Shaws Lane). S.H. and A.W.
Dec. 4—**Ferryhill**—(R. Binks, jnn., 27, West Street, Ferryhill, Co. Durham). J.Sr., J.Mn.
Dec. 4,—**Harrogate**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road). A.H.
Dec. 4 & 6—**Leicester C.B.S.** (J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road.) J.H.R. & J.F.D.
Dec. 8—**Luton**—(E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street). J.R. and A.S.
*Dec. 8 and 9.—**Canterbury.**—(J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peters St.).
*Dec. 10 & 11—**Gateshead** (Buck & Johnson, 30 Keswick Street)
Dec. 11—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. E. Wigginton. 94, Station Road.)
Dec. 18—**Crook & Dis.**—(W. Rutherford, West Roddy moor). J.S.
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Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,) T.Mc.C., J.S., J.M., G.Gn.
Jan. 1—**Guisborough "Priory"** (Atkinson & Wilson, 80, Westgate).
Jan. 8 — **Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees).
Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton).

### Scotland.

Oct. 2—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane).
Oct. 9—**Broughty Ferry**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). C.Bk., W.H., D.Bn., J.Sn., A.W.W.
Oct. 9—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). H.B.
Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford, Normand Place, Kelty, N.B.) W.R., G.H., A.G.C., J.W.B., G.M.
Oct. 23—**City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 6, St. Catherine's Road. G.F., J.Sn., R.F.A., J.A., T.C.G.H., J.C.
Oct. 30—**Ayr & Dis.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road).
Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan, 23, High Street. J. H., G. H., J. B., D. L.
Nov. 6.—**Bo'ness** (F. M' Gillivray, Ferry View, Gauze Road, Chance). J.S., J.B., J.T., W.C.
Nov. 12 & 13 **Glasgow & West of Scotland**—(F. Bowman 5, Parkview Gardens, Tollcross, Glasgow).
Nov. 13—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.) D.L., J.Wn., A.C., P.P.
Nov. 19 and 20—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(J. By. Murdoch, 9, Burnside St).
Nov. 20—**Galashiels**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew Street).
Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.).
Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.) C.C., A.M., D.Hn., D.B., G.F., J.L.
Dec. 18—**Broxburn**—(D. Anthony, Main Street). T.S., J.B., G.H., J.W., W.S.
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.—**Scottish National.**—(J. Winter, 11, Parkside Street, Edinburgh.) W.B., A.Wn., T.T., R.W., J.Er., J.P., J.W.B., J.R., J.D., J.G., C.T.M.

### Wales.

July 21—**Llandudno (Valc of Conway & Dis. F.A.)** (A. T. Johnson, Ro Wen, Tal y cafn).
Nov. 10 and 11—**Swansea.**—(A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, nr. Swansea.)
Nov. 17—**Maesteg**—(W. Jenkins, 43, John Street, Nantyfyllon, Bridgend). J.H.R. and H.N.
Nov. 18—**Morriston** (W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Rd. H.N. and W.M.
*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Cardiff.**—(W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland Road.) J.H.P, & J.R.
*Dec. 15—**Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun & Dis.**—(Mc Lucas & James, 26, Pantygraigwen Road, Pontypridd.) C.A.H.

### Ireland.

Nov. 11 & 12—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton, Banbridge, Co. Down).
Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—(H. J. Niblock, Seatown Place.)
Dec. 15 and 16—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan). H.N.

### Foreign.

Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H.S. Tibbs, 184, John) Street, Toronto, Canada.)

## FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

**The dates fixed for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as decided upon.**

June 5.—Leeds C.B.S.
June 7.—Hull C.B.S.
June 9.—Hastings United C.B.S.
June 10.—Metropolitan C.B.A.
June 12 and July 17.—City of Bradford O.S.
June 12.—West Stanley and Dis. C.B.S.
June 12.—Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.
June 12, July 3, and July 24.—Bradford East O.S.
June 12 and July 31.—Southport and Dis. C.B.C.
June 17 and 18.—Stockport B.F.A.
June 19.—Coalville and Dis. C.B.S.
June 19.—Great Horton O.S.
June 19.—Bolton and Dis. O.S.
June 19.—N. Manchester C.B.S.
June 19, July 17, and Aug. 21.—Tong and Dis. C.B.S.
June 19.—Barton-on-Humber C. and B.B.C.
June 19.—Exeter and Dis. C.B.S.
June 26.—North London C.B.A.
June 26.—Heywood and Dis. C.B.S.
June 26.—London and Counties O.A.
June 26.—Sale Open O.S.
June 26.—Spen Valley C.B.S.
June 26.—Queen's Park (Glasgow) and Dis. C.B.S.
June 26, July 10, and July 24.—Sunderland C.B.A.
June 30.—Y.C.C. of Scotland.
July 1.—Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.
July 1.—Stockton-on-Tees and Dis. C.B.S.
July 1.—Dulwich O.S.
July 1.—Altrincham C.B.S.
July 3.—City and Suburban A.C.B.
July 3.—Oldham and Dis. C.B.S.
July 3.—Forfar and Dis. C.B.I.S.
July 3.—Pendlebury, Swinton and Dis. C. and B.B.S.
July 3.—Dipton and Dis. C.B.S.
July 8.—Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.
July 5.—Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Birkenhead C.F.A.
July 10.—Highgate, Hampstead, and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Middleton O.S.
July 10.—Macclesfield and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Longton, Leek and Hanley (Amalgamated).
July 10.—Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.
July 10.—Preston O.S.
July 10.—Edinburgh N. and M.B.S.
July 10.—Jarrow, Hebburn, and Dis. C B.S.
July 11.—Walthamstow F.A.
July 11.—Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.
July 17.—Poplar and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—City of Birmingham C.B.S.
July 17 and 18.—Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—Houghton-le-Spring and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—Garston B.B.A.
July 17.—Tamworth and Dis. C.B.S.
August 7.—Runcorn and Dis. O.S.

**West Stanley and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 29, Commercial Hotel, 7.30. Stewards and schedules for F.F. show.—W. Elliott.

**Wallasey and Dis. C.B.S.** — June 3, St. Mary's Schools, 8. Discussion on Staging and Training Young Birds for Exhibition.—Wm. Mallinson.

**Yarm and Eaglescliffe C.B.S.**—June 4, Town Hall, 8.—Wilkinson and Danby

# Club Notices.

**Ashton-u-Lyne and Dis. O.S.** — June 1, F.R.A. rooms, 8. F.F. show and general business. — H. Foden.

**Battersea Open C.B.S.**—June 2, headquarters, 8. Exhibition of cage-making by Mr. Dewhurst.—Easterling and Allen.

**Ayr and Dis. C.B.C.**—May 31, Good Templar Hall, New Bridge Street, 7.30. Collection of annual subscription; arranging classes for F.F. shows, etc.—C. C. Irvine.

**Bury and Dis. C.B.S.**—June 1, Textile Hall, 7.30. F.F. show, and judge for November show. — H. Gameson.

**Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.S.**—June 2, Jolly Gardeners, Rotherhithe New Road, 8. Closing of entries for young stock show, and committee meeting.—A. Lupton.

**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.**—June 1, New Inn, Station Street, 8. Classes for Nest Feather, and Paper on Foreign Birds, by Mr. Hadley.—Elliott and Wood.

**Blaydon and Dis. C.B.S.**—June 5, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Address by Mr. J. Carr.—G. Havver.

**Bradford East O.S.**—June 1, Whitsuntide Ramble to Harden and Bingley. Members and friends meet at Farrar's shop in Town Hall Square, at 1.30, taking car to Thornton. Hearty invitation to all friends.—H. Hill.

**Bristol C.B.S.**—Meeting owing to Whitsun Holidays fixed for 2nd Wednesday in June. Arrangements for 1st Feather Show in July.—W. H. Manley.

**Coventry O.S.**—June 2, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Pailton outing and classes for 1st feather show.—G. Peters.

**City of Dundee C.B.S.**—June 2, Doig's Rooms, 8. Classification for open show.—A. Miller.

**Chester C.B.F.A.** — June 1, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Consider schedule for annual show.—J. Swindley.

**City of Wakefield O.S.** — May 29, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 8. Classes for F.F. show.—Parker and Parkes.

**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.**—June 3, Montpelier, Choumert Road, Peckham, S.E. Lecture on the Yorkshire Canary, by Mr. R. L. Crisp. Fanciers welcome.—W. Hodson.

**Dewsbury O.F.S.**—May 29. Little Saddle Hotel, 7.30. Selection of judges and classes for F.F. show. Intending members invited.—G. G. Stafford.

**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.** — June 2, George Hotel, 8. F.F. and open show business; new members invited to join at this meeting.—R. S. Black.

**Dalkeith and Dis.**—June 5, Ship Inn, 7. Election of judges, etc.—J. Ewing.

**East Ham F.S.**—June 1, headquarters, "Earl of Wakefield," 8. Second monthly show, all entries to be in; report of contest committee, etc.—H. Rutter.

**Eccleshill C.B.A.**—June 2, Fountain Inn, 8. Important business.—T. Elsegood.

**Forfar and Dis. C.B.I.S.** — June 5, Airlie Arms Hotel, Kirriemuir, 6.30. Classes and judges for open show. Members are requested to get clear of books. Samples of colour-feed will he on view.—W. Grewar.

**Garston B.B.A.** — June 16, Baptist Schoolroom, Earp Street, 8. Lecture by chairman on Colour-feeding. Fanciers invited.—J. F. D. Alexander.

**Glasgow and Western Counties Club.** — May 29, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30. Show Yellow Bunting, A.O.V. Bunting, Bullfinch cock, and nomination of judges for annual club show.—T. Drysdale.

**Hanley and Dis. C.B.S.**—June 2, Albion Hotel, 8. Arrange young stock show, make new members, and to receive subscriptions now due.—B. Peake.

**Hasland, Grassmoor and Dis. C.B.S.** — June 2, Devonshire Hotel, Hasland, 7.30. Nest feather shows, and open show date. Subscription due.—C. H. Naylor.

**Hyde and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 28, Ramble. Meet at Hyde Town Hall, 3 prompt. Through beautiful Derbyshire, with an invitation to the Ashton-u-Lyne and Dis. members to join us. All are welcome.—F. Barraclough.

**Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.**—May 31 (Whit-Monday), Wilford Bridge, 11. Ramble to Clifton.—W. Cottingham.

**Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.**—June 3, Nutclough Tavern, 8. To complete business re young bird show.—W. Parratt.

**Larkhall C.B.A.**—June 5, Miners' Hall, 7. Show business.—J. Pollock

**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.**—June 5, Co-op. Classroom, 7. Table show of young birds, buff Norwich, buff Yorks., and buff Dark Crest. Fee 3d. per cage; point to count. Judge, M. E. Fox.—A. Wigginton.

**Laisterdyke B.F.A.**—June 2, Railway Hotel, 8.—A. Bottomley.

**Morley and Dis. C.B.S.**—Whit Monday, meet at Nelson Arms, 6. Ramble. To meet for tram at Churwell.—R. H. Turner.

**Macclesfield and Dis. C.B.S.**—May 29, Daybrook Street School, 7. Arrange classes for F.F. show, to be held on July 10. Mr. J. Garner (Hazel Grove), judge.—F. Broadhurst.

**Newcastle C.B.S.**—June 3, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. Lecture on "The Crested Canary," by Mr. T. Robson. Fanciers invited.—Curry and Hutchinson.

**Nottingham and Notts. O.S.**—June 2, Mechanics' Hall, 8.—G. E. Wilkinson.

**Preston O.S.**—June 3, Tokio Cafe, 8. Debate on Colour-feeding.—R. Taylor.

**Provincial Roller C.C.**—May 29, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 6.30. Show place, etc. Friends invited.—A. Percival.

**Pudsey, Stanningley and Dis. O.S.**—June 2, Oddfellows' Hall Hotel, 8. Lecture by Mr. W. Richmond. Fanciers invited.—J. Butler.

**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.**—June 2, Temperance Club, 8. Show business, etc.—W. Adams.

**Rotherham C.B.S.**—May 29, St. George's Hall, 8. To arrange nest feather show, proposing new members, etc.—G. Oakes.

**Rochdale O.C.**—May 31, Club, 8. Committee meeting, afterwards town hall meeting.—J. Butterworth.

**Stirling and Dis. O.S.**—June 5, Douglas Hotel, 8. Prize cards for show, samples and prices at meeting. Intending members please attend.—G. Hislop.

**Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.** — June 3, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Table show of young birds, bred by Novices. Mr. H. Lindsay will judge Yorkshires, and Mr. C. Booth Norwich.—Lindsay and Bingham.

**Seaham Harbour and Dis. C.B.B.A.**—May 29, Station Hotel, 7. Members' shows.—H. Dobson.

**Stockton-on-Tees and Dis. C.B.S.**—June 3, Leeds Hotel, 8. Schedules for open and F.F. show.—J. W. Lowes.

**Shields C.B.S.**—June 2, Greggs' Cafe, 7.30. Final arrangement for F.F. show; also schedule for open show.—J. Barrass.

**Wigan and Dis. C.B.S.**—June 5, Adelphi Inn, 8.—W. Ridge.

**West London F.A.**—June 3, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, 8. Lecture by Mr. A. Silver.—J. Dewhurst.

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## CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

### Hen Found Wanting.

**J.N.**—It is your hen that is at fault in not breeding successfully. Unless she is quite a young hen, I should imagine she is past her first youth, and very likely also inclined to obesity. Feed her on plain Canary as a staple for a week, during which time give a pinch of summer rape about three times, and no other seeds or foods at all. Allow an unlimited supply of green food daily—groundsel for preference. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts every second day. At the end of the week, begin to give her a few grains of inga and gold of pleasure on alternate days, and a very little egg food twice a week. Also give dandelion instead of the groundsel for green food daily, and then try her again as soon as she begins calling with the freshest of the cocks.

### Plucks Feathers & Does Not Sing

**T.D.**—I hardly think your Canary can be in very good health, as you say. It is probable the variable weather during the first half of May affected it, and set it off moulting, and now the moult has progressed so far I would advise you to let it follow its course, as the bird should then be quite fine and in good song just when the others will be dropping off for moulting, and will therefore be very useful to keep the young ones in training whilst the moulting season lasts. Feed as I am frequently advising for song birds; give a small quantity of egg food twice a week, and a little green food daily. Let it bathe as often as it likes and during the summer add a few drops of quassia extract to the bath. Examine cage to see if any red mite are about, as I suspect these are partly the cause. Give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and a similar quantity of chlorate of potash in the drinking water every second day for a week, and on the alternate days twenty drops of Chemical Food, continuing latter for a fortnight.

### Growth on Beak.

"**Strathmore.**"—I fear this hen is in a generally unhealthy condition, and would advise you not to attempt any further breeding with her this year. Separate and keep her in a good-sized cage or flight where she can get plenty of vigorous exercise. Prick the swelling on beak with a clean needle, press out contents; bathe it with a deep pink solution of permanganate of potash, and afterwards anoint it for a day or two with boracic ointment. Feed on a staple of plain Canary seed, and give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of egg food with two drops of cod-liver emulsion well mixed in it each time. Twice each week for the first fortnight also mix in the egg food, as much as will cover a sixpence, of two parts of flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash. Twice a week give just a pinch of mixture of equal parts of hemp, inga, maw, and gold of pleasure, seeds. Give a liberal supply of green food daily—chickweed, if obtainable, in preference to any other. Allow it to bathe freely. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and the same quantity of chlorate of potash every second day for a week, and on the alternate days give six drops of aromatic sulphuric acid. In the second week give twenty drops of Chemical Food every second day. Then omit all medicines for a week, and begin again and repeat the above two weeks' course.

### Result of a Shock.

**F.C.B.**—It is very difficult to say whether your bird will sing again. I have known similar cases in which the bird, although perfectly healthy, has not sung for many years afterwards, others may begin again in a few weeks, whilst others never sing any more. From the fact of your bird sitting moping, I should imagine it received a scratch from the cat somewhere which has not yet healed. Offer it a bath daily and twice a week add a few crystals of permanganate of potash to it. Give a small quantity of egg food or crushed sponge cake three times a week, and on each of the other days give a few grains of either hemp, inga, or gold of pleasure, not altogether, but first one and then another. In the drinking water add two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel for a day or two each week. Probably a month of this treatment will enable it to get over the shock and resume singing.

### Clear Eggs and Vibration.

"**Magpie.**"—If you had said how you feed the birds I should have been in a better position to judge the cause of your failure. I have little doubt it was due to the cocks not being in breeding condition when you mated them, and also to their position in the attic, which would probably have some very extreme fluctuations of heat when the birds were going to nest, which would account for the eggs being clear. If the cocks are not in very vigorous condition, it is quite possible for them to go through all the appearances of successful mating repeatedly and yet all the eggs prove unfertile, so you see I cannot really tell you whether you will have better luck this time after what you have seen. It all depends upon whether the cocks are now in a more forward condition or not. The vibration from heavy traffic will not affect the fertility of the birds in any way, neither is it likely to affect the hatching of the eggs, providing they are fertile.

### Overgrown and Sore Beaks.

**W.T.A.**—I cannot tell you the reason. Some beaks grow much more rapidly than others, with no apparent reason. Health has nothing to do with it—at any rate, in some cases. Is the small sore you mention underneath the top mandible—this is inside the beak—or under the lower mandible? It may possibly have been done accidentally when cutting the beak, or it may be due to friction against a badly made water hole in the wires, or to irritation from red mite. Look into these causes and you may—if the sore is outside the beak, not otherwise—anoint it a few times with zinc ointment. To help to keep the beak in order, bind a narrow strip of fine sand-paper around one end of a perch, or put a piece of lump sugar in the wires for the bird to peck at. A piece of cuttlefish hung in the cage will also help to keep it short. You might also treat the bird for one week as advised to "Strathmore."

### Not Gone Straight.

"**Crooked Pair.**"—Are you quite certain about the sex of the cock? Personally, I should have serious doubts about it if he was, as you say, apparently quite healthy and yet so backward with a hen that is clearly in very good condition. You might give the cock a course of plain diet, abundant green food, and saline aperients for a week, as advised to "Breton," then feed him up for a week or fortnight as advised in latter part of same reply, and try again. It is quite probable he might fill a late clutch of eggs. Failing this, you might, as you suggest, try the hen with the cock Chaffinch. If any young were bred from this cross, provided you could prove beyond doubt that the cock Canary had not any access to the hen during the meantime, I can promise you that they would not only be of "some good," but would be very valuable. Indeed, you would, I believe, enjoy the distinction of breeding the first really authentic specimens of this cross. It is only fair to tell you that the cross is a very difficult one, so be prepared for failure.

### A Broken Leg.

**Very Anxious.**—If the leg was broken near the foot in such a way that it simply hung by a bit of skin, the best thing you could have done for it was to complete the amputation with a pair of clean, sharp nail scissors, and checked any bleeding that might have occurred by touching it with a drop of Friars Balsam. However, as you have attempted to "set" it, and bandaged it up, you had better leave it quite alone now for three or four weeks, by which time the union should be well established, if it should happen that you have by a chance stroke of luck made a good job of it. The fact that the bird seems easier is certainly a hopeful sign that it is doing well so far. You may keep it in the same cage, but arrange the perches in such a way that the bird can get from one to another quite easily and without special effort. Also see it can reach its food and water quite easily without any straining. In short, arrange things so that it can do all this easily whilst using only one foot. Give a little extra green food—watercress, or groundsel—to prevent any constipation arising.

### Wheezy and Sweating.

"**Sträight 'Un.**"—The real cause of your hens' sweating their first brood is in all probability that they are not in healthy, vigorous condition. The fact of their being a bit wheezy points to this, and, as you surmise, it is also highly probable the oil stove was largely, if not solely, the cause of the wheeziness. The room facing South-West would undoubtedly be better than the one facing East, but as the latter aspect is not really a bad one, you would be well advised to let the birds remain where they are until the breeding season is over. If the wheeziness has not disappeared, add twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil to the water for a few days in all cases save where young are being reared. Give plenty of fresh pure air, but see that draughts are avoided. Let them bathe freely, and when young are hatched give them a bath in which a little common salt has been dissolved if they show any signs of sweating. Give a free supply of green food, but avoid dandelion, and in other respects feed as recommended in detail in many replies during the last month. An outdoor birdroom of wood, if well built and having double-boarded sides, should be quite as serviceable as a brick building.

### A Backward Male.

**W.G.A.**—Although the hen could not have been quite up to the mark when she laid her eggs on alternate days, I have no doubt the backward condition of the cock was solely the cause of your failures. In the first place your feeding was not calculated to keep him in the most vigorous health, and the close confinement was all against his successful mating with a sprightly young hen in a larger cage. The little improvement you saw in him when mated the second time was simply due to the fact that he was beginning to throw off the effects of the close confinement. Treat as follows for two or three weeks, and it is quite possible he may get active enough to fill the next clutch of eggs. Keep him in a good-sized cage out of reach of draughts. Feed on a staple of three parts Canary to one summer rape. Twice in the first week give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of sherry and two of cod liver emulsion well mixed in it. Give a free supply of chickweed or groundsel daily. In the drinking water give six drops dandelion juice, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day, and four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid on alternate days. After the first week continue same staple diet, and give half a teaspoonful of sponge cake, or egg-food, with two drops of cod liver oil as before, and a pinch of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it every second day, and on the alternate days twice a week a pinch of hemp, and on two other days a pinch of inga. Give two or three leaves of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give twenty drops chemical food for a few days. After a week of this treatment you may mate him again as soon as the hen is ready.

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### A Mating Query.

**A Beginner.**—The hen with which you first mated the cock was not quite ready for it. The other, which starts "scrapping" when the cock is put in, is, I imagine, in a more forward condition. These little scrimmages between a pair when first put together are not always a bad sign. They really amount to nothing more serious than using "bad words" at each other, and the pair is usually very soon mutually agreed to settle down to business. If you still have the cock with the first hen, leave them together by all means; they only require a little patience. Feed as frequently described the last few weeks, and give a few leaves of dandelion daily. The hen will probably soon begin nesting now. When she has commenced sitting you may, if you wish, remove the cock and mate him with the other hen. If they commence fighting again, leave them quite alone, unless you see actual damage is being done. The latter event is not very likely, and by the following day things will be running more smoothly.

### No Eggs Forthcoming.

**Breton.**—It is very probable the two hens are late hatched, and consequently still very young. You may leave the green St. Helena Canary with her mate, and add a pinch of Epsom salts to drinking water every second day for a week. Give also half a teaspoonful of egg-food with a pinch of gold of pleasure seeds mixed in it, every second day, and on the alternate days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp and inga. Separate the other two hens if there are still no signs of nesting, and for one week give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and six drops of dandelion juice in the drinking water two days in every three, and during this time limit diet to a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape, with a liberal supply of chickweed and dandelion. During second week reduce the staple mixture to three parts Canary to one part rape, give a half teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with a pinch of gold of pleasure mixed in it every second day, and on the alternate days a pinch of equal parts of hemp and inga, and two or three leaves of dandelion each daily. After this you may try mating them again.

### Not Nesting.

**Beginner, P.H. No. 3.**—It is evident the birds are not in good breeding condition, and I am inclined to attribute this to your unskilful feeding and management, and, perhaps, partly to the fact that the birds are very young. You would be well advised to get one of our practical handbooks which you see advertised weekly. See the birds do not get any draught from the open window; keep the cage perfectly clean, well strewn with gritty sand; hang in a piece of cuttlefish and see it is quite free from any red mite colonies. Give a bath daily, but do not allow the cage to remain in a wet condition afterwards. Feed the bird on a staple diet of three parts Canary to one part summer rape mixed together. Every second day give a small teaspoonful of egg food with a pinch of gold of pleasure mixed in it, and on the alternate days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts of hemp and inga. Give three or four leaves of dandelion daily, but if you have not been giving green food every day, do not give this quantity all at once. Begin with two leaves a day, and in the course of a week increase it to four leaves a day. Continue this feeding until the hen has gone to nest, which she may do in a short time. There is no fee for answering queries. See rules at head of column almost every week.

### Brevities.

**Giving Baths to Sitting Hens** ("Novice").—Certainly you will be doing quite right to allow sitting hens free access to the bath, especially now there is a prospect of warmer weather coming. During the last few days of incubation in very warm weather it is most advisable to let the hens bathe freely if they desire to do so.

**How to Colour Feed** (J. Latham).—You cannot colour-feed your birds until the moulting season, when they are changing their plumage. The proper time to begin is just before the birds begin to cast feathers, generally about the end of August. By that time you will see lots of information in the shape of lectures and articles in our columns giving full details of the process, which is far too lengthy a subject to be dealt with fully here. If then there is anything you cannot understand, send along a query, and I will clear the point for you.

**Canaries in Inside Aviary** (D.H.).—Your query is rather vague, as you give no idea as to the size of the aviary, nor whether you want the birds to fly at liberty or be kept in separate pairs. In either case there is no reason whatever why they should not breed, provided the aviary is of adequate size for the purpose, and not overcrowded with specimens. If the birds are to fly loose, it would not be advisable to have the same number of each sex. One cock to every two or three hens, according to size of aviary, and the vigour of the birds is quite sufficient. An aviary containing six square feet of floor space would accommodate one cock and two hens for breeding—not more.

**Young Dying** (W. E. Bingham).—I suspect the cause was that the hen ceased to feed them. Had they any food in the crops? If you look up the last few issues, you will find full details for feeding from the time young are hatched. Follow up these directions next time, and do not begin to give hemp until young are eight days old. Also after the fourth day add a little crushed stale sponge cake to the egg food, and gradually increase the quantity until you are using two parts egg food to one part crushed sponge cake. Also give groundsel, chickweed or lettuce, freely, in preference to watercress. Watch hens, and if they seem to flag in feeding at once give them a bath, having previously dissolved a little common salt in it—about a heaped teaspoonful to a pint of water.

**A Feathered Suffragette** (Frances).—The hen has doubtless joined the new movement, and intends to throw off the yoke of mere male. There is no practical way of making such specimens submit to the orthodox rule. I can only suggest that you should put her in one side of a double breeder and a vigorous young cock in the other side, feed her plainly for a few days, and add a pinch of Epsom salts to the water for a day or two. Then she may come to her senses and accept him for better or worse.

**No Results** (McGinty).—The pair mated on Good Friday were in no condition for mating at all, and the weather we have had since has kept them from coming forward; hence their failing to make any attempt to nest. They seem to be just starting into condition, so I would advise you to leave them together, and treat as advised to "Breton" for the St. Helena Canary, except that you may omit the salts in water, and also give your birds two or three dandelion leaves each day. The other that laid two eggs, and has done nothing since, treat for a fortnight as advised in latter half of reply to "Breton."

**Norwich Off Song** (Swallow).—Your bird has probably been exposed to a draught. See that any recurrence of this cause is quite avoided, but keep it in a well-ventilated place, where the air is always pure and fresh. Feed as advised "Beginner, P.H. No. 3," but add two drops each sherry and cod liver oil emulsion to soft food each time in the first week. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, shaking it well together, two days in every three for a week, and every alternate day for another week, if necessary. Whether he will be sufficiently recovered in time to get a late brood off him depends upon the severity of his condition as well as his powers of recuperation.

**Bare Round Neck** (J.R.L.).—Your birds are probably getting old, if they are not really infested with red mites. You should, however, examine cages rather than the birds for evidence of red mites. In any case, you will not be able to make much improvement until they moult, when they will probably renew the feathers on the parts that are now bare. To help towards this end, as soon as the birds have done breeding give them a course of treatment for a month or so as advised to "Perplexed" in last issue. For the present you can only encourage them to bathe freely, and occasionally add a few drops of quassia essence. Give a free supply of green food, and when young are not being fed occasionally add a pinch of Epsom salts, and chlorate of potash, and six drops of lemon juice to drinking water. Just slightly anoint bare places with sulphur ointment.

**Yorkshire with Cold** (E. J. Quinlan).—The diet need not vary from the normal to any extent in the treatment of a bad cold. The most important point is to remove the cause and prevent a recurrence. Do not keep the bird in an overheated or variable temperature, and see it is free from draughts. As a staple, give three parts Canary to one summer rape; twice a week half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, in which well mix two drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion each time until cold has disappeared. On two other days give a pinch of inga, and twice a few grains of hemp. Give a little green food daily. In drinking water give twenty drops whiskey, ten glycerine, and two eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week after, if necessary.

## BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

### Brevities.

**Song of Blackbird** (Curious).—I think the bird certain to sing this year, if really a male. It is not improbable that the old bird previously "sang him down"; I have heard many fanciers affirm that this kind of thing happens.

**Cutting Its Tongue** (Starling).—The cutting of any bird's tongue with the idea of helping it to talk, is an unnecessary cruelty, and it ought not to be practised. As a matter of fact, the Starling does not even use its tongue to talk with—its vocal organ (the syrinx) is right down in the throat. Tell your friend not to behave cruelly to his helpless birds.

**A Mating Matter** (Philo).—There are no hard and fast rules governing the doings of birds in aviaries, and very often the strangest things happen. The probability is, however, that if you put in a hen Bullie, the cock Bullie will withdraw his attentions from the hen Linnet—or, perhaps I had better say, ignore her advances.

**A Lark's Foot** (Lark, S. Wales).—If the lump is a hard one, try painting it lightly twice daily with colourless tincture of iodine. If the place appears to be full of matter (pus), it is evident you let some dirt get into the wound; then you will have to open the place and gently squeeze the matter out, afterwards well washing with the boracic solution. In any case keep the bird for a time on a clean turf only.

**A Disappearance** (E.E.).—Pity you do not state what other birds are in the aviary. The "Chaffinch-Linnet" cross is somewhat hard to believe in, though I should hesitate to say it could not be obtained. I have never known it. I don't think either Chaffinch or Linnet were responsible for the disappearance of the two youngsters. This was the work of mice, I should think, for they are often guilty of "child stealing" from outdoor aviaries.

**Concerning a Jay** (A.G.H.).—A cage 36 inches long is really too small to keep a Jay in permanently. Your bird would benefit, I should say, by a sojourn in a large outdoor place. You should let him have the opportunity of eating green foods; also vary his diet by offering a mouse frequently, or a Sparrow, or a raw egg to suck. Try for a time the effect of mixing a very small teaspoonful of flowers of sulphur amongst his soft food.

**A Blue Tit** (A. Wright).—Evidently you are not aware of the fact that Blue Tits are not particularly easy to keep in health for any length of time in a cage. I doubt very much whether you will succeed in moulting yours; they are very liable to go thin, waste away, and die. The stock food should be a good quality insectivorous mixture, varied with a plentiful supply of live foods, while a few seeds are eaten occasionally. Live ants' eggs (if you can get them) would assist you to keep your bird.

**An Aviary Mystery** (G. Morris).—Your feeding seems reasonably accurate, though now green food in plenty ought to be given every day, and you should certainly offer sunflower seed freely. My own explanation of the feather trouble would be that the birds are pestered with the grey bird-lice, and probably with red-mite as well. I certainly should not keep Bantams in my own aviaries, for fowls are notoriously liable to be troubled with lice, unless constantly looked after in this respect.

**Young and Old** (J. J. Nightingale).—It has been done before, and I have no doubt you can succeed, too, if you take both the old Nightingales and their young, in getting the parents to bring up the brood. You would have to provide plenty of live food, however. Live ants' eggs would bring you success, with mealworms, both alive and cut up, gentles, small blackbeetles, flies (killed by lightly baking them), and other suitable items. A large cage should be put in a quiet place, and covered over with a light material.

**Two Matters** (Cockie).—1. It is hard to understand the vagaries of some hen Canaries. It would seem as though your hen is no longer as young as she used to be, and is "slacking off" owing to the weight of years. Of course, my guess may be wrong. In any case, I don't see what you can do beyond wait her own good time for going to nest again. You might add two or three drops of Parrish's Chemical Food to the egg-food you give her. 2. Shepherd's-purse has been illustrated in two back numbers of CAGE BIRDS. It is a very common weed on most waste land. In has heart-shaped (flat) seed-pods running up the stem, and a bunch of very tiny white flowers at the top.

## Hand-reared Nightingales.

**Daulias Luscinia.**—You are not the first person, by any means, to be disappointed in the song of hand-reared Nightingales. As I have often said in the past, hand-reared examples are failures from the song point of view (and this applies to more species than 'Gales). If only one could take them out into the lanes and give them a few lessons under a free-singing wild bird, then one might find matters very different. Unfortunately, this is not practicable for the majority of people. I got plenty of enjoyment out of my own hand-reared 'Gales, however, for they mimic the notes of my other birds in very acceptable manner. They have something of the fullness and beauty of voice of the wild Nightingale. I don't see how you can improve upon your feeding methods, except by adding live ants' eggs now to the menu.

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## Treatment of Chaffinch.

**Old Kent Road.**—I really seem to be asked quite once a fortnight how to feed Chaffinches. I do not agree with "back-cages" for regular use; it is true, however, that many birds seem to thrive well enough in them. As a staple seed mixture give the following: Canary and teazle four parts each, summer rape, charlock and linseed one part each. In addition give a good feed of white sunflower seed or safflower seed daily; or put one part amongst the stock mixture. Smashed walnuts (and other nuts) are greatly relished also and should be given occasionally as a special treat. A small feed of hemp can be given once a week. Give a mealworm or two every day, varying same with flies, smooth caterpillars, grubs, earwigs, spiders, aphides, gentles, wasp grubs, etc., as obtainable. Chaffinches will eat most kinds of live food. These birds are not particularly keen on green food, but will nibble a sprig of shepherd's purse, chickweed, groundsel, dandelion, etc. Radish, turnip, and summer rape seedlings, are usually eagerly devoured, however, when just sprouting, which they soon begin to do when soaked in cold water.

## About a Bramblefinch.

**Brambling.**—I know of no established instance of a Bramblefinch having successfully mated with a hen Canary. A Bramblefinch is certainly a fine bird for exhibition purposes, if a real good specimen. At many shows a separate class is provided for it; or it competes along with Chaffinches. The bird generally steadies down alright after a moult in the house; often it does not get really tame until then, being naturally of an unsteady nature (some individuals are "kind" enough, however). A good bird ought not to need colour-feeding. If you think well to feed it, its seeds could be lightly crushed, and sweet pepped mixed with them. It should be fed in the same way as a Chaffinch (see reply to "Old Kent Road," this week). As regards the show points, the exhibition Bramble has usually a "laced" head; one with a glossy jet-black ground colour, regularly but not over-heavily spangled is the ideal. The hood requires to be cut cleanly under the beak, leaving the centre of the throat free from black, the hood finishing in sharp, well-defined (not ragged) lines on either side. The wing markings require to be very distinct (the colours not confused, or merged into one another), with a wide, rich brown bar across the shoulder. The bird wants to be as rich in colour as possible, and as big as possible, consistent with a graceful carriage, with a wide chest and bold head.

## Hand-reared Goldfinches.

**Non-Expert.**—I have already given the method of hand-rearing Finches two or three times this season; pity readers will not refer to recent back numbers for replies to queries which are so likely to have been asked and answered before. In several recent issues I have given information on hand-feeding. I don't believe in taking any young Finches from their parents at too early an age; let them show their feathers nicely before you remove them. I would sooner have to "cram" them at first. Up to the twelfth day (from the 10th to 12th) is safe enough. The food to be used is the usual kind—that is, egg and biscuit. Crush two Osborne biscuits, and well mix with them the yolk and half the white of a hard-boiled egg, using a fork to do this with, one with thin prongs. When feeding take the required quantity of this mixture, and make it the consistency of thin paste (or of cream) with new milk. See that it is always sweet and free from the slightest taint of sourness. The egg-food must be made fresh at least once daily. Often I put in a good pinch of Plasmon powder, which I am never without in my bird-room. A few small cut-up pieces of mealworm may be dipped in milk and popped into their mouths pretty frequently; likewise any house flies you can capture should also be fed to them. As the youngsters grow, add a little soaked and just sprouting summer rape to the stock food. Steep the rape seed in cold water, which thoroughly change every day. It will soon begin to germinate (burst), and is then ready for use, dabbing it as dry as possible in a cloth before mixing it in the food.

## Points about a Hawfinch.

**R.H.D.**—Your questions are too lengthy to answer helpfully in the space at my disposal. You should read a good work on British birds. (Get Mr. Norman's from CAGE BIRD'S office), also get the back number of CAGE BIRDS which contained a fine article on the Hawfinch by that well-known exhibitor, Mr. Hakes. If colour-feeding, red-feed should be used (the well-known sweet pepper), and you will probably find it necessary to crush the seed and mix the pepper amongst it. Few Hawfinches, unless hand-reared, will eat soft food as a rule. With regard to its general feeding, the principal food for a caged Hawfinch is sound, plump, white sunflower seed, or mixed sunflower and safflower. Sunflower seed which is black, or striped, however, is not bad, by any means; still, I prefer white myself whenever obtainable. Given this, and a mealworm or two every day or so, the bird asks for little more. The mealworms are a great help in keeping (and getting) a bird steady. The bird also appreciates hemp, linseed, canary, oats, small wheat, and sometimes a little buckwheat, summer rape, small Indian corn, etc. His powerful beak makes short work of beechmast, suitable nuts (walnuts, etc), plum and cherry stones, hawthorn, privet, etc., berries and the like. They appreciate a little young lettuce, watercress, chickweed, shepherd's purse, also ripe apple, pear, etc., occasionally. They make no exception in favour of tender green garden peas, of which they are passionately fond, and these are especially good given in the pod. They are fond of a bath, so let him have one whenever the weather is suitable; daily, if possible. The free use of water is the finest possible thing to keep him in good condition.

## Goldfinch Matters.

**Dandelion.**—1. Hand-feeding Finches is dealt with in another reply this week. 2. I think the hen Linnet and cock Goldfinch may commence "housekeeping" sometime during June; that is a favourite month with Hybrid couples. Your arrangements are alright, though the hen might appreciate an old Linnet nest (one of this season's), pulled to pieces for building material. She might even lay in one if it were fixed up in the bush. I give the choice of an old nest to my own birds. 3. If eggs are perfectly fresh (that is the chief point) they can be sent a distance, when well packed, without harm. 4. It is not so easy to tell at four days, as blood vessels have only just formed, but experienced eyes can detect these signs of fertility when the eggs are held up to a strong light.

## Hand-rearing Skylarks.

**Leicester.**—Skylarks can be very successfully hand-reared on the method I recommend for Thrushes, etc. I have brought up many a one that way. Equal parts of stale bread and best ants' eggs (freed from rubbish), made very moist with new milk, would be a very fair food. To rear strong youngsters, however, I prefer to proceed as follows:—Boil a fresh egg twelve minutes, and, when cold, well mix with a fork the yolk and half of the white into two crushed Osborne biscuits; add to this a small tablespoonful of best ants' eggs (removing bits of stick and rubbish, if present), stirring all well together. Just before you feed, take the necessary portion of food and make it into a sloppy consistency with new milk. In hot weather (and at all times) be careful the food is always fresh and sweet. Feed a little at a time only, but often, from dawn to dusk; and a feed after dark is not at all a bad thing. Cut a few mealworms into pieces, also, dip them into milk, and drop them into the nestlings' mouths. As the youngsters grow, too, add now and then a pinch of small but gritty sand to the food. It seems to act as a preventative of looseness of the bowels (or diarrhœa). Give also at all times flies and like small insects; and live ants' eggs if you can get them. Very young birds want feeding once an hour (do not "stuff" them at any time) at first; every two hours or so at later stages. Cease hand-feeding when they cease to "cry" to be fed, and are picking up food for themselves. Keep warm, cosy, and scrupulously clean. Put the food well down at the back of the tongue, and always be careful not to bruise or lacerate the tender mouths of the nestlings. When they come out of the nest (they do so at an early age), a good turf "run" should be provided for them to "exercise" on; it prevents cramp, a nasty complaint.

# FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

## Naming a Parrakeet.

**G.P.**—Unless you give me some further information re colouration, I fear I cannot name it for you, but it appears you have got hold of either an Indian or an African ring-necked Parrakeet, and either a young bird or a hen. Diet: Seed mixture (canary, millet, wheat, oats, hemp and sunflower seeds in equal parts), ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts and a little green food (lettuce, etc.), with, if course, the usual essentials, cuttlefish, grit and water for drinking and bathing ad lib. I should certainly think it would learn to talk, at any rate a little; keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, and also teach it by the constant repetition of words and short phrases, but only one at a time, and do not take up a fresh one till the first is learned.

## Parrakeets Killing Young.

**M.A.F.W.**—I take it your birds are Quaker or grey-breasted Parrakeets, and am really at a loss what to advise. In the first place disturb them as little as possible while they are nesting, and fix up an open fronted barrel as high up as possible, in such a position that renewing food supplies, etc., will not disturb them. Supply a number of small pliable, twiggy branches, of about same length and thickness as those forming the head of a birch broom; give them a good number, as this species is one of the few species of Parrakeets that construct a nest. I should say that either some sudden fright, vermin entering nest, etc., or the young being weaklings, was responsible for the mishap last year, and I incline to the opinion it will not be repeated this, but if such should be the case, send us full particulars at once. Occasionally birds of all species will do as yours have done, and sometimes unfortunately it becomes a permanent vice.

## Grey Parrot Unwell.

**"Anxious One."**—Milk sops and puddings will upset any Grey sooner or later, and after they have been indulged in these things for a fairly long period it is a difficult and lengthy job to undo the mischief. The yolk is just as harmful as the slops, and all must be stopped. Give Dinneford's Magnesia every other day—one teaspoonful in one ounce of water—so long as the voidings are not watery. Continue to use honey and borax; wipe it across the bird's tongue two or three times a day, using a feather or camel-hair brush—but whatever you use should be well cleansed and a fresh portion of the mixture taken for each occasion. On days when you do not give magnesia, dissolve five grains of borax in each ounce of drinking water. Diet: Seed mixture, two parts each Canary and hemp, and one part each oats, wheat, dari, and sunflower seeds; also give ripe fruit (apple, grapes, or orange), nuts, plain biscuit (which you could moisten with equal parts water and Parrish's Chemical Food), chewed bread will do no harm, though it is very unnecessary, neither will sponge cake in small quantities. You must persevere with treatment, as, after two months' illness, recovery will be somewhat slow; if there should be further developments, you had better repeat query at once with full details.

## Budgerigars in Loft, etc.

**C.E.L.**—1, The loft will answer admirably for the purpose, though it would be the better for another light of same dimensions as the one already there, and it would certainly be worth your while to put one in. Fix up your perches and husks where the bird will be secure from draught. A few husks should be put up for winter use. 2, I should rather advise you keeping this aviary for Parrakeets, and put in say, pairs each of Rosellas, Stanleys, and Redrumps, which would make a nice series of brightly-coloured birds, and would thrive on the same diet, viz., seed mixture, fruit, green food, cuttlefish, grit, and water, with a little of such ripe fruit as they fancy. These would all breed once they had settled down. However, if this does not meet your views, repeat this portion of your query and I will supply another list.

## What Parrakeet is it?

**A.H.S.**—You give me no indication as to the size of the birds, and I am unable to say definitely what species they are, but from your descripton they appear to be Lavender-headed or Madagascar Lovebirds, and if both have light lavender heads, then they are both cocks. Give them a mixture of canary and white millet seeds, also hang a millet spray in their cage, say twice a week, and leave them to strip it. A few oats may also be given if they will take them. Greenfood should be given regularly. Lettuce or grass in flower (seeding grass), and a piece of clear cuttlefish should be kept in the cage. If you will give me the information asked for, and say whether tail is long or short, I will definitely name it, and supply directions for breeding in next issue.

## Birds for an Aviary.

**F. M. Pinnock.**—1, I cannot advise you to mix up in an aviary of such dimensions British and foreign birds, or Parrakeets and Finches; and again, quantity depends on whether you wish to breed or merely have a few beautiful birds as pets and for effect. Also I should advise that a shutter be prepared for the most exposed side of the open flight; even for summer weather I do not like an aviary through which the wind has free course, and I certainly advise that the most exposed side be blocked up with either boards or boards and glass; it can be put outside the netting. 2, For effect merely 30 to 40 birds. As I do not know your county, I can only suggest the hardiest species: 1st selection, Zebra, Ribbon, and Spice Finches, Java Sparrows, Norwich Canaries, and Bronzewing Mannikins—one pair of each, some of these would breed. 2nd selection, pairs each of Green and Yellow Budgerigars, Cockatiels, and Rosella Parrakeets. Read my lecture on "Some Common Foreign Birds," in our last issue, it will help you. Repeat query if your need is not met.

## Crossing Grey and White Javas.

**E. E. Cornwall.**—You do not say where you are keeping the Java Sparrows. I should advise a box cage, not less than 24 by 18 by 18 inches, with a nest box at one end, and a husk at the other, which should be partially screened. Prepare your cage, and under existing conditions I should then put her in, with a perfectly strange cock. Disturb them as little as possible when renewing food supplies, and you should succeed. I may say I never experienced the least difficulty in inducing these varietics to cross, and cannot understand your non-success. The White Java is a free breeder, but even here a pair occasionally will turn up that will only play at breeding—produce numbers of eggs, but hatch no young. If you meet with failure again, change your hen. You should give green food at this season, lettuce, grass in flower (seeding grass), etc., otherwise your treatment is satisfactory. Why not try in one of your aviaries, say, two or three cock greys, with as many white hens?

## Lavender Finches Out of Doors.

**M.R.**—Lavender and Fire Finches, also Cordon Bleus, arrive in this country mostly in a very debilitated, if not diseased condition, and they are certainly very fragile when they first arrive. I do not know your county, but unless it is fairly south, I cannot advise you to keep these birds, or any of those named above, out of doors during the winter. During the summer and early autumn they will do best out of doors, and will possibly breed. However, do not turn them out as soon as they arrive, but keep them indoors for say, a week, at least, to get a little established, and it is best to put the cage in the aviary, open the door, and leave the birds to find their way out for themselves. Note, when fresh birds are turned into an aviary, food should always be in some open position, both in the out and indoor portions of the aviary.

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## Budgerigars for Window Aviary.

**T.J.W.**—1, Yes, but if the weather should prove at any time exceptionally severe, it would be as well to screen the exposed portion of the aviary for the time being. You would find the green more hardy than the yellow, and therefore suit you the best. You must see the aviary is sufficiently weather-proof, that wet cannot soak through, and make the interior damp; also that your perches are so fixed that the birds will not be in a draught, this is very important. 2, All the Waxbills, Finches and Weavers you name, will do quite well indoors without artificial heat, providing they are protected against draught, and their cages are not too confined, exercise is very important. Also the bath should not be put in their cage, but such an one should be used as can be hung in front of open cage door. If your indoor aviary cage is an all wire one, you must be careful to keep it where the wind from open window cannot blow through it. The birds must, however, have fresh air without draught.

## What Species?

**Miss R.**—I am sorry I cannot definitely name your bird, but from your description it appears to me to be either an ordinary Yellow Collar or Barnard's Parrakeet. The circumstances to which you allude do not represent the actual value of the bird, but such as are by no means uncommon, by which a fictitious value is placed upon an individual bird. However, I will look further into the matter, and insert a further reply as early as possible. Diet: Seed mixture, half the entire bulk to consist of canary and millet seed, the other half to be equal parts of hemp, wheat, oats, darl, and sunflower seeds, well mix and let this form its staple diet. Supply in addition such ripe fruit as it will eat (apple is a favourite with most species), green food, grit, cuttlefish, grit and water. Plain biscuit and a few nuts may also be given if it cares for them, but do not give slops, table scraps or animal food of any kind.

## Accident to a Budgerigar.

**E.G.**—So far as I can gather, the bird is principally suffering from the shock of the fall, and possibly one (or both) of the legs is slightly strained. You can do but little save as far as possible to assist nature to recover from the shock. Give it three drops of Dinneford's magnesia direct to the beak. You can do this from a quill with but little trouble, and well colour its drinking water with Parrish's chemical food; once should suffice for the magnesia. Continue the chemical food till the bird is on its feet again; also supply as much of its natural food, grass in flower (seeding grass), as it will eat. Soak the legs and feet in tepid water, and after drying them, lightly anoint with Elliman's embrocation, using a camel hair brush or feather for the purpose. Also examine the breast, and if this appears bruised foment with hot water (not hot enough to cause the bird discomfort); wipe as dry as possible with a cloth, and if you can do it without making the plumage too greasy, anoint the bruised parts with the embrocation. Any sore or wound should be lightly anointed with zinc or spermaceti ointment. The bird should be caged separately, and it would be a good plan to fix half a cocoanut husk on cage bottom for it to rest in, and its food should be placed for the present within easy reach. It should soon improve unless there is some internal damage or fracture not yet apparent.

# POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. Nortb, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

**Goldfinch** (H. P. White).—Disease of liver, ending with apoplexy. It was a hen.

**Canary** (H. Clifford).—Inflammation of liver and lungs, ending with apoplexy. May be the result of "severe chill," or of infection.

**Green Canary** (J. Franks).—Disease of liver, consequent inflammation, involving the lungs, and ending with apoplexy. If you have any other deaths they will indicate existence of infection.

**Hen Cockatiel** (Northern).—Enlarged liver and inflammation, or "chill," involving lungs and bowels. The body was in good condition, and the initial development of eggs was visible. I cannot form any opinion as to whether it was acclimatised, or newly imported.

**Canary** (Draper).—Septicæmia, or bird fever. The infection must have been imported into your stock by a contaminated bird or cage, and although the outbreak occurred soon after cages came from a house where scarletina existed, that does not prove this infection came with them. Had there been any infection in them, it would much more likely have developed scarletina amongst the human beings in your house.

# GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

**A Peterborough Tragedy** (A. Rowles).—Thanks for kindness in forwarding this item.

**A Suggestion** (W. R. Pike).—Thanks for your kind letter. We have had the suggestion you make under consideration, and may see our way to carry it out some time in the future.

**Controversies** (R. L. Bruce).—We appreciate your letter, but we are afraid that controversies and "pen and ink quarrelling" will always be with us. It seems as human to differ as it is to err. Every Fancy has its controversies, we are afraid, and those who delight to indulge in them.

**A Parrot Deal** (J. W. Newport).—On the statements you make, we think you have a clear case. You will have to sue through the County Court. Go and see the officials at the local County Court and issue a summons; they will explain the procedure. We advise you, however, to put the case in the hands of a solicitor.

**Egg and Bread Crumbs** (D. F., Midlothian).—Bread crumbs are used by a host of bird breeders to mix with the hard-boiled egg. So there is no reason why you should not use it yourself, if you wish. Many swear by it, in preference to crushed biscuit.

**Rabbits and Birds** (Birds Dying).—We are certainly of the opinion that the introduction of the rabbits has had a bad effect upon your birds, and that the ill-health you have experienced amongst them recently is due to their presence. We have heard of similar cases to your own.

**Canary Wanted** (E. Pitt).—We cannot insert a letter such as that you send us; it would open the door to the possibility of fraud. Your case may be genuine enough, but we should undoubtedly receive many requests to publish similar appeals, and could not possibly undertake to investigate the genuineness of all of them.

**Shepherd's Purse** (Linnet).—You will find a picture of shepherd's purse, with a full description, in the new book we have just published, entitled, "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants for Cage Birds," price 1s. 2d., post free, from this office. It is quite a common weed.


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## CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 528.)

### A Self-acting Fountain for Aviaries.

SIR,—In your issue of May 1st, you publish a letter, with diagram, from "A. M." on the subject of self-acting fountains for aviaries. Being a regular subscriber to CAGE BIRDS, and having a large aviary of my own, I was naturally interested in the subject of "A. M.'s" fountain. Being desirous of possessing one, I gave the diagram, and full particulars accompanying same, to a practical tinsmith in my employ, requesting him to make a fountain to the instructions given. The experiment, I regret to say (although the instructions were closely followed), resulted in failure, and my object in writing is to ask "A. M." wherein he thinks it failed, and, further, if he can inform me how to make it work successfully?

G. E. B.

(We think some constructive detail is at fault, as we ourselves in the past had an aviary fountain made on the principle explained by "A. M.," and found it act satisfactorily.—EDITOR.

### A Remedy Wanted.

SIR,—May I be allowed to answer "Puzzled for a Remedy" and "Nil Desperandum"? There is one thing I notice; they don't mention sand. In the keeping of British birds and Canaries in the best of health and condition one requires to give plenty of good sand, as, in my opinion, this prevents indigestion. Some five years ago I went on my holidays to catch a few birds, as is my usual custom, but having lost a good many birds in previous years I put the cause down to the change of water from what they had been used to; so I brought home several bottles of water with me from where the birds used to drink as an experiment. But this proved a failure, as I gained nothing by that. My next trial was to give plenty of good, gritty sand. Up to this time I had given but a little sand. By the following remedy I saved 27 birds, with the exception of one. I boiled some winter rape seed for 15 minutes; I let cold water run on it, and then dried it with a cloth. I did this with the Linnets for three days, boiling the rape seed fresh every day. I saw a great improvement by this time, and I continued with it and added a little Canary seed and German rape on the fourth and following days, and as they grew strong again I added plenty of wild seed from the threshing machine, and they all fully recovered. I omitted hemp from their stock food for a few months afterwards, as the Linnet, in my opinion, is a bird that soon gets very fat. The Goldies I give plenty of Epsom salts in their water, but I had very little trouble with them, as I crushed up a lot of old mortar and good rough sand. Since that time I have not lost any British birds, as I act upon and follow this remedy, and have no cause to complain. I think this remedy may be a help to "Puzzled for a Remedy" and "Nil Desperandum," and I should be glad if they would report the results through your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. BRITISH BIRD.

### The Colour Feeding of Canaries.

SIR,—I was a little interested in Mr. Stewart's letter, also in the letter of Mr. Ramsden respecting colour-feeding. Last year, being away from home a lot, I was unable to give my birds their colour-food mixture as regularly as in other years, that is, a spoonful each day. I gave it to them every other day, as a rule, sometimes going into the third day. I don't advocate doing, or advise anyone to do, as I did last year, as I prefer to give it every day; but really I couldn't see any difference in my birds as compared with other years. As Mr. Ramsden says, birds full of colour naturally would come out well; perhaps that was why my birds came out alright, as I have a lot of dark blood in them. But as to not being obliged to take the seed away to make them eat their colour feed, my experience is that some of the birds won't eat much colour- food unless you do, while some will eat their share and look round for more. Some, again, will eat plenty the first year, but you are not going to get them to take it the second year quite so easily. Some fanciers are wanting to cram their birds all day with colour feed, which is quite unnecessary. I should advise fanciers to feed regularly every day one spoonful, and see they eat it.

RED HOT.

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SIR,—Mr. Stewart asks me to explain how I know when a bird is teeming with natural colour. I only know this by knowing how the birds were bred. I breed for colour, and colour-feed to intensify the natural colour bred in my birds. Mr. Stewart quotes some exceptional cases of birds and colour-feeding, but when speaking or writing on such a subject one must deal with average birds, and not with the exceptions. As I said before, a bird teeming with natural colour would probably colour well if fed every other day, but the average bird would be more certain to colour well if fed daily. With reference to withholding seed, I am quite aware that many follow this practice, and if the seed box is only withdrawn for a few hours daily, no great harm is done; at the same time, I do not recognise the need to withhold the seed box at all. If the birds are fed on a good palatable food they will eat it greedily. What is a palatable food? asks Mr. Stewart. Well, a palatable food is a food that the majority of the birds will eat with avidity, even when good seed is within their reach. It must be a food that the birds really like. Some years ago I called upon Messrs. Hyde and Co., the well-known bird food specialists. Hanging up in their outside office was a caged Lark. On the cage was hung a number of food boxes. My curiosity was aroused, and I asked the reason for giving the Lark more than one food box. "Well," replied Mr. Hyde, smiling, "one hears of this and that food as being the most suitable for Larks, but what is the use of preparing such a food if the Larks themselves do not approve of it? We believe in preparing a food both suitable in itself and approved by the Larks. In those food boxes are various foods; by emptying a certain box daily the Lark has proved to us that of all the foods supplied it prefers this particular food." This was an object lesson I have never forgotten. In my desire to provide my birds with a palatable colour food I have placed before them various feeds in fact, I may say feeds of all kinds—and made careful note of the feeds they prefer. During the moulting season I make a frequent change in the composition of the feed—for birds are like human beings, they like a change of diet. Pure, tasteless pepper, free from added oil, is the colouring agent used in all the mixtures I make up. One week I use Peck Frean's tea biscuits, the next week Hovis bread and tea biscuits in equal parts, and again, white bread and thin lunch biscuits in equal parts, in each case of course, to the usual quantities of hard-boiled new-laid eggs and sugar. In this way the birds get a constant change they appreciate. The egg pans are cleared quickly, and never has there been the slightest need to move the seed box. Mr. Stewart's remarks on the testing and keeping of colour food are to the point. Good, pure, tasteless pepper will keep for years if kept in air-tight tins in a cupboard of equable temperature. Damp will spoil it, and so will any of the adulterants so often used in cheap peppers. Peppers so adulterated usually "sweat" and go mouldy, rarely keeping good from one season to the other. In conclusion, I thank Mr. Stewart for his friendly criticism, and heartily congratulate him on his luck in rearing 25 youngsters out of 28 hatched.

J. W. RAMSDEN.

### Does Canary Breeding Pay?

#### An Answer in the Affirmative.

SIR,—I should just like to give my experience just to show that Canary breeding does pay, and well, with a little trouble. My birds are the German Hartz. Last year I started with five hens and two cock birds. The hens I bred myself, and the two cocks cost me 7Os. From these I bred 38 young—23 cocks and 15 hens. One of the cocks was something like the hen depicted on the front of CAGE BIRDS the other week, and which bred all hens. I ran this bird during the season with the five hens, and he bred 21 cocks and two hens; the other 13 hens and two cocks. I sold over £8 worth of cocks, and gave to my friends four cock birds and four hens. I have now 16 hens and 11 cock birds. I am not going on as well as last year, owing, I think, to the cold weather we are experiencing. Still, I can't grumble. I have 26 young on the sticks, 13 in the nests, and three hens due to hatch in a few days. What splendid mothers these German "ladies" are! For instance, I have a German hen with a crest which I bred last year, and she is very small. The first time she laid six eggs, hatched them, and brought them up herself; they are now doing well on soaked rape and milk sop. I am an ardent angler, and all fishermen, it is said are liars; yet there are men here and at Bedford Leigh who visit my bird room regularly, and have seen her at work, who will bear me out in what I say. One of the two cock birds I bred with last year wears a crest, although he is a typical German, and I should be glad if anyone interested in the Roller would give his opinion whether these are full-bred German or not. Mine has the proper Roller song. My youngsters are being fed on dandelion, and I can't tell why this green food has got such a bad name. I give it to my hens on the same day they are due to hatch, and I think my success is largely due to its use. Of course, I have had no experience with any kind of Canaries but Germans. JOHN CANNING.

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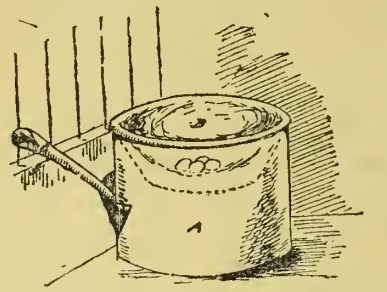
### A Novel Help to Hatching Eggs.

SIR,—I noticed some inquiries in CAGE BIRDS about hatching eggs, and the sound advice given in your paper regarding the same. I hope I don't intrude by adding a little more. Being at one time troubled in the same way as many others by birds dying in the shell, I have assisted some by chipping the shell, or dipping the eggs in lukewarm water. I found such birds were always weakly, and difficult to rear. Being successful with poultry when a boy, I thought the same plan would answer for Canaries. My plan is this: I get an old preserve tin, 4ins. wide, which I find fits the nest pan. I make a hole in the side, and over this I solder a small piece of tin, as shown in the sketch. Then I have a short piece of gas-piping, to reach from the tin to the outside of the cage. (This is loose.) The end outside the cage I cut to make it wider, for the purpose of pouring in water. (See Sketch.) The tin I fill, or nearly so, with sandy soil, then the nest-pan I place on top, and by giving one or two turns, it makes a good bed in the soil. When



A Novel Help to Hatching Eggs.

all is in position, and the eggs all laid, I begin to pour water down the gas-pipe, about a teaspoonful each day. The water runs through the hole made in the side of the tin, and wets the soil. The heat of the sitting hen draws the moisture through the holes in ths nest-pan (to which I always add another four.) This idea I got from Nature, in watching a hen that laid away, and a hen that was set in a loft with eggs. The former brought home all her chicks, and the latter was always some short, for this simple reason: The former made her nest, as a rule, at the root of an old tree, or at the side of a river, and got the warm moisture to help the chick in the shell. The latter went on sweating as long as possible, and when nearly hatching dried up; and this, I understand, is when the chick dies in the shell. A bird each day gives the eggs a half-turn. I am using this plan for my own birds with every success, all being out on the thirteenth day. I am writing this in the hope that it may help others. You can regulate the water according to the season or position of the bird-room. ALEXANDER GORDON.

### Some British Birds I Have Kept.

SIR,—Seeing you invite your readers to send in their experiences (fortunate and otherwise), I send you mine. In the first place, I am only an amateur, and this is my first attempt at keeping birds. In March, 1908, while passing through a slum street in the East end of London, in a bird-dealer's window I saw in a small cage a yellow bird priced at 8d. It looked very miserable and dirty, and thinking I could do better for it, I went in and enquired what it was, and was told that it was a Yellowhammer. I took my bird home, and put him in a clean cage, with food, sand, and a good-sized bath. How that bird did wash himself, to be sure! My next prize was a poor, half-dead Linnet, which a hawker in the street was doing his best to demonstrate to the admiring spectators that it was a cock bird by all but pulling its wings off. In the meantime, I had purchased a large cage, 4½ ft. high, 3 ft. wide. A relative of mine cleaned it and fitted it with four wide perches in such a way as to make them look like a flight of stairs. The cage also had a large revolving perch in the centre of it. The Yellowhammer and the Linnet soon began to look much better for being kept clean, and for more than a year they have given me great pleasure by their chattering and singing ways. In September last I purchased a Bramblefinch which is a picture to look at. It is a beautifully marked bird, and its feathers glisten like satin. I rescued it from the same dirty shop where I got the Yellowhammer; also two Larks, who were almost beating their lives out. They all live very comfortably together, and agree well. As I am writing the sun is shining, and the cock Lark is singing beautifully. All through the long, gloomy winter, since last December, that bird has sung. People tell me it is most uncommon to see these species all together and agreeing so well. This is how I manage them. The cage has a large drawer, divided in the centre; one side I fill with sand and broken shell, and the other side has flat tins in which I always keep fresh turfs. I managed to keep the turfs fresh in the winter in a greenhouse. On these turfs I stand a glass oval dish filled with water; and how those birds do bathe! It is amusing, too, to see them awaiting their turns. Then the Larks roll about in sand and clean themselves that way. In three little tins hanging on the bars I keep, in the first, Canary seed, in the second German rape, and in the other a collection of seeds such as I have seen mentioned in your paper from time to time. In a separate pan I mix ants' eggs, dried flies, hemp seed, potato (boiled), etc. The Larks help themselves to this; they are also fond of millet seed and cuttlefish bone. I need not say that the cage is kept clean. Kept and treated thus the birds repay one for the trouble involved. They all seem happy and sing nicely. My young daughters call it our bird orchestra. In conclusion, I may say that the cage is kept in a window on the table in my living-room. It is very pleasant and sunny for them here. On brass rods hangs a muslin curtain to shield three sides of the cage from the too admiring eyes of my two cats, who otherwise would pay them a little too much attention. I have derived much pleasure and information from the columns of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. I have always read with interest other people's views on the keeping of British birds in cages. I do not, I may say, think it is at all cruel to keep them thus, provided cages are of good size; but I think that it is one of the saddest sights to see a poor bird (a Lark, for instance) pennod up in a small cage, hanging often in blazing sun, and allowing not enough room for the inmate to turn round. Kept in this way a bird can only beat its life away. I am not one having plenty of time on my hands, but a working woman with a family and a home to look after. But I have never begrudged the time it takes me to look after my little birds. And I feel glad I was able to take them from the wretched places in which I first saw them.

ONLY A WOMAN.

### The Martin, and that Rogue the Sparrow!

SIR,—In the summer when that beautiful and useful bird, the Martin, comes to us to nest, she selects a spot under the eaves of our house for her nest as soon as her mate and herself are satisfied; then begins the labour of love. Yes, Mr. Editor, it is labour. See the weight of mud used to make that nest compared with the little mites that have carried it from a wet spot in the road to the high eaves under the roof of our house. What happy chattering there is over their new home. Yes, till finished; then comes that thief, the hen Sparrow, and robs them of their home! What becomes of the clutch of eggs that the hen Martin has ready to deposit in their little nest? Why she must drop them. So it goes on year after year, and our little Martin will be exterminated, which would be a great loss to our agriculturists and fruit growers, as the Martin lives solely on insect life. So let us try and thin down the Sparrow, and give our useful friend the Martin a chance to increase. In the winter I put down some soaked bread close to my workshed, so that I can shoot the Sparrows, but along comes the Starling, looking like lord of all he surveys, and clears it all up. So I put down some oats, and along comes the Tom-tit; he only takes one at a time, but the time is very short. The way he hammers the husk off is remarkable, when he is down for another, as there are sometimes four or five at a time, not including the big Tit and the little Blackcap. (I often think it would be a wrinkle to those fanciers who keep the Tit family in confinement to try them with a few oats.) I have put down the soaked meat dog biscuits that my Thrush has left, but along comes the Chaffinch, with his shuffling walk, and soon makes clear work of this.

HY. PETTIT.

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## The Sad Case of Mr. Barwell.

### An Appeal to Fanciers.

SIR,—Allow me to acknowledge the following subscriptions to the C. Barwell benefit fund, hoping to hear from others in this effort we are making to help a fellow fancier in such an affliction. Messrs. S. H. Mays, 10s.; G. W. Saunders, 2s.; J. W. Ramsden, 2s. 6d.; W. Andrews, 2s. 6d.; R. Hyde and Co., 5s.; H. E. Ogle, 1s.; and J. Robson, 2s. 6d.

JNO. NASON, Treasurer.
Foresters' Arms, Northampton.

SIR,—Might I suggest a means of getting Mr. Barwell a little money, and that is to get his friends to have a "Barwell Benefit Show," and all entrance fees to go to Mr. Barwell. Say, the entries were 1s. 6d. each, and instead of prize money a special was given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, these to be offered by those readers of CAGE BIRDS who feel inclined to help a fellow creature in a time of distress. I myself will give three should my suggestion be taken up. I feel certain a great number of readers of CAGE BIRDS who, like myself, only show for the honour, would be only too pleased to send their entries on. And I feel certain CAGE BIRDS would advertise such a show free of cost, as I have noticed CAGE BIRDS has always given a helping hand when it was needed. If Mr. J. Nason is the landlord of the Foresters' Arms, Northampton, why not hold the show there, and make a charge for admission, and devote the proceeds to the fund? I may mention that I don't know Mr. Barwell personally, or anyone concerned. None but those who have "landed on the rocks" know what it is to be deserted by friends (or so-called friends) in time of need. I trust my letter will not have been written in vain.

WILLIAM P. BELL.

## Natural Colour Classes at] Forthcoming Shows.

SIR,—The suggestion thrown out by F. G. Smith in CAGE BIRDS, with regard to natural colour classes at the forthcoming shows, is one the different societies would do well to consider. Most of the shows held in South Wales last year had non-fed classes, and they received good support. Take, for instance, the Swansea and District C.B.S. show last year; they gave two classes (Norwich and Yorkshire) for non-fed birds. In the Norwich section they received 21 entries, and in the Yorkshire section 8. At the Welsh National Show held at Swansea, in the Norwich section were 11 entries, and in the Yorkshire 6. This made a total of 46 entries in the two shows held in that town. If fanciers will only support the non-fed classes it stands to reason classes will be provided for them by the different societies; but we cannot expect them to do so if they do not receive support. There must be a large number of fanciers who do not believe in colour-feeding, but are compelled to do so if they wish to compete at the large shows, because of the small number of non-fed classes offered. The remedy lies entirely in the hands of fanciers themselves by largely supporting the non-fed classes provided by the different societies. I am certain that if this is done we shall find the classification of the non-fed classes greatly extended. Let the "non-fed fanciers" rally round the societies that cater for their requirements, and we shall then have the same classification that is now offered to the colour-fed birds.

S. H. GEORGE.

## The Clashing of Show Dates in Scotland.

SIR,—Kindly allow me space in your valuable paper to reply to "Club Member." When is a stop going to be put to that common but cowardly habit of some correspondents hiding under the cover of a *nom de plume* whilst attacking fanciers and societies? However, to the point at issue—the action of the Forfar and District C.B.I.S. in deciding to hold their open show on Oct. 23rd. Seeing I proposed that date, I may state that I was not aware that Kelty had also altered their date, although I knew Perth had, and seeing that we held our club show on Oct. 24th last year, and there were no shows near at hand, the members thought it would be a most suitable date for our open show, so that I fail to see anything to be surprised at in the decision of the Forfar Society. "Club Member" calls us selfish, but I think the following will be hard to beat. He says: "I notice the Forfar members request the Fancy to rally round them, but if that society gets its desserts its show will be a failure." If the fanciers of Scotland were all as selfish as "Club Member" there would be a few more show failures. Further on he wonders if we are too stupid to see that by our actions we will also be sufferers. I don't think we are any more stupid than our would-be adviser, when he asks such a thing, nor are we too selfish to consider the interests of others; but can assure him that we are very much awake. "Club Member" tells us that it would surely have been an easy matter for the Forfar society to have selected a more convenient date, Oct. 16, for instance, on which there is no show billed. Now, almost every fancier in Scotland knows that the City of Glasgow show is generally held on that date. If it is so convenient as "Club Member" would have us believe, why did Kelty not stick to it? Or why did he not advise Perth to fix it up. As regards Perth, does it not seem strange that they have had to alter their date (to my knowledge) three times in the last seven years? There surely is something far wrong when they have had to shift about so often. When the last Forfar society held their first show on Nov. 22nd, 1902, there were no shows north of Glasgow, on that date, but the following year, Perth, knowing quite well that Forfar were to hold their show on Nov. 21st, also took that date. But I suppose "Club Member" does not call that selfish. As to some of the more convenient dates he would have us believe are lying awaiting show promoters, here is a list of shows in the district after Broughty Ferry, on Oct. 9th: Arbroath and Dysart Oct. 30th, Brechin Nov. 6th, Glasgow and West of Scotland, Kirkcaldy and Montrose Nov. 13th, Dundee Nov. 26th and 27th, Aberdeen Dec. 17th and 18th, and Forfar (Poultry, etc.) Jan. 1st and 3rd, 1910. So it is not so easy a matter after all to get another date. I quite agree with "Club Member" when he says that Scotland could do with a Cage Bird Union if for no other reason than the arranging of show dates. And if such were founded on right lines it would see that societies stuck as near to their former dates as possible. If there is still time for Forfar to alter its date, there is also time for Perth and Kelty to alter theirs, even although they have got their judges fixed. I have no desire to figure in a discussion in the Fancy Press, but to have allowed such a letter to pass without comment would have placed the Forfar Society in a very bad light before the Fancy.

W. GREWAR,
Hon. Sec. Forfar and Dis. C.B.I.S.

## The Affairs of the United Kingdom Lizard C.B.S.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Fuller, I am at a loss to see how he read Mr. Thompson's letter in CAGE BIRDS, for he was as much in at that letter as was Mr. T. He mentions not seeing a reply from me, so I may say that I took Mr. T.'s letter for what it was worth. It is quite right that Mr. Fuller was one of those who proposed the forming of the above society, and I think the least he could do was to help it by paying his subscriptions, and during the show season by sending a few birds out. On the other hand, Mr. Thompson sent about two Lizards out, and did not pay his sub. until he saw he had nothing to beat. Now, as to the society going to the wall, I see no reason why it should do, and Mr. Fuller knows that as well as any other man. Fuller and Co. or Thompson and Co. (it is all the same) have caused all the ill-feeling so far, and I say here that what we want in the U.K.L.S. are a few men (or rather fanciers) who show a bird for what it is worth, and not for what they can make out of it. I quite agree with Mr. Fuller that there are enough Lizard fanciers to form a strong society We have at present as our president a fine old Lizard fancier, Mr. J. E. Ollerenshaw, and as our treasurer that well-known fancier, Mr. W. Lawton. Mr. C. E. Fisher, Mr. J. Hampshire, and Mr. Barker Clegg are all members. Mr. J. Dewsnap left the society through reasons known to himself, and there is where the trouble started. It stands to reason that such old fanciers as I name above will not sit down and be talked to by novices in their first season, and men who hardly know a gold from a silver. I took on the secretaryship myself, and I am only a novice; but when I saw, after trying to give satisfaction that there was nothing but dissatisfaction, I got sick of the thing. I hope Mr. Fuller's meeting on the 30th will be a success, and that he and Mr. Thompson get things a bit more their own way.

FRED. GREIG, Sec. U.K.L.S.


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## Cinnamon Border Fancies and Their Colour.

SIR,—I notice another letter on the above subject has been written by "Cinnamon Border." He has not disclosed his name as requested, and I had decided to have no further discussion on the subject. However, seeing that in his letter of May 15th he admits he is convinced there were self Cinnamon cocks previous to six years ago, I claim the point of the dispute on which I tackled him. I am rather surprised he charges me with "harping," as he terms it. "Harping" in Cumberland means "repetition." I have no idea what it is slang for in Scotland, and I mention Scotland, as I had a suspicion all along that I knew my man, and more so after giving up the fifth prize winner at Edinburgh, as an example, and one of the disputed birds. As far as the Cumberland definition of "harping" goes, no one need be afraid to harp on the truth. I was astonished to see that "Cinnamon Border" doubted the remarks in my friend's letter which I enclosed for the Editor's perusal, but I have known him for a matter of 20 years or more, and I have never had reason to suspect him of untruthfulness. I, like my friend, still think the self Cinnamons at the time we have mentioned were of better colour than they are now. "Your Reporter" was of the same opinion, and I think we should be entitled to the benefit of the doubt. Seeing that "Cinnamon Border" is satisfied there were self Cinnamon cocks 20 years ago, I have decided to go no further with the discussion, as I do not see what benefit it would be either to me or the Fancy in general.

J. DIXON.

## The Border Fancy Canary in the South.

SIR,—As "Wee Macgregor" denies that he has practically admitted he is Mr. J. Robson, I would like to quote a passage from paragraph 3 in his previous letter, which was in reply to my letter wherein I spoke direct to Mr. Robson. It is as follows:—"The most amusing part of Mr. Ellwood's letter is where he addresses himself to *me* as if we were two familiar friends well known to each other." If "Wee Macgregor" does not consider that as practically an admission, I am certain the majority of fanciers do. There are many inaccuracies in his letter which I will not trouble to reply to, with the exception of the following: "After I pointed out that Ellwood and Smith both came from the same place, Mr. Ellwood replied, and asked, "Who spread the story in Carlisle, etc." Now, if "Wee Macgregor" will re-peruse the correspondence he will find I asked the question in my *first* letter. Can it be that he is intoxicated with his own verbosity? As he still suggests I am J. Smith and W. M. Thomson, I must again deny it, and ask him to either prove it or withdraw it. I will give £5 to the Fresh Air Fund if he does prove it. It seems to me that novices must not question any person's judgment without being prepared to be subjected to attacks by such as "Wee Macgregor," who has not the courage to fight in the open. To suggest, because J. Smith and I happen to live in the same parish (which has, by the way, a population of from 6,000 to 7,000), that we are in collusion, is really too paltry. I defy "Wee Macgregor" to prove that I even knew Mr. Smith was going to open the correspondence. There is one thing I do not lack, and that is the courage of my convictions. Why not suggest that Mr. J. Robson and I are in collusion because we both are natives of Carlisle? With regard to Mr. Robson's letter, I would like to say that there are others who pride themselves on their good names. Had it not been for the suggestions thrown out I should not have joined in the correspondence. Mr. Robson is in error when he states that the 1st Novice Special was originally awarded to the Cinnamon. I am prepared to state on oath, and I have a witness to prove it, that when I went to the show the card denoting the bird that had won it was affixed to the cage of the Even-mark, and the card for the second novice special was attached to the cage of Mr. Brownlie's bird, which was 4th in the class. That was the reason I spoke to the steward. I knew Mr. Brownlie could not win a novice special, and, further, even if he had been eligible, his bird being 4th could not beat my bird, which was third. As Mr. Robson goes on to say that he was informed by Mr. Hodson that all has been explained, and, as the correspondence appears to have been handed to him, I would suggest that it be published so that your readers may see who is correct. If I am mistaken I will apologise. I am not one to do anything with malicious intent, but would rather look with a lenient eye on others' mistakes. I am not so foolish as to suggest that the mere fact of an exhibitor showing under a relative proves there is anything wrong. I simply express by opinion that it is unwise, as a judge should be above suspicion. However, if this was the only occasion on which Mr. Robson has judged birds exhibited by one of his brothers, no more need be said on that point. I am surprised Mr. Robson now asks why I did not write to him, seeing he gave me the "cold shoulder" at the show when I pointed out the mistake. If Mr. Robson had not allowed "Wee Macgregor" to question the good faith of either Mr. Smith, Mr. Thomson or myself, and had denied that he was that gentleman, the correspondence would have ended so far as I am concerned. I will resist to the utmost any suggestion that I write under an assumed name or names. Mr. Robson knows perfectly well that Mr. W. M. Thomson hails from over the Border, and yet in face of this he still permits that gentleman of the wee mind and courage to repeat his statements. I asked a question which I was entitled to ask, but it yet remains unanswered; and, further, neither Mr. Robson nor "Wee Macgregor" has denied that they are one and the same person. I have no desire to twist anyone either to the right or left, but rather to see that every exhibitor has an equal chance of success. In conclusion, I would remind Mr. Robson that it is not courageous to endeavour to intimidate me by threatening me with legal proceedings.

ROBERT ELLWOOD.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Patterson, I asked him the question, "Did he think Scotland led the way in getting rid of the thick-necked birds?" because his previous letter seemed to infer as much. He does not answer the question direct, but suggests leaving the "fly on the wall." He does not even say which side of the Border the wall is on. I asked the question out of mere curiosity, because I am under the impression the English club was formed to combat the increasing size of the birds sent from Mr. Patterson's side of the Border. The stand either way of Mr. Patterson or myself will not affect the harmony of the members of the two clubs, especially seeing that the same fanciers are members of both in a large degree. I am speaking for myself alone, and from my own observations; I do not presume to speak for the English members; and I think Mr. Patterson has been told that he does not speak for Scotland. I can't make head nor tail of Mr. Patterson's paragraph beginning, "And I daresay," and ending with the word "Scotland." What is the cause to be considered? And in what are the Englishmen "lacking and behind Scotland"? Also again as regards size, Mr. Patterson says there is little doubt the English favour a larger bird than the Scotchman. This is news to me. I have always thought quite the contrary, and there is no doubt that prior to the last two or three years the Scottish birds were very much stronger in every way than the English. Now there is very little difference betwixt the two. The best of the English birds will compare favourably with the best of the Scottish birds and *vice versa*, if judged from the standard point of view. I attended the Scottish National Show in 1908, and looked at the Borders very carefully. There is no doubt there were some gems amongst them, one in particular I thought nearly perfection. If my memory serves me right, this bird belonged to Messrs. Richardson and Gordon, and stood cardless. I also met some "Gems" of fanciers there, men who could admit that there were good birds outside Scotland. Of course, anyone who knows anything about the subject at all, knows that there are more good birds of this variety in Scotland than there are in England, because the bird is very much more largely bred in Scotland. *Re* "Fads of Judges": If Mr. Patterson has persuaded himself that my disagreement with him has strengthened his positon, he is quite welcome to that belief; I am afraid he will not find many to agree with him. Mr. Patterson says the standard is a complete guide, and then goes on to advocate breeding, so as to allow for judge's fads. Of course, he does not put it in this way, but the birds have to be bred before they can be put on the bench. I do not think it will be as long as Mr. Patterson imagines before judges will be compelled to judge as near as possible to the standard. Great strides have been made in this direction in the last few years. I hope Mr. Patterson is not libelling show committees when he suggests they only vote for the judges who go for their particular birds. Surely there are numbers of show committees who are fanciers, and like to see the best birds win. And if judges only place the cards to suit the committee, how is it they get the support of the general public? In reply to R. Young, there is no difference in the standard of the two clubs—"a little over 5ins., say, 5¼in.," is very near "shall not exceed 5½ins," don't you think?

S. HADWIN.

**Several letters unavoidably held over.**

I have received a copy of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, and I think it is the finest sixpennyworth I ever had. No fancier should be without it, whether he be champion or amateur.—W.H.S. (Ashton-under-Lyne).

It is now some time since I received CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, but I should like to say I find it a most interesting and instructive book. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success. It is a great pennyworth.—C. H. DAVIS (Limerick).

# Solving the Egg Food Problem.

**An Interesting Interview with an up-to-date firm of bird-food specialists.**

Quite a stir—indeed, one might reasonably term it no little sensation—has been recently caused in the realm of the bird-keeper, by the advent of a new food—a food for which very high claims are made. We suppose we need hardly tell the reader of CAGE BIRDS that the article to which we refer is Fox Bros.' "Egg and Biscuit Food." This food has been brought before the notice of bird-keepers in no uncertain manner, and the striking advertisements of the proprietors, and the attention-compelling statements they have made on its behalf, must have familiarised our readers with its name, and no doubt with equal certainty have induced the thought: "What manner of commodity is this which sets out to go one better than our tried friend, egg-bread, and to oust it from our bird-room?" That the latter estimate of affairs is a correct one, is borne out by the constant stream of letters which has come our way since "Fox's Egg and Biscuit Food" was first advertised in these pages—letters asking us our views concerning it, whether it was "genuine" or not.

One of our correspondents put the matter this way: 'I am only a working man fancier, with little time on my hands (and I doubt not there are many more like me), and from what I read of this new food it would help me a lot, for hard-boiled egg and bread takes time to prepare, and wants looking after when you've got it done to see it's not sour. But it serves you well, there is that in it, and I have reared heaps of young birds on it, so I don't want to spend money on a new food (even if it saves a lot of time and trouble), if I am going to lose my young afterwards—that would be a very serious matter for me, or for anybody else. Besides, I never heard of Fox's before."

### Our Representative Sets Out.

That letter decided us. It put the case in such a light that we came to the conclusion it was to the interests of our readers that we should seek out the firm of Messrs. Fox Bros. and Company, and learn whatsoever we could about "Fox's Egg and Biscuit Food," and about the firm that had introduced it to the notice of the Fancy. So it happened that on a recent bright May morning a "tried and trusted" representative of this journal found himself en route for Granville House, Arundel Street, Strand, where are situated the offices of this firm.

One's first impressions are certainly favourable, for the admirably appointed suite of offices could convey no other effect, while the bustle of the staff in the outer rooms, and the ceaseless "tap tapping" of typewriters, showed that here at least were strenuous workers with plenty of work to do. An enquiry for the head of the firm brought us prompt admission to the managerial sanctum. The statement of our business brought a business-like reply:

"Certainly; I shall be glad to afford the readers of CAGE BIRDS any information you desire. I quite see the force of the letter your correspondent has sent, and I am sure my firm are indebted to you for giving us the opportunity of explaining. Give me five minutes to finish dealing with my own letters, and you can fire away with your questions."

### The Experience that Tells.

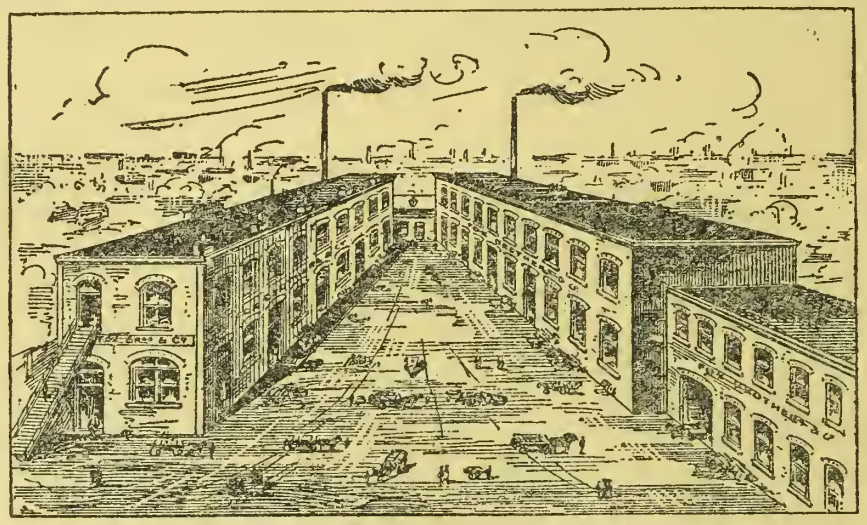
The intervening moments were spent in studying the head of the firm himself—a business man to the finger-tips, alert and keen, and with that stamp of individuality which bespeaks success.

When he again turned our way it was to say: "I expect the writer of the letter has not been alone in wondering who Fox Bros. were. Well, fanciers need have no hesitation on *that* score, for many of our staff have had upwards of twenty years' experience of the foods and needs of not only birds but all kinds of animals, and our staff comprises entirely practical men and fanciers. Naturally, we place great reliance on our "Egg and Biscuit Food," as we are convinced it is *the* food for which keepers of cage-birds have been looking for years. We only ask them to give it a really adequate trial; we are content to abide by the result. At the same time, I may tell you that we intend putting before birdy men in due course other specialities which we have no hesitation in saying are equally valuable, and which will serve to further convince them that in our case it is a case of fanciers catering for fanciers—in other words, that all Fox Bros.' specialities are prepared by men who have a real inside knowledge of the fancier's requirements."

An expression of surprise must have stolen across our countenance, for the speaker continued: "Yes; we are making a bid for the custom of the bird-keeper in all kinds of foodstuffs. And whatever we offer fanciers we intend shall be according to their ideas, and exactly to their requirements—our foods and seeds shall not be a combination of more-or-less useless and valueless ingredients."

We could only remark that such a policy was bound to command respect.

"You're right there," came the reply; "the splendid business we are doing with the "Egg and Biscuit Food" proves the worth of our policy of stating plainly exactly what it is we are offering to fanciers and seeing that they get it. Fifty per cent egg, fifty per cent. biscuit, nothing more, nothing less, has been our standard, and that the Fancy approves of clear statements and honest value the ever-rising sales of our food—to say nothing of the testimonials which reach us by every post—surely bear out. Already we have found it necessary to move from our old address, Ludgate Hill, to the more commodious offices here, and to hastily instal additional machinery at our factory in Denbigh Street. By-the-way, speaking of our factory reminds me that you must run down with Mr. Fox, our general manager, and look over the premises."



**Messrs. Fox Bros.' Factory at Denbigh Street, S.W.**

"It will give me pleasure to do so," our representative replied; then added: "If it is not asking too much of you, I am sure it would interest our readers to learn something of the inception of the egg and biscuit food, and how it came to be placed before the Fancy."

### How it Came About.

"Well, as people interested in the bird-food business, it has been known to us for many years that a food was badly needed which combined all the advantages of the hard-boiled egg and crumbled bread (or biscuit) at present used, and which had none of its disadvantages. We knew that such a food would command a ready sale, and so we set out to perfect one—for several years we were continuously experimenting, and at last complete success rewarded us. Many attempts have been made in the past to utilise egg in a preserved form, but they have been more or less failures. You see (as no doubt you will know) those who tried could only use the yolk of the egg; the white they could not incorporate; they could only get the flaked yolk of egg, or powdered yolk of egg. Thus, such a food could not be compared with the fancier's egg-bread, because the white was missing, and everybody knows what extremely valuable nutritive matter the white is, containing all the elements which go to the making of the bone, the muscle and the flesh of the young bird's frame. It can't be dispensed with. Further, the old methods of preserving caused the feeding properties of even the yolk to deteriorate, and destroyed its solubility, hence rendered it very difficult of digestion."

"What is our method? I can tell you that, broadly speaking, it consists in submitting a fine spray of fluid egg to a current of just warm air, the result being that the moisture in it is absorbed, and a thin powder of egg is deposited. This powder, according to the analysis, has the following composition:—

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| Protein ... ... | 53.60 |
| Fat ... ... ... | 37.40 |
| Mineral Matters ... | 3.20 |
| Moisture ... ... | 5.80 |

This establishes the fact that the protein and fat occur in our product in the same state as in the fresh egg, and to obtain this result, and the utilising of the white, has involved us in years of scientific research. Further, our process not only leaves the egg in a condition identical with its natural state; but it preserves it against change, so that it will not turn sour, and the importance of the latter fact will be readily appreciated by every bird-keeper. The egg preserved by the old methods, dried at a high temperature, was no longer in a "live" state, and its feeding value was seriously impaired."

### When in Use.

"Having obtained our perfect egg preparation, the next point we had to consider was the proportion of biscuit we should add when offering it to the Fancy."

"Yes," we interpolated; "that is an important point, for some bird breeders advocate half egg and half biscuit, while others plump for as little as 25 per cent. egg in their food, and others, again, vary the proportions according to the age of the young birds."

"We realised that," was the reply, "and decided on a standard strength, viz., 50 per cent. egg and 50 per cent. biscuit, and this standard preparation the fancier can reduce to whatever strength accords with his own ideas, by adding more crushed biscuit to it. We sell a pure white granulated biscuit specially for the purpose, which can be obtained of our agents at the purely nominal price of 3d. per lb., a 3½lb. bag for 1s., or 7lbs. for 1s. 9d. (direct from us, we have, of course, to charge the postage extra). To the selection of our biscuit we have paid every attention, and a better article for the purpose cannot be obtained."

"Are there any particular points to be observed when using the food?" we asked.

"It is simplicity itself. Moistening with cold water is all that is necessary to make it ready for instant use. The only point we would impress upon fanciers—and we would impress it strongly—is the fact that our 'Egg and Biscuit Food' requires the addition of very little water, a few spots only to each teaspoonful. Egg food should be but crumbly moist to be in its best and most palatable state (old fanciers won't need telling this). 'Water-logged' (sodden) food is not relished by any birds, but will be left untouched. Fanciers must not add a lot of water, but put a few drops amongst the food, and allow this a few moments to soak through and moisten the biscuit. We may add that we recommend it to be used at full strength only until the young birds are eight to ten days old. It may also interest fanciers to know that we have large contracts for new-laid eggs, which reach the manufactory daily."

"I notice you claim for your food the very excellent property of not turning sour?"

"That is true, and we claim that this is a great advantage, because the ordinary home-made egg food, more especially in the summer, will very soon turn sour, and possibly do great injury to the birds, as there is always the fear that small particles will be left in the cage, sufficient to upset the birds. But of course we certainly advocate the food being prepared fresh daily, and old fanciers well know the advantages of mixing the food fresh for each meal if that be possible; it tempts hens to keep on feeding their young. Little and often should be the bird-breeders' motto; giving the hens a small supply of fresh food frequently helps to bring success.

### An Encouraging Reception.

"What sort of a reception has the Egg and Biscuit Food had so far amongst Fanciers?"

"Splendid," came the enthusiastic answer; "we have had very hard work to convince fanciers that we have something in advance of what they have previously experimented with (some of them have had so many failures); but we are glad to say that we have succeeded in convincing even the keenest and most practical men of the genuineness of our production, and our post box every morning contains numbers of unsolicited testimonials."

"That must be very encouraging, in view of the further specialities you are placing before bird-keepers."

"Yes; our latest introduction, we think, will again revolutionise the ways of the Fancy. This is the addition of colour food to our 'Egg and Biscuit.' We have one of the very finest of colour foods, obtained, after great trouble and searching, direct from the best growing districts in Spain, and the combination makes a splendid food. Fanciers have always had a difficulty in getting the egg to assimilate with the colour food, but this difficulty has been surmounted by us. We claim that the complete food is ideal, and will moult out birds fit to compete in the hottest competition. It will also be a 'time-saver' for the fancier, being sold ready for use."

Our interview having lasted a considerable time, we rose to go, remarking that the name of "Fox" promised to become quite a household word amongst bird-keepers.

"We hope so," was the smiling response, "and intend to do our best to that end. We realise that the fanciers in general are keen and practical men, and have to be catered for in a practical manner, and this we intend to do, not looking at it from a manufacturer's point of view, but giving the article that is required, even if the cost to ourselves is somewhat higher. We have made enormous sales since the introduction of our leading speciality, the 'Egg and Biscuit Food,' and our factory has been working at full pressure for some time. In conclusion allow me to say that we are only too pleased to hear from any fancier who has any point to raise in regard to any of our specialities, as we are confident that we can satisfactorily answer him, because we know that we have the article that fanciers require in our 'Egg and Biscuit,' and we know that when once it has been given a fair trial, they will be convinced."

Leaving the Arundel Street offices, we were rapidly whirled Victoria-wards on the Underground Railway, and soon reached the Denbigh Street factory. We must candidly admit that the extensive range of premises caused us considerable astonishment. Several thousand feet of floor space is packed with goods intended for the use of fanciers, and the seeds and the ingredients of the various foods are stored in the most up-to-date manner, so as to be quite free from possible contamination by either dust or mice. The machinery for cleaning seeds, mixing and packing foods, etc., is all of the latest type, and extra machines were being rapidly added to cope with the rush of trade. A more interesting sight for a fancier could not well be imagined. Before leaving we saw a number of samples of grand quality seeds, shortly to be made up into mixtures suited to the requirements of the various species of seed-eating birds, and samples of Lark food we have never seen excelled at the price, also a fine insectivorous food for the more delicate species of soft-bills, of high feeding value, with the proteids of milk as its base.

Summing up our impressions, it is plain to see that in Messrs. Fox Bros. and Company we have a firm with a very considerable financial stake in their business as bird-food specialists, a firm which sets out to cater for the fancier as the fancier desires to be catered for, and a firm which is determined to secure his patronage on the merits of the goods it offers for sale.


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## ON THE TRAMP AROUND GREAT MISSENDEN.

A day in the country! What a treat for the dwellers in great cities! We know not who was the first to invent the system of "outings" in connection with bird clubs, but we mentally blessed the fellow last Sunday when, in the company of a score of boon companions, we mooched round the pleasant fields and roads of charming Bucks in the vicinity of Great Missenden. It was the summer jaunt of the London and Counties Ornithological Society, who for the purposes of the day had induced the London and Provincial to join forces in their annual search after bird life and bird's homes.

At a few minutes after 10 a.m. on the Sunday morning, our little band of enthusiasts assembled at Baker Street all in high spirits at the prospect of glorious weather. There were as usual a few laggards at the gate, who were greeted with cheers as the train steamed out of the platform. Three special carriages had been reserved for the party, and these were just comfortably filled. Nearly all the members of the expedition turned on their pipes or cigarettes, and listened to the latest funny story on ornithological record. Birdy men can tell a few when they try.

Great Missenden was reached after about an hour's run. The village lies in a beautiful vale, and is a curious old-world, two-storey, one-street affair, smelling chiefly of hostelries and antique residences.

The comparatively modern Missenden Abbey offered no attraction to our ornithological tourists, who seemed to prefer the neighbourhood of the "Green Man," or the "Red Lion," or "The George," whose archæological aspects are certainly no whit inferior. The dining apartment of the latter inn (the trampers' headquarters) was one of the oldest buildings we have ever dined in in our lives, and we understood that formerly it was the court house of the place, in which rural ruffians were formerly given exemplary sentences for robbing the local hen roosts.

After a preliminary refresher (the day certainly justified it), the promenade commenced. Cutting through the tunnel under the railway line, the party posed outside Angling Wood for the benefit of the amateur photographers of the party, Mr. Hodson using his camera with deadly effect. Mr. Crabb gallantly led the way through the woods, and opined to our representative that the older he got the younger he felt, which is indeed good to hear of. Diligently recording the name of every bird heard or seen, the worthy ex-chairman of the L. and P.O.S. soon had a formidable list of observations to his credit, 28 species in all. He has been kind enough to provide us with the complete series:—Starling, Thrush, and several nests mostly with eggs, in one case one young one out, also young ones branched, Blackbird and several nests with eggs, Sparrow, Robin, also young Robins out of nest, Lark, Chaffinch and nests of young, one out of nest, Wren and nests, Yellow Bunting before lunch, and we were clearly told we were to have a little bit of bread and no cheese; Linnets and nests, Jay, Mistle Thrush, Hedge Sparrow and six nests, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Greenfinch and six nests, Whitethroat and three or four nests, Great Tit, Pied Wagtail and Jackdaw. We also identified Martin (House), Swallow, Swift, Rook, Peewit, Wood Pigeon, Turtle Dove, Cuckoo and Land Rail (Corncrake).

One of the most sensational discoveries of the day was made by Mr. Pearce. Under a hedge by the roadside his keen eye and alertness where food is concerned quickly perceived two luscious hen's eggs impudently betraying themselves to his gaze. With the honesty characteristic of him he promptly, though with evident regret, handed them over to their rightful owner, a little girl from the village grocer's, amidst loud applause from the onlookers.

Another interesting sight was a talking Parrot in a cage outside a wayside inn. This bird had been taught to say "Your drink will cost you more," but as the place had only a six-day's license (to Mr. Pretty's evident disgust), the Parrot's warning fell on heedless ears.

A capital lunch was provided at "The George," and after a few appropriate remarks from Mr. Crabb on behalf of the L. and P.O.S., Mr. Thorpe on behalf of the L. and C.O.S. drew attention to the fact that it was a combination of the oldest and youngest societies in London. Tributes to Mr. Tringham and Mr. Pretty and acknowledgements to the Press concluded the speechifying, which was commendably brief.

In the afternoon the most energetic members of the crowd studied bird-life under the easiest of conditions (see illustration), and time passed pleasantly until 5.30 p.m., when tea was served. Altogether a most enjoyable and successful day, finishing up about 8.45. The company included the following:—Messrs. Crabb, Thorpe, Priddis, White, Morrison, Ogle, Gilbert, Robson, Richardson, Hodson, Pretty, Hazell, Smith, Burton, Mortlock, Law, Law, jun., Oldaker, Bell, Bell, jun., Lee, Hopkins, Pearce, Carl, Morton, Dring, and H. E. Tringham.

*Not a Suffragette, but a back view of a well-known bird-lover.*



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**Sketched at the annual outing of the L. & P.O.S. and L. & C.O.S.**

## OUR "MATCHED PAIRS" COMPETITION.

### The Result.

A great number of readers seem to have been interested in the "Matched Pairs" Competiton instituted in our recent Spring Special issue, for a huge budget of coupons had to be gone through to decide upon the winner. It will be remembered that we offered a cash prize of half-a-guinea to the reader who "mated up" four Norwich Plainhead cocks and four hens depicted in one of our drawings in the same manner as one of our leading judges decided they should be "paired." This judge was Mr. C. A. House, and we append his own solutions of the mating problems, and his reasons for arriving at them.

### The Judge's Opinion.

I have been asked to match up the four pairs of Norwich Canaries, with a view to the production of the best results in the way of progeny. I must confess that the task has not been an easy one, even to myself, a very old breeder, and I should say that some of the novice readers of CAGE BIRDS find it very difficult indeed, as we have portrayed birds with faults that require very serious consideration from the point of view of their being obliterated in the progeny. After long thought, I have come to the conclusion that the pairing likely to yield the most satisfactory results would be:—

No 1. hen to No. 5 cock.
No. 2 hen to No. 8 cock.
No. 3 hen to No. 6 cock.
No. 4 hen to No. 7 cock.

I will give my reasons for so pairing. To make the lesson intelligible to the youngest fancier, I shall describe each bird in the ordinary reportorial language of CAGE BIRDS, and then proceed to point out how far the defects of each are covered by the excellencies of its selected mate.

No. 1.—Sweet little hen, grand shape and style of body, beautifully shaped head, but lacking somewhat in substance and fullness of skull and neck, lovely wing carriage and neat tail.

No. 5.—Good bodied cock of nice style, stands well up, could do with just a trifle more depth of chest and more chubbiness of skull, holds wings badly, and is long behind.

No. 2.—Shapely, stylish hen, short and thick in body, good frontal, somewhat flat on top of skull, and shows signs of browing.

No. 8.—Nice shaped body, but carried too erect, very high and full in crown, but inclined to be narrow in skull and thin in neck.

No. 3.—Nice shaped skull, bit fine and thin in neck, good shape of body, but carried too erect.

No 6.—Big, shapely bird, nice substance of head and neck, but slovenly in carriage. and lacks boldness.

No. 4.—Mean-looking head, fairly good shape of body, holds body well, but crosses wings.

No. 7.—Fine bold head, if anything a little too full in crown, capital body, and well-carried flights and tail.

### Reasons for Matching.

Nos. 1 and 5.—The faults in No. 1 lie in the skull being too fine and neck too thin. These are covered by the stoutness seen in the cock. No. 5 is much the more faulty bird of the two; although he has substance of skull and neck, he lacks his mate's shape. The blending of the two should correct this. His bad wing carriage and length behind are overcome by the neatness of the wings, and shortness of tail owned by the hen.

Nos. 2 and 8.—No. 2, but for her flatness of skull and browing, is a grand stamp of hen, and her faults are counterbalanced by the cock's extra height and the fullness of crown. The hen in this pair, as in our first pair, has most to do in the correcting of faults. The cock's thinness of neck is covered by the hen's shortness and stoutness of neck. His narrowness of skull is corrected by his mate's width, and his too erect pose is balanced by her ease and grace of carriage.

Nos. 3 and 6.—No. 3 is a capital type of hen, and had she but a little more substance in skull and neck she would be almost perfection. It may be said she is a bit too "cocky" in pose; possibly, but this just gives her a bit of a pull as an exhibition specimen, and is most valuable in correcting the faults in her mate. Her fineness of skull and neck are amply covered by the fullness of the cock, whilst his slovenly gait is more than balanced by the smartness and stylish carriage of the hen.

Nos. 4 and 7.—This I take to be the worst pair of the lot. No. 4 has a bad head (very bad indeed for a hen); her other fault is in her wing carriage. No. 7 is a grand-bodied bird, but he carries too much skull both in top and back. This corrects the hen's flatness of skull, while his beautiful balance of wings should counteract the tendency in the hen to bad carriage of wings. A better match for this cock would be No. 1, but No. 4 would not do as a mate for No. 5, the blending of excellencies in skull might work out right, but the wing carriage would inevitably be made much worse.

### The Winner.

We find that several competitors "mated up" the eight birds in the way that Mr. House considers they should be matched. To arrive at the winner, therefore, all the correct coupons were placed in a hat and well shaken up, after which an independent person assumed the role of "Fate," by selecting one amongst them. This proved to be sent in by

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to whom a cheque for 10s. 6d. will be sent in due course. Others who named the correct pairs were Messrs. L. Sherman (Willesden Junction, N.W.), W. G. Bristow (Millwall), G. W. Whitehead (Old Goole), A. Buswell (Lutterworth), W. Ellison (Winsford), W. Taylor (Farnworth), A. Franklin (Miles Platting), E. Titchmarsh (Enfield Wash), D. Weddell (Middleton), and M. Hugh (Wemyss).

## SOME BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1909 SEASON.

*Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others, and must be accompanied by the sender's name and address in every case.*

### Luck at Dulwich.

Mr. G. F. Woolhouse, after a disastrous first round (only two hatched from nine full clutches) has now nine in the second round, and more due to hatch, all Norwich. Messrs. Rogers and Mazzoni have two fine Linnet-Canary Mules on the perch, doing for themselves, and 10 young Norwich, with eggs hatching daily. Mr. A. M. Rees has 10 healthy young Norwich doing well. Mr. J. Foster is having fairly good luck, having several promising young Norwich. Mr. F. H. Bussey has two nests of fertile eggs. Mr. Parker, who had his birds nicely down on fertile eggs, has now unfortunately (for the birds) to remove to Margate. Mr. P. G. Sprules tops the list in the district, having over 30 Norwich and Borders. Mr. H. Pallett has about 30 young Yorkshires, mostly on the sticks. Mr. W. Pallett has also several young Yorks.. Mr. Powles has several Norwich. Mr. Knight has several nests due to hatch, Norwich and Yorkshires. Mr. Taylor has several promising Norwich doing well. Other fanciers in the district have not yet reported, but it is understood that in most cases the first round was disappointing, though with the warmer weather the second round promises to be excellent.—D.O.S.

## Wild Bird Life.

### More about the Cuckoo.

It has been proved that the Cuckoo will carry her egg some distance to the selected nest, or possibly when in search of one of the right species. I once remember a bird being shot with an egg in her mouth, she having travelled the length of a field, over a quarter of a mile, her destination probably being a belt of woodland some half a mile distant. A list of the birds victimized by the Cuckoo would be rather formidable, the most common being the Meadow Pipit and Wagtail, and probably the Hedge Sparrow. They have frequently been found in the nest of the Reed Warbler, occasionally in that of a Finch or Bunting; and even the tiny Wren and Red-backed Shrike have been selected; and stranger still, the nest of the Jay and Magpie. Such might happen when the bird was unable to find more suitable foster parents. As a general rule only a single egg is found in one nest, although on several occasions two have been discovered, probably deposited by more than one bird. This might occur in a district where Cuckoos were plentiful and suitable foster parents somewhat scarce. The eggs vary considerably in colour, and persons who are interested should visit the fine collection in the Natural History Museum, where it will be seen that they most resemble the eggs of other species, although they have not all been found in the company of eggs which they most closely resemble. I have two which were found in the nests of Hedge Sparrows. Neither of them resembles in the slightest degree the beautiful blue eggs of the Hedge Sparrow so well known. One could be easily mistaken for that of the Robin, and the other for that of the Pied Wagtail. It is supposed each Cuckoo lays eggs of a certain type, and that the young inherit the tendency to produce eggs similar to those of their parent.

### A Confiding Dove.

In country districts the pretty Turtle Doves are wild and wary, and it is only by accident that one can get near enough to them to watch their engaging ways. Yet the other day one settled in a wood yard in the centre of a town and commenced feeding upon the grain scattered by the horses. This bird has been in some private grounds adjoining for two or three days, and has evidently only just arrived, for as a rule these Doves are not seen before the month of May.

### Falconry Still in Existence.

Falconry appears to be still an existing sport in this country, although it may be carried on in a quiet, unobtrusive manner. A few private persons continue it as a pastime, the Rooks being the quarry in the spring months, and game in the autumn. Herons, which at one time were considered to show the finest flights, are now too scarce to be hunted. It is impossible to expect the sport to ever again attain to the popularity of former years, the growth of towns and cultivation of waste ground having so changed the conditions of the country.

### Blue Tits in the Orchard.

The tiny Blue Tits love the orchard, and are seen more among the branches of the fruit trees than anywhere else. They unfortunately have the reputation of injuring the crop, and yet when one considers what insect eating birds they are, and how fruit trees are infested with insect pests, it is a very doubtful point if these bright little chaps do as much damage as they are credited with. Possibly their supposed destructiveness is simply a bad reputation handed down from past generations.


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## SALE OR EXCHANGE.

### Mainly British
**To be Sold or Exchanged.**

WHAT offers in Norwich for two cock Goldfinches, perfect condition.—Pearce, 4, North-gardens, Brighton, Sussex.

EXCHANGE white-legged Goldfinch for a good Norwich clear hen, or sell 6/6.—Simpson, 83, Kennington Park-rd., S.E.

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WHAT offers in Norwich for four splendid cock Linnets, two Canary-reared, one house-moulted, beautiful cock Bullfinch.—Stewart, Stanley-terrace, Morpeth.

WELL-CAGED Fieldfare cock, selected specimen, variegated Goldfinch Mule; offers; exchange exhibition Hardbills.—Morrison, Johnstone North Station, Renfrewshire.

EXHIBITION Bullie and show cage, 10/6; or exchange Border show cages, club pattern.—Lawton, 10, Buxton-avenue, Crewe.

WHITE-LEGGED cock Goldfinch, Sib. hen, nesting, 10/-; exchange songsters; Yorkshire cock wanted.—45, Grey Mare-lane, Bradford, Manchester.

LINNET, a beauty, full song, splendid muling condition, house-moulted; also Greenfinch, Goldfinch, ditto; also Song Thrush and cage; must sell, cheap; what offers; exchange show cages.—Carron, 39, Market-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

MONSTER cock Blackbird and cage, 5/-; champion cock Greenfinch, 7/6; hen Bullfinch, 3/-; both house-moulted; quarter-plate camera, 7/6; exchange children's boots, suits; offers; mutual approval.—Brown, 1, Norman-avenue, West Wood Green.

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PAIR large Canaries, nesting, healthy, 10/-; exchange.—Naden, 18, Royds-st., Rochdale.

EXCHANGE Buff Norwich hen for Buff Yorkshire hen.—Fowler, 8, Frederick-rd., Walworth.

THIRTY yellow and buff hens, 3/-, 4/- each; cash offer for lot.—A. Fiddament, postman, Buxton-rd., Norwich.

SPLENDID Brown Linnet cock, full song, Canary hen, sell; exchange live stock.—J. Craig, High-st., New Pitsligo.

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NORWICH hen and 2 cock Linnets, exchange for Green Norwich or Yorkshire cock, 1908 bird, singing.—H. Hamons, 28, Willis-st., Poplar.

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IRISH terrier bitch, 18 months old, for sale; 30/-, or exchange anything useful.—Barraclough, 2, Marlboro-st., Keighley.

EXCHANGE pen Black Minorcas for cock Roller Canaries, good singers or Yorkshires.—Jones, 6, Elm-st., Ferndale, Glam.

ZITHER banjo and case, cost £7, 35/-; two cock Larks, singing, 2/- each, with cages.—Allen, 83, Feathcrstall-rd., Oldham.

MODEL beam engine for sale, 30/-; would exchange for Canaries same value.—Grainger, 31, Barkworth-rd., North Camberwell.

SPLENDID marble clock, good order, sell 21/-; or exchange for Canaries or any Fancy.—Chaplin, 417, Wick-rd., South Hackney.

PAIR Dragoons, winners several 1sts and specials, £3 3s.; exchange indoor aviary, Foreign birds.—Alfred Eve, East-st., Colchester.

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STYLE E. Kodak developing machine, cost 33s.; exchange for two pairs Yorkshires or Rollers, sell £1.—Newton, 5, Eton-square, Eton, Windsor.

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HENS. Bellamy's Norwich, 7/-; Barrett's Crest-bred, 10/-; several Norwich type, 4/-; exchange; cocks wanted.—Godward, Verulam-pl., Hastings.

THREE clear yellow Yorkshire cock Canaries, in song, together with 3 hen Canaries, all last year's birds; sell 30/-; bargain; or exchange; no live stock.—Stubbs, Lazenby, Eston.

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WHAT offers in Norwich or Yorkshires for dark suit length, 25/-.—B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft.

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PAIR Canaries wanted, exchange rolled gold lever watch, John Forrest, London, 15/-.—Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

WANTED Canaries in exchange for shot gun 210, value 30/-, practically new; offers.—R. Whiterow, Elmslea, Wraysbury, Bucks.

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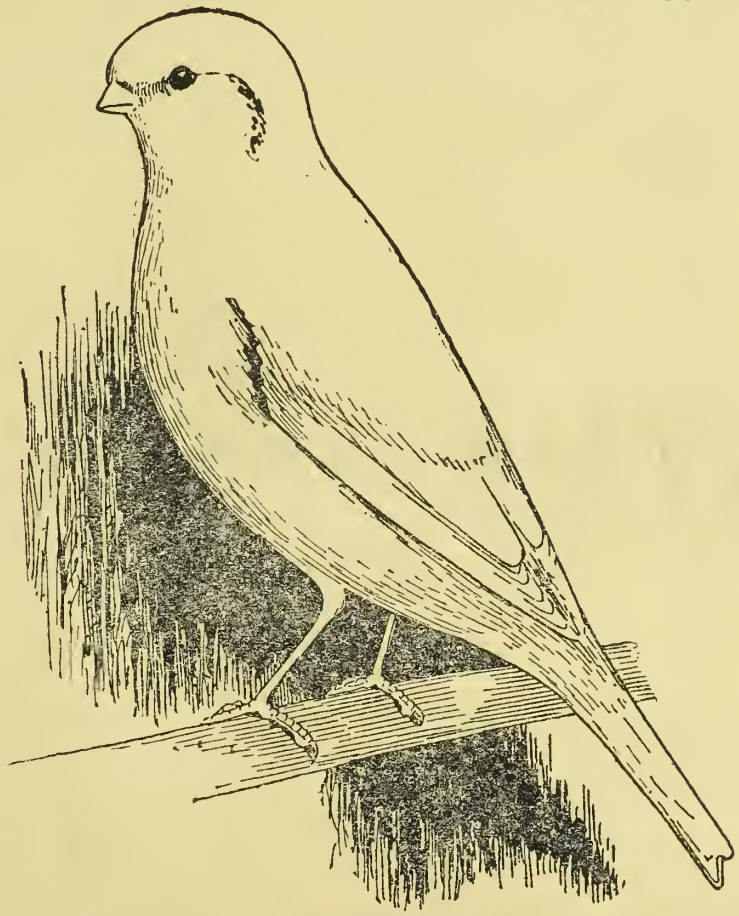

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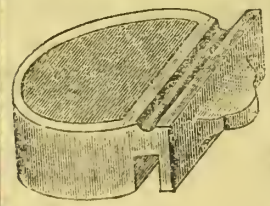

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### Money in Chickweed.

The vendor of chickweed in Paris is a well-known figure (says the "Liverpool Daily Post and Mercury".) The sellers are numerous, and their cry is one of the most noteworthy of those that resound in the morning in the streets of the French capital. According to the "Bulletin des Halles," there are about 100,000 Canaries in the capital, and the daily consumption of chickweed is estimated at £400. This sum looks very large, but it only allows a penny for each bird. Be that as it may, a Paris contemporary points out that a goodly portion of land between Suresnes and Courbevoie is set aside for the cultivation of the weed.

# The Shows.

## BOLTON AND DISTRICT O.S.

We held a very successful table show of birds in nest feather on May 26th, at the Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, Bolton. Entries came up very well considering the scarcity of young birds amongst the members. Mr. John Hopkins, the judge, gave every satisfaction in his awards. NOR. YELL.: 1, Haslem; 2, c, Jas. Smith; 3, Cooper; vhc, Gerrard; hc, Lomax. BUFF: 1, Whittaker; 2, 3, Jas. Smith; vhc, hc, Sims and Taylor; c, Gaskell. YORKS YELL.: 1, 2, Brooks; 3, c, Jim Smith; vhc, hc, Proctor. BUFF: 1, Jim Smith; 2, Brooks; 3, Proctor.—H. PARKINSON, Sec.

## HULL C.B.S.

The first Nest Feather Show of the season resulted as follows:—NOR. YELL.: 1, Moore, sen.; 2, Robinson. BUFF: 1, 2, Moore; 3, 4, Robinson. YELL. (NOVICE): 1, 3, Cartwright; 2, Pett. BUFF: 1, Robinson, jun.; 2, 3, Beaumont. Mr. W. Clews awarded the prizes and gave every satisfaction. Only 12 entries were received owing to the scarcity of young birds as yet, but some good specimens were on view, notably the exhibits of Messrs. Moore, Cartwright, and Robinson, jun. At the next monthly meeting, another Nest Feather Show will be held. Mr. Geo. Harland (Hull) will judge, and special prizes are offered Classes will be provided for British birds.—H. HARDING, Hon. Treas.

## LEIGH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The first table show was held at headquarters, Railway Hotel, on May 26th. Owing to our small membership (which we should like to see greatly increased, seeing that there are so many fanciers in Leigh and district) and the bad luck members are experiencing, we arranged one class, "Any variety Cage Bird in nest feather." All the entries, nine in number, proved to be Norwich Plainheads. The President, Mr. J. Marsh, should have judged, but was unavoidably called away on business, and the lot fell to me, but I think the awards gave every satisfaction. 1, W. Gaskell (Boothstown); 2, 3, E. Clare (Leigh). Another table nest feather show, "A.V. Cage Bird," on June 23rd.—R. H. DAVIES, Sec.

## NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

First Nest Feather Table Show held in Lockhart's Cafe, Grainger-street, Newcastle, May 26th. Though early in the season, a number of very promising young birds put in an appearance. Unfortunately, Mr. Ellwood, who should have judged, was ill in bed and could not take the duties. It was therefore decided to ask the non-exhibiting members, who were all novices, to judge, which they did with every satisfaction. The following were their awards:—CLEARS: 1, 3, Davison; 2, c, Crawhall; 4, vhc, Tindale; hc, Wigglesworth. TICKS: 1, Tindale; 2, Davison; 3, Crawhall; 4, Wigglesworth.

## HARPENDEN.

Glorious indeed was the weather for this popular Hertfordshire fixture on Whit Monday, and there was a large gathering of visitors. Entries in our section were good for the time of year, showing a marked increase on last year's figures, whilst the quality was excellent. The arrangements were most excellently carried out by the committee, prominent amongst whom were Messrs. F. Willis, H. Woollott, Max Kidman, A. Smith, and R. Clark, whilst Messrs. Young and Wilkinson, the secretaries, although new to the work, made up by their courtesy and energy what they lacked in experience. Although the judge awarded third prize cards in most classes, only 1st and 2nd money will be paid in classes of less than eight, as per schedule. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. YELL. (4): 1, Lees, the well-known saddle-marked bird, in grand form; 2, Litchfield, very smart clear, good shape and feather; 3, res., Wilmot, bolder and nice shape, not so tight. BUFF (3): 1, Lees, grand shaped, wing ticked, lovely colour and feather, neat shape; 3, Pedder, good bodied clear, hardly so stout in head; res., Wilmot. YORKS AND CAN. A.O.V. cancelled. MULES (6): 1, Lees, grand shaped, close feather, very lightly marked Linnet-Canary; 2, 3, res., Andrews, capital team, six-pointed Goldie-Canary, good old Goldie-Bullie, and a varieg. Greenie-Canary; hc, Thring. BRIT. GOLD. (9): 1, 3, Harris, 1st gem, lovely face and checks, grand colour, beautiful body colour and feather; 3rd loses in colour on one side, and is a little dark in blaze, still he has body colour, feather, and style; 2, res., vhc, hc, Andrews, good team of Finches, grandly marked, with good faces, hardly so rich in body colour; hc, Lovell; absent, Beecroft. FINCH A.O.V. (9): 1, Harris, grand shaped Linnet, beautiful colour and marking; 2, res., hc, Andrews, topping Bullie, rare shape, grand cap and back, nice breast and bars, fine form; 3, Beecroft, nicely marked, good coloured Hawfinch; vhc, Bell; hc, Crumplin. FOR. (3): 1, Timmaeus, very handsome Scarlet Tanager, repeating his win of twelve months since; 3, Andrews, lovely coloured Blue Bullfinch; No. 282, Bell, well-marked Parson Finch, was very soft when judged.

## BANGOR.

The first open show of the Bangor and Dis. F.S. was held at the Penrhyn Hall on May 29th. A fine display of exhibits was brought together. This Society commands splendid support from the inhabitants of the district, and the Cage Birds totalled very well for this time of the year. The attendance being also very good indeed, the show should prove a thorough success. Competition was of a high order in some of the classes. The Hon. Sec. (Mr. W. Aitken) a capable official, had everything ready in good time. A good number of specials were given in all sections. The two Crests were of a high order; Yorkshires were numerous, and as usual of good quality. Mules and Britishers, some excellent birds were shown in this section; the Foreign very fair. Mr. W. H. Williams won the special for best bird in show, with his fine all-round wing-marked dark Crest looking his best. Specials for most points went to Messrs. E. E. Griffiths, R. E. Griffiths, E. J. Jones, J. O. Williams, Geo. Edwards (2), E. W. Aitken, Owens Bros., W. P. Bell, A. C. Brotherhood, W. H. Williams, and D. Walford. A.V. not having won a first prize before (radius 5 miles), T. Owen. A.V. bred 1909 (members), Jno. Williams. Most entries by a member, W. Jones. Hyde's special, W. H. Williams. Mr. P. Proud (Southport) judged.

NOR. (9): 1, E. E. Griffiths, ycll., saddle and tail marked, nice type, in good feather; 2, W. Roberts, cap marked buff in good form; 3, H. Smith Thomas, heavily marked, variegated. Crest, of immense size, good body, beaten in condition; res., W. Aitken, medium yellow of nice type, not very fit to-day, good colour; vhc, J. Davies, Crestbred buff, very fair bird; hc, W. S. Williams; c, R. Williams, good buff, out of condition, which tells against him. YORKS. CL. YELL. (6): 1, R. E. Griffiths, very fit, stands well on leg, good colour and class of feather; 2, T. Owen, good colour, nice type, a size smaller; 3, Griffith Morgan, nice size, good head and position; res., Owens Bros., very fair one, not at his best; vhc, J. Williams, good length and style, splendid contour A1 colour and quality, the Carnarvon winner, in good show form; hc, W. Jones. CL. BUFF (9): 1, J. Jones, good, stands well, a rare limbed and bodied bird; 2, W. H. Williams, neat upstanding bird with very good head and best of colour; 3, R. W. Roberts, close up, the best conditioned in the class, excellent feather, medium size; res., W. S. Williams, plenty of size, inclined to be cross-winged; vhc, Dew, very lengthy bird, good style, but dirty. YORKS. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, J. O. Williams, Green, foul tail, good type and quality, in good form, and wing marked buff, long and stylish, often described; 3, Aitken, Cin.-marked, good form; res., E. J. Joues, cap marked buff, very neat; vhc, C. W. Jones. LIGHT MULE OR HYBRID (6): 1, Owens Bros., a good variegated Goldfinch Mule, in very fine form, showing parentage wins; 2, 3, Geo. Edwards, wing-marked Siskin-Canary Mule, buff, a beauty, in very good form, close race, and variegated. Goldfinch Mule, very good feather, immense size; res., H. Smith Thomas, another good Goldfinch Mule; vhc, O. Owen; hc, Enoch Williams, Goldie-Bullie, very good bird when fed; c, E. Jones. DARK MULE (6): 1, Aitken, very nice Linnet Mule, in good condition; 2, H. T. Jones, Goldfinch Mule, fair size and colour, well shown; 3, D. Hughes, another very fair Goldfinch Mule; res., D. T. Roberts, Greenfinch Mule, good feather; vhc, R. O. Roberts. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Owens Bros., very good size, nice blaze and tanning, in good form; 2, G. H. Pritchard, ran winner very close, really good Goldfinch all over, excellent tanning, not quite so clean in blaze colour; 3, C. Speed, nice Finch, fair size, smaller blaze, best of wings and moons, good tanning; res., E. Jones, another good all-round bird, not looking his best; vhc, Owens Bros., very fair exhibit; hc, W. R. Humphreys. GREYPATE (13): 1, 2, Geo. Edwards, very promising all-round young bird, fine shape, nice blaze, good moons, tan, and bars; 3, H. Butler, nice size and condition; res., G. H. Pritchard, runs hard and should develop into a good one with a successful moult; vhc, J. O. Williams, good blaze and tanning; hc, Pierce and Griffiths; c, W. S. Williams. LINNET OR BULLFINCH (9): 1, W. P. Bell, Bullie, nice cap and size, wings and tail very glossy; 2, J. Thomas, very hard to separate, good all-round, tight condition, lovely black cap, immense size; 3, Master J. Williams, good type and cap, fine bird when colours are all up; res., T. Davies, very good Linnet; vhc, J. Brown, another nice Linnet, well up; hc, J. Davies. BRIT. A.O.V. (9): 1, A. C. Brotherhood, excellent Waxwing, in fine form, very steady, well shown; 2, W. H. Williams, very good Greenfinch, buff, rare size, in good feather; 3, Pierce and Griffiths, ideal Chaffinch, very distinct in markings; res., J. Davies, yellow Greenfinch of good quality, wants steadying down; vhc, H. O. Slater; hc, E. Williams; c, Owens Bros. CANARY A.O.V. (6): 1, W. H. Williams, wing-marked dark Crest, already mentioned; 2, J. O. Williams, Gold Lizard, clear cap, nice style, shown very fit; 3, E. J. Jones, another good Crest, often noticed; res., H. Smith Thomas, Gold Lizard, clear cap, a very fair bird; vhc, W. S. Williams. FOR. (8): 1, D. Walford, good African Grey Parrot, in fine plumage; 2, T. Davies, Green Parrot, very fine, good colour; 3, W. P. Bell, very good Grassfinch, in tight condition; res., E. Theibert, good African Grey; vhc, J. Johnston; hc, Mrs. Davies. SELLING 12/6 (9): 1, A. C. Brotherhood, yellow Norwich, good colour and feather; 2, R. E. Griffiths, very neat Yorkshire; 3, E. W. Aitken; res., H. Williams; hc, J. Holliday; c, W. Aitken. GIFT (6): 1, Hugh Jones; 2, W. Evans; 3, Hugh Barker; res., W. Jones; vhc, E. W. Aitken; hc, W. Aitken. A.V. (not having won a first prize before), radius 5 miles (12): 1, T. Owen; 2, R. W. Roberts; 3, W. Evans; res., H. Smith Thomas; vhc, W. Aitken; hc, W. Hughes. ANY VARIETY (bred 1909), confined to members (12): 1, J. Williams, nice type Norwich buff, very promising, 3rd same owner, another young buff hen, same stamp, both in very good form; 2, W. H. Williams, Yorkshire buff, good length and style; res., Neil Owen; vhc, E. J. Jones.

## STANHOPE (Durham).

The seventh annual exhibition of the Stanhope Fanciers' Association was held in the Castle Park grounds, a delightful spot on the banks of the Wear. The field in which the show and sports are held is splendidly situated in the midst of trees. The Castle gardens and grounds (kindly lent by Sir R. P. Cooper, Bart.) were much appreciated by the numerous visitors. The cage bird section, comprising eight classes, was well filled considering the time of year. Norwich were both poor in numbers and quality, but the Yorkshires were a splendid lot; the three winning Yellows were pictures, and fit to grace any leading show. One or two good birds had to be put back because they had not been washed. We do not blame the exhibitors for not washing their birds now, as many of them are just taken out of the breeding cages for the day. Still, the washed birds have the advantage. Mr. Secretary Ridley, with a band of willing helpers, had everything in order, and we hope their efforts were crowned with financial success. Mr. T. C. Crawhall (Newcastle) judged and his awards seemed to be generally approved.

NORWICH YELL. (4): 1, W. Rutherford, the best Norwich present, a blaze of colour; 2, H. Wilson, nice one, rather longer in body; 3, R. Slack, good unlighted, bit down in condition; No. 1 absent. BUFF (4): 1, J. J. Bright, best in his class, wins on condition and quality; 2, 3, Wilson, shorter birds, but not quite the condition of winner; 4, Slack, good, but also lacks condition. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Bright, lovely trio, 1st eye ticked, long bird, splendid position and quality; 2nd, clear, not far behind, grand position, neat wings and tail; 3rd, nice bird, good position and length, crosses wings at times; 4, Isaac Moses, smaller bird, but excellent quality, might have stood higher if washed; vhc, hc, Elliott; c, Moses, very nervous, wants handling. BUFF: 1, Elliott, very big cinn. marked, grand stock bird, but a bit heavy for show; 2, Nattrass, nice quality bird, shorter, a bit out of condition, or might have won; 3, 4, hc, Bright, 3rd equal to any in class, but would not show when judged, quality and position A1; 4th, good quality and position, but bad wing carriage; vhc, Moses, nice hen, hard lines to meet cocks. BRIT. GOLD OR BULLFINCH: 1, McVay, splendid Bullie, in the pink of condition; 2, 3, Wildsmith and Hawkins, two Goldies, former smaller bird but better blaze and tan; 3rd, good Goldie; 4, vhc, Boon and Robson, two nice Bullies; hc, Wilson. NOT LARGER THAN LARK: 1, 3, 4, Forster, 1st Wheatear, last year's winner, grand bird, in excellent plumage; 3rd, nice Bramble finch; 4th, nice Reed Bunting; 2, hc, McVay, 2nd grand Yellow Bunting, in tip-top condition; vhc, Wilson. A.O.V.: 1, Wildsmith and Hawkins, monster of a Hawfinch, grand head and bib; 2, McVay, Shore Lark, in excellent condition, runs 1st closely; 3, Wilson, good cinnamon; 4, Bright, nice Hawfinch, better condition than winner, but lacks size; vhc, Stobbs; hc, Elliott; c, Rutherford. Special for best member's Yorkshire, J. J. Bright.

# Singing Contests.

## LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest for quality singing held May 30th, at the Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe-lane, when 17 birds sang. 1, Sellers; 2, Turner; 3, Ward. Judges: Naylor and Symons. — WALTER NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

## BLACKBURN.

Blackburn Linnet Quality Singing Association held the All England Quality Singing Contest (as advertised in your valuable paper) on May 29th, when 42 birds were entered to sing for six valuable prizes. We also had a large number of friends present. We had some most excellent singing, and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent listening to the birds. Result: 1, R. Hayhurst (Blackburn); 2, T. Pickering (Preston); 3, W. H. Jones (Wigan); 4, G. Rostron (Blackburn); 5, D. Bentley (Great Harwood); 6, J. Dobson (Blackburn). Referee: J. Dobson (Blackburn). Judges: T. Jump (Wigan), E. Christopherson (Blackburn). Timekeeper: R. Hayhurst (Blackburn). Birdkeeper: R. Fender (Blackburn).—Messrs. ROSTRON AND SLATER.

## SHEFFIELD.

Result of the contest held weekly at the Newmarket Hotel, Sheaf-street: 1, Palfreyman, 95secs.; 2, Robinson, 70secs.; 3, Machin, 56secs. The birds were hung 3 minutes and 37 birds sang. We have some of the best time singers in Yorks or Lancs here.—H. FENN, Sec.

"Mr. Coles has met Mr. Brown to-day in the £20 contest, and beat him easily with Baker's old bird," writes Mr. John Coles (Sheffield).

## YORK.

The 32nd annual Whitsuntide Linnet singing contest was held at The Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer-lane, Hungate, York, on Whit Monday, May 31st. 24 birds entered for competition, and some very good singing was heard. 1, Jas. Moore; 2, E. Mangham; 3, Emmerson; 4, J. Andrews; 5, A. Barnard. Mr. J. W. Paver officiated as judge; Mr. John Evans timekeeper.—WM. EMPSON.

The weekly Linnet singing contest was held at The Bricklayers' Arms, on May 29th, when 24 birds competed. 1, Jas. Limbert, sen.; 2, Emmerson; 3, A. Barnard; 4, Maugham; 5, J. Mason. Mr. J. W. Paver was judge; Mr. Jas. Limbert, sen., timekeeper. —WM. EMPSON.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at the Crown Inn, North-street, York, May 29th, when 22 birds competed. Some very good singing was heard. Result: 1st, W. Palmer; 2nd, J. Lee; 3rd, W. Wilson; 4th, J. Mason; 5th, T. Massheder. Judge, Mr. W. Perry. Timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

## DURHAM.

A Linnet sing was held at the Half Way House, Witton Gilbert, on May 29th. Fifty-five birds competed for the four prizes. The singing was a treat. Fanciers were present from all parts of the county. Result: 1st and 2nd was divided between McQuirck and Plews; 3rd and 4th, Needham. Judge, Geo. Reed (Brandon). Also on Whit-Monday a contest was held at the Burton House, Gilesgate, when 44 birds sang. Result: 1st and 2nd, Foster; 3rd and 4th, McQuirck. Judge, Geo. Reed. Timekeeper, W. Fairless. Bookkeeper, J. Stout.—GEO. REED.

## PENDLEBURY.

A Lark singing competition was held at headquarters, "British Queen," on May 29th. Sing for 10 minutes, hanging 3 minutes. 1, T. Wallwork, 8.53; 2, J. Sykes, 8.15; 3, G. Williams, 7.41; 4, Smalley, 6.40. Timekeeper: J. Howarth. Judge: E. Royle.—A. DONNELLY.

# The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given each week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.

## *A Waiter's Mistake.

Before the introduction of the telegraph, the editor of a newspaper published in Antwerp sent a reporter to Brussels to take down the king's speech, and with him a couple of carrier pigeons to be despatched each with a copy of the document. At Brussels the reporter gave the pigeons to a waiter, called for breakfast. He was kept waiting some time, but a very delicious stew made up for the delay. After breakfast he paid his bill and asked for his carrier pigeons. "Pigeons!" exclaimed the waiter, "why you have eaten them!"—Sent by Wm. E. Purrington (age 15), 102, Eaton Mews North, Eaton Square, London, S.W.

## **The Tame Blue Tit.

Some time ago my father bought a Blue-Tit. He has trained it to come out of its cage at meal times and eat from his plate. About two months ago father saw a Blue-Tit in the trees at the back of our garden, so he put his in a decoy trap; presently he looked out of the window and saw a Blue Tit on the top of the trap, eating the mealworm which he had put in for bait. When he looked closer he found that it was his own Blue Tit, which had got through the wires. He ran indoors for a cage and another mealworm. When the bird had finished eating, father threw the worm into the cage, and the bird flew in and was captured once more.—Sent by Mabel Ethel Riches (aged 12), 69, Higham Street, Higham Hill, Walthamstow.

## *A Parrot and a Horse.

A few years ago a Parrot that was kept near the quay in a seaport town had learned the term" with its appropriate enunciation—one used by carters in "backing" their horses so as to bring the waggon into a convenient position for loading and unloading. One day a horse and cart had been left unattended for a few moments near the water's edge and was presently spied by the mischievous Parrot, who cried in a gruff voice: "Woa back." The unsuspicious cart horse "woa backed" accordingly, and again and again as the delighted bird repeated the command, till the horse and vehicle tipped over the stone coping and the poor animal was drowned.—Sent by Frank Briars (age 10), 57, Evans Street, Belgrave, Leicester.

# Under the White Rose.

THE newly-formed Green Marked Y.C.C. hold their general meeting to-day (Saturday) at headquarters, Market Tavern, Bradford, when the rules and suggestions as drawn up by the committee will be placed before the members for their confirmation or alteration, etc.: also a permanent committee will require electing, as the one selected at last meeting was only pro tem, to put things in working order.

WE have now three specialist clubs for the advancement of the Yorkshire Canary in the home county, viz., the original Y.C.C., which, by the way, we shall now have to term "The Clear and Ticked Y.C.C.," as these are now all that are left for the "old original" to cater for—the "C.M.Y.C.C." and the "G.M.Y.C.C.," and it behoves all Yorkshire fanciers to assist in the upholding of their special varieties. It is estimated that there are at least 2,000 breeders of the Yorkshire Canary within a radius of twenty miles of Bradford Town Hall, and from this multitude only a meagre 275 names are down as members of the specialist clubs. But it is hoped this number will soon increase, as no one will have as excuse that "his variety is not catered for."

THE C.M.Y.C.C. is going strong. No less than 40 new members are to be proposed at the next meeting. Members, too, are coming in strong for the Green Marked Club, 60 or over having joined already.

HAVING a few hours to spare the other day, a friend and myself took a stroll countrywards, and were amply repaid for our trouble. A few minutes after leaving the car at Queensbury, I heard a voice calling, and on looking round was pleased to see a birdy pal. After a chat on birdy breeding for a few minutes, the conversation veered round to the Green Marked Club; result, another member captured. Cinnamon Marks were also mentioned, and he stated that himself and a friend intended to join that club. Look out for me, Mr. Secretaries; I have both names and brass.

AFTER leaving our friend, we proceeded across country, and were soon amongst the birds. Thrushes, Blackbirds, Blue-dunnocks, Linnets, etc., were here, there, and everywhere. The Cuckoo was calling in the distance, and in one place I was pleased to have a splendid view of a pair of Magpies; a grand pair, they were in lovely condition.

"STRAIGHT-'UN."

# SOME BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1909 SEASON.

*Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others, and must be accompanied by the sender's name and address in every case.*

**Northern Y.C.C.**

As breeding results are always welcome by your go-ahead paper, I am sending you the result of a few of our members:—Mr. Leach upwards of 20, Mr. J. Curry 14, Mr. Ellwood 56, Mr. Davidson 20, Mr. Carr 16, Mr. Wigglesworth 12, Tindale 24. Mr. Dix has had poor results, so has Mr. Harrison and Mr. White only 2 or 3 each. I have close on 70, and just commencing second round.—T. C. CRAWHALL.

**Cardiff.**

Mr. W. S. Negus, the secretary of the Cardiff and Dis. C.B.S., writes: Breeding experiences were discussed by the members at our last meeting. Some are meeting with extraordinary successes, while others report the reverse. Ill-luck is attributed generally to the dry east winds that have been experienced in this part of the country during the early part of the breeding season.

**Midland Roller Canary Club.**

Some of our members are doing exceptionally well this breeding season, having as many as 30 to 40 birds doing for themselves, while others are just the reverse, not having a solitary youngster as yet. Clear eggs and bad feeding hens seem more plentiful than usual round this district.—J. H. WILLOWS, hon. secretary.

**Warrington.**

Yorkshire breeders in this district have had poor results from the first round, but the second promises to be better. Norwich breeders are having good results, and several promising youngsters have been bred. We have not heard of any Mules or Hybrids being bred yet; these may be expected to do better later on.—C. DUKES, secretary, Warrington C.B.S.

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# Club Reports.

## GLASGOW & WEST. COUNTIES B.C.

Meeting held in the Good Templars' Hall, Ingram-street. Mr. Pettigrew presided. Mr. Pettigrew gave a report of the splendid ramble the members had at Thornton Hall, not forgetting the scones and bannocks that were "removed" during the time they were there. It was resolved to have another ramble on the 19th June. The date of the First Feather Show was fixed for the 10th July. The patronage of the club was granted to Kilmarnock Ornithological C.B.S.—T. DRYSDALE, Sec.

## SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Fortnightly meeting held May 29th, at the Fawcett-street Cafe. Mr. W. F. Swan presided in the absence of Mr. J. Farrar, who is confined to his bed through an accident. The chief subject for discussion was the selection of matched pairs, and about an hour and a half was devoted to considering the relative merits of in-breeding, pedigree breeding, and breeding from birds selected on sight. The question of using a large cock to a small hen, or vice-versa, and breeding from medium-sized pairs, were all gone into, the discussion being thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Two new members were elected, Mr. P. F. Thomas, of Kamptee, India, and Mr. Summersides, of Monkwearmouth. Mr. Thomas is the second gentleman from India who has joined the Society, and his admission gave the greatest satisfaction to the members.—W. REID, Secretary.

## QUEEN'S PARK AND DISTRICT (Glasgow) C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held in Marie Stuart Hall, Langside-road, Crosshill. The first feather show business was gone into with great zeal. It is to be held in above ball on June 26th, birds to be staged not later than 4 p.m. The June meeting will be held an hour before the first feather show opening, and there will be no meeting on the last Friday of the month. Members will materially help matters by being prompt at meeting, and staging birds at time arranged. The club is fortunate in securing the services of Mr. J. Ferguson as judge for first feather show. The special prizes for same are coming in beyond expectation. We are growing apace; new members at each meeting, and we invite anyone who would like to join us. Entries for first feather not later than June 19th.—G. N. THOMSON, Sec.

## GATESHEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held May 26th, at headquarters, Mr. Almond in the chair. Considering that the breeding season is at its height, we had a good attendance of members. After minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted, we enrolled four new members: Mr. Currah and Son, of Newcastle joining our ranks, also Mr. Coutts and Mr. Harvey, of Byker. Schedule for First Feather Show was gone into; we are again having nineteen classes. Some discussion arose over judge, so it was left over till next meeting to be held on June 9th. It was proposed to hold a smoker after show, which met with approval by most of the members present. As we have secured a splendid room for the occasion, we hope to see as many present as possible. It was also suggested to have a ramble; we decided to make final arrangements at next meeting.—G. BUCK and H. JOHNSON, Secs.

## NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

A meeting was held on May 26th to consider the specials for the Nest Feather and Autumn Shows. Before business commenced, Mr. Tweedale said he had a very sad announcement to make, that one of the members who had joined only this year had been taken away very suddenly, and be proposed that that we send our sympathy to Mrs. Whitfield and her small family. The resolution was carried in silence. It was resolved to leave the question of specials for table shows open until later in the season, and that subscriptions be invited from members. 12/- was promised. It was decided that we accept Mr. Sandiford's offer of a two guinea challenge cup for most points won by members, three highest birds over six selected shows, birds to have been moulted on Sandiford's Colour Feed. That the club give a gold medal for second most points, and that we give one medal at each show for the best bird shown by a member. In the novice section it was decided that we give a silver medal at each show for the best bird shown by a novice member. That the cup given by Dr. O'Neal be for most points gained by a novice, two highest birds to count, the club to give a gold medal for second most points. Mr. Atkins promised 2/6 for third most points. Sandiford's cup is to be won twice before being the absolute property of the exhibitor. The N.Y.C.C. Challenge Cup is to be competed for as before. Our next Table Show is to be held in conjunction with the Northern British Bird, Mule, and Foreign Bird Club on June 16th. All subscriptions must be paid in June.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Hon. Sec.

## NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

A splendid muster of members were present at headquarters on 19th May, to hear Mr. Morris's lecture on the Norwich Plainhead. Mr. Hale occupied the chair. In order to make his remarks clear to all present, the lecturer had brought three fine specimens of Norwich, and during his lecture described very fully the points to be considered in selecting a Norwich, and also what to avoid. He strongly condemned the method of double buffing, having proved by experience that no real good birds would be obtained from it, the result being a bundle of feathers and quality very poor. To obtain good colour, he advised the novice to use green blood, one such bird being sufficient in the breeding room, and said caution should be exercised in obtaining the right stock bird, which he described as a bronze green, and which would be the means of establishing a foundation of colour in one's stock. He recommended the beginner not to purchase birds here and there, but to go to a reliable breeder for his stock, and also never to buy a buff off the show bench, as many carried too much feather, or others bred double buff. He dwelt at some length on the use of a breeding record, by which the breeder would know how his stock was bred and also the faults, etc., to guard against when pairing up. By this means a breeder would be able to turn up the pedigree of all his stock, which the lecturer maintained was essential. Many other points were thoroughly explained, the lecturer repeatedly referring to the birds present to emphasise his points. At the close of his lecture, Mr. Morris answered questions, the chief item discussed being breeding from pedigree. Mr. Morris stuck to his guns well, maintaining that pedigree was absolutely essential and that a breeder must exercise his judgment in pairing his stock, and not simply rely on pedigree alone. Questions were asked by Messrs. Crisp, Forse, Penton, Harper, Lacey, Cox, and several others. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Morris at the close.—R. P. CARTER, Hon. Sec.

## WARRINGTON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held May 27th in the Blue Bell Sale Rooms; Mr. W. R Knowles presided. The date of nest feather show was fixed for June 19th; judge, Mr. W. R. Knowles. Several of the members promised specials for the different sections, which should draw a good entry. The show will be held at the Blue Bell Sale Rooms, and will be open to visitors after 1.30 p.m. Annual outing takes place June 20th.—C. DUKES, Sec.

## JARROW AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Richardson, who had promised to give us a washing exhibition, Mr. W. Bowen kindly offered his services for the occasion, and washed a couple of birds for us and afterwards gave the members some good advice on how to wash their birds for the coming shows. There was a good gathering of friends and members, and all spent a very interesting evening. Our next meetiug is on Tuesday, June 8th, in Lockhart's Cafe. —ROBT. BLORE, Sec.

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## STOCKPORT B.F.A.

Fortnightly meeting held at the Boar's Head Hotel on May 25th. Our genial President, Mr. J. E. Davies presided. The prizes provided by the President have been on view and were much admired. They are well worth winning. Champion prize, a splendid clock value £7 7s., to be competed for with 8 birds. Amateur prize, valuable silver-plated tea urn, to be competed for with 6 birds; and a very nice silver-plated coffee pot for the British Bird fanciers. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Davies was passed for his generosity in providing such specials for our coming show. These prizes, together with the cup and other specials, should draw a good entry. Will members kindly notice alteration of meeting night.—W. STAFFORD

## MIDLAND ROLLER CANARY CLUB.

Monthly meeting held May 27th, at Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, when a good muster of members turned up to transact the important business of passing rules and fixing show date, etc. Mr. Max Jacquinn presided. Since last meeting the committee had read and drawn up a set of rules similar to those which govern other Roller societies. These were discussed at length, and then passed in their entirety. It was unanimously decided that November 3rd and 4th be the dates fixed for the annual open contest, and that Mr. F. A. Lester, London, be asked to judge. Four new members were elected, viz., Messrs. Tonkins (Birmingham), J. Brown (Wednesfield), A. Shepherd (Willeshall), Cooper (Wolverhampton).—J. H. WILLOWS, Sec.

## GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Adjourned general meeting held in the Oldham Hall, Rinshaw-street, Liverpool, May 27th, Mrs. Hales in the chair. Patronage: It was decided that the classification be as last year, viz., Selfs and Fouls first show and alternately cocks and hens. All applications for patronage to be in the hands of the Secretary by July 20th, and the patronage will be allotted on July 24th. Societies asking for same must undertake to put on the necessary eight classes and take the rotation of classification. It was decided to again have a draw to raise the cash specials; all arrangements for this being left in the hands of the committee. It was also decided to have two novice cups as last year, the cups to be raised by voluntary subscriptions. About £2 was subscribed at the meeting, and the Secretary will be glad to hear from any member who wishes to subscribe to cups. The Nest Feather Show was fixed for July 24th, Mr. Houlton, St. Helens, to judge. —S. HADWIN, Sec.

## HULL C.B.S.

The Society recently held its annual country ramble at Croxby Pond, the beautiful grounds of Lord Yarborough (by kind permission of his agent, C. B. Hankey, Esq.). A good muster turned up and were taken to their destination by brake over a hilly course. On arrival, parties were formed with the object of studying wild bird life, the grounds containing an abundance of trees, shrubs, and a large pond studded with reeds and willows affording cosy nesting places for birds and wild fowl. Amongst the species were discovered wild ducks, coots, water hens, and a large swan, which latter showed a very antagonistic spirit towards intruders. Whilst of other species, Yellow Buntings, Chaffinches, Blue Tits, Wrens, Linnets, and commoner birds were discovered pursuing their breeding operations, which generally were found to be rather backward. In the fine old high trees with which the place abounds, Magpies and Jackdaws could be seen bringing up their broods, and lively squirrels were discovered in their haunts. After tea the party were photographed as a memento of the occasion. Another nest was discovered in the "doctor's" stockings, which had been hung on a tree to dry. It was said to be a Stonechat's, and must have been built very rapidly; stones were plentiful therein. The catering was well carried out by Mr. Moore, jun., whilst Mr. T. Cartwright proved himself to be a very capable waiter. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. A. Sutcliffe for kindly obtaining the necessary permit to visit Croxby, and also to Mr. Towl for obtaining a handsome silver medal for competition amongst our members. At a meeting held on May 24th, it was suggested that a picnic be arranged for August Bank Holiday at Ravendale Valley, open to all members and their friends, and steps will be taken to carry this arrangement out, if practicable.—H. HARDING, Hon. Treasurer.


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## METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

At our last meeting at headquarters the business was our forthcoming Young Bird Show, to be held at headquarters, on June 10th. It was decided that all exhibits be staged by 12 o'clock on the day of the show, and that the price of admission tickets should be 3d. each.—E. Box, Hon. Sec.

## SCOTTISH BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Will members kindly note subscriptions are now due? Will the member who sent subscription on or about the 19th-20th May kindly write again, as same has gone astray during my absence from town? All clubs asking for patronage must state name of judge or judges, along with list of classes. I trust members will do their utmost to increase membership.—A. W. WATSON, Sec.

## CARDIFF AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held May 20th, Mr. F. D. Jones presiding. It was decided to hold the Young Bird Show on July 7th, the classification to be as last year. A good number of specials are to be competed for, and it is hoped the entries will exceed those of last year. The advisability of holding a country ramble was deferred until the June meeting, when the final arrangements for the Young Bird Show will be made. It is hoped there will be a good muster of fanciers. —W. S. LEGUSS, Sec.

## DARVEL O.S.

General meeting, May 26th. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. Secretary was instructed to enquire about a hall for members' shows. Before proceeding with schedule for open show (to be held on November 6th), it was agreed that we pay half prize money on classes under 7; no entries to be returned except in classes under 4, which will be cancelled. Copy of last year's schedule was then gone over and a number of alterations and additions made. Agreed, that there be no cat section this year. A list of judges' names was drawn up, and the Secretary was instructed to write them.—J. ROBERTSON, jun., Sec.

## BANNOCKBURN & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held in the Lesser Town Hall, on May 29th. Decided, that we make our classification thus: Scotch Fancy 9, Norwich Plainhead 10, Crest and Crestbred 4, Border Fancy 9, British 7, Mules 2, Foreign 3, A.O.V. 1, and gift class. Our show will be held on November 6th. Judges: Mr. Geo. Scaife, Mr. W. Webster, and Mr. Peter Pettigrew. We hope to hear from any fanciers in our district wishing to become a member. Fee, 2/6. Next meeting night, 12th of June, in the Town Hall, Bannockburn. We are desirous of holding a members' show of young birds at that meeting.—W. RITCHIE, Sec.

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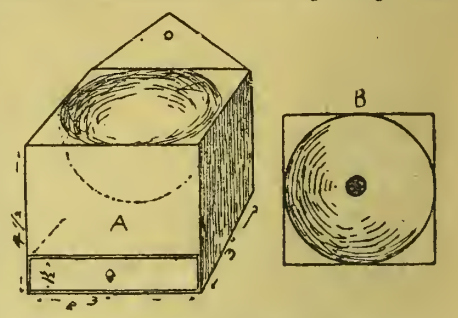
## No. 314.
## A Safety Nest.
### Sent by T. Giles, 15a, Austin Street, Stamford, Lincolnshire.

I enclose a sketch of a safety nest for the use of Hybrid breeders. It enables one to remove the eggs without frightening the birds. It should be made 4½in. high and



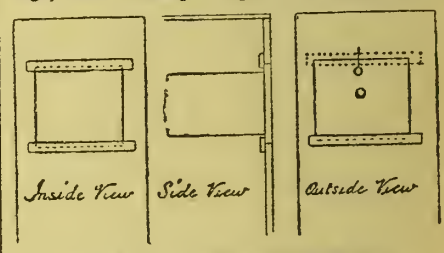

**A Safety Nest.**

*A: Nest ready for use. B: Top of nest, showing the hole through which the eggs fall.*

three inches the other two ways, as per sketch. A cokernut should be purchased, and sawn across, then you have two nest pans. The drawers should be 1½in. deep, and be filled with cotton wool (or other soft material), and it can be so arranged that a slot cut in the end of the cage enables the drawer to be pulled out from the outside of the cage, and the egg taken away. A hole is cut in the bottom of the nest-pan and lining, through which the egg drops.—T. GILES.

## No. 315.
## An Easily Removable Nest-box.
### Sent by H. Wright, 75, Bridge Road, Battersea, S.W.

I enclose a sketch of the nest boxes I use in my breeding cages (all of which I make myself). I leave all dimensions to the maker's fancy. I first cut a hole in the end of the cage, then arrange a piece of wood to fit




**An Easily Removable Nest-box.**

exactly in the space, and I attach the nest box to the inside of the latter. Then place the lower edge of this piece of wood into the groove at the bottom of the opening (made by a strip of wood fixed across it), when the top will fall on to the piece fixed across on the inside of the cage; then put on a wire fastener to secure it, and a knob. This "door" acts almost as a drawer, and I find it most convenient for inspecting the nest at any time, while it is easy to supply a clean nest for the young.—H. WRIGHT.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**Ardwick and Dis. C.B.S.** — June 8, Blacksmith Arms, 8. First feather show business.—J. Spencer.

**Attercliffe and Dis. C.B.S.**—June 10, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Table show of young birds, bred by novices, and judges for nest feather show.—W. Richinson.

**Accrington and Dis. C.B.S.**—June 10, Central Conservative Club, 8. Young show business.—J. W. Philpott.

**Brighouse and Dis. C.B.S.**—June 8, Round House Inn, 8. Schedules for members' F.F. show. — F. Mitchell.

**Barrow and Dis. C.B.A.**—June 9, Club Room, 7.30. Nest feather show business; members please attend.—J. Higman.

**Bolton and Dis. R.C.S.**—June 8, The Joiners' Arms Hotel, Bolton, 7.30. Important; all members requested to attend.—W. Massey.

**Bolton and Dis. O.S.** — June 7, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8. Schedules for F.F. show.—H. Parkinson.

**Beamish and Dis. C.B.S.**—June 5, 7. Classes for nest feather show, June 26; other important business.—M. Croshy.

**Clapham and Dis. C.B.A.** — June 7, Avondale Hotel, 8.30. First feather show, etc.; all members attend, as important business must be settled.—A. C. Askew.

**City and County of Perth O.S.**—June 7, City Cafe, Methven Street, 8. Business of importance; full meeting requested.—J. Kerr.

**City of Bradford O.S.**—June 5, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Business important; members' show, June 12.—F. Rhodes.

**Dewsbury Dis. C.B.S.**—June 5, Royal Hotel, 7.30. F.F. show business.—N. Rayner.

**Denholme and Thornton C.B.S.**—June 8, Bull's Head Inn, Thornton, 8.—J. Holroyd.

**Derwent Valley C.B.S.**—June 5, Church Hall, 7. Consider schedule for annual show, and other important business.—J. Brown.

**Darlington C.B.S.**—June 9, Half Moon Hotel, 8. Date and classes, F.F. show; other important business.—W. Uuderwood.

**Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.**—June 9, Lockbart's Cafe, 7.30. Final arrangements for first feather show, smoker and suggested ramble; members requested to attend.—G. Buck and H. Johnson.

**Hull C.B.S.**—June 7, Oddfellows' Hall, 8 prompt. Members' first nest feather show, 3 champion classes, 3 novice classes, also presentation to the late secretary, Mr. F. F. Potter.—E. R. Ridley.

**Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.**—June 5, Crown Inn, 7. Business meeting.—A. J. Notley.

**Halifax O.S.**—June 5, Griffin Hotel, 8 prompt. Schedule for first feather shows, room for old show, extra judge. Other very important business.—J. F. Thackray.

**Kent County C.B.A.**—June 9, Barton Road Boys' School, Dover, 7.30. General.—G. Sanderson.

**Lowestoft and Dis. C.B.S.** — June 7, Fox and Hounds, 8.15.—W. Lang, Junr.

**Loanhead and Dis. C.B.S.** — June 12, Mason's Arms, 7. Arrangements for show.—W. B. Smart.

**Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.** — June 8, White Swan Hotel, 8. Lecture by Mr. Geo. Lander, "Mule and Hybrid Breediug." All fanciers invited.—C. Draper.

**Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.**—June 5, Centre Hotel, 7.30. Important.—D. John.

**Liverpool B.B.A.**—June 10, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, 8. Night show of British. Points to count for cup and other specials; good list of specials; fanciers invited.—F. E. Hawkes.

**Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.**—June 9, Railway Hotel, Leigh, 7.30. Classification of nest feather show.—R. H. Davies.

**Leeds C.B.S.**—June 5, Three Legs Hotel, Lowerhead Row, show open at 5 p.m. Members' first feather show; judge, Mr. W. Richmond (Rodley); all birds to be staged by 2 p.m.—J. Chambers.

**Leyton and Dis. C.B.S.** — June 5, headquarters, 4.30. Show of Canaries, first feather. Judge, J. S. Clark, Esq.—W. F. Forsc.

**Manningham C.B.A.**—June 5, Mowhray Arms, 8. Y.C.C., and C.M.Y.C.C. patronage; also proposed ramble.—W. Holroyd.

**Morley and Dis. C.B.S.**—June 5, Sycamore Hotel, 8. First feather sbow, and stewards for same.—R. H. Turner.

**Morpeth and Dis. C. and C.B.S.**—June 11, Vose's Rooms, 7.30.—E. Cowling.

**Manchester and N.C. O.S.** — June 7, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Pairing, rearing, and feediug, by J. Raynes; also show business.—E. Jones.

**Metropolitan C.B.A.**—June 10, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W. First young bird show; judging commences 2 o'clock. Tickets of admission 3d. each.—E. Box, Hon. Sec.—Advt.

**North Manchester C.B.S.**—June 8, Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 8. Schedules and entry forms for first feather show.—J. Davey.

**Nelson and Dis. C.B.S.**—June 7, Bull Hotel, 8 prompt. Show business; specials.—J. England.

**Ormskirk and Dis. C.B.S.**—June 7, headquarters, 8. F.F. show business and quarterly purchase coupons.—T. H. Tiffen.

**Pendlebury, Swinton, C.B.S.**—June 10, Blue Ribbon Hall, 8. Show business.—A. Donnell.

**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** — June 14, Chapel Street Hall, Salford, 8. First feather business, and alteration of rule 14; members specially urged to attend.—H. Clayton.

**Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun and Dis. F. and F.S.** — June 8, Mr. Ehorne's, 8. To receive report of auditors and consider schedule.—McLucas and James.

**Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A.**—June 10, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Final arrangements for the young bird show.—J. C. Birch.

**Rochdale O.C.**—June 7, Club, 8. Election of judge for F.F. show, July 17.—J. Butterworth.

**South-West London C.B.S.** — June 10, Plough Hotel, St. John's Hill, 8.30. General business in connection with young bird show, June 19.—W. Lilley.

**South London Col. and F.A.**—June 10, the Royal George, Tanner's Hill, Lewisham, High Road. Young stock show. Judges—Mr. J. Robson. Exhibits to be staged by 7.30 p.m.—G. A. Jefferys.

**Southall and Dis. C.B.S.** — June 7, St. John's Schools, 8 sharp. Decide rules, etc.; fix date of young bird show; fanciers invited to attend.—T. G. Jeffery.

**Swansea and Dis. C.B.A.**—June 10, Market Coffee Tavern, 7.30. General business.—A. Hitchings.

**St. Helens and Dis. O.S.**—June 7, George Inn, Water Street, 8.15. Members requested to attend punctually; rearrangement for lectures, etc.—A. Goodall.

**Stockport B.F.A.**—June 15, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Entries for first feather show, to be banded in at 9 p.m.—W. Stafford.

**Sunderland C.B.A.**—June 12, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Arrangements for young bird shows; members please attend to receive schedules.—W. Reid.

**Shipley O.S.**—June 8, Prince of Wales Hotel, 8.—D. Marsden.

**Sandy Lane and Dis. C.B.A.**—June 8, Victoria Hotel, 8. Open show business.—B. Buckle.

**Spen Valley C.B.S.**—June 7, Commercial Hotel, 8.—J. Lewis.

**Sale Open C.B.S.**—June 7, Technical School, 8. Washing demonstration, by Mr. J. W. Bancroft, of Sale, and other F.F. business.—J. Irlam.

**Tong and Dis. C.B.S.**—June 8, Holme Lane Hotel, 7.30. First feather show, and specials.—J. Smith.

**Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.**—June 10, Station Hotel, 7.30 prompt. Young stock show business.—Richardson and Greenwell.

**West Bromwich and Dis. C.B.S.**—June 8, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. First annual cycle ride to Stoke Works, June 13. Will all who intend joining send names in not later than June 8th. Dinner at 2s. per head; or by train Birmingham, 8.40 a.m. Ladies specially invited.—Duffield and Jennings.

**Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S.**—June 7, The Broadway, 8. "Hints on Colour Feeding and Moulting," by H. E. Parrott, Esq. Judging competition, young birds.—H. Smith.

**Wandsworth and Dis. F.A.**—June 10, headquarters, 8. To arrange matters for cage bird judging competition, to be held June 17; also annual show business.—W. Summers.

**West of Scotland B.C.**—June 5, Nelson's Hotel, 83, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 7.30. Arrangements for first feather show.—G. Smart.

**Wood Green F.F.A.**—June 8, headquarters, 8.30. Lecture by Mr. Geo. Gardner, on "Cage Birds."—T. Callegari.

**Y.C.C. of Scotland.**—June 8, Glasgow, 8. Last meeting for paying subscriptions. Business: First feather show; fixing meeting place.—F. Bowman.

## FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

**The dates fixed for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as decided upon.**

June 5.—Leeds C.B.S.
June 7.—Hull C.B.S.
June 9.—Hastings United C.B.S.
June 10.—Metropolitan C.B.A.
June 12 and July 17.—City of Bradford O.S.
June 12.—West Stanley and Dis. C.B.S.
June 12.—Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.
June 12, July 3, and July 24.—Bradford East O.S.
June 12 and July 31.—Southport and Dis. C.B.C.
June 12, July 17, and Aug. 21.—Tong and Dis. C.B.S.
June 17 and 18.—Stockport B.F.A.
June 19.—Coalville and Dis. C.B.S.
June 19.—Great Horton O.S.
June 19.—Bolton and Dis. O.S.
June 19.—N. Manchester C.B.S.
June 19.—Barton-on-Humber C. and B.B.C.
June 19.—Exeter and Dis. C.B.S.
June 19.—Warrington C.B.S.
June 19.—Attercliffe and Dis. C.B.S.
June 19.—South-West London C.B.S.
June 26.—Nortb London C.B.A.
June 26.—Heywood and Dis. C.B.S.
June 26.—London and Counties O.A.
June 26.—Sale Open O.S.
June 26.—Spen Valley C.B.S.
June 26.—Queen's Park (Glasgow) and Dis. C.B.S.
June 26, July 10, and July 24.—Sunderland C.B.A.
June 26 and July 31.—Wibsey and Dis. C.B.S.
June 26.—Beamish and Dis. C.B.S.
June 26.—Pendleton and Salford O.S.
June 26 and July 31.—Bingley and Dis. O.S.
June 26.—Liverpool B.B.A.
June 26.—Derwent Valley C.B.S.
June 30.—Y.C.C. of Scotland.
July 1.—Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.
July 1.—Stockton-on-Tees and Dis. C.B.S.
July 1.—Dulwich O.S.
July 1.—Altrincham C.B.S.
July 3.—City and Suburban A.C.B.
July 3.—Oldham and Dis. C.B.S.
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# Some Breeding Season . . . . Troubles Considered.

By T. W. WILSON.

**A Lecture before the members and friends of the Halifax O.S. on April 3rd.**

*(Continued from page 450).*

### The Red Mite Pest.

The next trouble on the list is of a different order, and is perhaps more vexatious than serious. The "red-mite pest" (to which I am referring) is one that, whilst it is not at all desirable, cannot be classed as of a fatal order. It may be taken at the outset as a *sine qua non* that when you set out to breed Canaries by choice, you are also setting out to breed red-mite willy-nilly. This being the case, the first thing to ascertain is when and where they first made their unwelcome appearance. This you will find to be about the end of May in the nest-pots.

When you take them away to replace them with clean ones for the next nests, on examining them you will find a few tiny moving dots which represent the "enemy." Don't fail to clear that pot right away, and scour it out as soon as possible. You must now keep a sharp look-out on the perch-ends and the seed-lockers in the weekly clean up; also in all tiny crevices in the cages, as when once the mites get a hold they multiply rapidly.

You will find more in the nests as the season reaches its close, and if you watch this point you will do a lot to keep them from spreading. This is very essential in view of the moulting season, as if there are large numbers of red mite present, that very desirable condition of things, known as a "quick moult," is very much discounted. I have never found them do any very great damage by their presence in the nest; in fact, I have noted at times a particularly large and lusty lot of chicks reared on a perfect ant-hill of these pests. I have also found various British birds' nests that have been "alive" with the vermin, and yet the young seemed most vigorous. I may instance more particularly the nest of the Swallow. But yet taking all things into account the less you entertain this uninvited guest, the better for your stock, if only on the score of comfort.

### Some Minor Troubles.

This exhausts my list of major troubles, but I have yet a passing reference to make with regard to a few minor ones. First, there is the case of the hen who persistently refuses to mate with the gent of your choice, but shows ardent attachment to some other fellow across the room. When this happens, first locate the object of the errant lady's affections; he can be found by means of the answering calls. Promptly remove him as far away as possible, even to the extent of a swing-cage downstairs, as it is generally an unattached cock bird in whose case this happens.

Another trouble is having a hen which consistently ignores the nest provided, and lays her eggs on the floor of the cage. I have met this difficulty in various ways. In some cases the putting of the nest pot in the place where the hen lays her eggs succeeds, and in some instances I have made a rude nest on the cage bottom myself, and there the brood has been reared. These two are, however, rare cases.

I do not want my hearers to go away with the idea that they will be beset and worried by the woeful list of troubles I have outlined; on the contrary even the veriest tyro should be able to steer clear of nine-tenths of them by decent management and an intelligent interpretation of the many articles from the pens of old and experienced hands that appear almost weekly at this time of the year in Cage Birds.

In conclusion I wish to mention just a few seemingly trivial things, all of which however play their part in helping to prevent many of the aforementioned troubles and difficulties from besetting the fancier, be he an old hand or a beginner. In the first place, give your hens all the room and exercise you can in the winter, so that they will be in good hard training when pairing time comes round, as you will find that you will have but few of the vexations I have instanced if they are in the best of condition. Don't forget to trim the claws of old birds before pairing them, so as to lessen your chances of having clawholed eggs or young birds dragged out of the nest when the hen comes off. Don't enter the bird-room either hurriedly or silently, but give due notice of your coming. Go about the work of the bird-room in a gentle and easy manner. Don't point at sitting or brooding hens with your training stick, for though gesticulation may be the soul of oratory, I object to having my birds pointed at suddenly, especially when they are on the nest. Don't neglect to dredge the nest and under the lining with insect powder when setting the hen. Don't fail to give a hen that has sat a nest of clear eggs, at least a fortnight's rest and good diet before pairing her again; three weeks would be better, as all hens are greatly reduced in tone by the incubating process. Position of perches: below the nest one inch till young are 12 days old, then higher 2ins.

Lastly, whatever the trouble of the moment, don't let it weigh too much on your mind. Don't let the sad loss of a youngster or two occupy your mind except in so far as the lesson gained from the experience may be useful to you; but centre all your mind and hopes on those that are still left and requiring your best attention. Study your birds' characteristics and don't try to make them do your way, but try to do theirs, and a greater measure of success will be yours, and you will vote the Canary cult one of the most fascinating of hobbies.

*(To be continued.)*


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# *Twitterings.*

Ludlow Show will be held November 24th and 25th, with Mr. J. H. Roe as judge, writes Mr. J. Bessell, the hon. secretary.

I am the judge elect for West Stanley Annual Show, to be held October 30th next, writes Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham).

Mr. J. Kerr, the hon. secretary, of the City and County of Perth O.S., asks us to notify his change of address to 18, James Street, Perth.

You might be pleased to hear that I sent out over 2 cwt. of "Bird-ox" last week alone, and many were repeat orders.—R. TAYLOR (Preston).

All the knowledge I have gained is through the regular reading of CAGE BIRDS, writes Miss A. Munday (Axminster). It is an excellent paper.

Will fanciers kindly note my change of address to more suitable premises, Millhouse, 57, Lime Street, Sheffield, writes Mr. Edgar Broadbent.

Kindly notify my change of address to Eldon Place, Kelty, from Normand Place, writes Mr. John Ford, the secretary, Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.

Kindly state in your valuable paper that I have removed from St. Vigeans, Arbroath, and that my address is now Newtyle Station, writes Mr. James Milne.

The subscriptions to the Cage Bird Union, we hear from the secretary, Mr. Raynes, are coming in as fast as they did last year, so that the season promises to be a most successful one.

The London and Provincial O.S. Young Stock Show takes place on Saturday, July 3rd, at 3 p.m., at The Raglan, and will be judged by Mr. T. Heath, writes Mr. H. F. Tringham, the hon. secretary.

My Zebra Finches were sold on Friday afternoon, writes Mr. W. Baker. It is costing me 1s. 1d. to return the P.O.'s and cheques, without counting P.C.'s to answer inquiries! I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

The Bedford and Bedfordshire Cage Bird Society will, we hear, hold a First Feather Show on Thursday, June 10th, when Mr. Martin (Wellingboro') will make the awards. Points at this show to count for silver cup.

We hear that Mr. E. Peers (Nantwich) has a clutch of five eggs from Goldfinch-Bullfinch, all fertile. They were due to hatch May 31st, under a Green hen. The Bullie hen which laid them sat very closely right through the time.

I cannot praise CAGE BIRDS enough, writes Mr. F. Ling (Oulton Broad). I have fourteen young Canaries from four pairs, first round, and all nesting again. Being my first year, I attributed my success to CAGE BIRDS and your ANNUAL.

At the Ormskirk and Dis. C.B.S. First Feather Show, on July 10th, Mr. P. Waring (Preston), is engaged as judge, writes Mr. T. H. Tiffen, the secretary, and at the Old Bird Show on November 27th, Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) is to judge.

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The judge appointed for our open show, to be held October 30th, is Mr. T. Dixon (Bedlington Station), and the judge for our First Feather Show, to be held June 26th, is Mr. J. Grieves (Gateshead), writes Mr. J. Brown, secretary, Derwent Valley C.B.S.

We have again had to alter our show date, writes Mr. A. Wigginton, hon. secretary, Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S., but same is now definitely fixed for December 18th. We are under C.B.U. rules, and we have appointed Mr. R. Rhodes and Mr. J. Bexson as judges.

Kindly note, writes Mr. Montague E. Feltham, hon. secretary of the Bournemouth and Dis. C.B.A., that we have engaged Mr. J. Bastock (Birmingham) to judge the whole of our show on November 23rd and 24th. The show will not be held under Cage Bird Union rules.

Don't be led astray by anyone advising you to keep seed-boxes on to get a good colour. Send to Sandiford's for full directions and samples new colour-feeds. Those who advise above don't know, and never shown any proof of what they say. See advertisement columns. —(ADVT.)

Mr. Aitken, the hon. secretary, writes that the first show of the Bangor and Dis. Fanciers Society, on May 29th, was well attended, and that fanciers in the district will do well to join as members. He hopes to have a balance on the right side. Anyone wishing to become a member should write to No. 1, Belmont Street, Bangor.

A fine lot of cups, bowls, and other specials are to be competed for at the Nest Feather, Old Bird, and British Bird Show of the Liverpool Bird Breeders' Association. The annual N.F. Show is on June 26th, when Mr. A. Wellings judges, while Mr. W. A. Cowgill and Mr. A. G. Davis will officiate at annual old show on November 27th.

We regret that last week in noticing the fine syllabus issued by the Leeds C.B.S. for the 1909 season, we gave the name of the late secretary, Mr. Tose, instead of that of Mr. J. Chambers, 22, St. Ann's Mount, Burley Hill, Leeds, who is now very capably filling the secretarial role.

The Pendleton and Salford O.S. First Feather Show will be held on June 26th, at Chapel Street Hall, Salford, writes Mr. H. Clayton, the hon. secretary, and at our next meeting of June 14th, the business is very important. Members enrolled on this date would be eligible to show at the First Feather Show.

Having met with an accident some time ago, writes Mr. James Irlam, 97, Cross Street, Sale, which has left me unable to follow my usual employment, I have now opened a bird and seed appliance stores at the above address, where I shall be very pleased to meet old friends and new. Will exhibitors and secretaries please note change of address?

The Barton and Dis. C.B.S. members are having a very successful breeding season, writes Mr. Gastall, the secretary. Young birds are plentiful, and are proving to be of exceptional quality. The society is holding a Nest Feather Show for members on Barton Fair, Monday, June 14th, in the Oddfellows' Hall. There will be no charge for admission, and friends and intending members will receive a hearty welcome. In addition to the young Canaries there will be staged for exhibition purposes only, a few specimens of British birds.

The Tong and Dis. C.B.S. will hold its First Feather Show on June 12th, writes Mr. J. Smith, the hon. secretary, instead of the 19th, owing to Great Horton Open Show. Mr. H. H. Towers has kindly given £1 to be divided into eight shows, for most points gained with three highest birds at each show, one member to only win 2s. 6d. once. There are also other specials and three gold and silver medals for end of the year. Mr. J. Hartley (Bingley) will judge our show on June 12th. We should be pleased to receive new members at out next meeting, June 8th.

## OBITUARY.

### Mr. ROBERT JOHNSON.

The members of the Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dis. C.B.S. have sustained a severe loss in the death of Mr. Robt. Johnson, who was a keen Yorkshire breeder, and died last week at the age of 49. He was interred at Winlaton, on Whitsunday, and among other fanciers who attended the funeral we noticed Messrs. J. McGuiness, J. Robson, J. Hands, G. Dobson, and R. Pattison. Peace to his ashes.—GEO. HARVER, secretary.

### Mr. J. H. VERRALL.

We deeply regret to hear of the demise of Mr. John Hubert Verrall, one of the "old brigade" of fanciers, and who will be well-known to our readers through the various articles and many letters he has from time to time contributed to our columns. Mrs. Becks (of Portslade), a niece, with whom Mr. Verrall passed the declining years of his life, writes:—

"I am sorry to say that my uncle passed away on Thursday, May 20th, after a lingering illness, due to cancer of the liver. He was buried on the 25th at St. John's Churchyard, Lewes. His brother, Mr. George Verrall, of Newmarket, Mrs. Claude Verrall, and several others I did not know, attended the burial service. He had lived with me (his niece) two and a half years. He has left a dear little Linnet that I shall look after, and I do hope it will live. Strange to say, he died on the same day as his brother Claude (my father), May 20th, two years ago."

Mr. Verrall, who was 68 years of age, was well-known to most of the "old school" in the Fancy. He attended the very early Crystal Palace Shows (commencing with the one in the year 1864), and was also an exhibitor at many of them. From 1880 to 1892 he did not miss a single fixture at the great Glass House. His tastes in birds were very varied, Canaries, British, and Foreign being alike favoured, though his particular leaning—if he can be said to have had one—was towards Mules, Hybrids, and rare-feathered birds. Another link in memory's chain of bye-gone associations is severed with the death of this sterling old fancier—may he sleep in peace.

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### London Federation of C.B.S.

A meeting of the Council will be held this Friday, June 4th, at 7.30 p.m., at the Feathers Hotel, Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, S.W.—P. ADAMTHWAITE, secretary.

### Green Marked Yorkshire C.C.

A general meeting of members and intending members will be held Saturday next, June 5th, at 6.30 p.m., at the Market Tavern, Bradford. Agenda: 1, New rules and regulations; 2, Method of counting points, starred birds or otherwise; 3, Classification for club patronage; 4, Election of other officers and whole committee. All members and intending members are earnestly requested to attend, as the business is of vital importance.—F. ARMSTRONG, hon. secretary.


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The Wallsend and Mid Tyne C.B.A. are reluctantly compelled to postpone their prize drawing, writes Mr. Jas. Johnston, late secretary, on account of a few more books not yet returned. Would the friends who have such kindly return same as early as possible to enable us to have the prizes drawn for at once? I would like publicly to thank for their kindness all to whom I sent books of tickets in giving us their help in trying to wipe off the deficit from our last show, which I am pleased to say is likely to be cleared off and leave us with a small balance in hand.

"Bird Notes"—issued and published by the Foreign Bird Club—for May, contains an exquisitely coloured plate by Mr. H. Goodchild, of Leclanche's or Rainbow Bunting. Two birds are depicted, one of them being a living specimen in the possession of Mrs. K. Leslie Miller. Some interesting notes by Mr. Wesley T. Page accompany the plate. Mr. Page also writes on "An Easter Visit to Members' (of the Foreign Bird Club) Aviaries," four or five of the aviaries referred to being excellently illustrated from photographs. "Book Notices and Reviews," "A Group of Interesting Acquisitions," "Bird Notes from Far and Near," and a further instalment of Mr. Douglas Dewar's series of articles on "The Birds of India," go to complete a really capital issue.

### The Norwich Plainhead Club.

Kindly announce that all societies desirous of having the club's patronage should apply to me at once, giving full particulars of classification, judge, etc. The rules provide that there must be eight classes, four money prizes, and a club judge.—J. HOPKINS, hon. secretary, 126, Bury New Road, Bolton, Lancs.

### The Cage Bird Union.

I should be glad if all those societies who are affiliated to the C.B.U. who may have changed their delegates for the coming year, will send on to me at once their names and addresses, as I wish to nominate all delegates for the selection of the Executive Council, which will take place at once. I shall also be glad to hear from societies thinking of joining the Union.—J. RAYNES, secretary, 9, Richmond Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

### N.B.B. and M.C. Outing.

The National British Bird and Mule Club annual outing takes places to-day (Saturday), June 5th, write Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr, the hon. secretaries. The morning party meet at the booking office Waterloo (south station) at 10 o'clock, and hook to Surbiton. The afternoon party meet at the booking office, No. 3 platform (main line), and proceed by the 1.37 train to Claygate, where we meet the morning party. Each person to get his own ticket. All fanciers and their friends invited.


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## CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

### Absence of Toes and Cause.

**J.C.D.**—Sorry, but I cannot really suggest anything better than merciful destruction for a brood of three young birds which have only two half toes and two stumps of toes amongst them. As they seem so thriving and healthy, you may, of course, wait awhile and see what agility they may acquire on leaving the nest, and if they should manage to get about tolerably well, then there would be some excuse for keeping them, but otherwise, the greatest kindness would undoubtedly be to stifle sentimentality and have them chloroformed. A rather wide flat perch, rubbed over with very coarse sandpaper so as to give it a slightly corrugated surface, should be the best aid to help them in getting about. As regards the cause, the habit you mention would have absolutely nothing at all to do with it. It is far more probable that one of the old birds, most likely the hen, when they were hatching nipped the missing toes off either accidently or otherwise.

### A Husky Norwich.

**Ayrshire Laddie.**—Your feeding is incorreet, in addition to which the bird doubtless contracted a cold during the bad weather we were having at the time you say he became ill. Alter the staple diet to three parts Canary to one part summer rape, and give in addition, separately, when it is recovered, a few grains of hemp twice a week, and on two other days a half teaspoonful of egg food, or a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake, and a spray of green food daily. For the present, feed as above, but give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops each of sherry and cod-liver oil emulsion mixed in it every second day for a fortnight. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week after if necessary. See that it is not exposed to any draughts.

### Deformed Feet.

**Yadnum.**—There should be no need to destroy the bird on account of its toes being deformed. You have, however, omitted to give the most important particulars, namely, whether it is the front toes or the hind ones which are doubled underneath. But as it is the hind toes in the vast majority of cases, I am replying on that assumption in your case, and if this is not correct, please write again and say so. First make two little rubber rings by cutting about an eighth of an inch off a rubber tube, same as used on a baby's feeding bottle, for each. Catch the bird, hold the three front toes together, and lay the hind toe back against the shank of the leg. Pass a rubber ring over the three front claws, and push it up the shank of the leg nearly, but not quite, as far as the hind toe reaches, and leave it there so that when you release the bird the hind toe will be held back by the ring. Treat both feet the same, and let the bird wear these rings two or three weeks. When you take them off give the bird only small round perches, about the size of a lead pencil, and take notice of the toes for a few days to see whether they come forward permanently again. If so, you must put on the rings for a week or two longer. But do not mind them coming forward for a few minutes or an hour occasionally. If they keep in their proper position most of the time, the small perches will complete the cure.

### Cause of Unfertility.

**W.B.**—The cause of all your eggs from both pairs of birds being unfertile is simply that the cocks were not in proper breeding condition. The cause of this lack of condition would be merely a matter of conjecture without more details as to treatment. It might have been due to the variable weather about the time, or to your feeding, which you say consists of best Canary seed and egg and biscuit. If that is their sole diet it is very faulty, As a staple diet, give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape during the breeding season, and now, to get them ready for mating again, give the cocks separately half a teaspoonful of hemp every second day, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of egg food with a few grains of inga and a pinch of gold of pleasure added to it. As green food, give two or three leaves of dandelion each daily. Instead of the above extras, give the hens a pinch of inga every second day, and the same kind and quantity of egg food, but minus the inga, on the alternate days. As green food, give them a supply of chickweed daily. You may also give the cocks six drops of dandelion juice and four of tincture of gentian in the water for a few days. After a week or fortnight of this treatment, you should be able to mate them with much better results.

### Making a Muddle of it.

**Kitchen Boy.**—You have evidently been overfeeding the Yorkshires and thereby unconsciously contributing to the failure. Take away the nest box for a week, and during this time treat the bird as follows. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for three consecutive days, and after that give twenty drops of Chemical Food every second day for a week or fortnight. It will not matter if this is continued up to the time of laying again. As regards the diet, give a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, linseed, and inga between the pair, and on the alternate days give the same quantity of egg food with a pinch of gold of pleasure sprinkled over it. Do not give egg without any bread or biscuit, as you have been doing. Always add at least an equal bulk of bread crumb or crushed biscuit; twice the bulk would be still better for adult birds prior to nesting, and crushed sponge cake would do just as well. The last two items should be discontinued as soon as the hens have gone to nest. Give a fairly liberal supply of green food each day—chickweed, groundsel, or watercress, in this order for preference, but give very little dandelion. Give cuttlefish and a good supply of gritty calcarcous sand. After a week or so return the nest box and continue the treatment mentioned above until the hen has gone to nest again. Limit the diet strictly to what is mentioned above, and fight shy of drugs and nostrums when not absolutely necessary.

### Overdue.

**Ironmonger.**—Your letter arrived too late for a reply to be got in time for last week's issue. See rules as to time. I am inclined to think you must have made some error as to the time the hen had been sitting, as it would certainly be most remarkable for you to find a chick alive on breaking an egg after it had been sat upon for three weeks. The only other probable cause I could suggest would be that the hen did not really settle down to sitting during the first week, but merely kept the eggs from becoming cold, and thereby kept the germ alive. It will be too late for you to do anything to bring out the chicks by the time this appears, but another time in such an extreme case as this, where it is simply a case of the chicks dying if left alone, you should put them in a saucer of warm water for a few minutes and then return them to the nest for an hour or two, and if no signs of "pipping" are then visible, make a small hole very carefully in the top of the large end of the egg to enable you to see where the tip of the chick's beak touches the shell, and make a little crack (nothing more) in the shell right across where the beak lies. Return them to the nest for an hour or two longer to give the chicks a chance to free themselves. If they make no progress you may later on enlarge the crack round the shell and gently lift off the top portion. If the chick is alive and inside of shell apparently dry, and the yolk absorbed, you may perhaps simply toss out the chick, but to do so before the yolk is absorbed completely, or to cause any bleeding, is almost certain death. By the way, you need never break an egg to tell whether a chick is alive within the shell. Fill a teacup with warm water, gently drop in each egg separately and steady it with the finger as it floats; remove the finger, and if there is a living chick within the egg will bob about quite unmistakably. All eggs that do not contain a live chick will remain still and unmoved as long as the water is kept still.

**Owing to the holidays, many queries have necessarily had to wait an answer until next week.**

### Breeding in Aviary.

**William.**—The very cold weather we were having when your Canaries had young in the outdoor aviary would probably be largely to blame for the hens ceasing to feed. They would most likely remain on the nests to keep the young warm, depending upon the cock to carry food to them, and the poor hard-worked benedict had far too much on hand to attend to all. You ought to have two cocks with the six hens, instead of only one. As it is, there is a great risk of you getting a large proportion of unfertile eggs. Your feeding is not very good. As the birds are flying loose and in a fairly large place, you should not give a mixture of seeds, but use a separate vessel for each kind of seed. Give a regular supply of Canary, rape, and hemp, but stop the regular use of linseed altogether, and at most only give a little occasionally, which you might strew about a shallow pan filled with gritty sand. You do not say whether you use grit on the floor or aviary or not. If you do not, give two pans, one filled with plain grit, and the other with the same material among which you have well mixed a little crushed common salt. If you use grit on the floor you may dispense with the pan of plain grit. Give a saucer of egg food daily as long as there is any young to be fed, and let it consist of equal parts of egg, crushed biscuit, or bread crumbs, and crushed sponge cake. Give a variety of green food, and in unlimited quantities. See that everything is always sweet and fresh, down to the drinking and bathing water. When the weather gets warm, let the bath remain in the aviary permanently.

### Young Dying.

**Helen Green.**—Beyond saying the young gape before dying, you give no idea as to what symptoms may be present, nor of the condition of the bodies after death. Are the crops empty or full when they die, and have the bodies a plump, well-fed appearance, or the reverse? Is the gaping you speak of the same as occurs when they are being fed, or simply a kind of gasping as they lie flat in the nest? If the former is the case, as I feel rather inclined to suspect, I should say the real cause of all the trouble is that the hens cease feeding them, and the young simply die of starvation, in which case they would have nothing in the crops after death. If you find that this surmise is correct, begin to give a free supply of green food—groundsel, chickweed, or lettuce, in the order named for preference and also give the hen a bath in which a little common salt has been dissolved, say, in the proportion of a good teaspoonful of salt to a pint of water. Let the hen bathe twice a day in this prepared bath if she will for two or three days. Your feeding is not quite correct. If you look up these replies for the past month you will find full details as to feeding from time of hatching frequently repeated. Meantime, after the young are a week old let your egg food consist of equal parts of egg, biscuit, and crushed sponge cake. Begin to give green food on the fourth day, at latest, and do not begin to give hemp until the young are about ten days old. By following these hints I think your trouble should soon cease, unless, indeed, the hens are incorrigibly bad feeders.

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## BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

### Moulting a Bullfinch.

**Jarvis.**—Let the bird have a fair supply of linseed in its stock mixture when moulting, but no hemp whatever. A little maw and sunflower daily should be allowed—or safflower seed, which looks like a kind of minature sunflower seed. The chief point is to offer all the natural colouring agents, in the shape of fruits and berries and weeds, you can lay hands on. You can get dewberries, and plenty of ripe and semi-ripe blackberries; then plenty of privet berries. Other suitable things are ripe cherries, raspberries (Bullies are great fruit eaters, remember), heather tops, mountain ash berries, dock, plantain, thistles, shepherd's purse, chickweed. See "Wild Plant" book just issued by "C.B." A most important point in the production of gloss in the plumage is a free use of the bath. A bird which is not a free bather never comes out so polished as one that revels in cold water—the difference is plainly to be seen. If your Bullie is lax in this respect, he must be lightly sprayed every day with a fine sprayer (such as barbers use for bay rhum, etc.), which may be bought from most fanciers' specialists advertising in our columns. Never drench the bird.

### Egg-eating.

**Perplexed.**—Hens which persist in smashing and eating every egg they lay are a—well, to put it as briefly as possible, a nuisance. They are far worse than egg-smashing Finches. I have known "faked" eggs cure an egg-eating hen; have used them successfully myself, in fact. Here is the recipe: Take any clear egg and, with an egg-drill (used on nesting expeditions) bore a fair-sized hole in one side and eject the contents in the usual way with the blow-pipe. If you have not an egg-drill, the ends can be punctured and gradually broken away with a needle-point to allow the contents to be blown out. Then make a mixture of mustard and cayenne pepper (the hottest sample you can lay hands on), with a little water, and fill up the now empty shell with this delectable "cream." Over the hole stick a little thin court plaster, or gold-beaters' skin. After dark (or as near it as possible) slip this "egg" quietly into the nest (often it will do placed on the cage bottom) of the hen addicted to egg-eating, and take yourself off to roost. Don't go into the bird-room too early the next morning (not, of course, from fear of hearing any unladylike language). One experience is generally sufficient. Still, hens have been known to seem to rather like it. I may add that I have also cured egg-eating Goldfinches by the above dodge.

### A Hand-reared Song Thrush.

**Little Tiny.**—There is no method by which the sex of Song Thrushes can accurately be told, other than by hearing them sing. The hens are often bigger and stouter in build than the cocks, and that they are as good in colour and markings is evidenced by the fact that some of the finest Song Thrushes ever exhibited on the show bench have been hens. The cocks are generally longer and flatter-looking on head when viewed sideways, and perhaps a shade deeper in brown on the back, while I have heard some fanciers advance the opinion that they generally have a small light patch directly below the under mandible, free from all marking (or pencilling). The one sure test, however, is the song. In taking a youngster out of a nest, I should go for the most forward, best-developed one—such a youngster is usually to be found in every nest (the "top dog"). Young cocks commence to "record" (or try over their song) almost as soon as they commence to perch—you can see their little throats working like the bellows of a concertina as they warble away. The hens will also "record," but not with the gusto of a real cock, nor with the same pulsation of the throat. Hand-reared birds should always have the opportunity of "learning" from the song of a good adult performer. If this is not afforded them, they never become really finished vocalists, but sing a medley composed more or less largely of the notes of any birds they happen to hear.

### Colour Feeding a Greenfinch.

**Beginner, G.P.**—It is usually a difficult matter to get Finches to eat colour food made in the usual way—viz., with egg-bread. Most have to be "judiciously starved" on to it. There is a risk, of course, of them being upset and succumbing during the process. Some fanciers get over this difficulty by gradually accustoming the birds to eating ground-up seeds (canary, linseed, and maw, generally). Then, about the end of June, they commence adding a little colour-feed, working up the strength by degrees. One or two large firms in the seed line sell seeds with the shells removed (some, I fancy, terming these "cooked seeds"), which, of course, can readily be treated with colour food. Both crushed and shelled seeds absorb the colouring agent quite well. A certain successful fancier of my acquaintance, with a liking for colour feeding Britishers (especially Bullfinches), uses crushed linseed only as a vehicle for conveying the pepper. You must experiment and find out which way, or ways, best meet your own case—there is no "royal road" as with Canaries, unless it be with hand-reared British birds. Most fanciers use red-feed. Moult him in a good-sized cage—flight cage, if you like, providing he is very steady at present. The quantity of colour food depends on the bird—a rich yellow Greenfinch would naturally need less than a dingier-coloured one. One in four ought to be the outside strength necessary; one in six or seven might suffice. Use your own judgment. In my opinion, an overfed Greenfinch is spoiled; and some birds, buffs, it is almost waste of time to try to colour-feed. They don't "take it" (the colour).

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## Brevities.

**A Curious Question** (J. Furbur).—The Nightingale is certainly not a Hedge Sparrow; they are very different birds. The Hedge Accentor (to give the bird its proper name) is a brownish bird, with dark streaks; the 'Gale plain brown. The Hedge Sparrow, further, remains with us all the year round.

**A Magpie's Wing** (Magpie).—I fancy it is the hand-reared Magpies which become proficient at talking; and they certainly talk well, too. I have got adult-caught birds very tame (I have one now), but not to articulate words, though they have mimiced various sounds. If the shoulder of the wing was smashed by the shot, it will never hang properly. You should get part 2 of the "British Bird Manual"; it deals with Softbills, and will tell you about the Magpie. So far as colour of plumage goes, male and female are alike; the former has the best tail, and exhibits a better metallic sheen.

**Toes of Linnet Mule** (F. Yardley).—It appears to be a complicated case, and such are difficult to cure. You might try the dodge advised some time ago in this paper of spreading out the toes on a piece of thin cardboard (of suitable size), and fastening the toes (not too tightly) in position, with silk thread. They might set properly after a course of this. No perches in cage, of course. Give Parrish's Chemical Food in the Mule's drinking water for a time (a small teaspoonful to two tablespoonfuls).

**Young Greenfinches** (W. J. M.).—Yes, your feeding is correct enough. That is proved by the foster-parent bringing up the young Greenfinches successfully so far. You want to give seeding chickweed and shepherd's purse in addition to (or rather than) groundsel and dandelion. When about to leave their parents, you will only need to lightly crack the ordinary seeds for a time, until the young Greenies are quite able to crack it for themselves. Continue the seeding greenfoods, by all means.

**A Quartette** (A Scot).—1. Have never used these things in cages, but I do not know that broom (dead) would hurt Hybrid couples. A bunch of tall, dried grasses, however, makes a quite good enough protection for the nest, and cut, dry (soft) hay an excellent nesting material. 2. If put in a fairly warm oven for half an hour, the moss would be then fit to use. 3. No. Try the book on "Wild Seeds" (price 1/2, post free), just published from this office. 4. No book specially dealing with this. See the chapter on "Diseases" in CAGE BIRD ANNUAL for 1909 (post free 8d.).

## FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

### Cockatoo Falling Off His Perch.

**No Name.**—Give ten drops of tasteless castor oil direct to the mouth and repeat the dose after an interval of two days. Dissolve five grains of Bromide of Potassium in a little syrup. Give this daily for two or three days. Keep the bird quiet and where it will not be alarmed; it is important that it should be kept quiet and out of draught. I do not care to say anything about its diet, as a sudden change while it is in this condition may not be advisable. You had better repeat query next week, giving full particulars as to how you have been dieting the bird, which should accompany every query. Give full details, as I do not keep queries by me.

### Ring-necked Parrakeet.

**E.T.A.**—Make the drinking water for one day just saline with Epsom salts; follow this by making the drinking water the colour of pale port wine with Parrish's Chemical Food, and continue this while the moult lasts. If there should be any signs of constipation, a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful to one ounce of water—will soon rectify this. Add one portion of sunflower seed to your seed mixture; also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuits, and nuts, but do not give any tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage and keep the bird out of the reach of draught; at the same time it must have fresh air.

### Lovebirds and Small Finches.

**"James."**—(1) A Red-faced would be the best to put with the Peach-faced cock, but I certainly advise you to try and get another Peach-faced hen, as this is the largest of the genus *Agapornis*, and the Red-faced are certainly fragile till they get thoroughly established. An advert in our columns would probably secure you one from some private aviculturist; (2) Breeding pairs require plenty of space, and it would be well not to overstock your space. Get a pair each of Cutthroats (Ribbon Finches), Bengalese, and Bronze Mannikins, all of which will thrive on the same treatment as Zebra Finches. I am convinced you would readily procure a hen Zebra Finch by advertising in our columns. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners" very helpful. See advert in this column.

### Diseased Parrot.

**J.F.D.**—You must continue the treatment already prescribed; it must be continued till the trouble yields. You had allowed this to go on too long before seeking advice, and it will take some time to effect a cure, if such be possible. Providing you can do it without distressing the bird too much, I should advise wiping out its mouth with the honey and borax three or four times daily; also give every other day a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful to one ounce of water—so long as its voidings are not watery loose. I take it that the bird is making fairly satisfactory progress, or with such a malady it could hardly have gained strength, even though the progress is not otherwise outwardly apparent. Continue the treatment already advised, with the above modifications, and report progress a fortnight or three weeks hence, when I shall hope to hear of a decided improvement.

### Budgerigar Not Breeding.

**W.B.**—This is a case in which patience must be exercised, though you do uot give size of your C.P. aviary. I cannot but feel that it is very much overstocked with four pairs, and as there should be at least six husks, even if you have only four, this must mean the space being very much occupied; while if two pairs were to bring off broods simultaneously, they would scarcely, at least so it appears to me, have room to move about. I really advise you to take out two pairs, leaving in the four husks, and get another cage of some type for the other two pairs. If kept in sight of each other this would have the same stimulating effect of emulating each other in reproducing their kind, as if they were kept together. Canary, white and spray millet, oats, green food, cuttlefish, and water for drinking and bathing will be all they require. The best stimulant you can give them is grass in flower (seeding grass) *ad lib*. This is their natural food, and they cannot have too much of it. Procure Budgerigars and Cockatiels, see advert in this column.

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### Cockatoo in Rough Plumage.

**Wm. Triggs.**—I much fear from your details that this bird is a feather plucker, and I should advise spraying it twice a week with quassia solution for the next few weeks. Your diet is quite right as to the boiled maize, sulphur, and chemical food, but use the following seed mixture: One part each Canary seed, oats, maize, hemp, wheat, and sunflower seed; well mix and keep a constant supply in cage. Also supply ripe fruit (banana, apple, orange, grapes, etc.), such as it fancies—test its taste in this direction—plain biscuit, nuts, and also keep a piece of cuttlefish continually in the cage. For the next month at least I should advise one dose of Diuneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water—weekly, in lieu of the Chemical Food. Improvement will most certainly not be rapid, and I should be interested to hear how it is progressing a few weeks hence. As regards its beak, this must be pared down to normal size, but be careful you do not cut back far enough to make it bleed. I suppose you have not the Slender-billed Cockatoo. In this species the upper mandible is nearly one inch longer than the lower, and in such case you must be careful to only pare away the overgrowth. If you have had no experience, you had better let either some experienced fancier or a vet. cut it for you.

## PARK AND LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

### Silkworms and Winkles.

**L. Toole.**—1. You can get silkworms from Robert Green, Covent Garden Aquarium and Aviaries, London. While in season they will, I think, be found advertised in the columns of this paper. 2. If you want to keep winkles alive, you should add Tidman's Sea Salt to the fresh water—not common salt. Other substances besides salt are present in sea water. You should also give them seaweed to eat; but I daresay they would feed on lettuce or other things eaten by land snails.

## POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

**Green Hen** (J. H. Preston).—Liver disease, giving rise to feverishness, in which the lungs were involved, and ending with apoplexy.

## GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

**Hybrid Breeding** (G. Knowles).—Accept our thanks for this item.

**Letter** (A. C. Burrows, California).—The letter has been duly forwarded, as requested.

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# *Correspondence.*

## A Hawfinch which Plucks Its Feathers.

SIR,—I should be very thankful if any of your many readers could tell me a cure for or name the cause of a cock Hawfinch plucking out his feathers on his thighs and under breast. I have a most beautiful Hawfinch that has spoiled his good looks by doing so. I have kept several Hawfinches, but have never had one to act like this. I cannot find any red mite on him, and he has water to wash in. He has never been beaten by a Hawfinch on the show bench yet, but I can hope for little success with him if he continues to act as he has done. I shall, as a young exhibitor, be thankful for any information concerning same.

WILLIAM P. BELL.

## A Remedy Wanted.

SIR,—I notice in CAGE BIRDS of May 15th and 22nd that a "Remedy is wanted." The cause of the birds dying is that they happen to pick some bad seed from the bottom of the aviary, and then diarrhœa sets in, the birds lose their appetite, and pass the seeds unnoticed. Then inflammation sets in and the abdomen becomes swollen and red. The birds hop about the bottom of the aviary from one corner to the other, picking up the seeds and dropping them again, and hopping about like anything starved. By giving the birds castor oil at this time you are shortening their lives, because they do not want purging medicine—rather the reverse. I have had practical experience of British birds and Canaries for 26 years. I had the same trouble with my birds for many years, but at last I found a remedy that I wanted, and I cure all the birds with the same complaint. I will send a bottle of my remedy to the gentleman if he will be so kind as to give his name and address in the next issue of CAGE BIRDS, and also send a bottle free of charge for the gentleman who put the puzzle "Remedy wanted" in CAGE BIRDS, May 15th.

W. H. THOMAS.

## The Clashing of Show Dates in Scotland.

SIR,—I read with some interest and more amusement the letter from Mr. W. Grewar, and I must say a weaker reply I have never seen. He starts off by complaining that I make use of a nom de plume. Well, and why not? I assume that my doing so does no harm to anyone, and it certainly cannot alter the facts. Doubtless Mr. Grewar likes to see his name in print. My ambitions do not lie in that direction. Mr. Grewar at once admits that he was not aware that Kelty Show was fixed for 24th October, and that, mark you, notwithstanding the fact that it has been advertised in your paper for weeks. Fancy any intelligent body of men sitting down to fix a date for their show without first consulting the "Dates Fixed" column. Your correspondent's only excuse, if excuse it can be called, for fixing 24th October, is that there were no shows near at hand on that date last year! But last year and this year are vastly different. There are, in point of fact, to be two shows on the above date this year, and the Forfar members had only to read their paper to see this. Mr. Grewar does not like the suggestion that his society are selfish, so he states that it is I, who am selfish, because, forsooth, I ask fanciers to support those societies first in the field. By what stretch of imagination can this be called selfishness on my part? I think fanciers will agree with me that I am only asking justice for Kelty and Perth. Mr. Grewar objects to my asking if Forfar members are too stupid to see that their show will suffer, and maintains that they are not more stupid than I have shown myself by asking such a question. Will Mr. Grewar deny that all three shows will suffer? The fact is obvious. It is gratifying to learn that the Forfar members are very much awake, as one would not have gathered this from their action. We are also told that the City of Glasgow show is usually held on 16th October (the date I suggested). Well, and what of that? Forfar people used to be well satisfied if they had no competition north of Glasgow (as is shown from Mr. Grewar's letter from which I quote later). There is room for two shows on one day, provided they are held at respectable distances from each other, and further, as Mr. Grewar well knows, it is not every fancier who has birds fit to exhibit at City of Glasgow. Forfar show does not, I presume, expect the same class of birds. Our friend asks why Perth has altered its date three times within the past seven years. I hold no brief for Perth society, but I can guess the reason, and it is that other societies have treated Perth as Forfar has done on this occasion. Will you be surprised if Perth or Kelty alter their date next year? One of the three clubs will have to do so if their show is to be a success. I cannot close without convicting Mr. Grewar on his own statements. He states that when Forfar society held their first show on November 22nd, 1902, there were on that date no shows north of Glasgow (by the way, there are none billed north of Glasgow on 16th October this year), but the following year Perth, knowing that Forfar were to "select 21st November also took that date," and doubtless he thinks he has scored when he asks: "Do I not call that selfish? I do, sir (assuming the facts to be as stated). The converse applies here:—Perth, previous to any other society, selected and advertised their date, and Forfar, knowing this, yet chose the same date. Notwithstanding all these facts, Mr. Grewar finishes with the determination to stick to the date he has usurped, and has the audacity to suggest that Perth and Kelty should alter their date to allow his society a clear field. Need I say more?

CLUB MEMBER.

## Treatment of Cage Birds in Transit.

SIR,—Will you kindly insert this in your correspondence column anent the treatment of valuable birds by railway servants. I sent some birds to Manchester last Sunday. I took them to Cambridge station myself, booked them, and personally handed them into the train, and waited its departure. To my surprise I saw the guard turn them over, empty the water across the floor of the van, not studying three large "Live Birds" labels stuck on the package. Is this why exhibitors do not care to send their birds to shows? For my part, I shall not care to trust my birds away in the future. I think it is high time the cage bird fancy took this matter up.

CANTAB.

## Does It Constitute a Record?

SIR,—In your issue of May 22nd Mr. Horsley states that he wants to know if 10 eggs which a two-year-old hen laid in 11 days constitutes a record? I myself have a hen Canary (a one-year-old) which laid 12 eggs on 12 consecutive days, and this was her second nest. The first nest she laid seven eggs in. Mr. Horsley will find as the hen has so many eggs to cover that they will not get the proper heat they require, and mine were three days late in hatching. Out of 12 eggs I have at the time of writing a nest of four birds a fortnight old. Six of the eggs were unfertile, and the other two eggs had dead birds in them. I took the eggs away until the seventh was laid, and I was surprised to find five more laid. It placed me in a rather awkward position, as I had not another hen laying at the time. So I let them all remain with her. It would not be a bad idea, I imagine, to mark each egg. I often do this when I change eggs to another hen. The marking should be carefully done with pen and ink. I do not believe in putting eggs in warm water, and I wait until the hen has laid her five eggs. I don't mind losing a day, as long as the birds are hatched the same day. I have also found some most useful information in CAGE BIRDS, which I take every week.

MRS. W. ANDREWS.

## The Border Fancy Canary in the South.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Robert Ellwood, I have nothing to add to, or retract from my letter published in your columns on May 22nd, except to say I have nothing to do with what "Wee McGregor" does or does not. I have given an emphatic denial to all Mr. Ellwood's charges anent myself and that person. Because Mr. Ellwood has been lashed into fury by that individual is no justification whatever for his attack against me, and that his attack against me in your columns is a malicious one I shall quickly prove. Not only has he attacked my integrity in your columns, but also with the Dulwich and Peckham Society. Mr. Ellwood says in his letter published in your last issue, "he does not suggest there was anything wrong anent my brother and myself, or any collusion." He also invited me to publish his correspondence with the Secretary of the Dulwich and Peckham Society. One letter of that correspondence is quite sufficient to show whether Mr. Ellwood's attack against me is malicious or otherwise. Copy of letter sent by Mr. Ellwood to Mr. W. Hodson, secretary of the Dulwich and Peckham Society.

Springfield Meadows.
Weybridge.
2/12/08.

DEAR SIR,—I am much obliged for your letter of the 30th ult., and quite appreciate your position in the matter. You may rest assured that, under the circumstances stated, I exonerate your society from all blame. I must say it has turned out as I expected. It appears to me that Mr. Robson first awarded special No. 31 to No. 3 in class 24, and then, with a view of squeezing me out of special 32, he reversed the decision. It was somewhat significant that in reporting the show he stated both birds, *i.e.*, No. 3 in Class 27 and No. 3 in Class 24, had won special No. 32. The most objectionable feature of the whole thing is that the owner of the birds is a brother of the judge, and of this, when the opportunity arises, I hope to have something to say. I am sure you quite understand why I feel so strongly about the matter, and that I have been done out of the special. Had the award remained, I could still question it, but I cannot now, except, of course, as to honesty of the judging. I cannot agree with you that a second prize bird in one class takes precedence over a third prize bird in another class.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT ELLWOOD,

W. Hodson, Esq.

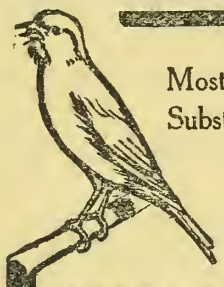
This letter, which was written weeks before ever "Wee McGregor" had entered the correspondence, speaks for itself. In it he makes deliberate charges against me and my integrity. Even his statement in the letter, "that in a report of the show in your contemporary, dated Nov. 13th, two birds won special 32," is a deliberate lie. The printed report is there to prove this. The Smith-Thomson correspondence was the opportune time, I presume, spoken of in his letter to renew his abusive attack in your columns. Whatever special price card was on the first prize evenly marked bird matters not to me. It is the stewards who put the cards on the cages, and if they put a card on the wrong cage I am in no way responsible, nor will I hold myself responsible. I again repeat that the first novice special was awarded to the second prize Cinnamon, and no other bird; whether the card was put on it or not, and I have the original numbers in my possession in my judging book to prove it. To show Mr. Ellwood that I do not possess the malicious spirit of himself, and have no wish to treat him harshly over his vile, uncalled-for attack against me, I will give him the opportunity—though I need not have done so—to withdraw unreservedly the whole of the false charges he makes in the above letter, and publicly apologise in your columns for the abusive remarks he has made anent myself in your next issue. Failing this, the entire matter will be at once placed in my solicitor's hands to be dealt with. This Mr. Ellwood is no mere intimidation, but I am fully determined to protect my integrity.—Judges are not "targets" to be shot at, as you think fit, with slanderous falsehoods.

JOHN ROBSON.

## A Word to Secretaries.

SIR,—May I be permitted to call the attention of show secretaries (especially secretaries of agricultural societies) to the matter of labels for cage bird exhibits? In the majority of cases only labels for the cages are sent, those for the hamper being almost invariably conspicuous by their absence—while some of the former are as large as postcards. It is not always easy to lay hands on a double-sided label; and if one should happen to mislay the schedule, and not know where to send birds, it would be awkward indeed.

P. H. HARRIS.

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## The Sad Case of Mr. Barwell.

### A Chance to Help.

SIR,—In reply to the letter in your last issue from Mr. W. P. Bell, I most highly appreciate his good wishes, still, the time of year would be all against working a show on any lines likely to be a success, owing to the birds being breeding. But as the Northampton Hand in Hand Cage Bird Society is holding the annual Nest Feather Show at my house on Saturday, July 10th, I shall be pleased to give 5s. first prize, 3s. second, and 2s. third for any variety cage bird (gift class). All birds to be sent on to me, and I will unpack and find the show cages myself, the birds to be sold and all money devoted to the fund. So, if any fancier, feeling charitably disposed, will look me up a bird or two I shall be highly gratified helping so deserving a case. JNO. NASON, Treasurer.

Foresters' Arms, Northampton.

## The Rook and the Crow.

SIR,—People who live in towns, who pay little attention to these matters, would no doubt consider the above-mentioned birds as one and the same, alike as they are in size and colour, and seen as they usually are spread over our fields, or uttering their well-known cawings on the top of some tree. They are, however, as distinct in their characters and habits as a hare and a rabbit. The real Crow (*Corvus corone*) is the next link in the chain after the Raven, which it resembles far more nearly than it does the Rook. The male and his mate, for example, seldom associate with the rest of their species, but generally remain in pairs. Their favourite food, too, like the Raven, is carrion, and they will watch their opportunity, and pounce down on young lambs or even sheep that are thrown upon their backs in a furrow and unable to rise. In these cases the eye is the point which they first attack. But smaller living prey they will also attempt to carry off to be devoured at leisure. The Rook, on the other hand, is a social bird, passing its days with those relations and friends amongst whom it was born and bred, and for its food preferring a vegetable diet, or such insects as it can collect under the sod of the meadow or pick up in its progress over a fallow or freshploughed field. T. KERSHAW.

SIR,—"Querist" may know a Rook from a Crow very easily. A Rook has the sides of its face and its forehead bare as regards feathers, but covered with a white scabrous skin. All Crows are Ravens in miniature, and are wanting in this distinguishing characteristic. R. RHYDDERCH.

## Notes on Mule and Hybrid Breeding.

SIR,—July is generally the month in which Hybrid breeders usually depend upon the best results, particularly from the Bullfinch crosses. The hen Bullie I have tried a great many experiments with, but so far with but poor results. Eggs I have had in plenty. An old hen Bullie of mine (not so very old), I have had for three years. I caught her as a young bird, and she has been petted a lot because she was so tame from the first. She was caught in early autumn, and the next season I had her up with a cock Canary outside in a large cage. I made two nests for her, and she at once took to me and laid four eggs in the nest and one at the bottom of the cage. I fully expected she had paired with the Canary, as they were so friendly, but the eggs turned out to be clear. I always take notes of eggs and date, and I have found she has now laid for three years on or about the 6th July. The next year she was again with the Canary—in fact, she had been continually with him—and she again laid five eggs, which this time I took from her, and gave them to a Canary to hatch. Unfortunately the Canary managed to throw them out of nest, and they were broken; so I was not quite sure of their being fertile. This Bullie used to sit her full time, and was very careful over her nest and eggs, but I never did see the Canary feed her at any time. During the moult the Canary died, so I put her in a mate (a Greenfinch), also a Linnet, but she would not have them at any price, so I had to part them. She was the only British bird I had, but late in April I was lent a cock Redpoll, which was caught in the winter and I put him with her. They used to fight a bit, but as the cage was large I left them alone. In fact, I had taken the "hump" at last over her. For over 20 years in Hybrid breeding I had always had patience and perseverance, but the last strain, I left, had broken the camel's back. However, these birds I placed the last week in June near my bedside with two nest boxes in cage, one with a Greenfinch's nest, and the other I had made from an old Blackbird's nest. The next day the nests were all over the cage. Again I rebuilt the nests, and again they were pulled out. The process was repeated for over a week. They at last left them alone, probably tired out. Which one was the culprit I could not say, but I think it was the Redpoll. After this I made a practice of waking at daylight and I laid and watched them; and at times I have been greatly amused, as the Redpoll always seemed to be master. I saw her on the 30th June one year go to the nest with some pieces of matting in her mouth, and then come off and chase him round the cage. At about 4 a.m. she called to pair, and they paired well, but only once during that morning. I found after he had paired with her he sat on the perch, and tweeted like a Canary after it has paired. Hadn't I some hopes then at once of this cross! You may be sure I was fully wide awake again next morning, and at about the same time (4 a.m.) they paired again. I did not see them pair more than once each morning for the two first mornings, and about the same time I stayed in bed and kept them under observation until 7 a.m. for seven mornings. She continually paired the last three. On several occasions also in the afternoon. On July 6th the first egg was laid, which I took away at once, because I could not trust the Redpoll. On the 7th she again laid. The 8th she missed, and laid on the 9th and 10th. All these eggs were laid with the exception of the first one (which was on the bottom in some building materials) in the nest. I put the first two away so as to try and get them under some Canary; but I left her with the last three. She sat well for two days, and at night I was wakened at about 12 p.m. by a most peculiar noise, something like a kitten mewing; I expected there was one in the room, but on getting a light I found it was the Bullie. She was lying at the cage bottom with mouth open and was in a fit. I at once took her, and brought her round, but the eggs were all smashed, some in the nest and others at the cage bottom! Not one was whole. I put three Canary eggs under her, which were clear, and which I had had given me for nest eggs. I always like to keep some by me to put in the nests; I think by giving the birds a start in that way it encourages them to lay there. I generally find they don't break them. After the hen had sat two days she came off in the afternoon and called to pair, which they did again well, and they paired well after this. As this happened two days after the last egg was laid, I expected to see her again lay, but she did not. What will be my luck this year I don't know. I have been so near yet so far from several of these good and rare crosses. As I write these notes my old pet is sitting in her box on two dummies at my elbow. I touch her up now and then with my pen, but she takes no notice. She takes tit-bits from my fingers whilst sitting. I am, however, afraid her days are numbered. Another pair I had was a Linnet and a Bullie. The Linnet was caught late in the spring and was turned into a large cage with the hen Bullie. He soon got into full song and being out-of-doors was the means of tempting another pair of Linnets to breed quite close, but no young were reared. This pair would not take to any nests which I built, as they were destroyed before the day was out. The Bullie laid at last, probably from the low perch, but the first egg was saved. She missed the next day and laid on the third, and again missed. She laid three eggs all told. The only one I could save was put under my Bullie and Redpoll and so got broken. I never saw them pair. After she had laid she started to sit, and sat in an empty nest in a cokernut shell. It seems rather strange that both Bullies should start at about the same time to lay—the first week in July. Perhaps some of your many readers may now have some Bullies about to begin nesting. If so, I should like to hear the results both of their sitting and feeding. I hope to see results from some of your readers who have met with success in this hobby this season, as it is always interesting reading, besides being an encouragement for others to go in for it to try their luck. I hope we shall be able to hear of the Siskin-Bullie Hybrid, that it has been produced. Also if there are any more Canary-Bullies raised, and Redpoll-Bullies. I shall be delighted if I can hear of any Chaffinch Hybrids this year, also Hawfinch Hybrids.

T. H. KINCH.

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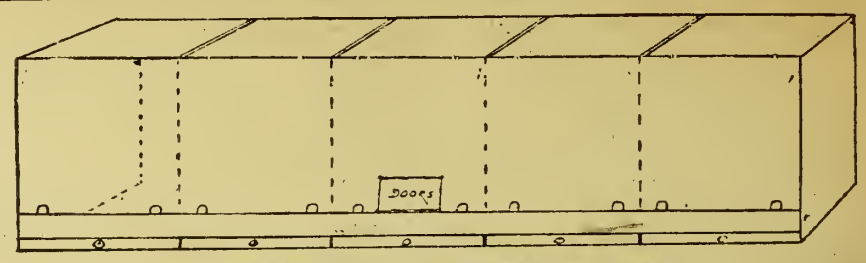


The Framework of Mr. Grigg's Flight Cage.

## Making a Flight Cage.

SIR,—I will try to show how to construct a small aviary 6ft. long by 18 inches high by 15 inches wide, that can be divided into five separate cages when required. To commence, draw a plan to the scale of 1in. to a foot throughout. Next take this plan to a timber merchant, and ask for ¼in. deal (pine is better, but more expensive). You will then find the length of the pieces of wood is the same as that of the cage; two pieces make the height, and one and a-half the width. The price runs from 4d. to 6d. a piece. You will require the following pieces: Back, two; bottom and top, three; tray, ends and two partitions, three; two other partitions, one. You see by this that no wood is wasted. A ⅝in. board is also required. Having bought the wood, mark two pieces "back," and put them on one side. Take two further pieces, and cut both carefully in half lengthwise. You will then have four half-pieces, and for purposes of identification, I will call them Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4. Take No. 1, and this, with a whole piece, if cut into two lengths of 14¼ins., and three of 13¾ins., will form the "top," with ¼in. spaces for the partitions to fall into. (The larger pieces will be the ends of the top.) No. 2, with a whole piece, makes the bottom. No. 3, with a whole piece, cut into two 17½in. lengths for the ends of cage, and two of 18in. lengths for partitions. No. 4, also taken with a whole piece, when cut into 13¾in. lengths, gives the material for sand-trays, and allows for the partitions to be held in position between the same. With the remaining piece of ¼in. wood you can construct two more partitions, and finish off the trays by nailing an edging round to keep the sand from falling out. Do not, however, nail wood of this thickness on the fronts of the trays. Now, with a few small nails hold the pieces of wood in position in their respective places. To proceed, cut the ⅝in. board lengthwise into three separate pieces of 3in., 1in., and ⅝in. in width respectively. Place the 3in. piece inside the front of the cage, allowing for the 1in. piece (which has to be cut into 14in. lengths, to be attached to the outside front of the trays) to slip in and out easily underneath it. The ⅝in. square is for supporting the wirework at top. You will, no doubt, have noticed that your roof is not sufficiently strong; cut eight ⅝ pieces, of 14in. length, and fix same where the partitions are let down. The wirework is the next item. The cheapest is to have the ordinary small mesh; this, however, does not look either business-like or so suitable for the birds. The best way is to obtain from one of the numerous advertisers in CAGE BIRDS some punched steel bar wire-fronts (which can be bought for about 3s. 6d.). When ordering, draw a plan of the cage, showing where the doors and seed and water holes should be. Do not nail in the netting and frame-work, if used, but screw in the same, as, if you do this, when the cage requires painting, you can, by merely unscrewing the frame, take off the whole front. You will find it cheapest to distemper the inside, and a light green looks very well, with the outside stained pine or darker shade. If you have not a table for the cage to stand on, a light stand made of wood called battens is very cheaply constructed. If you can manage it, a light tray for catching the seed is handy.

C. L. GRIGG.

## Type of Present-day Winning Norwich Plainheads.

SIR,—The first point in Mr. Grey's letter is to admit he was wrong in saying I was a disappointed exhibitor. Owing to removal, and an attack of illness lasting some years, I have not shown for seven years, hence could not be "disappointed." But I am coming, Mr. Grey, and hopes are entertained. Then Mr. Grey indulges in a free advertisement that would have looked exceedingly well in the "so-much per inch" column, but admits that the length of "Queenie" is only a guess with him. She was a beautiful hen, 5½ins. from the top of the head to the tail end, and Mr. Eckersley knew that when he bought her, as such an authority isn't likely to put long wings and tail into his stock, especially on the hen's side. Mr. Grey is so indefinite when he says "I should say was 6ins. to 6¼ins.," that I infer he does not know the measure of the unflighted yellow hen. I note he misses Mr. Cowling's yellow hen (another beauty 5¼ins. long); an authority at Wellingboro' knows that. May I quote Mr. A. J. Simpson as an authority on the Palace winners? Mr. Grey again makes no attempt to answer my question, *re* Mr. Dollinson's yellow, purposely omitting all the actual 5¼in. birds that lead the way on the bench. His fairy tale is typical of him, for he is so uncertain of measurements, in fact anything but "I did this," "I won that." Mr. Grey says I do not adduce anything to prove the 5¼in. as a model standard. Well, I have quoted first his own birds, then many others, and a reference to my letter and the various show reports so ably published by CAGE BIRDS, will disprove his assertion. Then my opinion as to a standard has been before the Fancy since Nov. 6th, 1908, and Mr. Grey is the only one to criticise it, and that after making statements such as "unfortunately in using this 'big' blood you also get extra length in wings and tail." See Mr. Grey's letter May 1st, which he opens by taking the head as a point. He quotes "A narrow-headed bird is very objectionable." What for, Mr. Grey? Because narrow heads go with long wings and long tails? This to support my 5¼in. "hens with the shortest of wings and tails," is another remark in Mr. Grey's letter. Here again he backs up my standard of 5¼ins. If Mr. Grey's best hens are 6ins. to 6¼ins., his large hens must be even longer than this, which, I venture to state, no fancier would like to breed from. "Chubby effect so much desired in the Norwich," is Mr. Grey's next remark to back the 5¼ins. Then he says "If short hens are used there is little fear of long wings and tail." Norwich from "big blood carry too much feather at the vent," is Mr. Grey's way of helping me to stick to 5½ins. He says "It takes away the taper from the chest, thus spoiling the fine sweep and clean cut so much desired." Then comes the remark, "I have very nearly always been satisfied with the judging." Kindly note the "very nearly always." It needs no comment. I have quoted the former part of Mr. Grey's letter as the best substantiation of 5¼ins., to Mr. Grey. He actually shows and wins (and justly proud of) with birds that are 5¼ins., and nicely proportioned, but advocates that it is also a "Wee Gem" standard! Shall I venture to advise Mr. Grey to measure some of his birds? He will be surprised to find how near 5¼ins. they are, and be of one opinion the next time he writes. I again give him credit for the fore part of his letter (May 1st), but humbly ask him to let his conscience lead him when having a quiet hour among his own stock, and when noting the various winners at the shows.

EDWARD FLOYD.

## Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid Breeding.

SIR,—Nearly every Canary breeder possesses a Goldfinch. Unfortunately, the Goldies often succumb, but a Siberian cock Goldfinch that lives against the drawbacks of civilised life is a useful inmate of the aviary, and can be utilised in various directions. It can be matched with the Greenfinch hen, which breeds freely in a cage. The Greenfinch takes to the nest placed in the ordinary nest board, and, as a rule, deposits the eggs in the nests. The Goldfinch cock frequently breaks the eggs whenever he gets the chance. It is, therefore, expedient to remove him to another cage the day before she lays, and to keep him away should the Greenfinch hen be permitted to hatch her own eggs. She is a capital feeder, and if she proves a rearer should be allowed to bring up the young. The young are strong, healthy birds, and grow rapidly in the second feather. They take on a beautiful tinge, and the feathers reveal the parentage. Males should be colour fed, to help the brilliancy and general tone of feather. The male which gives promise of being the outstanding bird should be transferred to a large bird cage to save waste of plumage, as if he is to be of any use for exhibition he needs to be in full bloom. Size, colour, and condition are all important factors in a high-class Goldfinch-Greenfinch-Hybrid. This cross is a very safe venture for a beginner to start with. Food: Egg and biscuit mixture, ordinary Canary and rape seed, with hemp seed, which is indispensable for the Goldfinch. Dandelion heads, so long as procurable, and thereafter chickweed should be supplied.

GOLDIE-GREENIE.

## The Affairs of the United Kingdom Lizard Society.

SIR—After reading Mr. F. Greig's very amusing letter in the columns of your last issue of CAGE BIRDS, I must trouble you for sufficient space in your valuable paper to try and correct a few of Mr. Greig's rambling misstatements, as I really cannot allow his letter to pass without a few comments. In the first place, and in order to make it quite clear, I must state that Mr. Fuller had nothing whatever to do with the letter that I sent, and which Mr. Greig complains of. Neither do I propose to defend Mr. Fuller against any of the insinuations thrown out by Mr. Greig, as I have every confidence in that gentleman taking care of himself. In the second place, Mr. Greig says that he took my (Thompson's) letter for what he considered it was worth. Now, sir, I believe him, as that is where he makes some of his mistakes, by not bringing before the society matters that concern the society. I should here like to remind him as the so-termed hon. sec., that his duties to the society are to bring before them any business that concerns the society for their consideration, and not his (Mr. Greig's). I notice also in his remarkable letter that he does give me credit for sending out about one or two birds; but at the same time I cannot give him credit for telling you the whole truth on that point, as I exhibited one Lizard at Oldham, four at Rochdale Good Intent, three Lizards and one Norwich at Sunderland, six Lizards, four Norwich and one British at Glossop, all under the U.K.L.S., of which he professes to be hon. sec. Seeing that he does not know how many birds I really did send out under their conditions, I am sure it would interest me if he made an attempt to tell the fanciers what number of points I am entitled to. He also charges me with not paying my subs. until I saw I had nothing to beat; but I can assure you that I was the same as that grand old Lizard fancier he mentions as president, and Mr. W. Lawton, treasurer (by name only, as Mr. Greig never permitted him to "treasure"), in addition to most of the other prominent breeders and exhibitors he mentioned, and, I might add a few others. I had not sufficient confidence in his work and I promise him that if the secretaryship of the society is in the same hands, that he will not get any at all from me this year. Another of his rambling misstatements is that I (Mr. Thompson) and Mr. Fuller are responsible for creating all the ill-feeling that exists in the U.K.L.S. I fling it back at him by stating that he alone is absolutely responsible for all the unrest that exists in the U.K.L.S. to-day, and the sooner he resigns the secretaryship, and all the other offices that he morally holds in the society, the sooner will this unrest become a peaceful calm, and no doubt those prominent fanciers will band themselves together again in forming that strong society for Lizards that Mr. Greig and Mr. Fuller are agreed upon. As he also states that he is sick of the whole thing, I might here be able to help him out of the difficulty by suggesting that he forwards the books of the society on to the president, and also allows the respected treasurer, Mr. W. Lawton, to take his place in the society by handing over to him the slender means of the society. If he is as respected as Mr. Greig tries to make him out, why on earth doesn't Mr. Greig trust him? Surely a gentleman respected is worthy to be trusted. In regard to Mr. Jno. Dewsnap's name being brought into the argument (a gentleman, by-the-way, that is at the apex of his fame) he ought to be ashamed of himself, and the last person in the wide, wide world to ever even breathe that most distinguished exhibitor's name as he knows as well as any other member of the U.K.L.S., that he was entirely responsible for the resignation of that fancier. For the same reason, I should like to ask if Mr. Dickinson hadn't something to say in CAGE BIRDS some time later, about the same old cause? Then he goes on to tell you that it stands to reason that the fanciers he named will not sit down and be talked to by novices like me, as I am hardly able to distinguish a gold from a silver; yet, in the same breath, he condemns himself by stating when he took the secretaryship up he was only a novice, and no doubt most of the fanciers that have had anything to do with him could have told you that long ago. I, in return, will ask Mr. Greig regarding the complete muddle of the affairs, that I and others are convinced he is solely responsible for, whether it stands to reason that such prominent fanciers as he mentions will sit down and be led by the nose by another novice of a secretary? Now, sir, in regard to the keeping and showing of birds, I am going to be quite frank with him. In the first place there is a pleasure, in the second an expense. I don't mind telling you I keep a few birds, because they are beautiful to look at, and a thing of beauty is a thing of joy as long as you can retain it. But there is also the financial side of the question, which Mr. Greig, I think, hints at, and which I must admit I consider, by keeping as good a stock as my means will allow. If I get rather over stocked, and I decide to sell a few off, out of my way, I find it far more profitable than keeping a stock of birds that anybody can purchase anywhere at 3s. to 4s. per dozen. Then again, Mr. Greig goes on to state that what they want are fanciers in the U.K.L.S., and he gives you a few of the prominent fanciers that the society is thought to possess; but when there is only a solitary one in the whole list that has paid his subscriptions, and that one is Mr. Barker Clegg, I consider the rest have no more right to be screened than Mr. Fuller has to be exposed for not paying his subs. Some, no doubt, would be pleased to learn whether Mr. Greig has ever been an asset to the society by paying his subscriptions; if not he should not throw stones. In conclusion I can most candidly say that if either I or Thompson and Co., get as much of our own way as Mr. Greig has already had of his, I sincerely trust that the societies which we represent will be in a far more healthy state than the United Kingdom Lizard Society now is.

EDWARD THOMPSON.

*A letter from Mr. Fuller has had to be held over.*—EDITOR.

## The Border Fancy Canary in the South.

SIR,—Seeing that Mr. Hadwin admits it was out of mere curiosity he asked me the question referred to in his last letter, I will leave him to satisfy that curiosity himself. We have been told that curiosity "killed the cat," but, as far as I am concerned, it will not kill me. Regarding size, here Mr. Hadwin again supports me by stating that he was under the impression that the English Club was formed to combat the increasing size of birds sent from my side of the border. Now, gentle readers, just think one moment and ask yourselves if it were not because Scottish breeders found a demand for large birds that they sent them some hundreds of miles? Or could it be their love of paying the railway companies the exorbitant charges made by conveying the birds hither and thither? Or only to give their birds a change of air and scenery? I, for one, stick to the former. If Mr. Hadwin or any other person in authority makes rules, or points, to uphold a bird to any specified size or type, depend upon it that there are breeders on both sides of the border who know the way to produce the size and type of bird required. I am afraid Mr. Hadwin's statements cannot be taken as true facts, viz., that, prior to the last two or three years Scottish birds were stronger in every way than the English. I have never found it so. As far as my mind can carry me back, the size of the bird left no room for complaint, being easily kept in check. I quite agree with him that many good birds have been bred on the other side of the border, and many of their breeders are my close personal friends. The best places to see both the bird and its breeders are the International contests; there one can see at a glance how things stand. I have had the honour to report two of them for CAGE BIRDS, and therefore came in contact with both the breeders and the birds, and although Scotland came out each time on the top, I passed the remark that I felt sure England, once they had a right grip of the bird, would be able to turn the tables on the opposition very shortly. As I saw the "Wee Gem" had fairly captivated the eyes of the fanciers in the South, I see Mr. Hadwin has misconstrued my letter somewhat (I trust not to suit any insincere purpose) *re* show committees. If he looks over it again, he will find: "Each judge has a certain number of breeders and followers who think his standard the right one, therefore, so long as they are so, and are on the committees of societies, they will vote for the judge they favour." Now, those breeders and followers, by supporting the judge at shows (not at their own show, perhaps, but following him up wherever he may be appointed and sending him entries), are they not voting for him by giving him their support? Those committeemen are the bees who bring honey to the Fancy. Each one of them as a breeder likewise is entitled to have his own opinion, and support the type of bird he desires. Mr. Hadwin remarks, "If judges place the cards to suit the committee," must have originated in his own mind; never in mine, and, what is more, will never be entertained by me. Now, Sir, you asked me to give you an article on the "Wee Gems" as a help to your novice readers. I have done so, and, as you know, this controversy originated through Mr. Smith, who plainly said he was one, hence the stand I have taken throughout to defend them. I trust the novices will always find me ready to act in this way; should any of them need assistance they have only to ask and it shall be given. On the other hand I decline to answer questions by anyone who is none too scrupulous about asking with a double meaning. My idea of our Fancy is to help the novice, by kindly words and sympathetic attention, over any thorny paths.

J. PATTERSON.

## A Visit to the North of England Linnet Derby.

SIR,—Being a lover of the best of all British singing birds, namely the Linnet, I decided to pay a visit to the All-England contest that takes place annually on Whit-Monday at the King's Head, Shannon Street, Leeds. I was introduced to the host, Mr. Tillotson, who kindly conducted me to a large well-lighted room where the contest was to take place. Here were men from all parts of the North of England, gathered with one special object, namely, to hear a good Linnet. The judges, Mr. Allen, Mr. Melia, and Mr. Cooper, whose knowledge and impartiality could not be doubted, having taken their places precisely at 11 a.m., Numbers 1 and 2 were called for, and amid dead silence the contest began, each pair of birds being staged for ten minutes. Some splendid singing resulted, and was highly appreciated. So all went well until Mr. Allen pronounced half an hour's interval for refreshments, which were served through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Tillotson, the quality and quantity being such that anyone having a good appetite was sure to lose it. After all had got settled down again, numbers 13 and 14 were called for, and the contest went merrily on, everyone present being delighted with the singing. At the close of the contest Mr. H. Allen distributed the prizes, and in a few well-chosen words complimented the competitors on the great care which they must have bestowed on their birds to bring them to such perfection. He said he could not allow the opportunity to pass without naming the winner of the first prize, the property of Mr. Sissins, his chattering, reeling, scaping, peeing, and whinnying being superb. Others also deserved praise. A full prize-list will be found elsewhere. The room having been cleared, songs were rendered by Mr. Allen, Mr. Crane, Mr. Melia, Mr. Hepton, and last, but not least, Mr. Stead, better known as "Honey" who sang "My wife, Brown," two notes higher than David could get on the piano. Taking leave of the genial secretary, Mr. Wilson Naylor and the committee, who deserve great credit for the splendid manner in which the day's proceedings had been carried through, I bade them adieu, promising to pay them another visit in the near future.

A LOVER OF THE LINNET.

## Cinnamon Border Fancies and Their Colour.

SIR,—I was rather amused at the tone of Mr. Dixon's letter in last week's issue. Yes, Mr. Dixon, you were quite right *re* what I meant by "harping." If you will read again my letter which appeared on April 17th, you will see I did not dispute you had the Cinnamon cock you showed at Hawick, or that you knew of another Cinnamon cock that won at Selkirk in 1892. Mr. Dixon has come to a point where he shows he is beaten instead of answering my questions like a man, he endeavours to find out my identity, but I must remind him it is the question of the colour of the Cinnamon Borders we are on. The Editor has my name and address, and is satisfied, so I think it should satisfy him. Mr. Dixon claims the point of the dispute on which he tackled me, saying it was on the point of the Cinnamon cocks; but I must remind him he also stated the Cinnamon Borders in those days "Your Reporter" spoke of, were of better colour than those exhibited now. He has failed entirely to prove this. Mr. Dixon says he was at the Scottish National, and had a good look at the Cinnamon Borders shown there, yet he seems to have nothing to say about their colour. I pointed out that the fifth yellow cock was one of the disputed birds. I also pointed out that another Cinnamon Border at the Scottish National, which I saw, and am of the opinion it is pale in colour, was at the Crystal Palace reported on as "nice colour." I may tell Mr. Dixon and his friend they have failed entirely to prove their statement that the Cinnamon Borders are not as good colour to-day as they were in those early days they speak of. Can they bring proof of their assertions? I expect the readers of "C. B." will take note that the birds Mr. Dixon and his friend are praising belonged mostly to themselves. I am afraid it is a case of "every one thinks their ain craw the whitest." For myself, I am speaking not only for my own birds, but for the Cinnamon Border fancy breeders in general. I never would have started this correspondence had "Your Reporter" not stated that at the Crystal Palace show, taking the class right through, there was a lack of depth in the colour. In his report he gave a certain bird credit for being of nice colour, when, in my opinion, it is decidedly pale in colour. Mr. Dixon says he has decided to go no further with the discussion, as he does not see what benefit it would be either to him or the Fancy in general. Two things I must say I have benefited by: the one is that I have learned there were Cinnamon Border cocks much earlier than I had anticipated, though the cocks seem to have died out for a number of years. The other is that I am all the more convinced that the majority of fanciers think "their ain craw the whitest." I could cite dozens of cases where fanciers have visited a show, and were loud in their assertions that if their birds had been there the winner would have stood back. Yet when these same birds did meet it was the other way about. Knowing these facts, I am all the more convinced that Mr. Dixon and his friend have let their imagination get the better of them. I don't wish to deny them their own personal opinions on the matter; but when they put those opinions into the form of assertions, then I most certainly challenge them to prove their words. I again refuse to disclose my name for reasons stated in my first letter. I again refer Mr. Dixon to my last letter, *re* the disputed birds; if he has nothing to say on the matter, then that finishes this correspondence, as far as I am concerned.

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## The Story of an Amusing Parrot.

SIR,—I wish to say that my "Polly," a Grey, will be thirty-one years old next birthday. I have had the pleasure of attending and feeding her for twenty-two of those years, which I need hardly say has given, not only to myself but to others, an endless amount of amusement and occupation, to say nothing of profit, "Polly" having won first and special prizes twice over at our local show. But, alas! like everything in this world, there must have been a grievous mistake somewhere. The bird was pronounced a King Parrot, and for years we thought so, too. But one day a lady friend asked us to mind another Parrot for a few days while she was away. The two Parrots being put on the lawn in the garden could see each other. Well, my "Polly" being enamoured of the other bird, became seriously ill; her screams were terrific day and night, and we felt sure we should lose her. We rushed up to town and enquired of all the bird fanciers to know what could be done. But we needn't have troubled, for "Polly" just laid an egg at the bottom of her cage. This egg I have carefully preserved. I may say I am a dentist by profession, and I recollect on one particular occasion I had a patient, an elderly gentleman, to attend to. When he came into my surgery he said "You must make haste and attend to me because there is another patient waiting for you in the other room." At last I heard someone talking in the other room. I "hurried up" and went to the waiting-room, and lo, no one was there but my blessed parrot, which was on a table behind a curtain. It was evidently the bird which had been talking to him. My "Polly" is a very great talker. It will say almost anything, calling such names as "Herbert," "Ada," "Laura," "Ethel," "Walter," and "Charlotte.' It will also say "So cold out," or "Polly wants his water or corn." Sure enough it is quite correct when we look. He will also say, "Put on your coat, walk to Acton and catch a tram," or will count "one, two, three, four, five for Polly. Who will buy?" It will also imitate a cat or whistle for the dog, calling "Wolf"; in fact there never was such a "Polly." It also whistles a tune, quite sweetly, and sings in a low voice. It likes any amount of company. We feed it on simple diet, such as boiled maize, sunflower seed, and fruit of all kinds, but it does not like bananas; in fact, it seems to have a great objection to them. It is so sensible that if you give it anything hard it goes and dips it in its water to soften it, such as toast. We always take great care in covering it up at night, when it will say, "Good night, kiss me." When we uncover it in the morning it will say, "There you are, then, good morning."

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*Several letters unavoidably held over.*

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# Breeding & Feeding for Colour.

By JOHN W. BANCROFT.

**A lecture delivered before the Sale Open O.S., on March 15th.**

*(Continued from page 505).*

**Not Dishonest or Fraudulent.**

We now come to the third charge: "That colour-feeding is dishonest and fraudulent." Where in the name of goodness does fraud or dishonesty come in? Colour-feeding is perfectly legitimate. It is done quite openly, and is allowed and encouraged in regard to certain varieties. In the old days of colour-feeding nothing but hot K.N. was used in the egg-food. It was a case of have it or leave it then, the seed being withheld to a great extent.

In this sense I grant that it may have appeared cruel and harmful up to a certain point. It was dishonest and unfair in so far that the practice was kept a close secret by the few who would not impart the information of their *modus operandi* to their brother fanciers either for love or money. This naturally gave their birds a decided advantage when competing with those birds which had been moulted without the aid of the pepper. But now all this is changed. Birds fed upon the present day pepper usually eat it with avidity if prepared in a proper manner. Nor is thero any secret about it either, for the veriest novice may, if he practise on the right material (viz., birds which possess good rich natural colour to start with) and follow the mothod I am about to describe, moult and colour-feed his birds equal to any of the "crack" exhibitors.

**When to Commence Colour-Feeding.**

Some people advise the colour-feeding of birds from the nest. I have never done much in this direction myself. What little I have done, and that which I have observed in the rooms of other fanciers who have tried it, has resulted in failure, the birds coming out patchy in colour and anything but of an even shade. I fail to see where any advantage would accrue, even were it possible to moult the nestlings of an even colour. The flights being of an orange tint, in place of the natural greenish lemon shade, would debar any fancier from exhibiting such in classes restricted to unflighted birds. And in the case of Norwich, it would take an exceedingly good unflighted to beat a good all-round bird in adult classes, as a Norwich improves in substance as ho gets older.

Another thing; when rearing young Canaries, the chief aim is to get the greatest amount of nourishment possible into them in the shape of egg-food; but by adding the pepper to this food we should be taking away somewhat of its nutritive value. It is generally understood that the first-round birds (i.e., those of the first nests) commence moulting at the age of from ten to twelve weeks; the second-round at about the age of eight weeks, and the third round at the age of six weeks. Individuals vary even out of the same nest. I have had first-round birds commence shedding their feathers when they were about seven or eight weeks of age, whilst others out of the same nest and off the same parents have not started until they have been about fourteen weeks old. Bearing this fact in mind, it behoves one to commence with the colour-feed early enough in order to avoid disappointment. Personally, I make a practice of giving the colour-feed to my young birds when they reach the age of seven weeks or thereabouts in a very mild form, of course, to begin with. By starting thus, the colour is getting thoroughly impregnated in the bird's blood, and even if they do not begin to moult very early, they are prepared for any emergency, such as "plucking" by their companions.

**Feather Plucking and Its Cure.**

This vicious habit of feather-plucking is indulged in very freely by some individuals, and, if allowed to go on unchecked, has a very debilitating effect on the victim's system. The moment the habit is suspected, the fancier should endeavour to find out the culprit and at once isolate it from the rest.

The feather plucker can usually be "spotted," by its having a more perfect and tidy appearance in the plumage than its comrades, even if it is not detected in the act. This habit, I imagine, is acquired from a naturally inquisitive desire the youngsters have of pecking at anything within their reach. This may be avoided to a certain extent by the distribution of pieces of cuttlefish about the cages or flights, also by tying small bundles of twine cut up into short lengths inside the wires of the cage front, in close proximity to the perches, just so that the birds can reach them nicely.

The adult birds usually break into moult at about the end of June or the beginning of July, according to the kind of summer or the way in which they have been worked in the breeding room; and exhibition birds, intended for the early shows, ought not to be bred from after the end of June, but should be thrown into the flights and placed on colour-feed at once, caging them singly when they have got about half-way through the moult.

**How to Mix the Colour-feed.**

In preparing the colour-feed I use for Yorkshires or Norwich one lb. hot Natal to each four lbs. of tasteless, and one and a half lbs. castor sugar. Mix these thoroughly some weeks previous to commencing colour-feeding. If it does not appear moist enough, I add a small quantity of pure olive oil, but most of the colour-feeds now on the market contain sufficient oil, in spite of what the vendors state in regard to the feed being absolutely pure. I commence colour-feeding by adding one teaspoonful of the prepared peppers to each gill of egg-food, which is composed of one hard-boiled egg pressed through a sieve or egg-mill, mixed with bread crumbs rubbed fine.

The whole should be thoroughly incorporated, before being given to the birds. The quantity of this feed should be one good teaspoonful per bird daily. The birds eat it more readily if it is given at different times, than if it is given in the full quantity all at once. The quantity of the pepper is gradually increased until I have got the birds on to the full strength in, say, about twelve or fourteen days, which is about five teaspoonfuls. This proportion is quite sufficient for all practical purposes. Giving it in stronger quantities is simply to waste the pepper, as a bird's blood can only absorb a certain amount of the colouring agent. Overdo this and the excess of colouring matter will simply be carried away through the bird's excreta.

A good feed for Cinnamons I find is 6ozs. hot Natal to each 1lb. of tasteless and ½lb. sugar, commencing with one teaspoonful to each gill of egg-food. For Lizards and Mules one pound hot Natal, one pound tasteless, and three-quarter-pound sugar, commencing as before with one teaspoonful to each gill of egg-food, and increasing it gradually until it is full strength, viz., five teaspoonfuls.

For the benefit of those fanciers who prefer to use egg-bread in place of the freshly-boiled egg and bread crumbs, when mixing the colour-feed, I will here give a very good recipe, which I occasionally make use of at such time as I have been glad of a makeshift. This is as follows:—Take of flour one lb., castor sugar one lb., lard 2ozs., two good teaspoonfuls of baking powder, a nice pinch of salt, and six fresh eggs. First mix the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt, then rub the lard well in. Now add the eggs, previously beaten well up, and thoroughly mix. Grease well the inside of a two-pound loaf tin and pour in the mass. Bake in a moderate oven. Keep for three or four days. Then grate it fine and mix it with the colour-feed as desired.

I may here remark, however, that I do not consider this to be so good a plan as that in which the freshly-boiled egg and stale bread crumbs are used. It saves trouble certainly, and is very handy when a person is pressed for time. There is nothing now about it, as over twenty years ago I knew fanciers who used it.

Now these feeds are of themselves most nourishing, and a bird fed upon them would thrive most probably even if the seed were withheld, which, as I have before remarked, is rarely necessary.

*(To be continued.)*

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# My Experiences with the . . Beautiful Waxwing.

By WILLIAM HARDIE.

I will here endeavour to give my readers of CAGE BIRDS an account of experiences with the Waxwing (*Bombycilla garrula*), the European Waxwing. This elegant species I have also heard go by the name of "the Bohemian Chatterer," and "Silk Tail."

**Plumage and General Appearance.**

To begin with I will describe the plumage and general appearance of the two specimens that I kept. First (male):—Bill strong and black (except at the base, where the colour inclines to a yellowish white); irides purplish-red, chin and throat velvety black, as is also the streak (in the midst of which is the eye), passing from the bill to the hinder part of the head; forehead reddish-brown; head-feathers (long and silky, forming a reclining crest) approaching to reddish-chestnut (the bird can erect or depress the crest at pleasure); upper parts, purplish-red, or brownish, dashed with ash-colour, the rump lightest; breast and abdomen pale purplish-ash tinged, with pale brownish red; vent and under tail coverts orange-brown, inclining to reddish-orange;

The Waxwing.

greater wing-coverts, black, tipped with white; lesser wing-coverts a shade darker than the general tint of the upper plumage; primaries black, with a bright yellow spot near the white tip of their outer web; secondaries grey, tipped with white on the outer web, some of them terminating with small flattish oval appendages of the colour of red sealing wax; tail black, tipped with yellow; legs, toes, and claws, black. Published herewith is a sketch of the male bird which I hope will be of use to explain my rather crude method of describing the plumage.

Female:—Generally, similar to the male, but the yellow on the wings and tail is hardly so bright, nor are the wax-like appendages so large or so numerous. As far as I can learn, the Waxwing is only an occasional visitant to the British Isles. I have never had the good fortune to see it in its wild state. It is migratory, but may be shown in a variety class at a show where there are no British migratory classes. A splendid bird it is for this class, being sure to catch the judge's eye if a good specimen. The length is about 8ins., the size approaching that of the Starling.

**My Method of Feeding.**

I found these birds very hardy. My mode of feeding was as follows:—A mixture of soaked puppy biscuits, dried flies, and ant's eggs (an unlimited supply of the latter), and a good supply of gentles and a few mealworms. I always kept the gentles separate, and gave the mealworms from my hand. For green-food I gave them the buds and sprouts of the beech, maple, and various fruit trees, of which they were very fond. They were also extremely fond of juicy berries and fruit (juniper and laurel berries), and of fruit: applos, currants, and figs; but of all fruits they were passionately fond of grapes, actually greedy for them, in fact. They were very amiable when confined, and were easily tamed.

I gave them nearly the whole scope of my bird-room. Their flight is very rapid. When taking wing they often uttered a note resembling the syllables, zi, zi, ri. They very seldom alighted on any of the perches, but on small branches and twigs that I had fastened here and there in the room. When they alighted on the floor, which they sometimes did, their gait was very awkward.

**An Unfortunate Accident.**

The male bird was very affectionate to his mate, caressing and feeding her. I had these birds for upwards of two years, when an unfortunate accident occurred. I had taken a friend in to see some young Canaries that I had bred, when he accidently trod on the hen Waxwing and killed her.

The cock bird, after she was killed, behaved in a very curious fashion. When I used to enter the room afterwards, he would utter his peculiar cry and fly furiously round and round, at tho same time keeping well out of my reach. His actions at this time surprised me very much, because before the accident he was so tame that I had hardly got into the room before he would alight on either my head or my shoulder.

He did not long survive his mate. About three weeks after the hen bird was killed, I went into the room one morning and found him lying dead on the floor. I was very sorry indeed, and also greatly surprised, because he never showed any signs of anything being the matter with him.

Strange as it may seem, and although both birds were in the pink of condition, I never showed them. The reason for this was that I was very much engrossed in the breeding of Canaries, although of late years I have gone back to the British birds. At the present time I am busy preparing for a season of hybridising of which I hope to give you an account later on.

But to come back to my subject; the song of the Waxwing consists only of weak and uncertain whistling, a little resembling that of the Thrush, but not nearly so loud. While singing, it moves the crest, but hardly moves the throat. Its warbling is certainly not very musical, but it has the merit of continuing throughout all the seasons of the year. Their beauty is so great that I would have no objection to keeping another pair if I could get them. Their silkiness of feather is marvellous, and their colouring and uncommon appearance add to their charm. I do not know a more attractive pet, being naturally so very docile and harmless.

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# Seeds & their Properties.

**By F. BOWMAN.**

**A paper read recently before the Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C.**
*(Concluded from page 526).*

### Teazle, Maw and Millet Seeds.

Teazle seed is another highly stimulating food, and is very fattening, but unlike nigor it also contains a large percentage of albumen or nitrogen. To the Canary fancier it is principally usoful as a change from other rich seeds that are offered. Good teazle seed should always be very sweet to the taste and light in colour.

Next comes maw seed, which, to my mind, is one that cannot be too highly spoken of. The oil it contains acts both as a food and as a medicine, and is a sure preventative and cure in all cases of diarrhœa. It is a splendid seed to give young birds when getting them on to hard seed, as this is the time when they are most liable to attacks of diarrhœa, through their stomachs being too weak to withstand the change from soft food to the seed which is given them. In my eight years' experience I have never yet lost a young bird after its leaving the nest. This I put down to my free use of maw seed at this critical period of a bird's existence.

There is one other cultivated seed that cannot be overlooked, and this is the millet. But if we leave out the more delicate foreign Finches and Waxbills, I am afraid there is not much to say in its favour. It contains very few nourishing properties, as it is composed of about 90 per cent. of starch and 10 per cent. of nitrogen. It is useful at times to a bird that is in too high a condition as it exercises the stomach of the bird, without bringing the feeding properties that other seeds would do.

### Some Better-known Wild Seeds.

This brings me to a few of our better known wild seeds, the most valuable of which I think you will all agree is dandelion, which in the early months, when green food cannot be got, is a splendid substitute for bringing birds into breeding condition. Next comes thistle seed, as this is the Goldie's favourite, and is an essential for bringing him into breeding condition. Then come shepherd's purse, plaintain (or rats' tails), groundsel, and the near relative of the groundsel (only it grows much larger), the ragwort; last, but by no means least, is gold of pleasure.

All these seeds have practically the same properties; they are provided by Nature at a time when birds require a tonic, to prepare them for the moulting season. Dandelion is the only wild seed that blooms twice in one season, the first bloom coming in the early spring is Nature's gift to the birds requiring a tonic to prepare them for the breeding season. The second bloom comes at a time, the end of the summer, when they also need a tonic, to help them to regain their lost vigour after the breeding is done, thus, as I said before, preparing them for a successful moult. This is clearly proved by the composition of these seeds, as most wild ones contain a very large proportion of mineral salts, which act on the blood in the form of a tonic and also make them of a very forcing nature—the very thing the birds require at these periods.

You will see I have only touched very lightly on wild seeds, as I prefer to leave this to some future occasion when the plants themselves can be used as a demonstration. There is one other seed I should like to refer to before closing, this is the lettuce, as it is a very useful seed in place of the chemicals in use. It is a splendid seed for reducing fat. It also acts as a medicine in cases where birds are troubled with huskiness or loss of voice. The oil it contains acts as a purgative, and is very cooling to the blood.

Judging from the above facts, I should advocate as a staple food—three parts Canary seed to one part rape seed, with a tit-bit of the following mixture given once or twice a week according to the temperature: One lb. hemp, 1lb. maw, ½lb. niger, ½lb. teazle, ½lb. linseed. This I consider is sufficient for the average Canary fancier. The British bird fancier in addition to this would require a mixture of wild seeds which can be bought very cheaply at most seed stores. When purchasing seeds of any kind care should always be taken to get the best, which is not necessarily the dearest.

All good seed should be bright, smooth and glossy. Dull and shrivelled seed should never be accepted, as in most cases it has lost its finest property, the property of life or fertilisation. This brings me to a full stop; so allow me to thank you for your kind attention. Should anyone wish to ask a question arising out of this paper, I will do my best to give a satisfactory answer.

The Chairman now invited questions from the members present, and fully half-an-hour was spent in going over some of the points. After a most enjoyable evening a very hearty after a most enjoyable evening a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Bowman and then to the chairman for his courtesy and help in the chair, brought the meeting to a close.—R. A. Brown, Sec.

# PRESENTATION TO A WELSH CAGE BIRD JUDGE.

One of the most active of Swansea cage-bird and dog fanciers in the person of Mr. J. B. Evans, is leaving the town for London. There was a large gathering at the Mackworth Hotel, Swansea, on May 26th, the occasion being that of a "smoker," at which Mr. Evans was made the recipient of tokens of the esteem in which he is held. The chair was taken by Mr. W. A. Ford.

*Photo by courtesy of the* ["*Cambria Daily Leader.*"
**Mr. J. B. Evans, the recipient of the Presentation from the Welsh Fanciers.**

The chairman remarked that what Mr. Evans did not know about Scottish terriers was not worth knowing. As a judge of both Fancies he had built up a big reputation throughout Wales, and his departure from their midst would create a gap which it would be impossible to fill.

Mr. D. A. S. Longden (of the Welsh National C.B.S.) handed the guest of the evening an illuminated address, the number of signatures being a proof of the whole-hearted manner in which the testimonial movement had been taken up by fanciers. Mr. Longdon spoke of Mr. Evans' first coming to Swansea, which was eleven years ago, and of the way he had worked to form a cage-bird society, and also to hold an open show in the town. This led to the forming of the Swansea and District Cage Bird Society, which was started with a membership of twelve, but had since reached a total of over 70.

Mr. Phil. Jenkins (of the Swansea and District C.B.S.) presented Mr. Evans with a purse of gold, which had been subscribed for by the fanciers of the town and district, after which he said that one thing that had been impressed on his memory was a remark made by Mr. Evans to him, that "to be a successful fancier you must be a good loser on the show bench." The speaker thought that if every fancier had this spirit impressed on his memory it would greatly advance the friendship of members in their different societies, and also on the show bench.

Mr. Evans was accorded a most enthusiastic greeting. The cage-bird and dog fanciers of Swansea, he said, have held their own all over the United Kingdom, winning at all the chief shows that were held. Speaking of the prominence into which Swansea had been brought by the success of its fanciers, Mr. Evans remarked that football and cage-birds had done more to advertise the town than anything else. What Swansea had accomplished was known from Land's End to John o' Groats.

Mr. Prosser moved a vote of thanks to the Fancy Press, remarking that they had reason to be thankful for the way they gave publicity to the doings of the different societies of the town. It was a great help which the Press gave during the show season in reporting the shows and various other items of news.—This was endorsed by the chairman, and responded to by Mr. W. Phillips.

An excellent miscellaneous programme of vocal and instrumental music was then gone through, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

S. H. George.

# ORNITHOLOGICAL ODDMENTS.

**By Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.**
**Author of "The World's Birds."**

### Soft-Bill Hybrids.

Finch-hybrid breeders have got their mated couples up for breeding long ago, but when is someone going to put a little variety into the British hybrid classes by showing a few softbill hybrids? That such can be produced we know; that, between the pied and grey Wagtails has been bred twice, and there ought to be some a good deal easier to get than this. Whitethroat-Blackcap, Robin-Nightingale, and Blackbird-Thrush, are some that suggest themselves, and the breeder of any one of these would certainly cover himself with glory. The only thing is to make sure that the cock is the stronger bird, for softbills are more murderous than Finches when their blood is up, and everyone knows how Madam Bully justifies her name when mated to a pitiable Finchlet whom she finds she can thrash.

### Breeding Soft-Bills.

I find there is an idea about that one cannot breed softbills in captivity without a practically unlimited supply of live food for the parents to feed the young with; but I think this is a mistake. I only know this, that I have known the following softbills to have been bred in the London Zoo during my time:—Indian Mynah, Hybrid between Andeman Starling and Grey-headed Starling or Mynah, Tickell's Ouzel (a sort of small grey Blackbird from India, (Merula unicolour) and American Robin (a large Thrush, (Turdus migratorius), and Blue Robin, and I am quite sure these never got enough insects to rear the young upon, and so had to do it to a great extent on artificial food. Besides, the Blue Robin, which is the readiest of softbills to breed, has often been reared in this way.

### What are we Getting to?

This brings me to a point in aviculture about which I have been often reflecting of late. Are aviculturists aware that the export of foreign birds from their own countries is being gradually stopped? Some time ago New Zealand decided not to allow any to be sent out but the sheep-killing Kea Parrot and the mischievous Weka Rail, two peculiarly villainous and ugly birds, which no-one would want to keep except as curiosities. Then, more recently, the United States barred all export of their birds, and only the other day German exports were prohibited over the only part of the year for getting the migratory Continental species. If this goes on, the only foreign birds we shall have to fall back on will be Canaries, Budgerigars and Collared Doves, for I do not know of any other foreign cage-birds bred sufficiently numerous here to be always obtainable.

### Judging Gold Pheasants.

The keepers of the larger ornamental birds have shown themselves more enterprising in this respect than the cage-bird men, for, as everyone knows, you can always get tame-bred Peafowl, Gold and Silver Pheasants, Swans, and Canadian Geese, just as you can fowls and Ducks, and several other of the waterfowl and Pheasant groups are more or less established; for instance, all the Carolina Ducks and Californian Quails, which come into the trade are captive-bred, though these birds are in but few hands. Apropos of Golden Pheasants, I may here give a tip that may be useful. The males of these birds vary much in colour, some being far richer in hue than others. Now, I have found that if a bird's ruff is of the right colour, which is an intense amber, more red than yellow, all the rest of his plumage will be right, whereas a bird with a pale ruff of a yellow tint is apt to fail in the depth of the yellow crest. It would therefore be as well to ask for a sample feather from the ruff when one is buying Gold Pheasants without seeing them. This is of some importance, as no colour in Nature equals in richness the yellow in a good Gold Pheasant's crest — it almost seems to send out light when seen in a shaded place, and is the chief beauty of this lovely bird.

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# Wild Bird Life.

### Concerning Nests.

The sweetness of the countryside is just now considerably enhanced by the scent of the hawthorn. Every hedgerow is laden with its pure white blossoms, hanging in such thick clusters that to Finches which love to build there find this year more than their usual security. In the hot, bright sunlight of the past few weeks, vegetation has increased rapidly; daily the undergrowth has become thicker, so that the choice nest of the tuneful Linnet, and the mossy cup-shaped home of the Hedge-Warbler are now well hidden by the young leaves of the briars, while the nettles along the dusty roadside and field paths have so far advanced in growth that the common Whitethroat has followed the example of her ancestor and commenced what is probably the flimsiest nest of all the perchers. So delicately is this put together that any idea of warmth derived from the thickness of the material used seems quite out of the question. But nesting as she does during the heat of summer, such warmth is hardly necessary. The second nest of both the Blackbird and Song Thrush may frequently be found with the usual mud lining omitted, but one hardly knows whether to give the birds credit for neglecting to use it on account of the increased atmospheric heat, or to attribute it to the difficulty they must have in some cases in collecting the necessary materials for it. It is curious how both at times choose what are apparently very unsuitable situations for their nests. A wooden fence offers some attractions for them, even when it is bordering a wood, where natural sites in trees and bushes are to be had in abundance. The nest is conspicuous to all passers-by, so that it is certain to be detected, and it is so near the ground that the risk of the young ones from vermin is increased considerably. Such a nest built at the corner of a belt of woodland, successfully passed the incubation stages, but when the young were about five or six days old, a wandering stoat found them out, and only one beheaded body of the brood was left as evidence of the tragedy. In the fields and woodlands these incidents are of daily occurrence, but so abundant is nature in her supply of every living creature, that at the end of the summer bird-life will be far in excess of what is required to continue the race.

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SINGING cock Goldfinches, 2/6, 3/-; approval.—Ernest Butler, Banbury.

COCK Bullfinch, 2/9, good piper.—Feltham, 128, Commercial-rd., Bournemouth.

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# Singing Contests.

## SHEFFIELD.

Result of annual Whitsuntide Linnet contest for £20, at Newmarket Hotel, Sheaf Street, on June 1st was as follows:—1, Palfreyman, 156 secs.; 2 and 6, Fenn 123 secs. and 70 secs.; 3, Foulstone, jun., 117 secs.; 5, Bisley, 98 secs.; 42 birds sang 2½ mins. each way. Also contest on June 2nd, 2 mins. each way: 1, Fenn, 120 secs.; 2, Foulstone, 84 secs.; 3, Palfreyman, 64 secs.; 21 birds sang. Also contest at Don Inn, Dunlop Street, June 5th:—1, Teating, 105 secs.; 2. Fenn, 97 secs.; 3, Fenn, 82 secs.; 27 birds sang 1½ mins. each way. And usual weekly contest at Newmarket Hotel, June 6th:—1, Palfreyman, 74 secs.; 2, Fenn, 69 secs.; 3, Fenn, 69 secs.; 27 birds sang 1½ mins. each way. I desire to tbank on behalf of the members of the club, Messrs. T. Wilson and Ballington and other friends for gifts of cages, etc.—H. FENN, Sec.

## LEIGH.

Linnet singing contest, held at Colliers' Rest, Westleigh Mill, when Mr. J. Edwards gave £1 to be sung for—10s. for time singing, and 10s. for quality. Thirty-four birds sang. Result, quality: 1 Milligan, 2 Topping, 3 O'Neil; for time: 1 Statham (113 and 91 secs), 2 J. Milligan (89 secs.). Judges for quality Messrs. Gibbins and Topping; for time Messrs. Talbot and Parker; timekeeper, Mr. Hayes; birdman, Mr. Ellison. Also Mr. Howard win 3rd and 5th at Warrington last Monday.—J. W. JONES.

## BLACKBURN.

Blackburn Quality Linnet S.A. usual week-end contest for quality singing held at Old Red Lion, Snig Brook, when 25 birds were entered. We still keep on the increase in regard to entries of birds, and we have also a better attendance of friends. Our committee says it is through our valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, that we are doing this. Results: 1st and 2nd, Rostron; 3rd, Catterall. Judges, Messrs. Rostron and Nelson. Timekeeper, Mr. Cardwell.—G. ROSTRON and T. SLATER, Secs.

## SKINNINGROVE.

The Linnet singing club held their second cup round at the White Horse, Loftus, on June 5th, for time singing. Only 11 birds sang. Result: 1st, Hodge, 15/-; 2nd, Rawson, 10/-; 3rd, Hodge, 5/-; 4th, Fox, 2s. 6d. Judge, Mr. Deadon. Timekeeper, Mr. Rawson.—W. H., Sec.

## PENDLEBURY.

Lark fanciers had their "Derby Day" on June 5th. We were pleased to see friends from Hollinwood, Failswortb, and Todmorden, etc. It is surprising that the Lark singing bobby is not more to the front than it is. It is interesting for all fanciers. The best birds, too, do not always win. We are hoping to have another contest in a week or two's time. We will soon be having the last one of the season, the birds will be moulting soon. The singing was of the best. Mr. Dobson (Pendlebury) had the first bird up, it being the first he had ever hung in a contest. It seemed afraid, but sang 6 mins. 29 secs. Mr. Turner's was the second up, and sang 10.49 out of the 12 minutes. It proved tbe best up to the last but one, Mills' bird making a dead heat. Everyone gave a sigb of relief when the timekeeper said up. The awards were as follows: Mills and Turner dead heat, divided 1st and 2nd prizes; time 10.49 each; 3, Fairhurst, 9.49; 4, Almon, 7.45. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Cardwell; judge, Mr. E. Royle.—ALEX. DONNELLY.

## NELSON.

In connection with the Palatine Working Men's Club, the 5tb annual Lark singing contest was held on June 6th, when 15 of the best birds in Lancashire and Yorkshire competed for the best time of 10 minutes, 1, S. Bannister, sang full time and proved the winner at tbe last three contests; 2, Jackson 9-52; 3, Holliday, 9-48; Mr. Jackson followed witb 9-46 unplaced. There was a good company. Judge, Mr. Burnett; timekeeper, Mr. Greenwood.—T. LOFTHOUSE, Sec.

## LEEDS.

A series of Linnet singing contests was held at the Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane, Leeds, commencing Saturday, May 29th, when 18 birds took part:—1st prize Ridgewell, 2nd Duffy, 3rd Marshall. Contest, May 30th, 24 birds were hung: 1st prize C. Lorriman, 2nd W. Farrer, 3rd N. Soloman. June 1st was the contest open to all England. This was the best-heard contest that ever has been in Leeds. The winning bird, Mr. Soloman's, sang with much vigour. It has been hard worked these holidays, doing tbe extraordinary performance of winning the £20 All World's Championship, held at the King's Head, Shannon Street, the £5 contest held at the Skinner's Arms, Busliugthorpe, the All England contest held at tbe Prince Albert Inn, Newtown, beating 40 well-trained birds, including Mr. S. Hardcastle's "Wonderful Cbivvy," and it was presented witb a gold medal from the members, and finally won this English Championship. Fanciers came from all over England, and were exceedingly satisfied with their recent defeats:—1st prize, N. Soloman (Leeds), 2nd Topping (Blackburn), 3rd T. Johnson (Leeds), 4th, N. Solomon (Leeds), 5th Crysfason (Blackburn). Neutral judges, Messrs. J. Clark and H. Allen. Timekeeper, Mr. Alf Loriman.—J. HARGREAVES, Sec.

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Annual Whitsuntide contest for quality singing, held June 1st, at the Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, when 19 birds sang: 1 Thirkill, 2 Turner, 3 Gally, 4 Sellers. Judges, Messrs. Naylor and Symon. Also June 6tb, wben 11 birds sang, and some very good singing was beard: 1 Tbirkill, 2 Chipindale, 3 Ward. Judges, Messrs. Summers and Naylor.—WALTER NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Our usual contest was held at the King's Head, Shannon Street, Leeds, May 29th, when some good singing was heard. Mr. W. Tillotson gave three good prizes to be sang for, and 25 birds were bung: 1 R. Lister, 2 T. Stead, 3 divided J. Bland and T. Stead. Judges, Messrs. T. Summers, T. Crane, A. Nickolson. Also on May 30th, when 32 birds were bung for four good prizes: 1 W. H. Topping (Blackburn), 2 and 3 R. Lister, 4 T. Stead. Judges, Messrs. H. Allen, C. Cooper and T. Crane. Also on June 1st, when three good prizes were sang for, and were judged to perfection by Messrs. T. Summers and A. Jennings: 1 T. Stead, 2 H. Wigfield, 3 divided, J. Bland and T. Stead. Also on June 5th, when 25 birds were hung for three good prizes given by the landlord: 1 R. Lister, 2 W. Crowther, 3, divided T. Stead and H. Wigfield. Judges, Messrs. T. Summers, A. Jennings and J. Lacey. Also on June 6th, when 30 birds sang for four good prizes, before a crowded house: 1 and 4 R. Lister, 2 T. Stead, 3 H. Wigfield. Judges, Messrs. H. Allen and J. Melia.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Our 16th Annual Contest was held at the King's Head, Shannon Street, Leeds, May 31st, when the house was packed with visitors from all parts of hear the birds sing: 1 W. Sissons, 2 and 8 T Stead, 3 C Biss, 4 and 14 W. H. Topping (Blackburn), 5 W. Bisby (Sheffield), 6 T. Crane, 7 J. Hollingworth, 9 M. Brophy, 10 A. Richards, 11 W. Crowther, 12 J. Spedding (Dewsbury), 13 W. Naylor, 15 W. Fisher, 16 J. Grant. The birds were judged to perfection, and everybody was delighted when Mr. H. Allen called the prizes out. Gentlemen from all parts of England congratulated the three judges upon tbeir honest decisions. The judges were Messrs. H. Allen, J. Melia, and C. Cooper.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Usual week-end quality singing Linnet contests held at Plasterers' Arms, Skinner-lane, off Northstreet, June 5th, when Mr. A. Kendall gave three good prizes. There were 18 birds. 1st and 2nd divided between Soloman and Hardcastle; 3rd divided between Solomon and Duffy. The company wound up the afternoon in grand style witb some good songs and music. A trial of strength by T. Jobnson was made by bis trying to break the famous horseshoe made by Bob Fitzsimmons. Also grand contest on June 6th, when 17 birds sang. 1st, Hardcastle; 2nd and 3rd, Solomon's "Derby winner." Our Linnet clubs commences on June 13th.—J. W. HARGREAVES.

## LEICESTER.

Grand Linnet singing contest held at the Lord Clifton, Mill Lane, on Whit Tuesday. There was a good entry of excellent birds. Result: 1 F. Heathcote, 2 Wm. Graves, 3 M. Page. Timekeepers, Messrs. Heath and Tabberer; judge, O. Barson.—F.J.

## WARRINGTON.

Open to all England contest, held on Whit Monday, at the Unicorn Inn, Winwick Road, when a very enjoyable afternoon was spent, and some remarkable singing was heard. Result: 1, J. Mather, 135 secs.; 2, F. Hughes, 120 secs.; 3, W. Howard, 97 secs.; 4, W. Leah, 81 secs.; 5, W. Howard, 76 secs. Judges, Messrs. T. Crawford and J. Peers; timekeeper, T. Stout; birdman, P. Clare. We tbank the fanciers from other towns for coming to tbe contest.—W. PEET, Sec.

## HERRINGTON.

Open Linnet singing contest, held June 5th, at "Shoulder of Mutton," West Herrington. Thirty birds competed. The singing was a treat. 1st (20s.) Welsh, 2nd (10s.), Choller, 3rd (5s.) McDonald. Judge Mr. Green; timekeeper, Mr. M. Summerill; bookkeepers, Messrs. Summerill and Foggin.—GEO. GREEN.

## YORK.

Annual Whitsuntide Linnet singing contest, held at Crown Inn, North Street, when upwards of 30 birds competed. Result: 1 Gurden, 2 Moor, 3 Lambert. Judge, Mr. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper. Second contest result: 1 Wilson, 2 Lee, 3 Stothard, 4, Massheder, 5 Mason. Judge, Mr. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper. Usual weekly Linnet singing contest, June 5th, when 20 birds competed. Result: 1, Wilson, 2 3 Lee, 4 Massheder, 5 Chaplin.—Judge, Mr. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

## KIRKSTALL AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

An impromptu meeting was held on June 5th, to consider the best date for young bird sbow, etc. It was eventually decided to call a general meeting on June 19th at beadquarters. Will all members make a special point to attend? We sbould also be glad to see any fanciers wisbing to join us. Syllabus can be bad from me.—W. HORNEY, Assistant-secretary, 17, Noster-street, Beeston.

## CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Monthly meeting held on Jnne 1st. It was decided to hold the old bird show in tbe Newgate Assembly Rooms, and tbe secretary was instructed to secure the rooms for tbat occasion. Tbe local members are baving a fairly successful breeding season considering the uncertain state of the weather and tbe late start made. Tbe secretary brought some samples of colour feeds wbich had been sent to bim for the inspection of tbe members. The Britisb bird section will be a strong one at tbe next show, and several members are trying for Finch and Linnet Mules.—T. SWINDLEY, Hon. Sec.

## HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held at beadqnarters, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W., on May 27tb, Mr. G. Gardner presiding. About 40 members and visitors attended, although the night was a very wet one. It was decided that we have a ramble in Epping Forest on June 19th witb Mr. J. S. Clarke as guide. Train leaves Gospel Oak 2 p.m., Junction-road 2.6, Soutb Tottenham 2.20, but the train stops at all stations between Gospel Oak and Tottenham. With fine weather a pleasant time is assured. New members were again nominated. Mr. Gardner gave us a good lecture on "Crests of the Olden Time and Crests of To-day," in which he traced the growth of the Crested bird from the old daisy Crest shown in Barnsby's book, and through its many improvements as exemplified in Mr. Bastock's "Sunshine." On the introduction of tbe Coppy Cross it developed both in body, size, and crest, till it reacbed the perfection of the present day. The lecture was much enjoyed. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Gardner bronght the meeting to a close. At tbe next meeting, June 24th, we are to be favoured by a lecture on colour feeding by Mr. W. Morris. Members please note. Visitors are welcome.—G. H. NEAL, Hon. Sec.


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# Club Reports.

## SOUTHALL AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held June 7th at St. John's Schools. A President and tbe Vice-Presidents were elected as follows: President, Rev. F. Roberts; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. E. Cogswell, F. Easterling, J. Robson, C. A. House, W. H. Phipps, and C. Huxley. After this, rules were decided upon. It was also agreed to have a table show of young stock and British birds on July 5th.—T. G. JEFFERY, Hon. Sec.

## KILMARNOCK O.C.B.S.

Committee meeting, held June 1st. The following gentlemen were appointed judges for our show on November 19th and 20th: for Scotch Fancy, Messrs. J. Dalgleish and A. Patterson (Edinburgh); for Norwich, Mr. Jas. Winter (Edinburgh); for Border Fancy, Mr. Wm. Shearer (Hamilton); for Britisb and Foreign birds, Mr. A. Cochrane (Edinburgh). It was agreed that we have four classes for Yorkshires. Also that prize money be paid on the Friday evening of show, also on the Saturday afternoon.—JAS. B. Y. MURDOCH, Hon. Sec.

## DEWSBURY O.F.S.

Monthly meeting, held May 29tb, at headquarters, Little Saddle Hotel. The Secretary had the pleasure of enrolling two new members, after which the schedule for our members' First Feather Show, to be held at headquarters on June 19th, was gone into. Eventually it was decided to have seven classes, birds to be entered up to time of staging, not later than 3 o'clock, all birds to be lifted at 6.30 prompt. The following are the classes: Class 1, Cl. or tkd. yell.; 2, ditto, buff; 3, unevenly mkd. yell.; 4, ditto, buff; 5, foul mkd.; 6, A.V. sell 10/6, yell.; 7, ditto, 10/6, buff.—G. G. STAFFORD, Hon. Sec.

## DARLINGTON C. AND B.C.F.A

Monthly meeting held June 2nd, Mr. H. C. Carter presided. The rules and regulations for open show were arranged. It was decided to hold our First Feather Show on July 3rd. The following classes were arranged, one each for Nor., Yorks., A.O.V. Can., Mule or Hybrid, and A.V. British Hardbill. Entrance fee 6d. each cage. Entrance money in each class paid out as prize money on tbe sliding scale. A special prize of 2s. 6d. will be given in each class for most points gained. Birds to be staged at 2 p.m. Members please note.—R. S. BLACK, Hon. Sec.

## CINNAMON MARKED Y.C.C.

We hope to have a full meeting of our committee on June 9th, at the Butcher's Arms, Gt. Horton. There will be some very important business to transact and arrange, including tbe annual year-book, tbe time and method of allotting patronage, the competitions and prize lists for same, and various otber matters. We shall probably have about 50 new members to propose, including the following proposed by our President (Mr. W. Richmond):—Messrs. J. Chambers (Liverpool), C. Mortimer (Eccleshill), E. Marsh (Pudsey), A. Procter (Manningham), I. H. Parker (Bradford), W. B. Swaine and W. Webster (Lalsterdyke). A further list will be duly published along with additional applications for patronage. As the Great Horton Society are holding their First Feather Show on the above date, we expect to meet a good number of fanciers, and any member of the committee will be delighted to give information to intending new members. Our meeting will be held at 6 o'clock prompt.—GARNETT AND TOWERS, Hon. Secs.

## SCOTCH FANCY NATIONAL DERBY O.A.

Membership 1909 (continued):—J. Cook, Cowdenbeath; D. Arthur, Bowling; J. W. Anderson, Maryhill; W. Tbornton, Blackhall; D. McAdam, Jamestown; J. Chalmers, Kirkmuirhill; W. Hunter, Wishaw; H. Mitchell, Newmilns; McDougall, Clydebank; J. Prentice, Coatbridge; J. Kennedy, jun., Paisley; R. Thomas, Dundee; J. D. Brown, East Kilbride; D. Holden, Muirkirk; G. Reid, Carluke; A. Murdocb, Airdrie; A. Russell, Airdrie; A. Jardine, Maryhill; A. Buchanan, Shottleston; J. McMillan, W. Finnie, Edinburgh; J. Fulton, Paisley; W. Edgar, Dumfries; Miss Brown, Duns; J. Main, Coatbridge; A. Balfour, Motherwell; A. Ferguson, Renfrew; W. Niven, Falkirk; J. S. Ward, Shottleston; D. McCallum, Campbeltown; J. King, Musselburgh; J. Higgins, Hamilton; R. Neil, J. Price, Barrhead; J. Begg, D. McEachern, M. Petrie, Leith; J. Carlaw, Falkirk; J. Craig, J. Trail, J. Roddie, Motherwell; A. Hamilton, Bonnybridge; T. Kerry, Cumbuslang; J. Smith, G. McCrae, A. McLachlan, Govan; W. Rodger, J. Sinclair, P. McDougall, Edinburgh; J. Gillies, A. Livingstone; A. M. Baird, J. Kennedy; A. McDonald, Paisley; R. Price, Barrhead; W. D. Hogg, Oakley; W. B. Cobb, Leeds; J. Wymus, Airdrie; D. Caldwell, H. R. Caldwell, Bailliaston; P. Ritchie, Paisley; J. Black, Lanark; J. Calder; W. Gray, J. Morrison. W. McClure, H. Hunt, J. Phillips, T. Fergusson, C. Blue, J. J. McIlwain, J. F. Renwick, P. Gilchrist, A. Orr, Glasgow; J. Allison, W. Meikle, Paisley; H. Moore, J. Little, Barrhead. The membership is slightly down, but a large number have to account for tickets sent them; they will favour me by doing so on or before the meeting evening, viz., June 14th.—THOS. SMITH, Sec.


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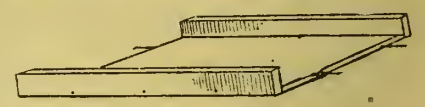
## No. 316.
## A Feeding Board.
**Sent by W. Mortimer, 77, Arlington Road, Camden Town.**

This feeding board for young Canaries is six inches wide, with side pieces to prevent the egg or other food being thrown into bottom of the cage and these are 2½ inches high. The two wire pins in each

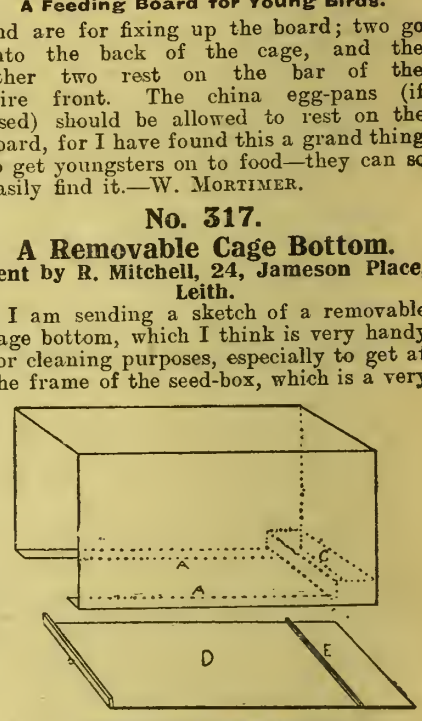


**A Feeding Board for Young Birds.**

end are for fixing up the board; two go into the back of the cage, and the other two rest on the bar of the wire front. The china egg-pans (if used) should be allowed to rest on the board, for I have found this a grand thing to get youngsters on to food—they can so easily find it.—W. MORTIMER.

## No. 317.
## A Removable Cage Bottom.
**Sent by R. Mitchell, 24, Jameson Place, Leith.**

I am sending a sketch of a removable cage bottom, which I think is very handy for cleaning purposes, especially to get at the frame of the seed-box, which is a very,




**A Removable Cage Bottom.**

*A: Wood strips for bottom to slide along. C: The seed-box. D: The cage bottom. E: Strip of wood which catches against the seed-box.*

awkward part to clean in the ordinary cages. It will be clearly seen in the sketch how it is contrived. Just take two strips of wood and glue them on the bottom of cage frame, or nail them, whichever you please.—ROBERT MITCHELL.

I take in CAGE BIRDS every week and find it very helpful, writes Mr. J. Forbes (Ayr). Through a single advertisement in the early part of this year, I was enahled to dispose of about a dozen of my surplus stock, and in doing so made several friends in the Fancy.

CAGE BIRDS is really my Sunday companion. I shall never forget when I first started birdkeeping. I found that alright in itself, but when it came to breeding them I was lost; but a fellow fancier told me to follow CAGE BIRDS up, as that would put me right. I did so, and am now practically on the top rung of the "ladder of progress."—J. WALSH (Atherton).

"Birds and their Nests and Eggs found in and near great Towns," is the title of the latest handbook by George H. Vos, B.A., M.B. (Cantab). Strictly speaking it is the third part of a work on this subject. The three parts, as the author tells us in his preface, embody accounts of "excursions taken near the Metropolis by myself alone, or in company with my valued naturalist friend, Mr. Alfred Hodgkinson, during three seasons, with limited time at our disposal." The object of the writer is to give a short word picture of the various kinds of birds, and the chief points connected with them, which he finds to be "a most valuable method of gaining familiarity with our feathered friends." But nothing, as the author rightly points out, can take the place of *finding* the birds themselves. The book is delightfully free from heaviness. It cannot be said to be authoritative, except in so far as the plain statement of facts as discovered by the author is concerned. So that if the reader looks, for instance, for a reasoned discussion on the subject of the migratory instincts of birds, he will look in vain; but if, as a lover of wild-bird life, he seeks entertainment and some enlightenment on minor points, he will be amply satisfied. The book contains a large number of illustrations, and is well printed, being also of a convenient size. Those interested in the spread of nature study in elementary schools will find this book helpful in the furtherance of their propaganda. Messrs. E. Routledge and Sons, of London, and E. P. Dutton and Co., of New York, are the publishers, the price of the book being one shilling.

# Country Rambles

## Bradford East O.S.

The annual ramble took place on Whit-Tuesday, to Harden and Bingley, under conditions that were idcal for walking. The ramble turned out to be the most popular which has been organised by this Society, no less than 84 persons joining the party, which spent a pleasant afternoon among the rich woodland with which this part of the country is so generously endowed. Taking car to Thornton, the party wended its way past Doe Park, down by Hewenden reservoir, just touching the fringe of Cullingworth, then all through the woods at Harden.

The country around Harden and Bingley is just now looking at its best, and everybody in the party seemed to enjoy to the full the grand effect produced by the beautiful wild flowers, the magnificent foliage of the trees, the green mantle of the fields, the ferns and bracken, and the clear running stream, with trout sporting in its refreshing waters. It made one wish to stay longer, and wander amidst the beauty which nature provides in such prodigal quantity. But the time was drawing near for tea, and so we had to push on to our destination at Harden, where our appetites were gratified by a substantial meal, provided jointly by Messrs. Hastwick and Myers. Unfortunately, owing to the limited means of catering for so large a party in the village, we had to split into two sections, and after tea these went in two different directions, one party going back to the Allerton car, thence to Bradford, and the other by the Saltaire route.

We had the pleasure of hearing the Cuckoo nearly all the way from Harden to Allerton, and we also saw a few birds' nests, but did not disturb them, as it was getting rather late. We reached the Allerton car about 8.10 p.m., and arrived home in good time, after spending a most pleasant afternoon in one of the nicest parts the broad-acred shire can boast of. The members will note with pleasure the increased numbers that join these rambles, and I feel sure that the welfare of the Society is assured so long as these outings are arranged in this spirit. My hope is that they may long continue to give the same satisfaction which they have done in the past.—H. Hill, Hon. Secretary.

## Leyton and District C.B.A.

(*See photograph on page 565.*)

The annual outing took place on May 27th, and once again Epping Forest was the venue selected, the meet taking place at Loughton Station. Some thirty members and friends turned up, some arriving on cycles and others by rail. For "Who's Who?" see photograph. The day was radiantly glorious. The golden sunshine, blue sky without a cloud, in addition the good fellowship so markedly prevalent, made one realise to the fullest extent the joy of living. The ground covered was much the same as at last year's outing. The party, on reaching the forest, split up in two, one half under the leadership of J. S. C., pushed on to the far side of Connaught Waters, leaving the second moiety in charge of the commander-in-chief, Mr. Hon. Sec. B. F. Forse, to give him his full title. Those British Bird enthusiasts, the Brothers Morris, very considerately parted company in order that one might accompany each section. It seems hard to realise as I write this, in a room in which a large fire is burning, whilst against my window a cold rain is pattering, that on the day of the outing the sun's heat was so great that one felt tempted to throw oneself full length in the cool and fragrant bracken, and cease the quest of the pretty and interesting homes of our feathered friends. These, I am inclined to think, were not quite so plentiful as on previous occasions; none the less, we saw plenty, including those of the Greater and Lesser Whitethroat, Greenfinch, Linnet, Bullfinch, Chaffinch, Hawfinch, Yellow Bunting, Hedge Sparrow, Jay, Blackbird and Thrush.

All day the birds sang in unceasing melody, and as one listened there was no difficulty for trained ears to recognise the notes of the Nightingale, Garden Warbler, Blackcap, Whitethroat, Thrush and Blackbird, whilst from the trees at frequent intervals came the weird call of the Woodpecker. Everyone knows the Cuckoo, and Leyton fanciers should never forget him, as until late in the evening sometimes two at once were calling, "Cuckoo! Cuckoo! Cuckoo!" Two unusual clutches were found by the members of Mr. Forse's section, viz., Chaffinch and Lesser Whitethroat, each with six eggs. I much regret that I did not see them, as I have never found more than five in a clutch. Many nests contained young birds, and I am pleased to say none were molested. Lest readers of Cage Birds should think we exhausted our subject, let me remind them that the portion of the Forest to which my section turned their attention consists of some 4,000 acres, leading through beautiful glades and thickets, the latter dense with pollarded oak, beech, hornbeam, maple, and birch, with an undergrowth of thorn crab and holly, not forgetting the wild briar, which is in great profusion. An interesting item in the outing was furnished by a balloon race (not got up by the Leyton fanciers), which drew our eyes from the bushes as by magnetic attraction. There appeared to be some ten or a dozen competitors. Some of them, owing to the great height they had attained, looked like mere bubbles against the azure sky, whilst the accompanying Martins, which seemed to be as curious as we ourselves, had the appearance of insects as they wheeled and circled about them. Incident crowded upon incident; there is not space to relate them all. As Burns truly says:—

"Pleasures are like poppies spread;
You seize the flowor, its bloom is shed."

And by this time some of the less enthusiastic naturalists began to murmur of a tea-time that was long past. So the birds were left in peace, and glad, no doubt, they were to be relieved from the scrutiny of such keen eyes. Tea at the "Owl," quaintest of hostelries or inns, whichever you like to call it. The other section having arrived before us, we speedily "fell to." Hunger ever the best of sauce, we all did ample justice to the viands put before us. We were photographed "muchly" both before and after tea; the one reproduced here was the one taken after, as may be readily seen by the peaceful and contented look on the victims' faces. The small boy in the group closed his eyes in a spirit of mischief; he also made everybody laugh by announcing the fact immediately the shutter clicked. This young gentleman raised another laugh by pulling his hat down to hide his hair, so as not to excite the anger of a herd of cows that passed between him and the camera. That readers may appreciate the joke, let me explain that his hair is red gold in colour. Tea had been laid in the big marquee standing in the grounds, the windows of which looked immediately on to a narrow strip of plantation, and then away across a meadow, the cool green of which was patterned in profusion with the bloom of the dandelion, daisy and buttercup.

At the far end there was a belt of timber bordering a beautiful estate, no doubt at one time itself a portion of the forest. Horse chestnut (in full bloom) oak, elm, copper and ordinary beech, ash, and blue fir trees were conspicuous, and subordinate to these the laburnum, with its amount of gold, mountain ash in flower (food for the birds, bye-and-bye), white and crimson thorn, rhododendrons in varying colours, which the rays of the setting sun were illuminating. This is one of the scenes that will linger in my memory for many a long day. "The night drave on with songs and clatter," and the concert, which seems to have become a feature of the Leyton fanciers' outing, enabled Messrs. Curtis, B. F. Forse, Carr, Wilson, Pardoe, Tossach and Bates to contribute very much to the pleasure of all present. All too soon, it seemed to most of us, the time arrived to ring down the curtain on one of the most enjoyable outings it has been my good fortune to take part in. So with the singing of "God Save the King," the solo of which was rendered right musically by friend Curtis, and the chorus by all of us right lustily, followed by "Auld Lang Syne," the meeting broke up, and we were speedily en route for Loughton. Once more Forest all the way.—J. S. Clarke.

## King's Head (Leicester) B.B. and M. Club.

The first of a series of country rambles in connection with the "King's Head" (Archdeacon Lane, Leicester), British Bird and Mule Club took place on May 23rd. Brilliant weather favoured the event. A start was made at 9.30 a.m. from headquarters by brake, and a couple of hours' easy riding took us well into the country, close to Seagrave fox covers. From this point the party rambled on foot towards Six Hills, our destination. In the afternoon a special route was taken by the whole party, and in a well-wooded neighbourhood, under the guidance of that well-known fancier and exhibitor, Mr. W. Cole, we soon made the acquaintance of some of our migratory feathered friends. The first to attract our attention was the Black-Cap Warbler, sending forth his full, rich notes. Near to a low stone wall we saw the Redstart and his mate busily building. Up in a fir tree we saw the Gold-crested Wren and the Blue Tit. The Cuckoo was heard, the Whinchat flew by, while the woods echoed with the music of the Blackbird, the Linnet, Chaffinch, Yellowhammer, and the lovely Song Thrush, whose mate we discovered sitting tightly on her nest of six eggs, one of which we examined and then carefully replaced. Near by we also found the nest of the Lesser Whitethroat and the Hedge Accentor. The song of the Willow Warbler (as also that of the Chiffchaff) was heard. At the top of a high edge we saw a splendid specimen of the Wheatear, while earlier on, during the picnic "spread," we listened to the beautiful notes of the Nightingale. Returning to the hostelry, the members sat down to an appetising tea, after which a vote of thanks to the Ramble Management Committee was passed unanimously, and a start was made on the return journey. Passing through beautiful scenery, enlivened by Swallows, Swifts, Sand-martins, and Magpies, and here and there a hovering Hawk, home was reached, after a grand day out, about 7 p.m. Local fanciers wishing to join the above club should apply to headquarters.—W. Burbidge, Secretary.

## Hartlepools C.B.S.

The Hartlepools Cage Bird Society's fourth annual outing was held on Whit-Monday in the beautiful grounds surrounding Wynyard, the seat of Lord Londonderry. The weather was not by any means propitious, as during the drive to the park, and also during a portion of the ramble, the rain fell heavily; but this notwithstanding, a party of nineteen ladies and gentlemen had a real good time. As usual, through the kindness of Mr. Mieklejohn, the keepers conducted two parties through the woods, and though nothing unusual was noted, several interesting objects were discovered. In recounting the details of his party's ramble, Mr. R. Dall gave a most excellent account of the various nests, eggs, and young they had seen, several of which, however, they could not name. This party was also shown the pheasant incubators, and as several lots of eggs were batching it proved a very instructive object lesson. Mr. Woodhead described the finds of his party, which included, amongst others, the nest of the Kestrel Hawk, containing a young one and an egg, with dead one, unhatched. The party re-assembled to make the return drive to Wolviston, where Mrs. Balmer had a splendid tea awaiting us. Needless to say, full justice was done to the good things provided, and afterwards the whole company thoroughly enjoyed themselves, songs being rendered by Messrs. Robinson and Meynell, and dancing was indulged in to the musical strains of the piano, the artists being Messrs. Dent and Woodhead. The singing of "God Save the King" preceded a lovely drive to West Hartlepool, and the company parted with the heartiest wishes that at some future date such another pleasant time would be spent together.—E. Woodhead, assistant-secretary.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# SOME BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1909 SEASON.

*Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others, and must be accompanied by the sender's name and address in every case.*

### Hetton-le-Hole and District C.B.S.

Breeding results are very poor in our district up till now. The total results obtained by members present at our meeting on June 5th, were as follows:—H. Fenwick 25, R. Lawson 21, Geo. Vipond 19, R. Allen 15, H. Wilson 13, G. Gowland 11, H. Kilner 7, S. Rowell 7, J. Appleby 1, P. Newstead 1, A. Notley nil. Sad complaints were heard about clear eggs, dead in shell, and the finding of young dead in nest and yet with crops full of food—not a very bright report to send, but we hope for much better results.—A. J. Notley, hon. secretary.

### In Scotland.

The result of the breeding of the Scotch Fancy Canary in Scotland, so far, has not been encouraging. The most successful report is that of Mr. Dalgleish, of Edinburgh, who is said to have twenty to thirty. Mr. Paton, of Kilmarnock, has had a good season, and Mr. Hannan, of Maxwelltown, and Mr. Craig, of Girvan, made a capital start. As a rule, however, breeders have few young birds, so that they will have to depend upon what may be done in June, July, and August. A backward start may be followed with success.—A Breeder.

### Bradford East O.S.

While out on the annual Whitsuntide ramble, writes Mr. H. Hill, hon. sec. Bradford East O.S., the birdy-men whiled the time away by describing their experiences, their successes and failures, during the present season; and it is surprising what different methods are adopted to achieve success. Some of the members are doing extremely well, while others are doing just as badly. I hear that there are some promising youngsters out, whose owners have already visions of first prizes in plenty adorning the show-cages of their favourites before the curtain is rung down on the season 1909-10. But more anon; the fates-that-be will determine in due time. But the average exhibitor is doomed to have many disappointments. My only hope is that those with lofty ambitions will be let down as gently as possible, for the bird is yet to be bred which suits every judge. I might say in passing that two of our most prominent exhibiting members have round about 100 each, and several others have their forties and fifties, so it looks as though our members' shows are going to be up to the usual standard.


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# Under the White Rose.

THE breeding season is now proceeding apace, and, as usual, some fanciers are flourishing and others, no matter how they try, seem to be unable to get going properly. The principal cries have been, "dead in shell" and "clear eggs." The feeding this time, taking it all round, has left little room for complaint. I have heard many remark that they never had hens do better. Several Societies held members' shows for young birds last week, and others are to be held to-day. Then next week we have the only open First Feather show, at Great Horton, where it is hoped some good birds, and plenty of them, will be seen.

MULE and Hybrid breeders are not having such a lively time; several, I hear, are getting plenty of eggs, which are not proving fertile. Perhaps it is rather early yet. Others are looking forward to better results, their birds being busy carrying nesting material about. Some of the crosses being tried are good, if they will only be successful, the following being amongst them (first named in each case being the male bird): Bullie-Greenie, Linnet-Bullie, Redpoll-Bullie, Redpoll-Greenie, Twite-Canary, Linnet-Canary, Goldie-Canary, Linnet-Siskin, Siskin-Bullie.

THE Green Marked Y.C.C. (beg pardon, the National Green Marked Y.C.C.) was duly put into working order on Saturday last. There was not a very great turn-out of fanciers, but representative. Quite three hours were taken up by business, the formation of rules, classes, method of counting for points, prizes, etc., being the principal points. Four classes at least must be provided for marked birds by Societies that wish to have the Club's patronage, and they are to be as follows:—Green marked yellow Yorkshire cock; ditto buff cock; ditto yellow hen; ditto buff hen.

A MARKED bird must be marked on at least two technical points (eye, wing, and tail), even and foul marks being, of course, allowed to compete. The birds are to be judged in the first place for type and quality, markings only to have preference where birds are of equal merit otherwise. As regards counting for points' competitions, three birds only are to count, and these must be "starred." In the event of a class being cancelled, exhibitors are to be allowed to transfer the "star" to another exhibit. After the close of the business there was a long discussion on the merits or otherwise of "starring" for these competitions, its effect on the entry of exhibits at shows, the sale of birds, etc. It was a lively hour.

"STRAIGHT-'UN."

# The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given each week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.

## **Mag, the Happy.

A friend of mine has a Magpie, which is a happy little fellow. He is very fond of a bone. He will scold the cat, and call his master. The children will run after him with sticks, and he will jump upon the top of a post and talk to them as impertinently as can be, and his mistress would often find behind the doors scissors, thimble, halfpennies, etc. At last they were obliged to cage him, because they got tired of his mischievous ways. He calls Bill to let him out, as he does not like being penned up. He is like a robber, because he got in prison for his naughty ways.—Sent by Ella Cook, aged 10 years, Bearwood, Pembridge.

## *The Canaries' Whitsun Holiday

One Sunday morning my father hung his Canaries out in the back yard, as usual. In one cage was "Minnie" and "Georgie" and three young ones. Somehow the cage door came open and they both escaped, and flew on to our neighbour's fruit trees, and then on to the housetops. Some boys caught "Minnie" in the afternoon, but "Georgie" we could not see. We had quite made up our minds that we should never see him again. In the evening, however, we all went out for a walk, and went we returned at 8 p.m. to our surprise he had returned through the kitchen window and into the scullery. Both the old and young ones are now doing well.—Sent by Dora Wood, age 15, 1, Pearcefield Terrace Cromwell Road, Brentwood, Essex.

## *How a Starling was Saved.

On Whit-Monday my aunt was watching some parent Starlings feeding their young. One of the young ones was so eager to get a worm which was in its mother's bill that it fell out of the nest. The cat sprang forward, but my aunt was too quick for it, and managed to catch the young bird before the cat did. She brought it to my big brother, who put it in a cage. He gave it some worms to eat, and hung the cage high up on a wall. The old Starlings fed the young one through the cage wires. My brother nailed a platform to the bottom of the cage for it to stand on. The old birds have been many times every day since, carrying worms, slugs, snails and green food to the young bird, which has a very big appetite.—Sent by May Higgs, age 10, 85, Chapel Street, Luton, Bedfordshire.

## JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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## *Twitterings.*

The Wigan and Dist. C.B.S. have decided to hold the first feather show on July 10th, writes Mr. W. Ridge, hon. sec.

We are having our first feather show on July 15th, writes Mr. W. Cartwright, secretary, Grantham and Dis. C.B.S.

The Coventry O.S. first feather show will be held on July 3rd, judge, Mr. C. H. Walton, writes Mr. G. Peters, the sec.

Littlehorough C.B.S. first feather show will be held on June 26th, with the Rev. R. P. Hudson as judge, writes Mr. H. Smith, the sec.

My last advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. Killingworth (Boston) met with all the response I could desire, and I am well satisfied with the result.

Mr. J. H. Payne, of Gloucester, writes Mr. W. G. Edwards, secretary of the Six Bells (Abertillery) and Dis. F.S., has been appointed judge for our open show.

Through your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, applications for Borders are too numerous for me to reply to. I thank all applicants.—JOHN MACKERZIE (Broughty Ferry).

Kindly note my change of address, writes Mrs. Kemp, from Litcham Street, Kentish Town, to 5, Little Charles Place, Prince of Wales Road, Kentish Town, N.W.

The Attercliffe and Dist. C.B.S. entries for their nest feather show close on June 14th, writes Mr. W. Richinson, hon. secretary. I will sit at the club-house to take entries.

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If Mr. E. Bacon, who sent us an order for a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," by Claude St. John, will communicate his address to us we shall be pleased to execute the order.

Mr. J. Brown now finds himself unable to judge Bo'ness O.S. Show, writes the hon. secretary (Mr. Findlay McGillivray), and we have fixed up with Mr. W. Marlin (Hamilton) to take his place.

I duly received the breeding cage labels which I ordered, and I find they are as you say, an absolute necessity in the breeding-room. I can only regret not sending for them sooner.—A. TOWLE (Nottingham).

The Hucknall Torkard C.B.S., writes Mr. E. Mellors, the sec., are holding a First Feather show (12 classes) in the Coffee Tavern Hall, June 19th, and Mr. J. Driver (Messrs. Adnitt and Driver) will officiate as judge.

Our open show, writes Mr. J. Young, joint secretary of the City of Glasgow O.A. show, falls to be held on October 15th and 16th, a date which we have occupied, I may say, for the matter of thirty or more years.

The Millom and District C.B.A., writes Mr. W. J. Thomas, the hon. secretary, have fixed November 19th and 20th for their annual open show, and we would ask fanciers to keep this date in mind, and give us a humping entry.

Our members' First Feather Show will be held at the North Eastern Hotel, Mile End Road, on July 24th, writes Mr. Jas. Barrass, hon. secretary of the South and North Shields and District C.B.S. Mr. Walter Smith will judge.

The Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S. hold their first ramble on Race Wednesday, June 23rd, to Chollerford, writes Mr. J. Bertram. Fanciers wishing to join us please forward their names to me at 95, Gainsbro Grove, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Crewe young bird show will be held on June 12th, judge, Mr. F. Bate (Stoke-on-Trent), writes Mr. J. W. Lawton. I am sorry to say our secretary has been laid up with illness for the past six weeks, but, happily, is now getting well again.

Messrs. Connor Bros., of Sycamore Street, Oldham Road, Manchester, writes Mr. J. Davey, hon. secretary of the North Manchester C.B.S., have dissolved partnership. Mr. John Connor will show the birds in his name from this address.

The 30th annual members' young bird show in connection with the "Admiral Duncan" O.S. will be held on June 26th at the "Admiral Duncan," Coalpit Lane, Nottingham. Sixteen classes are provided, and the show opens at 12 o'clock noon.

The First Feather Show in connection with the Blackpool C.B.S., writes Mr. A. J. Winterbottom, the hon. secretary, will he held on June 19th, at the Raikes' Hotel, Raikes Road, when Mr. Wellings (Prescot) will award the prizes. The executive hope fanciers visiting Blackpool will patronise the show,

Metropolitan cage bird fanciers should note that at the meeting of the London and Provincial O.S., to he held on June 17th at "The Raglan," Aldersgate Street, Mr. Silver will deliver a lecture on British birds, and that Mr. C. T. Maxwell will open the discussion.

The Stanhope Show report states that I was fourth in the British hird class with a Reed Bunting, writes Mr. J. Forster (P.C.) (Darlington), whereas it was a Meadow Bunting, which appears to he very seldom identified in these parts. I may say it was also a big winner at Scotch shows last season.

The following gentlemen are to judge at Gateshead open show, writes Mr. G. Buck, the sec.:—Mr. J. Rohson, Norwich and Cinnamon Canaries; Mr. T. Taylor (Gateshead) Crests; Mr. Dixon (Wigton) Borders; Mr. Halliday (Shipley) Yorkshires; and Mr. Dewar (Edinhurgh) British and Foreign.

At the last monthly meeting of the Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dist. C.B.S.. Mr. Jas. Carr (Blaydon) gave a most interesting address on his personal experiences as a Canary fancier, which led to a lengthy discussion, and for which he was given a hearty vote of thanks, writes Mr. Geo. Havver, the secretary.

The schedule of the Great Horton O.S. First Feather show, to ho held on June 19th, at the Congregational Schools, High Street, comprises 11 open classes, with Mr. E. Radley (Skelmanthorpe) as judge. Besides prize money of 8s., 4s., 2s., and 1s., there is an excellent list of specials.

The annual nest feather show of the Hartlepools C.B.S. has heen fixed for June 16th, writes Mr. E. Woodhead, when Mr. Ben Evans will place the cards. Mr. J. W. Papple, 89, Durham Street, West Hartlepool, has been unanimously elected secretary (in the place of Mr. Williams) and Mr. P. Woodhead his assistant.

## OBITUARY.

### Mr. J. GRIGGS (Birmingham).

It is with very great regret that I have to inform you of the death of Mr. J. Griggs, president of the City of Birmingham C.B.S., writes Mr. J. H. de Maillet, the hon. sec. Mr. Griggs died on May 31st, after long suffering borne with much fortitude. The deceased gentleman was a great lover of Crests. A few years ago he gave £70 for a pair. He had huilt up a most successful stud, hut owing to his indifferent health he very rarely exhibited on the show hench. To the members of the Society he was a generous and kind-hearted friend, always ready to do his utmost to further the interests of the Society, and he will long be remembered hy those who came into close personal touch with him.

Much sympathy will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Gain ("News of the World") on the death of their only daughter Nora, aged 12 years, after a very brief illness, writes Mr. G. F. Woolhouse (E. Dulwich). Mr. Gain, who is one of the vice-presidents of the Dulwich O.S., and well known for his generosity in furthering the interests of the Fancy, has, I am sure, the warmest sympathy, not only of his fellow members, hut also af all who know him.

Our First Feather Show is to be held on July 10th, writes Mr. A. J. Notley, secretary of the Hetton-le-Hole and Dis. C.B.S., when Mr. A. Brown will judge.

Mr. Fox (Long Eaton), will judge at our Nest Feather Show on June 19th, writes Mr. C. Draper, secretary of the Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.

A Wagtail has huilt under the lines on the Midland Railway, at Hampton, between Evesham and Cheltenham. Many trains pass over the nest during the course of the day, hut the hird pays no heed to them, and sits calmly on her six eggs.

Societies requiring the patronage of the Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C., writes Mr. J. Bertram, the secretary, please make application to me at 95, Gainshro Grove, Newcastle-on-Tyne, not later than June 15th, stating classification and judge (radius, Durham, Northumberland, Cumberland, and Westmoreland).

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The open show of the Hasland, Grassmoor, and Dist. C.B.S., writes Mr. C. H. Naylor, the hon. sec., is fixed for December 4th, judge, Mr. W. Vardy, of Huthwaite. Nest feather shows' dates are July 3rd and 31st, when Mr. Vardy will also judge. We are hoping to have a good show at Hasland this time, as we have an excellent room, and I believe Chesterfield are not holding one.

Kindly allow me to thank the chairman and members of the Glasgow and Western O.S. for the very kind manner in which they treated me at their meeting, which I noticed advised in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Wm. Hornby, assistant-secretary, Kirkstall and District C.B.S., and being on a visit in the district I paid them a call. The reception extended to me will always remain in my memory.

Kindly note my change of address, writes Mr. Geo. W. F. Lythgoe, from Stamford Street, to 76, Shrewshury Street, Old Trafford, Manchester. For the benefit of any fanciers who may wish to call, I may state that I am only in the next street to Stamford Street. I am afraid this is perilously near, as after living for 29 years in one house I quite anticipate finding myself trying to open the old, original door.

The following gentlemen have kindly agreed to officiate as judges at our annual show, to he held in Glasgow on October 15th and 16th, writes Mr. John Young, secretary of the City of Glasgow O.A.. viz: Plainhead section: Messrs. Davidson (Aberdeen) and Malcolmson (Glasgow); Crest, etc., section: Mr. J. Nohle (Kilmarnock); Border Fancy section: Messrs. Hislop (Stirling) and Hamilton (Hamilton); Mules, British, and Foreign birds: Messrs. Pettigrew (Glasgow) and Livingstone (Bathgate).

A remarkable consignment of Australian birds (one of the largest seen for many years) reached London last week, and was hought hy that well-known firm of importers, Messrs. De Von, of 114, Bethnal Green Road, London, E. The shipment comprised 2,453 pairs of Budgerigars, 1,616 pairs of Zebra Finches, 98 pairs of Diamond Sparrows, and a number of the handsome Leadheater Cockatoos, and Blue Bonnet Parrakeets—that is to say, the ahove are the numbers which reached England safely, Messrs. De Von's premises presenting an astonishing spectacle the next day, what with the regular stock and the 3,300 odd hirds enumerated above. Over 1,000 pairs of Budgerigars fly loose in one room, the noise of their wings and their cries when disturbed being deafening. This huge consignment landed in very good condition.

### Midland Counties Yorks. C.C.

A committee meeting will he held at the Crown Hotel, Station Street, Birmingham, on June 17th, at eight o'clock. Special business; will all members of the committee please attend?—W. H. UZZELL, hon. sec.

### The Norwich Plainhead Club.

Kindly mention that Mr. W. Aitchison, the well-known Scottish exhibitor, has promised one guinea cash prize (or value) to the member (champion or uovice) joining in 1909 who gains most points at cup shows next season, writes Mr. Jno. Hopkins, hon. sec.

### Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C.

Will Societies desirous of obtaining the patronage, writes Mr. W. R. Myers, the hon. secretary, make application for same to me at 23, Inglehy Place, Bradford? Any Society is eligible which makes five classes for British birds, Mules, and Hybrids, and has its headquarters in the county of Yorkshire. Will intending members please forward their names?

### A Presentation at Hull.

After the judging at the last Nest Feather show of the Hull C.B.S., held on June 7th, the chairman, Mr. G. W. Oliver, called the members together (these numhering ahout 40), and stated that he had a very pleasant duty to perform, which was to present a beautiful silver tea service to the late secretary, Mr. F. F. Potter, for the valuahle services he rendered to the Society in the years 1906-8. Mr. Potter, in returning his thanks, said it would always be his endeavour to advance the Fancy in every possible way, and to render all the aid he could to the Society.

### Merely Lapse of Memory!

I was visiting our local show at Kirkcaldy, writes "H.J.," and starting at class 1, I went round until I came to the A.O.V. class, in which a Gold Lizard Canary had taken first prize. There were two men standing hy, and they evidently thought it was a Hybrid class. Anyway, they were trying to get at the parentage of the first-prize hird. One of them appealed to me, and I told him it was a Lizard Canary. Turning to his friend, he at once said: "That's it, Sam; it's between the Lizard and the Canary. I jist forgot the name the noo."

### Marking Wild Birds.

Professor Thomson, of the University of Aherdeen, has the idea of marking birds with aluminium rings, keeping a record of the date, locality, species, etc., hoping that whoever hecomes possessed of any of these hirds will send particulars to the Natural History Department at the University. Some valuable information respecting the migration of hirds should thus he collected, and the routes taken by migrants should by this means be in many cases perfectly traced. If it were possible to offer some small reward to bird catchers for the return of the rings, whenever found on birds, possibly more of them might reach the University during the coming autumn. A letter from Professor Thomson will be found in our correspondence columns this week.

# Difficulties of the . . . . . Breeding Season.

By T. C. CRAWHALL.

**A Paper read before the members of the Gateshead and District C.B.S. on April 28.**

*(Continued from page 526.)*

### The Sweating Hen.

The hen that sweats her young is almost as great a sinner as the one that won't feed; in fact, the non-feeder, if she does not mend her ways, usually turns into a sweater. The same treatment ought to be tried. If she has the cock bird with her, remove him, so that she is bound to come off for food for herself. Give plenty of salts in the water. By plenty, I do not mean a saturated solution, but, say, as much as will cover a sixpence or a shilling, according to the severity of the case. Increase the proportion of rape seed, and, in fact, do what you can to bring her condition down.

I consider most cases of sweating hens are caused through the giving too much egg food the first few days after hatching. The hen fills her crop with rich food, and the young can only take a very small proportion from her; you will find, if ever you have to hand-feed youngsters, how little it takes to fill their tiny necks. Then the rest is absorbed into the hen's system. As the hen is inactive while brooding her young, she is not able to throw off the ill-effects of over-eating as she would otherwise be able to do if not sitting. Consequently, the system is overcharged, the liver becomes sluggish, and the hen has not energy enough to feed her young. That is the reason I recommend you to reduce your hen's condition by purgatives and feeding.

You will also find that the excreta of the young of a sweating hen is generally in a very moist condition, due possibly to the food which they get not being mixed with a sufficient quantity of the mother's digestive saliva, or because the saliva is not of sufficient strength to aid the youngsters to digest their food, thus setting up a kind of inflammation and diarrhœa. The use of salts, contrary to expectations does not increase the moisture of the excreta, but by clearing the bowels of offensive matter and allaying the inflammation they begin to resume their normal functions. I have seen it stated that a mild antiseptic, such as boracic acid, is a very useful thing to add to the water if you have any hens with a tendency to sweat their young.

I have not tried it, but if sweating is a disease of a septic nature, then a pinch of boracic acid in the water, or a drop or two of solution of permanganate of potash (sufficient to give a very faint pink colour to the water) might be found beneficial.

A salt bath is also often recommended to be hung on the cage. In the case of sweating hens it should be used daily until the hen and chicks regain their health. The bath must not be made too strong, or the hen will not go into it. Salt, like boracic and permanganate, is a mild antiseptic, and possibly that accounts for the benefits claimed for it.

### To Deal with Nesting Diarrhœa.

Nesting diarrhœa is a very troublesome complaint which attacks some hens. I have noticed that if a hen has it during her first nest, she is liable to have returns of it at each subsequent nest. Again, it is said to be of bacteriological origin. The hen's temperature rises naturally during the period of incubation, and is thus favourable to the growth of the bacilli which are present in the bowels. They increase rapidly, setting up irritation of the bowels, and thus causing the diarrhœa.

The first treatment should be a mild dose of opening medicine to clear the offensive matter out; follow this up with a little chalk stirred up in the drinking water. Take the water away for a couple of hours, and when returning it, stir it up well, when the hen will get a certain portion of it. Do this two or three times a day, and give plenty of maw seed to eat.

Thoroughly cleanse the cage and all materials in it. If the nest pan is soiled, give a fresh one. Maw seed is a good preventative of nesting diarrhœa, so if you have a hen troubled with it during her first nest supply her with a liberal quantity of maw seed each of the following nests.

### The Case of Egg-binding.

Egg-bound hens are a source of trouble to some fanciers. I have only had one example, and in spite of all the methods advised, oil on vent, steaming, etc., she died, so that I cannot consider myself competent to give advice on this question. My only advice must be to get fanciers to try and avoid such a thing happening. This can only be done by having perfectly healthy birds, and by not frightening the hens before they lay.

I give plenty of crushed hen's eggs shells to my birds when paired up. Mrs. C. saves all the shells of the eggs she uses in the house, and I save all I use for the birds. I think that this, together with good food and healthy stock, are essentials to prevent egg-binding.

### Eggs Failing to Hatch.

Eggs fertile but not hatching is a difficulty which arises at all times, but especially during the warm, dry weather of the second and third rounds. This is the result of two or three causes. You will find that on the thirteenth or fourteenth day some of your eggs chip, but the young bird is not able to make further progress towards releasing himself from the shell. If in the morning you notice any eggs like this which by the afternoon have made no further progress, you must help the youngster out, or you will lose it.

The way to do this is to break the shell with the head of a pin in a circle from the point where you see the beak round the thick end of the egg. Then moisten the beak with a drop of warm water, and rub a little of the warm water round the crack you have made. Then return the egg to the nest. If this is not sufficient help for it to release itself in an hour, you must take the shell off yourself.

Again use the pin's head. Some of my friends use the point, but I think if the young bird could speak he would decidedly object to being pricked at birth. If you insert pin carefully you will be liable to lift the top of the shell off in one piece, then little by little you can get the rest of the shell off, and if this is done carefully your chick will be quite right in a very short time.

You will notice as you remove the shell, that the skin lining is fastened to the wings, thus preventing the young bird turning round in the shell, which is necessary for it to release itself.

### All But Hatched Out.

Chicks which come almost to the point of hatching and die in the shell are caused often through improperly-made nests and through the eggs farthest away from the hen's body getting chilled. Pot nest pans are very cold. The nests should be lined with a good thick lining of some heat-retaining material. Most wild birds line their nests with hair or wool, and I do not think for lining the nests anything beats that natural lining. Another cause for young dying in the shell is that the father is an old bird—past his vigour, or a bird that is out of health.

I have mentioned some of the troubles that you will encounter with your hens. Of course, others are bound to occur now and again, but if you will closely observe your birds and study the remedies for each disease, you can often by dealing with the complaint early prevent many a death which would otherwise occur if you were careless or let things go too far before applying remedies.

### The Weaning Time.

The difficulties connected with rearing the young are so many and so varied that it is impossible to classify them under various headings. Possibly the greatest difficulty with most fanciers is weaning time. I have noticed in the Fancy Press that many people advise that the young should be taken from the parents when they are about three weeks old, just as they leave the nest. I have always kept mine with the parents until they were a month old, but I can quite understand that if the young will do for themselves at three weeks, it must be a great benefit to the old birds to be relieved of the strain of feeding. When they are removed the same food should be given them as is being given to the parents, only made a little more moist with water or milk.

A milk sop given every other day will be found to be a very great benefit in keeping away inflammation, which is a great trouble with young Canaries. Canary seed with a little German rape seed should be put in the cage as soon as the young are weaned from their parents. It is as well to crack the seed at first. Also supply a limited quantity of crushed hemp seed. Gradually diminish this when you see they are cracking the Canary seed, until at the age of 6 weeks their staple food should be Canary seed with a small proportion of rape mixed with it. All Canaries are better on hard seed when they are from 6 to 8 weeks of age. Then, at 8 weeks, they can have a little soft food, so that one may begin the colour-feeding at the proper time.

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**By D. BROWNING.**

**A paper read before the Exeter and District C.B.S.**

*(Concluded from page 525).*

The young birds, as soon as they are able to perch, should be removed to a small hanging cage, in order that the parents can feed them through the wires, and thus avoid plucking. When the young are four or five weeks old they should be induced to eat for themselves as soon as possible. Give them a little egg food and crushed seed, and after a few days they will be able to forage for themselves. I would recommend cutting off the crest of young birds and turning them into a large cage or flight until the moulting season, and then moulting each separately in a roomy cage for show purposes. At the end of the moult, those that are not required should be allowed to remain in a flight during the winter. They will greatly improve in size, and be stronger for the following season's work.

Crests do not come to their full stature until they are two years old. A poor-looking Crest in the first feather very often in moulting develops into one double the size, and it is the case sometimes that when a Crest is very large in the first feather it does not moult out so large. Never part with birds which moult in this way, as it hardly ever fails in the second moult to come up to its original size and others sometimes larger.

### The Washing of Birds.

Of all the varieties of Canaries, none are more difficult to get into good show form than the Crest. The excessive amount of feather on these birds when once disarranged is very difficult to get into place. To wash your birds, you should have three basins, the first to wash the birds in and the second and third for rinsing purposes, the water in the third basin to be almost cold. I use clean rain water, which gets the dirt out easier. Have some Sunlight soap or Greeves' Feather Beautifier. Place the soap on the right-hand side of the basin, and have a supply of warm and cold water. Don't be nervous in handling the bird, or you will fail. A towel will be required to dry your hands on, and a soft handkerchief with which to take the worst of the wet out of the bird; and some soft drying cloths to roll the birds in. The drying cage should be ready before a good, clear fire. Take the bird in your left hand, and don't be afraid of handling it. Wash the under part of the body, wings, and tail, putting on plenty of soap and water, and rubbing gently in the same direction as the feathers lie. The head and neck should be the first parts dried—rubbed from the throat towards the back. Then turn the bird over, and finish the neck, moving the feathers from the neck towards the throat, to prevent the production of a frill when dry. Then do the back and wing coverts, using the sponge or shaving brush and water. Freely rinse in the second basin, and finish off in the third, being careful to get all the soap out of the feathers.

In washing the Crest, be careful to rub the feathers gently in the same direction as the Crest lies. Dry the bird a little in the handkerchief. Then roll it in a drying cloth, taking care to keep the head well inside, or you will get a frill on all the feathers around the neck. When drying them, place the birds on their backs, with their tails towards the fire. Change the birds occasionally, and take them out of the cloths as soon as they can stand, and before they are quite dry they should be taken to the bird room, the temperature not to be lower than 60 degrees. The next day the birds should be sprayed, but not made too wet. They will then plume themselves. All Crest birds should be washed four days before being sent to a show.

There is another point worth noticing, and without which no one can produce good Crests. I mean warmth. The bird room should be warmed during the moult and during the winter months, and I am certain that by doing this the birds will be found to be in better condition for the following season.

At the conclusion of the paper the Chairman invited questions. A most animated discussion took place among the "Cresty" men, the questions being answered by Mr. Browning in a very practical manner. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Browning for his splendid paper, and in his reply he very kindly offered to do whatever he could for the Society. This young and flourishing Society must be congratulated on having such talent among its members, backed by a well-organised committee and a hard-working hon. secretary and chairman.


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# My Thirteen Years' Experiences in Mule and Hybrid Breeding.

**By JOHN T. MILLOTT.**

I have now had thirteen years' experience in Mule and Hybrid breeding. I have bred the Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Siskin and Linnet, with the hen Canary, also Greenfinch-Linnet and Redpoll-Siskin Hybrids both in a cage and in an indoor aviary. But I must say that I prefer the cages best. My breeding cages are 3ft. 6ins. long, 11ins. wide and 15ins. high, for muling with the Canary, with a partition in the centre and water and seed-pots and hoppers outside. I have some breeding cages with three partitions, so that I can put the Finch in the centre and a Canary hen in each end, which I like the best. The bottom of the cage I cover with clean sand free from dust. All egg-shells from the kitchen I dry and crush to mix with the sand, as I find the hens prefer them when nesting. Also I place in each compartment a lump of old mortar.

### Housing and Feeding the Hens.

All my muling hens I turn into the aviary for the winter, and the British birds I cage off separately before the moult as I use some of them for exhibition. I think they are more steady then, and I can feed them more on their natural food. Some I colour-feed. Also, having them in the aviary saves many feathers from getting pulled out when the birds are fighting over the tit-bits, etc. Some of them I moult outdoors. The hens in the aviary I feed on Canary 2 parts, German rape 1 part, as a staple diet. with hemp 1 part. niger ½, maw ½, twice a week, and fresh clean water every day, with a piece of apple or boiled carrot twice a week until the end of February. As the young shoots of dandelion appear, I give the birds a little when there is no frost about.

I mostly take a nest of Canaries first from young hens, as I find that when young hens have had a nest of young Canaries they take more readily to the Finch or British bird. Not only the hen, but also the Finch, will fill eggs then, whereas all other inducements might fail. Also I always test each nest of eggs at the ninth day, and if I find all the eggs clear, I at once get three or four Greenfinch or Linnet eggs from the fields as near hatching as possible (I can mostly get plenty near my house) and I put them under the hen, and when the young are about nine or ten days old I run in the Finch; generally the next clutch of eggs is fertile. I always part the cock from the hen each night when she is about to lay, and return in the morning when I have got the egg, which I replace with a dummy until the eve of the third day. I then part off the cock bird, return the eggs, and let the hen hatch out and rear the young herself.

When the hen is sitting I feed on plain Canary seed, the best I can get, with German summer rape twice a week (about a teaspoonful) and a bath twice a week; and if she does not bathe, as is sometimes the case, I spray the eggs in the nest twice before they are due to hatch. The day before the eggs are due to hatch I put a little egg-food and hemp in the cage, and after the young are three days old I give shepherd's purse (the pods only) fresh twice a day, and clear all cages of green-food every night. Last season I used only shepherd's purse and dandelion leaf, and the seedy heads of the plant. I wish for no better results from the use of green-food. I do not like lettuce, as I think it makes the hens lazy in their feeding.

### Concerning the Egg-food.

The last three years I have not been afraid of sour egg-feed as I have made a dozen white cicilian and alabaster marble egg-pots. I give each bird its day's supply in the morning, and always remove what is left at night. I do not mind how hot or close the day is, their egg-food will always be cool, and if I have not sufficient pots made of marble I use an earthenware or glass one and get a piece of flat marble ¾in thick and place it underneath the same, which will answer as well. When I put the nest-boxes in the cages I get a piece of brown paper, ten inches long and four wide, and double it in the centre lengthways, to make it 5ins. by 4ins. In the side of the cage next to the nest-box I make a lot of small holes; then I place in centre of the paper when doubled a few feathers, and the two ends then come together. I hang this little contrivance on the nail, and then the nest-box. This makes a splendid red mite trap. These papers I change every week from the cage to the fire, and I find that red mite are then very scarce. Although I overhaul and limewash my cages every year before the breeding season, I cannot breed without a few of these little pests.

### Essentials to Success.

The hen (so-called Sib-bred) some fanciers think you have only to inbreed in order to ensure success, but in my opinion you can inbreed as much as you like, but if the birds have not a tendency to throw birds with light feathers, I find it a loss of time, as I have Sib-bred hens which I have bred myself for seven years, and which last season only threw young having a few light feathers. The easiest way is, in my opinion, to get a hen from a well-known breeder of light Mules, for which you will have to pay a good price. This, I know, is beyond the means of the average working man, even if breeders will part with the right ones. If I want a hen I go to a friend and buy a good, large, clear yellow or buff Norwich, a bird of the year; and I have had larger and better-coloured mules thus than by using my Sib-bred hens. I think it almost hopeless to buy hens for the purpose of breeding light Mules.

### How to Deal with the Young.

When the young are from three to four weeks old I separate them from the old ones by putting in the wire partition, and I feed them on egg-food and crushed seed until they can crack their own seed. I keep them on the egg-food until after their moult—half a teaspoonful per bird—but I never give any greenfood, except the ripe heads of knapweed, plantain, and the pods of shepherd's purse. When colour-feeding, I put to one egg half a thick slice of stale home-made bread crumbled up, and three tablespoonfuls of Spratt's Fibrine Lark-feed, which I mix well together. Then I add the tasteless pepper, with good results. I also supply a bath every other day of clean rain water. As to the time at which to pair up, when my birds are in good health and breeding condition, then I pair them; but I always see that the cock bird is most vigorous. If he is not, by the end of the season nothing but clear eggs is to be expected.

### The Hybrid Pairs.

When the hen Canaries are in the aviary in the winter months, my pairs of British birds are in the cages in pairs, with or without the partitions. If I am using the cock bird for exhibition I part them by a wire partition; if not, they are run together. I think this method gets them more steady, and they also pair more nearly as I want them to when they are turned into the aviary for the breeding season.

About the first week in March I take out the hen Canaries from the aviary and cage them as required, and the British pairs I turn into the aviary, which I have provided with gorse bushes, etc., to form a small hedge on the wall side for nesting places, also a few nest-boxes which I tack on to fir twigs, and gorse, to make them more private. When the hens are sitting or are rearing their young I never go near them, except to give food and water. I never put their eggs under Canaries; I always let them sit and feed their own young.

When the hens are sitting and feeding I give them shepherd's purse, chickweed, knapweed, dandelion leaf, etc., and seedy heads, milk-thistle, and groundsel (which I can get in season twice a day), with Canary, teazle, rape, hemp, gold-of-pleasure, maw seed, and cracked or shelled sunflower seed, with egg-food, Spratt's Fibrine and ants' eggs mixed together fresh daily. I also supply a bath when they are disposed to take it, and fresh water daily. By the above-named method I was successful in rearing the Greenfinch-Linnet, the Redpoll-Siskin, and also three full eggs from the Twite-Bullfinch, which did not hatch; I am trusting to get this cross this season. Whenever I want any assistance, I mostly find the same in CAGE BIRDS; many wrinkles have Mr. G. E. Weston and Mr. C. St. John taught me.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

# ORNITHOLOGICAL ODDMENTS.

**By Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.**

**Author of "The World's Birds."**

### Sexing Waxwings.

As a small number of these pretty birds have been obtainable of late, after being absent from our markets for some some, it is worth making some notes on the sexing of them. This is more difficult than would appear at first sight, since the age of the bird has to be allowed for. The very young Waxwing has a streaked breast, and is without the black bib; but I have never seen one imported so young as this. Nestlings may have the "wax" tippings to the secondaries, and, on the other hand, these may be wanting in a bird which has lost the breast streaks and assumed the bib.

Then, the markings of the primaries vary with age; a fully adult bird of either sex has the inner webs with a white mark at the tip, forming a V in conjunction with the yellow marks on the outer web. This white mark is usually wanting even after the "wax" on the secondaries appear, so it is evidently assumed later. Furthermore, some cocks develop the wax-tippings on the tail as well as the secondaries; but such birds are rare, and may be very old.

The evidence seems to point to the fact that the fully adult hen is identical with the cock in plumage, but that she takes longer to equal his beauty of feathering. At any rate, Mr. St. Quintin, who has got these birds to nest and lay, states that his hen was only distinguishable by having some of her feathers disarranged owing to mauling by an owl outside the aviary.

The Waxwing's "Love Display."

From what has been said it is pretty obvious that a bird with well-developed wax tippings to the secondaries, and V-tips to the primaries, is probably a cock; but some of this type are certainly small birds, so size seems not to be much of a guide.

### The Sexual Display.

A specimen which shows off may probably be put down as a cock. The method of display, as I have seen it recently in the bird-room of my friend, Mr. G. E. Weston, is very peculiar, and not what might have been expected. The tail is lowered and somewhat expanded, but the wings remain closed. The crest is somewhat raised, and the body plumage puffed out, especially on the breast and rump. It seems strange that more attempt is not made to show off the beautiful markings of the wings and tail—a common cock sparrow certainly understands how to make the best of himself much better than this exquisitely beautiful bird.

### The Waxwing's Relatives.

To look at a Waxwing, did one not know its place of origin, one would certainly put it down as a tropical species, from its form and colouring; but it is a truly northern bird, having the northern parts of the whole northern hemisphere as its address, for it is found in both worlds. It is a great wanderer, not only in the winter, but in the breeding season. One year, for instance, Waxwings may be breeding abundantly in a locality, and the next entirely absent from it. It has only two near relatives, both very similar to it in general appearance. One of these is the Cedar-bird, or Cherry-bird (*Ampelis cedrorum*), well known in North America, to which it is confined. This differs from our bird in being smaller, and being yellowish-white under the tail instead of chestnut. The other is the Japanese Waxwing (*Ampelis japonica*), which has no wax-tippings on the wings, but has these marked with a patch of beautiful rose-red. The tail is also tipped with this colour, so that this species is the most showy of the three. It has not, so far as I know, been imported alive.

# *Wild Bird Life.*

### An Abundance of Starlings.

So abundant just now is wild bird life, and so eager are we to watch for, locate and identify the nests of the rarer species, that we take little heed of the doings of the more common birds. Yet the summer habits of these are equally interesting, and none of us is so conversant with their ways that we have nothing to learn. During summer our resident birds spread all over the countryside. The Blackbird, Robin and Thrush nest in our gardens, the Hedge Sparrow in the privet boundary; we also find them along the country lanes, on the edge of the woods, and upon the open common. Each member must needs get afield to secure that necessary privacy and isolation for the rearing of its young. And even then there is crowding; I have found the nests of three Greenfinches in one hawthorn, and two in an evergreen, these latter actually touching each other. Two Thrushes nesting in the same bush is not at all uncommon, and recently a Sparrow's nest was located in an elm tree, placed close to the trunk, immediately under it being a hole from which young Starlings emerged to watch for their parents returning with food, no doubt from time to time bidding them "hurry up," for these voracious birds seem always hungry. No parents work harder during the early summer months than these grub and insect hunters, the Starlings. They will soon be quite as plentiful as the House Sparrow, for although these birds have usually only one nest during the season, it is generally a full brood, and they do not appear to have many enemies. Hosts nest in the old trees surrounding the village, almost every hole being tenanted. A few elms close to my garden are crowded with Starlings, and in one a pair of Jackdaws have also taken up summer quarters. Wherever possible they have robbed the Starlings of their eggs, and when the young have left the nests, they have occasionally hunted and captured a weakling. The noise and hubbub during these raids are beyond description. But so plentiful are these youngsters that the few which meet with such "accidents" cannot make much difference to the general community.

### Careless Parents.

When feeding young ones, wild birds become somewhat careless, and if an observer will only sit quietly at a spot where several species are seen, it is an easy matter to locate the nests, and in some cases the finds far exceed expectations.

### Local Scarcity of Nightingales.

Nightingales are not so plentiful in some localities in the south as they were last year. A certain district is almost denuded of birds. Can it be that the catcher has been at work? Local gossip says so; but "gossip" is proverbially unreliable.

### Rarest Small Birds.

Perhaps the rarest of our small resident birds are the Dartford Warblers. Although these nest in comparative security, they never appear to increase much in numbers. No doubt the recent hard winter has considerably reduced them, as unlike other small birds, they never seek the shelter of farm buildings and houses.

### A Clever Architect.

I have in my garden, writes Mr. H. W. Hobden, of Wallington, a Blackbird's nest placed in an extraordinary position; at least, it appeals to me as being a curious site for a bird to choose. It is placed on the top edge of my fence, and rests against my neighbour's shed, which stands about three inches away from the fence. The point which completely baffles me is, how the nest was held together when the birds first started to build! It contains four eggs, and the hen bird is so tame that she will sit whilst anyone examines the nest.

This nest is as Mr. Hobden states. It truly must have been a difficult matter for the birds to make a commencement, which could only have been accomplished by collecting sufficient material to block up the space between his fence and the shed. At the time of my visit the young had been safely reared and had flown; one young one was then in his garden, on a visit to his old home.—H. N.

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# Through a Birdroom Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

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### Chap. XXX.—My Yellow-breasted Robins.

I have selected for the present article a bird which is probably quite unknown to the majority of my readers, except from the writings of Gould. Some years ago I one morning received a letter from a birdy friend, that he had brought from Australia a pair of Yellow-breasted Robins. The letter was very pathetic, for it ran: This is the third time I have attempted to import them, but always so far unsuccessfully. The fourth time had, however, been crowned with success, and a pair had been safely landed in England. Would I have them? Of course, I ought to have said "No; offer them to some more worthy person." Maybe I did a mean and selfish thing, but I wired: "Send them on."

This is a truthful story, and I must confess that my only feeling was one of unmixed rejoicing. I have occasionally indulged in the selfishness of buying half-a-dozen rare birds, but it was, if I remember rightly, the first of the kind that had ever come. My feelings always grow finer as specimens become less rare! The moment I got that letter, my good resolutions melted away like snow in an oven.

About a week later the Yellow Robins turned up. They were in perfect health and the most lovely condition, and when we remember how difficult it is to keep soft-bills in form even in England, we can picture the care required to bring such birds from far off Australia. We have all some small jealousy, I think, at least I trust I am not quite abnormal in this, that I do like to see a Swallow, hear the Cuckoo, and eat a strawberry before any one else each year; though this idiosyncrasy of mine has not quite reached the point of writing to the papers as yet.

I was therefore, I think, pardonably proud that I was the first possessor of a pair of Yellow-breasted Robins, and I forthwith began to study their habits and life history with a view to a future paper thereon. I felt rather like a certain editor, who, when Carlyle died, exclaimed, "Thank God he has died in time for the outer sheet."

#### A Wee Small Voice.

The first thing that struck me about my new friends was their quietness. Whereas the Blue Robin of America is always on the warble, my yellow friends seemed to have very little to say for themselves, beyond a little plaintive note. It reminded me of a saying of Kingslake, when he was listening to the zither for the first time: "I like that music, it is almost as good as none at all." In shape the Yellow Robins very much resemble their American cousin, the Blue Robin ;they are much of the same size, and their disposition of colour is identical. If for the blue head, back and tail of the Blue Robin you substitute ashen grey; if instead of the reddish breast and dusky throat of the Blue Robin you substitute a white bib and a primrose breast and underparts, then you have master Yellow Robin. The eye is very large and melting, the beak black and shortish, with hairs round the base; feet dark lead colour. The hen can be told from the cock by her wings. In the cock there is a greyish white bar, in the hen it is slate colour.

I feed all my soft-bills on a mixture of my own invention. If any one asks me how I mix it, I reply, as did a celebrated painter: "With my brains." It suits them admirably, as they show by their trim coats and sprightly ways. Of course I always give a moderate supply of mealworms. Unless you are prepared to do so, do not go in for soft-bills.

I gave the Robins what I thought a liberal supply for the first time after a long and trying journey; but they were not by any means suited, I could see. They gobbled them up with lightning-like rapidity, and then sat on their perch with head on one side and a sort of look which seemed to say: "And when are the next coming? Do you call that a meal?" I felt inclined to make the reply that Dr. Vaughan, of Harrow, once made to a certain refractory pupil. Dr. Vaughan was once flogging a young nobleman, who, not being used to such rough treatment, presently got up and asked the headmaster how many cuts he was going to give? Vaughan replied in his most silken voice, "That is for me to decide; Lord F. kneel down again!" I hardened my heart, and walked away, leaving those Robins looking as grouty as King Ahab when he turned his face to the wall and would eat no bread.

When I first obtained them, I put them into a big cage indoors, as the weather was decidedly inclement; so much so, indeed, that the water was nightly frozen into a solid block. They did not seem, however, to feel the cold at all, for they always took a cold tub every morning as soon as the pots were filled. As the weather became warmer I turned them out into a nice sheltered garden aviary in company with some Many-colours. When I go and sit down, they flit about pretending an intense unconsciousness of me and my belongings, as if I was no more interesting than Alexander was to Diogenes, until they have satisfied themselves that I am not inimical, then they become bold, not to say impudent, and hop and peck about my feet in search of unconsidered trifles, and evidently intend that I should consider them as part of my family.

#### Not Impressed.

As soon as I get up to go, the cock calls his wife, and the last I see is the couple inspecting my remains, and comparing notes—complimentary or otherwise—on my habits and ways of life generally. From their dress and sober manners, I should imagine that in a previous state of existence they belonged to the Quaker persuasion.

I kept them in my possession for some six months, and was growing more and more attached to them, when one sad morning there came to my house, as to David's of old, a certain rich traveller. I took him out and showed him my birds, foolishly laying special emphasis on the rarity of the Yellow Robins. Nobody else in the world had got a pair. Now there are some people to whom such a fact is an irresistible incentive to possession. It was in this case. He asked me what I would take for them. I named what I thought an impossible price; but, alas, he closed with my offer, crying "Done," and "done" I was. There was nothing for it but to go and catch my poor friends; for the man that came that day, though he knows little about birds, likes to possess what other people have not, and he is in the enviable position of being able to talk of my aviaries, my birdrooms, my birds much as the great Porthos when he became Duke of de Bracieux and Pierrefonds, used to talk of "my air," without having to concern himself as to their cost.

As I packed up these Robins I might have given the same account of myself which the sailor coming out of hospital gave in reply to an enquiry of a benevolent priest, who asked him how he felt. "Pretty damned miserable, thank you sir, pretty damned miserable." I felt still more so when a few weeks later I went over to his place, and learnt, in reply to my anxious enquiry, that my poor friends were both dead. Gloom, deep sepulchral gloom, as of Phelegelton settled on my soul. I felt, I am sure, very much as Joseph's brethren must have felt when they said sadly one to another: "We are very guilty concerning our brother."

(To be continued.)


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## Suggestions for an Outdoor Aviary and Its Management.

By H. S. DAVIES.

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#### The Third Section Considered.

We will now pass on to our No. 3 section, and the last, but not by any means the least, in respect either of beauty or of the interesting characteristics of the various inmates. The six species of Foreign birds which are to form this section are as follows:—No. 1 shall be the King Parrakeet, one of the most beautiful specimens of cage birds ever seen. It is clad in a bright costume of red, green, blue, and black. No. 2 shall be the Red-rumped Parrakeet, another beautiful Australian bird, and a very interesting specimen, also clad in different shades of green and with a red patch on the rump; hence his name. No. 3 shall be the Red-headed or Crimson-faced Love Bird, a beautiful bird much smaller than the Parrakeets, and clad in a delicate suit of pale green and a very bright red head. No. 4 shall be the handsome and beautiful Red-headed Gouldian Finch, which, in my opinion, is the prettiest small cage bird imported into this country in anything like decent numbers. No. 5 shall be the Indian Shama, which is not an extraordinary brilliantly coloured bird, as he is clad in black mostly. But as a songster he is as good as any, either British or Foreign; and therefore should make one of the novice's aviary. No. 6 shall be the Pekin Nightingale, a very beautiful little bird in a "coat of many colours," and he is also a hardy little bird and a real good songster.

Now for the cages. For the King a good cage would be one of the following size: 3ft. 6ins. long, 2ft. 6ins. high, and 2ft. wide, with two perches from back to front. Broom handles make very good perches for the King Parrakeet. For the Red-rump a cage 2ft. 6ins. long, 2ft. high, and 15ins. wide is quite large enough, with the perches in the samo position as for the "King," but not so thick. For tho Red-headed Love Bird a stock cage 2ft. long, 18ins. high, and 12ins. wide, is quite large enough, as they are not very active birds.

For the Gouldian a stock cage 2ft. long, 15ins. high, and 12ins. wide, will suit nicely. For the Shama get a cage 3ft. long, 2ft. high, and 15ins. wide, with three perches, two of them near the feeding and the water utensils, and the other perch between the two but higher up. And for the Pekin Nightingale get a cage 2ft. long, 15ins. high, and 10ins. wide, with perches as recommended for the Shama.

#### Feeding the Foreigners.

As for feeding, No. 3 section is not at all difficult. For the "King" 2 parts sunflower, 1 part hemp, 1 part Canary, as a staple food would suit nicely. Give him a few cayenne pods every other day, and fruit and green food in season, and he will be satisfied. For the Red-rumped Canary and millet and green stuff are about all he requires. If he will take a few sunflower seeds all the better. The Love Bird will do nicely on Canary and millet, and the Gouldian will be satisfied if he gets Canary and millet seeds, and also a spray of millet for him to pick the seeds from. The Indian Shama can be fed on two parts ground biscuits, one part ants' eggs, one part dried flies, mixed up together and prepared with either water or grated carrot or finely chopped lettuce, or any green leaves relished by birds. Give him also a few mealworms daily, and a little raw meat now and again. And for the Pekin a good staple food for him should be as follows:—Two parts ground biscuits, one part dried flies, one of ants' eggs, and prepared as recommended for the Shama. Give him also a few Canary and millet seeds daily, and also a few mealworms and live flies, and they will be greatly relished, and he will thank you in song for them.

I shall not stay any longer over this essay, as I honestly believe that if the novice takes the best of the papers, "Cage Birds and Bird World," and carefully studies the good articles and correspondence in that journal, he will not be very far behind.


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# Correspondence.

## The New Mansfield Society.

SIR,—A meeting of the new cage bird society will be held at the Charter Arms, Mansfield, on Tuesday, June 15th, at eight o'clock. Will fanciers please attend, and make the society a success? Come in good numbers, and let us have a good club in Mansfield, and work hand in hand with one another, when, no doubt, it will result in one of the best societies in the Midlands.

JOSEPH SMITH, Sec. pro tem.

## A Bramblefinch-Chaffinch Mating Proves Successful.

SIR,—I have managed to cross a cock Bramblefinch with a hen Chaffinch. She laid five eggs, two of them proving fertile. One young was dead in the shell; the other hatched out Saturday morning, June 5, and is alive at the time of writing. But I have small hopes of rearing it, as I have no Canaries hatching just now, and the hen it is under is not feeding. I have also three more eggs under, off the same pair; the hen started to sit on June 4th.

G. DICKINSON.

## More Twins.

SIR,—As a friend and fancier, I had the pleasure of visiting the bird-room of Mr. Barclay, of Tevenure, Dublin, a few evenings ago, and had one of the greatest surprises I have ever had since I took up the fancy. I might say, as a very old fancier himself, Mr. Barclay has had experience of this on one or two occasions before, so it is not new to him. He had a nest of eggs (Yorkshires), which the hen left three days previous to their being due to hatch. He put the eggs, three, under another hen, and in due time two birds came out, but the third egg, which was very large, showed no sign of life. He broke the shell, and to his surprise there were two birds in same, fully matured. Mr. Barclay, as is well known, is one of the foremost breeders of birds in Ireland, and is not one to manufacture a sensation. I myself examined the shell, and can vouch that all is as I have written. I have a recollection of having seen a report in CAGE BIRDS of something similar happening some time ago in England, and would be glad to know if it is correct, also if any fancier in Ireland has ever had the same experience.

W. C. SHOLEDICE.

[Other instances of "twins" have from time to time been recorded in our columns.—EDITOR.]

## Thrushes' Eccentric Nesting Habits.

SIR,—Having occasion to visit Carham, a wayside station on the Berwick and Kelso branch, N.E.R., recently, my attention was drawn to a nest of five healthy young Thrushes, conspicuous by its eccentricity. A conversation with the official in charge at the station revealed the following facts. Passing a few wagons in the siding the other Saturday morning he noticed a few pieces of straw on the outside of the sole of an ordinary goods wagon. All down trains stopped just opposite the spot. There is only the one siding for wagons at the station and the platforms do not run parallel with each other. Noticing a couple of Thrushes carrying a few more straws, he was then convinced the first straws were the foundation of their nest. This was on the Saturday forenoon, and judge of his surprise on passing the same spot on the Sunday forenoon, to find the nest complete in every respect, and nicely earth-lined. It was exposed to all weather, it being very wet and snowy at the time, and the nest was only an arm's length or so from the passengers. All went well until the third egg was laid, when the official realised that the wagon was empty and would have to be removed the following day. This was on the Wednesday. What could be done to save the nest and eggs from destruction? An idea he soon got, which worked successfully. He removed nest and eggs bodily, and took them about twenty yards along the siding to the end wagon which would be a few more days in the siding. The only difficulty was knowing how to fix the nest. The wagon was braked tight, and he placed the nest and three eggs between the brake arm and the wagon frame as best he could—still at the platform side of the wagon. Detecting the change, the old ones were backward in visiting their nest all that afternoon, but next day they again took to it, the result being that another two eggs were laid. There the hen sat her time and hatched all five, and now four of them are ready to leave the nest, one being found dead on the railway when a week old, it having been pulled out during the night. Four times the nest has had to be removed to allow for the changing of wagons. It was quite a novelty to sit on the platform seat or in a train and watch the pair feeding their young. Evidently there seems some special attraction about Carham for Thrushes, as since this pair built two nests have been toppled off the axles of goods wagons when same have been removed. Again, some workmen asphalting one of the platforms at present placed their wheel-barrow over some loose coke; they went away for the week-end one Saturday, only to find on lifting the barrow on the Monday a Thrush's nest completely built amongst the coke.

ANTHONY HAY.

## The Progress of the Scotch Fancy Canary.

SIR,—I cannot understand how Canary fanciers do not enter heartily into the breeding of the Scotch Fancy Canary. A grand pair of Canaries will prove a paying venture if they are from a reliable strain, and breed, say, half a dozen, at £5 each which makes £30. Not bad work. Some fanciers get such remuneration. A paying hobby is doubly interesting.

A BREEDER.

## How a Hen Canary was Cured of "Sweating."

SIR,—With your kind permission may I relate, for the benefit of the readers of CAGE BIRDS, an experience I have had with two nests of young Canaries? I had one nest of four, and the hen was neglecting and sweating the poor things so much that I had almost lost all hope of keeping them alive, when a happy thought occurred to me. Having another hen with five a couple of days older, which was feeding well, it occurred to me that by placing the nest of five with the hen which was sweating and neglecting the four it might possibly—with the five being so much larger—force her off the nest, and cause her to attend to her duties as a mother. To my delight the experiment proved an unqualified success, as both nests are ready for leaving in splendid condition. I wonder if this experiment has often been tried amongst Canary breeders?

EMANUEL WHITTAKER.

## A Good Beginning.

SIR,—I used to look down a certain newspaper to see if I could note anything about rabbits, etc., and I saw a mention of CAGE BIRDS, so I went out to see if I could get a copy. I ordered one for the next week, which was March 6th. In the result I bought two Yorkshire Canaries, and made a double-breeding cage, and now I have four nice young Canaries, a month old. I also bought "Canary Breeding for Beginners." All the rest I want I get from the answers to queries in CAGE BIRDS. I made two breeding cages the same as shown on page 9 in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," one 3ft. the other 4ft. long. I have had several people in to see my birds, and they can hardly believe I made the cages, as they say they see the same in "Club Row." But I show them they are made of a shade thicker wood, and are screwed and glued, and not nailed. One cost me 10s., the other 12s. to make complete. The wire fronts I make as well. I am still making more cages, and now my friends are all going in for Canary breeding. I tell them to take in CAGE BIRDS, and then they can know all they want to. The hen Canary that had the four young ones (now a month old) is sitting on four more eggs. I give my best wishes to CAGE BIRDS.

W. H. STONE.

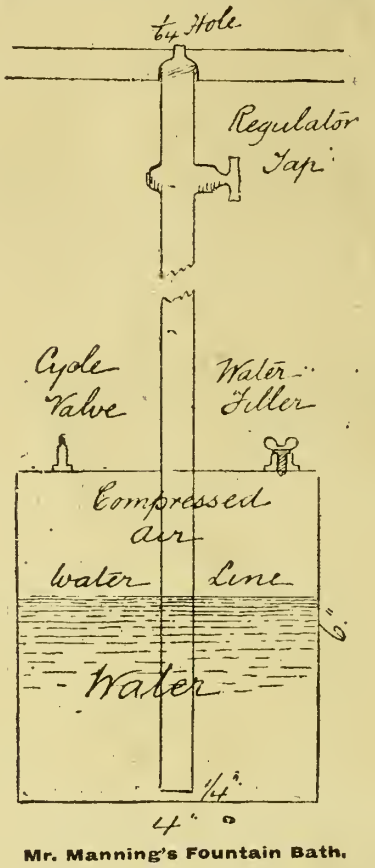
## Breeding the Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid.

SIR,—I was surprised to see in "Twitterings" that you had heard about my clutch of eggs from Goldfinch and Bullfinch being fertile. They have all hatched. The green Canary hen has four; a yellow-marked hen has one, and a mule. The Bullfinch has sat four days over her time, and has hatched two young mules, but I don't know whether she will feed them. The Goldfinch has fed her all the time she has been sitting. She was caught young, and cage moulted. She has been close to my breeding Goldfinches through the winter, and I noticed she was on friendly terms with this one early in April. The last week in April I put them in a breeding cage. I covered the floor with moss and dry grass, and gave her a nest box, and made her a nest. The first week in May she started to build her nest, and the Goldfinch carried building material to the nest, they being on very friendly terms all the time. On May 13th I saw her call to pair, and they paired well. On May 15th she laid her first egg, and she laid her fifth egg just at the time I had no hen to put the eggs under. One hen had Goldfinch-Canary mules, the other hen had Canaries—both laid on May 22. On the 24th I gave them the Bullies' eggs. To-day, June 6, they are all hatched, and the hens are good feeders. I have been interested in the hints on hybrid breeding, and I have taken CAGE BIRDS in for about four years. This is my first attempt to breed hybrids. I think if fanciers, when trying this cross, would put the Bullie hens to Goldfinches which are proved breeders, there would be more bred. I shall be looking in CAGE BIRDS every week to see if some one else gets a hatch like mine. Wishing the readers of CAGE BIRDS every success,

E. PEERS.

## A Fountain Bath.

SIR,—I am sending you herewith a sketch of a fountain bath, which I find very useful among my birds. It is also very interesting to watch while they are bathing. First, it is necessary to purchase a strong tin (size as shown in illustration); and a copper tube with joints soldered, riveted or brazed. A reservoir of this size and kind, with all the joints tight, will throw a spray 3ft. 6in. high, and one that will last for three-quarters of an hour. The bath at the top can be made of any size to suit one's convenience. I personally use one that is large enough to permit of




**Mr. Manning's Fountain Bath.**

four birds bathing in it at once. I also find it very useful for birds that are shy at bathing. They will flutter through the spray, finally coming down into bath while the water drops on them. The fountain can be slid in the bottom of the cage, or can be stood upright in an aviary. The air should be pumped into the valve on the top of the reservoir by means of a bicycle pump until enough pressure is obtained.

L. MANNING.

## A Benefit Singing Match in Lancashire.

SIR,—With regard to a benefit open singing contest recently held at a certain town in Lancashire, I understand the person for whom this benefit match was got up has up to the present only received 5s. 6d., notwithstanding it was stated there had been a record entry (over 50 birds at 1s. each), and also a number of tickets sold. I think this is a very disheartening result for the fanciers who came from far and near to try and make the match a success, so as to help a brother fancier in need. I am told that the prizes had nothing at all to do with the entrance and ticket money, as they were bought by the club. I trust some light will be thrown on the matter for the satisfaction of the brother fanciers who came to help in the good cause.

A NOVICE FANCIER.

## Proposed New Cage Bird Society for Doncaster and District.

SIR—It has been suggested by several bird fanciers that a cage bird society be formed for Doncaster and District. Personally, I think it is quite time we Doncaster people made a move, not only in exhibiting, but to try to raise the interest in the proper treatment and breeding of cage birds to the highest possible standard. Gathering from the last Cage Bird Exhibition held in Doncaster, we are in a district containing plenty of good material essential for the holding of a successful open show, for we are quite in the hot-bed of the Fancy, both in Canaries and in British birds. I should be pleased to have suggestions from fanciers interested in the above, so that we can get to business at once, and be able to hold shows eventually equal to any in the county. Hurry up, old fanciers, put your shoulder to once more, and let us see what can be done.

G. BESCOBY.

## Fertile and Unfertile Eggs.

SIR,—Could you or any of the numerous readers of CAGE BIRDS kindly let me know how to tell a fertilised egg from an unfertilised one? Suppose, for instance, you had two eggs, one from a hen who had no cock bird running with her, and one from a hen who was with a cock bird, the said two eggs to be broken into separate vessels. I presume they would appear different? I should be pleased with this information. I find that nothing is too large nor too small for CAGE BIRDS to deal with, and I wish it the success it deserves.

A. J. BROWN.

If the two eggs had not been sat upon, there would be no difference (to the eye) in their appearance. A change visible to the unaided eye only takes place after the fertilised egg has been incubated for a number of hours, and then is not easy of detection, as it merely comprises the extension of the area of the "germinal disc"—or "blastoderm," as at this stage it is called (the spot of living matter—in a fowl's egg about the size of a hemp seed—found on the surface of the yolk). After a few days' incubation, the change becomes clearly visible, blood-vessels radiating from the yolk (round which the blastoderm spreads) to the shell, giving the cloudy appearance so eagerly looked forward to by the fancier.—EDITOR.

## A Redpoll-Bullfinch Marriage.

SIR,—We think many of your readers would like to hear about our hybrid breeding. Well, in the first place, we had two Bullie hens, and just about a month ago, to our surprise, we found one of the Bullies dead on the aviary floor. We thought that mice had got into the aviary, but when we had referred to CAGE BIRDS we found an article stating when the breeding season is on, if you had two Bullies together, the one which was the most anxious to breed would kill the other. This we have found to be true, as we have experienced it already. The other Bullie has mated with a Redpoll, which helped to build the nest. On May 27 we found an egg in the nest (cokernut shell). She laid again on the 28th and again on the 29th of May. She would sit, and to our sorrow we had all the Canary hens about due to hatch! We think they are fertile, as the Redpoll pays so much attention to her. The other Britishers are frightened to go near. She is building again, and we hope we shall have a foster mother this time. We have had a lot of clear nests with mule breeding. We have six Canaries on the perch, thirteen in the nest, and three Goldfinch mules. We will write again about Bullie. We have put the Bullie's eggs in sawdust, and turn them every two days. We have been offered a good price for the Redpoll-Bullie pair. We hope this may interest some of your readers.

SAWER BROS.

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Jan. 1—**Guisborough "Priory"** (Atkinson & Wilson, 80, Westgate).
Jan. 8 — **Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees).
Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton).

### Scotland.

Oct. 2—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane)
Oct. 9—**Broughty Ferry**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). C.Bk., W.H., D.Bn., J.Sn. A.W.W.
Oct. 9—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). H.B.
Oct. 15 and 16.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**—(Macdonald and Young, 80, High St., Rutherglen.)
Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty, N.B.) W.R., G.H., A.G.C., J.W.B., G.M.
Oct. 23—**City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 6, St. Catherine's Road. G.F., J.Sn., R.F.A., J.A., T.C.G.H., J.C.
Oct. 30—**Ayr & Dis.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road).
Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan, 23, High Street. J. H., G. H., J. B., D. L.
Nov. 6.—**Bo'ness** (F. M' Gillivray, Ferry View, Gauze Road, Chance). J.S., W.Mn., J.T., W.C.
Nov. 12 & 13 **Glasgow & West of Scotland**—(F. Bowman 5, Parkview Gardens, Tollcross, Glasgow).
Nov. 13—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.) D.L., J.Wn., A.C., P.P.
Nov. 19 and 20—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(J. By. Murdoch, 9, Burnside St). J.D., A.P., J.W., W.S., A.C.
Nov. 20—**Galashiels**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew Street).
Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.).
Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.) C.C., A.M., D.Hn., D.B., G.F., J.L.
Dec. 18—**Broxburn**—(D. Anthony, Main Street). T.S., J.B., G.H., J.W., W.S.
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.—**Scottish National.**—(J. Winter, 11, Parkside Street, Edinburgh.) W.B., A.Wn., T.T., R.W., J.Er., J.P., J.W.B., J.R., J.D., J.G., C.T.M.

### Wales.

*July 21—**Llandudno (Vale of Conway & Dis. F.A.)** (A. T. Johnson, Ro Wen, Talycafn).
*Nov. 10 and 11—**Swansea.**—(A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, nr. Swansea.)
Nov. 17—**Maesteg**—(W. Jenkins, 43, John Street, Nantyfyllon, Bridgend). J.H.R. and H.N.
Nov. 18—**Morriston** (W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Rd. H.N. and W.M.
*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Cardiff.**—(W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland Road.) J.H.P. & J.R.
*Dec. 15—**Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun & Dis.**—(Mc Lucas & James, 26, Pantygraigwen Road, Pontypridd.) C.A.H.

### Ireland.

Nov. 11 & 12—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton, Banbridge, Co. Down).
Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—(H. J. Niblock, Seatown Place.)
Dec. 15 and 16—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan). H.N.
Jan. 7 and 8—**Norwich P.H. Club of Ireland**—(J. Stewart, 57, Donegall Avenue, Belfast.) G.H. & J.S.

### Foreign.

Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H.S. Tibbs, 184, John) Street, Toronto, Canada.)

## FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

**The dates fixed for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as decided upon.**

June 12 and July 17.—City of Bradford O.S.
June 12.—West Stanley and Dis. C.B.S.
June 12.—Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.
June 12, July 3, and July 24.—Bradford East O.S.
June 12 and July 31.—Southport and Dis. C.B.C.
June 12, July 17, and Aug. 21.—Tong and Dis. C.B.S.
June 12.—Bolton Woods C.B.S.
June 17 and 18.—Stockport B.F.A.
June 19.—Coalville and Dis. C.B.S.
June 19.—Great Horton O.S.
June 19.—Bolton and Dis. O.S.
June 19.—N. Manchester C.B.S.
June 19.—Barton-on-Humber C. and B.B.C.
June 19.—Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.
June 19.—Dewsbury and Dis. O.F.S.
June 19.—Exeter and Dis. C.B.S.
June 19.—Warrington C.B.S.
June 19.—Attercliffe and Dis. C.B.S.
June 19.—South-West London C.B.S.
June 19.—Blackpool C.B.S.
June 19.—Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.
June 26.—North London C.B.A.
June 26.—Heywood and Dis. C.B.S.
June 26.—London and Counties O.A.
June 26.—Sale Open O.S.
June 26.—Spen Valley C.B.S.
June 26.—Queen's Park (Glasgow) and Dis. C.B.S.
June 26, July 10, and July 24.—Sunderland C.B.A.
June 26 and July 31.—Wibsey and Dis. C.B.S.
June 26.—Beamish and Dis. C.B.S.
June 26.—Pendleton and Salford O.S.
June 26 and July 31.—Bingley and Dis. O.S.
June 26.—Liverpool B.B.A.
June 26.—Derwent Valley C.B.S.
June 26.—Littleborough C.B.S.
June 26 and July 24.—City of Wakefield O.S.
June 30.—Y.C.C. of Scotland.
July 1.—Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.
July 1.—Stockton-on-Tees and Dis. C.B.S.
July 1.—Dulwich O.S.
July 3.—Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.
July 3.—Hyde and Dis. C.B.S.
July 3.—Crook Original C.B.F. and F.S.
July 3.—Leicester C.B.S.
July 3.—City and Suburban A.C.B.
July 3.—Oldham and Dis. C.B.S.
July 3.—Forfar and Dis. C.B.I.S.
July 3.—Pendlebury, Swinton and Dis. C. and B.B.S.
July 3.—Dipton and Dis. C.B.S.
July 3.—Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.
July 3 and 31.—Hasland, Grassmoor and Dis. C.B.S.
July 3.—London and Provincial O.S.
July 3.—Coventry O.S.
July 5.—Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S.
July 5.—Southall and Dis. C.B.S.
July 7.—Torbay (Paignton) O.S.
July 10.—Hetton-le-Hole and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Altrincham C.B.S.
July 10.—Birkenhead C.F.A.
July 10.—Highgate, Hampstead, and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Middleton O.S.
July 10.—Macclesfield and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Longton, Leek and Hanley (Amalgamated).
July 10.—Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.
July 10.—Wigan and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Preston O.S.
July 10.—Edinburgh N. and M.B.S.
July 10.—Jarrow, Hebburn, and Dis. C B.S.
July 11.—Waltbamstow F.A.
July 11.—Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.
June 12.—Crewe O.S.
July 15.—Grantham and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—Poplar and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—City of Birmingham C.B.S.
July 17 and 18.—Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—Houghton-le-Spring and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—Garston B.B.A.
July 17.—Tamworth and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—Rochdale O.C.
July 24.—South and North Shields and Dis. C.B.S.
August 7.—Runcorn and Dis. O.S.

## ENTRIES CLOSE.

June 16—**Great Horton O.S.**—J. Holroyd, 27, Kingswood St., Great Horton, Bradford.

## CLUB NOTICES.

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

**Altrincham C.B.S.**—June 15, Victoria Restaurant, Oxford Road, 8. All England Show and Nest Feather Show.—S. T. Harrison.
**Bolton and Dist. O.S.**—June 16, Joiner's Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8. Entries for F.F. show.—H. Parkinson.
**Burton-on Trent C.B.S.**—June 15, New Inn, 8. Nominating birds for nest feather show, etc.—Elliott and Wood.
**Bradford West C.B.A.**—June 12, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Arrangements for F.F. show, etc.—J. W. Telford.
**Bradford East O.S.**—June 12, Park Chapel Schools. Members' F.F. show; judge, Mr. J. Bailey (Allerton); all birds to be staged by 2.30 prompt.—H. Hill.
**Birkenhead C.F.A.**—June 15, Ahlett's Cafe, Market Place, 8. Seeds and their Food Value, etc.; fanciers invited.—J. Richardson.
**Bolton Woods C.B.S.**—June 12, Victoria Hotel, 8. Members' first feather show; entries Friday evening.—J. Skirrow.
**City and Suburban A.C.B.**—June 14, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. Social evening; all bird lovers heartily welcomed.—V. Wynn.
**Cardiff and Dist. C.B.S.**—June 17, Maskell's Restaurant, Queen Street, 8. Final arrangements for young bird show and general business.—W. S. Negus.
**City of Bradford O.S.**—June 12, The Flying Dutchman Hotel. Members' show, 8 Yorks. classes, 2 Norwich, 1 British. Judge, Mr. H. S. Naylor; birds must be staged 2.15 p.m. prompt.—F. Rhodes.
**Crook Original C.B.F. and F.S.**—June 16, Club Room, Crown Hotel, 7. Intending members please join at this meeting; table and members' F.F. show and young stock show, July 3.—Bird and Siddle.
**City of Wakefield O.S.**—June 12, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 8.—Parker and Parkes.
**Coventry O.S.**—June 16, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Schedule for F.F. show, etc.—G. Peters.
**Dalziel O.A.**—June 19, Y.M.C.I., Brandon Street, Motherwell, 7.—J. Mathieson.
**East Bowling and Dist. B.F.A.**—June 12, Barley Mow Hotel, 7.30. Members last date for ordering their colour food.—L. Booth.
**Great Horton O.S.**—June 12, Butcher's Arms, 8.—J. Holroyd.
**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—June 16, Y.M.C.A., 7.15. Nest feather show; judge, Mr. B. Evans; fanciers invited to attend.—J. W. Papple.
**Hyde and Dist. C.B.S.**—June 12, St. George's Schools, 7. First feather show (July 3) business, and choice of judge for hack end show; members please attend.—F. Barraclough.
**Keighley and Dist. C.B.S.**—June 15, King's Head Hotel, 7.30. Schedules for members' shows.—W. Wright.
**Laisterdyke B.F.A.**—June 12, The Railway Hotel, 2. Members' show; judge, W. Cruise; entries close Friday night, or Saturday morning post; also arrangements for colour food.—A. Bottomley.
**Larkhall B.C.A.**—June 19, Miners' Hall, 7. Date and judges for young bird show.—J. Pollock.
**London Provincial O.S.**—June 17, "Raglan," 8. Lecture on British Birds, by Allen Silver, Esq., followed by a discussion opened by C. T. Maxwell, Esq.—H. E. Tringham.
**Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.**—June 13, annual ramble to Pailton, meet at Central Station 9.45 a.m., members of the Coventry Society will meet us at Pailton; all fanciers invited.—C. Draper.
**Maesteg and Dist. C.B.S.**—June 14, Oddfellows' Hotel, 7.—W. Jenkins.
**Oldham and Dist. C.B.S.**—June 15, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Show business, meetings to be held every week up to date of show, July 3.—F. Steeple.
**Manningham C.B.A.**—June 13, Hare and Hounds Hotel, Heaton, 1.30. Ramble to Harden; friends invited.—W. Holroyd.
**Middleton O.S.**—June 14, Old Boar's Head, 8. General business and young bird show.—J. Oldham.
**North Manchester C.B.S.**—June 15, Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, 8. Entries taken for F.F. show, June 19.—J. Davey.
**Northern Yorkshire C.C.**—June 16, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Second nest feather show (in conjunction with Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.). Class 1, Clears; class 2, Tick, etc.—T. C. Crawhall.
**Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.**—June 16, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 8. Club patronage decided to table show. Class 1, A.S. For. (single or pairs, 7/6); 2, A.S. Brit. previous winners of 1st, 2nd or 3rd; 3, A.S. Brit. Field-moulted. Judge, Mr. T. Robson.—J. Bertram.
**Pelton Fell and Dist. C.B.S.**—June 14, Colliery Inn, 7.30.—L. Hall.
**Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun and Dist. F. and F.S.**—June 14, Coole's Restaurant, 8. Lecture on "Cage Birds," by Mr. T. L. Castree.—McLucas and James.
**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.**—June 16, Temperance Club, 8. First feather show, last night of receiving entries, date of F.F. show June 19.—W. Adams.
**Reigate and Dist. F.A. (C.B. Section).**—June 14, Mutton's Hotel, High Street, Redhill, 8.15. Business for young bird show, to be held July 12; judge, Mr. Robson; discussion on birdy subjects.—Baldock and Weller.
**Swindon and Dist. C.B.A.**—June 16. Lecture Hall, Mechanics' Institution, 7.30. Exhibition of British birds; points to count for medal; birds must be benched promptly at 7.30 p.m.—W. Dale.
**South Manchester C.B.S.**—June 14, Headquarters 8. General.—J. C. Spilsbury.
**Six Bells and Dist. F.S.**—June 14, Cwm Hotel, 6.30. Selecting cage bird classes for open show, also proposing silver cup for competition in above classes W. J. Edwards.
**Sowerby Bridge and Dist. C.B.S.**—June 12, Bull's Head, 3. F.F. show; judge, Mr. R. E. Helliwell.—E. Morton.
**Scotch Fancy National Derby O.A.**—June 14, Grand National Halls, Main Street, Gorbals, Glasgow, 8. Election of judges, etc.—T. Smith.
**Tong and Dist. C.B.S.**—June 12, Holme Lane Hotel, 3. F.F. show; judge, Mr. J. Hartley (Bingley).—J. Smith.
**Wolverhampton C.B.S.**—June 15, Swan and Peacock Hotel, 7.30. Nest feather show.—J. Gibbons.
**Wigan and Dist. C.B.S.**—June 19, Adelphi Inn, 8. Arrangements for young show; good meeting requested.—W. Ridge.
**Walthamstow F.A.**—June 17, Workmen's Hall, High Street, 8. Arrangements for monthly members' show held July 3 for young stock.—A. V. Lane.
**Windhill, Shipley and Dist. O.S.**—June 12, Blue Bell Hotel, 2. Members' show; judge, C. Whiting.—E. Broadley.
**York C.B.S.**—June 14, All Saints' School Room, 6.30. First feather show; judge, Mr. T. Wright. June 16, char-a-banc drive to Buttercrambe Woods; leave headquarters at 6.30.—A. Waud.

# Questions and Answers.

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## CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

### Unfertile Yorkshire.

**Garge.**—Am afraid there are quite a large number of breeders just now in the same boat who would like to know how to avoid those apparently quite fresh eggs after they have undergone incubation for a fortnight. The explanation is simply that they have never been fertilised by the male, and the most likely cause in your case is the variable weather in late spring, which kept the cocks backward. When preparing birds for next nests, add a third part rape seed to the staple of Canary, and replace the rape in the mixture for occasional use with an almost equal bulk of hemp. Also add a sprinkling of gold of pleasure seed to the soft food you give, and supply a little dandelion every day. With this treatment you should have better luck in the next nests.

### Young Dying.

**D. W.**—I suspect the hens stopping feeding is the cause of your having so many young die at from four to fifteen days old. You do not say whether the young have food in the crop when they die. Your diet is certainly not correct, as such a varied mixture of seeds is not suitable for a regular diet. A staple of plain Canary in the hoppers, with a little summer rape given separately each day; or, as an alternative, a mixture of three parts Canary to one rape in the hoppers is far better. See reply to "Helen Green" in our last issue, and carry out those instructions when you should save most or all. If the deaths do not cease, write again and state as clearly as possible how the young appear when they die. I would also advise you in such case to get a post mortem on one as early as possible, in order to discover whether there exists any contagious disease or not.

### Cages and Food.

**Home Pet.**—(1) Brass cages, when kept quite clean and well sanded, are not in themselves dangerous to birds. But they are certainly risky in that any temporary neglect or oversight may give stray drops of moisture a chance to cause deposits of verdigris to appear on the brass, which the birds may pick off and thus be poisoned; (2) Of course, the way to make your Canary consume Canary seed more freely is to give it "Hobson's choice"—Canary seed or nothing. Give it only plain Canary seed in its box, and give it a pinch of rape separately each day, or half a teaspoonful every second day. If your bird is a German-bred Roller, it will have been accustomed to a more liberal supply of rape than is usually favoured for other varieties. Let it have a free supply of green food now. The moulting is probably due to the variable weather, which might have affected it. See it is free from draughts; give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry in it every second day, a few grains of hemp on the alternate days, and add twenty drops of Chemical Food to its water for a few days.

### The Pet of the Family.

**P.H. No. 3 Sheffield.**—Such dietetic indiscretion as "bits from the table" have undoubtedly been the undoing of the bird, and being in an open wire cage, it is not unlikely be contracted a chill during the recent snap of unseasonable cold which helped to bring matters to a crisis. See it is kept in a comfortable place, not necessarily a warm one, and out of reach of all draughts. Also see its cage is free from red mites. Put it on a diet of plain Canary only, with a tiny piece of bread sopped in milk and sprinkled with maw seed daily for a week. Limit diet solely to this for the first week, and during the time give twenty drops whisky, six syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in the drinking water two days in every three. After the first week give half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and omit the bread and milk on those days, and give four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. Continue this for a week, and then put it on the usual diet, viz., a mixture of three parts Canary to one summer rape as a staple, twice a week a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp and inga, given separately, and on two other days a half teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake or some other kind of egg food. Every day give a spray of chickweed, groundsel, watercress, or a bit of lettuce or dandelion. For a week or two mix three or four drops of sherry in its soft food each time, and sprinkle a few grains of gold of pleasure seed over it, and add to its drinking water, two or three times a week, two drops each of tincture of steel and tincture of gentian. Keep cage supplied with clean gritty sand. In future, restrict diet to the above. Glad to bear your other bird is now doing well.

### Proposed Aviary.

**Donnybrook Fair.**—I read your query to say the press is six feet by four inches wide and no height is mentioned; nor is anything said about shelves—whether absent or otherwise. If it contains no shelves it resolves itself into a floor space of two square feet, which is only sufficient for two to three birds. Yet you ask if it will accommodate seven pairs of birds for breeding. If only four inches wide (from back to front) it is too narrow for birds to move about with any degree of comfort, and I would certainly not advise you to carry out your plan of conversion unless you could make a kind of wire flight in front of it, so as to make the structure at the least a foot wide. Canary breeding may be, and often is, carried on in very unfavourable conditions, and will succeed for a time in the face of apparently insurmountable difficulties, but it is scarcely humane to attempt it in space so narrow as you suggest. If you could send a rough sketch of the press (showing shelves, if any exist) and its measurements in each direction, I might be able to suggest some useful plan of conversion.

### Kind of Colour Food.

**Constant Reader.**—No, I certainly do not advise you to use cayenne, of which you send a sample, for colour-feeding. It was this kind of pepper that was used when colour-feeding first came in vogue, and which gave rise to so much objection to the practice on the score of cruelty. This kind of colour-feeding, however, with all its attendant cruelties and objections, has been quite supplanted by the modern sweet peppers, which are a totally different thing to that you send. If you get a little pure tasteless pepper from an advertiser in our columns and compare it with what you have, you cannot fail to see the difference. I doubt whether there is really much to be gained by hot pepper at all, but as many still believe a small proportion of hot essential to the best results, you will find the following equal to anything you require. One pound of pure tasteless, two ounces of best hot Natal, four ounces soft sugar. Thoroughly mix and blend all together. To use, begin by mixing a teaspoonful in one egg and sufficient biscuit powder, and gradually increase the quantity to two heaped teaspoonfuls. When the birds are nearly through the moult, decrease the quantity again to one teaspoonful of colour.

### Continual Moulting.

**Ted.**—You should well examine all crevices about the cage for the presence of red mite, as I fancy these are partly the cause of the bird's condition. The principal cause, however, is a combination of draughts and great variation of heat. Keep him further away from the window, but not near the fire nor over a burning lamp or gas jet, so that it will be in a temperature as equable as possible night and day. See it is quite out of reach of draughts. Continue your present staple diet, but give in addition half a teaspoonful of hemp twice a week, and the same quantity of crushed sponge cake, in which four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion have been well mixed, every second day. Give a little green food daily, and allow it to bathe as often as it likes in fine weather. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for two or three days, then dissolve a pennyworth of citrate of iron and quinine in two tablespoonfuls of port wine, and give twenty drops of this in the water every second day until the moulting ceases. As soon as it is sufficiently recovered, reduce the sponge cake to twice a week, and omit the additions to it.

### A Bad Beginning.

**E. H. Elliott.**—Yes, I am afraid your curiosity contributed in some measure to the failure of your birds' first attempt. Leave them more to themselves for the next attempt, and I am sure they will do better. Your feeding is also incorrect, as a teaspoonful of soft food night and morning is about double the quantity you should give any pair that are not feeding young. For the next round adhere to these simple directions: If the hen shows no signs of laying again, remove nest altogether for a few days. Add a few grains of Epsom salts to the drinking water for a day or two. Feed on a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, and give separately every second day a teaspoonful of hemp and a few grains only of inga, and on the alternate days a teaspoonful of egg food with a pinch of gold of pleasure added. You may use the soft food you name if you like, but in that case add also a slight sprinkling of soft sugar. Give a little dandelion and chickweed each day. Continue this treatment until the eggs are laid, then reduce the diet to seed only, with a scrap of green food and soft food once or twice a week. About half a teaspoonful of the latter will be sufficient at this time.

### A Panting Cinnamon.

**W. W. G. H.**—The Cinnamon hen is probably in an overfed condition, which is largely responsible for the panting and apparent signs of asthma. You give far too much egg food for a bird that is not breeding. First of all see she is kept in a fairly regular temperature, and quite free from any draughts. Then treat her for two weeks only as advised to "Asthma" for Yorkshires in this issue. At the end of the fortnight give a staple diet of three parts Canary to one rape, and twice a week give separately a few grains of hemp, and on two other days half a teaspoonful of egg food with four drops of sherry in it and a few grains of inga or gold of pleasure—first one and then the other—sprinkled over it. If you continue to use the egg food you name, mix an equal bulk of crushed sponge cake in it for this bird. Give a little green food daily. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week if necessary.

### Tried and Found Wanting.

**Stocker.**—(1) A hen that has been mated for five weeks certainly cannot be termed an untried one. You do not say whether she was mated last year. If so, it is possible she might have been overtaxed, and consequently epoilt for this season; otherwise, I fear she must be a disappointing subject, which will do no good as a breeder. Separate her for a fortnight, and during that time feed and treat as follows. During first week limit diet to plain Canary, with a free supply of green food, preferably chickweed or groundsel. In the water give six drops syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day. In second week add half a teaspoonful of summer rape to diet every day, and every second day give a few grains of hemp and inga, and on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of egg food or crushed sponge cake with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed added. In the drinking water give two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel every second day. At the end of the fortnight try mating her again with a fresh, vigorous, young cock. (2) About a week is the limit one can really quite depend upon a bird's egg keeping good for ultimate incubation. Under very favourable circumstances they may be kept longer and will hatch out, but it is best not to keep them for longer than four or five days if it can be avoided. It will not make any material difference to the eggs to leave them in nest until mid-day, as you say.

### Yorkshire Hen Unwell.

**Asthma.**—I feel quite certain your hen is not troubled with asthma at all. It is clearly in an overfed condition generally, and this is probably its only trouble. Doubtless your feeding has been too generous, but you say nothing on this point. In its present condition it will be quite useless for breeding for some weeks, and as the season is already getting advanced I should advise you to give up all hopes of mating her this year, and get her into good sound condition for next season. Place her in a large flight where she can get ample and vigorous exercise, and for the next few weeks, or until she is reduced to reasonable proportions and has become quite active, restrict her diet to plain Canary seed only, and an unlimited supply of chickweed, groundsel and green plantain stalks. Keep cage floor clean, well strewn with gritty sand, and if the hen is kept alone, limit the supply of Canary seed to a small teaspoonful each day, and keep the cage free from any accumulation of waste seed on the floor. Once each week you may give a half teaspoonful of rape, and once a similar quantity of egg food. But do not make any further additions. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the second week give four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. Repeat the two weeks' treatment over again for a month or six weeks as may appear necessary. Do not increase the diet until a week or so has elapsed after the fat has disappeared, and she has become quite active.

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### Two Oil Glands.

**J. R. Cinnamon.**—I do not quite know what part of the bird's anatomy you refer to when you say both oil glands are swollen, or whether you connect the "mattery" substance coming from the vent with an oil gland. But in any case, your painting with iodine is, or was, doubtless hastening the end, as I suspect it has not withstood the treatment until now. The bird was plainly very much out of condition, and you should have given full details of its diet and how it was affected in general to enable a really satisfactory reply to be given. If it is still living, put it at once on a diet of plain Canary and give a small piece of bread sopped in milk and sprinkled with soft sugar daily until the bowels become more nearly normal. Each day for a week put one drop of warm castor oil in the vent, and during same time add six drops each syrup of rhubarb and syrup of buckthorn to the drinking water. Give this for two consecutive days at first, and every second day after for the remainder of the week. On the alternate days give a pinch of maw seed and add twenty drops of whisky to its water. After the first week add a pinch of summer rape to diet every second day, and stop the bread and milk on those days, gradually bringing the bird on the ordinary diet frequently advised. Give no green food for the first week, after that gradually bring it on to a spray of chickweed daily. If there appears a "ripe head" on the swelling on oil gland—not otherwise—prick it with a clean needle, gently press out contents, and anoint it a few times with carbolised vaseline or boracic ointment.

### Brevities.

**Clear Eggs** (Bacon, Liverpool).—The sudden drop in temperature was probably the cause of your getting so many clear eggs in the second round. When the birds were going to nest, you ought in the circumstances to have given a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp and inga every second day, and on the alternate days the same quantity of egg food or sponge cake with a pinch of gold of pleasure mixed in it, between each pair. A leaf or two of dandelion might also have been given daily in preference to watercress or lettuce. If you allow any to go to nest again this season, treat in this way for a week at least before you think they will lay again.

**Cock with Two Hens** (Don't Know).—When No. 2 hen has laid her complement of eggs, remove the cock to a cage, and keep him alone until the young of No. 1 hen are from fourteen to twenty days' old when you may return him for the next brood. The exact time for returning him depends upon his temperament. If he is a good natured, quiet-going bird, return him at the earlier age, as he will take upon himself the task of helping to feed the young; if he is a rowdy sort of chap who worries the hens about, it will be best to keep him away until the hen is really ready to go to nest again, especially if the hen goes on feeding well whilst he is away.

**Disappointments** (W.M.).—The addled egg was in all probability due to its getting chilled during incubation. Cure, of course, is out of the question. The best preventive is to see the hen has a nice, cosy and well-made nest when she is set. The young one dying at fourteen days old was probably because the hen ceased feeding to go to nest again. For the remedy see some other replies this week. At that age the young one might easily have been reared by hand. I should say the egg that disappeared was dragged out of the nest and broken, and you failed to notice it on the floor. Give the hen that breaks the seeds and drops kernel on floor a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for a day or two, and afterwards six drops of dandelion juice and two each tincture of steel and tincture of gentian every second day for a week.

**Yorkshires Off Song** ("Peakite").—You do not say whether the birds appear well or ill, nor give any idea how you feed. Try following treatment for a fortnight or so, and if there is no improvement write again, and give a few particulars. As staple diet give a mixture of three parts canary to one part of summer rape seed. Give separately a few grains of hemp and inga twice a week, and every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry mixed in it, and sprinkled over with gold of pleasure seed. Every day give a little green food—preferably chickweed or dandelion. Keep cages clean, strewn with gritty sand, out of draughts, and free from red mites. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for a few days, and afterwards twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and four of tincture of gentian every second day for a week.

**Deformed Toes** (Yadnum).—The only remedy is to arrange them on a narrow strip of card, placed underneath, and the toes bound on to it in an extended position, or to arrange a bit of thin wrapping wire around the leg and bringing the other end round under the toes in such a way as to support them in an extended posture. Both these methods require very careful manipulation, and some amount of skill. I believe both have been illustrated in our columns, but I cannot tell in what issues the illustrations appeared. The bareness on abdomen can only have an indirect bearing on the condition of toe, as showing a weakly, ill-nourished specimen generally. Give it a little egg food every second day for a few weeks after it is on seed, and add twenty drops of chemical food to its water on the alternating days.

**Weakly Roller** (S. or I. K., Cardiff).—The young Roller which is so unsteady on its legs at five weeks old, whilst its three nestmates are doing well, is almost certain to be one that was hatched a day or two later than the rest, and in consequence never got a fair share of the food, and has grown up half starved and weakly. As it is now probably able to feed itself, give it a small quantity of egg food with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and also a little scalded rape seed and a few grains of cracked hemp, each day, in addition to an unlimited supply of canary, until it gets fairly strong. If this extra feeding causes any constipation, give a tiny scrap of chickweed or groundsel each day. If this does not soon bring about an improvement, add twelve drops chemical food to its water.

## BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

### A Promising Magpie.

**Napoleon.**—I gave full instructions for feeding such young birds as Jackdaws, Magples, etc., only the other week. Briefly, scald and mash some puppy biscuits (or a good brand of dog-meal, such as "Melox," or Spratt's), and mix with same a finely-chopped hard-boiled egg—one part of the latter to three of the former. Give him also mealworms, and smallish garden worms cut into suitable pieces; occasionally also give some raw lean beef or mutton, or rabbit flesh, or cooked tripe, etc., cut into tiny pieces. A mouse or a young Sparrow occasionally will be relished. Feed when adult on similar lines, but mix table scraps with the scalded meal. A Magpie is hardly suitable for a cage, unless it be an exceedingly big one; he looks and does better in a small aviary. A pianoforte packing case I have seen transformed into an excellent place for a Magpie, Jay, etc. Very thick perches are needed (broom handles, for instance). A tin bottom is best if kept thickly covered with peat moss litter. A Magpie, properly treated, makes a grand pet. Of course, they don't "sing"; but they talk and mimic very amusingly. Repeat short, catchy sentences to the bird, until he picks them up.

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### The Feather Twisting Habit.

**J. Pearce.**—I do not know anything to cure this annoying habit, once a bird becomes confirmed in it, except a change of environment—a sort of change of occupation. I had an exhibition Goldfinch once which would sit for hours chewing away at the flights of his left wing—he never touched the other—while my hair (and gorge) rose at him. I tried every remedy I could think of (and was told), but without avail. I used to soak the few twisted feather-ends in very hot water, to take out the curl, just before popping him in the travelling-case off to the show, and trust to the judge seeing him in the morning before the novelty of his new situation had worn off, and he had begun to pass the time away by "feather curling" once again. I tried soaking the tips in undiluted quassia infusion; but he soon got to like that immensely. Then I tried bitter apple—awful tasting stuff—but though he pulled a wry "face" at first, he soon got fond of that also. You could try your bird with these things, at the same time endeavouring to distract his attention by providing seeding weeds, etc., for him to pull to pieces, or a soft perch that he can whittle away like a Parrot (many of my own Goldies are fond of doing this, and I encourage them). Or pair him up with a hen Canary, or, failing this, throw him in a flight or aviary amongst other birds, in the hope that he may eventually forget the trick. Goldfinches are naturally lively, always pecking about here and there, and I firmly believe lack of employment engenders the feather-twisting habit.

### Hand-rearing a Nightingale.

**A.G.F.**—If you know nothing of the keeping of insectivorous birds, the Nightingale is not a good subject to make a start with. You ought, for instance, to hand-rear some Thrushes, and so gain experience. That young Nightingales can be successfully hand-reared is quite correct. If you mix best quality ants' eggs (freed from all rubbish) with equal parts of crushed maizena wafers and hard-boiled yolk of egg (beaten up fine), you have a food which will accomplish this. As the youngsters grow, at the time of feeding chop up some mealworms and add to the portion required. The food must be moistened to a sloppy consistency (like cream) with new milk. The food, also, must be always quite sweet and fresh, and now and again a pinch of powdered cuttlefish bone should be stirred amongst it. All the small flies and grubs you can capture, with smooth caterpillars, should also be given. If you can get some live ants' eggs (they are to be bought), use them freely; they will bring you success. Keep the youngsters snug and cosy. For general directions consult the many recent replies on hand-feeding. The young birds should be taken when nine or ten days old, and kept in a warm place, especially at night, and scrupulously clean. They are tender mouthed, and care should be exercised not to hurt them when feeding.

## About a Crossbill .

**Miss Gray.**—Yes, it is practically certain that the Crossbills recently offered for sale were imported from the Continent. Still, that does not necessarily prevent them being exhibited in British bird classes; not many of those shown are caught this side the water. A Crossbill is not a rare bird; it is generally a winter visitor to the southern parts of Great Britain (though nests have been found there), frequenting the forests of Scotland in fair numbers. Most are shown in their wild (*i.e.*, red plumage). After a moult in captivity their colour changes to a yellowish green. The comparative amount and depth of the red colour is said to form a reliable index to this bird's age. Your bird may be given for seed, sunflower, hemp, and Canary seed; and for animal food three or four mealworms daily, with any other insects you can get. A few berries (haw, privet, black, and so on), also the core and pips of apples, smashed nuts of various kinds (walnuts, crack nuts, etc.), and fruit are relished. Offer him any of the other seeds or seed mixtures in general use now and again; also small maize, dari, wheat, and the like. Sometimes he will eat a little, and variety is good. The Crossbill will find a great fund of amusement, and a supply of food also, in a few fir and pine cones, if you can get them with the seed in. He will also find you some employment in providing him with new perches, for he will use his spare moments in chewing these up. It is good for him, too, to have exercise for his curious and powerful mandibles. You will, I think, find him an amusing and interesting bird when tame. Don't give the fir, etc., cones in a "green" state. Gather them ripe, when about to open; if necessary lay them in a moderately warm place (such as a cool oven) until they open.

## Colour-feeding Thrush & Blackie.

**Newmarket.**—It is rather early yet to be thinking about colour-feeding; another month and you should still be in good time. I am compelled to say that I certainly think it necessary to colour-feed both Thrushes and Blackbirds for present-day competition. There is no real need to give a Thrush, or any other British bird, hot pepper. Sweet (tasteless) pepper is quite sufficient. It is a moot point whether the use of hot pepper is of advantage with any bird; some Canary fanciers hold that it "fixes" the colour to a certain extent, *i.e.*, that the artificial colour produced by the admixture of sweet and hot pepper is less liable to fade than that produced by sweet pepper alone. Some fanciers of my acquaintance deny there is any ground for this belief. I never knew a softbill bird yet that would not eat colour-food (sweet). Of course, it is necessary to begin with a very tiny quantity, as the change in the colour of the food (and this alone) makes them shy of it unless very gradually brought about. The bird should be kept in a not too well-lighted spot, but out of direct rays of light, especially the rays of the sun. How strong the colour-food should be given depends on the natural colour of the bird. To give a jonque Thrush (naturally a deep brown), the colour-food extra strong, would be to make him unsightly. Such a bird only needs sufficient to slightly enhance its natural colour, and put a gloss on its plumage. With certain birds (Mules, chiefly) I have used the colour-food one in two—perhaps even stronger, though I don't think it had any good effect. One in four (one teaspoonful of pepper to four of food) is strong, and sufficient for most purposes. Perhaps one in six may be quite enough for your Thrush. It must be continued until the moult is right over; for about a fortnight (to be safe) after you cease to find cast feathers in the cage. The last part to finish is generally the head, and the pepper should be given for some little while after pen feathers (or quills) cease to be noticeable thereabouts.

## Brevities.

**Goldfinches and Their Young** (M.F.R.).—The answer given "C. B. Morgan" this week applies exactly to your own case. There are no "precautions"; in fact, the less you interfere, or even "hang around," the better your chances of ultimate success.

**Strength of Colour-food** (Yokel).—Personally, I commence with only a trace of colour-food in the egg-food, and work up to a proportion of one in six, which I increase to one in four (slightly over than under) when the feathers are commencing to fall freely. I use the same strength for all my Mules and Hybrids. Mr. Bancroft's recent practical article should help you greatly.

**A Case of a Siskin** (B.E.).—Probably the Siskin has been indulging too freely in egg-food—they are demons after it, as a rule. Take him from the hen while she sits, feed plainly, and give for 24 hours a dose of saline medicine (as much sulphate of soda as will cover a shilling, dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water). You seem to be giving a great deal of hemp, seeing there are no young to feed.

**Food for Greenfinch Hen** (C. B. Morgan).—The main things the Greenfinch hen will use as feeding materials are the seeding heads of chickweed, shepherd's-purse, grass, and groundsel, and a plentiful supply of these is essential. They won't look at "soft foods," as a rule; but, of course, the usual seeds are heavily drawn upon (sunflower, hemp, canary, rape, teazle, etc.),

**Chaffinch and a Linnet** (E.E.).—It is rather a peculiar mating—distinctly speculative, so to speak. If, however, the cock Chaffinch had cordial feelings towards the other hen Linnet, I see no reason why he should not entertain the same towards this second hen, seeing that his first love has so incontinently left home. Nesting in a cage is much more doubtful than in an aviary; and July is certainly late. But you can only try, if the delay is unavoidable, and hope for the best.

**Goldfinch's Bad Plumage** (Miss W.).—I think your guess is quite correct, and that some insect is actually troubling the bird—the red mite, in fact. See reply to "W. Carlton" this week. You would also be well repaid by reading the matter on "Parasites" in the chapter on bird diseases in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL (post free 8d. from this office).

**A Mule Problem** (Action Hay).—Under the circumstances you detail it would not be possible for the Canary to have fertilised that particular egg. I should very much like to have an opportunity of seeing the youngster if it is reared. See the editorial footnote to your letter. I should think a "Mule" bred from a Mule would only be of value as a curiosity; it is difficult to see what value it has for show (competitive) purposes.

**Identity of Eggs** (C. Fearn).—It is useless sending bits of egg-shell to be identified. It is often, indeed, very difficult to name eggs even when a perfect specimen is forthcoming. Have no means of judging the size, but the "bits" seem to me to be those of a Linnet's egg, or a Greenfinch's; probably the former. Why not have described the nest and its situation? I doubt whether the other nest would be that of a Hawfinch; more likely to be that of a Missel Thrush. The egg of the latter bird corresponds to your description, while "brown above, ash colour below" would roughly fit this bird, which, however, is spotted on the breast.

**Rearing Young Finches** (R.H.R.).—You did wrong to withhold egg-food. Hen Canaries, when rearing nestling Finches (such as Linnets and Bullfinches) should have the same diet as would be given for the rearing of young Canaries. I have often had success myself, when feeding on egg-food, with seeding heads of shepherd's-purse and chickweed *ad. libitum* (the usual seeds, of course—hemp, rape, canary, etc., in addition).

**A Hen Canary** (New Beginner).—You won't do any good until the hen gets into condition; pity she had that illness. I advise you to separate the couple for about 10 days, and feed the hen well, allowing a little hemp and niger daily, while into her teaspoonful of egg-food mix five or six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. Shake together in a bottle a tablespoonful of best glycerine and good gin, and give for two days, and on alternate days afterwards, a small teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water (until paired up again).

**A Feeding Matter** (W.H.S.).—As regards breeding from Mules, note a letter this week in the correspondence columns. At a month old, Canaries are too young to do without soft food, but wean them from egg-food on to bread and milk sop (make sure it is always fresh and sweet). Give the crushed seed in addition, and gradually commence to leave uncrushed grains amongst it, which they will soon learn to shell. Give water sparingly at first, just lightly coloured with chemical food. The only green-foods I like for young birds are the seeding kinds.

**A Young Magpie's Liberty** (W. J. W.).—I have heard and read of hand-reared Magpies which have had their liberty about house and grounds, and not "strolled away." Personally, I have not tried the experiment. I should feel inclined to clip a few flight feathers. I can say this (though it sounds like fiction) that I recently opened wide the two doors of my own Magpie's cage (not a hand-reared bird) for three days, and the bird declined to accept its liberty—anyway, it is still with me. I wanted to use its cage for other birds.

**A Linnet Matter** (W.S.).—If you are certain of the sex of your Linnets (hens when in breeding condition sometimes sing quite well in captivity), then their "shy" singing must be due to shyness, which will no doubt wear off after they have been housemoulted. Your management is good. I can only suggest that you make a mixture of hemp, niger and maw seeds in equal parts, and give a small teaspoonful on alternate days for two or three weeks. They ought to have a little green-food daily—preferably seeding dandelion, chickweed, shepherd's-purse, or groundsel (or vary them).

**Nightingales for Australia** (T. E. P.).—I know that Nightingales have been sent over to Australia from England; therefore, there seems no reason why you should not personally succeed in taking one or two out, providing you have an adequate supply of a good insectivorous food, and whatever live foods you can accommodate—mealworms in any case. Of course, the 'Gales would need to be thoroughly "meated off"; well-caged birds would be the best. The breeding of mealworms is a lengthy subject, and you should get the back number of CAGE BIRDS containing an article on "British Birds," by Mr. C. Houlton, wherein you will find all the information you require.

**From the Nest** (Puzzled).—You have made a huge mistake. The Goldfinch does not breed in holes in walls, neither has it a "yellowish back, black head, and red breast." The owner of the nest was, in reality, a Redstart (a delicate insectivorous bird), and your Canaries will not rear the young should the two eggs you abstracted hatch out. As you frankly state you have had no experience with British birds, I cannot advise you to try to hand-rear any of the Redstarts. The method would be that advised "A.G.F." this week.

# FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

## Violet Tanagers.

**"Thank You."**—You appear to have either an adult female or an immature male, most probably the former. If, at the next moult, the plumage of the upper surface does not change to a deep violet-blue, then it is a female, the plumage of which is much as the description you give of your bird. Some species of Tanagers will not take mealworms; but if it eats heartily of the soft food mixture (one-third of this should be sponge cake), and takes plenty of ripe fruit, it will do well. I give all my Tanagers, Sugar Birds, etc., well-sweetened milk sop, to which occasionally I add a little Mellin's Food; this helps to keep the birds fit. I should say that the milk sop is best prepared with milk, sugar, and crumbled biscuit, and the whole boiled up together. Individual Tanagers of the same species vary in their taste for mealworms—most take them.

## Budgerigars Not Breeding.

**E.G.**—While Budgerigars sometimes take longer to settle down to breeding when kept in single pairs, this is certainly what I advise you to do unless you can give them a cage at least double the size of yours every way. Very probably it will suit your convenience best to have two cages instead of one, and sooner or later they will settle down to breeding, but respective pairs are often a little erratic as to how long they take to settle down in new quarters. At this time of year, when it is so plentiful, let them have unlimited grass in flower (seeding grass); this, their natural food, will help to bring them forward as much as anything. If yours are young birds, it is all the better for them and your future stock that they are slack in making a start.

## Parrakeets in Moult.

**W.A.B.C.**—Most Parrots and Parrakeets moult rather slowly, but so long as they keep fit this is but of small importance, save for their appearance, which has to be put up with for the time being. Let them have a liberal supply of green-stuff and fruit, as much as they will take in addition to their seed mixture, and they should be all right. While the moult lasts, well colour their drinking water, every other day, with Parrish's Chemical Food. Keep their bowels well regulated; the voidings should not be hard, neither should they be watery—you can easily regulate this by an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia, one teaspoonful to each ounce of the drinking water. The moult is a more or less critical period for all birds, but yours should get through all right; let them have plenty of fresh air without draught.

## Treatment of a Young Grey.

**R.H.W.**—Continue to give the boiled maize till the bird takes to other food, which it is sure to do later, of course, in the meantime letting it have as much boiled maize as it will eat; at the same time, I should keep a tin of dry seed mixture in its cage, and you will find it will ultimately take to this as its staple diet. It will also take to fruit later. Also nuts, and plain biscuit, I should offer all at intervals. As regards fruit, try it with grapes and apple. I should put from 10 to 20 drops of Parrish's Chemical Food on to the daily supply of boiled maize. Note: The boiled maize only keeps fresh one day; it must be prepared fresh daily, and the food vessel kept strictly clean. As regards water, permit the bird to satisfy its thirst three or four times a day, and for one day only put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water (one ounce), repeating the dose after an interval of seven days. Seed mixture: two parts Canary and white millet, and one part each hemp, wheat, oats, and sunflower seed. Keep it where it will get plenty of fresh air, but keep it strictly out of draught. It should be occasionally sprayed with tepid water, choosing warm, sunny days, and guarding carefully against draught till dry.

## What Parrakeet is it?

**A.H.S.**—The birds are two cocks, and, as I suspected, and stated in previous reply, are Madagascar Lovebirds; they are also known by the following names, some of which are not descriptive (this being often the case with dealers' and popular names): Lavender-headed, Grey-headed, and White-headed. The hen is all green, and thus can be readily distinguished from the male. Canary, white, and spray millet seeds, with a few oats, green food (flowering grass), lettuce, etc., cuttlefish, little fruit (consult their taste; if they refuse one kind, try another, but all species usually take apple), grit and water. Live branches with bark on should be supplied; these are one of the few species of Parrakeets which line their nests. They will strip off the bark and carry it into their log or box for this purpose. You should have no difficulty in obtaining hens; Madagascars are nearly always on sale, and most consignments consist of both sexes.

## Mocking Bird Not Singing.

**McNeil.**—This Bird should certainly be singing now. Are you sure you have a cock bird? Your diet also is satisfactory, and I am really at a loss to understand its non-response to the fervour (at this season) of the songs of our native birds; this causes me to doubt its being a cock bird. However, I should not be in a hurry to part with it, as it may possibly be only a young bird, and not yet experienced the fervour of the breeding season. As with most of our native birds, the full fervour of song is only poured out during the pairing and breeding season, and your bird will possibly, a little later, burst into song. Vary its live food as much as possible, and let this be liberal. Your garden should supply a variety now if trapped and searched for; an occasional fly round the room will be beneficial to the bird, and the exhilaration of flight may hasten it into song.

## Breeding Budgerigars.

**W. E. Green.**—Design is of very little account; it must be weather-proof, and, to hold four pairs, must be not less than 4 ft. by 2 ft. by 2½ ft. high. It should be close boarded at ends, back and top, with the front only half-inch mesh wire netting. If you let the produce of one pair only breed together, it means inbreeding and ultimate deterioration of stock; this can be obviated either by exchanging some of your young birds with some other breeder, or by having two or more breeding pairs. Then their progeny could be left to breed together. However, to keep up a robust stock, it is necessary to introduce new blood every two or three years or thereabouts. Do not overcrowd, as sometimes this causes the birds to maltreat each other and also their young, even with such a gregarious species as the Budgerigar.

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## Birds for Aviary.

**C.E.L.**—The birds I am about to name should breed, but not regularly; neither will the young hatched out be always reared, the difficulty being, as a rule, to supply enough live food in a mixed crowd. But space will not permit me to do more than give you a list of birds. Pope, Grey and Green Cardinals, Ruddy-shouldered Tropials, Silky Cowbirds, Orange-headed Thrushes, and any other Indian Thrushes you see on the market in pairs, Scarlet Tanagers, any species of Foreign Buntings you see advertised in pairs. With such a series you could put pairs of, say, Chinese and Harlequin Quails, Diamond and Crested Doves. Three-quarter inch mesh is small enough to confine anything not smaller than our native Bunting, such as the Yellowhammer, etc. *Re* the Budgerigars, cover the window over with wire netting, and leave it open day and night during hot weather. Also at top of gable ends take out one or two bricks, as is often done in such structures, and also to let pigeons in and out, cover them with wire netting, and you should get over the difficulty of extreme heat. You must take the precaution of so placing your perches and husks that they are not in the direct line of any air currents that pass through the loft.

## Amazon Out of Condition.

**Nurse L. B.**—Continue to give the chemical food in the drinking water, and also from 10 to 20 drops over the daily supply of boiled maize; this latter must be prepared fresh daily, as it soon turns sour, and the food vessel must be kept strictly clean. Twice a week, so long as the voidings are not watery, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water in lieu of the chemical food. It ought to have ripe fruit, plain biscuit and nuts, as well as the foods you mention. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. Whenever the weather is warm and sunny, spray the bird two or three times a week with quassia solution, and keep it carefully out of draught till dry. I prefer the following seed mixture: Canary seed, oats, wheat, dari, maize, hemp, and sunflower seeds in equal parts. Keep the bird where it will get plenty of fresh air, but it must not be subject to draught. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in its cage. Please report progress a fortnight hence.

## Black-headed Mannikin, etc.

**A. Wright.**—Mannikins thrive on seed (Canary, white and spray millet), green food (grass in flower, lettuce, etc.), grit, cuttlefish, fruit and water for drinking and bathing. Some species are fond of a mealworm, especially the Bronze and Magpie, and one or two per diem are certainly beneficial, but if you can get them occasional smooth caterpillars, spiders, beetles, etc., are even better. You do not give me any particulars as to size, etc., of aviary. You must allow one square foot of floor area to each pair of birds not larger than a Norwich Canary—and, of course, my reply is based on the assumption that you have a weather-proof shelter shed attached to the aviary. Tricolour, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins; Silverbills, Spice Birds, Grey and White Java Sparrows; Zebra and Ribbon Finches; Grey and Green Singing Finches; Common and Green Avadavats; Grey Orange-cheek; Orange-breasted and St. Helena Waxbills, all of which are usually to be cheaply obtained, and will thrive on the above treatment, with the addition of a little soft food (see advert. columns), when they are feeding young.

## Orange-Cheeked Waxbill.

**W. Baker.**—The outward distinctions are infinitesimal, and really of but little value unless you can be sure you have adult birds for comparison. But out of a crowd you should be able to pick a pair. The hen is a little slighter in build, and is not so bold a bird as the male; her plumage is of not quite so rich a hue. This is particularly the case with the Orange-cheeks, this being a little smaller in area, and distinctly duller in colour. Her beak also is of not so rich a red as that of her mate, and again she is more silent and not so demonstrative as the male. Some of these points are rather difficult to discern in a dealer's cage as the birds get stirred up during examination, and some of the distinctive features are then quite lost; but a little quiet observation from a little distance should enable you to pick out a pair.

## Treating a Grey Parrot.

**T.H.**—I am afraid your quarters are altogether too warm; a better position would be in one of your sitting rooms. Again, if a screen is necessary to make secure against draught, a sort of curtain should be hung round one side, the bird should not be covered up in the daytime and even at night, a space at least six inches in diameter on the top should be left uncovered. With a camel-hair brush bathe its nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline—well cleansing the brush and using a fresh portion of the solution for each occasion—twice a day till the running ceases. The bird ought to fare well for a time on the dietary you are giving, that is, providing it gets no slops, messes, table scraps, etc. But I should certainly half fill its seed tin with the dry mixture and put the boiled maize on the top. Put 10 to 15 drops of Parrish's Chemical Food over the boiled maize daily (boiled maize only keeps fresh one day), make its drinking water just saline with Epsom salts for one day only. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage.

## Grey Parrot Not Talking.

**J.M.**—I presume you have a Grey Parrot, and not a Rose-breasted Cockatoo? If it is really a Grey, and, as you say, strong and healthy, I should hesitate before getting rid of it. A Grey should certainly talk more or less. You must pet it, talk to it, fondle it, and afterwards give it some tit-bit (but not slops, messes, or table scraps), something of its regular dietary it is specially fond of, such as fruit, nut, piece of biscuit, etc.; also keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation and when the room is quiet, repeat to it, while you scratch its poll or fondle it in some other fashion, short sentences, etc., you wish it to utter. There is nothing needed but patience, and I should give a healthy Grey a lengthy trial before parting with it; the number of Greys that do not talk is very small, and these usually occur through neglect and lack of notice. As a rule, if they do not talk they scream!

## Brevities.

**Will it Talk?** (A.P.).—It is a Cockatiel—an Australian species that is more often kept as an aviary bird than as a cage pet. They are hardy, and will live out of doors in a garden aviary all the year round, and are free breeders. It is an adult male, and I do not consider there is any likelihood of its learning to talk. Get a hen bird—the hen lacks the yellow cheeks, and the red patch on some is not so deep in colour as that of the male, also her tail on the underside is barred black, yellow and white, that of the male being blackish-grey—and rig up a small enclosure for them out of doors (something like a fowl pen), where they will certainly do well, and should breed.

**What Parrakeet?** (T.C.B.).—It is an Alexandrine, and a male. These birds are very cheap to purchase when newly imported, but an acclimatised specimen in good feather should be worth 25s., or thereabouts; more, if it has been properly trained, and is a good talker. It is not a rare species, and, of course, on the show bench the rarer species, if in equally good condition, would score. However, an Alexandrine in perfect condition, with the full bloom on its feathers (similar to that seen on ripe fruit) is a handsome fellow indeed, and quite likely to catch the judge's eye, and certainly has a sporting chance of being in the money.

# POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

**Canary** (Novice 40).—Septicæmia, or blood poisoning, or bird fever, giving rise to anæmia, and ending with apoplexy.

**Roller Canary** (Diaco).—Inflammation of liver, spleen, and lungs, all signs of septicæmia or bird fever.

**Canary** (G. Ray).—Yes, it died of septic fever.

**British Finches** (F.D.).—Severe chill or inflammation of lungs, possibly owing to cold wet weather.

# GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

**Nesting Material** (Nesting).—The nesting material you send is such a departure from the ordinary that we hesitate to pass an opinion without first submitting it to a practical trial. It may be right enough, still, it is not the kind of stuff we should select for use in our own birdroom. Doesn't it make the nest too "lumpy"?

**A County Court Matter** (F.J.W.S.).—We have submitted your letter to our legal representative, who will reply in the query columns in due course.

**"Ladder of Progress" Postcards** (J. T., Birmingham).—The postcards are being sent out in the order in which the forms reached us. We have an enormous number to despatch, and this necessarily takes time. You should get yours now, however, in a few days. The result of the competition we hope to be able to announce very shortly.

**A Suggestion** (W. H. Stone).—Many thanks for your kindly letter. We will see what can be done in the matter you mention.

**The Cage Bird Union** (A. Riddles).—The Sec. is Mr. J. Raynes, 9, Richmond-road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester.

**Recovering Money** (David Price).—Your only remedy now is to sue in the County Court for the return of the money; issue a summons at once if you can get no redress without. And remember our deposit system in the future.

**The Border Fancy in the South** (Johnny Principle).—We cannot consider the publication of this letter until you furnish us with your name and address, and more definite particulars of the alleged winnings.

# CORRESPONDENCE.

(*Continued from page 561.*)

## Cockatiels Hatched Under Budgerigars.

SIR,—The two young Cockatiels which were hatched under Budgerigars are still going on well. They will be out of the log nest, to which I have transferred them, in about a week. They were hatched in a cokernut nest, the eggs being put in with a spoon. If any of your readers would care to call at 154, Hutton Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, I should be pleased to let them see these birds, also some young Budgerigars which I have tamed, and trained to sit on my finger. I might say that the hen Budgerigar which hatched the Cockatiels is a yellow one, mated to a green cock bird. Although this green has a green mate as well, he is helping to feed two young Budgerigars off the green hen, and the two young Cockatiels hatched by the yellow one. My hen Cockatiel laid three eggs (commencing to sit on the first, as is usual), and was eggbound with the fourth. As she was quite prostrate, I had to take her in and give her a hot water bath. After the bath she got stronger, so I put her back into the aviary, when the cock bird promptly left the three eggs which he had sat on all day and night. The hen soon laid her fourth egg, but would not sit, so I put two under the yellow Budgerigar and threw the others away. In about a week's time the Cockatiel laid again, and has now three young ones.

H. LEWIS.

## Brummagem Goods!

### The Tale of a Nightingale Hoax.

SIR,—A fine joke has been recently played upon some of our residents in Birmingham, and I think readers of your paper, CAGE BIRDS, will appreciate it. This is how the local "Mail" describes it:—The prevalent popularity of the Nightingale and the sudden desire of everybody to hear this delightful nocturnal songster was made the subject of an amusing practical joke at Perry Barr recently. A couple of young fellows resident in the neighbourhood, knowing that everyone was anxious to hear the bird, secured one of those mechanical contrivances usually sold by the street hawkers at a penny each, and commonly known to boys as "bird calls." Locating themselves in a neighbouring plantation, they poured forth a volume of song which soon attracted the notice of the passers by and the residents of the district, who hurriedly left their supper tables and listened entranced in the night air to what they deemed must be the song of the Nightingale, a song which, by the way, is not known by one person in fifty among city dwellers. The deception worked so successfully that the joke was continued the following evening, when the fame of the supposed bird had spread far and wide. Between 300 and 400 persons put in an appearance, were delighted with what they heard, and would probably have turned up again the following night had not some inquisitive members of the crowd disoovered the origin of the song, and chased the "bird" away. When the crowd became aware of the deception they, too, were anxious to interview the songster, who, by the way, has not been heard again.

A BIRMINGHAM READER.

## The Migration of Birds Studied by Marking Rings.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to draw the attention of your readers to an inquiry into the migration of birds, to be carried on for the next few years from the Natural History Department of the University of Aberdeen. The method employed is supplementary to others, and has already been employed with great success abroad, notably by Dr. Thienemann in Germany, at the Ornithological Station at Rossitten, on the Baltic, and by Herr Chr. Mortensen of Viborg, in Denmark, but has not been carried out on a large scale in the British Isles, except in the case of Woodcock. The method consists in placing aluminium rings—or rather, folded bands—on birds' feet. Birds may be obtained for marking in this way by capturing them uninjured, and immediately liberating them, or by finding them as nestlings. The rings are made in all sizes, and are too light to annoy the bird in any way. They bear the inscription "Aberdeen University" (contracted to "Abdn. Univ." on the smaller sizes), and a number, different in each case. These rings are to be placed on birds in different parts of the country, and full records are to be kept of the species, date, locality, etc., corresponding to each number, and it is the object of this communication to the Press to make as widely known as possible the method of our inquiry, in the hope that any person finding one of our marked birds will send full particulars of date, locality, etc., of the capture to "Migration Inquiry, Natural History Department, the University, Aberdeen, Scotland." We prefer that the ring should also be sent, or the ring and foot, or even the whole bird. Whenever desired, we shall be glad to refund postage. It is obvious that much exact information can be gathered in this way that would not be otherwise obtainable. We are able at present to define fairly accurately the breeding distribution of a large number of species, and, less accurately, the winter-quarters of many of them. But we cannot as yet say to what particular places the birds of particular districts migrate, and a knowledge of this is necessary before a solution of the main problems of migration can be attempted. Then, we have yet to prove that birds always return to the same place, or that birds from the same place seek the same winter-quarters; and there are many other points. But, principally, we need information about the routes followed by migrants, for a definite knowledge of these, even for a few species, would take us nearer to the heart of the mystery which surrounds the phenomenon of migration. J. ARTHUR THOMSON.

The University, Aberdeen.

## Curious Eggs of Seagulls.

SIR,—A few evenings ago, during my walk around the cliffs, I came across a lot of Seagulls' nests, in one of which was, to me, a curious sight. Three eggs were in the nest, one of which appeared to be very small. On going down the cliff I found one egg measured 2⅛ins. in length and 2ins. in diameter, another 2⅞ins. in height and 1 15-16in. diameter. Now we came to the most curious sight: the other egg only measured 1⅝in. in length and 1¼in. in diameter. It was perfectly easy to get at this nest. But there was another which it was impossible to get at, there being a drop of about 300ft. In this nest also was a sight I have never seen before. There were three eggs here; one was of the ordinary colour, but the other two were a very bright green, and so highly polished were they that, looking at them from certain positions (the sun shining at this time), they appeared like reflectors. Now, what I want to know from any one of your readers who cares to interest themselves over this, is: Is this an ordinary sight, or has anyone seen such before? I have travelled the hills and cliffs for years, but have never seen anything like it before.

E. SOUTHWOOD.

## The Border Fancy Canary in the South.

SIR,—Mr. Patterson evades my question by taking exception to the way in which it was asked, and yet he can deal with other points asked him in the same way. Can it be that the main question is inconvenient to answer? As regards size, how the fact that the English Club was formed to combat size proves Mr. Patterson's theory, I leave him and his readers to determine, and the proof he adduces that there was a demand from England for these large birds. It would be interesting to know whether it was the exhibitor or the judge who demanded these large birds. It seems funny that England should demand large birds and then form a society to reduce size. Gentle readers, please note. I echo Mr. Patterson's pious wish that nothing will be misconstrued to suit "an insincere purpose," and would suggest that he examines his previous statement *re* show committees. He will find that he stated show committees elected judges, and not supported judges at other shows with exhibits as he states now. What a piece of impertinence it is on Mr. Patterson's part to say that once England had a light grip of the bird, seeing that England had a light grip of the bird long before it was known in Scotland. However, I think I had better stop before I write something true, but better left unsaid.

S. HADWIN.

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SIR,—I have read Mr. J. Robson's letter in your issue of the 5th inst. Owing to pressure of business I have been unable to give the matter due consideration, but I hope to deal with the same in your next issue.

ROBERT ELLWOOD.


## From the Egg to the Show Bench.

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## The Treatment Skylarks During the Moult.

SIR,—It has been suggested to me that I should write and ask other Lark fanciers through CAGE BIRDS to state their methods of moulting the Skylark. As the singing recommences in December the birds will want to be through the moult early. What extra food do they give, if any? Do they keep the birds covered? Do they keep them in a cold room, or moult them in the kitchen? What is the best thing to start them in the moult? Also, what is the best thing to do when they get "stuck in the moult"? There are a hundred and one ways of feeding Larks, but Lark fanciers seem to be afraid of telling their friends what they feed their birds on. And if one man has a bird which does all the winning, what is the use of others throwing their money away when they know beforehand they will be beaten? I hope Lark fanciers will favour some of us by answering some or all of these questions.

ALEX. DONNELLY.

## A Classification Puzzle.

### Where Should the Crests Go?

SIR,—Would some reader kindly answer these questions in CAGE BIRDS?

1. What does "Norwich Any Variety" mean?

2. Are the Crest and Crest-bred termed Norwich or not?

3. When there is a class given at any show worded "Norwich Any Variety," is the Crest and Crest-bred eligible to compete in same?

4. Should there be a class headed "Any Other Variety Canary," in addition to the one mentioned in question three. Are the Crest and Crest-bred eligible to compete in this class, or in both?

J. O. WILLIAMS.

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(At such shows as the Crystal Palace, Nottingham, Gateshead, Newcastle, Plymouth, Bristol, and others, the Crests and Crestbreds are referred to as "Norwich" Crests and Crestbreds, and it would seem that they could certainly claim to compete in a class headed "Norwich any variety." Probably, however, the latter would, in intention, be meant to comprise Norwich Plainheads only, and in view of this dubiousness, we can imagine some judges allowing Crests to compete in the "A.O.V." class as well, if entered therein. Readers' opinions will be welcomed.—EDITOR.)

## The Clashing of Show Dates in Scotland.

SIR,—I notice "Club Member," in replying to my letter of last week, says that it caused him some amusement. I am very pleased to hear he is so easily amused. He further says that a weaker reply he has never seen. I leave it to the fancy to look over the previous correspondence and judge for themselves to see which of the two is the weaker. Seeing that I admitted that we were not aware that Kelty had altered their date, he tries to make the most of it to cause us to appear as small as he can, and says: "Fancy any intelligent body of men sitting down to fix a date for their show without first consulting the Dates Fixed Column." Are all the shows advertised in the above? Seeing that our intelligent friend is so perfect, I think that he ought to read his own paper before attacking others. He says that we fixed our date for the 24th October, whereas we fixed it for 23rd October, so that the Forfar people are not the only ones who can make mistakes. He also fails to see where his selfishness comes in. If he cares to read over the correspondence he will see it for himself if he wants to. He says that I object to his calling the Forfar members stupid. Have I not already admitted that we were unaware that Kelty had altered their date? So there was no need my denying that some of the three shows would suffer if allowed to go on; in fact, I noticed the mistake the same week as our notice appeared, and fully intended bringing same to the notice of the members at our next meeting. I see that "Club Member" is still set on having us take the 16th October as the date of our show, and says that the Forfar people used to be well pleased if they had no competition north of Glasgow. Is that any reason why he should try to bully us into it to suit himself? He has also failed to tell us the reason Kelty altered their date to 23rd October this year, seeing they were on the same date as the City of Glasgow last year. As to the shows referred to in November, 1902, were they of the same importance as the City of Glasgow? I think not. Further on "C.M." says that I well know that everybody has not birds to exhibit at the City of Glasgow. Is the above meant as a sneer, or what? Or is it any reason why Forfar should hold an open show on that date? He also says: "I presume Forfar does not expect the same class of birds." Well, we should certainly expect to see some of them, and why not, providing that we give sufficient inducement to fanciers? Does "C. M." mean to say that it would be to our benefit to hold our show on 16th October, when we know that there are always a good number of the prominent exhibitors of the north with teams at the City of Glasgow? Is he trying to throw dust in our eyes when he says that he holds no brief for Perth, and tries to explain the reason why Perth have seen fit to alter their date three times within the last seven years? He says that other societies have treated Perth as Forfar have done. But have Forfar, or for that matter any other society, not as much right to hold an open show when it suits them as well as Perth seeing that Perth usurped the dates of other shows? I fail to see what they have got to complain of, although "C. M." is trying his best to blind the Fancy on that point. "C. M." thinks he has made a great catch in what he is pleased to term "the convicting of me on my own statements," because I stated last week that "when the last Forfar show was held there were no shows north of Glasgow in 1902. Perth, the following year, took the same date, knowing that Forfar were already fixed." And yet again he thrusts forward his favourite bait, the 16th October. I fail to see where I have convicted myself in the above statement. But he convicts himself when he says the other societies have treated Perth as Forfar have done. He finishes up with a great show of bounce when he says that, "notwithstanding all these facts. . . ." What facts has he presented other than the mistake we made in not noticing Kelty had altered their date? The only facts that have been presented were those of last week, which he has tried to twist about to suit his own ends. He says that I finish with the determination to stick to the date I have usurped, and have the audacity to suggest that Perth and Kelty should alter their dates to allow his society a clear field. Now, the above is not true. "C. M." in his first letter said that there was still time for Forfar to alter their date, but that Perth and Kelty could not alter theirs because they had their judges fixed. While I said that if Forfar had still time to alter their date, Perth and Kelty also had time to alter theirs, even although they had got their judges fixed. The impression "C. M." wishes to convey is that it is impossible to alter a date after you have got your judges fixed. Such is not the case, as they can be altered at any time to suit the circumstances. Which is altogether a different thing to what "C. M." would have us believe. He speaks of my complaining of the use he makes of a *nom de plume*, and asks why not? Because it shows the want of manliness and a fancier-like spirit of which he boasts. He says that it cannot alter the facts. Perhaps it would. Doubtless he says to himself that I like to see my name in print. My name has appeared in the Fancy Press pretty often for some years now, without needing to seek the correspondence columns to do so. Need I say more, is his despairing cry. Well, if he does not want to show off some more intelligence he ought to desist. Here is some more of the selfishness of which we have got too much. At our meeting on Saturday we decided not to run an open show this year, but to hold a Members' Show instead on the 23rd Oct. Mark you, not the 24th. Most certainly we will run an open show next year, when I hope we will not hurt "C. M.'s" feelings.

W. GREWAR.

Hon. Sec. Forfar and Dis. C.B.I.S.


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## A Mule Bred from a Greenfinch Mule.

SIR,—I think the following may be of interest to some of your readers. I have a young bird two days old; its father is a Greenfinch and Canary Mulo (which I bred myself, so that I am certain it is a Mule). and its mother an ordinary Yellow Canary. I "put the pair up" as foster parents for Scotch Fancy Canaries, but as one hen Scotch Fancy died, I had too many foster parents. So I let this pair sit, and was surprised to find one egg fertile and another, which I wasn't quite certain about (which, however, had not hatched when I looked eight days after the hen was set, the father of this bird I bred from a Greenfinch, which was a great pet, as I had hand-reared him from the nest, and the mother was a Crest-bred Norwich Canary, also my own breeding. Could any of your readers tell me if they have ever bred birds from Mules, as I understand it is supposed to be impossible?

"ACTION HAY."

(A few apparently genuine instances of Mules having bred have been recorded in our columns. It has generally been held impossible for Mules to fertilise eggs, however, and opinion is still divided on this point. We have never personally had the good fortuno to meet with an unquestionable case.—EDITOR.)

## A Successful Start with Yorkshires.

SIR,—I am sending you a record of my first round, as I believe I have been moro than lucky with same, this being my first season breeding Yorkshires. I have made a start with three pairs, with the first round resulting as follows:—Pair No. 1: Eggs laid 4, hatched four; No. 2: Eggs laid 5, hatched 4—one clear egg; No. 3: Eggs laid 4, hatched 3—one egg broken. All the young birds are doing grand, and the hens are now down upon their second round of eggs. I might mention that my birds were hatched April 16, May 1, and May 14 respectively. My mode of feeding is as follows:—While hens are sitting I give Canary and rape and plenty of green food. Directly the eggs are hatched I allow the usual egg food with as much lettuce as the bird will eat, with their seed pots filled with hemp, right from the first day the chicks are hatched, and I find the birds grow twice as quick. All my birds are strong, and in splendid condition. I flatter myself that my mode of feeding cannot be far wrong, as I now have 11 young birds (doing for themselves) from 13 eggs, and in the first round only. I am sending my way of feeding, as perhaps it may be the means of helping others. With every good wish to our dear friend CAGE BIRDS. STANLEY RICHARDS.

## Affairs of the United Kingdom Lizard.

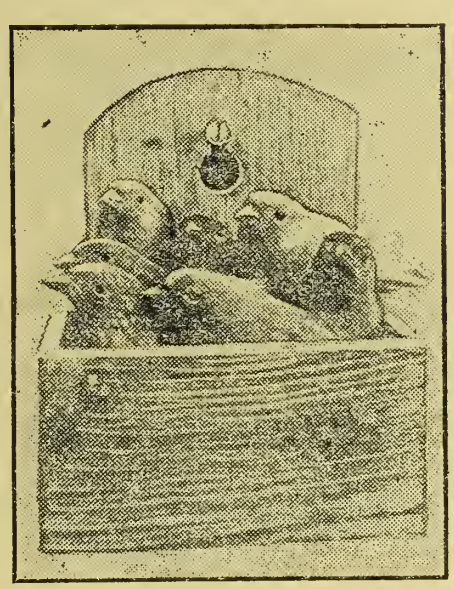
SIR,—In reply to Mr. Greig's somewhat misleading letter in last week's CAGE BIRDS, he says I was as much in Mr. Thompson's letter as Mr. Thompson. I may tell him that letter was in CAGE BIRD'S office long before I knew it was written. He also says he took Mr. T.'s letter for what it was worth, and I for one believe him, and for a long time I have taken him for what he was worth as an hon. sec.; a cage bird man, and a man who wants to do as he likes with everyone. But everyone will not stand him. I may tell him there is no "Co." about me. I am on my own in this matter, and as for the bad feeling, who caused it, Mr. Greig? How many times has "fine old Lizard breeder," as you term him, been to my house and I to his, to see what could be done with you, and try to get you to do something? Why, man, did we not find you an assistant secretary to help you to do something, and then you would not let him do anything? How many times have you called a meeting, and never turned up, or only come just before the members from other towns had to leave by the 8.47 train, in order to get home? Your excuse was always the same tale, been asleep and forgot the meeting, as Mr. Hampshire and Mr. Dickenson can prove. Mr. Dickenson had a letter in CAGE BIRDS some time back on the same subject. You go on to say that Messrs. Ollerenshaw, Lawton, Fisher, and Hampshire, are members, also yourself; when did you or any of the above gentlemen pay their subs? Mr. Ollerenshaw told me he should not pay his till you started to do something for the society, and I told him the same. What about that, Mr. Grieg? As you have showed me up in the Fancy Press, I think I am justified in returning the compliment. You make free use of our "champion" breeder's name, who left the society for reasons best known to himself. Does Mr. G. want to make out he left through Mr. Thompson and me? I may tell you, Mr. G., it was through you coming late at that meeting, and he would not stand it any longer; and that is where the trouble started. You also say the old fanciers will not be talked to by us novices. It is now 33 years since I had first to do with the Lizards, in the days of the late S. Bunting, of Derby; Ritchie, Cleminson, Hethington, of Darlington; Hamer, Bardsley, to say nothing of so many other of my fine old friends in many parts of England. So where do the novices come in? You say there was nothing but dissatisfaction. Who caused it but you, Mr. G., by not trying to give satisfaction, and the members were disgusted.

E. FULLER.

## We Are Seven.

### A Fine Brood of Young Canaries.

SIR,—I am a breeder in a small way, and havo managed to rear a nest of seven young Canaries from ono hen Canary. I took a photograph of them in the nestbox when 17 days old. I thought this photograph would interest many of your readers, so have ven-



"We Are Seven."

tured to send you a copy. These Canaries were three weeks old on Saturday last, June 5. The hen Canary had made another nest, and was then sitting on five eggs. But apparently she has not done laying, for at time of writing I find she has six eggs under her.

E. J. HANCOCK.

(We have to thank Mr. Hancock, on behalf of our readers, for enabling us to place this really clever photograph before them.—EDITOR.)

## The Treatment of Cage Birds in Transit.

SIR,—Respecting your correspondent "Cantab's" letter last week, I have seen the railway servants knock birds about whilst I have been waiting for birds on the platform. I have seen them throw birds on the truck the same as lumps of wood, wrong way up, as it seems to come natural to them to do it. I have often told them about it. But what I wish to write about is the bother you have when birds are lost in transit. I sent three Norwich Canaries from Leigh (London and North-Western Railway) to Luton, Beds., on April 7th, but they never arrived there. So I inquired at the station from which I sent them. They found they had got to Batley all right, and had been transferred to the Great Northern Railway there, as I saw their signature for having received them. Then, a few days afterwards they told me at Leigh station they could not find them, and they were making inquiries. I let a week pass, and then I wrote to the station-master at Batley, and sent my claim to the London and North-Western; but all that I can get from them is that they are still making inquiries. I think this is another thing the Cage Bird Union should take up, as it is rather bad for working men like myself to have their birds lost, and have to wait so long for payment of the claim. If I had been travelling on the railway, and had lost my ticket, I wonder if they would have been satisfied with "still making inquiries!" I think I shall have to spend a bit more to get it, which I have no doubt readers of CAGE BIRDS will think a case of hard lines.

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## A Remedy Wanted.

SIR,—I read with interest in your valuable paper both letters under the above heading. I saw also Mr. W. H. Thomas' kind notice in CAGE BIRDS last week. If he will refer to my own letter, my experience, there explained, may be somewhat the same. I noticed that the birds I lost went off more quickly after giving the oil. But, in my case, they were all hen Canaries; I have never lost a full-grown cock Canary. Note also, it is only this season I have had this complaint with my hens (what I call "going soft"). I have always cured it, if taken in time, with bread scalded in milk (see my letter May 8). In reply to "Incredulous," I may say that I did not write to get up an argument, but to obtain instruction. Would he reply to the last and most important part of my letter? Others also may like to know a cure.

ERNEST E. R. BRYANT.

Seaford, Sussex.

SIR,—With your permission I should like to thank your correspondent, "British Birds" who replied in May 29th issue, for his willingness and his prompt assistance. I might say that I have always kept a tin of sand (sea sand, too) in every cage occupied, and I have proved by experiment that I get a larger percentage of losses amongst the birds to whom I supplied boiled English rape and German seed than amongst those I kept on dry seed. I put the seed in a sievo overnight and let it drain dry; I did not dry it with a cloth. The two Linnets I mentioned previously as looking like Pouter Pigeons died the second day after I wrote, and I have some more that at that time were in good song and condition now passing through the same stages, and will undoubtedly die just as certainly, to my mind. Will you kindly forward my full name and address to Mr. W. H. Thomas.

A. WILKINSON.

(We have received two or three requests from readers, either for Mr. Thomas' address, or for their own addresses to be sent on to that gentleman; but as Mr. Thomas' offer applied to two correspondents only, we cannot accede to these requests without authorisation.—EDITOR.)

SIR,—I was very pleased and interested in the reply to the above by "Nil Desperandum." A day or two after sending my correspondence to you I had two Goldfinches taken thick. I caught them, put them in a cage, and brought them indoors (as I keep my birds out in aviary in garden, one with wire netting only in front, the other like a room window to open, facing south-west, and door opposite—they have large cages and also a flight) in the living room, where a fire is generally going. I gave them castor oil (two drops each), also some Epsom salts, plenty of Canary seed, extra niger and maw, also hemp seed and teazle; but they did not seem to improve. I caught and blew up the feathers, and found their bodies thickly spotted with white; it looked like down from new feathers, but on closer examination I found it was not so, but on the skin. One died, and I thought of sending it to know the cause of death. The other was pretty bad, and I expected it would "follow suit," so kept the dead one with the intention of sending both for examination. I put three or four drops of Birley's Sweet Phosphorous in water as a trial, and the bird has recovered (I kept the other dead one three or four days, and the white spots were showing then all over the body just as plainly, so I covered it over in a rubbish heap); but whether from that or the other treatment I could not say. I give plenty of sand, and put the egg-shells from table in oven, and when well baked crush them up finely and give them to the birds. I feed and water immediately after I have had breakfast, and give a look round to them several times during the day, as I have kept birds British and Canaries and also foreigners for the last 20 or 30 years. My especial hobby is a grand cock Goldfinch, and I venture to say few fanciers have been more unfortunate in losing dozens of birds as I have, as I seldom keep them long in my possession. Either their time seems to have come to "shuffle off," or they escape, and nearly always the best birds. I have had Siberians, Russians, and Welsh, and some from several different countries, but they seem to go the same; first, a bit thick, and then they tuck their heads in and waste away and die, although I always make a desperate fight for their lives, now and then succeeding in pulling one through. I have three or four good specimens in Goldies, also Linnets and Greenfinches, but my birds are exceedingly late this year, only two hen Canaries with their first nest; but I am trying for Mules and Hybrids, and "Patience" is right. In reply to "British Bird," in your issue of May 29, it is not for want of sand, as you will see by the above that I give the birds crushed egg-shells, as I consider grit is almost as essential as food. I give castor oil, Epsom salts, and common salt, just a pinch in their water. This last is from bird-catcher, who told me if any were mopy after he had caught them, and had got them homo and turned into cages, he put common salt in their water just sufficient to give it a salty taste, and it was very seldom he lost one, his experience being water was as necessary as food at such times. But the chief reason is to get at the cause and remedy, if possible, through other and more experienced fanciers, as to why apparently healthy and singing British birds should all at onee gradually go thick, mopy, and unable to satisfy the appetite, whatever kinds of seeds, etc., they may be tempted with, and die in a day or two after the attack by what appears to me inflammation of bowels (swollen and very inflamed stomachs), and indigestion (retching and throwing out food again). Many fanciers and others have said to me, I cannot think how you can keep on with birds after you have had such bad luck and losses enough to dishearten the most enthusiastie fancier. But with all disasters and losses I cannot give in, but am up and "at them again." I am well known about here, and in the surrounding villages and towns, and am often asked by people who come to me or meet me out if I would mind having a look at their bird, or they ask what they ean do to or give it, as it is not well. I never refuse to go, or to give what information I can, or cut the bird's nails for them. I hope to hear further from others regarding this question.

F. JAS. WEAIRE.

## A Linnet Association for Castleford and District.

SIR,—We have started a Linnet Association, which we have called the Castleford and District Linnet Association. It includes Pontefract and the surrounding districts. There is a good number of us already, and we are mostly all readers of CAGE BIRDS. They have appointed me secretary, and I am therefore going to try and make it a success. We had an excellent contest at the end of May, 21 birds competing. Mr. J. Higgins won the first prize of 12s. 6d., and the third prize of 5s., the second being won by Mr. S. Scott, value 8s. 6d. So I don't think we did badly for the first sing. We hope for a larger entry from and attendance of fanciers on June 13th, when we hope to have another sing, which it will be worth any one's while coming to see.

C. HOLMES, Sec.

Headquarters, Rock Hotel,
Glasshoughton, Castleford, Yorks.

## Notes on Mule Breeding in May and June.

SIR,—Reading CAGE BIRDS, of June 5th, I noticed Mr. T. H. Kinch says that July is generally the month for Bullfinch crosses. I wish to inform him, and others also, that having a little property in the country I went out for a stroll 2½ miles with a friend of mine on Whit-Tuesday to see it. On my way home at about 4.30 p.m. in the afternoon, I accidentally met a friend of mine, a bird fancier. We began talking birdy matters over, as I am always on the look-out for something better than my own if I can find it, and I have been a bird fancier all my life, about forty years. My friend invited me to see his birds. He had several pairs of Yorkshire Canaries, with young, and eggs, sitting. After he said smilingly, "I am going to surprise you now." He then showed me a lovely yellow Yorkshire cock bird paired to a hen Bullfinch, a young hon caught last August. The hen had laid three eggs; two had dropped off the perch and had broken, and the other one she laid on the bottom of the cage. This egg my friend had put under a eommon hen Canary. The Canary hatched it out alright, and it was three days old on Whit-Tuesday. My friend got the little mule out on his hand for me to see. He also had a cock Goldfinch with a hen Bullfinch. She had laid three eggs when I was there, but had made a nest in a small bush which had been put in the cage, and had laid in the nest. I again saw my friend in Oswestry on the following Saturday night, and he told me the Bullfinch with the cock canary had laid three more eggs, but "I am expecting more eggs this time from her," he added. He is only a young fancier, but I consider a lucky one—very lucky, indeed, if he rears the mule which I saw. I wish him all luck. As Mr. Kinch says he would like to hear the results of the Bullies' breeding, I thought I would write you this, trusting it will encourage others to try. I will again send you the results of the other eggs should they hatch. J. HENNERY LEWIS.

**Several letters unavoidably held over.**

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# The Shows.

## BRIGHTON F. AND F.A.

Sixth monthly show held at the King and Queen, Marlborough Place, when Mr. Pearson judged, and gave general satisfaction. CAN. A.V.: 1, spl, A. Riddles; 2, 3, Absalom. BRIT.: 1, Dean. A. RIDDLES, Asst. Sec.

## QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' First Feather show, held in the Baptist School, on June 5th, when 60 birds were staged, and Mr. W. Cruise (Bradford) judged, giving entire satisfaction.

CL. YELL.: 1, Kirk; 2, Briggs and Jagger; 3, A. Jowett; 4, Grundy; vhc, Brook; hc, Nicol; c, Kirkbright Bros. BUFF: 1, Grundy; 2, W. Jowett; 3, Kirkbright Bros.; 4, Kirk; vhc, Smith; hc, Alderson; c, Pratt Bros. TKD. YELL.; 1, 2, Briggs and Jagger; 3, Smith; 4, Pratt Bros.; vhc, Stocks and Fowle; hc, Allen. BUFF: 1, Grundy; 2, H. Jagger; 3, Alderson; 4, Fowle; vhc, Smith; hc, Briggs and Jagger; c, Stocks and Fowle. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, Kirk; 2, Thomas; 3, c, Fowle, 4, Brook; vhc, Stocks and Fowle; hc, Grundy. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, Nichol; 3, Pratt Bros.; 4, Ackroyd; vhc, Thomas. WILTON JAGGER, Sec.

## HULL C.B.S.

The first of this season's nest feather shows was held at the Oddfellows' Hall on June 7th, it being one of the best ever held in the annals of the Society. The quality of the exhibits was excellent all round, and the entries totalled 84 in six classes, which is exceptionally good, considering the bad weather experienced in this part of the country. Messrs. J. Calam and Geo. Harland judged. Both judges' awards seemed to give every satisfaction. The judging being over in fine time, gave the members time for a good look at the birds.

CHAMPION YORKS (13): 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Stones; hc, Barwick. NOVICE YORKS (36): 1, 2, vhc, Precious; 3, Howe; hc, Sowden; c, Burrell. NOVICE A.O.V.: 1, 2, Hope; 3, vhc, Potter. CHAMPION NOR. (9): 1, 2, vhc, Galam; 3, hc, c, Barwick. NOVICE NOR. (21): 1 Potter. 2, vhc, Bray; 3, Hogg; hc, Belcher; c, Mason. A.V. MULE (bred 1909): 1, Riley.—E. R. RIDLEY, Hon. Sec.

## LEEDS C.B.S.

A very successful nest feather show was held at "The Three Legs Hotel," Lowerhead Row, on June 5th. The total number of entries was 136, in the 22 classes, which stood two classes being cancelled. The room, which was kindly lent us by Mr. Powney, is an ideal one for a bird show, being well lighted and well ventilated. We had a very busy time, meeting old friends and making new ones; in fact, it was a real treat to be at such a well-attended members' show. Mr. W. Richmond (Rodley), judged, giving every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (9): 1, 2, hc, Chew and Stokoe; 3, vhc, Farrer; 4, Smith; c, Hall. TKD., ETC. (12): 1, 3, Hall; 2, 4, c, Chew and Stokoe; vhc, hc, Farrer. CL. BUFF (8): 1, 3, 4, vhc, c, Chew and Stokoe; hc, Farrer. TKD., ETC. (10): 1, 2, hc, c, Chew and Stokoe; 3, 4, Farrer; vhc, Smith. NOR. CL. YELL. (4): 1, 4, Triffitt; 2, Mennard; 3, Stead. TKD., ETC. (5): 1, 4, Stead; 2, Chambers; 3, Triffitt; vhc, Johnson. CL. BUFF (5): 1, 4, Triffitt; 2, 3, Stead; vhc, Mennard. TKD., ETC. (7): 1, Mennard; 2, Chambers; 3, Stead; 4, hc, c, Johnson; vhc, Triffitt. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Sturdy; 2, Dews. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Smith. LINNET, ETC. (11): 1, 3, hc, Duncan; 2, c, Owen; 4, Smith; vhc, Simpsons. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, 2, 4, hc, c, Duncan; 3, Simpson; vhc, Smith. GREENFINCH (10): 1, 3, Duncan; 2, 4, vhc, hc, c, Owen. A.O.S. BRIT. (7): 1, 3, vhc, hc, J. Owen; 2, Simpson; 4, Mennard; c, R. Owen. NOVICE CLASSES. — YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Buckley; 3, Brusby. TKD., ETC.: 1, Buckley; 2, Brusby; 3, Dews. CL. BUFF: 1, Burman; 2, Dews. TKD., ETC.: 1, Buckley; 2, 4, Dews; 3, Sturdy. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 3, Guest; 2, Tose; 4, McMillan. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Guest; 3, McMillan; 4, Tose. CL. BUFF: 1, Tose; 2, 3, Guest; 4, Brusby. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, McMillan; 3, Tose; 4, Guest.—J. CHAMBERS, Hon. Sec.

## WESTERN COUNTIES O.S.

The first Nest Feather Show for 1909 was held at Plymouth, on May 26th. There was a very strong muster, both of exhibits and fanciers, the show constituting a record for a May exhibition. Of the 97 birds staged, Norwich, Crest and Crest-breds were well to the fore, Mr. Spillman's two winning Buffs being greatly admired. In Crest-breds Mr. Ryder's team were of exceptional merit. A gratifying feature of the show was an entry of three Border Fancies, in the A.O.V. Class, this being the first time this variety has been represented at W.C.O.S. shows. British birds were good in numbers and quality, but Mules were not up to the usual standard. Mr. W. Spillman judged Yorkshires, Mr. J. Rowe Norwich, Mr. C. Dart Crests and Crest-breds, and Mr. F. Snell the remaining classes, the awards appearing to give general satisfaction. Further shows are arranged for June and July, points gained in the three shows to count for W.C.O.S. Nest Feather Cups. The leaders at present are as follows:— Yorkshire Cup: C. Jewell, 19 points; Norwich Cup: C. Garland, 22 points; Crest Cup: J. Ryder, 16 points; A.O.V. Cup: J. Ryder, 11 points; Mule Cup: J. Rowe, 26 points; British Cup: C. Large, 24 points.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Oliver; 3, Clark; 4, Jewell. BUFF: 1, 3, Jewell; 2, 4, Dceble. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, 4, Garland; 3, Spillman. BUFF: 1, 2, Spillman; 3, 4, Garland. CRESTS: 1, 3, Richards; 2, Haskell; 4, Hobbs. CREST-BREDS: 1, 2, 3, Ryder; 4, Parsons. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Dart; 2, 3, Ryder. MULES LIGHT: 1, 2, 3, Rowe; 4, Clark. DARK: 1, 2, Rowe. GOLDIE OR BULLIE: 1, 2, Large; 3, Wills; 4, Pridham. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Woodland; 2, Pridham; 3, 4, Wills. A.O.S. SEEDEATER: 1, 4, Large; 2, Harvey; 3, Wills. INSECTIV.: 1, 2, Dyer. FOR., LARGE: 1, Dyer. SMALL: 1, Pridham; 2, Woodland.—T. POPE, Hon. Sec.

## REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

**Vale of Conway** (Llandudno).—July 21st (C.B.U.).—Judge, Mr. A. G. Davis, 17 open classes: Nor. 4, Yorks 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 2, Brit. 4, For. 1, Sell. 1, and 9 members' classes. Prizes 7/6, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close July 5th to A. T. JOHNSON, Ro Wen, Talycafn, N. Wales

**Great Horton O.S.**—June 19th. Judge Mr. E. Radley.—11 open First Feather and British bird classes: Yorks 9, Brit. 1, and Sell. 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-, and specials. Fee 1/-. Entries close June 16th to J. HOLROYD, 27, Kingswood-st.

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## ROYAL CORNWALL (St. Columb).

This popular summer event in our most western county was held at St. Columb on June 9th and 10th, and entries came up remarkably well, whilst the quality was above the average. Many of the Canaries were showing signs of having been in the breeding cages, but, on the whole, the condition of the exhibits was splendid. The British section of this show is always a most interesting one, and some of the best Finches we have ever seen have come before our eyes at this fixture, and this occasion proved no exception to the rule. The exhibits were nicely staged, and all their needs well looked after by the following most excellent committee:—Messrs. W. M. Pethybridge (chairman), C. Jenkin (vice-chairman), J. Bond, R. Bonney, T. Bice, J. T. Brewer, H. Chynoweth, F. Cornish, J. T. Endean, T. J. Eva, W. Gatley, A. Gregor, A. F. Harvey, F. Hender, N. Hocking, P. Merrifield, S. Nockolds, J. Northcott, S. G. Pearce, J. Rabey, T. H. Reed, J. Reynolds, G. Rodliff, W. L. Salmon, W. W. Salmon, J. Seymour, J. B. Stephens, T. T. Strongman, F. Teagle, W. Thomas, T. H. Toll, E. Truscott, J. O. Walkley, and F. Williams. Mr. Sydney H. Tamblyn made a most enthusiastic, courteous, and hard-working secretary, and the local fanciers were fortunate in securing the services of such a gentleman. Mr. J. Robson made the awards.

NOR. YELL. (13): 1, 3, Rickard, two nice shapely birds, capital heads and chests, sound colour, winner best quality, both very nicely shown; 2, Dunstan, ticked on head, capital shape, feather, and colour; vhc, Tottle; hc, Strout; c, Liddicoat. BUFF (12): 1, spl, Dunstan, lovely clear, rare shape, splendid head, chest, shoulders, beautiful feather and colour; 2, Tottle, rare quality clear grand colour, well shown; 3, Gregor, beautiful eye and wing-marked, rare quality, very shapely, nice even colour; vhc, Rickard, a most typical bird, and one we liked much; hc, Coad; c, Whitc. CINN. (4): 1, 2, spl, Burton, two lovely yellows, the best pair of cinnamons we have seen at a Western show for some time. If you have a few more of the same sort, Mr. Burton, send them up the country; 3, Collins, nicely feathered, good coloured buff; vhc, Fox. GROUPS (5): 1, 2, and two spls, Thomas, two quartettes of Yorkshires, the leaders yellows, the others buffs, and a good lot, too; 3, Coad, two yellow and two buff variegated Norwich, nice type and quality; vhc, spl, Wills; hc, Rabey Bros. YORKS. YELL. (8): 1, 3, Thomas, two grand clears, very slim and smart, nice shape and style; 2, Fox, ticked neck very slim and stylish, grand feather, vhc, Oatey and Son; hc, Boundy; c, Wills. BUFF (9): 1, Oatey and Son, nice shapely clear, good colour and style; 2, vhc, hc, Thomas, trio of nice, typical, well-feathered stylish birds; 3, Fox, nice length and style, good feather and shape; c, Lobb and Son. CREST, ETC. (7): 1, 2, spl, and spl best in show, Rabey Bros., very handsome, clear body, dark crest, lovely droop and radiation, full of quality, a clever and popular win; 2, variegated, nice shape and well feathered; 3, vhc, Allen and Bellman, very shapely, well-feathered green Crest-bred; hc, Rowe and Richards; c, Richards. A.O.V. (4): 1, spl, Rowe and Richards, long sided, well turned Scot., capital shoulders, and moves well; 2, vhc, Roberts, again good buff Scots., very shapely, plenty of nerve, nice feather; 3, Lenderyow, very nicely spangled Silver Lizard, good shape and feather, nice cap. SELL. (20/-) (8): 1, Allen and Bellman; 2, Gregor; 3, Thomas; vhc, Wills; hc, Andrew; c, Lobb and Son. (12/6) (14): 1, Rowe and Richards; 2, Liddicoat; 3, Thomas; vhc, White; hc, Gregor; c, Lobb and Son. MULES (7): 1, 2, 3, and two spls, Collins, his noted team, in grand form, 1st, 2nd, six-pointed light Linnet and Greenie-Bullie in order named; vhc, hc, Rowe and Richards; c, Pace. BRIT. GOLD. (15): 1, hc, spl, Harris, 1st Harpenden winner, looking very fit; 2, White, a grand-headed Finch, capital back, hardly so rich on breast; 3, Rowe and Richards, very bright coloured, close-feathered bird, lovely face; vhc, Martin; c, Allen. BULL (11): 1, 2, spl, Rowe and Richards, two beauties for colour, shape, and feather, not the largest in the class by any means, but very neat and full of quality; 3, Rowe, capital shape and feather, more size and less colour; vhc, Symons; hc, Bell; c, Liddicott. A.O.V., SMALL (10): 1, spl, Bell, very smart Hawfinch, grand shape, feather, and marking; 2, Collins, well spangled Bramblefinch, grand colour and feather, nice size and shape; 3, Harris, the noted Linnet, in grand form; vhc, hc, Rowe and Richards; c, Rabey Bros. LARGE (4): 1, spl, Luke, very handsome Jay, grand colour and feather; 2, Dale, well-spangled Thrush, grand feather, nice colour, shapely, and good size; 3, Tabb, good rich-coloured Blackbird of nice shape and feathers. FOR. SMALL (6): 1, spl, 3, c, Harris, splendid pair of Long-tailed Grassfinchcs, lovely colour and feather; 3rd, another capital pair of Grassfinches, lovely feather; 2, Bell, very handsome Green Lovebird, rare colour and feather; vhc, Liddicoat; hc, Rowe. LARGE (3): Only two present, and shown in one cage, a pair of Indian Rock Parrakeets of Mrs. Bedford's, to which a second prize was awarded.

### A Thrush's Sacrifice.

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# The Management of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries.

By THOMAS SMITH.

*(Continued from page 367).*

The changing of water has occasionally a bad effect upon birds. The exhibitor who is careful in every detail takes a supply with him. This is an excellent idea, and reduces the risk. At first this may seen a small matter, but there is a great deal more in it than is generally supposed. "Keep well" is a capital maxim. For Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries, water glasses are preferable to tins. They are easily kept clean, and in them the water is less apt to become tainted. Canaries are particular as to their drinking water. Drugs put into the water have been known to put a bird off from taking a drink, and a taint may have the same effect.

In the hurry of putting the birds away on the show bench, water is sometimes forgotten, and when the bird is put away among a large number, the omission may not be discovered until the judges come across it far on in the forenoon, when it is in a soft condition; then it is discovered that water was omitted. This, of course, spoils its chance of winning. In nine cases out of ten water in such an instance is supplied, and the bird is allowed to drink freely, with the result that it drinks too much. Inflammation may then set in, and the neglect may lead to death. In a plight such as I have described a bird should only have two or three sips, when the water should be removed and put back later on. This is a hint which judges would do well to note, as they will frequently discover the omission and will need to supply the want.

The system of carrying show cages in a bed mat has become obsolete, and owners of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries use handsome wooden or mahogany boxes, beautifully painted and varnished, and constructed to carry from one to half a dozen cages. The boxes open from the top, and the cages are easily lifted out. The birds themselves are comfortable and quite safe from danger. These boxes are handy at home for keeping show cages in. The enthusiastic Canary fancier spares no expense on his hobby, and the "carrying box" to the regular exhibitor is really indispensable.

### Champion Exhibits.

Fanciers hear of "champions" galore before the show season comes on, which takes the heart out of the timid exhibitor. But when the test comes, it is remarkable how few "champions" appear, so that the timid man, had he only displayed a little courage, might have had a distinguished mention.

Champions do not all appear at the early shows. It would be an advantage were they to come together, because fanciers would know where they were. The different dates of hatching are responsible for the various times at which the best birds make their debut. An August-hatched bird (which admittedly is too late to be of much use for that show season) cannot be ready for the show bench until close upon the New Year. A bird hatched that month may appear at a late show, and completely upset what had come to be regarded as use and wont on the show bench. Surprises do arise, and it is well for the Fancy that that should be so. The cup winner in September and October may have to give way to the new comer in November and December.

All things considered, it is preferable to have a Scotch Fancy Canary gold medal and cup winner that is able to take that coveted position at the first open show, and maintain the honour till the end of the show season.

### Food for the Show Season.

The diet should be the ordinary every-day diet, with a little egg-mixture. In mistaken kindness, exhibitors sometimes load the seed-boxes with mixed seeds, many of which the birds have never partaken of before, and the bad effects soon become apparent. I advocate the giving of plain, wholesome food, and where mixed seeds are occasionally given, say, on return from a show, or on days set apart for giving it, the mixture should be prepared by the fancier. The best seeds, it should be remembered, are the cheapest, and should be purchased at a shop where the merchant takes as keen an interest in the health of birds as if he were himself a fancier.

Having procured a supply of the necessary seeds, they should be put into a large basin, and well mixed; then put away carefully in suitable dishes where vermin will not be able to get at them.

When sending or taking birds to a show, the seed-box should be well filled. Also do not forget the drinking glass. At many places suitable drinking glasses are not procurable, and it is then awkward, having unpacked the exhibits, to find that the drinking glasses are wanting. At a two-days' show it is sometimes difficult to get stewards to turn out early in the morning to water and feed the exhibits, and as a safeguard against any possible failure in this respect, when it is possible, the exhibitor should look over and attend to his own stock. If he cannot do so, he might get a friend to do what is necessary in that way.

The general practice is to put sawdust or husks of oats into the bottom of the cage. Sawdust blows away if the bird takes a flutter, but that does not happen with the husks; therefore, the oat husks are preferable. They also keep the exhibit clean and tidy.

### Necessity of Foster Parents.

In the breeding and rearing of the Scotch Fancy or Belgian Canary foster parents are absolutely necessary. True, Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries have brought up their own young, and the young of other Canaries, but the smaller cross—say, between a Scotch Fancy and a Norwich, or a Norwich and a Border Fancy, etc., seems to be capable of greater endurance. Certainly the latter stick to the rearing and turn out well-finished nests.

The choice of feeders rarely has the consideration of the breeder that it should have. How many seem to think that anything with feathers will do, and that as April and May come round they will be able to go to a bird shop and secure a stock of common Canaries that will rear every young bird that is hatched! The fancier who pins his faith to such a procedure will find by the close of the breeding season that he has made a mistake.

This is repeated year after year, and is responsible for the loss of a large percentage of the Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries that die young.

The wise course is to select foster parents as carefully as one does the high-class stock, not for the same quality and points, of course. They have to be chosen from prolific stock, must be smart in appearance, and give every promise that they will be suitable for the work for which they are to be set apart.

Foster parents or rearers should be in the home of the fancier who requires their assistance not later than the month of December. Fanciers who, more by accident than choice, happen to have reared a lot of common Canaries, are usually glad to get rid of them, and are prepared in September, October, November and December, to part with cocks and hens at moderate prices. In the spring the birds rise in price, and the same selection cannot be had. And when the summer comes on, and the intense desire possesses the breeder to have young at all cost from pet pairs of Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries, there is nothing so provoking or discouraging as to be unable to get the young ones reared and brought to maturity. In nine cases out of ten failure is attributable to a want of proper arrangements to secure in the autumn or winter the necessary helps.

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# The Yorkshire and Its General Management.

**By J. B. WATERMAN.**

**The Essay which secured the Gold Medal in the recent L. & P.O.S. Competition.**

In writing an essay on Canaries intended to be read before such a fine body of experts on birdy matters as the members of the London and Provincial O.S., I feel as much overcome by nervousness as Hall Caine, who tells us in his recently published autobiography that the writing of a novel was always a terrible business to him. However, I will endeavour to explain my own personal experience with Canaries, which extends over a period of a quarter of a century, and, although I have not enjoyed such a lengthy connection as this on the show bench, I have succeeded in winning a fair number of prizes, the most treasured of which are the coveted championship diploma and medal of your own society. I propose in this essay dealing with the Yorkshire Canary, as, while I have always cherished a warm affection for several other varieties, I have had the longest connection with the "bird of grace and beauty."

### Advance of the Yorkie.

What wonderful strides this handsome fellow has made during the past three decades! Thirty years back the writer of a standard work on exhibition Canaries dismissed the bird of the county of broad acres in the following short note: "The Yorkshire is a fine strong specimen of Canarydom. Robust and vigorous, both of voice and form. It is a pale buff (our genial Mr. Ramsden was apparently not known to the Fancy in those so-called halcyon days!), blending into white towards the back, the hinder part of the thigh, the head and rump. He is brown capped, and the wings terminate with the same colour." Thanks, however, largely to the hard work of the many clubs catering for this variety, it has been improved beyond all knowledge, and a fairly typical present-day Yorkie is a bird of nice, long, sleek proportions, with small oval-shaped head, bold eye, close-fitting, silky feather, neatly folded pipe-tail, evenly-carried flights, and perfectly rounded back and chest, with good long legs (not stilty), showing plenty of thigh. He should look bold and defiant, like a typical Briton, and while colour is not so essential in this variety as in some others, a judge likes to see a nicely colour-fed Yorkie.

### Well-defined Breeding Principles.

The object of every budding aviarist is, naturally, to breed stock as near the ideal as possible, but, while there is no royal road by which this much-desired goal is reached, there are certain well-defined principles which, if faithfully followed, are more likely to result in success than would the pursuance of any haphazard method. It should always be remembered that, while like does not always produce like, good stock birds are undoubtedly the foundation of success, as, in the great majority of cases, the best show specimens are bred from the best stock birds.

Thus in pairing I would recommend the mating of a nice long cock bird—not under 7ins.—of fine rich salmon-tinted buff feather to a sleek typical yellow hen of medium size. She must be full of style and quality, and have feather like boxwood, as in my opinion the hen, generally speaking, exercises far more influence on the progeny than does her mate. Let one of the birds, if possible, possess Liverpool green blood, as this will tend to produce the much-desired, rich, goose-like feather in the offspring.

On the question of feeding a great diversity of opinion exists amongst fanciers, some advocating this method, and others that. But, while one cannot dogmatise on this matter, I will give you particulars of the general dietary that I have found to produce the best results. The hoppers should always be kept well filled with good sound Spanish Canary seed, which may be termed the birds' "staff of life." Then about three days a week a teaspoonful of the following mixture should be given each bird:—Equal parts best German rape, maw, white millet, niger, and gold of pleasure. This last-mentioned is extensively used by Yorkshire breeders in the county of the White Rose, and it undoubtedly puts on the birds' plumage that nice sheen and boxwood-like finish which judges so much admire. On the days the mixture is not given, a tit-bit in the shape of a piece of ripe plantain or sweet apple may be offered. Treated thus, birds will not go far wrong.

A few old Yorkshire show cages should from time to time be hung on the birds' ordinary cages, so that they may become thoroughly accustomed to them ere being sent out to shows, as nothing pleases a judge more than to see a well-trained and steady Yorkie.

### The Ultimate Reward.

The beginner in this fascinating and ennobling hobby is almost certain to meet with disappointments, but he must not in the least permit these to dishearten him, but, on the contrary, let them act as an incentive to further effort, and by dogged perseverance he is sure to see his labours rewarded by ultimately bearing off the much-coveted "First and Special."

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But the honour of formulating what it is hoped will prove a practical and workable insurance scheme falls to the London Federation of Cage Bird Societies, a body brought into being not so many months ago, with the following laudable objects:—(1) To assist London Societies in the conducting of their work; (2) to maintain the honour of the cage-bird Fancy; (3) the maintenance of the standard points of Canaries and other cage birds; (4) the suppression of fraud and dishonourable conduct therein; (5) the advancement and protection of the interests of breeders and exhibitors of cage birds. At the present moment the Federation comprises the following affiliated societies: Battersea C.B.A., City and Suburban A.C.B., Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S., Lewisham and District C.B.S., Leyton and District C.B.A., London C.B.A., London and Counties O.A., North London C.B.A., Queen's Park and District C.B.A., Poplar and District C.B.S., Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S., West London F.A., and the Wimbledon and District C.B.S. The secretary is Mr. P. Adamthwaite, 142, Fernhead Road, Maida Vale, London, W.

The Council of the Federation has power, further, by the permission of the majority of societies (inter alia) (1) To employ a solicitor for the purpose of advising or otherwise assisting its members; (2) to prosecute defaulting committees of shows; (3) to prosecute railway companies and others for negligence to birds in transit, and, if possible, to obtain reductions in charge for carriage, etc. But in whatever other way the Federation may prove helpful to its members, unquestionably the scheme of insurance it has pledged itself to carry through is the one that will attract widespread attention and interest.

Can this body of fanciers meet all liabilities likely to accrue? That is the vital question. That the benefits conferred (going far beyond mere insurance at exhibitions), are liberal in the extreme, considering the humble "premium" demanded, a perusal of the coupon and rules, printed below, will show. We have reason to know that the officials of the Federation (which, by-the-way, has probably something under 600 members), are not over confident that the scheme will pay its way, though they hope so, naturally, and will pay every just due and demand until the trend of events proves its soundness or otherwise. In our next issue we shall publish a complete and exhaustive inquiry into the scheme in all its bearings.

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### Rules of Insurance.

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The liability of the Federation, from all causes, shall not exceed £12 to any one member during any one year. Firms shall be considered to be one person for the purposes of Insurance. In the case of fire Insurance, where separate studs are kept, each member of such firm, to participate in the benefits, shall be separately insured.

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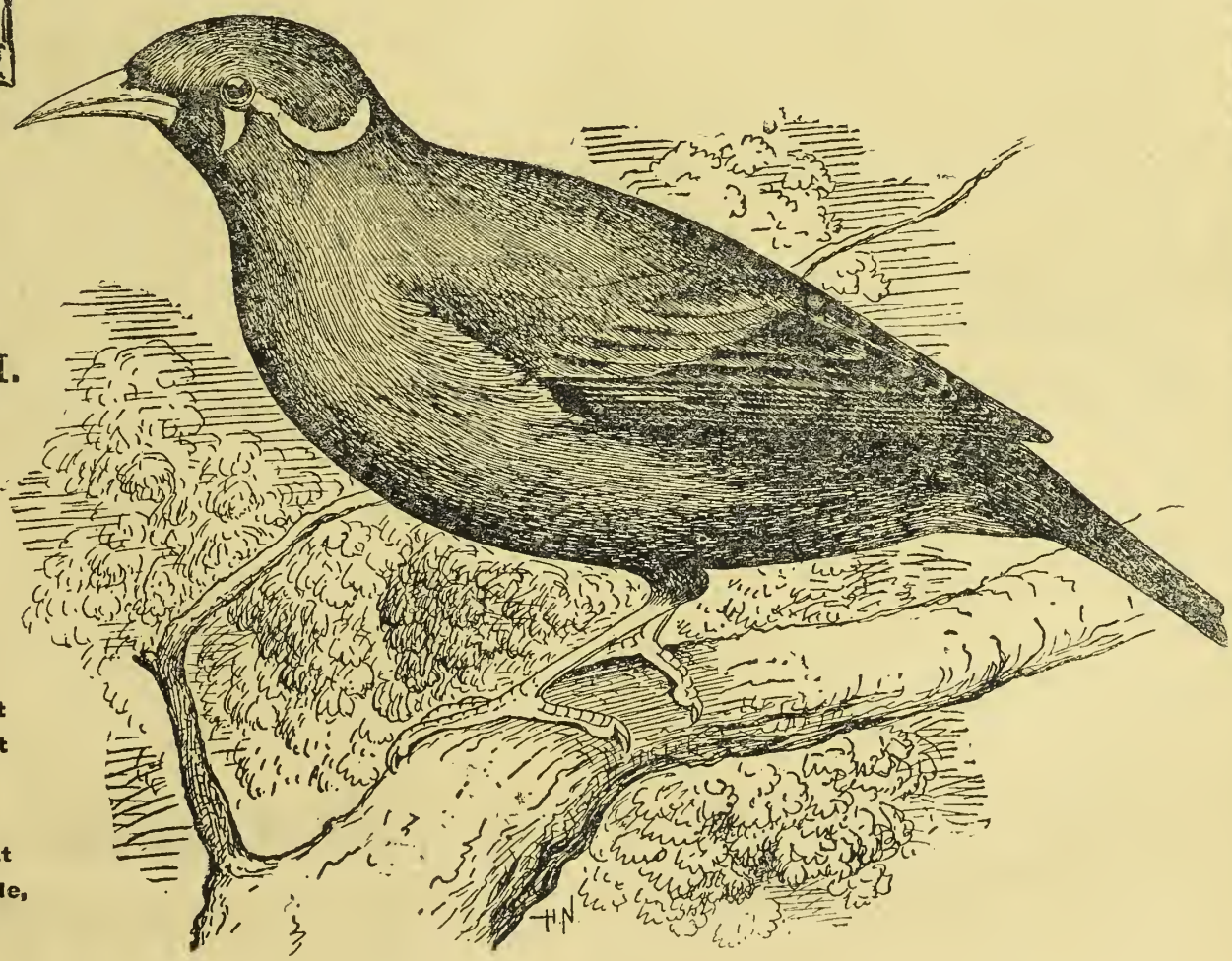

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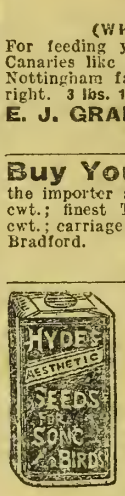


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WANTED, nest of Skylarks. For sale, Canaries, as bred, 3/6 each.—Burrus, 23, Rathbone-st., Canning Town.

WHEN all the so-called aviaries have refused your stuff, try Pearson, Greenwich Market, he buys anything alive.

COCK Canary or large Parrot cage, for little black tan dog, crossed, 7/6.—30, Station-rd., Summer lane, Barnsley.

WANTED, anything alive, specially dogs, rats, Cavies, Ferrets, Rabbits, poultry, Parrots.—Pearson, Greenwich Market.

WANTED, young and old Yorkshires and Norwich Canaries for cash.—P. Jackson, Clock-face, St. Helens, Lancashire.

WANTED for outdoor aviary Canaries and British and Foreign seed-eating birds; cash.—Duff, 61, Thorne-rd., Doncaster.

LARGE variegated or ticked buff hen, with good feather and bead. Letters only.—Priest, 20, York-rd., Henley-on-Thames.

DOLL'S carriage, good. Will give grand buff Norwich hen, colour-fed.—Pattison, bootmaker, Brampton, Cumberland.

WANTED singing Roller or Yorkshire in exchange for china clock and two vases.—Simpson, 404, Bethnal Green-road, London.

WANTED. Large hen Bullfinch (Siberian preferred) suitable for pairing with cock Hawfinch.—Ward, 15, Heath-rd., Uttoxeter, Staffs.

WANTED, 1908 Canaries, all varieties, cheap for cash; also Bullfinches; send price.—William Arnold, 15, Abbott's Hill, Ramsgate.

WANTED, for cash, Jays, Magpies, Jackdaws, Hedgehogs, snails, or anything alive; state price.—Islington Aviaries, 352, Upper-st., London, N.

WANTED, in exchange for Billy Goat, 6 months, used children, Canaries, Bantams; cash offers, anything.—Higgins, 159, Faraday-rd., Wimbledon.

WANTED, nest of Goldfinch-Mules; also parents of same. State lowest price, to Meacock No. 1, Harrison-st., Gray's Inn-rd., King's Cross, W.C.

WANTED, good cock Goldfinch Mule; also Goldfinch cock; exchange cock Linnet Mule, show bird, fit to win anywhere; no time to show; yours first, or sell 15/6.—J. Warwick, Feversham-st., Middlesbrough.

WANTED, 20,000 cyclists to send for 1909 catalogue, which is crammed full of bargains; outer covers, 2/11 each; inner tubes, 1/11; oil lamps, 1/-; plated wheels, 8/11 pair; free wheels, 1/6½ each; roller chains, 2/6; mudguards, 1/- per pair; front brakes, 11½d.; rear brakes, 1/11 each; luggage carriers, 5½d.; double chime bells, 11½d. each; 1909 guaranteed cycles from £2 19s. 6d., and everything for a cycle at startling prices; carriage paid anywhere on 2/6 orders; over 1,000 testimonials received from satisfied customers.—A. Smart, Ltd., 16a, Spiceal-st., Birmingham.

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Your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, is so much in demand here, writes Mr. J. Tipton (Wellington), that one has to order it beforehand in order to be able to secure a copy. Being a lover of birds myself, and a reader of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS for nearly four years, I consider it the most interesting and practical paper of the day. The most experienced bird fancier can learn something fresh from it.

Your very prettily-bound volume of CAGE BIRDS, which I won at our last annual show, writes Mr. Joseph J. Cloke, chairman of the Y.C.C., of Ireland, has reached me, for which please accept my best thanks. I have taken CAGE BIRDS in regularly for I cannot say how many years, but each Friday makes me as eager to run to the paper-shop as if I were only just commencing. I wish the novices and even the champions would pay more heed to the Doubts and Difficulties columns, not forgetting the valuable notes given by our many noted fanciers and judges. I have been amongst the birds since I was eight years old, and although my father was not a fancier, he always encouraged me to keep birds and animals. If all I have had could be collected together, I could set up a zoo of my own. I still keep a few foreigners, of which I like my dear old Parrot (now 15 years old) the best. I reared him from a fledging on bread, milk, and sugar. He is in splendid plumage, and appears twice a year at our Dublin shows, always paying his way. I wish your journal an even wider circulation, if that is possible.

Two years last January I first saw a copy of CAGE BIRDS, and from that day I have never missed a copy. Each issue seems better than the previous one. Mr. Norman's pictures are splendid; everyone makes me long to possess such a bird. I often wonder how fanciers can produce such birds. I myself have never yet had the good luck to see a bird-show. I am a soldier, so, of course, my time is not my own, and I cannot very well take the birds along with me, especially abroad. At the time of writing, I have four young on the perch and nine fertile eggs. I have received all the information I possess from CAGE BIRDS, and I believe if the instructions given were followed out by people like myself they would not have so many disappointments. I may say that in my six or seven years' keeping of birds (Norwich) I have never had one die nor egg-bound; although this year I had a hen leave a nest of five eggs, all fertile, the day previous to their being due to hatch. These eggs I put in a Hedge Sparrow's nest, however, and three young were hatched out. Two of them perished on the fourth morning, and I found them dead in the nest—probably they died because of the nature of the food on which they were fed. I wish CAGE BIRDS all the success it so richly deserves.—F. E. HEWITT, C.S. (Cavan).

## Read this Remarkable Testimony from Advertisers.

Kindly allow me to thank all who sent replies to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS of recent date, writes Mr. U. Callear (Dawley). They are too numerous for me to answer all.

Kindly thank all who wrote me respecting the birds I advertised in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. D. Barbour (Broughty Ferry). The replies were too numerous for me to answer personally.

Kindly thank those who wrote making offers for the hen Bullfinch, which I advertised for sale in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. A. Turner (Farnworth). I had replies from all over England, Scotland and Wales. The first reply reached me at 5.30 on the Friday night. This shows what an excellent advertising medium your paper must be. I shall never think of advertising in any other. I wish it still further success.

Kindly allow me to thank all who sent replies to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS. They were too numerous for me to answer, which speaks highly for your paper, writes Mr. James Graveson (Kendal).

I have taken CAGE BIRDS for two years, and I find it beats every paper for advertising in. I would not be without it for anything.—A. G. SCOTCHER (Cambridge).

All my Siberians are sold, writes Mr. E. French (Harlow), through my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS. I could have sold four times the number if I had had them.

Kindly thank all who replied to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS recently with regard to the hens which I sold on the Friday, writes Mr. W. H. White (Cainscross), as I cannot possibly reply to all.

Kindly thank all who replied to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS recently, respecting my cock Linnet and my Canary, writes Mr. J. Harvey (Measham), as I could only reply to those who sent stamps. I had replies from Scotland and Wales, and the birds were sent to Scotland to a gentleman from whom I got a postal order the day after the date of issue. This speaks well for good old CAGE BIRDS, as it is the best paper to advertise in when one has any birds to part with.

Kindly thank all who replied to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS respecting an incubator, writes Mr. G. E. Smith (Lowestoft). It was sold by one o'clock on the Friday, prior to the date of issue, a gentleman coming fifteen miles by motor car to purchase it.

Please thank all who answered my advertisement respecting a Greenfinch, writes Mr. F. Brailsford (Mansfield). I received too many letters to be able to reply personally to each. Amongst them were some very good offers; and I am now supplied. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

I have received orders from all over the country through my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS writes Mr. W. Ackroyd (Bradford), which shows that your paper has a very wide circulation.

I cannot speak too highly of your splendid paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. T. Mitchell (Dudley). It must be really a great boon to the present-day Fancy. I wish the paper every success.

I get CAGE BIRDS every Friday night at 7.30 p.m., writes Mr. J. Hands (South Shields). I got a letter from Thornaby-on-Tees in reply to my last advertisement before that time. I sent the bird on and received a postal order for same on the Monday. On the Saturday a well-known fancier from Newcastle bought a bird off me. This is smart work, and great credit is due to CAGE BIRDS.

I wish to thank all who so kindly answered my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS respecting her Bullfinches, writes Mr. H. Riddington (Newmarket), as I had so many replies that I could not answer them all. These replies poured in from all parts of the country. This speaks well for CAGE BIRDS, which I wish every success.

The number of answers to my advertisements in CAGE BIRDS were greatly above my expectations, writes Mr. Robert Fox (Penzance). I could only reply to a mere tithe of them; if I had answered the whole it would have cost me fully 50 per cent. of the value of my birds in stamps. I have taken in CAGE BIRDS from the first, and have been greatly pleased with the progress it has made. Having met with an accident nine years ago, I have not been able to stand since, so I have to be content confined to my room and enjoy my birds in their cages. I hope that the time may come when I may be able to again enjoy the Britishers in their natural haunts. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

I have for the past two years been a subscriber to CAGE BIRDS, and I look out for it every Friday. In fact, I would rather miss the daily paper than miss your valuable Fancy journal. I have also had CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL and several of the books published through your office, and I advise all my fancier friends to do likewise. I have only gone in for birds since getting your various publications, and I have been helped very much by same.—WM. M'INTOSH (Glasgow).

I am pleased to say I have picked up a lot of valuable information since I have taken in your grand paper, CAGE BIRDS, and I advise all bird keepers and bird lovers to have in their possession CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, for it is a great help to all beginners such as I am myself. I am trying together a singing cock Greenfinch and a hen Norwich Canary, and a cock brown Linnet and a hen German Canary, and I hope I shall have luck with them. But if I do I shall only have CAGE BIRDS and CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL to thank for it.—R. MILLIN (Sutton Coldfield).

# Club Reports.

## SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

At a meeting of the above, held on June 7th, the late Secretary (Mr. R. Bennett) was presented with a gold enamelled medal from the members as a token of their esteem and in recognition of the services rendered since the formation of the Society. —J. LEWES, Hon. Sec.

## FORFAR AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held June 5th, at Airlie Arms Hotel, Kirriemuir. Mr. J. Stevenson presided. After the ordinary business, the clashing of our open show date with Perth and Kelty was discussed, and all the pros. and cons. given due consideration. It was further decided to hold our annual members' show on 23rd October instead. We certainly intend to run an open show next season, as near as possible to the one we have given up, when we hope to avoid clashing with any other society in the district.—W. GREWAR, Sec.

## HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

At a meeting, held May 27, it was decided that we have a ramble in Epping Forest on June 19, with Mr. J. S. Clarke as guide. Mr. Clarke will not want introducing; but to those who have not had this privilege of being with him, I may say that with a fine day, a treat is in store for them. Friends (ladies especially) are cordially invited. The train leaves Gospel Oak at 2.4 p.m. and Harringay Park 2.17 p.m., and reaches Chingford at 2.50 p.m., all to purchase their own tickets.—GEO. H. NEAL, Hon. Sec.

## WOOD GREEN F.F. & A.

Usual monthly meeting held at headquarters, June 8th, when Mr. Geo. Gardner treated the members to a very instructive and interesting lecture on Cage Birds. After questions, Mr. Gardner was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. The attendance of members was very good, and our society is growing so fast that our meeting-place won't hold us much longer. Final arrangements for the cage bird young stock show, July 13th, in the Parish Hall, St. Paul's, Station-road, Wood Green, are being made. Birds will be staged by 5 p.m. We hope to make a success of this, our first show. A number of new members were made. Arrangements are being made for an outing later on. Tickets for admission to the show can be had from the secretary.—T. CALLEGARI, Scc.

## BORDER CITY (Carlisle) O.S.

General meeting held at headquarters, June 2nd, and was fairly well attended. The chairman remarked on the doings of society and the committee since last general meeting. The pair show, dinner, and ramble were mentioned, and the enthusiasm shown in each reveals the good feeling existing among the members. It was proposed by Mr. W. Davidson that the nest feather show be held on Bank Holiday, August 2nd, and seconded by Mr. McWilliams. The classes for the said show were left to the committee to formulate. A rough draft of classes for the annual show on October 26th and 27th had previously been drawn up by the committee, and this was unanimously passed by the meeting in its entirety. We are providiug 46 classes, viz., Borders 10, Norwich 8, Yorkshire 5, Scotch Fancy 2, A.O.V. 2, Mules and Hybrids 3, British 11, and Foreign 5. Silver cup presented to society by Mr. Holmes was on exhibition. Another ramble to take place on June 27th was proposed by Mr. Holmes, and seconded, our destination being left to Mr. Gco. Davidson, the secretary, to notify members through the Fancy Press.—J. BELL, Scc. (*pro. tem.*).

## SCOTTISH CREST CLUB.

Committee meeting held in Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Glasgow, on June 5th. Deep regret was expressed for the loss of our late secretary through death, whose office will be hard to fill, as he was ever courteous and obliging, and no work seemed too much for him if it was in. the iuterests of the S.C.C. The secretary was instructed to write a note of sympathy to the widow and family in their sad bereavement. Electiou of office-bcarers for 1909: Presideut, Mr. G. F. Adamson; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. Moreland, W. Cairns, G. Mackie, C. Campbell, J. Noble, and J. McLay; auditors, Messrs. J. Young, G. Smart; secretary, A. Chalmers, 27, Hillhead, Kirkintillock. Letters of apology were read from Messrs. H. Moreland and W. Griffiths, who were absent through ill-health. Applications were read from various societies soliciting the patronage of the club show. The following were selected for club's patronage: Dundee (where the club's annual show will be held in conjunction with that society's November show), City of Glasgow, Perth, Kilmarnock, Glasgow and West of Scotland, Aberdeen, Scottish National, Dunfermline, and Paisley, if they add a selling class for Crest or Crest-bred Limit £1 to the classification already granted. A letter of complaint was read from Mr. R. Whitton to the effect that members were winning club's specials and not conforming with the club's standard show cage, nor having them uniform in colour. The committee not having any information the secretary was instructed to ask the complainant by whom and where the specials were won, and to write Mr. C. Roberts anent the points cup, and also to issue a circular to members on behalf of a special fund for club show. The next meeting is to be called for August 7th. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.—A. CHALMERS, Hon. Sec.

## SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN (Open Derby) O.A.

A meeting was held at Buchanan's Hotel, 114, High-street, Edinburgh, on May 29th. Mr. C. R. Drysdale, hon. president, occupied the chair. The election of judges was proceeded with, when the following gentlemen were elected, and have since then very kindly agreed to officiate at annual exhibition, namely:—For Scotch Fancy section: Messrs. G. Fulton (Partick), A. Hamilton (Caldercruix), D. Brown and P. McDougall (Edinburgh); for Belgian section: Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh). In view of the dcath of Baillie D. D. Martin, a well-known Edinburgh magistratc and public man, who was one of our patrons, it was unanimously agreed to send a letter of condolence and sympathy to Mrs. Martin. The following are the names of those members who have joincd for this year:—W. Allan and D. Burgess (Edinburgh), T. Auchterlonie, Brown and Whittel (St. Andrew's), Anderson (Blackhall), W. Barrie (Kirkcaldy), D. Bell (Dumbarton), A. M. Baird (Paisley), J. P. Baxter (Leith), W. Beattie (Dundee), J. H. Beveridge (Newtongrange), J. Brown (E. Kilbride), Miss Brown (Duns), J. Beattie (Markinch), D. Black (Govan), J. H. Buchan (Portobello), D. Blair (Dundee), J. Black (Arhroath), J. Burnett (Boness), A. Begbie (Slateford), C. Berwick (St. Andrew's), P. Blair (Edinburgh), J. Begg, P. Baln (Leith), D. Campbell (Slateford), R. Carmyllie and A. Curtis (Broughty Ferry), J. Carson (Dalkeith), J. Clark (Musselburgh), W. Clark (Cowie), J. Cook (Cowdenbeath), W. Craig (Walkerburn), A. Crossbie (Galashiels), W. B. Cobb (Leeds), R. Crawford (Newhaven), J. Carlaw (Falkirk), W. Carson, J. Dalgleish (Leith), D. Caldwell, H. R. Caldwell (Baillieston), J. Dobson (Galashields), C. R. Drysdale, A. Dodds (Edinburgh), J. B. Dawson (Joppa), J. Dodds, W. Dick (Hawick), R. Danskin (Markinch), Eagle and Son, W. Fennie, and P. Farrell (Edinburgh), J. Fairley, S. H. Fairley (Coatbridge), J. Farquhar (Musselburgh), R. Findlay (Darvel), R. H. D. Fernie (So. Renfrew), A. Gibson (Kirkcaldy), J. Gordon (Macmerry), A. Gorrie and G. C. T. Hope (Edinburgh), W. Gray (Glasgow), J. Grieg (Aberdeen), J. Gladstone (Berwick), T. Gillies (Hill of Beath), J. Graham, J. Heudry, A. Howden (Leith), A. Henderson (Tayport), W. Hart (Paisley), D. Holden (Muirkirk), W. Hutchison (Slamannan), J. Hogg (Oakley), W. Hunter (Wishaw), S. Hewitt, J. Hardie (Edinburgh), J. Inglis (Kelty), J. Johnstone (Tranent), A. Jardine (Glasgow), R. Johnstone, J. King (Musselburgh), A. Jeffrey, J. Kean (Edinburgh), L. Jackson (Kirkmuirhill), J. Hendry, jun., J. Kennedy (Paisley), J. Kennedy (Cowie), C. Kirk, D. Kinlayside, J. B. Kerr (Edinburgh), W. Keill (Broughty Ferry), T. Long, J. R. Meikle (Edinburgh), W. H. Lugton (Ayton), A. Laing (Boness), W. Lees (Glasgow), A. Leslie (Thornton), W. Livingstone, sen. (Macmerry), A. Livingston (Paisley), R. Malcolm (Leith), J. D. Maxwell, P. Maxwell (Falkirk), A. Melrose, J. Miller (Galashiels), J. Y. Millar (Govan), J. Morrison, J. Muir (Glasgow), W. Muirhead (Bonnybridge), W. Muirhead (Alloa), J. Maxwell (Dundee), J. Main (Coatbridge), J. Morrison, R. Menzies, J. Munro (Edinburgh), A. Murdock (Airdrie), J. Melville (Tayport), A. Miller (Falkirk), P. McAdam (Jamestown), W. McClure, J. J. McIlwain (Mount Florida), D. McLennan, J. McLennan, J. McMillan (Piershill), P. McNiven, A. Paterson, Capt. A. J. Philp (Edinburgh), D. McEachern, M. Petrie (Leith), D. McGregor (Kinross), A. Nicholson (Dumbarton), C. Ness (St. Andrew's), J. Newbigging (Duns), W. Niven (Falkirk), D. Noble, J. Noble (Bonnyrigg), James Orr, John Orr (Glasgow), N. O'Donnell (Paisley), G. Park, T. Pringle (Galashiels), A. Pennycuick (Leith), J. Price (Barrhead), J. Pringle (Selkirk), J. Pratt (Kirkcaldy), W. Rodger (Slateford), J. Ronaldson (Belfast), W. Rough, J. Robertson, Jas. Robertson (Edinburgh), G. Reid, T. Reid (Carluke), A. Russell (Airdrie), A. Russell, R. Smith (Edinburgh), J. Robertson (High Harrington), F. Ramsay (Tayport), J. Sidlo (Musselburgh), A. Smith, A. Stavert (Edinburgh), M. Smith (Falkirk), A. Sommerville (Winchburgh), J. A. Stewart (Glasgow), J. Strachan (Lassodie), F. Stratheran (So. Alloa), J. Strachan (Arbroath), T. Storrie (Galashiels), J. Sinclair, G. Stewart, Jas. Tate, D. Sinclair, John Tait, J. P. Thomson (Edinburgh), W. Thornton (Blackhall), J. Thomson (Craigmillat), A. Thomson (Kirkcaldy), P. Vanderauwera (Ghent), T. Vorhees (Antwerp), J. Ward (Glasgow), W. Whitefield, J. Winters, J. Wilson, A. Weston (Edinburgh), R. Willison (Barrow-in-Furness), W. White, P. West, J. Fotheringham (Kelty), and J. J. Wyness (Airdrie) —a total of 185, an increase on last year. We sincerely thank all for this splendid support given us, and our earnest wish is that all will have a good bird-breeding season, which will enable our friends to give us a huge entry for exhibition and competition, thereby making a large and attractive show.—C. R. DRYSDALE, Hon. President; WM. THORNTON, Hon. Vice-President; J R. MEIKLE, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, 51, Lothian-road, Edinburgh.

## Y.C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Meeting held in Duncan's Rooms, 71, London-street, Glasgow, on June 8th. The President (Mr. R. B. Gibb) occupied the chair. The chief business was to make arrangements for First Feather Show, to be held in Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram-street, Glasgow, on June 26th, all birds to be in hall by 2.30 p.m.; judge, Mr. C. Campbell (Glasgow). A committee of six was elected to receive all birds coming from a distance, these being Messrs. Mitchell, Marr, Martin, Penman, Hendry, and Hyndford. Messrs. Henry and Mitchell were also elected as judge's stewards. It was decided to have a pic-nic on the first Saturday in August to Lochwinnoch; train starts at 2 p.m., St. Enoch's. Will members who have not forwarded subscription, kindly do so before First Feather Show, to enable them to compete?—F. BOWMAN, Hon. Sec.

## WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held on June 7th, at Johnston's Rooms, 6, The Broadway. Two new members —Messrs. Pickard and Plante—were elected, and one gentleman was nominated for membership. The patronage of the British B. and M. C. having been sought for the annnal show, ten classes were fixed up. The necessary arrangements for the young bird show, and the rules and schedule prepared by the committee, were confirmed without alteration. A judging competition of young birds then took place, Mr. H. E. Parrott acting as final judge. No fewer than 20 yonng birds of very excellent quallty and type had been bronght by members to be adjndicated upon. the points gained were as follows:—Messrs. A. H. Dyke and A. A. Tutty, 11 points each; Mrs. N. Allen 9, Messrs. M. J. Miller, E. J. Whittome, R. Mills, C. F. Wren, and S. Wright 6 each, Mrs. A. M. Collins and Mr. J. Carson 5 each, Mr. E. Beeney 4, Mr. F. Piper 3, A. R. 2, Messrs. A. W. Reade and E. Bailey 1 each, Mrs. Thynne, Miss Walker, Messrs. P. Rorke, A. Hare, W. J. Hartley, T. Wilhams, C. Taylor, T. Brown, G. W. Baker, and W. E. Peak nil. At the conclusion of the competition Mr. H. E. Parrott gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on "Colour feeding and moulting." A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Parrott. It was announced that no further meeting would be held till October 4th, which would give the members ample time to get over the holiday season.


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## STOCKTON HEATH & DIST. O.S.

Usual monthly meeting held in the Hall Cafe, Stockton Heath, on June 10th, when there was a very good attendance. After the usual business we were favoured with a paper on colour-feeding by Mr. C. Dukes, followed by two very stirring addresses on the same subject by Messrs. E. Houghton and F. Walter, the discussion following showing how much the paper and the addresses were appreciated. The meeting was closed by a very hearty vote of thanks being proposed to the three gentlemen for so kindly coming to our assistance.—BENJ. Moss, Hon. Sec.

## PONTYPRIDD, PWLLGWAUN AND DISTRICT F & F.S.

On June 14, the first lecture on Cage Birds was given by Mr. T. L. Castree, of Mountain Ash, at Coole's Restaurant, Arcade. There was a fair attendance, and the lecturer dealt with the management, breeding and moulting of Canaries and British birds. Questions were asked, and satisfactory answers were given. The best thanks of the society were accorded to Mr. Castree for giving us such an entertaining lecture. It is hoped these lectures will be the means of considerably increasing the membership. The next lecture will be duly announced.—McLUCAS and JAMES, Secretaries.

## SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual fortnightly meeting held on June 12th. There was a good attendance, presided over by Mr. W. F. Swan. Final arrangements for the series of table shows were gone into. It was decided that judging commence at 6 p.m. prompt, and that no bird be allowed to be staged unless the necessary entrance fee (3d.) has been previously paid. We are expecting to have three very successful shows, and it is to be hoped members will turn up in good numbers with their birds and invite their friends to attend. There will be no charge for admission, every person being admitted free. Two new members have joined us, viz., Messrs. J. Jeffreys and T. Davidson, both of Monkwearmouth. Others are cordially invited. —W. REID, Hon. Sec.

## CLAPHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

### Presentation to the Late Secretary, Mr. Stephen Baker.

On June 7th, at the headquarters of the society, The Landor, Landor-road, Clapham, in the presence of a large number of members and friends, the chairman, Mr. W. H. Vale, presented Mr. Baker with a handsome gold watch, subscribed for by the fellow members and other fancier friends of Mr. Baker as a slight recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the society from its commencement down to the beginning of the present year. Mr. Vale said everyone knew that a society without a secretary was of no use, although he was the most blamed, most sought for, and, after all, the most beloved officer of the society. No secretary was more thorough or hardworking than the late seeretary. Through the secretary a society was either made or marred, and in our case it largely owed its popularity to Mr. Baker. When we thought of the hard work entailed by the first open show, and the thorough way in which even the smallest detail was carried out, we could only marvel how he did it, with little or no experience of such undertakings, and it was evident that our friend was not an ordinary but an extraordinary secretary, and on behalf of the soeiety he had very great pleasure in handing Mr. Baker the watch, and hoped he would live long to enjoy the use of it, and that he would wear it in remembrance of the society.

Mr. Baker, in reply, said he was very pleased to hear the kindly remarks of the chairman, and that he thought he had hardly deserved all that had been said of him, and he could not have received a gift he could more appreciate. He would value it, not for its intrinsic value, but as a souvenir, as it would remind him of the many pleasant evenings he had spent with his fellow members. He thonght a secretary was not of much good unless he had a good committee to back him up, and he had found the committee of this society aways ready to assist him, and he wished the society very great prosperity in the future.

Mr. Sandy, Mr. Yeoman, and Mr. Silver supported the chairman, and all spoke in the highest terms of Mr. Baker, who, Mr. Yeoman said, had put the society on a footing that was second to none, and it would he their own fault if it went back from the pinnacle on which Mr. Baker had placed it by his long spell of hard work.

## UNITED KINGDOM BELGIAN C.A.

The officers for 1909-10 are: President, Capt. A. J. Philp (Edinburgh); committee, Messrs. Jas. Robertson (High Harrington), J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh), J. D. Horrill (Barnstaple), Wm. Thornton (Edinburgh), G. S. Baker, jun. (Barnstaple), John Fairley (Coatbridge); auditors, Messrs. Blackmore (Barnstaple), and W. Hughes (Liverpool); hon. secretary and treasurer, Wm. B. Cobb, 14, Broomfield-terrace, Headingley, Leeds. Result of Graeme Memorial Shield Competition, 1908-9: Glasgow, Jas. Greig (Aberdeen), 1 point; Manchester, J. Fairley (Coatbridge), 1 point; Barnstaple, J. D. Horrill (Barnstaple), 1 point; Belfast, J. Neill (Belfast), 1 point; Scottish National, J. Fairley, 1 point; Crystal Palace, J. Fairley, 1 point. Winner and holder, Mr. John Fairley. Medal Winners: Glasgow, gold J. Greig, bronze, J. Fairley; Manchester, gold J. Fairley, bronze S. J. Collins; Barnstaple, gold J. D. Horrill; Belfast, gold J. Neill; Scottish National, gold J. Fairley; Crystal Palace, gold and bronze J. Fairley. Reddihough Challenge Cup: Winner and holder, J. Fairley. Club judges: J. Robson (London), F. Reddihough (Baildon), Jno. Kean (Edinburgh), C. A. House (London), J. Patterson (Chirnside), J. Russell (Derby), Wm. Hart (Paisley), J. Baker (Barnstaple). In addition to any member of the U.K.B.C.A. The following members head the list in their order: 1, J. F. Dewar; 2, J. Robertson; 3, Capt. Philp; 4, W. Thornton; 5, J. D. Horrill; 6, G. S. Baker, jun. In Belgian classes under the patronage of the U.K.B.C.A., the following specials will be competed for by members, who must write "U.K.B.C.A." on their entry forms:—(1) The Belgian Memorial Trophy to the late Mr. H. C. Graeme, a handsome silver-mounted shield, for young birds only, which must have been bred this season by, and also he the bona fide property of, the breeder, and can only he exhibited by the breeder. The member winning the premier award for young birds at any one show to count one point, and the member counting the most points after the last show to hold the trophy until next season. (2) "Reddihough Challenge Cup" (value £5 5s.), presented by F. Reddihough, Esq., for the member gaining most points (two highest birds in each class at any one show to count one point, and the member counting the most points after the last show to hold the cup for the year). The cup to be won twice, not necessarily in succession, before becoming the property of any exhibitor. Won once by Captain A. J. Philp and Mr. John Fairley. (3) Gold medal to winner of Graeme points. Memorial Trophy. (4) Gold medal to winner of Reddihough Challenge Cup. (5) Gold medal for second most points gained with young birds throughout the season at shows under our patronage. (6) Silver medal for third ditto. (7) Bronze medal for fourth ditto. (8) Gold medal for most points gained by a novice member with young birds throughout the season at shows under our patronage. (9) Silver medal for second ditto. (10) Bronze medal for third ditto. A novice member to be one who has won no more than three first prizes in open Belgian competition. Societies desiring our patronage, kindly make application to the secretary. Messrs. Wm. Baker and F. Butts, Barnstaple, have been elected members. Application for membership to be made to the Secretary. Will members kindly endeavour to raise our membership this year?—WM. B. COBB, Hon. Sec.

## LONDON AND COUNTIES O.S.

### A Rumour Refuted.

A meeting will be held on June 21st., at headquarters, "The Sessions House Hotel." Clerkenwell Road, E.C., at 8.30. Notice of a resolution has been given proposing the withdrawal from the Federation of Cage Birds Societies. A member has stated that it is common property, that owing to the resignation of our late secretary (Mr. Pretty) the Association is to be wound up or dissolved. Mr. Pretty has informed me that, although he has resigned the secretaryship, his interest is still as keen as, if not keener than ever, and will do all in his power for our welfare. Will the members please rally round, and make a good entry for the forthcoming Young Bird Show, and bring home to our traducers the lie direct? —W. GILBERT, Hon. Scc.

## NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED YORKSHIRE C.C.

General meeting held on June 5th, at the Market Tavern, Bradford, Mr. W. H. Shackleton (President) in the chair. Although the weather was wet and unseasonable, a representative gathering assembled. The following additional officers for the ensuing season were unanimously elected: Mr. Thompson Ogden (Ogden Bros.), Vice-President; Messrs. F. Hammond and S. Dean, Auditors; Messrs. F. Townsend and H. Walsh, Scrutineers; Committee: Messrs. F. Hodgson, F. Townsend, H. W. Walsh, J. Wilcock, F. Hammond, S. Dean, H. Hill, H. J. Chittenden, W. Firth, W. A. Cowgill, F. C. Crawhall (Newcastle), A. E. Bishop (Worcester), and J. Curric (Barrow-in-Furness). A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Mr. T. C. Crawhall for his kindness in presenting a gold-centre silver medal for the novice competition. It was decided that the club's patronage be granted to not more than 10 shows during the season, and that no judge be allowed to judge at more than one show. An early application by societies for the club's patronage is desirable; societies desiring same must make at least four classes for green-marked Yorkshires (ticked birds are not included in this classification). The classification is: 1, Green-marked or variegated yellow Yorks (cock), including evenly-marked; 2, ditto buff ditto; 3, ditto yellow hen; 4, ditto buff hen. Foul or heavily variegated Yorks classes are optional. The first four are compulsory, and the latter at the societies' discretion. The method of counting points in the competition created a large and earnest amount of discussion. At length it was decided that only three birds be allowed to compete, and these must be starred. Several members objected to this, but eventually it was carried. Only seven highest birds are to count in each class, and these must be supplied by the judge. The rules and regulations as submitted by the committee (*pro tem*) were unanimously passed, subject to slight alterations. The annual subscription is 2s. 6d., which is now due, and may be paid to me or to any member of the committee, and which will be returned in case of non-acceptance as a member by the committee. We have now enrolled exactly 60 members, and are desirous of having not less than 100 before the show season. We desire it to be national in every respect, both in membership and representation. The club is a specialist one and belongs to no Union, so that all can join without risk. The committee is an all-England committee, and we are desirous of still spreading it. The following gentlemen and exhibitors have already joined: Messrs. F. Armstrong, H. W. Battye, A. E. Bishop, L. Briggs, W. H. Berry, Bailey and Swanger, W. A. Cowgill, A. Cooper, H. H. Clarke, B. Cowell, L. Casey, Greaves and Crabtree, T. C. Crawhall, J. Crowther, J. Currie, W. Cruise, R. Croft, J. E. Clarke, E. J. Cundall, E. Clegg, Halliday and Chittenden, S. Dean, E. B. Denton, R. Drake and Son, A. Firth, W. Firth, H. Hill, F. Hammond, L. Hodgson, F. Hodgson, Messrs. Hartley, D. Hollors, W. Jones, F. Murgatroyd, J. Moorhouse, P. Mason, H. Myers, Ogden Bros., T. Pickup, W. H. Shackleton, R. Sutcliffe and Son, F. Slater, E. Smith, W. Simpson Stansfield, F. Townsend, J. A. Taylor, H. N. Towers, J. Wilson, J. Wilcock, L. Watmough, H. W. Walsh, J. W. Wharton, and J. Waterworth. Yorkshire fanciers, support the club that is supporting you by enabling you to have a classification for those birds you have previously been practically unable to exhibit through lack of chance, especially the even-marked birds. Join us at once and show your appreciation of our efforts.—F. ARMSTRONG, Hon. Sec and Treas., 78, Pear-street, Halifax.


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## CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

I have to thank you for granting me space in your columns to ask societies to apply for C.C.C. support. The response has been widespread. I place the shows in alphabetical order.

Nov. 5th and 6th, Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dis., judge J. Robson; Oct. 27th and 28th, Bristol, judge T. Heath; Nov. 11th and 12th, Cambridge, judge J. Robson; Oct. 12th and 13th, Dulwich O.S., ditto; Dec. 2nd, Frome, ditto; Dec. 4th and 6th, Leicester, judge J. Roe; Nov. 26th to 29th, London Cage Bird Association, judge J. Robson; Manchester,* judge E. Godley; Oct. 31st, Nov. 1st, Norwich, judge W. E. Greeves; Nov. 13th, 15th, Nottingham, judge T. Heath; (uo date), Plymouth, judge J. Robson; Dec. 31st, 1909, Jan. 1st, 1910, Scottish National,* judge T. Taylor; Nov. 19th, 20th, Sunderland, judge T. Heath.

* Socicties marked thus, are in default, as not having elected a club judge. If they can re-arrange their judging I trust they will do so. The club judges are (in the order in which they were cleoted): T. Heath and J. Robson (by an equal number of votes), W. E. Greeves, R. Rhodes, T. J. King, J. Tyson, Revd. Joyce, R. L. Crisp, R. B. Tope, J. Robson, G. Colledge, and J. S. Clarke.

I would respectfully draw the attention of all socicties to Mr. Ley's scheme, promulgated at the last Palace Show. I hope to lay a workahle scheme before the Fancy in the near future, wherehy it will be necessary for clubs receiving C.C.C. support to provide not less than eight classes. In return the C.C.C. will partially guarantee the classes in such a way as to make the total loss (under the worst possible conditions) to the society holding the show not exceed 2s. 6d. per class, or 20s., on the total number of classes. Shows at which the club's trophics are offered will he asked to provide 15 classes, and the C.C.C. will extend to them a similar guarantee.

I trust that all fanciers interested in the Crested Canary, especially memhers of the C.C.C., will follow this scheme carefully. Criticism and advice will he welcomed. It must be constructed on a commonsense, comprehensive, and, ahove all, an equitahle hasis.—J. S. Clarke, hon. secretary and treasurer, Sunnyside, Prospect Road, Woodford Green, Essex.

## LONDON FEDERATION OF C.B.S.

Meeting of the Council held at "The Feathers," Great Chapel-street, June 4th. Present: Messrs. H. E. Tringham (in the chair), R. L. Crisp, F. W. Thorpe, A. C. Burn, W. H. Mugford, J. W. Cook and J. Dewhurst; F. Boxall and T. Miller (L.C.B.A); A. W. Curtis (City and Suburban); F. Easterling (Battersea C.B.A.); J. Wyatt (Poplar and Dis. C.B.S.); J. C. Birch and W. Clark (Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A.); W. Penton and R. Harper (North London C.B.A.); C. H. Cooper (Leyton and Dis. C.B.A.); E. S. Lugg (Lewisham and Dis. C.B.S.); J. Turner (West London F.A.); J. Carson (Wimbledon C.B.S.); A. Cunningham and F. W. Tomsett (Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.); E. Meades (Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.); F. W. Hamer (Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.); R. J. Pretty (London and Counties O.S.); and P. Adamthwaite, the Hon. Sec.

A communication from the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S. was read in reply to a letter from the Federation, suggesting that the Union co-operate with them and the Cage Bird Union, in the upholding of each other's disqualifications, and in the endeavour to obtain some concessions from the railway companies. The Union agreed not only to fall in with the suggestions, but also to bear their share of the expenses involved. The Union considered that the Federation were better placed than either the Yorkshire Union or the C.B.U. for dealing with the railway question, as they were "on the spot" as regards the headquarters of the principal railways. In refereuce to the disqualifications, it was agreed that all such notified to the Union from the date of that letter (May 24, 1909) by the London Federation, would be upheld by the Union. The Union further suggested that all the specialist clubs in Yorkshire be approached on the question. The Secretary of the Federation was instructed to write thanking the Union for their reply, and the suggestions contained therein. Mr. Raynes' reply, on behalf of the C.B.U., was also read, and was to the effect that he would bring the subject before the next meeting of his Council to be held shortly.

The next business was the considcration of cases of defaulting members of the London and Counties O.S. One of the late members attended, and left a written statement. The Council found that three of the cases were those in which the last subscriptions due to the society were in respect of 1907, and it was unanimously agreed that the Federation had no jurisdiction whatever in the matter as regarded the years 1907 and 1908. In regard to 1909 a great deal of discussion ensued. Some of the delegates were of the opinion that the cases in question did come within the jurisdiction of the Council, while others were just as strongly of the opinion that they did not. In the end it was decided that the rules could not be made retrospective, and that therefore the Council could not adjudicate upon the matter. The Council, however, while they could not deal with the 1907 and 1908 cases, made it known that they intend putting the rules respecting defaulting members into full force as from January 1st of the present year. Defaulting members will be allowed five months' grace in which to pay off their arrears, after which the Secretary of the Federation will write offering them another month in which to make good their claims to membership of the respective societies. A communication from the Secretary of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. was next read. It concerned the non-payment of subscriptions and levies due by certain members, the latter in respect of a fund for the liquidation of the debt incurred in the holding of the last open show. As the chairman of the Federation was also chairman of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., he vacated the chair for the time being, and Mr. Crisp (vice-chairman) presided over this particular business. It was decided that in the matter of the subscriptions the Council could not act at this stage, as the time limit under Rule 6 had not yet expired, and that the secretary of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. be instructed to write to the defaulting members, giving them one month in which to meet their liabilities, and to report further to the Council. This decision also applies in the case of the levy imposed by the Council. The Chairman then presided over the remainder of the business.

The report of the Insurance Committee was adopted, together with the several minor alterations recommended by it, and the two following rules: "In the event of any dispute arising in connection with this insurance, the decision of the Council in all cases shall he final"; and "The Council reserves to itself the right to refuse any member's insurance without assigning any reason for so doing."

According to the agenda, Mr. Easterling was to have asked for the ruling of the Council in the case of Wade v. Battersea Open C.B.S., but as the matter had been settled in the society, leave was given for Mr. Easterling to withdraw his motion.

Mr. R. J. Pretty's motion "that the Council, in view of the increasing amount of correspondence which the office of secretary to the Federation involves, consider the advisability of appointing an assistant honorary secretary," was allowed to lie on the table. Some discussion followed Mr. W. C. Penton's motion, "That the appointed time of Council meetings be 7.45 p.m., business to commence at 8 p.m. prompt, and close at 10.30 p.m., or such less time." A letter from Mr. Cook, secretary of the Poplar and Dis. C.B.S., submitting cases of defaulting members was read, but this was withdrawn for the same reasons holding good in the case of the London and Counties O.S.

At the close of the business Mr. Burn suggested that the Federation have a convivial evening to commemorate the anniversary of the formation of the Federation in October. This was agreed to. It was also suggested by Mr. Thorpe that a ramble be promoted, but this matter was not decided upon. This closed another important and admirably-conducted meeting.

# Country Rambles

### Morley and District C.B.S.

The members held their first annual ramble on Whit Monday, when about 30 members and friends joined us. We left Morley at 6 o'clock, took car at Churwell for Leeds, and another car to Rodley, where we were met by Mr. John Kinder, who then took the lead. After breakfast we went along the canal side as far as far as Calverley. Walking along the canal it was a real pleasure to see the fishes racing and jumping about the water. It was here we had our first bit of fun. Four or five of our number were missing, and on looking back we found them in the water, their clothes piled up on the canal side. It was here, too, we first saw the Chaffinches. We heard the Blackbirds and Thrushes singing, and felt we were out in the country. Leaving the canal we found ourselves in Apperly Bridge. We went along the main road for about two miles, and then had lunch. We afterwards went across the fields to Eshult estate. Here there was some lovely country, and to listen to the birds singing was a real joy to us birdy men. It was here we found plenty of nests, but neither eggs nor young were in them; they seemed all to have been forsaken. We now came to one of the nicest villages in Yorkshire—Eshulf itself. To see the houses all of about the same pattern, and to see the gardens, some of us felt sure the people must have great delight in the place. Leaving Eshult, it commenced to rain, and we were glad to run under the trees. After the rain had given over, we went on to Hawksworth, where we had dinner and a little rest. We then journeyed on to Menston, where it started raining again, so we turned back and went to Guisley, and from there to Horsforth, where we took the car again to Leeds, and then back to Morley, being then about tired out. But we had had a very good time, and much enjoyment.—Robt. H. Turner, hon. secretary.

### Torbay O.S. (Paignton).

The annual outing took place on June 2nd, in the beautiful and well-wooded grounds of Berry Pomeroy Castle. Unfortunately the weather was none too encouraging. Nevertheless, a fairly good muster put in an appearance. A start was made at 2.30, when, under the guidance of that well-known British bird fancier, Mr. P. W. Mugford, we started off at a rate that might not disgrace many Marathon runners. It was soon evident, however, that pace was beginning to tell on some of the "old 'uns," so it was not long ere we arrived at a more comfortable going. We were soon taken to a spot where the scenery attracted out attention for some time. Its magnificence was great. We looked in one direction and saw that vast and ruddy stretch of land, Dartmoor. In the opposite direction we saw Torbay, with Torquay and Brixham on either side, and in another direction traced the wooded valley of the river Dart. In all it presented a wonderful scene. Our journey was continued until 5 o'clock, when we had tea at Berry Lodge, very ably provided by Mrs. Rowden. After full justice had been done, photographs of the party were taken by Mr. W. Hodges. The ramble was continued through the lovely wooded grounds in which the Castle stands. Several nests were found on our way home, which, after a very enjoyable time, was reached about 8.30.—C. Parnell, secretary.

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# Singing Contests.

### LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest for quality Linnet singing held June 13th at the Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe-lane, when 11 birds sang:—1st, 2nd, Chlpindale; 3, Hineson. Judges, Naylor and Symons.—Walter Naylor, hon. sec.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, June 12th, when 25 birds sang for three good prizes. 1st, Fisher; 2nd and 3rd, Stead. Judges, Messrs. Summers, Naylor, and Jennings. Also on June 13th, when 30 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Allen and Lacey. 1st, Bland; 2nd, Stead; 3rd and 4th, Wood.—Wilson Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Regarding Mr. Solomon's Linnet and its wings in the £5 contest at the Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorp-lane, the first prize was won by T. Ridgwell, who lent his bird to N. Thirkell. This bird won very easily from Mr. Solomon's bird, which was hung by Mr. Turner, winning the second prize. —Walter Naylor, hon. sec.

### £100 LINNET SINGING CHALLENGE

Messrs. Ballington and Spottiswood, timekeepers of last week's contest, will sing any bird in England from £5 to £100 at the Newmarket Hotel, Sheaf-street, Sheffield, with Mr. Fenn's well-known "Pitlass."—H. Fenn.

### BLACKBURN.

This week-end Blackburn Quality Linnet S.A. had the biggest contest of the season—the cup contest for members only. There is always a lot of rivalry amongst our members when this event takes place. We had 21 birds entered, and some splendid singing. Results: 1st, cup, 5th, G. Rostron; 2nd and 3rd, W. H. Topping; 4th, P. Blackshaw; 6th, W. H. Bentley. G. Rostron has also won the League championship. Neutral judges, Messrs. J. Pickering (Preston) and G. James (Blackburn). Timekeeper, G. Rostron. Usual week-end contest took place. We had a good entry. Result: 1st, Rostron; 2nd, Irwin; 3rd, Catterall. Splendid singing. Judge, Mr. Nelson. Timekeeper, Mr. James.—G. Rostron and T. Slater, Secs.

### DURHAM.

Linnet singing held at Burton Hotel, Gilesgate, on June 12th. Entries were short, owing to so many contests held in the county on that day. Still, we got a splendid afternoon with 23 birds. The singing was a treat, and everyone was well satisfied. Result:—1, 2, Foster; 3, Mateland; 4, Wilson. Judge, Mr. G. Reed (Brandon); timekeeper, Mr. J. Stout; bookkeeper, Mr. W. Fairless.—Wm. Fairless.

Linnet singing held at Middle Rainton on June 5th, when the sum of £1 was added to entrance money, and given in the following prizes: 1st, 15s.; 2nd, 7s. 6d.; 3rd, 4s.; 4th, 2s. 6d. Eighteen birds were entered, and some very good singing was heard. Result: McQuirk of Cornsay, and Weirs of Gateshead divided the 1st and 2nd prizes, Douglass winning and Donaison divided the 3rd and 4th.—E. McQuirk.

Linnet singing contest held at Iveson, near Leadgate, on June 12th, when 32 birds sang for following prizes: 1st, 15s.; 2nd, 10s.; 3rd, 2s. 6d.; 4th, 2s. 6d. Result: 1st, 2nd and 3rd, E. McQuirk; 4th, Barras and Co.—J. Leary.

### SHEFFIELD.

Result of Linnet contest held at the Newmarket Hotel, Sheaf Street, June 12th:—1st, Palfreyman, 80secs.; 2nd, Knight, 71secs.; 3rd, Foulstone, 56secs. The birds sang 3mins., 1½mins. each way. Timekeepers, Messrs. Bollington and Spotswood; referee, Mr. Bearder. Also contest held at Don Inn, Dunlop Street, June 12th:—1st, Palfreyman, 72secs.; 2nd, Wilson, 69secs.; 3rd, Palfreyman, 53secs. Three sang 1½mins. each way.—H. Fenn, scc.

### BOLDON COLLIERY.

Grand Linnet contest held at Crown Hotel, June 12th, when 13 birds faced the judge, Mr. Mustord. 1st, Wilson; 2nd, Oxley; 3rd, Tracey. Timekeeper, Mr. Bailey. There will he a contest on June 26th, open to all England, when £1 will be given to all entrance money of 1s. per bird.—S. Wilson.

### YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer-lane, Hungate, on June 5th, when 20 birds entered. 1, Harrison; 2, Gurden; 3, Huntley; 4, Moore. Mr. J. W. Paver judged. Mr. J. Limbert, senr., timekeeper. Usual weekly contest June 12th, when 24 birds entered. Result:—1, Oldroyd; 2, Andrews; 3, Huntley; 4, Maugham. Mr. Paver judged; Mr. Jas. Limbert, senr., timekeeper.—Wm. Empson.

## SOME BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1909 SEASON.

*Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others, and must be accompanied by the sender's name and address in every case.*

This has not heen a very good seasou round here so far, the fault being in most cases with the hens not sitting out the time, or refusing to feed.—J. H. O'Neill (Lurgan).

I am having fairly good luck at hreeding this season. The second round is just hatching out, and numbering more per nest than the first, out of which I have saved a score.—H. E. Parrott (Weybridge).

We are having a poor hreeding season generally speaking; hut the novices are the exception, one in particular having hred 12 young from 12 eggs in the first round. The second round resulted in 11 young from 12 eggs. All these are from one pair of Norwich and two pairs of Borders.—D. Hann (Fencehouses).

I think for young heginners our case will compare favourahly with most in the matter of breeding results. This is our second year. We have 5 pairs of Canaries, aud up to the time of writing have 32 young hirds, all doing well, and 3 hens sitting. I think our success partly due to having good birds to start with. We bought them at the heginning of last year from a well-known Norwich firm, and paid a good price for them. We did well last year, hut, of course, had not so many hirds to breed with. Our birds were all in good trim to start with this year, and have done well. Cage Birds has helped us very much.—M. Plank (Shepton Mallet).

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### *The Orphan Larks.

One day some men were cutting grass in a field, when the machine cut off a poor mother Lark's head. She had sat on her nest to protect her young. The man who was on the machine picked the nest up and put the young ones in a Robin's nest, and the Robins looked after them until they could fly.—Taken from a story hook, and sent by Wm. Boram, 4, Auckingford Gardens, Shelly, near Ongar, Essex.

### **A Raven's Instinct.

In a Christian home in Poland great poverty had come, and one day the man was obliged to move out of the house. While he and his family were kneeling in prayer, there was a tap on the window-pane. They opened the window, and there was a Raven that the family had fed and trained, and it had in its bill a ring all set with precious stones, which was found to be a ring belonging to the Royal family. It was taken up to the King's residence, and for the honesty of the man in bringing it hack, he had a house given him, and a garden and a farm.—Taken from "Good Words." Sent by Elliott Tilley (age 12), 84, Station Road, Gorsty Hill, near Halesowen.

### *The First Cuckoo.

Yesterday I heard him say,
Dim, and faint, and far away,—
Cuckoo!
Heard him whisper it in dreams,
By gay fields and hidden streams,
Cuckoo!
Cuckoo's hard to hind or find,
Hear him shout on every wind,—
Cuckoo!
Every copse and every hill
Echo his vagrant shouting still,
Cuckoo!
Round the house when day is dim,
Hark the sounding cry of him,—
Cuckoo!
He it is that wakes the woods
And the lovers' solitudes;
Cuckoo!
What delight! that wild delight!
Hails me from the fields at night!
Cuckoo!

Taken from the "Pall Mall Gazette," and sent by Fred Godley (age 11), 29, Knowles Rishton, near Blackhurn.

# In the Courts.

### Taking Young Thrushes.

T. E. Broughton (19), All Saints' Road, Leicester, was summoned, on June 12th, at the County Police Court for having in his possession, after March 15, four Thrushes, recently taken contrary to the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1881, and also with giving his wrong address at New Parks, on June 4.

Defendant admitted bird-nesting, but said he gave one of his two addresses.—P.C. Kirby spoke to accosting defendant subsequent to seeing him walking by the sides of the hedges. On searching him he found the Thrushes, and on asking defendant his address, Broughton gave a wrong address, but subsequently gave a different one when at Glenfield police-station.

Defendant wished to say nothing and was ordered to pay the costs, 10s.

The speed of the Peregrine when striking the quarry must he tremendous. So fast do they stoop, that in many cases, even when following a swift flier, they strike and are unable to bind, heing carried onward; but if they strike fairly they either knock the wind out of the quarry, hreak a wing, or in other ways damage it sufficiently to hring it to earth, when the Falcon quickly follows. It is on record that a Peregrine has struck a flying Grouse sufficiently hard to cut the head clean off.

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# Twitterings.

Mr. J. H. Payne (Gloucester), has been engaged to judge at Torbay show on October 27th, writes Mr. E. C. Parnell, the secretary.

I was successful in securing a customer for a camera I advertised in CAGE BIRDS last week, writes Mr. F. E. Scanlan (Plaistow).

The Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A. are holding their First Feather Show on June 26th, writes Mr. J. C. Birch, the hon. secretary. Mr. Geo. Gardner will judge.

Kindly notify my change of address to larger premises, from Sidgelitch. Fencehouses, to 8, Brick Yard, Bankhead, Fencehouses, Durham, writes Mr. D. Hann.

The members of the Leicester C.B.S go for their annual outing on Sunday, June 20th, to Pailton. Train to Lutterworth (Great Central) 10 o'clock, writes Mr. J. A. Tyler, the secretary.

The Coventry Godiva C.B.S. Young Stock Show, writes Mr. W. H. Bray, the hon. secretary of the society, will be held on July 24th, when Mr. Needham (Leicester) will judge.

The second annual members' show of young stock, in connection with the Highgate, Hampstead, and Dis. C.B.S., will be held on July 10th, at the Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W.

The South West London C.B.S. Young Bird Show is being held on June 19th, at Plough Hotel, St. John's Hill, near Clapham Junction, writes Mr. Lilley, the hon. secretary. Mr. J. Robson will judge.

As secretary of the Galashiels O.S., writes Mr. C. Lugton, I have been elected secretary also of the coming show. All communications should therefore be sent to me at 19, St. Andrew Street, Galashiels.

Wallsend and Mid Tyne Cage Bird Association subscription sale draw on Monday night resulted as follows:—Winning Nos.: 2,695, 1,751, 5,926, 3,629, 2,007, 2,744, 4,575, 5,704, 3,803, 2,481, 3,460, 5,723.—(ADVT.)

We have received the May number of the "Canadian Fancier," a bright little magazine devoted to the live stock hobby. It is published at 44-46, Lombard Street, Toronto, and contains a section dealing with cage birds.

The Clapham and Dis. C.B.A. First Feather Show will be held at the Landor Hotel, Landor Road, Clapham, on July 17th, writes Mr. A. C. Askew, the hon. secretary, when valuable specials and prizes will be offered.

The members of the Border City (Carlisle) O.S., writes Mr. J. Bell, the secretary pro tem, offer their heartiest congratulations to the vice-chairman of the society on the happy occasion of his being presented with a son and heir.

The Hanley and Dis. C.B.S. have agreed to alter their date for their next open show to October 21st, to avoid clashing with other shows in the district, writes Mr. J. H. de Maillet, hon. secretary, Midland District of the C.B.U.

We have received an advertisement offering a phonograph and records in exchange for foreign birds, but no name or address was included, or allowed for in the remittance. Upon receipt of necessary particulars and stamps we shall be pleased to insert.

Our Nest Feather Show date has been altered to July 17th, a week later, so as not to clash with Newcastle, write Messrs. Richardson and Greenwell, hon. secretaries of the Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A., and Mr. Jas. Shepherd has kindly consented to act as judge.

Mr. J. Dewhurst, hon. secretary of the West London F.A., writes that Mr. H. Peveral is to judge at the annual young bird show, to be held at the Bush Hotel, Shepherds Bush, this Saturday (June 19th), when the association are hoping for a large entry.

The members of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. have decided, writes Mr. W. Hodson, the hon. secretary, not to hold an open show this year. A members' show will be held on the same dates, viz., November 4th and 5th, further particulars will be announced later.

We hear that Mr. Wellings, of Prescot, will judge at the following shows:—June 19th Blackpool, June 26th Liverpool, July 17th Leigh (Lancs.), August 14th Penketh, November 5th Blackburn, November 12th Preston, November 13th North Manchester, November 19th Pendleton, December 3rd Altrincham.

The following gentlemen will judge at our first club show, to be held on October 30th, writes Mr. Geo. Harper, hon. secretary, of the Bonnyrigg and Dis. C.B.S. For Scotch Fancies, Mr. J. Dalgleish (Leith); for Border Fancies, Mr. J. Tate (Galashiels); for Norwich, British, and Mules, Mr. W. R. Dunn (Portobello).

The National British Bird and Mule Club, judging by the balance-sheet embodied in the annual report, which reaches us from the secretaries, Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr (2, Broad Street Station, London, E.C.), had a remarkably prosperous season, financially, during 1908-9. The previous year saw a sum of £1 6s. 9d. due to the treasurer, but this has been transformed into a balance of cash in hand of no less than £12 11s. 5d., bringing the total assets of the Club (including medals, cups, etc.), to £27 17s. 7d. This should enable the Club to put up a good list of medals at the 1909 shows, and fanciers desirous of joining the N.B.B. and M.C. should notify the secretaries at once.

The Pudsey, Stanningley, and Dis. O.S. have issued a list of the members' shows to be held during the 1909 season. The shows are to be held at the Oddfellows' Hall Hotel, Stanningley. The First Feather Show is to be held on June 26th, and the three second feather shows on October 27th, November 24th, and December 26th.

The Swansea and Dis. C.B.A. have decided to hold their First Feather Show at the Mackworth Hotel stockrooms, on July 12th, writes Mr. Alf. Hitchings, the secretary. The judges selected for our open show, to be held on November 10th and 11th next, are Messrs. J. H. Payne (Gloucester), and Chas. Houlton (St. Helens).

Arrangements are in hand for the holding of our autumn Members' Show, on our usual dates, November 4th and 5th, in conjunction with the Members' Show of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. A sub-committee from each society has been appointed to confer and to arrange all details in connection therewith.—H. E. TRINGHAM, hon. sec. London and Provincial O.S.

I am well satisfied with the results of my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. P. Macfarlane (Manchester). I could not supply all applicants. I had letters from all over the globe, including a large order from Switzerland, which I could not supply, as I was sold out. Your paper, "C.B.," must have a very large and wide-spread circulation indeed.

## OBITUARY.

Much sympathy will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Peel on the death of their youngest daughter on June 8th, after a brief illness, writes Mr. John Kay, secretary of the Deans and Dis. C.B.S. Mr. Peel is vice-president of our society. It is chiefly to his earnest endeavours that the society owes its origin, and the members at this time extend to him their warmest sympathy.

It is my painful duty, writes Mr. S. J. Kent, hon. secretary, Dulwich O.S., to report yet another loss to an official of our society. Mr. Smith, a member of the committee, has lost his little daughter, Ivy, aged five years, after a short illness. Much sympathy will be felt for Mr. and Mrs. Smith in their sad bereavement by all who know them.


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I was very pleased to see the reproduction of my buff pied Scotch Fancy hen on the front page of CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Robert Willison (Barrow-in-Furness), and great credit is due to your artist (Mr. Norman) for so lifelike a sketch, the markings especially being exact. The said hen was only a last year's young one, and was first every time shown, with the exception of the Palace, where it seemed to contract a cold, and died two days afterwards. But such is a fancier's luck; we have to put up with these sad losses.

The members intend having their annual ramble on June 20th, to Asquith, where dinner will be had at the Black Horse Hotel, writes Mr. D. Marsden, hon. secretary of the Shipley O.S. They would be pleased to see other fanciers and friends. The train leaves Bradford at 10.15 for Ben Rhydding. Should the weather be favourable, they will undoubtedly have an enjoyable time.

The City and Suburban A.C.B. has placed another successful show to the credit of the society, the balance-sheet of their recent British and Foreign bird exhibition showing a small profit. You will notice that by the aid of the profit made upon the sale of CAGE BIRDS ANNUALS (which were all sold out on the night in less than ten minutes), we have again come out on the right side, remarks the hon. secretary, Mr. V. Wynn, when sending the balance-sheet to us.

At the Jubilee Palace Show over 300 awards were won by birds moulted solely on Ramsden's Pure Peppers. Reference to the show catalogue will prove the truth of this statement. Ramsden's Pure Peppers are unequalled for purity and richness of colour. This season's Tasteless is of marvellous colour, and the Hot is richer in colour than ever, being a blend of carefully selected Spanish and Natal capsicums. When you ask for Ramsden's Peppers, see you get them. If the dealer offers you something "just as good," don't have it. Insist on having Ramsden's, the best the world produces, and fully guaranteed. Prices: Tasteless, 2s. lb.; 5-lb. canisters, 7s. 6d.; 22lbs., 30s. Hot, 3s. lb.; 5lbs. 12s. 6d.—J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London, S.W.—(ADVT.)

At our annual show, to be held on December 11th, writes Mr. J. Forrest, hon. secretary of the Whitburn and Dis. C.B.S., Mr. Allan Chalmers will judge the Crests and Norwich, Mr. Anthony Hay the Border Fancies, and Mr. Sam. Ward, the British birds and mules.

The June number of "British Birds" (one shilling net, Witherby and Co., 326, High Holborn, W.C.), commences a new volume, in the preface to which the Editors state that in future they hope to devote special attention to the subject of the migration of birds. Accordingly there is an excellent article by Dr. J. A. Allen, giving a summary of the views held by American ornithologists chiefly on the general aspects of the migration of birds. Readers of "British Birds" are also promised a series of articles by Commander N. Lynes, dealing with the migration of birds in the Mediterranean. The "British Birds" Marking Scheme is fully described and explained in the present issue, and Messrs. F. Barber-Starkey and J. Walpole-Bond contribute notes on the nesting habits of the Woodlark in North Devon, and the Lesser Redpoll in Sussex respectively. The number is one of the best yet issued.

### One to the Sparrow.

Who says the Sparrow is destructive? He has been busy all the morning clearing the aphis off my rambler rose climbing over the porch. For every rose I gather he will be welcome to a feed of corn; surely one good turn deserves another.—J.H.

### Poison Blamed.

At the examination into the affairs of Mr. A. A. Pool, of Bristol, well-known as a breeder and exhibitor of Crested Canaries, Mr. Pool (according to the "Western Daily Press"), attributed his position to, amongst other things, "losses through death of Canaries through poison."

### No Green in his Eye.

A certain farmer was strongly prejudiced against birds and trees. The birds ate his wheat, and he had commenced a crusade against them. He was told that in France the destruction of birds had brought on a plague of caterpillars. "Ah," he answered, "that's in France; that ain't here."

### Born Beakless.

Perhaps it may interest some of your readers, writes Mr. A. Rigby, in a contemporary, to hear of a curious nest of Canaries I have just had hatched out in my aviary. There are three in one nest born without beaks—merely a hole through which the parents feed them. The fourth has only an under beak, no upper. Can any of your readers furnish me with a cause, or tell me if such a case has been known before? All the other nests are perfect. They are born and bred out of doors, and are all healthy and well-coloured birds. We had about twenty hatched in May, and the parents are now laying again. I may add they are out all winter, and I've had to break the ice in their baths and troughs many times in the day.

### Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club.

Societies desiring the patronage of this club are requested to forward their applications not later than July 31st. To obtain the club's support, show committees must provide eight classes for Plainheads, exclusive of limit, selling, and novice classes, and the judge must be a member of the club. Will members please note that subscriptions for the current year are now due, and should be paid as early as possible? Members are also requested to keep the special prize fund in mind, as it is from this source that the extra expenses incurred in connection with club show and international contest are met. All donations will be promptly acknowledged. Fanciers desirous of joining are invited to communicate with the secretary.—J. BROWN, 97, Petershill Road, Glasgow.

### A Caterpillar Paradise.

Spending a day with a farmer friend, says a writer in the "Elgin Courant," he took me over his fruit garden. In the centre of this garden there was a large plot of ground, enclosed around its four sides and overhead with wire netting. This area was thickly planted with currant bushes, but all as void of fruit and leaves as if it had been mid-winter in place of summer. I asked my friend the meaning of this phenomenon, and somewhat shamefacedly he confessed that for some years back the Sparrows had been making too free with his fruit, and, to put a stop to it, he had erected the wire netting, little thinking that by so doing he was about to create a caterpillar paradise. The caterpillars had simply cleared off everything, and, it need hardly be added, the netting was about to be put to some other use.


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# Breeding & Feeding for Colour.

By JOHN W. BANCROFT.

**A lecture delivered before the Sale Open O.S., on March 15th.**

(*Concluded from page 550*).

**When to Reduce the Strength.**

When the birds have moulted so far as the neck, it is advisable to reduce the strength of the colour-feed gradually. If it were to be continued on full strength the birds would moult out a much deeper tone of shade about the head and neck; which would altogether spoil the evenness of colour so much desired and admired on a show specimen.

When it is convenient I like to give my birds during the moult a few marigolds or nasturtium flowers. Two or three per bird daily are sufficient—of the nasturtiums at all events. I have a theory that if birds are overdone with these latter, they have a tendency of imparting a harsh look to the feathers. But as a tonic both kinds of flowers, I believe, are excellent.

Another handy thing to use in case the birds are at all backward in casting their feather at the proper time is saffron. The best way to prepare this is to place six-pennyworth into a noggin of rum, cork it tightly, and allow it to stand for seven or eight days, when it will be ready for use. Add from six to eight drops of this (according to the size of the water-glass used) to the birds' drinking water daily, until they are nicely advanced in the moult, when it may be discontinued. Cork the saffron well up each time after using, then you wont lose its strength or quantity by evaporation.

If a bird appears listless or mopy, or feels thin when handled, or inclined to hoarseness or wheeziness, as many are at the end of a trying breeding season, I have found a good conditioner which will brace the birds up for the ordeal of the moult to be "Angier's Petroleum Emulsion," given in the proportion of one small teaspoonful to eight of egg-breed or egg-food. Beat it well up with a fork, and give to each bird one teaspoonful of it daily, in addition to the usual seed diet. Add also to the bird's drinking water from 16 to 20 drops of "Fellowe's Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites." This preparation I consider superior to the "Parrish's Chemical Food" so often recommended. I claim that I was the first person to bring the Fellowe's preparation before the notice of bird fanciers. This was on the occasion of my giving a lecture on "the Goldfinch" before the Bolton and District C.B.S. on May 5th, 1902. Of late years I have noticed others also have recommended this capital preparation in the Fancy Press.

**Feeding and Preservation of Colour.**

Coming now to the seed, the best to use is Canary three parts, linseed one part, and about four or five cracked sunflower seeds for each bird daily. The linseed and sunflower help to put a sheen or gloss on a bird's plumage. If any difficulty is experienced in getting the birds to eat the linseed, the difficulty may be easily overcome by adding linseed meal to the colour-food. About two good teaspoonfuls added to each gill of the feed will about answer.

Some Canary breeders make a practice of giving "tit-bits" in the form of maw seed, as an inducement to the birds to eat up the colour-food. This practice is, I think, quite unnecessary, and will be the means of a good deal of the feed being scattered about and wasted by the birds when searching for the maw seed. I contend that no tit-bits are required if a good wholesome feed is made up, as the birds will partake of it quite freely without any coaxing whatever, if, that is, it is started in a mild form at first.

**Important Provisions and Precautions.**

As all vegetable colours fade quickly when exposed to the sun's rays, it is necessary, when moulting and colour-feeding cage-birds, to sheet up either the bird room windows, or else the cages, with fine calico or muslin. If this precaution is omitted, the bright light will draw the colour out of the birds. I prefer to have these sheets coloured with the "Dolly" tints advertised, either cream or pink, the latter for preference. One dyeing will usually suffice for each season. Sheeting up the cages is doubtless the better plan, as this tends to keep the birds cleaner and warmer, at the same time protecting them from draughts. Then again, they don't flutter about so much when the cages are sheeted up, which prevents their doing damage to their plumage.

For those who have an objection to using eggs when making up the colour-feed, a good nourishing food (though not, of course, the equal of egg), may be made by adding a powder "Bird Milk" in the proportion of one part bird milk to three parts egg crumbs. This to be used in place of the hard-boiled egg and bread crumbs previously recommended.

A little sulphate of iron is very useful during the moult—a piece the size of a split pea dissolved in the drinking water every day where the egg is omitted in the colour-feed, and two or three times a week in cases where egg is used. The iron helps to fix and fasten the colour in the bird's system, and being an astringent, helps to keep the birds from getting too loose in bowels.

**"Wet" Feeding.**

That form of colour-feeding known as "wet feeding," I don't believe in at all. This is prepared by first soaking dry bread in cold water, squeezing out all the superfluous moisture, and then adding the colour-feed. This, at best, makes, to my mind, a great deal of mess and dirt in the cage. Also the food gets stuck on the bird's feet, on the perches, and very often on the plumage as well. It is also liable to bring on diarrhœa, a complaint greatly to be avoided. I need scarcely add, that during the moult the birds should be disturbed as little as possible, and I suggest that the cages be cleaned out at night time, leaving just enough light turned on as will enable you to see what you are about. If the job is done in a quiet manner the birds will not be disturbed to any great extent, with the result that there will be fewer broken tail and flight feathers amongst the stock than would be the case were the cleaning-out process to be carried out during the day-time.

Saw-dust is what I prefer as a covering for the cage floors during moulting time. By using this one's cages do not require cleaning out half so frequently as when sand is used. Sand or grit may easily be given in a spare egg-drawer. Great cleanliness must be observed in regard to the egg-drawers, which contain the colour-food. These should be scalded out at least every other day, so as not to allow of any of the feed getting mouldy in the crevices. A commendable plan is to have a spare set of egg-drawers, so that each day, when one is giving a fresh supply of colour-feed, this may be given in a clean drawer, whilst the other can be removed and cleaned for the next day. Water should be given fresh every day, and two or three times per week the drinking glasses should be thoroughly cleansed to prevent the appearance of the slimy deposit which so quickly accumulates when the glasses are not attended to in a proper manner. This slime I consider is nothing better than poison, and I rather fancy it has been the cause in many instances of septic fever or bird plague amongst many fanciers' stocks.

**The Need for Clean Hands.**

Another thing I would like to draw attention to, the neglect of which has been a cause of wretched breeding and moulting seasons with lots of fanciers, is that they should always wash their hands before mixing egg-food or colourfood for the birds. Plumbers, painters, workers in brass, copper, etc., I should especially caution, as the poison carried in the pores of the skin of the hands of persons who follow any of the aforementioned occupations is bound, sooner or later, to be harmful to the birds if it is not removed previous to placing the hands amongst the food. A capital plan is to use a glass or enamelled spoon in the distribution of the egg or colour-food, as then there is no risk of contamination, as these articles are so easily keep sweet and clean.

Warmth is another very helpful factor towards a successful moult. A nice temperature at which to keep the bird room is 65 degrees Fahr. After the completion of the moult this should be reduced by degrees until no artificial heat is used at all, except it be on odd occasions, such as a very severe sudden frost, or damp muggy days. A little heat at night when the birds are at roost, on such occasions as these, is beneficial to them. But anything approaching coddling I don't believe in.

To sum up the whole matter of colour-feeding:—Commence on healthy specimens possessing good, natural colour; give the food regularly and the same quantity each day, made from fresh season's pepper, from a reliable vendor; make the food palatable; sheet up the birds from the strong light; keep them warm and free from draughts, also your cages and perches clean; give fresh water daily; allow the bath on suitable days in the mornings only. Then I will warrant that the novices will stand just as good a chance as any of the crack exhibitors of annexing the special cups and medals during the next show season.


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GREAT Horton O.S. hold their Open First Feather Show to-day (Saturday), and this being the only open event of the season in Yorkshire, they are confident of having not only a good show, but also a numerous attendance of fanciers. It is to be hoped that they will not be disappointed, as should their venture be a success, it will probably lead to a revival of these fixtures. It is not many years since from four to six such shows were held in the Bradford district, and as a rule they were fairly well patronised.

MANY fanciers would like to see these open first feather shows again, as they help considerably to keep up the interest throughout the season. About half-a-dozen societies were holding members' shows on Saturday last, and it is expected that most of the "top holers" will be out at Great Horton to-day, to see what they can do when they get into open competition.

THE C.M.Y.C.C. are to hold a committee meeting in conjunction with the show, and as there is some important business on hand, a full attendance is required. Time and particulars will be found among "Club Notices."

MANNINGHAM C.B.A. had a very enjoyable ramble on June 13th, a party of sixteen gathering at the Hare and Hounds Hotel, Heaton, and proceeding by way of Cottingley and Cottingley woods to Harden, over Beckfoot to Bingley, then via Cottingley Bridge and Hirst Wood to Saltaire, for a homeward car. The party were very fortunate in having with them such a student of wild bird life as their worthy president, Mr. H. Grange, he explaining the habits of those birds met with; and in such a district they are very numerous, many species being located here that are not considered common. His efforts were greatly appreciated. The party arrived home in good time, after a very enjoyable outing.

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# *Illustrated Ideas*

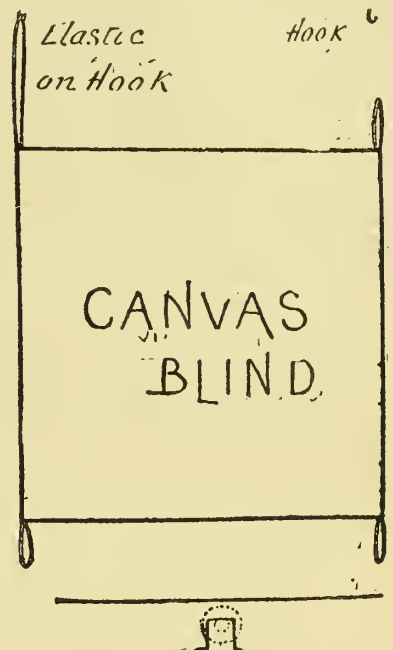
*Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.*

## No. 318.

## To Fix a Blind on an Outdoor Cage.

**Sent by E. Dews, Park Street, South Ossett, Ossett.**

Enclosed sketch shows a method of fixing a blind intended to cover the front of a small outdoor aviary, or an outside cage. It is easily made. A piece of canvas of the required size is obtained, and to each corner is stitched a piece of strong elastic (such as




**A Cage Blind.**

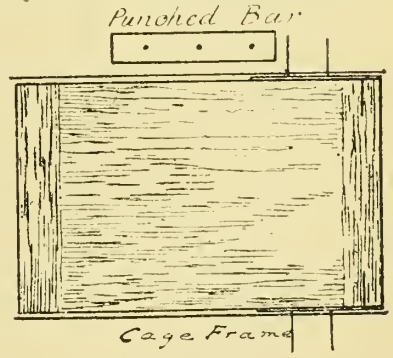
catapult elastic) to make loops. Four hooks are then fixed at convenient points, and should be about six inches from the elastic loops. The latter are then stretched over the hooks, when the canvas blind will be kept very taut over the front of cage or aviary—no wind can drive it up. In the sketch underneath is shown how the holes in cage backs should be cut, to make it impossible for the cages to slip off the nails.—E. Dews.

## No. 319.

## A Novel Hinge for Cage Doors.

**Sent by F, Parlby, 146, Hodge Lane, Salford.**

A novel and very good hinge for a cage door can be contrived out of two small pieces of punched bar, such as is used for the making of cage-fronts. Any waste pieces will do providing they have three wire holes. The




**A Novel Hinge.**

pieces of punched bar are first fixed to the door, and the latter is then put in the opening in the cage side (or wherever the hole is cut out) in its open position, when the strips of punched can be readily nailed to the cage wood-work, the result being an easy-working hinge. The small French nails are the best to use. The drawing shows a suitable piece of punched bar; also the door fixed in position.—Frederick Parlby.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

# Some of the Common Foreign Birds.

By WESLEY T. PAGE.

**A Lecture Delivered before the City and Suburban A.C.B.**

(*Concluded from page 506*).

**Interesting Groups.**

We now come to a most interesting group of birds, some of the smallest and most exquisite of the feathered tribe, viz., the Waxbills. These minutely feathered gems are quite harmless to growing plants, etc., and a garden aviary might well contain the following species:—Common and Green Avadavats, Zebra or Gold-breasted Waxbills, St. Helena Waxbills, Common or Grey Waxbills, and Orange-cheeked Waxbills. Such a combination of birds flitting to and fro amid the growing greenery, their irridescent plumage flashing out in a thousand different lines under the influence of light refraction, will supply a source of continuous interest and pleasure. They have quaint habits, soft, sweet songs, and a vivacious demeanour, for they are never dull, and are but little trouble to keep in condition. The charming Zebra and St. Helena Waxbills and the Green Avadavat are the most ready to nest. Rush nests and cocoa-nut shells must be provided for them to nest in, as well as growing bushes.

The next group I wish to notice is what I shall term "the fragile group," viz., those species which arrive at our shores in such a debilitated or infected condition that a very large portion of each consignment die within a very few weeks of arriving in this country—such species are Firefinches, Cordon Bleus, Lavender Finches, and Pintail Nonpariels. These, I am told, have only a short life when caged in their native country. I will grant you that when once acclimatised Cordon Bleus, for instance, can be kept out of doors all the year round, even in a northern county; but before this is attained the loss of life is truly awful, and I pause and ask myself and all present the pregnant question: Are we justified with such species in purchasing our pleasure at such a cost? For myself, I reply most emphatically that we are not, and for many years I have not kept these beautiful and fragile species on this account; and I appeal to all present to boycott these frail and beautiful species, *i.e.*, Firefinches, Cordon Bleus, Lavender Finches, and Pin-tailed Nonpariels; there are a whole host of other beautiful species we can keep without such waste of life. We must remember the responsibility is ours. Dealers will only import what they can sell, and if we do not buy, the trade in these fragile species will ultimately come to an end.

GRASSFINCHES.—With the Waxbills could well be associated the lovely Gouldian Finch in its rainbow-hued garb, also the Long and Rufous-tailed, the Masked and White-eared Grassfinches, and the Grey and Green Singing Finches. All these first-named will breed in cages as well as in the aviary. Several of them have been so bred this past season, while as to their beauty and interest this is unquestionable.

I can now only briefly enumerate a few handsome species, probable cage breeders, and most desirable and handsome birds:—Crimson Finch, Ribbon Finch, Pectoral Finch, Cuba Finch, Diamond Finch, and many others.

**The Mannikin Group.**

We will now notice another group, viz., the Mannikins. The birds of this group, with one or two exceptions, are heavily built, and if kept in small cages are of a dull or lazy demeanour; nevertheless, in roomy cages or an aviary, they become very different, and have many interesting and quaint characteristics. I can only mention them in passing, time not permitting a description of them. None can be called really plain, while the first half dozen are really handsome birds:—Yellow-rumped Finch, Chestnut-breasted Finch, Rufous-backed, Magpie, White-headed, Tricolour, Bronze and Black-headed Mannikins, Spice Bird, and Silverbills. Except the Silverbills none of this group have any song. They are all easily catered for either in a cage or any aviary, and the Bronze Mannikin is little larger than a Waxbill.

I find I have said nothing about Parrots or Parrakeets, and I have already spoken at too great a length. The great mistake made with most bird keepers is that they seem to imagine that because these birds have the power of speech, they can be given anything which their owners eat. Leaving out the pollen-eating species, the others must have a diet of seeds, ripe fruit, biscuit, nuts, greenfood, and the other regular essentials for all granivorous species—cuttlefish, grit, and water for drinking and bathing. The diet of pollen-eating species should consist principally of milk-sop and ripe fruit. There can be no general mixture for all species; such is not merely an impossibility but an absurdity. Time will not permit me to go further into details as regards these interesting birds. Their name is legion, and they have many admirers. They are so essentially different from any of our native avifauna, that this alone is an attraction, and the majority of them become very companionable. These features, combined with their powers of mimicry, speech, and also skill as acrobats, have won for them world-wide favour.

The list might be much longer, but I think I have said sufficient to give you an idea what a fascinating and all-absorbing hobby, the keeping of Foreign birds is—whether the birds are kept in cages or in aviaries, for breeding or for exhibition purposes. Neither section of foreign-bird keepers should sneer or look down upon the other, and I trust I may be pardoned if I remark here that, in the various Fanciers' societies there ought to be more of the "give and take spirit." Fanciers are too apt to become heated and personal over matters which should be amicably discussed in all their aspects for the general good.

**The Exhibition of Foreigners.**

Now, a last word as to exhibiting. If foreign bird exhibiting is to be popularised, we must have classes in which birds can meet on equal terms, *i.e.*, all entries in a given class must meet on the common ground of purity of colour, form and general excellency of condition, according to their respective species. There must also be classes where the rarer and more costly birds can meet on common ground. Exhibitors must remember that if we are to get such reforms as these they must support the respective classes.

I would emphasise the fact that at London shows the classes for common species have been the worst supported of any, and only the forbearance of secretaries in several instances can have saved their cancellation.

**The Discussion.**

How can twig perches be fixed in cages without nails?—By a small screw eye in woodwork, ar a small split ring on wire front.

Is there any way of lessening the mortality among newly-purchased red-faced Lovebirds and also the Blue-winged? — This must be numbered among those species which arrive here in a very debilitated condition, and but a small percentage are saved out of each consignment. Nothing can be done, save warmth and quiet at first, for it must be admitted they are very easily scared, and many die from sheer fright from sudden movements in their vicinity.

Is there any cure for septic fever?—None; as palliatives, a cooling aperient may be given, such as fluid of magnesia. Keep the bird in a warm, but not stuffy, atmosphere. Infected birds must be strictly isolated from other stock.

With regard to the various varieties of millet, why white in preference to others?—It may be prejudice on my part, but save for immature birds, which should be supplied with the small French millet, I always use white millet, and I find that the majority of foreign species prefer this also, judging by the choice when having access to all kinds. Spray millet should, however, always be supplied, the exercise alone of picking out the seeds being very beneficial.

I notice in your remarks re Parrots and Parrakeets you refer, among others, to Rosellas. I had always understood these were aviary and not cage birds. Are they kept at all as cage birds?—Yes, but they are essentially aviary birds, and show to best advantage in an aviary, and also their call note becomes monotonous and annoying in a room. Nevertheless, they are so kept, and a bird, when thoroughly fit and in tight plumage, is a handsome bird indeed. I have seen many such.

Is green food good for nestlings? That is, should the parent birds have unlimited access to same? If so, what kinds?—Yes; green food plays an important role in the rearing of young birds, but it must be fresh, and should be supplied several times daily. Grass in flower (seeding grass), tender lettuce, flowering and seeding chickweed, rape, and Canary seedlings, general garden and hedgerow (non-poisonous) herbage. I have given these in order of merit.

Messrs. Crabb and Prior made some remarks on exhibition topics, stating that show secretaries would not retain classes that would not pay, and also that they would give classes which appeared likely to be supported. Mr. Crabb also raised the question, "Could aviary-bred specimens compete with any chance of success against the wild caught bird?" Mr. Page replied that he had already covered the points raised re special classes, but pressed the point that exhibitors could only get the required reform by supporting the initial steps—in other words, by giving adequate support to existing classes for common species which already exist, and so show that there was a real demand for additional ones.

In reply to Mr. Crabb re aviary-bred specimens, Mr. Page stated that in many instances such were the superior, but many of the larger Parrakeets tried their owner's patience by the lengthy period which elapsed before they were fully mature.—The usual vote of thanks closed the proceedings.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# A Trio of Buntings.

**Hints on the Management of the Reed, the Corn and the Yellow.**

**By Jos. B. Moore.**

"Tom said I had to tell you that he had been out catching, and had caught a 'Bessie Blackcap'; will you have it?" These words greeted me when I got into the house one night, and being very fond of birds and anxious to see the "Bessie Blackcap," I went to see it, and found on arrival that the bird in question was a very nice specimen of a Reed-Bunting, a young cock-bird apparently, and in very good feather. I got the bird, took him home, put him into a good roomy cage, and found that he took kindly to cage-life, and soon got fairly steady (that is over 12 months ago at the time of writing), and I had him until a week or two since.

**The Reed Bunting.**

I find the species is easily kept. Canary appears to be the only seed the birds are fond of, with the addition of a few mealworms two or three times a week. These the Reed Bunting is particlarly fond of. On the appearance of the tin containing them, he comes down from the perch into the bottom of cage and there waits patiently for them. At the present time his black head and gorget are streaked with grey-coloured feathers; last spring they went much blacker; I expect that would be his nuptial costume.

He is a bit of a ventriloquist. When he is singing, you hear a very faint warbling, and have to pay very particular attention before you are able to locate the songster. The song appears to come from all over the room—now here, now there. Nothing pleases him better than a good bath. Fill this up for him and he is into it directly, and splatters away as long as there is any water in it. A good covering of grit on the cage bottom is also much appreciated. He spends a lot of time in going through it. The value of Reed Buntings as show birds, does not appear to be much, the Yellow Bunting and Cirl Bunting getting the preference.

**The Corn Bunting.**

From the same party I also got a Corn Bunting. The local name is "Stubble Bessie," but after keeping mine for four months I let him have his liberty again. The standard of the National British Bird and Mule Club allows 50 points for steadiness in the Corn Bunting. The compilers of that standard must have had some experience with birds of the temperament of mine. I tried him in a large cage, also in a small cage; he was alike in both. You had only to go into the room where he was, and immediately he would start dashing about the cage in all directions, finally ending the performance by getting into a corner of the cage, from which he watched you as long as you remained in sight.

He was a fine, well-marked bird, and could I have got him sufficiently steady he would have been worth exhibiting. I fed him on similar lines to that prescribed for the Reed Bunting. Canary seed appears to be the only variety the Buntings care for, with the addition of oats, both whole and crushed, a handful of which I gave them every three or four days. This they seemed to like very much, eating it readily. Outside in the open the Corn Bunting appears to be a hardy bird.

While out for a walk on New Year's day, the weather fine and frosty, I stood and listened to one singing his harsh, monotonous song, perched on a rail near an open barn; and judging from the quantity of birds about, the place was a capital feeding-ground.

**The Yellow Bunting.**

The last of the trio is a Yellow Bunting, or "Bessie." It is a very fine, well-marked young bird, that seems to be taking kindly to cage-life. Here let me say, that unless your British birds of whatever species take kindly to cage-life, you will scarcely succeed in making show birds of them, however good they may be otherwise. It is better to open the cage door and let them go; though to keep some over the moult may steady them sufficiently as to warrant you in keeping them. If you get a young bird, well marked, fairly steady, and of good size, stick to it; the longer you keep it the better it will get. The V-markings on the head are a most important point in a good Yellow Bunting. They get more pronounced and the dark feathers in the centre of the head and at the throat moult out more clearly at each succeeding moult. They are fed similarly to the Reed Buntings, not forgetting plenty of water for bathing in.

Your bird will well repay you for your care and attention. Should you not exhibit you will still have the pleasure which all good lovers of birds have of watching the beauty of your favourites develop more and more each year.

As regards the song in captivity, my birds never gets beyond the call-note as yet, though I expect some will get into full song as the season advances. It is a song that doubtless is well known to all lovers of our wild birds. It is sometimes translated as "a little bit of bread and no cheese." In our part of the country, when I was a lad, we called the song: "Divil, divil, dee, tek all away but me." In my experience of British birds in captivity, there is nothing to equal the bath for getting them into condition. Some fanciers, I know, object to hand-washing the birds for show, and where you have plenty of room, good pure air, and sunshine, perhaps there is no need for it; but under the conditions in which I keep mine (and scores of other good fanciers are in similar situations), viz., living amidst the smoke and dirt of a town, you have no choice in the matter if you want a fair try for your entry fee. If your bird is healthy and well, and in good feather, you need never be afraid of washing it; the result will surprise you agreeably.


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Nov. 24 and 25—**Ludlow C.B.S.**—(J. Bessell, 5, High St.) J.H.R.
*Nov. 25—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad St.) W.P.B, & S.H.M.
*Nov. 26 & 27—**Sale Open**—(Jas. Irlam, 97, Cross St.) J.C.B.
Nov. 27.—**Darlington C.B.S.**—(E. Brunskill, 2, Danesbury Terrace). W.P.B. and J.M.
Nov. 27—**Hetton-le-Hole**—(A. J. Notley, 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs, Co. Durham). A.B.
*Nov. 27 and 29.—**Ilkeston.**—T. Smith, 5 King St.) J.C.B.; M.N., C.H.
Nov. 30 and Dec. 1—**Morecambe** (J. H. Ireland. Parliament Street).
Dec. 1 and 2.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—(W. T. Hawes, 125 Commercial Rd.). C.G.
*Dec. 1 and 2—**City of Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.) C.A.H.
*Dec. 2—**Frome & Dis. F.A.**—(C. I. Young, 8, Palmer Street). J.R.
*Dec. 3 & 4—**Altrincham**—(T. Harrison, 4, Shaws Lane). S.H. and A.W.
Dec. 4—**Ferryhill**—(R. Binks, jun., 27, West Street, Ferryhill, Co. Durham). J.Sr., J.Mn.
Dec. 4.—**Harrogate**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road). A.H.
Dec. 4—**Hasland**—(C. H. Naylor, 59, Kent Street, Hasland, near Chesterfield.) W.V.
*Dec. 4 & 6—**Leicester C.B.S.** (J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road.) J.H.R. & J.F.D.
*Dec. 8—**Luton**—(E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street). J.R. and A.S.
*Dec. 8 and 9.—**Canterbury.**—(J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peters St.).
*Dec. 10 & 11—**Gateshead** (Buck & Johnson, 30 Keswick Street) J.R., T.T., J. Dn., F.H., J.D.
*Dec. 18—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. E. Wigginton, 94, Station Road.) R.R., J.B.
Dec. 18—**Crook & Dis.**—(W. Rutherford, West Roddy moor). J.S.

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Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,) T.Mc.C., J.S., J.M., G.Gn.
Jan. 1—**Guisborough "Priory"** (Atkinson & Wilson, 80, Westgate).
Jan. 8—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees).
Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton).

### Scotland.

Oct. 2—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane)
Oct. 9—**Broughty Ferry**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). C.Bk., W.H., D.Bn., J.Sn. A.W.W.
Oct. 9—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). H.B.
Oct. 15 and 16.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**—(Macdonald and Young, 80, High St., Rutherglen.)
Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty, N.B.) W.R., G.H., A.G.C., J.W.B., G.M.
Oct. 23—**City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 6, St. Catherine's Road. G.F., J.Sn., R.F.A., J.A., T.C.G.H., J.C.
Oct. 30—**Ayr & Dis.**—(C.C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road).
Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan, 23, High Street. J. H., G. H., J. B., D. L.
Nov. 6.—**Bo'ness** (F. M' Gillivray, Ferry View, Gauze Road, Chance). J.S., W.Mn., J.T., W.C.
Nov. 12 & 13 **Glasgow & West of Scotland**—(F. Bowman 5, Parkview Gardens, Tolleross, Glasgow).
Nov. 13—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.) D.L, J.Wn., A.C., P.P.
Nov. 19 and 20—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(J. By. Murdoch, 9, Burnside St). J.D., A.P., J.W., W.S., A.C.
Nov. 20—**Galashiels**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew Street).
Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.).
Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.) C.C., A.M., D.Hn., D.B., G.F., J.L.
Dec. 18—**Broxburn**—(D. Anthony, Main Street). T.S., J.B., G.H., J.W., W.S.
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.—**Scottish National.**—(J. Winter, 11. Parkside Street, Edinburgh.) W.B., A.Wn., T.T., R.W., J.Er., J.P., J.W.B., J.R., J.D., J.G., C.T.M.

### Wales.

*July 21—**Llandudno (Vale of Conway & Dis. F.A.)** (A. T. Johnson, Ro Wen, Tal y cafn).
*Nov. 10 and 11—**Swansea.**—(A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, nr. Swansea.)
Nov. 17—**Maesteg**—(W. Jenkins. 43, John Street, Nantyfyllon, Bridgend). J.H.R. and H.N.
Nov. 18—**Morriston** (W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Rd. H.N. and W.M.
*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Cardiff.**—(W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland Road.) J.H.P. & J.R.
*Dec. 15—**Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun & Dis.**—(Mc Lucas & James, 26, Pantygraigwen Road, Pontypridd.) C.A.H.

### Ireland.

Nov. 11 & 12—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton, Banbridge, Co. Dowu).
Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—(H. J. Niblock, Seatown Place.)
Nov. 25 & 26—**Y.C.C. of Ireland**—(J. P. Rooney, 41, Muuster St., Dublin.)
Dec. 15 and 16—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogau). H.N.
Jan. 7 and 8—**Norwich P.H. Club of Ireland**—(J. Stewart, 57, Donegall Avenue, Belfast.) G.H. & J.Sc.

### Foreign.

Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H.S. Tibbs, 184, John) Street, Toronto, Canada.)

## REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

**Bristol C.B.S.** (young stock).—July 7. 15 classes: Crest 1, Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Mule 2, Brit. 7, Sell. 1. Prize-money on sliding scale. Fee 6d. Ent. close to W. H. MANLEY, 2, Lockleaze Road, Horfield, Bristol.

**Doncaster (C.B.U.).**—June 30th and July 1st. Doncaster Race Common.—Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 11 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks 2, AV. bred 1909, 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, radius 1. Prizes. 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close June 21st to F. H. CHAFER, 9, Market-place, Doncaster.

**Hawarden Institute.**—Aug. 2, at Hawarden Park, Judge, Mr. F. Hampson. 7 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 3, Mule 1, and 2 3-mile radius classes. Prizes, 5s., 3s., 2s. Fee, 1s. Entries close July 26. to EDGAR RATCLIFFE, Hawtborne Cottage, Hawarden.

**Grimsby (C.B.U.)** (Friendly and Trades Societies Charity Gala).—July 8th, in the People's Park.—Judge, Mr. T. J. Ambrose. 9 open classes: Nor. 3, Sell. 1, Singing Can. 1, Brit. 2, and For. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. (All proceeds of gala to go to the charities). Ent. close July 1st to C. BELLAMY, 47, Lord-street, Grimsby.

### ENTRIES CLOSE.

June 21.—**Doncaster.**—F. H. Chafer, 9, Market Place.

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## FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

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June 17 and 18.—Stockport B.F.A.
June 19.—Coalville and Dis. C.B.S.
June 19.—Great Horton O.S.
June 19.—Bolton and Dis. O.S.
June 19.—N. Manchester C.B.S.
June 19.—Barton-on-Humber C. and B.B.C.
June 19.—Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.
June 19.—Dewsbury and Dis. O.F.S.
June 19.—Exeter and Dis. C.B.S.
June 19.—Warrington C.B.S.
June 19.—Atterclifle and Dis. C.B.S.
June 19.—South-West London C.B.S.
June 19.—Blackpool C.B.S.
June 19.—Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.
June 19.—Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.
June 26.—North London C.B.A.
June 26.—Heywood and Dis. C.B.S.
June 26.—London and Counties O.A.
June 26.—Sale Open O.S.
June 26.—Spen Valley C.B.S.
June 26.—Queen's Park (Glasgow) and Dis. C.B.S.
June 26, July 10, and July 24.—Sunderland C.B.A.
June 26 and July 31.—Wibsey and Dis. C.B.S.
June 26.—Beamish and Dis. C.B.S.
June 26.—Pendleton and Salford O.S.
June 26 and July 31.—Bingley and Dis. O.S.
June 26.—Liverpool B.B.A.
June 26.—Derwent Valley C.B.S.
June 26.—Littleborough C.B.S.
June 26 and July 24.—City of Wakefield O.S.
June 26.—Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A.
June 26.—Pudsey, Stanningley and Dis. O.S.
June 26 and July 31.—Dewsbury and Dis. C.B.S.
June 30.—Y.C.C. of Scotland.
July 1.—Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.
July 1.—Stockton-on-Tees and Dis. C.B.S.
July 1.—Dulwich O.S.
July 3.—Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.
July 3.—Crook Original C.B.F. and F.S.
July 3.—Leicester C.B.S.
July 3.—City and Suburban A.C.B.
July 3.—Oldham and Dis. C.B.S.
July 3.—Forfar and Dis. C.B.I.S.
July 3.—Pendlebury, Swinton and Dis. C. and B.B.S.
July 3.—Dipton and Dis. C.B.S.
July 3.—Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.
July 3, and July 24.—Bradford East O.S.
July 3 and 31.—Hasland, Grassmoor and Dis. C.B.S.
July 3.—London and Provincial O.S.
July 3.—Coventry O.S.
July 5.—Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S
July 5.—Southall and Dis. C.B.S.
July 7.—Torbay (Paignton) O.S.
July 10.—Hyde and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Hetton-le-Hole and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Altrincham C.B.S.
July 10.—Birkenhead C.F.A.
July 10.—Highgate, Hampstead, and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Middleton O.S.
July 10.—Macclesfield and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Longton, Leek and Hanley (Amalgamated).
July 10.—Wigan and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Preston O.S.
July 10.—Edinburgh N. and M.B.S.
July 10.—Jarrow, Hebburn, and Dis. C B.S.
July 10.—Partick and Dis. C.B.C.
July 11.—Walthamstow F.A.
July 11.—Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.
June 12.—Crewe O.S.
July 15.—Grantham and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—City of Bradford O.S.
July 17, and Aug. 21.—Tong and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.
July 17.—Clapham and Dis. C.B.A.
July 17.—Dewsbury O.F.S.
July 17.—Poplar and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—City of Birmingham C.B.S.
July 17 and 18.—Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—Houghton-le-Spring and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—Garston B.B.A.
July 17.—Tamworth and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—Rochdale O.C.
July 24.—South and North Shields and Dis. C.B.S.
July 24.—Coventry Godiva C.B.S.
July 31.—Southport and Dis. C.B.C.
August 7.—Runcorn and Dis. O.S.

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**Ardwick and Dist. C.B.S.**—June 22, Blacksmiths' Arms, 8. F.F. Show business.—J. Spencer.

**Barton-on-Humber C.B.S.**—June 19. Members' F.F. Show. Judge, Mr. Calam (Hull); all birds to be staged 2.45 prompt.—E. C. Dunn.

**Border City (Carlisle) O.S.**—Second ramble on June 27 (race Sunday); meeting place, Eden Bridge, at 1.45 p.m., for Rockcliff and Burgh.—J. Bell

**Beamish and Dis. C.B.S.**—June 19, Bird Inn, High Hold, 7.—M. Crosby.

**Brighouse and Dis. C.B.S.**—June 22, Round House Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

**Belgrave and Dis. F. and F.S.**—June 22, New Inn, Loughboro' Road, 8. Friends invited.—W. H. Riley.

**Crook and Dis. C.B.S.**—June 19, Royal Oak, 7.30. Classes for Nest Feather Show.—W. Rutherford.

**Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C.**—June 19, Butcher's Arms, Great Horton, 6. Committee meeting.—Gaructt and Towers.

**City of Bradford O.S.**—June 19, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. To decide on proposed ramble.—F. Rhodes.

**Dalziel O.A.**—June 19, Y.M.C.I., Brandon Street, Motherwell, 7.—J. Mathieson.

**Dulwich O.S.**—June 24, The Herne Tavern, Peckhame Rye, 8.30. Discussion on breeding, opened by Mr. Woolhouse. Fanciers welcomed.—S. J. Kent.

**Dewsbury O.F.S.**—June 19, Little Saddle Hotel. F.F. Show; Staged 3 p.m. Judge, Mr. T. Bentley (Cleckheaton).—G. G. Stafford.

**Darlington C.B.S.**—June 26, Half Moon Hotel, 3. F.F. Show and British birds (10 classes).—W. Underwood.

**Eccleshill C.B.A.**—June 19, Fountain Inn, 8. Entries for members' show; birds staged at 2.30. Judge, Mr. R. Haliday.—T. Elsegood.

**Ealing and Hanwell F.S.**—June 24, 8. Evening show cage birds, etc.—J. F. Kendall.

**Great Horton Good Intent O.S.**—June 26, Church Schools, Southfield Lane. Members' show. Mr. Self, judge; all birds to be staged at 3 prompt; special for starred birds.—Badger hair-washing brush.—H. Schofield.

**Green Canary Assoc.**—June 24, Oldham Hall, Renshaw Street, Liverpool, 8. To revise rules; any member wishing to suggest any alteration must send same in writing to secretary not later than June 22, when all suggestions will be put before the meeting. Also discussion on the "Care of Birds in General."—S. Hadwin.

**Grimsby and Dist. O.S.**—June 21, Slatter's Rooms, 8. General business and Nest Feather Show. Judge, Mr. Harland (Hull); fanciers invited.—H. Harding.

**Highgate, Hampstead and Dist. C.B.S.**—June 24, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W., 8.30. Lecture on Colour feeding, by Mr. W. Morris; friends invited.—G. H. Neal.

**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks) O.S.**—June 19, Cloak Room, Town Hall, 7. Annual and Young Bird Shows.—A. Cant.

**Houghton-le-Spring and Dis. C.B.S.**—June 19, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Final arrangements for F.F. Show.—A. Widdowfield.

**Heywood and Dist. O.S.**—June 22, Rechabite Hall, Pine Street, 7.30. To receive entries for F.F. Show, etc.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

**Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.**—June 21, Nutclough Tavern, 8. Final arrangements for show.—W. Garratt.

**Ilford F. and F.S.**—June 22, 4, Cranbrook Road, 8. Genl. meeting, arrangements for carnival.—A. Webb.

**Kirkstall and Dist. C.B.S.**—June 19, Headquarters, Congregational Schoolroom, Commercial Road, 8. Classes for Young Bird Show; questions and answers; fanciers cordially invited.—W. Hornby.

**Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.**—June 23, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Members' Table Nest Feather Show (A.V.).—R. H. Davies.

**Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S.**—June 19, Centre Hotel, 7.30. To receive auditors' report and other matters for the welfare of the society.—D. John.

**London and Counties O.S.**—June 21, Sessions House Hotel, Clerkenwell Road, 8.30. Notice of a resolution proposing withdrawal from Federation of C.B.S.—W. Gilbert.

**Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.**—June 19, White Swan Hotel.—Annual Nest Feather Show. Judge, Mr. E. Fox; show opens 4 p.m.; fanciers cordially invited.—C. Draper.

**Leicester C.B.S.**—June 23, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, Leicester, 8.15. Lecture on colour feeding; all interested in cage birds will receive a hearty welcome.—J. A. Tyler.

**Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.**—June 21, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Show business; schedules ready; subscriptions.—E. H. Jones.

**Morley and Dis. C.B.S.**—June 19, Sycamore Hotel, 2.30. F.F. Show; judging 3.—R. H. Turner.

**Midland Roller C.C.**—June 24, Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, 8. Paper will be read by Mr. Max Jacqueman on the "Early History of the Roller Canary"; all fanciers are given a hearty invitation.—J. H. Willows.

**Metropolitan C.B.A.**—June 25, Crown Hotel, Lavender Hill, S.W., 8.30. Pay out prize money and specials for last young bird show.—E. Box.

**National B.B. and M.C.**—June 24, "Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8. General Business.—Plumbridge and Carr.

**Pudsey, Stanningley and Dis. O.S.**—June 26, Oddfellows' Hall Hotel, 2.30. Members' show. Judge, Mr. W. Ormonroyd.—J. Butler.

**Pendlebury, Swinton and Dist. C.B.A.**—June 24, Headquarters, 8.—A. Donnelly.

**Kent County C.B.A.**—June 20, Ramble; non-members welcome; meet on Buckland Bridge, Dover, at 7.30 a.m.—Geo. Sanderson.

**Sunderland C.B.A.**—June 26, Fawcett Street Cafe, 6. Table show, 8 classes for young birds; entries taken between 5.30 and 6 p.m.; 3d. per cage; admission free.—W. Reid.

**Stockport B.F.A.**—June 22, Boar's Head Hotel, 8.—W. Stafford.

**Sale Open O.S.**—June 21, Technical School, 8. Entries for F.F. Show, and Open Show business.—J. Irlam.

**South Manchester C.B.S.**—June 21, Headquarters, 8. Special meeting, entries for F.F. Show.—J. C. Spilsbury.

**Spen Valley C.B.S.**—June 21, Commercial Hotel, 8. Lecture on rearing and colour feeding, by J. S. Clarkson (Halifax); fanciers and friends are given a hearty invitation.—J. Lewis.

**Swansea and Dist. C.B.A.**—June 22, Market Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Table Show for Bullfinch, Greenfinch, and Bramblefinch. Judge, Mr. W. J. Jenkins. Please note alteration of meeting night.—A. Hitching.

**Sandy Lane and Dist. C.B.A.**—June 22nd, Victoria Hotel, 7.30.—Open Show, etc., business.—B. Buckle.

**Tunbridge Wells and Dist. F.A.**—June 23, Societies' Hall, 8. General question night; special, Diseases of Live Stock.—H. G. Whibley.

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## CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

### Fractured Leg.

**Very Anxious.**—It would undoubtedly have been much the best thing to have amputated the foot at the time, but now matters have gone on so far I cannot advise you to do this now. The best thing is to leave it severely alone, and let nature repair the mischief. The foot will probably never be of any more use, and even if the leg is flexed and stiff, and of no use any more, the bird will doubtless learn to get about on one leg very tolerably. Being fast in the feathers may be no disadvantage, as it is not unlikely a little bleeding may have occurred which saturated the base of the feathers, and caused them to dry upon, and form a natural sling-bandage to, the leg, and in that case the bird will probably release it without your help when the leg is well enough to be interfered with, or, if not, the moult will release it, and in this case you may find that the leg is not really grown permanently stiff after all.

### Losing Feathers.

**J.O.**—Your feeding is decidedly faulty, but there is also a great probability of the loss of feathers being due to either red mites or grey lice, or to the bird's being an old one. Keep a sharp look-out for insect pests about the cage, especially in the cracks and joints, for red mites, and on the bird itself for grey lice; and if either pest should be found, obliterate it at once. Let the staple diet consist of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, and except when breeding, omit all the other seeds and give a pinch of hemp only twice a week, and a half teaspoonful of egg food about as often. When rearing young, feed as frequently advised here. Your egg food seems very deficient in egg unless the tea biscuits are very small ones. When the biscuits are crushed to powder, there should be about twice the bulk of the minced egg. When the cock is stopped breeding and caged alone, feed him on the lines named above; give a fairly liberal supply of chickweed; allow him to bathe freely in suitable weather, and give a pinch of Epsom salts and six drops of lemon juice in the water three times a week for a short time, and on each of the remaining days for a month ,twenty drops of chemical food.

### Young Murdered.

**Sproston.**—Such casualties are to be expected in a mixed collection in a small aviary, and if they do not always, or very often, turn up it is no criterion that the risk of their doing so is not ever present. I am inclined to suspect the Javas, although it may just as likely be the cock Goldfinch. The best way to try to prevent a recurrence is to have plenty of cover in the way of bushes, and make every nest-box separate, and hang them in different places about the aviary. In such an aviary you would find German travelling cages with about four of the short bars removed, or cigar boxes with a third part of the lid sawn off, and the remainder nailed down, and hung up endwise, more convenient and better appreciated than a more elaborate close box. Give these a trial, and hang them up about five feet high. Your seed mixture is not at all suitable for Canaries. If you cannot manage to give Canary, rape, hemp, and millet in separate vessels, you should at least have two vessels, one containing millet, and the other a mixture of three parts Canary, one part each of rape and hemp. Of course, you should give a saucer of soft food when there are young Canaries to be fed.

### Sore Feet.

**Annoyed.**—Your birds seem to be suffering from a quite unusual form of sore feet, and as you seem to think the complaint is spreading from one bird to another, I would advise sending any bird that dies, having a well-developed form of this sore-footedness, for a post-mortem. Personally, I am inclined to think something about the perches is chiefly to blame. Of what wood are they made? It may be too hard, and if obtained from old waste material may possibly be saturated with some injurious substance. Then, if the sketches you give are the actual size in section of the perches, they are much too large for the birds' comfort. Make some new ones with soft deal, about one-third less in circumference than these, and slightly oval in shape. Keep cage and perches perfectly clean, and bathe the feet daily for a minute or two in a warm solution of boracic acid, about a teaspoonful of acid in a half teacupful of warm water. Dry gently, and carefully anoint them with a little zinc or boracic ointment. Give those that suffer most severely a few grains of Epsom salts in the water for a few days.

### Young Dying.

**Puzzled.**—Your feeding is largely to blame for the deaths, which, in my opinion, are due to constipation. As you have been a breeder so long and never had this trouble before, might I suggest that you may be using a different kind of biscuit this year, with the result that the egg food is of a more constipating nature than hitherto? And against this I notice your supply of green food is very small indeed, and that little not of the best kind for correcting any constipating effect of the food. If you make the following changes and modifications, I feel sure you will find the trouble disappear. Use only the yolk of egg in making the egg-food, until the young are about a week old, and after the first four or five days make up the egg-food of equal parts egg, crushed biscuit, and sponge cake. Add no sugar to this, as the sponge cake will make it quite sweet enough. Give a little groundsel, or chickweed, on the third day, and from the fourth day give this green food freely, fresh twice a day, and omit the dandelion leaf altogether. Continue the seed diet of Canary and rape, but omit the maw and hemp, and do not begin to add hemp to the daily fare until the young are eight or ten days old. The maw is not needed at all, unless a hen should be a fickle feeder, when a sprinkling may be added to the egg-food to tempt her to eat it more freely.

### Danger of Infection.

**"Anxious."**—If the cocks you have isolated remain quite healthy for a month or six weeks, they should be fairly safe from suspicion I think, though I am not sure any really hard and fast rule can be laid down as to the length of quarantine to ensure absolute safety. The real danger lies in the cages and appliances which have been occupied by affected birds. The germs are terribly tenacious here, and apt to survive all ordinary forms of disinfection and set up another outbreak as soon as fresh susceptible birds are put into them. As you have sent for Dr. Clarke's handbook you had best keep the birds isolated until you have read and studied its contents, when you will know the best methods of dealing with cages and stock. You may as well let the hens take their chance of rearing their broods, but you will doubtless stand the best chance of saving them by reducing the egg portion of your food to a minimum. As regards the closed sacks of seeds in the room I do not think there will be much, if any, danger of the seed conveying infection, especially if you have not been using a common vessel to hand it about which might have been in contact with the infection.

### The Desirable Gloss.

**Puzzled** (the third, I fancy).—That beautiful gloss on the plumage of Canaries, such as you see at the Crystal Palace, is just what everyone would like to see on his birds, but you must remember that in all probability it is not to be found on all the birds in the rooms of the owners of these birds. It is just one of those things which make these specimens stand out from their fellows and capable of beating them in good competition. To a great extent it depends upon the high condition of health and vigour in which the birds are kept, and to the quality of plumage possessed by the bird. For the rest it depends upon a good healthy moult, and proper management during and after that period, and, finally, to expert and skilful toilet preparations for the show. As regards the moult, you need no special method of feeding for this variety, except that colour food is not to be used. You should give a small quantity of egg-food three times a week, and during the progress of the moult any marigold or nasturtium blooms you can obtain, and a few grains of linseed regularly, alternately with the egg-food. Keep the temperature fairly equable, and do not let it get very low whilst the birds are deep in moult; also allow them free and ample bathing. For the rest, treat as you would any other variety. The real point is to get a quick and complete moult, without a check, vigorous health, and a skilful toilet before any show.

### Cause of Failure.

**Pankie.**—I think practically all the failures are due to cock birds not being in good health and vigour. The condition of the Lancashire is strong evidence of this. Assuming the hens sat close and did not stay off the nest in the cold weather long enough for the eggs to get quite chilled, which, of itself, would sufficiently account for the eggs being addled, this condition of the cock birds is quite enough to account for the failure to hatch, as the germs would be too weak to develop properly. In the case of the Lancashires, the age also would tell against them, as they are rather young just yet. I would advise you to forego any further attempt at breeding with these birds this season, and to separate them and get them into good hard condition for next season. After separating, feed on plain Canary only, with a liberal supply of chickweed, for one week, and during this time give them each a pinch of Epsom salts in the water every second day. After the first week add to the diet half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days give the same quantity of crushed sponge or Medeira cake with two drops each of sherry and cod-liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and a few grains of maw or gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it, and a few grains of hemp about twice a week. Continue this for two or three weeks, then, for the ordinary regular diet reduce the sponge cake to twice a week, omit the sherry and oil, and give the rape daily. In the drinking water, after the end of the first week, give six drops of dandelion juice, and three each tincture of gentian and tincture of steel, every second day for a fortnight. Vary this treatment in the case of the Lancashire hen (which has diarrhœa) as follows: In the first week omit the chickweed, give no other green food, but give a little plain dry biscuit or crushed sponge cake twice towards the end of the week, adding twenty drops whisky and four of tincture of opium to the water, for one day only.

### Hand-rearing Young.

**E.G.**—Continue to feed upon the moistened egg-food as long as they will allow you to do so. There is no necessity to moisten it in the mouth except in the case of very young and tender nestlings, when this plan may be of some advantage. But now you have got the young so far advanced, it will do just as well to mix the egg-food into a moist paste with water, taking precautions, of course, to mix it fresh at least twice a day to prevent its becoming sour. When the young are well out of the nest give them a small quantity of egg-food mixed crumbly moist in the cage, and you will soon find them picking it over, and as they get able to help themselves they will refuse your good office in the matter of feeding them. When they are picking over the egg-food nicely, add a little Canary and rape in another vessel, and you will see by the husks left behind when they are cracking the seed freely. When this occurs begin to reduce the quantity of egg-food, and gradually withdraw it. Though it is not quite clear, I read your letter to mean that your hatching failures occurred in the wire nests. This is rather what was to be expected in the weather we have had. Personally, I consider these nests only suitable for use in the hottest part of summer. Even then I never use them. Glad to hear previous advice has been so helpful.

### Mopy Hens.

**D.W.Y.**—You are feeding the birds incorrectly, which is doubtless the cause of their mopy condition. As they will not be fit to breed with for a few weeks, and the season is already getting advanced, I think you would be well advised to reserve all their energies for next spring. Feed on plain Canary only as a staple, and give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, twice a week a similar quantity of hemp seed, and on two other days a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, or occasionally, as a variant, an equivalent quantity of bread scalded with milk and sprinkled with soft sugar. Give a little green food daily. Keep cages quite clean, and free from insect pests, and well strewn with clean, gritty sand. Allow birds to bathe freely in fine weather, and give them as much space for exercise as possible. Discontinue all the other seeds and foods you mention. For the first week give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and six drops of dandelion juice in the water every second day, and, during the first week, give the sponge cake every second day, and mix two drops each of sherry and cod liver oil emulsion in it. After the first week give two drops each tincture of steel and tincture of gentian in the water every second day for another week.

### Crests Out of Condition.

**Nil Disperandum.**—I suspect the birds are out of condition, and that your treatment for colds failed simply because you omitted the most essential point of all, viz., to take steps to remove their cause. The bareness on Crests may be due to the birds pecking each other, or to red mite attacks. In the former case you can only wait for the moult to remedy the evil when the birds are separated; in the latter case the remedy is sufficiently obvious. See the cages are quite free from this pest, also that the birds are not troubled with grey lice, and see they are quite out of reach of draughts, or not affected by damp. At the same time see the air of the room is kept pure and fresh. You may continue to use sawdust in the cages, but you must

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supply a shallow boxful of gritty sand besides. On the whole, I much prefer well-sanded cages during the breeding season. Having duly attended to these points, give those birds now suffering from colds which have no young to feed twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and two of oil of eucalyptus in the water (well shaken together) two days in every three for a week. Give the egg food only twice a week to birds that are neither feeding young nor being prepared for nesting. Supply a little chickweek daily, and allow the birds to bathe when weather is fine. I cannot say what the hen died of after laying her clutch of eggs without some particulars, even if I could then. A post-mortem is the only reliable evidence after death. Treat the hen that is sitting and makes a clicking noise at night for a few days with the above-named medicine, but stop it when young are almost due to hatch.

### Septicæmia.

**"Bird Fever."**—I have no doubt you have septic fever among your birds, and would strongly advise you to send the next that dies for a post-mortem, to make doubly sure. Meanwhile keep your stock strictly isolated from any possibility of contact, either direct or indirect, with other birds. Do not import any fresh birds or appliances. As you appear to have kept your birds under hygienic condition hitherto, it is not unlikely you may have imported the disease with some recently-acquired bird or appliance. As regards treatment, you can do little beyond observing the strictest cleanliness and disinfection throughout. Cut down the egg-food—or of the proportion of egg in it—to a minimum, and substitute as far as possible bread and milk, scalded and squeezed nearly dry, crushed biscuit, or sponge cake, and an unlimited supply of Canary and summer rape. Keep cages clean, well strewn with sawdust, and clean out daily, and burn the refuse at once. Boil all food and water vessels that will admit of it for a quarter of an hour daily. Prepare all soft food quite fresh daily—three times, if convenient. In drinking water give thirty drops of brandy daily. This is about all you can do to help the birds to win when they become affected, or to prevent any more becoming affected. You may if you like try following decoction (I do not vouch for its utility, but have seen it very well spoken of by German breeders, and in any case it will do no harm): Infuse a handful each of blackberry and sanicle leaves in a quart of boiling water for fifteen minutes. Strain, allow to stand till cold, then add three fluid ounces of brandy to it, and give this decoction in the drinker, instead of plain water, daily as soon as a bird is seen to be affected, and three times a week to the remainder of stock.

### Brevities.

**Seed Samples** (H. C. Maynard).—You state no definite query in sending the samples of canary and rape, but I suppose it was to get an opinion of the quality. But whatever your object, I fear the result will be a little unsatisfactory, as the seeds were mixed together, and the rape almost conspicuous by its absence. It is not possible to give a really fair and satisfactory judgment from a mere pinch of seed. I will only venture to say that the canary was small and thin, and not of very good quality. The few grains of rape were too small for me to criticise at all.

**Canaries Dying.**—(Arthur.)—Am afraid they died from septic fever, and would advise you to send the next that dies for a post-mortem to be made, and thereby settle all doubts. Meantime, why not send for Dr. Clarke's handbook on the subject, from the manager, 7d., post free? See reply to "Bird Fever," and adopt the precautions there given. The "white pimple" at roof of tail is probably the oil gland, which every bird possesses, in health or otherwise. It would have nothing whatever to do with the deaths.

**Mating Birds** (Puzzled, another of 'em).—It is quite likely the hen rejects the second mate. Some hens have idiosyncrasies this way, and will not mate with a second mate as long as their first is in sight or sound of them. If the first mate is within sight, try removing him to another room, and give the hen a few grains of niga and gold of pleasure in a little egg food daily. Also give a few dandelion leaves a day, and if she does not then quickly mate with the second you had better give her the first mate back, if he is in condition, if you want another brood off her this season.

**More Samples** (E.F.).—No. 1 is not rape, though what else it may be I do not profess to know. As it is quite cool and mild it would serve well enough for birds in large aviaries, but if given to those in small cages care should be taken to note how it affects the bowels, and if it seems too much discontinue it. No. 2, again, I cannot say whether the Canary is Turkish, viz., a seed grown in the Ottoman Empire. It is very small, and is, I believe, similar to that usually termed Turkish. It is very sweet, but a larger seed is more economical. No. 3 is a fair average sample of maw. No. 4 seems a very fair sample of hemp, but judging from this small pinch the bulk must contain a good deal of dirt and extraneous matter.

## BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

### Items about Bird Catching.

**Beginner.**—In your question you mention "this district," but never tell me what that district is. I may say, however, that the close season prescribed by the Act (W.B.P.A.) is from March 1st to August 1st. But this can be varied by local bodies—thus in London (Middlesex, I believe) the close time does not end until August 15th. Then, again, some birds are protected all the year round in certain counties, but not in others. And the list of protected birds is often being altered (added to, generally) in various parts of the country. Lists of the birds protected in any given district can be obtained on application at any local police station, or town, or county hall, and before setting out to catch birds, one should always be studied. It is quite legitimate to catch birds in trap cages, providing they are not protected birds; the latter you could not legally catch, even in your own garden.

### Sexing Young Goldfinch Mules.

**G. P. M.**—As I have often stated, there are no outward sex differences in young Goldfinch-Canary Mules which help a beginner to decide. The only really safe plan is for them to keep the youngsters until their song proves their sex. The cock Mule is always brighter in plumage than the hen; but this is only comparative and helpful in trying to sex youngsters which come out of the same nest. A young hen Mule, for instance, bred from a yellow hen Canary, will often look a much better colour than a real cock Mule, but which has been bred from a buff hen. The young cocks are longer beaded and have more "swagger" than the young hens, and these two things, in addition to the colour sign, help the old fanciers to decide with almost certainty between the cocks and hens in young which come from the same parents. After the moult, of course, the cocks easily out-do the hens in colour; and then they very soon begin to sing. Pleased to hear of your success.

### Simply "Marking Time."

**A Novice.**—It is not easy to guess why your Linnet and Canary couple do no good, but simply mark time. Your feeding is right enough. You might give the egg food every day, and the "tit-bit" of hemp, etc., oftener, though these are minor matters. Does the cock himself make any attempt at mating? Has his beak turned blue, and does he sing lustily? A cock Linnet in breeding condition, and willing to make a match of it, is very fussy to his mate (if she, too, is willing), following her about the cage, and feeding her, and singing to her. If

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your bird doesn't do these things he is probably either not ready, or no good for Muling. Then, again, is your hen Canary in conditiou—lively, bouncing from perch to perch with much flapping of wings, and calling in a high-pitched voice? What do you mean by "squeaky noise?" If you have let her catch a cold (does she mope about the cage?) then you must try to cure her. The simplest plan would be to try one of the remedies advertised in our columns. It is often extremely difficult to satisfactorily advise; one needs to see the birds.

### Feeding Muling Hens.

**A Novice.**—Greenfinch-Canary Mules should be fed in the same way as the other Canary crosses (see reply to "Roffe" this week), though they may have sunflower seed a little more freely. The feeding of sitting hens is quite a simple matter, as a general rule; only a minority give one trouble. When incubating the eggs, put only plain Canary seed in the hopper, but give on alternate days in the egg drawer a tiny half-teaspoonful of egg bread sprinkled with maw seed (one day), and a half-teaspoonful of mixed hemp and summer rape (the next day). When the young are due to hatch, I give the hen, to feed with, plenty of Canary and summer rape seeds, and lightly cracked hemp seed, with a little shelled sunflower and maw seeds. I offer ripe seeding green foods, such as chickweed and shepherd's purse, freely—but strip off all coarse leaves. If you cannot get this, give young lettuce and watercress leaves—but not freely until the youngsters are three or four days old. She may also relish a little soaked (just sprouting) rape. I don't use scalded rape; only that soaked in cold water, frequently changed. Don't give these things all at the same time, but offer them at various periods through the day—nothing like variety to induce hens to "pack" their babies. Egg bread, made by well mixing two crushed Osborne biscuits (or equal quantity of stale bread crumbs) with the minced yolk, and rather less than half the white, of a hard-boiled (ten minutes) egg, must, of course, also be freely offered; mix in the whole of the white when the young are five or six days old. Any hen worth her salt will rear fine, lusty young on this menu.

### A Mule and Redmite.

**W. Nevin.**—It is rather early for a bird to moult, but that matters little so long as be does not commence to moult again later on. A good-sized stock cage for a Mule is one 18in. long by 9 wide by 12 to 14 high, wired at front only. If you think the bird has a slight cold, why not try the effect of one of the remedies advertised in our columns? I see no reason why the workshop you mention should not make an excellent bird room, providing it is thoroughly damp and draught proof. With regard to the red mite, the Mule should be moved temporarily into a clean cage (a small box, wire netted at front, would do as a makeshift), after being dusted with insect powder in the manner described in the reply given "E. Harris" this week. The old cage should be thoroughly gone over (every crevice, joint, and wire hole, perches as well) with a brush soaked in turpentine; stand in the open to dry for a few hours, Then distemper it with enamel. There will be no red mite left on it. An all-wire cage could be placed in boiling suds, if preferred. Afterwards spray the Mule daily with water made bitter by the addition of a little infusion of quassia (from a chemist) or let it bathe in such water. A hand wash (with soap) by a skilful fancier is very helpful in ridding a bird of red mite.

### Is Egg Injurious?

**Inquirer.**—I am under the impression it is an indisputable fact that yolk of egg is a favourable medium for the cultivation of the bacilli responsible for septicæmia, or "bird fever," and this more or less applies to "preserved" egg (egg flake, dessicated egg, etc.), but to the "fact that hard-boiled egg (either yolk or white) is injurious to soft-billed birds," I am certainly not prepared to subscribe. I have used egg for years, and use it every day now, both for Canaries, British and Foreign birds, and for my Muling couples. I have never had the slightest trouble, and I think I may in all modesty claim a fair share of success in the keeping of birds and, what is more, in keeping them in the best of health and condition. Of course, I am not so foolish as to give stale or even doubtfully fresh egg food, and I always try to avoid eggs which are not reasonably new laid. I am practically never without soft-bills of some kind or other in my room. Mind you, I don't say egg is not to be dispensed with by keepers of insectivorous birds, for I have friends (very successful, too) who do not use it; still, for what seem to me very good reasons, I personally always mix minced egg with my soft food. Had I found it harm my birds, I should have dropped it long ago.

### Stock Food for Ring Ousels.

**E.B.F.**—Ring Ousels thrive on exactly the same treatment as is meted out to Blackbirds and Thrushes. Very coarse-cut sawdust is a good covering for their cage-bottoms, providing a thick layer is used, and that the food and water vessels are high enough from the floor to prevent its getting "kicked up" into them. A turf is not needed. Let them bathe freely. You should read the excellent article on these birds, which appeared in a recent special number, from the pen of Mr. Burrows. As a stock food, here is one which any good corn dealer would mix you (store it in tins): Finely ground chicken (or game or pheasant or partridge) meal, six parts; ground silkworm pupæ, meat meal, good ants' eggs and dried flies, one part each, by measure. Get the chicken (or other) meal without grit. If you have any difficulty in doing so, finely crushed puppy cakes (or dog meal) makes an excellent substitute. Damp (just crumbly moist) quantity required for daily use with grated raw carrot, or finely-chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season, or cold boiled potato, and a little warm water, if necessary. Vary them frequently, and add a teaspoonful of preserved egg flake, or half a hard-boiled egg, finely minced up, occasionally. Give some mealworms daily, and any other live insects you can lay hands on, also ripe fruit and berries frequently, and according to season. "Blackbeetles" are very much relished, likewise snails, by the Thrush tribe.

### Treatment of Young Mules.

**Roffe.**—The three white feathers in the tail do not quite make the Mule a "light" one of any value (the variegation is not sufficient), but they spoil it for exhibition as a "dark" Mule (it would be "wrong-classed," if entered as such). As regards the feeding when Mules are leaving their parents, all Canary Mules reared by Canary hens are brought up in very much the same way as young Canaries—that is, on similar food and treatment generally. When commencing to feed themselves offer (in addition to soft food) maw seed, lightly cracked Canary and hemp seeds, groats, or coarse oatmeal, shelled and broken up sunflower seed; also seeding heads of chickweed, shepherd's-purse and groundsel; and thistles in season. Don't, at the same time, forget grit and cuttlefish, likewise old, crushed mortar. If any difficulty in getting seeding green food, steep summer rape seed in cold water, which thoroughly change every day. It will soon begin to germinate (burst), and is then ready for use, dabbing it as dry as possible in a towel before offering it to the birds. All crushed seed should be prepared fresh daily. Wean them off egg-food as soon as possible, substituting for it home-made egg cake, moistened, if necessary, with a spot or two of milk, or of water; or a little stale sponge cake, or crushed sweet biscuit (maizena wafer, tea or Osborne) also moistened with milk. Egg-cake made and baked at home really does not need damping. Don't make the mistake, when dropping egg, of leaving off soft food entirely; that is the great point. A little of the "egg-cake" can be crumbled amongst the crushed seed offered to the youngsters.

### Hand-rearing Thrushes, etc.

**A.A.H.**—It would do no harm to put a cock Chaffinch in the aviary, but a Jackdaw or a Magpie would "play Hamlet" (or, rather, the "King of the Cannibal Islands") with the small birds therein. I have several times this season told how to hand-feed Thrushes. They are easy to rear from the nest, and many people do so on nothing but bread and milk. Equal parts of stale bread and best ants' eggs (freed from rubbish), made very moist with new milk, would be a very fair food. To rear strong, lusty youngsters, however, I prefer to proceed as follows:—Boil a fresh egg twelve minutes, and, when cold, well mix with a fork the yolk and half of the white into two crushed Osborne biscuits; add to this a dessertspoonful of best ants' eggs (removing bits of stick and rubbish, if present), stirring all well together. Just before you feed, take the necessary portion of food and make it into a sloppy consistency with new milk. In hot weather (and at all time) be careful the food is always fresh and sweet. Feed a little at a time only, but very often, from dawn to dusk; and a feed after dark is not at all a bad thing. Cut a few mealworms into pieces, also, dip them into milk, and drop them into the nestlings' mouths. As the youngsters grow, too, add now and then a pinch of small but gritty sand to the food. It seems to act as a preventative of looseness of the bowels (or diarrhœa). Give also at all times flies and like small insects; and live ants' eggs if you can get them. Very young birds want feeding once an hour (do not "stuff" them at any time) at first; every two hours or so at later stages. Cease hand-feeding when they cease to "cry" to be fed, and are picking up food for themselves. Keep warm, cosy, and scrupulously clean. No special appliance is necessary for the feeding. I have used a large, blunted (with a penknife) match stick with every success; likewise a quill tooth-pick with all sharp corners removed, and a little bone mustard spoon, cut to a suitable shape and different sizes at each end (handle and bowl), and smoothed off with very fine glass-paper. Put the food well down at the back of the tongue, and always be careful not to bruise or lacerate the tender mouths of the nestlings.

### Brevities.

**Rearing Young Thrushes** (H. J. Down).—This question you will find answered in the reply given this week to "A.A.H."

**Identity of Bird** (Greenhorn).—The bird is purely and simply a cock Greenfinch. How any "fancier" could hold that it was a "Mule" beats me entirely. There is not the faintest trace of any parentage other than the Greenfinch.

**Breeding Matters** (Lintie).—You will find the main question you ask answered in the reply given "E.B.F." this week. I hope you will have success, seeing that you have got so far towards it. It will not be too late for another round. The excreta of sitting hens is always of a copious nature, and you need not worry thinking she is out of health.

**Weeds** (J. Thompson).—When the weeds reached me, they were so squashed as to render identification well-nigh impossible. They should have been protected in some way through the post. The two with flowers I cannot make out; but the other is the oft-recommended shepherd's-purse, than which you can have no better green food for Linnets.

**Goldie-Siskins** (A.B.C.).—You need not worry; the hen will rear the young all right, even if she only gives them hemp seed and green food. You can't compel her to use things she doesn't want to, anyway. I notice that the two green foods the hen Siskin would be most likely to appreciate (seeding shepherd's-purse and chickweed) you do not mention. Five young out of six eggs is a remarkably good result.

**Keeping the Eggs, Etc.** (Novice).—If the Bullfinch eggs were quite fresh (not sat on), you can safely keep them seven to ten days before putting them under a hen Canary. Keep in a cool place, on bran, say, and give them a half-turn over every day (the latter is important). A "pink-eyed" hen denotes that she has cinnamon blood in her. A "Sih-bred" hen is one bred from parents who were closely related (though really the in-breeding is supposed to have been carried on through several generations). Don't apologise for your "ignorance"—I was once a very "green" fancier myself.

**Skylarks' Spurs** (W. Rolph).—A three-year-old cock Skylark undoubtedly has a longer and heavier (stouter) "spur," or hind-claw, than does a one-year-old bird. I have never personally had a hen Skylark which sang, but I read of a case where an old caged Skylark sang—but not a good or loud song—constantly, and then laid an egg, thus proving it to be of the female sex, though always thought a cock by its owner. Length of wing is a sure sign of sex; far more so than length of "spur."

**Thrushes "Moulting"** (Throstle).—I am afraid it is not the moult which is affecting the birds (they would not be "singing fairly well" if it were), but that you have unknowingly let cages and birds get pestered with red-mite. See two other replies on the question of "mites" this week. The plumage will come right after the moult, and the time for this is not far away now. Hints on feeding are given in the reply to "E.B.F." this week.

**Goldfinch with Plumage Awry** (W. Carlton).—There is only one explanation—red-mite. For the cure, note other replies given this week. I suppose you give the bird frequent opportunities of bathing?—or that you spray it? Red-mites multiply exceedingly quickly during summer weather, and thus if a bird is attacked by these pests, it takes but a short time (if they be not checked) for every joint and crevice in the cage to literally swarm with them. The bird's plumage then soon "tells a tale."

**A Muling Difficulty** (P.M.B.).—I should think the first round would very likely be too early for the Linnet; probably he was not in full breeding trim. It is curious the second lot of eggs should "turn," and then the embryo die. Did the hen stay off the eggs for an unduly long period during the early stages of incubation? That will spoil eggs. Let the hen be by herself when she again goes to nest, and let her be very quiet for the first week, and do not offer her a bath during that period.

**Bramblefinch and Greenfinch** (R.C.F.).—Bramblefinches are cruel fighters when they start, and especially vicious to other members of their own species. No doubt your two cock birds have been "scrapping." They ought to be separated. The place over the beak may come right at the moult; if it does not, you can't do anything, for if you burn off the "wart" with caustic, the place will always remain bare of feathers. You must cage up the Greenfinch, and gently anoint the patch twice daily with a little sulphur ointment; that will soon stop the irritation.

**A "Funny" Hen** (Brum).—It is difficult to say much about your hen without seeing her. Can she be very old, and past breeding? You do not seem to have been feeding her very highly. You ought not to have stopped the egg-food, and should have given frequent feeds of hemp, niger, and maw in addition. I advise you to resume the egg-food, and to mix with each teaspoonful five or six drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. If she does not then soon show signs of nesting, I am afraid she is hopeless. Your management is all right apart from the above.

**Hybrid, Etc., Breeding** (C.E.S.).—It is somewhat late now to pair up, but if the birds are already in condition (and they ought to be), you have plenty of time to get a nest from them. Hen Greenfinch to either cock Goldfinch or Linnet would be a very likely couple, affording an easily obtained Hybrid. I should be rather surprised if your starlings bred in a 42-inch cage. They would, no doubt, prefer a hollow log, with a hole cut in the front, to nest in. You would have to feed on a good insectivorous food, with whatever live foods (beetles, grubs, small garden worms, mealworms, etc.) you could obtain.

**Skylark with Insects** (E. Harris).—They are what fanciers term "grey lice"—wretched things to the attacks of which Skylarks are especially prone. You should catch the bird and dust plenty of Keating's insect powder thoroughly amongst its plumage, seeing that it goes well down to the skin (a soft camel-hair "mop" brush is handy to use). Then wrap the bird for five or ten minutes in a piece of clean cloth (old, soft calico, for instance), leaving the roll open at the head end, of course. After unwrapping the bird, give another light dusting, and return to the cage. Repeat in a week's time. A hand-wash with carbolic soap is very helpful.

## FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

### The Blue-eyed Mantle Cockatoo.

**Folkestone.**—Am not quite sure what species you refer to, and your letter reached me only as we are going to press, and there is not time to look the matter up. So far as I may venture a reply, I think it is at least very uncommon, if not rare, and it would be a valuable bird. However, values are comparative, and depend on how much one can induce an enthusiast to pay. As things go now-a-days, the rarity of to-day is common to-morrow, and this has made the acquisition of rare specimens very much of a speculation—though we do not buy to sell we do not care to buy to lose. The various species of Black Cockatoos are all valuable, and some of them still very rare. Please send me your address, I have mislaid it, and I will in the meantime look the matter up and then write you to save time.

### A Grey with Indigestion.

**J. Pye.**—It is the table scraps, etc., that have set up the mischief, and will not be very quickly remedied. Continue the treatment as per postcard, but regarding the use of the magnesia, you must after the first two doses exercise care, as the voidings should not be allowed to remain watery, neither should they be hard. Keep up the chemical food, and also dust the boiled maize with flowers of sulphur. Your present diet appears to be wholesome. Of course, it is now too late to do anything, but did you sterilise your cage after the demise of the previous occupants? This should always be done, as infection often follows the failing to take such precaution. I should let it have a liberal supply of ripe fruit daily, and offer at present a little plain biscuit and a few nuts regularly, as well as keeping up the supply of maize and seed mixture. When it is taking sufficient of the latter it will be better without the maize. Please report progress about a fortnight hence.

### Birds and Beetles.

**G. A. Baker.**—I do not think the birds, or rather the conditions of the aviary are responsible for the beetles. The ordinary cockroach (commonly called Black Bat) is ubiquitous and will find its way almost everywhere; they will enter rooms on the wing, and if undiscovered would soon increase behind the wainscoating, etc., and would then occasionally be discovered under green food and in any dark corners or shelter, the aviary provided. I do not think there is any other connection between the aviary and the beetles than this. There is one precaution it is well to take, and that is to secure an entire absence of damp arising from the use of the bath; place this on a watertight tray very much longer than the bath to catch the splashings. A demon beetle trap outside the aviary would soon test how many there were about; it has often occurred that these pests have been very numerous without their presence being suspected. Following them up with a trap and searching dark corners should soon reduce their numbers.

**Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.**

### Parrot Pulling Feathers.

**K.C.S.**—So long as the toast is not buttered and the biscuit not sopped in tea, coffee, or milk, they are both wholesome, and can be given freely. If the bird prefers them moistened, moisten (not saturate) them with the chemical food water. Neither maize nor monkey nuts should form the staple diet (I presume the maize is boiled). I should keep a tin of the seed mixture in the cage and also mix a little with the maize, and it will ultimately take to this. Consult its taste and give it some ripe fruit daily; apple, orange, or grapes are usually preferred. Give Dinneford's every other day so long as the voidings are not watery; if they become so you must cease the magnesia for a few days, at any rate. The chemical food can be given on the days you are not giving the magnesia. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage, also a cotton reel or two, and a piece of stout branch (non-splitting willow is good) so as to keep it occupied. I do not anticipate your bird is confirmed in this habit, but that its plumage will gradually improve; continue the treatment for a month and then report progress, giving full particulars.

### Budgerigars Not Breeding, etc.

**M.L.G.**—(1) You are making the common mistake of comparing Foreign birds with Canaries. Even the free breeding Foreigners, even Budgerigars, prolific as they are, do not breed with the same precision as Canaries, that is, put them together and expect results in a month or thereabouts. This sometimes does occur, but it is not the rule. Your treatment is satisfactory, and you will have to wait for them to settle down. There is ample time for them to breed this year; it is quite safe to permit them to do so right up to October. I most certainly am of opinion they will settle down to breeding shortly, but individual pairs are very erratic in this respect—some do so almost at once, others take a few months to do so. (2) Give the Zebra Finches a box type breeding cage, say, 24in. long by 12in. deep by 18in. high; place a nesting receptacle at each end and do not interfere with these, but leave them to themselves; give them a little soft food or a few ants' eggs to pick over, and I do not anticipate you will have any further trouble with them. Their present quarters are too public. A C.P. aviary cage is no use for breeding purposes; it gives no privacy. Again, the company of other birds in such confined space is almost fatal to success. Of course, if the hen still persists in this vice under the altered conditions, there is nothing to be done but get rid of her and procure another hen.


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### A Budgerigar Unwell.

**R.A.W.**—From your details it would appear you have had two hens, as the cere of the female when out of breeding condition is blue. I am afraid nothing can be done; the bird is evidently wasting away, very probably from some contagious malady with which both were contaminated. I should most certainly not at present put another bird with it, and should advise well scalding the cage out before using it for another. The husk should be thrown away, and a fresh one put in. I can only suggest that you add to the birds' dietary a few oats and grass in flower (seeding grass), as much as it will take of the latter. Put a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every other day for week. In such small compass I should advise you to have another pair of Budgerigars with a husk at each end of the cage. A pair each of Green and Yellows would look well together. I have not found varnish or paint of any kind, once it has become really hard, harmful to birds, and I have had Parrakeets eat quite a quantity of putty which contained white lead, and had been painted with the same.

### Dietary for Finches.

**D.W.T.**—Birds should only be permitted to go to nest when in finest condition, which your bird evidently was not, and this combined with the prevalent cold winds has brought about the catastrophe. Continue to supply the sand, shell, etc., and also if you can get it, pounded mortar rubbish. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet seeds, oats, paddy rice (rice in the husk), green food, such as grass in flower (seeding grass), lettuce, etc., and Ribbon and Zebra Finches and Nonpareils should do well. When they have young to feed, a little soft food should be supplied, and at any period a few ants' cocoons scattered over the sand make a welcome and wholesome change to most species of Foreign Ornamental Finches. Sprays from rose bushes, fruit trees, and any non-poisonous foliage that are covered with blight will also tend to keep them fit and contented.

### Brevities.

**Silverbill Unwell** ("Silverbilly"). — These charming birds are usually very hardy and long-lived. Let its drinking water for one day consist of one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia and one ounce of water; repeat this after an interval of three days. Supply, while it continues in its present condition, a little milk sop, to be made with boiling milk only. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet seeds, green food, cuttlefish, grit, and water for drinking and bathing. It is impossible to state if its complaint is contagious, but it certainly is unsafe to keep a bird in such a condition with your healthy stock. Isolation should always be practised as a precautionary measure. I fear the bird will be dead before these lines are in print.

**Treatment for a Parrot** (W. H. Jones, Everton).—Do not give any tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever to your Grey. Diet: A seed mixture of Canary, oats, hemp, wheat, maize, and sunflower seeds in about equal parts. Also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit, and nuts. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage, and let it satisfy its thirst three or four times a day; this is better than keeping water continually in the cage at first. If the bird has been having boiled maize, you must continue to supply same for the present, remembering it must be prepared fresh daily as it soon turns sour.

## PARK AND LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

### Keeping Ruffs.

**G. A.**—(1) Yes, Ruffs would be very suitable inmates for an aviary 20ft. by 9ft., containing Cardinals, Foreign Thrushes, etc. (2) They are not at all shy or wild. (3) They do not damage shrubs. (4) They are hardy, but should have a shed, as recommended in this issue. (5) The dealer you mention could no doubt supply you with a healthy pair.

## POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

**Canary Hen** (J. Crawford).—Chronic softening of liver, consequent feverishness, ending with rupture of blood-vessel of that organ.

## GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

**An Address** (T. Gillies).—The address you require is The Erith Patent Novelty Co., Erith, Kent. We do not know of any other.

**A Cabinet** (C. Lugton).—Sorry, but we have published one or two ideas for cabinets in the past. Your latest shall receive due attention.

**An Aviary** (Berkshire).—It certainly is not "against the law" to keep British birds in an aviary—you need anticipate no trouble on that score. Thanks for kindly remarks.

**Address Required** (J. McIntyre).—We cannot give the addresses of correspondents without their permission. If you will send us a stamped envelope containing your communication, we shall have pleasure in addressing and forwarding same.

**Young Thrown out of Nest** (F.E.S.).—The mishap was due to the desire of the hen to nest again. Had you supplied a second nest-box, she would have built in that and left the youngsters alone. When the cock bird is left with the hen, she invariably wants to go to nest again before her first babies can look after themselves. Both parents, however, usually tend to the latter until they can safely be taken right away.

**A Macclesfield Matter** (Fair Play).—This seems to us to be a matter of purely local interest; one which the society ought to settle amongst its own members. If it can be established that a mistake was made respecting the sex of the bird, it will surely be freely admitted.

# Correspondence.

## The Sad Case of Mr. Barwell.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge through your columns two pairs of Border Fancies from Mrs. Clark, Rodborough, Stroud, also one Goldfinch and one Bullfinch from Mr. W. P. Bell, Bridgnorth, who also offers 1s. for a fourth prize, so that the prizes will be: 1st 5s., 2nd 3s., 3rd 2s., 4th 1s. Any Variety Cage Bird (Gift Class) show to be held on Saturday, July 10th. Any further entries will be gladly received by me.

J. NASON, Treasurer.

Foresters' Arms.

## A Benefit Singing Match in Lancashire.

SIR,—In answer to the letter in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, signed "A Novice Fancier," I shall be much obliged to him if he will meet the Secretary of the Wigan Linnet Club at the club house, Millstone Hotel, when he will give him all the information he wants about that benefit match that was held at Wigan a few weeks since. I shall be only too pleased to meet him, any time after six o'clock, if he will come.

ALF. PARKER, Secretary.

## The Taming of Wild Birds in the Open.

SIR,—The following may interest many of your numerous readers: A friend of mine has tamed some Robins, so that they fly into her house and into her bedroom in the early morning, and take the bread she puts there. Should she forget to put bread on the table, they go out immediately, but when bread is there they will come to visit her in bed. One laid an egg in her conservatory. Several visit her house and fly about anywhere, regardless of the inmates. A bird has laid an egg under the seat in a waiting-room of a railway station near here, and the porters are wondering if it will lay more. I do not know what bird it is. I have tame Gulls that will take food from me, and will hover over my head when I call them. They tap at my window and scream if I am late. I am a fair distance from the sea, too. Even the people here are astonished. I have tamed them so well. Crows, and all kinds of birds, fly to me in the garden. I feed the wild birds all the year daily, and I have a large number of cage birds, both foreign and Canaries—the latter being of my own rearing. I have had birds, in fact, all my life. F. B.

## On Mating Birds with an Object.

SIR,—There will still be many matings carried out even at this belated season for late broods from birds that have been backward in coming in condition, and for a last brood from a "corrected" mating, so to speak. That is, when one has put together a pair of birds at the beginning of the season which have obviously failed to "hit," as shown by the quality, so far as it can be judged of the first brood, if another bird is available, to which either the cock or the hen—or other mates or both for that matter—seem to form a better balanced match, that pair are mated together for the last brood of the season instead of adhering all the season to the first selection which has clearly failed. Let us suppose, for example, that your stock consists of Yorkshires, and that there is a certain proportion of birds of both sexes with flat heads. These, in the ordinary course, will have been mated with the roundest-headed of one's stock, other things being equal. Now, in theory, the produce of this pair should show a fair proportion of birds which are a kind of go-between of these two types of heads, whilst the remainder may consist of one or other of the predominating type. Now, suppose that the youngsters from the first brood of the pairs mated on this principle show a decided leaning to the minority of good- headed birds, and, perhaps, but a small proportion of the go-between, too, the great majority of the young being replicas of the flat-headed parent, and mere "wastrels," then is the time for the breeder to look around and see whether he can revise his early matings, in the hope of getting a slightly improved type of young in the last round of nests. Say, for instance, one pair, consisting of a flat-headed cock, and a good dome-skulled hen, have failed to produce any decent-headed young, and the flat-head is noticeable throughout their young, and a second pair, consisting of a flat-headed cock and only a fairly round-headed hen, have produced a good average proportion of medium young, and a few good headed birds, the proportion of real wasters being but small. This latter case may show one of two things; first, that the fault in the cock is not of a strongly hereditary type; or, second, that the hen has a prepotent power over the fault, and is able to counterbalance it in the young, even though she herself is not conspicuously good in the point. Similarly in the first-named pair the fault in the cock is probably of a strongly fixed type, and the hen, although excelling in the same point physically, probably possesses but weak innate powers of correcting it. Now, if the cock from the first-named pair is mated with the hen of the second pair described, there will probably still be a fair average of medium quality birds, with a rather larger proportion of wasters, and a correspondingly smaller number of good birds, the influence of the hen being still potent enough to correct the fault of the cock to a certain extent. On the other hand, the cock of the second-named pair, mated with the hen of the first-named pair, may produce at least a small proportion of birds of medium quality, with a fair chance of a stray bird or two of good average quality, and at least as good in head points as the female parent. To sum up, the revision of two such fine pairs as those described will in all probability result in an increase of specimens of medium quality, a diminution of real wasters, and the addition of a sporting chance of really good outstanding birds turning up in the last brood. As an alternative to the revised mating just described, if the best of the cocks (that, in the case referred to would be the cock of the second-named pair) is a young and vigorous bird, he may be run alternately with both the hens for the last nest, and the cock of number one pair relegated to the flight for the remainder of the season. But if he is used, as already suggested, and the young from him when mated with the other hen still show a persistent trace of the fault through all the young, he should not be used another season. In many cases novices hold on to a bird of this type much too long. Naturally, the case taken in point as an object lesson is applicable to any variety, and also to any other typical failing, as well as flat-headedness. By doing this much may be done even at this late day to remedy errors and misjudgments which might have been perpetrated at the beginning of the season.

AN INTERESTED BREEDER.

## More Twins.

SIR,—I am glad to be able to answer my friend's wish concerning twin birds which he saw in Mr. Barclay's bird room the other day. Two years ago I had a pair of Norwich. The hen laid three eggs, two rather large. She sat, and in due course there were five birds in three eggs—two eggs with twins in, all fully matured, but all dead. I have more than one witness who saw the birds. Perhaps this will help our friend. These are facts which were referred to in your valuable paper at the time, in 1907.

W. REDSTONE.

## Lines from an Old Breeder.

SIR,—I have only been a purchaser of your paper from my newsagent this last few months. I may mention that I took some moderate persuasion to begin to read it. However, I am now doing so continually, as the articles put in each week interest me. I am an old breeder (on and off for a great many years), and I thought perhaps a few lines from a quiet sort of a breeder might be a sort of livening-up for the present day "upper ten." The one thing I always read with interest is what appeared the other week, headed "Breeding Season Troubles," and the many remedies there are for troublesome hens and the rearing of young. I have never experienced any great sorrows myself (maybe it's luck), and eggs are laid, hatched, and young reared without my ever losing more than three or four in a season. Perhaps my system may be smiled at with the present tip-top breeders; yet, if my routine was of any value I should only be too glad to hear of similar success though I agree there are hens of a curious understanding with Canaries. My system as regards egg-cake for young is strictly under the "old act" home spun (for five nests of young). Two eggs are boiled (hard, of course); I take the yolk only out of one, and use the whole of the other egg. I chop well up together very old loaf bread, two small handfuls well softened, mixed with crushed hemp seed and a little soft sugar (the bread, of course, with water well squeezed out). So far, out of eight hens I have 13 young ones (on perches, or nearly on). Three hens are on the point of hatching with four each (two just hatched four each). which, I hope by my ordinary happy-go-lucky "home spun" may be the usual success—usual dessert, watercress and lettuce. My general sort are Yorkshires, but this year I have added another Fancy (Norwich Plainhead), of which I have obtained two really excellent pairs from a fancier at Aylesbury. I have had a fine nest of young from one hen; the other is about to hatch. I have taken a great liking to this beautiful class. I think I shall forward a few this year to some of the shows, and see what I am able to do. Maybe I shall be interested more so; at least it will be instructive if I do not count. In conclusion, I might say I am a breeder, and find the hobby a very pleasant one. I have already enrolled a few of my friends as readers of CAGE BIRDS, and shall continue to do so at every opportunity.

JOHN H. JOWETT.

## An Encouraging Record.

SIR,—In writing of my experience of the bird breeding hobby, I take my readers back to the time when I commenced some four years ago. At that time I was quite ignorant of Canaries, but Canaries themselves had such a fascination for me, that I decided to "have a go at them." Having purchased a "prize pair" for about 8s. 6d., I put them together in a cage altogether too small for the purpose. Taking the first year on the whole, it was an utter failure. The second season I started in "deadly earnest," and I must say before going any farther, that I commenced to take in CAGE BIRDS. Now, with the help of CAGE BIRDS I made wonderful strides. It helped me to have a better knowledge of how birds should and should not be paired; and as regards size and colour, too, it gave me most useful information. My second year was crowned with better success, and at the end of the season I had about thirty youngsters from six pairs of birds. I still continued taking CAGE BIRDS, and from this source got information which was most valuable to me. Last season, with eight pairs, I managed to rear about sixty young ones. This season I have ten pairs, and up to the time of writing have twenty young ones, and also three lots of eggs to hatch to complete the first round. I would like to impress upon young beginners the absolute necessity of cleanliness. It is most essential to bird-breeding. Also plenty of fresh air must be allowed. Don't be afraid of having windows open, so long as the draught is not directly upon the birds. Also, I find that giving birds with young ones food frequently, helps them considerably. My food for feeding young is, egg and biscuit, crushed hemp, plain Canary seed, and a little green food. Shepherd's purse is a splendid green food for birds. By the way, I saw one of your correspondents inquiring for a sample of this shepherd's purse. If he sends me his address, I shall be pleased to forward same on to him. In conclusion, I should like to say a word of praise about your journal as an advertising medium. Last season I advertised in your paper (my first advertisement for CAGE BIRDS) and by that means I sold to one person forty-five birds. I also had several inquiries from well-known bird fanciers, and could have sold double the quantity if I had them. My wish is that every success may attend CAGE BIRDS, and be the means of helping more "novices" like myself.

GEORGE MORRIS

56, Breckfield Road, N. Liverpool.

## My British and Foreign Birdie Friends.

SIR,—It may interest (and perhaps some other bird lover will be kind enough to correct me if I am wrong in the treatment of my mixed bird family) if I describe my experiences. I divide my family into two sections, and will describe each. I.—Birdroom pets:—Hitherto I have been able to devote an empty room, facing east, and just over the kitchen, to the use of my birds. The room is large, lofty, and very airy, with two windows. The floor is covered with linoleum, and on this stands the whole top of an apple tree nailed to a board. Besides this, I have placed perches extending from point to point in the room, and at different heights. Here fly at their own sweet will Canaries, English and Siberian Bullfinches, a Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Goldfinch-Canary Hybrid, two pairs of Grey Java Sparrows, and a pair of white Javas. As a rule, the greatest harmony prevails amongst these various species, and yet I find it a fiction that "birds in their little nests agree." During the breeding season discussions are apt to wax warm, but the only weapon employed is the voice, and that is harmless. My method of feeding such a mixed assembly is to provide hoppers, filled with Canary, German rape, with sunflower and flax seeds, as a stock mixture for general use. In addition, I place a hopper of Finch mixture for the Goldfinch and the Greenfinch, also one of Canary, white millet and Indian millet seeds for the Javas. Millet sprays are also provided for those which like them; but I do not for one moment suppose that the birds keep strictly to the diet supplied to each species. Nevertheless, they are a healthy, happy lot, all in splendid condition, and are kept scrupulously clean both as regards their seed and water vessels and their room. Water is supplied in two large, self-filling fountains, and two large zinc baths (larger than the largest pie-dish used) are put on the floor every day in summer, and twice weekly in winter. These baths are very much appreciated, and I often see that every single bird has bathed. I buy the best seed I can obtain, and mix it myself, so that I know the food is wholesome and sweet. My Canary breeding results in such a mixed multitude were nothing last year, for there is too much life in the room, and one pair of Canaries interferes with another pair. Sometimes, also, the cock leaves the nestlings to the care of the hen, which finds domestic duties too slow, and goes a-courting on her own account, leaving the poor babies to their fate, the consequence being that they die. This year I propose to cage the couples, and to put blackthorn bushes thickly in one corner of the room for the use of the Bullfinches, and then see what happens. The birds are all perfectly tame, and are only caged for a month before the show season, just to steady them, and our show results are most satisfactory. This, I think, fairly describes my bird-room party. II.—Aviary pets:—Downstairs, in a quite cold room, stands a large home-made aviary, over 4ft. long and 5ft. high, made from an old packing case. In this I keep a cock Blackheaded Gouldian Finch, aged five years, a grand prize winner at shows, a hen Redheaded Goudian, called "The Merry Widow," and a very frisky, merry one she is. Also there are a pair of Cordons Bleus, a pair of Nutmeg Finches, and I have also had a pair of Zebra Finches there, but these have now a cage to themselves on account of domestic arrangements. This comprises my foreign element in the family. The British bird section consists of two young Bullfinches, which came to me in nest feather, and which I have watched develop into two beautiful cock birds. Also I have a hen Bullfinch, in process of turning black. This little family lives quite happily, as a rule, with no discussions, although I have seen the pigmy cock Cordon Bleu fighting with, what must seem to him, a giant cock Bullfinch. My method of feeding is to give a seed hopper of proper mixture for each section of my little community, the food being identical with that given upstairs in the bird-room, with millet sprays for those which wish for them. A bath of tepid water is given twice weekly in winter, and a cold bath daily in summer, and this, as in the bird-room, is greatly appreciated. All the birds seem happy, and in good health, and they all have room to fly, for the perches are wide apart, and they have a good flight from top to bottom of the aviary. Cosy cocoanut husks are provided as sleeping places for the foreigners, though, with the exception of the Cordon Bleus, I do not find they are used. The room is quite cold, and faces the north, so that the birds are quite hardy. They are also very tame, so much so, that I can take the foreign birds straight from the aviary to a show cage and send them off at once without any disturbance beyond a mild surprise at their sudden change of house being expressed on their faces. I should be very grateful for any criticism, or any suggestions.

MRS. M. B. PARTRIDGE.

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## A Food for the Wild Birds Wanted.

SIR,—For about 12 months I have been feeding the wild birds coming to my garden (not a large one). At first I had about a dozen to look after. Now, they come in scores—Starlings, Blackbirds, Thrushes, Tits, Robins, Sparrows and some Warblers. We have already Blackbirds and Thrushes, which we can feed by calling to them, and throwing the food on the ground—they come like chickens. I buy good fat meat (scraps) at 2d. a pound, bread and seed (whole and crushed hemp, maw, and millet). I get through 6lbs. of meat and 6lbs. of bread every week, and am beginning to think I shall have to increase my allowance. Can any of your readers inform me if I can in any way keep up giving them food they like, but at a cheaper rate? If they can do so they will greatly oblige.

THOS. W. TETLEY.

## The Progress of the Scotch Fancy Canary.

SIR,—I notice your issue of June 12 "A Breeder" says:—"I cannot understand why Canary fanciers do not enter heartily into the breeding of the Scotch Fancy Canary." I will endeavour to explain, and these same reasons may apply to cases which we bear nothing of. I started to keep Scotch fancies in 1904. I bought a pair for £5. I had four nests with four eggs in each all clear. In 1905 I added another pair to my stock. I got two young out of 28 eggs. I sold my first pair for £2, and bought another pair for £3. From these two pairs I had 17 young, but failed to raise any of them. That was the season 1906. I kept the same two pairs for 1907, but only got one young one—a hen. I sold the two pairs at the end of season for £2. Then, preparing for season 1908, I bought another two pairs, thinking fresh stock might bring me success. I had twelve eggs from one hen, and eight from the other—all clear. This season I have two pairs up, but so far with no results. In writing these lines I have no wish to discourage the breeding of the Scotch fancy, and "A Breeder" will admit, after perusing the above, I am not easily discouraged myself, because I'm "still having a go at 'em." I keep them in a cold room, which is free of draughts, and in which Yorkshires and Borders do well. I follow the advice of CAGE BIRDS, which I have taken for five years regularly. Still, I cannot "hit" the Scotch fancy. The worst you could do is to place the Scotch Fancy in a false position. If it is as easy to breed as other varieties, and you get such good prices, why don't more people go in for it? If "A Breeder" would give us a few hints as to how to breed it for pleasure, never mind profit, he would be doing good.

FAUGH A BALLAGH.

## The Border Fancy Canary in the South.

SIR,—I have now considered Mr. John Robson's letter, and relying upon his assurance that his judging book proves his statement, I hereby unreservedly withdraw my letter to Mr. Hodson of the 2nd December, 1908, and express my regrets to Mr. John Robson that I should have written it, and apologise to him for same. It appears I have been misled by the cards being placed on the wrong cages, and, I am afraid, by the true circumstances not being fully explained to me. I have at no time been actuated by any malicious feeling towards Mr. Robson, otherwise I should have mentioned names when I wrote as to the unwisdom of anyone showing under a relative. With regard to Mr. Robson's rather strong remarks as to my query, *i.e.*: "What are the qualifications entitling one to be called a specialist judge?" I would remind him that a "specialist" is "one who devotes himself to a special branch of a science or an art," and therefore, on his showing, he is not a specialist judge, but what is commonly called "all rounder."

ROBERT ELLWOOD.

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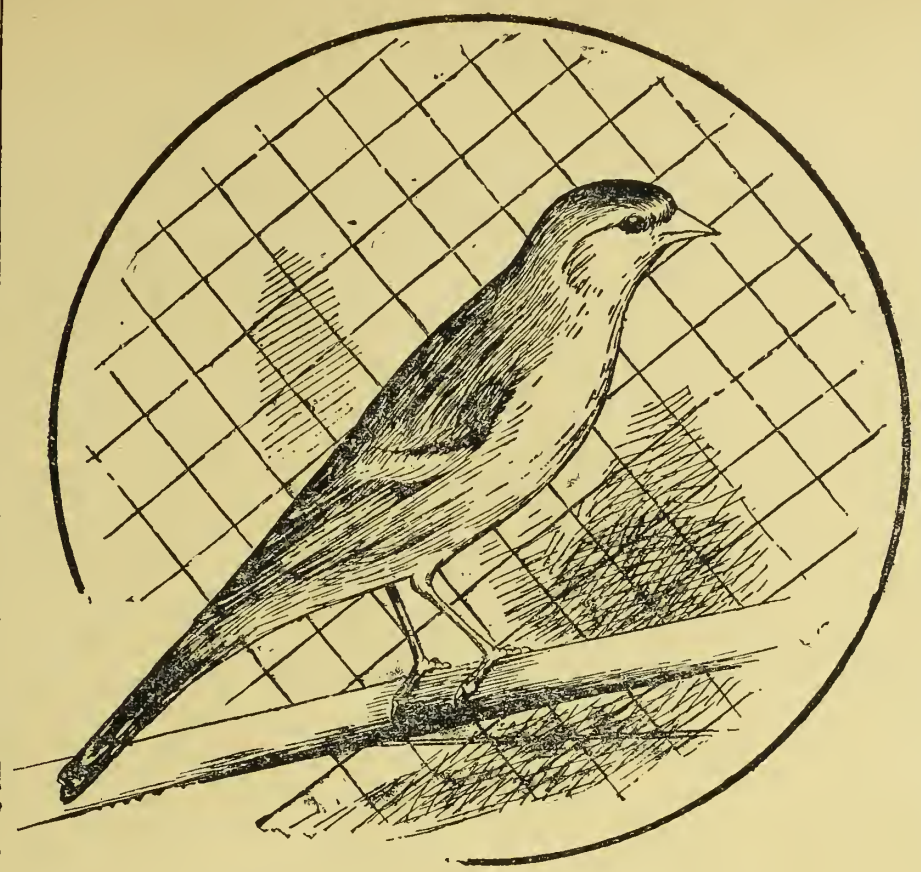
SIR,—There is little in Mr. Hadwin's letter that requires an answer from me except the misunderstandings. In the first place, why is he so anxious to re-open points thrashed out many, many years ago? How can they alter or advance the type of bird desired by our breeders just now? We cannot bring back to life those dear, humble and honest fanciers who settled this question; nor can we grind our corn with the water that has passed. These things may please some natures, but are away from the point at issue, and, in my opinion, only used to create a wrong impression, and stir up strife when there is no cause. Mere curiosity and jealousy we might well leave to our suffragettes! Curiosity can be carried to the brink of the grave. It reminds me of the minister who was called to the death-bed of someone, and who noticed, after praying for the guidance of his soul, that something was perplexing him. So he asked the cause, and was dumbfounded to receive the answer: "I was wondering how you got into that waistcoat of yours." The waistcoat was buttoned down the back! I quoted my letter word for word. The added sentence was used to show my meaning clearly. There was no "impertinence" on my part. If there were any it came from Mr. Hadwin in the first place. He states that everybody knows there are more good birds in Scotland than in England, etc. This is, as I have previously stated, taking the bird on an average. And, in this instance, I was writing of the international contest where points count. I would thank Mr. Hadwin to pay more attention, and not let me catch him every time. Arguments advance and expand our minds, but not pure "misunderstandings." Here is a point of more vital importance. The Editor of CAGE BIRDS has granted us his columns to settle this matter. If it is not settled now, are we not disregarding the opportunity? *Re* the size, my proofs in the first place were my own eyes. And the answer has been given likewise by Mr. Smith, who says: "Most of the judges down here (the South) seem to me (a novice) to want a thick-necked, stout-chested type of a bird." Mr. Hocking, in his straightforward letter, states that "the bird wanted down here in Wales is a rather shorter and more chubbily built bird." Again, from the number of letters I have received, I quote one penned on June 9th: "I may say I am a breeder, and a great admirer of the Border; but I am puzzled about the different types. Living as I do in the Southern Counties, is it any use my breeding for the longer, graceful, and more slim-necked bird? Here the judges take quite a different type." The writer finishes off by stating that only the distance would prevent him from sending birds where the societies employ judges who go by the standard. Now, Sir, those letters all point out that the fanciers want to breed the bird to the standard; but they cannot move further through the fads of judges who are years behind the times. Your opinion, fellow readers, is desirable on a question of such vital importance. I say, without the slightest hesitation, that the persons who are judges, and go away from the standard, are yearly driving the right sort of fanciers away. A little more attention to the points referred to might do a power of good.

J. PATTERSON.



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## The Japanese Waxwing.

SIR,—On opening my CAGE BIRDS on Friday, I was delighted to see an article on the Waxwing by Mr. F. Finn. I thought it might be interesting for Mr. Finn to know that I also possessed the Japanese Waxwing. I had the bird specially brought to me, by a friend, from Nagasaki. I treated this bird in exactly the same way as I had done my European Waxwing. It never appeared to thrive well, and my friend assured me that he had a lot of bother with it during the voyage—he fed it on some sort of paste and fruit. It was in a wretched condition when I received it, and I had only had it three months when it died. I will here endeavour to give an idea of its appearance. The length of the Japanese Waxwing is a little over 6ins., so it will be seen that it is a great deal smaller than our bird; in fact, it is the smallest of the trio, as I have also seen the American Waxwing in its native wilds. The Japanese bird bears an even greater resemblance to the Cedar bird than to the British Waxwing. The base of the bill is bordered by a black band, which passes to the back of the head, surrounding the eye on its way, and terminating in the lower crest feathers, which are of the same colour throughout. The chin and throat are black; the crest is long, composed above of feathers of an ashy reddish colour, with a lower layer of the black already referred to. The breast, upper parts, and wing coverts are of a brown ash, and a red band traverses the wing (about the middle of it); all the quills are of an ashy black, the greater quills terminated with black and tipped with white; the tail is of an ashy black, tipped with vivid red. The middle of the belly is of a pale or whitish yellow; the lower tail coverts, chestnut; shanks and feet, black. The bird differs from both the British Waxwing and the Cedar bird by the nakedness of the nostrils, which are not hidden by the small feathers at the front, like the nostrils of the other two species of Waxwings, and also by the entire absence of the wax-like appendages that tip the secondaries of its congeners.

WILLIAM R. HARDIE.

## The Clashing of Show Dates in Scotland.

SIR,—Mr. Grewar's reply in your last week's issue struck me as being like what, I believe, is reckoned a most undesirable Norwich Plainhead, insomuch that it had plenty of length but very little substance. Like the drowning man clutching at a straw, he states that in any event all the shows are not advertised in the "Dates Fixed Column." What concerns us is that Kelty and Perth *were* advertised. I am taken to task because I made a clerical error in stating 24th Oct. instead of 23rd. I stand rebuked! Your correspondent also reminds me that I have not explained why Kelty chose a new date this year. No, I have not; nor have I explained to him the way to reach the moon, for the very good reason that I do not know: Mr. G. does not like being convicted on his own statements, and pretends not to see the point. It is very simple. He condemns Perth for taking Forfar's date some years ago, and now Forfar Society commits the same breach. When I object, he cannot see anything wrong in their action! He rightly finds fault with a society which has taken Forfar's date, but he would give the latter a free license to take Perth, or any other society's, date. Forfar can do no wrong! He blusters forth that they have a right to hold a show when it suits them. Yes, Mr. G., they have a legal right to usurp another society's date, but not a moral one. However, all's well that ends well, and the best proof of the soundness of my argument, lies in the fact that Forfar Society has seen its error, and wisely abandoned the idea of holding an open show on 23rd Oct. Now, Mr. G., I trust you will be early in the field for 1910. Fix your date, and advertise it. If Perth or any other near neighbour selects your date after you have it fixed and advertised, I will be the first to take your side. Do not be anxious, Mr. G.; you have not hurt my feelings, nor are you likely to. Why should we make these matters personal?

CLUB MEMBER.

[With Mr. Grewar's reply, if he cares to make one briefly, and to the point, this matter must close.—EDITOR.]


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## Linnet Singing at Leeds.

### Unvarnished Reports versus Bluff and Bounce.

SIR,—I see in last week's issue that Mr. Soloman's Linnet is the best bird that ever sung in Leeds. I wish readers to understand that this is far from being true. For instance, the bird can bullspink, and do three other ways of spinking, also can tweet enough to knock the window in, and can song-sing. He can go the wrong way as well as the right way, as he gets beat oftener than he wins, which readers of this paper will notice. The Linnet called "Chivvey" can tweet and spink and song-sing, and is full of clicks and jars, like the other. Both these Linnets knocked into one would not make a real one, as a true lover of the Fancy is disappointed when he hears the birds and then reads the report. It is all right when the the Linnets happen to get off the right way; they go mad, telling everybody what the birds have sung; but when they go the wrong way, they tell them the birds have not sung (when they have not got a prize). Readers of this paper will notice that they sang for the World's Championship, at the King's Head, for £20, and that a £5 contest was held at the Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe, and an All-England contest at the Prince Albert. Instead of its being £20 at the "King's Head," it was 15s. 6d. and a kettle, first prize. In the All-England contest at the Skinner's Arms, Mr. Soloman's bird did not win; he got second prize, which was 6s. In the English Championship he won first prize, getting 6s. Readers will see that the report has been nothing else but "bluff," and it turns the real fancier sick when he reads such. These two Linnets only win in their turn. When they are champion Linnets they keep on winning, and very seldom get beat. I hope this will stop such startling reports sent up from Leeds Linnet clubs, and that they will just put the first and second and third prizes and the men's names to them, as they do in other towns. It causes a lot of unpleasantness to the older fanciers when they hear the birds sing and then read the report. And I hope the Leeds fanciers will use better language when I go again.

A VISITOR.

## Are Nightingales Decreasing?

With the object of controverting a statement that "the Nightingale is not increasing its numbers, and so not extending its range," a correspondent to "The Field" writes: In Worcestershire (Evesham) and Somerset (Glastonbury) where Nightingales are fairly abundant, I gathered that the numbers had increased much within living memory, and I have been informed that this is the case in East Glamorgan. We had several pairs reported in the neighbourhood of Cardiff yearly, and in 1906 I noted four pairs within a radius of a mile. Bridgend is often mentioned as the western limit.


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# The Shows.

## ATTERCLIFFE & DISTRICT C.B.S.

A very successful First Feather table show held at the club-room on June 16th. Mr. M. Gregory judged the birds, and after the members had had a good look ronnd answered a lot of questions in fine style. A very successful meeting ended with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Gregory.

NOR.: 1, 2, Smith; 3, c, Granger; res, Wadsworth; vhc, hc, Duddington. YORKS.: 1, 2, res, hc, c, Walker; 3, Blunt; vhc, Ward.—W. RICHINSON, hon. sec.

## SHIPLEY O.S.

At our First Feather show, held June 12th, we bad about 50 birds staged in ten classes. Mr. H. Dobson made the awards, and seemed to give every satisfaction.

CL. YELL.: 1, 3, Martin; 2, Batty; vhc, Fieldhouse; hc, Crossland; c, Towers. BUFF: 1, 3, Crossland; 2, Long; vhc, Martin; hc, c, Briggs. TKD. YELL.: 1, Martin; 2, Crossland; 3, vhc, Ackroyd; hc, Parker. BUFF: 1, Martin; 2, Fieldhouse; 3, vhc, Long; hc, Briggs; c, Battye. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Armstead; 2, Robinson; 3, Cooper. BUFF: 1, Towers; 2, Grange; 3, Robinson. UNEVEN MKD. YELL.: 1, Robinson; 2, Fieldhouse. BUFF: 1, Sowden; 2, Robinson; 3, Grange; vhc, hc, Collins. FOUL MKD.: 1, Towers; 2, Grange; 3, Fieldhouse; vhc Armstead; hc, Collins. SELL.: 1, Armstead.—D. MARSDEN, sec.

## LAISTERDYKE B.F A.

Members' show held June 12th at Railway Hotel. Mr. W. Cruise judged, and gave every satisfaction. 78 birds were staged.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Padgett; 4, Casey; vhc, hc, Oddy; c, Bracewell. BUFF: 1, 2, Oddy; 4, Duckworth; 3, vhc, Ellsgood; hc, Parker; c, Tetley. YELL. MKD.: 1, Shoesmith; 2, 4, Coates; vhc, Swaine; hc, Parker. BUFF: 1, Oddy; 2, Langford; 3, Hall; 4, Parker; vhc, Tetley. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, 4, Parker; 2, 3, Shoesmith; vhc, Bracewell. BUFF: 1, Langford; 2, 4, Parker; 3, Ellsgood; vhc, c, Swaine; hc, Shoesmith. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Bracewell. BUFF: 1, 2, Bracewell. NOVICE: CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, c, Kitson; 2, 4, hc, Danby; 3, Studds; vhc, Marshall. BUFF: 1, Kitson; 2, 3, Graham; 4, vhc, c, Webster; hc, Pyrah. MKD.: 1, Studds; 2, Graham. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Pyrah; 2, Morton. BUFF: 1, Marshall; 2, Webster; 3, Mofton. Special for best bird in open section, Oddy; in novice section, Kitson.—A. BOTTOMLEY, secretary.

## BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Members' show held June 12th. There were 44 entries. Mr. T. Mountain (Baildon) judged, which was no easy task, as the birds were all of good stamp. After spending a good deal of time with them he gave every satisfaction. Number of points scored for silver cup and medals (three highest birds to count): Dykes 19 points, Broomfield 15, Skirrow 12, Whittaker 13, Kershaw 12, Boocock 10, Hutton 10, Firth 8, Atkinson 7, Peaker 2, and Shepherd 1.

CL. YELL.: 1, vhc, Boocock; 2, Atkinson; 3, Dykes; 4, Whittaker; hc, Hutton; c, W. Firth. BUFF: 1, Broomfield, special for best bird novice; 2, 3, 4, Dykes; vhc, Kershaw; hc, Peaker; c, Atkinson. TKD., ETC.: 1, Firth; 2, 4, vhc, Dykes; 3, Skirrow; hc, Broomfield; c, Shepherd. BUFF: 1, 4, Dykes; 2, Hutton; 3, Whittaker; vbc, Skirrow; hc, c, Kershaw. CINN. TKD. YELL.: 1, Hutton; 2, Whittaker. HEAVILY VARIEG.: 1, Kershaw; 2, Broomfield; 3, Dykes; 4, hc, Skirrow; vhc, Whittaker; c, Hutton. SELL.: 1, Peaker.—J. M. SKIRROW, hon. secretary.

## SOUTHPORT AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A most successful Nest Feather sbow and also of British birds was held at the Phœnix Lodge, Pine Grove, on June 12th. Mr. J. W. Cleminson (Preston) judged, and gave universal satisfaction.

NOR. CL. YEL. (5): 1, spl, 3, Sutton; 2, Hurst; vbc, Williams; hc, Johnson. BUFF (7): 1, Fawcett; 2, Johnson; 3, vhc, Sutton; hc, Hurst; c, Bullough. TKD., ETC. (5): 1, spl., 3, hc, Williams; 2, Fawcett; vhc, Sutton. YORKS. CL. YELL. (4): 1, spl, Linaker; 2, Kay; 3, Williams; vhc, Wright. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Linaker; 3, Bullough; vhc, Ainscough; hc, Spencer; c, Kay. TKD., ETC. (13): 1, spl, hc, c, Kay; 2, Bullough; 3, Linaker; vhc, Sutton. A.O.V. (18): 1, spl, 2, 3, Bullough; vhc, Millburn; hc, c, Williams. MULE OR HYB. (nest feather): 1, spl, Wright. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, spl, 2, hc, Bullough (Yellowhammer, Chaffinch, and Brambfinch); 3, vhc, Kay (Greenfinch and Linnet); c, Johnson (Bullfinch). The novice special was won by Mr. H. Fawcett, and the special for most points throughout show by Mr. B. Bullough.—B. BULLOUGH, secretary.

(Please write on one side of the paper only.—ED.)

## BRADFORD EAST O.S.

First Feather show held on June 12th, at Park Chapel Schools, when Mr. J. Bailey (Allerton) officiated as judge. This show was the first of a series of six shows, for members to compete for the valuable specials that bave been arranged for competition. Owing to the renewed generosity of our esteemed president (Mr. E. Suddards) the Society are in the position of being able to again place before the members a splendid list of prizes, and this will no doubt be the means of providing some good competition amongst the members before the series of shows comes to a close on December 27th. The members, one and all, feel proud of our president, who has stood hy us loyally, and helped to steer the Society into the front rank by his unlimited interest in its welfare. May be live long to hold the presidency of our Society is the earnest wish of all our members. The entry was very good, 88 exhibits facing the judge, and some grand young birds were staged in all three sections, the quality being well up to the standard of any previous shows. The trustees of the chapel kindly gave us permission to hold our show in the new school, where we hold our open show, and this is a vast improvement, and will enable visitors to see the exhibits with far more comfort and pleasure than was possible in the old room. The winners of most points were: Champion section, Messrs. Stables, Laycock, and Briggs; novice section, Messrs. Dinsdale, Greenwood, and Gelder; extra novice section, Mr. Walker. The judge got through his work in good time, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

CHAMP.—CL. YELL. YORKS. (9): 1, 4, Stables; 2, Laycock; 3, Briggs; vhc, hc, Cruise; c, Farrar. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Laycock; 2, Stables; 4, vbc, c, Northrop; hc, White. TKD. YELL. (9): 1, 2, Stables; 3, hc, Cruise; 4, Laycock; vhc, Briggs; c, Farrar. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Briggs; 3, Laycock; 4, Northrop; vhc, Farrar; hc, c, White. UNEV. MKD., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Farrar; 2, Northrop; 3, Laycock; 4, Briggs. BUFF (5): 1, Stables; 2, 3, Laycock; 4, Briggs; vhc, Farrar. CINN. MKD. YORKS. (2): 1, White; 2, Briggs. NOVICE.—CL. YELL. YORKS. (8): 1, Baldwin Bros.; 2, Nettleton; 3, Metcalfe; 4, Dinsdale; vhc, hc, Peacock; c, Priestley. BUFF (9): 1, Dinsdale; 2, Warner; 3, 4, Greenwood; vhc, Baldwin Bros.; hc, Nettleton; c, C. Walker. TKD. YELL. (4): 1, Dinsdale; 2, Nettleton; 3, Greenwood; 4, Warner. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Dinsdale; 3, hc, Lowes; 4, vhc, Gelder. UNEVEN MKD., ETC., YELL.: Void. BUFF (7): 1, Dinsdale; 2, Greenwood; 3, Warner; 4, C. Walker; vhc, Busfield; hc, c, Peacock. CINN. MKD. (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Gelder. Extra NOVICE (for those who have never won a money prize): YORKS. (4): 1, 2, Walker; 3, 4, Stobart.

## HASTINGS UNITED C.B.S.

On June 9th the First Feather show was held at the Royal Oak Hotel. There were nearly 50 birds staged. Judging was ably done by Mr. J. Stevens.

NOR. CL.: 1, Brooke; 2, Ransom; 3, Bellamy; 4, vhc, Goddcn. TKD.: 1, Upton and Button; 2, 3, Bellamy. MKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Brooke; 3, Bellamy. YORKS. CL.: 1, 2, Nagel; 3, Barham. TKD.: 1, 2, Barham. MKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Nagel; 3, Barham. CREST: 1, 2, Upton and Button.—A. E. GODDEN, hon. sec.

## BEDFORD AND DISTRICT C.B S

The first nest feather show of the season brought together a very nice lot of Norwich, several of the winners being of quite up-to-date type, and teeming with quality. Special mention may be made of the four winning birds belonging to Messrs. Markham, Keech, Goodman, and Millard, all showing the true Norwich properties. The leaders' points for the silver cup were: Millard 32 Goodman 18, Keech 15, Notley 12. Mr. Martin (Wellingborough) judged.

YELL. NOR. (10): 1, Markham; 2, Notley; 3, Goodman; res, Wiggins; vhc, c, Millard; hc, Smith. BUFF (11): 1, c, Keech; 2, Notley; 3, Millard; res, Smith; vhc, Markham; hc, Parrott. MKD. YELL. (6): 1, Goodman; 2, 3, Millard; vhc, Keech; hc, Livermore; c, Parrott. BUFF (15): 1, 3, Millard; 2, Goodman; res, Keech; vbc, Wiggins; hc, Garrod; c, Smith.

## CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

First members' show held June 12th at Flying Dutchman Hotel, judge, Mr. H. S. Naylor (Bradford), who gave every satisfaction.

OPEN YORKS.—CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Lingley; 2, Helliwell. BUFF: 1, 3, Lingley; 2, 4, Helliwell. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Liugley; 3, Helliwell. BUFF: 1, Helliwell; 2, Lingley. NOVICE YORKS.—CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Smith; 2, Plowright; 3, Fawcett; 4, West; vhc, Fletcher; hc, J. Horsfield; c, S. Horsfield. BUFF: 1, 2, Bateman, 3, hc, Bromham; 4, Fawcett; vhc, West; c, S. Horsfield. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Bateman; 2, Bromham; 3, Packer; 4, Fletcher. BUFF: 1, Greenwood; 2, Bromham; 3, Packer; 4, Bateman; vhc, S. Horsfield; hc, Brown; c, Westcott. NOR. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Plowright; 3, vhc, hc, Bateman; c, Brown. BRIT. OR CAN. MULE: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Inman.

## GLOUCESTER C.B.S.

The first of their young bird shows for the season was held June 10th, at headquarters, "The Saracen's Head Hotel." The entries were not quite so numerous as on some previous occasions, but some nice quality birds were staged. Mr. J. Houghton put down a nice level team and captured three out of the four first prizes in Norwich, also the special for best bird in show, with a grand feathered marked yellow of capital shape. In the A.O.V. class, Mr. G. Gwilliam made a clean sweep witb a nice team of Borders, the winner being a charming buff of much promise. The Hon. Sec., Mr. J. Hougbton, had everything nicely arranged. Mr. J. H. Payne judged, and gave the members satisfaction

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 3, Houghton; 2, vhc, Wasley; hc, Taylor; c, Duggan. BUFF: 1, 2, Wasley; 3, vhc, Hougbton. MKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Houghton; 2, vhc, Wasley; hc, Hiam; c, Barnes. BUFF: 1, hc, Houghton; 2, c, Barnes; 3, Wasley; vhc, Taylor. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Gwilliam.

## LEYTON AND DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

The Association embarked upon a new venture on June 5th by holding a Nest Feather Show. It proved a great success as regards the number of exhibits, close upon 100 birds being entered. The attendance during the evening was excellent, and the arrangements as usual were carried out in A1 style by the popular secretary, Mr. B. F. Forse, ably assisted by Mr. H. W. Burbidge. Mr. J. S. Clarke made the awards, which, as usual, gave entire satisfaction.

CHAMP. YORKS YELL.: 1, 3, Bennett; 2, Forse and Son. BUFF: 1, 3, Forse and Son; 2, Bennett. NOR. YELL.: 1, Cooper; 2, vhc, Carr; 3, Harper. BUFF: 1, 2, Cooper; 3, Carr; vhc, Harper. MKD. ETC.: 1, hc, Harper; 2, 3, c, Carr; vhc, Cooper. CREST AND C.B.: 1 2, 3, vhc, Wallace. AMATEUR NOR.: 1, 3, Gravestock; 2, vhc, Williamson. NOVICE YORKS YELL.: 1, Farmer; 2, Wood; 3, Wyatt; vhc, Taylor; hc, Burbidge. BUFF: 1, Burbidge; 2, Farmer; 3, Wood; vhc, Wyatt. MKD., ETC.: 1, 3, Burbidge; 2, Farmer. NOR. CL. YELL: 1, Marshall; 2, hc, Billingsley; 3, Roberts; vhc, Bartlett. BUFF: 1, 2, Billingsley; 3, Taylor; vhc, Bartlett; hc, Mills. TKD. YELL.: 1, Bartlett, 2, Roberts; 3, vbc, Taylor; hc, Parr. BUFF: 1, Bartlett; 2, Marshall; 3, Hoasup. MKD., ETC. YELL.: 1, Bartlett; 2, Parr; 3, Marshall. BUFF: 1, Roberts; 2, 3, Billingsley; vhc, Dalton. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Cooper; 3, Dalton; vhc, Mills. LINNET: 1, 3, Wood; 2, vhc, c, Cooper; hc, Mills. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, 3, Hellens; vhc, Wood; c, Forse and Son. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Forse and Son; 2, 3, Hellens; vhc, Forse and Son. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Forse and Son; 2, Hellens.—J. A. BARTLETT.

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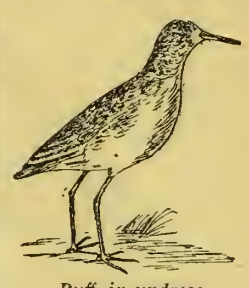
# ORNITHOLOGICAL ODDMENTS.

**By Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.**

Author of "The World's Birds."

## A Hardy Wader.

People who want to see the Ruffs at the Zoo at their amusing, not to say ridiculous courting antics, must not long delay their visit to the Waders' Aviary there, for I saw last Sunday one bird already beginning to moult his courting finery. This, as many of my readers will know, consists of a tippet and frill of long curled feathers, and varies astonishingly, it being difficult to find two birds alike. When out of colour, however, the Ruffs are all much alike, and then, as the rough sketch accompanying shows, look much like other Sandpipers; the Reeves, as the females are called, are always like this, though darker in colour in summer. The Reeve, however may always be distinguished from her lord and master by being fully a head shorter; she is only about as big as a Thrush, while he is nearly as large as a dove. Ruffs and Reeves are about the easiest waders to keep, being omnivorous, hardy, and long-lived, and not by any means wild. They have been offered this year at only five shillings each, and are very cheap at the price, as they are graceful and interesting even when out of colour.



*Ruff, in undress.*

## Feeding and Treatment.

Being ground-birds, these need a good long run rather than a high aviary; they should have a shed to shelter under, and a large pan of water to paddle and bathe in. They will live on any decent soft food, and appreciate Canary seed and wheat also; this they pick up with quite extraordinary rapidity. Earthworms, mealworms, and gentles are all much appreciated, and in default of these a little minced raw meat should be frequently given. They nest on the ground, laying four spotted eggs, and have been reared successfully in confinement. For breeding, it is as well to have more than one female, as these birds are highly polygamous; but they do not bother a hen as pheasants and such birds will do. I have never seen them behave aggressively to anything but another Ruff, but have heard of other ground-birds being persecuted by them, so an eye should be kept on their behaviour. With birds which perch, and so could always easily avoid them, they can do no harm.

## Intelligent Parrots.

Some time ago I saw such a remarkable instance of intelligence in a Grey Parrot that I hasten to put it on record here before I forget it. The bird, like Parrots generally, liked having its head scratched, and had invented a plan for getting this gratification without calling in human assistance. It would hold on to its swing with one foot and push this backwards and forwards across its poll as it stood on the perch below with the other foot. This was "going one better" than another Grey I read of, which used to give its swing a push and then hold its head under it as it swung to and fro. But since seeing the bird first mentioned, I have interviewed an even more accomplished specimen, which, its owner told me, would hold a small stick in its foot and scratch its head with that. This it unkindly refused to do before me, though it took and held a bit of wood; but after what I had seen with the other bird I had no difficulty in believing the account given me.

## A Club for Budgerigars.

Speaking of intelligence, reminds me that I have noticed lately that the yellow Budgerigars, now so commonly bred, are much more lively in a cage than the green ones, and I have been told they are more intelligent. And this moves me to suggest that more serious attention should be paid to the cultivation of this pretty little Parrakeet. Surely a bird which is so easily kept and bred, can learn to sing and talk, and displays such a tendency to colour-variation, ought to be taken more seriously, and have a club to look after its interests, and see that it gets good classification at our shows. Budgerigars are just the birds for people who have not much time to look after their pets; they need no special food when breeding, and no nesting material; although they do not usually breed readily when caged in single pairs, they will do so sometimes, and the tendency would undoubtedly be increased by selection, while they are exceedingly hardy and always saleable. In fact, they could be made very serious rivals both to Canaries and to the larger Parrots, and I am sure this would have been done if they had been brought to the knowledge of those enthusiastic aviculturists of a few centuries back who domesticated our Canaries for us.

## METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Young Bird Show held at the Crown, Lavender Hill, June 10th. There was a capital collection of youngsters staged, the most marked features being the Norwich and Borders. Special for best in show was awarded to a rattling buff Norwich Plainhead, shown in the Novice section by Mr. W. J. Burgess. This bird possesses beautiful feather, rare type, a bold and well-shaped head, and is in every respect a bird of promise. Yorkshires were nice, and so were the Britisb. Taken all round, the quality was of a high average, and the arrangements well timed and ably carried out. Mr. E. A. G. Box is the hon. sec., and to him, Mr. F. J. Martin (Chairman), and their fellow officials is due great credit for getting togcther such a nice collection of specials. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

CHAMP. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, spl., Mrs. F. Maddison; 2, 3, vhc, Martin. A.O.V. YELL.: 1, spl., 2, 3, Martin. YORKS CL.: 1, spl., 2, Harwood. A.O.V. YORKS: 1, Harwood. NOVICE NOR. CL.: 1, spl., spl. best in show, 3, Burgess; 2, vhc, Sawyer, jun.; hc, Ward; c, McGregor. NOR. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Burgess; 2, Sawyer, jun.; vhc, Ward; hc, c, McGregor. YORKS CL.: 1, 2, 3, vhc Ralph; hc, Tibbs; c, Aylott. YORKS A.O.V.: 1, spl., vhc, c, Walker; 2, 3, hc, Ralph. BOR. CL.: 1, spl., 2, hc, Saytch; 3, c, Mrs. McGregor; vhc, Mrs. Harwood BOR. A.O.V.: 1, Mrs. McGregor; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Saytch. BRIT. HARD: 1, spl., Ward; 2, 3, Wythe. SOFTBILL: 1, spl., 2, 3, vhc, Wythe. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Box.

## HYSON GREEN O.S.

Annual show of young birds held at the Cricket Player, Hyson Green, on June 12th. The Society is coming on in great form, fresh members being added to the roll weekly; and no wonder at it, as the room is one of the best for cage birds in England. The management is all that could be wished, and such a hard working committee deserves all that comes their way. Mr. Cottingham had everything in apple-pie order, and much credit is due to him for the way in which he managed the show. Mr. Tom Oliver made the awards.

CL. YELL.: 1, 3, vhc, Sharp, 1st bonny hird, grand head and neck, good quality, 3rd nice bird; 2, Clifford, similar to first. BUFF: 1, 2, Sharp, 1st grand all over, just the right stamp, 2nd good head, neck, and chest; 3, Alton; vhc, Hill; hc, Eley. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Sharp, nice bird all over; 2, Smith; 3, Jackson. BUFF: 1, vhc, Sharp, 1st clinker, eyes, wings, and tail marked, wins medal for best in show; 2, Thompson, very fine bird; 3, Hill, grand head and wings; vhc, Willes and Walker. HEAVILY MKD., ETC.: 1, Sharp, yell., good size, grand head, neck, and chest, useful; 2, Reily, fine bird; 3, Smith. BUFF, DARK CREST: 1, Holmes; 2, Jackson; 3, Smith; all good exhibits. C.B.: 1, Holmes, only a baby, should make a good one later; 2, Renshaw; 3, Smith; both nice. A O V.: 1, Holmes; 2, Jackson; 3, Smith. MULE: 1, vhc, Cottingham, light Goldfinch-Canary; 2, Caunt, Goldfinch-Can.; 3, Thompson, Jonque Goldfinch-Can.; all good, nicely staged. HYB.: 1, 2, Caunt, former grand Goldfinch-Bullfinch, 2nd Goldfinch-Bully hen; 3, Jenkins. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Bramblefinch; 2, hc, Alton; 3, Saywell, Bullfinch; vhc, Thompson; c, Caunt. FOR. SMALL: 1, Alton; 2, Caunt; 3, Jenkins. LARGE: 1, Caunt, Lorrie; 2, Cottingham, rose-breasted Cockatoo; 3, Smith.

## TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First Feather show held June 12th, about 50 birds being staged. Mr. J. Hartley (Bingley) judged, and gave undoubted satisfaction.

CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Worsman and Son; 3, Dawson; 4, c, Atkinson; vhc, Shaw; hc, Cheshire. BUFF: 1, 4, Gledhill; 2, c, Hodgson; 3, Worsman and Son; vhc, Clarke; hc, Sharp. TKD., ETC. (GREEN) YELL.: 1, Worsman; 2, Tidswell; 3, Worsman and Son; 4, Shaw; vhc, hc, Cheshire. BUFF: 1, Hodgson; 2, Tidswell; 3, vhc, Gledhill; 4, hc, Worsman and Son; c, Dawson. TKD., ETC. (CINN.) YELL.: 1, Clarke; 2, 3, 4, hc, Worsman and Son; vhc, Dobson. BUFF: 1, Hodgson; 2, Shaw; 3, Atkinson; 4, Worsman and Son. Messrs. B. Worsman and Son won Mr. H. H. Traver's special for most points with tbree highest birds.—J. SMITH, hon. sec.

## HUTHWAITE AND DISTRICT C.B S.

The First Feather open show was held on June 12th, at the Workpeople's Inn, Huthwaite. Mr. G. Severn judged, and gave every satisfaction. The exhibits were admirably looked after by an excellent committee, and the show arrangements were most ably carried out by Mr. W. Taylor, the sec.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, spl, Adnitt and Driver, excellent quality, nice colour; 2, Brown; 3, Taylor; both good exhibits. BUFF: 1, spl, Vardy, fine bird, nice type quality, and colour; 2, Smith and Bingley; 3, Adnitt and Driver, good colour and quality; vhc, Naylor. YELL. MKD.: 1, spl, Greaves, good variegated, fine size, colour, and quality; 2, Adnitt and Driver, another fine tick, very close up; 3, Marshall; vhc, Taylor. CLASS 4: 1, spl, Greaves, large bird, good type and colour-marked on wing; 2, 3, Adnitt and Driver, two varieg. birds of nice type; vhc, Marshall. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Vardy, large yell. green Nor., good type, colour, and quality; 2, 3, Athey, two very nice Yorks. MULES: 1, 2, spl, Vardy, two nice varieg. buff Goldfinch Mules. BRIT.: 1, spl, Vardy, good Goldfinch; 2, Adnitt and Driver, another very nice Goldfinch. NOVICE: 1, 2, spl, Taylor, cl. buff, grand type, 2nd buff tick, good one.

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# The Insurance of Birds:

## A Fancier's View of the Scheme.

**An Examination into what is probably the first scheme of Insurance for Birds ever attempted by fanciers, which has just been initiated by the London Federation of C.B.S., for the benefit of its members.**

In our issue of last week we gave particulars of a scheme for the insurance of birds which has been initiated by the London Federation of Cage Bird Societies, a body comprising 14 metropolitan associations of cage bird fanciers, with a membership of probably something under 600 persons. Appended we publish some friendly comments on this notable scheme, from the pen of Mr. G. E. Weston. The insurance coupon and the rules (of which we gave fac-similes last week) will be fresh in the minds of our readers, though probably it will be well to reprint the chief rules governing the scheme.

**An Extract from the Rules.**

Insurance under the Scheme of the Federation shall cover:—

(1) Loss of birds in transit (throughout the United Kingdom) whether to or from Shows, or sent on approval, or returned from being sent on approval.

(2) Loss by Death or Theft at Shows (fire excepted).

(3) Loss by Fire on owner's premises, but this shall not apply to loss by fire, due to the use of any heating or lighting apparatus in the birdroom.

For the purposes of Insurance, books containing six perforated Insurance Certificates with counterfoils can be obtained from the Secretary of the Federation at the cost of one shilling and a penny per book. Each Certificate will cover Insurance to the amount of £1, and any number of books may be purchased.

Certificates to the required amount of Insurance (but not more than five in the case of a single bird) must be filled in as stated above, and sent to the Secretary of the Federation before, or at the time of the despatch of the birds, failing which no claim will be entertained; further, the Certificate or Certificates so used will only apply to the railway journey or show definitely stated thereon.

The liability of the Federation, from all causes, shall not exceed £12 to any one member during any one year. Firms shall be considered to be one person for the purposes of Insurance. In the case of fire insurance, where separate studs are kept, each member of such firm, to participate in the benefits, shall be separately insured.

This Insurance will only apply to Canaries and Cage-Moulted British Hardbills, and is not intended to cover Foreign Birds or British Softbills, except under fire insurance, when they may be so insured.

FIRE INSURANCE.

In the case of loss by fire, any book purchased, so long as it remains intact, will cover such loss to the extent of £10, but should a book be partly used at the time of fire, the remaining Certificates shall cover loss to the extent of £1 per leaf.

We have, I expect, all read about that learned man concerning whom Goldsmith tells us, "the wonder grew that one small head could carry all he knew." Well, personally I have not a small head, neither is this the only point of dissimilarity 'twixt my cranium and that of the schoolmaster of "Sweet Auburn," hence it is with considerable hesitation that I venture to write this "criticism" of a scheme which has been formulated by some of the wisest men in the Fancy to-day. As a fancier, and one-time exhibitor, however, there are certain points concerning it which I think might very well be put before my fellow-fanciers. I must first of all, though, declare myself as wholeheartedly in sympathy with the objects the London Federation's scheme of insurance sets out to achieve. Therefore, my criticism is friendly criticism, and not destructive. I realise, too, that it is not easy to suggest a means of overcoming some of the objections I shall mention; further, that probably they have been considered already by the Council of the L.F. of C.B.S. Still, maybe we shall have some discussion in our correspondence columns on the matter, and maybe someone will be able to lead us to the light.

**The £ s. d. of the Matter.**

Probably the first thing that will cross the mind of the average fancier is: Can the scheme pay? That, it seems to me, is a matter which only the future can show us. It is not an issue which, as in the case of human life insurance, can be more or less closely determined by the study of statistical tables dealing with the duration of life. The claims put up against the Federation must necessarily vary yearly. There may be fat years and lean years—years in which mishap crowds on mishap, and years in which the birds run smoothly, so to speak, at both the shows and on the railway journeys. If many of the lean years are experienced, then, on the present humble premium, the scheme cannot, in my opinion, pay its way. Six hundred books sold at 1s. (may the number be doubled) bring in £30; it will not take many dead show-birds to wipe out that amount, without counting the other risks entitled to consideration (the benefits are unquestionably liberal). However, it is satisfactory to know that the scheme will be financed for one year certain, whatever the result; that shows the sporting spirit of some fancier or fanciers connected with the Federation. May there be no question here of "backing a loser."

**Some Dangers.**

Leaving the financial problem in the hands of Father Time for solution, it occurs to me that a rock ahead is represented by the difficulty of ensuring that the funds shall be called upon to pay out legitimate claims only. It is not a "nice" side of the question to dwell upon; but that is no adequate reason for shirking it, and I have no doubt the Federation officials are alive to all that it means to their scheme. To put it bluntly, under this insurance scheme it will be quite easy for bogus claims to be made, and it will be the reverse of easy to decide which of the cases are not genuine ones. There can be no independent doctor's examination, as in the case of human lives, with a clean bill of health for the insured; the word of the owner of a bird has necessarily to be accepted as a guarantee of that said bird's perfect health. And if any owner chooses to insure a bird which is "sick unto death" (or, under certain circumstances, even dead), and declare it to be "to the best of my knowledge and belief in perfect health," what happens?

To put a concrete case: Everybody who has had much to do with the keeping of birds, and has bought or sold them, knows well enough that it is possible at any time to send away from a railway station a box labelled "Live Bird," which in reality contains a dead bird. Railway servants do not ask to see any small live stock: unless it is to be insured with the railway company, apparently this is not required of them. When the bird is insured, then they examine it, making certain that it is at least alive, and, to the best of *their* belief, in good condition. The Federation has not even the latter protection; a bird may be insured with them, and sent away without any examination. They cannot even claim the advantages which attach to the insuring of a bird with the railway company, *i.e.*, the more careful handling of the package, and the checking while en route—the Federation bird takes its chance along with the crowd of ordinary parcels, although insured right enough in reality.

I will give this side of the matter fuller consideration later, as I want this week to get in a reference to the rules.

**Are the Rules Sufficiently Clear?**

The rules governing the insurance scheme are models of conciseness, but there seem to me to be two points, at least, whereon they are not sufficiently explicit—in fact, I think very open to misinterpretation.

Instance No. 1: It is stated that the liability of the Federation shall be limited to £12 per annum to any individual member. In the rule governing Fire Insurance, however, we find it stated very definitely that "any book purchased, so long as it remains intact, will cover such loss to the extent of £10, etc." Now, it seems to me that the words: "subject to the total liability being not exceeded, and in proportion thereto," ought to be added here. If a man takes out two books of coupons (as many no doubt will do, to enable them to effect insurance up to the full £12)—it seems to me that he is entitled to claim £10 on any intact book of coupons in his possession; and that notwithstanding the fact that he has already been paid claims upon coupons used out of his other book. The two rules as they stand at present are contradictory; and not only that, for it seems to me the alteration in the value of the coupons for fire insurance purposes (six being value for £10) removes the possibility of successfully contending that one rule governs the other. It can't. It would be an interesting point to argue out in a court of law. And heaven defend the Federation from getting into the hands of lawyers!

Instance No. 2: My own first impression on perusing the rules was that the filling in of any coupon insured a bird for one pound while out at a specified show, or on a specified approval journey by rail—that is, from the time it left my door, until the time it returned. And I do not think I shall be alone in putting this construction upon the rules; further (though this is another matter), I think one *ought* to be able to read this meaning into them, otherwise the scheme becomes complicated, and its usefulness stultified. Yet I understand (to my surprise) that one coupon covers the risks only on the outward journey and while actually at a show, or at some person's house on approval. To insure the bird in the return journey *another coupon (or certificate) has to be filled in* and sent to the secretary of the Federation. Now, where, I ask, is this made clear in the rules? Look at (1) under risks covered: "whether to or from shows," it reads. Then, later on: "the certificate . . . will only apply to the . . . . show definitely stated thereon." What other idea can this convey than that the *whole risk* of this particular show is covered?

*(To be continued.)*


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# Wild Bird Life.

## Nesting Notes.

While rambling along the old country roads and across footpaths one can constantly hear the sounds of young birds being fed by the parents, and thus many broods of nestlings may be discovered. In a favourable locality one may gather more birdy lore by confining one's attention to a few square yards than by a long ramble. To watch the doings of wild birds with any degree of success one must remain perfectly still and silent. Birds will frequently allow one to pass within a few yards of them, if they think they are unseen; but directly eye meets eye, and detection is certain, then it is only natural for a wild creature to think danger will follow, although the strong maternal feeling of the sitting bird causes her to retain her position, she instinctively feels danger is nigh, yet clings to her treasures as long as possible. When forced from the nest by intrusion, a bird will spend the interval between leaving and returning in quest of food; possibly such action may prevent her having to leave the nest later. Roadsides and footpaths appear somehow to hold a certain fascination for nesting birds, and yet the danger in such places must be far greater than in the dense woods and plantations; but it is only the more wary, Hawks, Crows and Magpies, and a few others, that love to build among the tall trees in the big woods. If they did not their race would soon be ended. As this month slips by the first broods will be independent of their parents, although some remain with the parent birds for some time, and form family parties which roam the hedge rows and fields until Spring comes again. An instance of this can be found in the doings of the Long-tailed Tits, which are only single brooded, the others nesting a second time as soon as the first brood is safely launched. At the present moment a large family of Blue Tits are busy among my fruit trees and roses, the tiny dull-coloured young ones clinging and fluttering among the slender twigs with all the acrobatic grace of the adult birds. Green fly and the smaller insects form the chief part of their food at this period, and one is pleased to see them doing such good service.

**Range of the Nightjar.**

The Nightjar is found over the whole of Europe during the summer months. It spends the winter in South Africa.

**A Beautiful Tern.**

It is said that one or two pairs of the Roseate Tern breed regularly on the Farne Islands. This is probably the rarest British breeding bird we have.

**Eggs of the Blackbird.**

As a rule there is little variation in the colour of the eggs of the Blackbird; but occasionally a nest will be found containing a clutch almost spotless, or one with rich reddish-brown spots. These are very handsome.

**Diminishing Woodcock.**

Woodcock were at one time so plentiful that shooting parties were organised specially to shoot them. But now they have so diminished in numbers that they are only occasionally met with by sportsmen in quest of other quarry.

**The Elusive Grasshopper Warbler.**

The elusive Grasshopper Warbler—the bird that will dodge one for half-a-day up and down a small spinney, is said to be common in Cork and Waterford, frequenting the heaths, coppices, and other suitable places. As this bird is so seldom seen, it is difficult to persuade non-birdy people that the peculiar thrilling note is made by a bird. Some of our fairly common Warblers are rare in the sister isle, notably the Reed Warbler and the Lesser Whitethroat; also the handsome Redstart.

**Where Rooks Prefer to Build.**

It has been said that Rooks prefer elm trees to any others to build in. This may be so on account of these trees being more plentiful than others, and doubtless more Rookeries exist in them throughout the country, but occasionally we find exceptions to the rule. For instance, at Woodmansterne, in Surrey, out of one hundred and forty-seven nests, sixty-nine of them are built in chestnuts, and thirty-five only in elms, the remainder in oaks and firs. This is rather curious, because elm trees are more plentiful than others in the district.

**A Curious Nesting Place.**

For the sixth year in succession a pair of Blue Tits have this season built their nest in a two-gallon oil-can, which is suspended by a piece of string to the wall at Biel East Lodge, Prestonkirk. The birds are remarkably tame, and the tin can be taken from the wall and returned again without the birds being in the least disturbed. The adroit manner in which the birds drop in through the narrow neck of the can has been a source of much interest to onlookers.

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THREE good cock Goldfinches, Mulers, 6/- each, approval, exchange anything useful value 21/-.—Manders, Castle Ground, Rhymney, Mon.

HAND-REARED Blackbird, house-moulted, full song, sell 15/-; exchange Goldfinches; anything.—Hayzer, 75, Beckesbourne Buildings, Ratcliff.

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EXCHANGE two good Norwich hens, untried, for good cock Goldfinch.—Wall, Tankersley-lane, Hoyland Common, near Barnsley, Yorkshire.

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NORWICH cock, three hens; two Roller hens; mahogany aviary; 2 double breeders, fittings complete; few other cages. Exchange large aviary, garden requisites; disc records, or offers.—Burke, 49, Graham-rd., Dalston, London.

WANTED good large Lancashire Yellow hen, and good pair of Yorkshires; will exchange all or part of following: Plated revolver, 25/-; No. 2 Brownie camera and developing tank, 10/-; wire-hair Fox Terrier dog, 30/-; show specimen Goldie, 10/-; would take show or breeding cages to make up.—Strong, Harlech, Merioneth.

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HEN Virginian Nightingale, acclimatised, breeder; offers cash or birds.—Jalland, Rookery, Horncastle.

YELLOW Crested Cockatoo, fit for show; exchange anything useful.—Perry, 25, Rathbone-st., Canning Town.

DOUBLE-FRONTED Yellow-headed Amazon Parrot, splendid specimen, commencing talk, good cage; exchange gramophone, lady's cycle.—Hopkins, Bloxwich.

EXCHANGE Green Amazon Parrot, good health and plumage, just commencing to talk, and round cage, 50/-; exchange jewellery; offers.—James Manders, Fairfield, Rhymney, Mon.

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WHAT offers for autoharp, with instruction book, cost £2?—Aspden, 11, Caldervale, Burnley.

TOMATOE plants, strong, large "Up-to-Date," 1/- dozen, paid.—Jary, Northgates, Yarmouth.

FAWN Pug dog; exchange fowls; stamp.—Blackett, 10, Phillip-st., Kingsland, London.

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WANTED, Yorkshire Toy bitch; exchange mandoline, violin.—122, Gladstone-rd., Willesborough, Ashford.

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MUSICAL box, 6 bells, 8 tunes, 30/-; copper pan, 10/-; exchange.—Curtis, 44, Claremont-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

QUARTER-PLATE stand camera, 15/-, or exchange large Parrot cage, or offers.—Evenson, Lansdowne, Bournemouth.

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YELLOW cock Budgerigar and one young, 5/6; 6 joiner-made double breeding cages, 2/9 each; 15/6 lot, or offers.—Catlow, 16, Kay-st., Brierfield, Lancashire.

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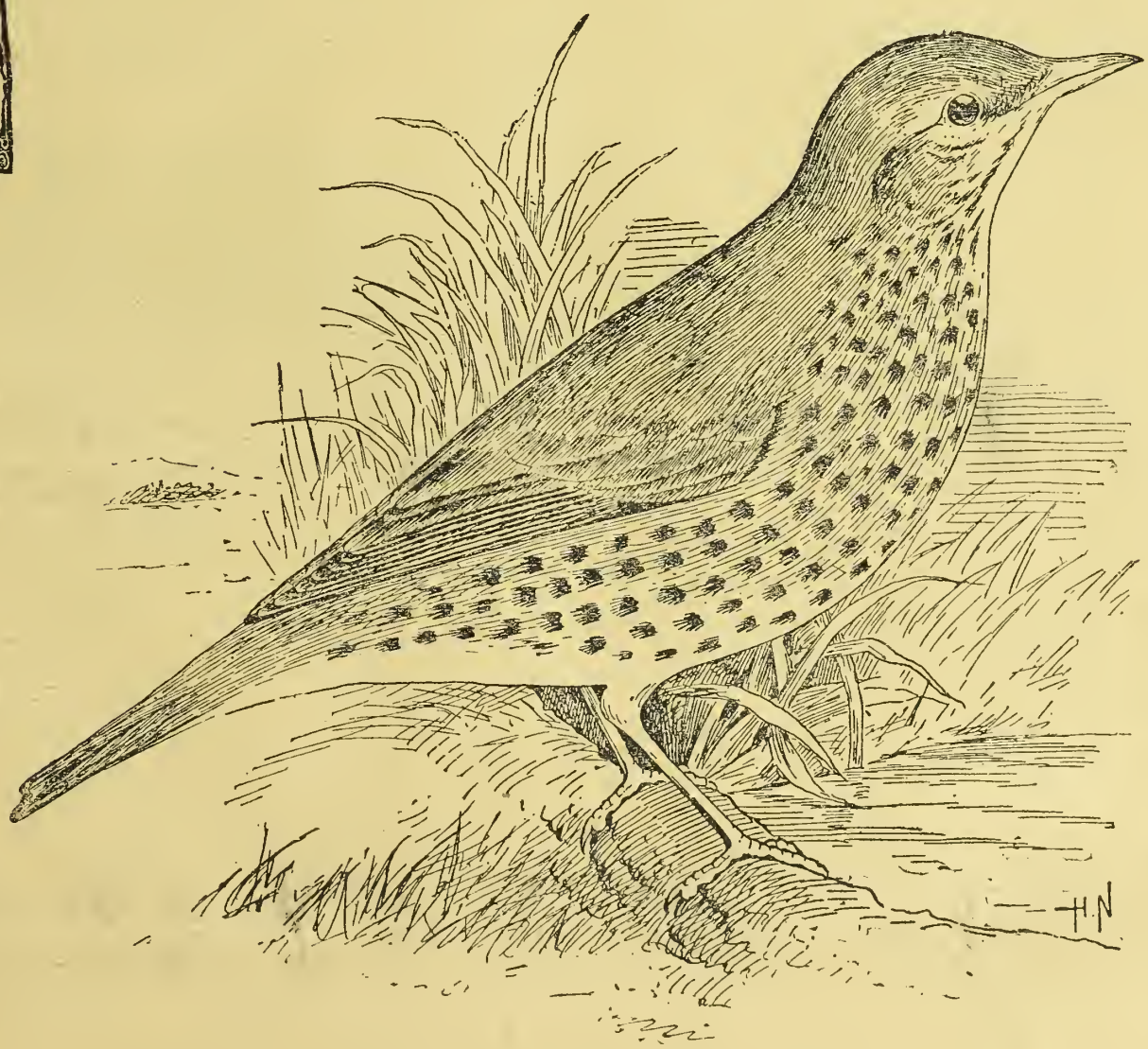

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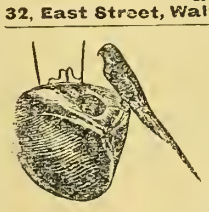

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# Club Reports.

## WEST OF SCOTLAND CLUB.

The West of Scotland N. and B.F.C.M.B. and F.B.A held usual monthly meeting on June 5th, in Nelson's Hotel, Ingram-street, Glasgow. President C. Hnnter in tbe chair. It was agreed to have a First Feather Show on July 3rd, at 4 p.m. There will be classes for Crests, Plainheads, Borders and Yorkshires. Six special prizes and a medal for most points will be awarded, and Mr. McPhail, of Springbnrn, will judge all classes. No entry money, and free admission to all fanciers. New members still being enrolled.—GEO. SMART, Hon. Sec.

## YORKSHIRE C.C. OF IRELAND.

Committee meeting held on 18th June, eight members being present. The statement of accounts for 1908 was checked by Messrs. J. J. Cloke and C. A. O'Reilly, and signed as correct. The Hon. Treasurer handed over receipts and vouchers for said statement to Mr. Cloke. It was proposed, seconded and carried, that the resignation of Mr. Rooney as hen. sec. be accepted. A resolution was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the motion accepting Mr. Powell's resignation be rescinded. The Hen. Sec. was instructed to write to the Fancy Press *re* advertisements for coming show, also to communicate with Mr. Mundell *re* jndging show. This concluded the business, and the meeting adjourned.—JOSEPH R. HYLAND, hon. sec. pro tem.

## MORRISTON & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held at Forward Movement Minor Hall, on June 19th. A fair attendance of members was present. It is strange that this most flourishing society cannot get a greater master of fanciers, considering the strong financial position it is in today. The Society has been very fortunate in securing the above-named hall in which to hold their meetings. Mr. Stamp, the chairman, a very faithful member, presided, when it was decided to hold the first feather show on Jnly 24th next, the same to be open for members and non-members. It is hoped fanciers will give us all the encouragement possible by giving us a bumping entry. Also it was decided to invite fanciers to join the Society irrespective of radius, providing they pay np 4s., the annual fee, two clear months before the day of our annual show, November 18th next. We give a hearty invitation to all fanciers to join.—W. H. LEWIS, Sec.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES Y.C.C.

A well-attended committee meeting was held on June 17th, when a deal of business was gone through, the following being the most important: The patronage of the M.C.Y.C.C. was granted to Wolverhampton C.B.S. (who take the Champion and Novice sections conditionally), West Bromwich C.B.S. (champion section only), City of Birmingham C.B.S. (champion and novice), Tamworth C.B.S. (champion section only). Will societies who are holding their shows away from the dates of the ahovenamed societies, and are desirous of securing our patronage, please communicate with me at once, so that I can place same before my committee at next meeting, which will be held on June 26th. It was decided to give a trophy to be won outright the first season, in addition to many other valuable specials. Will members who have not paid their subscriptions and fanciers wishing to join kindly note that subscriptions are due June 30th, if they are desirous of competing for specials offered? Mr. Bishop, of Worcester, has consented to stand as President for the ensuing year.—W. H. UZZELL, Hon. Sec., 76, Draytonroad, King's Heath, Birmingham.

## SWINDON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held in the Lecture Hall of the Mechanics' Institution, on Jnne 16th. There was a good attendance, the meeting taking the form of a members' exhibition of British birds. Mr. T. Poole kindly judged. GOLDFINCH: 1 and 2, Hopkins and Allsopp; 3, Dale; res., Ottery; vhc, Pinnell; hc and c, Smith. VARIETY: 1, Dale, Siskin; 2, Hopkins and Allsopp, Greenfinch; 3, res., Ottery, Reed Bunting and Redpoll; vhc, Pinnell, Chaffinch; hc, Pinnell, Redpoll; C. Still, Bramblefinch. It was decided to hold a first feather show at the next meeting on July 17th, at 7 p.m., when it is expected a goodly array of Canaries, Mules, Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds will be benched. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Poole for his kindness in judging, and he was asked to act in the same capacity at the next meeting. Mr. Poole suitably replied, accepting the invitation to judge, and giving his reasons for his placing of the awards. Mr. Hopkins was too modest to give a lecture on the treatment of Goldfinches, but by skilful questioning on the part of the chairman, Mr. W. Greenwood, the members gathered that he feeds his Goldfinches on Canary, hemp, rape, linseed, teazle, with a little inga and maw. He also gives young dandelion leaves, and later the dandelion heads before they open, and thistle heads. To produce the beautiful sheen on his birds he gives a bath every day. He likes a fairly roomy cage with a door in front on which to hang the bath, and another at the end through which he can run the birds into a show cage. Judging by his results, it would be perfectly safe for fanciers to adopt his methods.—W. DALE, hon. sec.

## SCOTCH FANCY NATIONAL DERBY O.A.

Half-yearly meeting held in the Grand National Halls, Main-street, Gorbals, Glasgow, on June 14th. Mr. Wright, President, in the chair. The secretary reported that Mr. J. D. Brown, of East Kilbride, had generously sent a donation, and as the membership is down from previous years, it was decided to add the amount to the general funds. The society highly appreciate this generosity. The following gentlemen have been appointed as judges for the show on September 18th: Messrs. A. Nisbet (Galston), A. Paterson (Edinburgh), D. Brown (Edinburgh), A. Sommerville (Neilston). Members for 1909 not already reported: Messrs. W. Wilson (Motherwell), G. Fulton (Partick), G. Byers (Dumfries), J. Young (Bargeddie), J. Smith (Hewwood), W. Prentice (Yoker), J. A. Stewart (Cathcart), P. Craig (Glasgow), D. Black (Govan), R. H. D. Bernie (Renfrew), W. Craig (Govan), R. Prentice (Clydebank), W. Baillie (Old Cathcart), Becket, Glover, and Wright (Greenock), J. Hart (Paisley), J. Price (Barrhead), J. Muir, and R. McQuillam (Glasgow), A. Martin (Maryhill), C. Lavery and J. Lavery (Largan). There are over thirty gentlemen who have not accounted for the tickets sent them, although written to three times. Should this meet the eye of these gentlemen, they will greatly oblige by accounting to the nndersigned with the least possible delay, to enable the accounts to be closed. A little attention on the part of fanciers would save the officials much work. I heartily thank all who have so ably assisted to maintain the status of the Scotch Fancy Canary, which is the primary object of the society.—THOS. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

## NORTHERN B.B.M. AND F.B.C.

At a meeting held June 16th, in Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger-street, Newcastle, business was commenced by enrolling three new members, viz., Messrs. J. C. Bell, W. O'Neill (Carlisle), and R. Bewick (Chester-le-Street). All applications were considered regarding club's patronage, and it was decided that the following societies receive same: Newcastle, Blaydon, South Shields, Gateshead, Wallsend, the list being left open to add to after receiving answers to correspondence. Table show resulted as follows: FOR. (7/6): 1, McKenzie, good pair of bronze-winged Mannikins, in lovely condition; 2, Petterson, nice pair of orange-cheek Waxbills, in grand order; 3, McKenzie, Zebrafinch, feather like wax, will improve in size. Mr. T. Robson jndged, giving every satisfaction, anyone desirous of becoming a member please communicate with me.—J. BERTRAM, Sec., 95, Gainsbro'-grove, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

## KIRKSTALL AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

General meeting held June 19th, at the Abbey Inn, Mr. Oakley in the chair. There was a fairly good turn up of members. The chief business was the election of secretary in place of the one who resigned last month. Mr. Bracken and myself have taken np the office of joint secretaries, and all communications should be addressed to us. It was decided to hold our young bird show on Jnly 17th, birds to be staged at 8 p.m. Judge Mr. King, of Leeds. At the show Mr. Yelland's cnp will be competed for, and also a set of carvers given by our Vice-President. There are also several other good specials. The business then terminated, but it was some time before we left, as there was the usual discussion on the breeding season difficulties, etc. Altogether, this was a very enjoyable meeting, and we are looking forward to better. We give a hearty invitation to any fanciers in the district to join us. —HORNBY and BRACKEN, Hon. Secs., 17, Noster-street, Beeston.

## HAMILTON (Cadzow Oaks) O.S.

Meeting held in the Cloak Room, Town Hall, on June 19th, Mr. W. Haddow, President, in the chair. It was decided to leave the membership open nntil next meeting, July 3rd, the object being to give those fanciers who intend to exhibit at our members' show on December 25th, and who may have overlooked the matter, an opportunity of joining and so becoming eligible to exhibit. Annual subscription 2s. 6d. It should be borne in mind that all intending exhibitors must be paid-up members on that date. We are endeavouring to increase our membership to 50 at least, and have great hopes of succeeding. The following new members were proposed and accepted, Messrs. J. Roulston, A. Roulston, J. Lamb, D. Harper, W. Woods, T. Drysdale, D. Hepburn, T. M'Vicar, R. Reid, and W. Page. The following gentlemen were appointed to jndge at our annual show on December 25th, for Norwich, Mr. Watson (Kilmarnock), for Borders, Mr. Mossie (Annbank), for British, etc., Mr. Raine (Glasgow). It was decided to hold a table show for young birds on July 3rd, our next meeting night, in Lesser Town Hall. Norwich 3 classes, Borders 4, Mnle or Hybrid 1, A.O.V. Canary 1. Jndges, Messrs. T. Morrison (Burnbank), and W. Brownlie (Hamilton). It was proposed to have a ramble to Calderwood on July 31st, if a permit can he obtained.—A. CANT, Hon. Sec.

## CITY AND COUNTY OF PERTH O.S.

Monthly meeting held in City Cafe. The classification for open show on October 23rd was gone into and settled as follows:—Scotch Fancy, 10 classes; Crests, etc., 9 classes; Norwich Plainheads, 14 classes; Border Fancy, 9 classes; British and Mules, 10 classes; and Foreign birds, 8 classes; 55 classes in all, with 6 judges. Members reported breeding results from first, and in some cases, second rounds. Mr. Borrie has 20 young Norwich, some of them toppers; Mr. Wylie 25 Norwich, bred from the best blood in Scotland; Mr. Brown several young Mules, doing well; Mr. McDonald, only 3 young Crests, bnt shaping well; Mr. Blythe, 14 young Crests, and is hopeful of some of them; Mr. Gilbert Malloch, 14 young Norwich, some of them of his winning clear yellow cock bird, and which are looking well; Mr. Forrest, 17 young Norwich (and he expects some of them to come to the front this season); Mr. Lundie, 3 young Borders; Mr. Sharp, 4 Borders and 5 Scotch Fanciers; Mr. Dougall, several Norwich and some good Greenie Mules; Mr. Cochrane, a few Borders and Crests. Mr. R. F. Duncan, one of our best members, has had his room completely emptied through septic fever, over 25 birds, and the members expressed their sympathy with him in his trouble. Country members had no good reports, Mr. W. C. Smith (Strourar) having few young and lots of trouble with his first round. For myself, I am doing nothing, having lost my best cock-bird before his partner had laid. Then the removal of my birds has settled them for this season, I am afraid. Next meeting was settled to be a table show of nest feather birds, on 28th June; entry 3d. per bird. Two new members were proposed and accepted, after which the meeting closed.—JAMES KERR, hon. sec.


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# Under the White Rose.

THE principal item of interest last week-end was, of course, the First Feather Show at Great Horton, and the affair must be voted a success, a fairly large entry being obtained, and the show during the afternoon being fairly well patronised. The Ticked Yellow winner was the bird to receive most attention, and was conceded to be a good one, as was also the Cinnamon-Marked Yellow winner, while the winning Clear Yellow found many adherents. The winners in the respective classes were, in fact, all good ones.

C.M.Y.C.C. committee meeting was held in conjunction with the show, for enrolling new members and arranging trophies for next season's competition. The first item was a big one; in fact the secretaries could not count the new members, they have so many names down, but they say somewhere between 70 and 80. It took Mr. Towers about two hours to write receipts ont for subscriptions, etc. The club expects to have fully 100 new members before the beginning of August. Next the trophies were allotted, and it will be seen from the secretaries' report that they are numerous and valuable. The novices have a good display, and they receive (in addition to those allocated on Saturday last), a 15s. gold medal presented by Messrs. Sutcliffe and Son.

THE National Green Marked Y.C.C. is progressing very favourably for a fledgling. The secretary informed me at Gt. Horton Show that he had booked 62 members up to date, and that he had a few more promises—waiting to see what they breed, I expect, before joining.

SHIPLEY members had a pleasant day's outing on Sunday last, a party of eighteen leaving Shipley by the 10.15 a.m. train en route for Ben-Rhydding. Then over the stepping stones across the wharfe, via fields and woods to Askwith, where dinner (and a real good one, they say) was taken. Afterwards the party proceeded to Otley. They were accompanied by Messrs. Thornton and Thomas (of Otley), during part of the day, the latter gentleman explaining much of the country and country-life to the townsmen.

"STRAIGHT-'UN."

# SOME BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1909 SEASON.

*Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others, and must be accompanied by the sender's name and address in every case.*

The majority of fanciers round here are only having poor results this breeding season.—W. PINCHIN (Marske-by-the-Sea).

### Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.

Some of our members are, unfortunately, doing badly. Mr. R. Wood heads the list with 27 young; Mr. Robt. Dixon comes next with 25; Mr. Peter Passmore 23, Mr. G. Green 22, Mr. M. Dixon 22, Mr. A. Widowfield 12, Mr. D. Hann 12, Mr. G. Gowland 12, Mr. J. Stable 10, Mr. A. Leich 7, Mr. J. Allan 8, Mr. T. Davison 8, Mr. Trowery 3, Mr. H. Cross 4, Linnet Mules (one nearly clear). There were a few whose results I did not get, and as Hetton-le-Hole and Houghton le Spring Societies are combined in their first feather shows, we hope to have a good show at both places.—D. HANN, assistant secretary.

### Kirkstall and District C.B.C.

On the whole our members are doing fairly well. Mr. Bracken has 17 young from 3 hens. Mr. Hutton is doing well, as is also our worthy chairman, Mr. Chew. Two of our members have bred one or two nests of Green and Linnet Mules, which by all accounts are coming champions (let us hope so). Mr. Oakley, I hear, has a few good Norwich on the sticks and several in the nest. As for myself I have 14 young, all from the second round, and several nests of eggs down. My first round were practically all clear, but I think I shall manage as well as last year.—W. HORNBY, hon. secretary.

### Spen Valley F.A.

Our members are having a very good season so far, and some very promising young birds have been bred amongst them, both Cinnamon ticks and Green ticks. So we can expect to have some good shows and keen competition. Messrs. S. Grayshon and T. Bentley have about 70 each, Mr. Ben. Wood 50, Messrs. G. Grayshon, F. Allen, W. Bedforth, Hadwin, and A. Fawcett, all about 40 each; Messrs. Gill and Son, and Mr. S. Binns, 27 each. Personally I have never had so many young hatch out from the same number of hens. Most have laid 6 each. Others of our members have been the same.—FRED ALLEN, hon. secretary.


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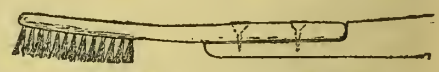
## No. 320.
## A Brush for Cleaning Out Breeding Cages.

**Sent by B. Wharton, 31, Parrett Street, Longsight, Manchester.**

The enclosed is a sketch of brush for cleaning eages out, and which I think will be of some advantage to your readers. To make it, get a tooth brush, such as are sold at the penny bazaars, and bore two small holes in the handle. Then take a long piece of wood, about ½in. square, and round the corners off.



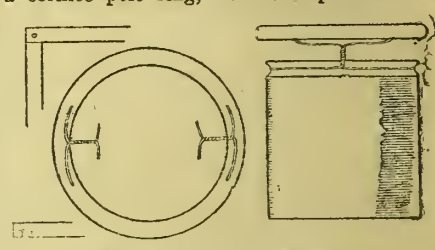
A Brush for Cage-Cleaning.

Cnt and shape it to take the handle of the brush at one end, fastened with two small screws through the holes made. It may be made of any length, to suit the width of one's cages. I have used these brushes for over two years, and find that one brush will last about four months (after cleaning 20 cages out each week). It is much better than a scraper, especially for breeding cages, when your birds are sitting.—B. WHARTON.

## No. 321.
## Combined Perch and Holder for Green Food, Berries, etc.

**Sent by H. Terrett, 17, Wheatstone Road, Westbourne Park, W.**

The illustration shows a useful holder for green food, grass, or a bunch of berries, etc., or for growing rape or other seed in. It consists of a jam-pot, with a perch attachment at top. The latter can be made out of a cornice pole ring, with two pieces of 14-



A Novel Green-Food Holder.

gauge wire twisted round the neck of the jar, and fixed to the ring in the manner shown in the illustration. Or, failing a cornice-pole ring, the perch can be contrived out of ordinary wood perch material, if the ends are cnt (halved) and screwed together, as seen at the left-hand side of the drawing. Seeds may be sown in small flower-pots, and when up to a length of two inches, the pot can be put in the holder, and the whole be stood in the cage or aviary, where it makes quite an ornament; or it can be hung up.—H. TERRETT.

# Singing Contests.

## LEEDS LINNET F.A.

Usual contest held at King's Head, Shaunon-street, June 19th, and 20 birds sang. 1, 2, Stead, 3, Wood. Judges, Messrs. Summers, Naylor, and Jennings. Also a selling contest, when 13 birds were entered, the winner to be sold for 10s. This was J. Bland's, but there was no bid, so the bird remained with the owner. Also a contest on June 20th, when 28 birds sang. Judged to perfection by Messrs. Summers, Ward, and Smith. 1, 2, Stead; 3, Wigfield.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Usual weekly contest for qnality Linnet singing held at the Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, June 20th, when 14 birds sang. 1, Ridgewell; 2, Ward. Judges, Messrs. Naylor and Jennings.—WALTER NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Usual quality week-end singing contests, held at Plasterer's Arms, Skinner-lane, June 12th: 1, 2, Soloman, 3 Hardcastle. Also contest June 13th: 1, 3, Hardcastle, 2 Soloman. Usual quality week-end singing contest, held June 19th, when a very unique decision was given, Sam Hardcastle's "Chivvy," and also his "Novice," and N. Soloman's "Derby Winner," equalising for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes, which was equally divided. Also contest June 20th: 1, 2, 4, Hardcastle, 3 Soloman; also Collier's Derby contest, held June 21st: 1, 3, Soloman, 2 Hardcastle. Timekeeper, Mr. Lorriman; official judges, Messrs. Nicholson and Allen (The Original Linnet King).—JOE HARGREAVES, Sec.

## YORK.

Usual contest, held at Bricklayer's Arms, Palmer-lane, Huugate, on June 19th, when 20 birds entered for competition. Result: 1, Oldroyd; 2, Limbert; 3, Moore; 4, Huntley. Mr. Paver judged, and Mr. Limbert, scn., as timekeeper.—WM. EMPSON.

Usnal weekly Linnet singing contest held at Crown Inn, North-street, when 23 birds competed. Some very good singing was heard. Result: 1 Lee, 2 Spence, 3 Wilson, 4 Oxberry, 5 Granger, 6 Masbeder. Judge Mr. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH. Hon. Sec.

## CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

**Accrington C.B.S.**—July 1, Central Conservative Club, 8. Entries for Young Bird Show, and other important business.—J. W. Philpott.

**Ayr C.B.S.**—June 28, Good Templar Hall, 7.30. Arrangements for show, etc.—C. C. Irvine.

**Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.**—June 29, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. F.F. Show business, etc.; will members kindly note their contributions are now due?—H. Foden.

**Bonnyrigg C.B.S.**—June 26, Forester's Arms, 7.30.—G. Harper.

**Bradford West C.B.A.**—June 26, Red Lion Hotel. Four Lane Ends. F.F. Show. Birds to be staged at 2.30.—J. W. Telford.

**Barton C. and B.B.C.**—July 1, Red Lion Hotel, 8. To arrange for F.F. Show, also of British birds.—E. C. Dunn.

**Barnsley C.B.S.**—June 26, Clarence Hotel, 7.30.—E. Carlisle.

**Bramley O.S.**—June 26, Carnival Rooms, 5. F.F. Show in afternoon, and impromptu meetiug at 7.30 p.m.—A. H. Craven.

**Burnley C.B.F.S.**—June 29, Club Rooms, 7.30. F.F. Show (members'), June 26.—W. Clarkson.

**Blaydon C.B.S.**—July 3, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Address by Mr. W. Blaylock, and other important business.—G. Havver.

**Crook Original C.B. F. and F.S.**—June 30, Club Room, Crown Hotel, 7. Special, to receive entries for Young Stock and F.F. Show, July 3; shall be glad to welcome old and new members.—Bird and Siddle.

**City of Bradford.**—July 3, Ramble to Harden Beck. Meet at Midland Station, Bradford, at 3 prompt. Fanciers' wives and friends invited.—F. Rhodes.

**City and County of Perth O.S.**—June 28. Table Show nest feather birds, 7.30.—J. Kerr.

**City of Birmingham C.B.S.**—June 29, Crown Hotel, Station Street, 8.30. Final arrangements for Nest Feather Show; members please note that the usual monthly meeting will not be held on July 7, in consequence of the Royal visit.—J H. de Maillet.

**City of Wakefield.**—June 26, Crown and Anchor, 6.30. F.F. Show; birds to be staged at 3.30. Judge, Mr. H. J. Mennard (Leeds).—Parker and Parkes.

**Coventry O.S.**—June 30, Sydenham Palace, Ford Street, 8.30. Last date for entries for F.F. Show, etc.—G. Peters.

**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—June 30, George Hotel, 8. Show business, July 3, 2. F.F. Show, Nor., Yorks., A.O.V. Can., Mule or Hybrid, British Hardbill. Judge, Mr. Wake. Fanciers invited.—R. S. Black.

**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.**—July 1, Peckham Public Hall, 7.30. Young Bird Show, also British and Foreign birds. Judges Messrs. R. L. Crisp Canaries), C. T. Maxwell (British). Admission, 3d.—W. Hodson, Hon. Sec.—(ADVT.)

**Dewsbury O.F.S.**—June 26, Little Saddle Inn, 7.30. Schedule for next F.F.S.—G. G. Stafford.

**Derby C.B.C.**—No meeting this month.—W. Stevens.

**Dewsbury C.B.S.**—June 26, Royal Hotel. Members' F.F. Show. Judge Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington). Birds to be staged at 3.—N. Rayner.

**East Bowling B.F.A.**—June 26, Barley Mow Hotel. F.F. Show. Judge Mr. J. Wilkinson (Manningham). All birds to be staged 2.45 prompt.—L. Booth.

**Sheffield C.B.S.**—July 1, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Paper on Colour Feeding, by Mr. J. Hemmings.—Lindsey and Bingham.

**Glasgow and Western Counties.**—June 26, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30. Table Show of large and small British, dark and light Mules. Election of judges for annual show.—T. Drysdale.

**Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.**—June 29, Lello's, 7.30. Entries close for Young Bird Show.—W. Simpson.

**Hyde C.B.S.**—June 26, Hyde Town Hall, 3. Ramble in beautiful Derbyshire; leader Mr. T. Allsop. We again invite the members of Ashton-under-Lyne C.B.C.—F. Barraclough.

**Leicester C.B.S.**—June 30, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Special meeting to make entries for Nest Feather Show. July 3 show open 3.30 to 6.—J. A. Tyler.

**Llaneily C.B.S.**—June 26, Centre Hotel, 7.30. To fix date of Nest Show, and finish election of officers, also to prepare schedule.—D. John.

**Larkhall C.B.A.**—July 3, Miners' Hall, 7. Decide if we will have an annual ramble.—J. Pollock.

**Lancashire C.A.**—June 26, Littleborough F.F. Show room, 6.30.—W. Adams.

**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.**—July 1, Co-op. Classroom, 7.30. Nest Feather Table Show, yell. Nor., yell. Yorks, and C.B. Fee 3d. Judge, Mr. E. Fox.—A. E. Wigginton.

**Gateshead C.B.S.**—June 30, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. General arrangements for show and smoker; patronage of specialists' societies.—G. Buck.

**Mansfield and Dis. O.S.**—June 26, Charter Arms, 7.—J. Smith.

**Maesteg C.B.S.**—June 28, Oddfellows' Hotel, 7.30.—W. Jenkins.

**Midland Counties Y.C.C.**—June 26, Crown Hotel, Station Street, Birmingham, 8.30. Committee meeting.—W. H. Uzzell.

**Manningham C.B.A.**—June 26, Mowbray Arms Hotel. F.F. Show, staged 2. Judge, Mr. R. Carr.—W. Holroyd.

**Newcastle C.B.S.**—July 1, Lockhart's, 7.30.—Curry and Hutchinson.

**Carlisle C.B.S.**—July 1, Viaduct Temperance Hotel, 6.45. Nest Feather Show, 22 classes in all, when we hope for a good entry; all fanciers invited. Admission 2d., to defray expenses.—W. H. Wright.—(ADVT.)

**Oldham C.B.S.**—June 29, Textile Dining Room, 8. Entries for F.F. Show; please give encouragement.—F. Steeple.

**Provincial Roller C.C.**—June 26, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 6.30. Show business.—A. Percival.

**Pendleton and Salford O.S.**—June 28, Chapel Street Hall, Salford, 8. Payment prize money, etc., won at F.F. Show, June 26, etc.—H. Clayton.

**Rochdale O.C.**—June 28, Club, 8. Committee meeting.—J. Butterworth.

**Rochdale Good Intent.**—June 30, Temperance Club, 8. Committee.—W. Adams.

**Rotherham C.B.S.**—June 26, St. George's Hall, 8. To arrange Nest Feather Show and pick judge; also passing of new members.—G. Oakes.

**Swindon and Dis. C.B.A.**—July 17, 7. F.F. Show.—W. Dale.

**Spen Valley C.B.S.**—June 26, Commercial Hotel. F.F. Show, staged 3 p.m.; enter Friday night. Judge, Mr. H. W. Walsh (Halifax).—J. Lewis.

**Southall C.B.S.**—July 5, St. John's Schools, 8. Young bird show and lecture. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. Fanciers welcome.—T. G. Jeffery.

**South Shields, North Shields.**—June 30, Greggs' Cafe, 8.—Schedule for open show, etc.—J. Barrass.

**Spen Valley F.A.**—July 13, Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Young Bird Show, four classes. Judge, Mr. Thompson Ogden (Bradford.—F. Allen.

**Stirling O.S.**—July 3, Douglas Hotel, 8. Classes for annual show, cage bird fanciers invited.—G. Hislop.

**Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.**—July 1, Leeds Hotel, 8. F.F. Show. Judge Mr. F. Marwood (Thornaby-on-Tees), and open show members' schedule.—J. W. Lowes.

**Wibsey C.B.S.**—June 26, Horse and Groom Inn, 3. Members' F.F. Show. Judge, Mr. Bailey (Sandy Lane).—E. W. Johnson.

**West Auckland C.B.S.**—June 26, Talbot Hotel, 7. Show business.—J. Gill.

**West Bromwich C.B.S.**—July 6, Dartmouth Hotel, 8.—Duffield and Jennings.

**Wallasey C.B.S.**—July 1, Fairhaven Institute, Sea View Road, Liscard, 8. Final arrangements for Young Bird Show, July 3.—W. Mallinson.

**Wigan C.B.S.**—July 3, Adelphi Inn, 8.—W. Ridge.

**West Stanley C.B.S.**—June 26, Commercial Hotel, 7.30. Prize money to be paid, etc.—W. Elliott.

**Y.C.C. of Ireland.**—July 8.—J. R. Hyland.

# The Shows.

## HARTLEPOOLS C.B.S.

The first of this year's series of nest feather shows was held in the Y.M.C.A. Rooms on June 16th. Mr. Ben Evans judged, and in responding to a vote of thanks for his services, remarked how pleased he was to see the great improvement made in regard to the quality and style of the stock shewn, especially was this applicable to the Yorkshire section.

CL., ETC., YELL. Yorks.: 1, 3, vhc, Woodhead; 2, hc, Rev. Bennett. BUFF: 1, 2, Woodhead; 3, vhc, Rev. Bennett. CL., ETC. YELL. NOR.: 1, Ronald; 2, Booth; 3, Papple. BUFF: 1, Papple; 2, Robinson; 3, Whittett. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Rev. Bennett.—E. WOODHEAD, Asst. Sec.

## WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

The first of our young bird shows for the season was held on June 15th, at headquarters, Swan and Peacock Hotel. The entries numbered 30, and some nice quality birds were staged. Mr. Willoughby put down a nice level team, and captured the special for best bird in show, with a grand feathered marked buff, of capital shape. In the clear class Mr. Garfield took first with a charming yellow of much promise. The hon. sec., J. Gibbons, had everything nicely arranged, and Mr. Crundell judged, giving the members every satisfaction.

NOR. CL., ETC.: 1, Garfield; 2, 3, 4, hc, Weaver; res. e, Willoughby; vhc, Gibbons. MKD., ETC.: 1, spl, 4, hc, Willoughby; 2, Weaver; 3, Gibbons; res., vhc, c, Garfield. YORKS. CL., ETC.: 1, 2, Jones; 3, vhc, Bryan; hc, Johnson. MKD., ETC.: 1, Jones; 2, Johnson; 3, vhc, Bryan.

## CREWE O.S.

Annual Young Bird Show held in the ante-room, Co-operative Hall, on June 12th. The entries hardly came up to the average, but both quality and type were well represented in the different varieties. The Norwich classes were rather disappointing. Mr. J. C. Heaton, who put a grand team of birds down, was the only exhibitor in these classes. In the Yorkshire classes, however, competition was very keen. Borders also came up well. British were not so strong as we have seen them, but the Bullie staged by Mr. F. S. Cooper, and the Bramble of Mr. S. Potts, were grand specimens. Mr. T. L. Hancocks, the obliging and energetic secretary, to whom great credit is due, carried out the arrangements in a very able manner. Mr. F. Bate, Stoke-on-Trent, placed the cards and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CL. YELL. (4) 1, 2, Heaton; 3 and 4 absent. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Heaton; 3 and 4 absent. TKD. ETC. BUFF (4) 1, 2, Heaton, 3 and 4 absent. YORKS CL. YELL. (5): 1, 2, 3, hc, Potts; vhc, Minshall. BUFF (7) 1, vhc, Lawton; 2, Minshall; 3, c, Moulton; hc, Potts. TKD., ETC. (5): 1, 3, hc, Lawton; 2 Moulton; vhc, Potts. BORD. FANCY TKD., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Lawton; 2, Kirk; 3, vhc, Parker. BORD. A.O.V. (5): 1, Lawton; 2, 3, Kirk; vhc, hc, Parker. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, hc, Cooper; 2, c, Latham; 3, vhc, Lawton. BRAMBLE, ETC. (3): 1, Potts; 2, Kirk; 3, Latham. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, 3, Latham; 2, hc, Kirk; vhc, Cooper. FOR. (3): 1, 2, Elks; 3, Latham.

## WATERLOO PROGRESSIVE C.B.S.

Annual nest feather show, held on June 19th, in the Oxford Hall, Waterloo, near Liverpool. Owing to a sad bereavement Mr. Houlton was not able to judge, Mr. Hadwin officiating in his stead. Owing to the poor season experienced by most fanciers, and the early date of the show, there was not a big entry, although two of the members had got into the neighbourhood of 100 each. Mr. Hunt makes a really admirable secretary.

CHAMP. YORKS. CL. YELL. (6): 1, McNulty, long, very good quality; 2, Algie, similar; 3, Chorley; vhc, Rimmer; hc, Chorley; c, Hunt. BUFF (2): 1, Algie, fine quality, good position; 2, W. Rimmer. HEAVY TICK. YELL. (4): 1, Algie, long, fine quality, nicely moulded; 2, McNulty, rare quality and style; 3, Knowles, similar; vhc, Hunt. BUFF (5): 1, Bell, very neat, good quality; 2, Algie, nice bird; 3, vhc, Chorley; hc, McNulty. CIN. TICK. YELL.: 1, Bell, good quality and position. BUFF (3): 1, Hunt, nice quality, good position and style; 2, Bell, fine exhibit; 3, Kincla. GREEN SELF FL. (6): 1 and cup winner for best Canary in show, J. Rimmer, long, racy, good quality and quite the old style of rich dark green colour; 2, McNulty, stylish, good quality; 3, J. Rimmer; vhc, Algie; hc, W. Rimmer; c, Knowles. BUFF (6): 1, Algie, gem for quality; 2, 3, J. Rimmer, neat; vhc, McNulty; hc, Hunt; c, Knowles. FOUL YELL. (3): 1, and runner-up to cup winner, Hunt, rare length, style and quality, looks like making a good one; 2, McNulty, fine, col., heavy; 3, Bell, neat bird. BUFF (3): 1, W. Rimmer, good length and quality; 2, Hunt, excellent bird; 3, Chorley. NOR. (4): 1, and spl. best Norwich, Chorley, large, good head and colour; 2, 3, vhc, Chorley all neat shape small. BUFF: Cancelled. A.O.V.: Cancelled. MULES (2): 1, spl, Best Mule or British, Scrimshaw, large, grand coloured buff Linnet Canary; 2, Horne, grand coloured Greenfinch Canary. GOLDFINCH (2): 1, Scrimshaw, rare blaze, steady; 2, Horne, nice blaze, good condition steady. LINNET: 1, Horne, large, well marked. A.O.S. HARDBILL (2): 1, 2, Horne, Bullfinch leading, good colour and size, rare condition, yell. Bunting, grand colour and condition. SOFT-BILLED cancelled. NOVICE CL. YELL. YORKS. (2): 1, Scrimshaw, racy, good quality and colour; 2, Potter, nice colour. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Kincla, 1st good quality, well drawn; 2nd good quality; 3, Potter. TICK. YELL. cancelled. BUFF: 1, Potter, small, neatly drawn. CIN. YELL. AND BUFF cancelled. YELL. GREEN SELF: 1, Potter, long, grand colour, position and quality. BUFF: 1, Potter, good quality. A.O.V. cancelled. GIFT: 1, Chorley; 2, W. Rimmer; 3, J. Rimmer; vhc, most points, Champion: I, Algie; 2, McNulty; 3, J. Rimmer; 4, Hunt; 5, Chorley; 6, W. Rimmer; 7, Bell; 8, Horne; 9, Knowles. Novices: 1, Scrimsbaw; 2, Kincla; 3, Potter.

## BARTON C. AND B.B.S.

A most successful nest feather show, and also of British birds was held in the large club room at the Red Lion Inn, on June 19th. Mr. J. Calam, of Hull, judged, and gave every satisfaction. After the judging two special prizes were given for two best birds in show. 1, G. T. Beach, for clear Buff York.; 2, O. Pettit, for dark Goldfinch and Canary Mule.

YORKS.: 1, 2, C. Beach; 3, vhc, Dunn; he, Chamberlain. BRIT.: 1, Pettit; 2, vhc, Flintham; 3, hc, Small; c, Beach.—E. C. DUNN, Hon. Sec.

## YORK C.S.

At headquarters, All Saints' Schoolroom, North-st., a successful show of young birds was held. In the three classes provided 30 birds were staged. This was good for the time of year, seeing most of the members have had a very bad breeding season, owing to the cold nights and changeable weather. During judging the usual monthly business was gone through, and three new members joined. One of these is a lady, and it is hoped there will be more. Mr. T. Wright judged and gave general satisfaction.

NOR.: 1, 2, 3, hc, Sissons; vhc, Boyle; c Sturdy. YORK.: 1, 2, Campling; 3, c, Simeson; vhc, hc, Fawcett. BRIT.: (in this class several noted winners were staged), 1, 3, Nicholson; 2, Boyle; vhc, Chittenden, sen.; hc, Chittenden; c, Sissons.—A. WAUD, hon. sec.

## DEWSBURY O.F.S.

First Feather Show, held at the Little Saddle Inn, on June 19th, when a fair number of young birds were staged, considering the indifferent breeding season some of our members have been having; but we hope to have a still larger number at our next show, to be held July 17th, when Mr. S. Wilcock (Eccleshill) will judge. Visitors pronounced the showroom one of the finest. Mr. Bird won special for most points throughout show. Messrs. J. Marton and B. Cook tie for second most points.

CL., ETC., YELL: 1, Cook; 2, 3, Bird; vhc, Kershaw; hc, Stafford; c, Senior. BUFF: 1, Martin; 2, Bird; 3, Martin; vhc, Bird; hc, Cook; c, Senior. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, 2, Bird; 3, Senior; vhc, Cook. BUFF: 1, 2, Cook; 3, vhc, Stafford. FOUL MKD.: 1, Martin; 2, Cook. SELL., YELL.: 1, Stafford. BUFF: 1, Stafford; 2, Kershaw.—O. G. STAFFORD.

## WEST LONDON F.A.

Annual young stock show, held at headquarters (Busb Hotel, Shepherd's Busb), on June 19th, Mr. Peveral judged all sections. The entries totalled 106, and the show was well attended by fanciers from all parts of Loudon. The prize for best young Canary in show was won by Mr. Hart, of Wembly, with a very fine bird.

NOR. CL., ETC.: 1, Mrs. Cooper; 2, 3, Lethbridge. NOR. A.O.V.: 1, Lethbridge; 2, Roberts; 3, Easterling. YORKS. CL., ETC.: 1, 2, Crisp; 3, Dewhurst, YORKS. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Crisp. CRESTS: 1, Turner. C.-B.: 1, Turner; 2, 3, Gibbons. NOR. CL., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Lack. NOR. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Lack. NOR. CL., ETC.: 1, 2, Hart; 3, Knight. NOR. A.O.V.: 1 3, Gibbons; 2, Churchard. YORKS. CL., ETC.: 1 2, 3, Clarke. YORKS. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Neil. MULES (YOUNG): 1, 2, Lack; 3, Dewhurst. OLD: I, Lack. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Hardy; 2, Denhurst; 3, Easterling. LINNET: 1, Easterling; 2, Thompson. SISKIN ETC.: 1, 3, Easterling; 2, Thompson. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Dewhurst. BRIT. HENS: (Cancelled). A.O.S. SEED-EATING: 1, 2, 3, Dewhurst. A.O.S. INSECTIV.: 1, 2, 3, Dewhurst. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Dewhurst.—J. DEWHURST, hon. sec.

## HUCKNALL TORKARD C.B.S.

The first feather show was held on June 19th, in the Coffee Tavern Hall, Hucknall. Mr. J Driver judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, spl, Winterbottom, splendid quality, good colour. BUFF: 1, spl, Vardy, bonny bird, splendid type, good quality and colour; 2, 3, Faux, 2nd grand bird, fine head and neck, splendid quality, nice carriage, 3rd grand bird, runs close; vhc, Winterbottom; hc, Twine. YELL. TKD.: 1, Severn, dashing bird, large, nicely marked, excellent colour and quality; 2, 3, H. Twine, 2nd fine bird, nice type, good quality and colour, 3rd close. BUFF.: 1, spl, Faux, gem, excellent type, quality and colour; 2, Winterbottom, nice bird, large, good quality and colour; 3, Marshall, neat bird of fine quality and colour; vhc, Brown, hc, Richardson; c, H. Twine. HEAVILY MKD. NOR.: 1, spl, Vardy, large green yell., fine bird, good head and neck, nice quality; 2, H. Twine, heavy mkd. buff, nice type, good quality and colour; 3, Marshall, heavy mkd. buff, good bird. YELL. DARK CREST.: 1, spl, T. Twine, an eye-opener, massive body, in good condition, grand large head, good length of feather—wonderful bird. BUFF: 1, spl, Mellors, green, nice crest, dense with good droop. YELL. C.-B.: 1, spl, Marshall, fine large bird, very good head, shows plenty of feather BUFF: 1, spl, Jacklin, splendid bird, cl. wouderful head and quality, very long in feather, a gem, wins well; 2, T. Twine, large bird, with good length of feather; 3, Marshall, nice bird good quality and feather, runs close; vhc, Mellors; hc, H. Twine. MULE: 1, spl, Wagg, Greenfinch-Canary, nice bird, well marked, in good condition; 2, Vardy, Goldfinch-Canary, lightly marked, very nice bird; 3, Veers, Greenfinch-Canary, grand bird, rather young. BRIT.: 1, spl, 2, Wagg, 1st Yellowhammer, grand bird, in splendid condition, well marked, a beauty, 2nd Greenfinch, runs very close, fine large bird, in the best of condition, both birds a credit to owner; 3, Faux, Yellowhammer, another grand bird; vhc, Vardy, Goldfinch; hc, A. A. Asbury, Greenfinch.

## BOLTON O.S.

Annual First Feather Show, held at the Joiner's Arms Hotel, Deansgate, Bolton, on June 19th, when upwards of 70 exhibits were staged. The quality of the exhibits was a decided improvement on that of previous years, and the show was well patronised by the public. Mr. A. Hirst, of Accrington, judged, and his awards gave entire satisfaction.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, Mitchell; 2, hc, Brooks; 3, vhc, Ogden. BUFF: 1, 2, Mitchell; 3, c, Brooks; vhc, hc, Smith. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Smith; 2, J. and J. Hopkins; 3, Grundy. BUFF: 1, 3, J. and J. Hopkins; 2, vhc, Smith; hc, Grundy; c, Gaskell. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Gaskell; 2, Allen; 3, Nelson; vhc, c, Cooper. BUFF: 1, 2, J. and J. Hopkins; 3, Allen; vhc, Sims and Taylor; hc, Lomax. BRIT.: 1, Smith (Thrush and Linnet); 3, Gerrard (Greenfinch); vhc, Cooper (Redpoll); c, J. R. Hatton (Linnet). FOR.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Yellow Budgerigars, white Java, green Budgerigars, and grey Java Sparrows. 29/- SELL.: 1, J. and J. Hopkins; 2, Hatton. 12/6: 1, Lomax; 2, Hatton; 3, Gaskell. NOVICE YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Barlow; vhc, hc, Burgess; c, Brierley. NOR. YELL.: 1, T. Smith; 2, Haslem; 3, vhc, Whittaker; hc, Burton. BUFF: 1, Brierley; 2, 3, Haslem; vhc, Whittaker; hc, Morrison; c, T. Smith. —H. PARKINSON, Sec.

## GREAT HORTON O.S.

The annual open first feather show was held on June 19th, in the Congregational Schools, High-st. Mr. E. Radley, of Skelmanthorpe, officiated as judge, his awards meeting with general satisfaction throughout.—Eleven classes were provided, and a total entry of 177 was obtained, this giving an average of 16 per class. The ticked buffs were the largest class in the show, with 23 entries. Some extra good birds were staged, including Messrs. Hartley's clear yellow and Mr. Stable's ticked yellow (this latter being considered by some to be the best bird in show); Mr. Oddy's heavy-marked bird and Mr. Hillas's cinnamon marked yellow were accounted as the pick of the show. A good list of specials was provided, and all requirements were kept well in hand by the secretary, Mr. J. Holroyd and committee, Messrs. Mann, Barraclough, Jennings, Simonett, Hainsworth, and others. The prize-money was paid out during the afternoon, the show closing at 6 o'clock, to allow exhibits to arrive bome before dark.

CL. YELL. YKS. (21): 1, spl, Messrs. Hartley, nice length, grand sbape and style, leggy, rich colour and quality; 2, Fortnam, very lengthy, well drawn out, good wings and tail, nice feather but hardly in full bloom; 3, otc., Stables, neat and compact, good shape and quality; 4, Young, nice shape and leggy; vbc, Hardaker and Sample,; hc, Fieldhouse. BUFF (19): 1, spl, Gledhill, nice length, good sbape, fine quality and colour; 2, Bateman, good shape, nice wings, all there for quality and colour; 3, Wilkinson, slim, neat shape, leggy, nice quality; 4, Smith, good size and shape, nice quality; vhc, Worsman and Son; hc, Hartley; c, Ellis. TKD. YELL. (19): 1, spl, Stables, ticked wing, lovely shape, position and style, full of colour and quality, we understand it changed hands after the show at a good price; 2, Moore, ticked wing again, grand shape, full of nerve, nice colour and quality; 3, Young, ticked head, nice size and shape, good quality and style; 4, Wilkinson, neat type and stylish, well braced wings and tail, looking well; vhc. Smith; hc, Lingley; c, E. Smith. BUFF (23): I, spl, Oddy, good shape, nice quality, colour and bloom; 2, Hainsworth, ticked neck, fine quality and colour; 3, Oliver, tick. cheek, nice shape and style, good colour; 4, Longbottom, very shapely, grand colour and quality; vbc, Stansfield; hc, Bromham; c, Lingley. UNEV. MKD. YELL. (18): 1, spl, Sagar, good shape, well cut away, well up on leg, neat markings, nice quality and colour; 2, Midgley, big long bird, good shape and quality; 3, Lingley, grand colour and quality; 4, Self, nice length, good posisiton, leggy, neat quality; vhc, Ellis; hc, Burdekin; c, Gibson. BUFF (14): 1, spl, Stables, lovely markings, nice shape and quality, extra good back, fine colour; 2, Gledhill, excellent size, nice sbape and quality, pale in colour; 3, Moore, mkd. eyes and one wing, grand shape, well cut away, rich colour and quality; 4, Self, nice shape and quality; vhc, Bromham; hc, Clark; c, Lister. HVY. VARIEG. GREEN-MKD. (12): 1, spl, Oddy, good lengtb, grand shape and position, neat wings and tail, nice quality; 2, Worsman and Son, nice length, good quality; 3, Hartley, grand type and position, neat quality and rich colour; 4, Lister, very shapely, extra position, nice quality; vhc, Dean; hc, Smitb; c, Simpson. CINN. TKD., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, spl, Hillas, good length, grand colour and quality, nice leg and position; 2, Smith, neat type, good cut, well up in position and quality; 3, Fieldhouse, tkd., stronger, nice shape, well up on leg, nice colour and quality; 4, Worsman and Son, tkd. head, nice length, leggy, nice colour and quality; vhc, hc, Simmett; c Burdekin. BUFF (10): 1, spl, E. Grange, extra length, nice shape, good quality and colour, in full bloom; 2, Smith, grand shape, stylish, nice in quality; 3, Fieldhouse, slim, typical, nice position, good feather; 4, Hartley, big strong bird, capital colour and quality; vhc, Burdekin; hc, Simonettc; c, Hardaker and Sample. BRIT. (11): 1, spl, W. P. Bell, Hawfinch, good size, neat bib and eye marks, full of colour, in grand trim; 2, Dean, Linnet, good size and shape, rich colour on back, nice penciling; 3 Mason, Wheatear, good bird, very steady, well defined colour and markings; 4, Inman, Yellow Bunting, grand size, very rich in colour and steady as a rock; vhc, Bell, Bullfinch; hc, Myers, Redpoll; c, Mackwell, Yellow Wagtail, lovely exhibit. SELL (12/6). (18): 1, spl, R. Kitchen; 2, Morley; 3, Hartley; 4, Midgley; vhc, Holden; hc, Barraclough; c, Lingley.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# Twitterings.

Our Annual Nest Feather Show, writes Mr. J. Gibbons, secretary of the Wolverhampton C.B.S., will be held on July 22nd.

We have decided to hold an open show on November 4th, writes Mr. T. G. Jeffery, hon. secretary of the Southall and Dis. C.B.S.

The Rotherham C.B.S. will hold a Nest Feather Show at the Wheat Sheaf, on July 3rd, at 3 p.m., writes Mr. Geo. Oakes, the secretary.

We hear that Mr. F. Easterling is to judge the cage-bird section of the Brighton and Wandsworth shows on November 2nd and November 30th respectively.

Kindly note that I have removed from Hamilton Road, writes Mr. G. H. Billett, the well-known judge of cage-birds, to "Glen Helen," Warwick Road, Reading.

The Wath and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. Watson, the hon. secretary, are holding their First Feather Show on June 26th, when Mr. W. Brotherton (Rotherham) will judge.

The date of the Nest Feather Show of the Swansea C.B.A. is Saturday, July 17th, and not July 12th, as printed last week in this column. Will the members kindly note this?

Mr. S. Hadwin took Mr. Houlton's place as judge of the Waterloo Society's Nest Feather Show on June 18th, owing to the recent bereavement sustained by Mr. Houlton.

The Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S., writes Mr. Arthur Wake, the hon. secretary, will hold their annual Nest Feather Show on July 24th, when Mr. Marwood will judge.

The Glasgow and Western Counties Club hold their First Feather Show on July 10th, writes Mr. T. Drysdale, the secretary. Mr. John Young (Rutherglen), has kindly consented to judge.

We are holding our First Feather Show on July 31st, the entry fee heing 3d. for each bird, writes Mr. W. Ritchie, hon. secretary, Bannockhurn and Dis. New C.B.S. Our entries close on July 24th.

The Great Horton O.S. will hold their members' show on June 26th, at the Butchers Arms, writes Mr. J. Holroyd, the secretary. Mr. S. Dean will judge. Birds are to be staged at 8 p.m. prompt.

Your paper, CAGE BIRDS, is a marvel for advertising in. I have letters pouring in at every post from the advertisement I had in it. It will take me a good while to answer them all.—W. PINCHIN (Marske-by-the-Sea).

We have secured the services of Mr. Matt. Broadley, of Windhill, as judge for our young bird show, to be held on July 10th, at St. Luke's Schoolroom, North Street, writes Mr. J. Chambers, hon. secretary, of the Leeds C.B.S.

We are holding our First Feather Show at the Fanciers' Hall, Pitt Street, Norwich, on July 10th, writes Mr. R. Roll, secretary, Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A. The judges are Messrs. W. W. Freestone and E. P. Gilbert, and the show will he open to members only.

The Keynsham and Dis. P.A., write Messrs. Chappell and Cridland, the hon. secretaries, have fixed their annual exhibition of cage birds, etc., for December 1st. We have secured the services of well-known judges, and our great object is to retain the reputation of being up-to-date.

I have had so many applications for my Goldie-Bullie Hybrid, that I am unable to reply to all of them, writes Mr. A. J. Brown (Weymouth). I should be obliged if you would thank applicants through your columns. What better proof can one want than this, that CAGE BIRDS is a good advertising medium?

The London and Counties O.S. are holding their Young Bird Show on June 26th, at headquarters, the Sessions House Hotel, Clerkenwell Road, E.C., two minutes' walk from Farringdon Street Station, and trams and 'buses pass the door from all parts. The show opens at 2 o'clock p.m.—W. GILBERT, hon. secretary.

We are holding our Annual Nest Feather Show on July 10th, at the Dartmouth Hotel, write Messrs. Duffield and Jennings, hon. secretaries, West Bromwich and Dis. C.B.S., and have 19 classes. Messrs. Weaver (Wolverhampton) and Paddock (Birmingham) have kindly consented to judge.

A curious nest of a Blue Tit is to be seen at Rock Ferry. Two ten-inch tree pots stand empty, one inside the other, leaving a space of about two and a half inches between the two. The mother bird enters through the drainage hole of the upper pot and has reared a family of seven—now ready to fly—in the cavity between the two.

Sandiford's colour feeds never had such a sale before. Sold this last seven days 26 cwts., including customers such as Mr. W. H. Shackleton, Yorkshire winner, 28lbs., Messrs. Baker, Midgley, Irons, Towers, Vardy, Booth, Beardall, Barnes, Hodder, Grey, Rennie, Spillman, Collings, all of whom have had from 28lbs. to 112lbs. each.—(ADVT.)

Mr. W. Hardy, of Oldham, will judge at our First Feather Show on July 17th, writes Mr. J. Butterworth, secretary of the Rochdale O.C.

The Granite City Cage Bird Society will hold their First Feather Show (open) in the E.U. Hall, John Street, Aberdeen, on July 10th, writes Mr. John Duquid, the hon. secretary. Mr. John Lyon, Aberdeen, has consented to judge.

We are endeavouring to popularise the foreign section, writes Mr. Wynn, hon. secretary, City and Suburban A.C.B. To further this object we have engaged Mr. Wesley Page to judge the foreign birds at the forthcoming Annual Show, and at the Nest Feather Show (as a sort of educator for the more important show) we are offering six foreign classes.

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I think it would be a good thing to hear more of fanciers' failures, writes Miss C. Bandock (S. Hackney). It would put more courage into heginners; at least, I think so. I have felt discouraged often, hut I don't think the following result is bad: 4 hirds from 5 eggs, and the first season for hirds and myself. All is owing to "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which I cousider invaluahle.

## OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret that we hear of the loss sustained by that well-known judge, Mr. Chas. Houlton (St. Helens), whose mother departed this life on June 17th last. We tender Mr. Houlton our heartfelt sympathy; and the sympathies of the Fancy will go out to him in his hour of affliction. Mr. Houlton writes:—"I don't know how to tell you how my dear old dad and my sister feel this loss, to say nothing of myself. A hetter mother never more faithfully and lovingly looked to and cared for her family and household. The four of us have heen together half a century and over. My parents enjoyed the happiness of their married state for a period of 55 years. My sister, who has been a confirmed invalid during the last 17 years, is in an exceedingly weak state through the hlow."


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### Welsh Cage Bird Club.

The Welsh Cage Bird Club has had a highly successful season financially, a cash halance in hand of 19s. 10d. at the end of the 1907-8 season, having grown to a sum of £6 4s. 4d. at the end of last season. In addition the club has three cups, valuc £4 10s., as assets, The club show was a gratifying success. Last season's cup winners were Messrs. G. Harber (Leech Challenge), Lewis and Dymond (Leech Challenge), G. Gregory (D. Jones' Challenge), G. T. Jones (Sandiford's). Shows requiring the club's patronage must apply on or hefore July 24th. The secretary is Mr. G. T. Jones, Arfon House, Castle Street, Brecon.

The result of the hallot for the election of auditors, committee, and judges is as follows: Two AUDITORS: Messrs. E. J. Bevan (Tredegar), 13 votes and A. E. Brown (Merthyr Tydfil), 10 votes, the next on the list being Mr. T. Oriel (Abertillery), with 5 votes; EIGHT COMMITTEEMEN: Messrs. G. L. Harber (Merthyr Tydfil) 17, J. Pritchard (Mountain Ash) 16, B. Davies (Merthyr Tydfil) 16, T. L. Castree (Mountain Ash) 13, F. P. Dymond (Cardiff) 9, H. W. Sheldon (Llandudno) 9, D. Jenkins (Swansea) 9, and L. Lewis (Brecon) 8, the next on the list heing Mr. D. Jones, 7 votes; SIX JUDGES: Messrs. T. L. Castree 16, D. H. Tedstone (Brecon) 16, J. Pritchard 15, G. L. Harber 14, T. H. Melhuish (Cardiff) 13, and G. T. Jones (Brecon) 6, the next on the list heing Mr. H. W. Sheldon, with 5 votes. There were 18 voting papers sent in, one of which had to be disqualified through non-compliance with the rules.

"Bird Notes" for June sustains the reputation of this journal of the Foreign Bird Club for containing articles hy well-known foreign bird experts, and illustrations exquisitely produced from photographs." The Rufous Tinamou" is the subject of an article from the pen of Mr. W. E. Teschemaker, B.A., who gives an interesting account of four large, tame Tinamous, which were sent to him from the Argentine. A further account is given of the Yellow-winged Sugar Bird, hy Mr. Tinniswood Miller, F.Z.S., Mr. Wesley T. Page, writes on "The Bullfinch" He has had practical experience with the species, and none will deny him the privilege of this excursion into a new field for once. The same writer also contributes "Notes from the Zoo," of which the new flights provided for Birds of Paradise form the principal theme.

From Mr. J. Sandiford, the well-known fanciers' specialist, of North Road, Preston, we have received a handsomely illustrated catalogue of cages (both hreeding, stock, and show), and all kinds of up-to-date bird-room appliances, foods, seeds, etc. The quality is the hest, and the prices very favourable to huyers; readers should send for a copy and judge of this for themselves. Mr. Sandiford also sends us samples of his world-renowned colour-foods, of which he states he has had sales greater than ever this season, with orders for large quantities from many leading exhihitors. Inspection of the noted "Royal Red Feed" shows it to be of really astonishing colour, extremely deep, yet hright, and as may be expected from so experienced a firm, it is ground to just the right degree of fineness, and retains just the right amount of oil. Mr. Sandiford's hot Natal is also of remarkahle colour for a "warm" pepper, and will no doubt he in great demand amongst those who favour its use. Readers interested in colour-feeding should make a point of seeing samples of Mr. Sandiford's peppers.

### Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland.

The secretaryship of the Y.C.C. of Ireland has heen resigned by Mr. J. P. Rooney, and that gentleman has favoured us with a lengthy letter concerning the affairs of the club, which, however, we have been unable to publish in this issue.

### The Freedom of the House.

I have had a Jackdaw for four years, writes "J.B.," of Bristol, to a contemporary, and although at first I kept it in a cage, I now let it out into the garden. It comes all over the house with me, but goes away at night, returning for its meals.

### Norwich Plainhead Club.

All clubs desirous of having the patronage of the above society must apply to me on or before Saturday, July 3rd, as the committee meet on that day, and give me full particulars as to classification, judge, etc. The judge must he one of the club's judges. I should also he glad to hear from those members to whom I have written, and who have not replied.—JNO. HOPKINS, hon. secretary.

### Birds in a Greenhouse.

My young brother and I have a number of birds which were sold to us in cages, but which mother let loose in the greenhouse which opens into a room, writes Miss M. Schultess Young (Bedford Park, W.), to a contemporary. They sing all day long and fly ahout as they like. A Lark, which we were told must he kept in its little cage or it would not sing, began singing at once; and the Linnet that we bought for 4d. from a hird shop is always singing, too. A Tiger-Finch, which never sang before, now sings for hours every day. A young Canary we hatched in January helped its father and mother to build another nest in the cork, and helps them, too, to feed the young birds. It was very funny to see it try to do so at first.

## YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

Will members please notify me of any change of address, and anyone desirous of becoming a member of the club send in their name and address for inclusion in the club's handhook? On behalf of the committee I heg to thank the following for their generous support, viz., Mr. T. Sandiford (cup value 5 guineas), Mr. W. Cruise (special value 1 guinea), and Messrs. Halliday and Chittenden (cash 5s.). Since my last I have received applications for the club's patronage from the following societies:—City of Wakefield, Laisterdyke, Halifax, Manningham, Scottish National, Rochdale. Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Rochdale Good Intent.—JOHN GREAVES, secretary.


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# The Breeding & Management of the Green Canary.

By S. HADWIN.

**A lecture given before the Sale O.S. on April 26th.**

I have very pleasant recollections of my previous visit to your Society and the welcome you so kindly gave me, and I am sure you will accord me on this occasion the same kindly attention. The subject we have before us—"The Breeding and Management of the Green Canary"—is an important one. It is important in that the Green Canary has made such rapid strides as a show specimen in recent years that it has come to be looked upon as one of the premier varieties. It is not only a beautiful variety in itself, but its uses for crossing with other varieties for colour-purposes, are now almost universally recognised.

### Early Stages of Its History.

It is not necessary at this time to go into the history of this variety; to do so would only be to tell a thrice-told tale. Suffice it to say that the Yorkshire Green has been on the show bench for something like fifty years. The Norwich Green is of a much more recent date. There was a time when it was practically impossible to breed this variety.

Some fourteen years ago a certain Liverpool fancier had a team of fourteen pairs to commence the breeding season with, and a bonny lot they were. At the end of the season he had one bird left—not a youngster; and with this one exception not an old one was left. Other fanciers had similar, if less crushing experiences. And it looked as if the Norwich Green had definitely decided on its own extinction. But some ten years ago this state of things began to alter, and fanciers began to pair together their most heavily variegated Norwich. The Green Crestbred was also requisitioned, and so on. Thus, with slow and sure steps, the present-day Norwich Greens have been built up; and built up in such numbers that they threaten the supremacy of the Yorkshire Greens, especially in Liverpool and Cheshire. It is difficult to understand why this variety does not spread itself out more, but perhaps this will be remedied before long.

The Border Fancy Green is of a more recent date than either of the other varieties put together. The reason for this is not far to seek.

They are a variety thoroughly decentralized. They are spread all over the country and have made friends everywhere, and are certainly come to stay. I am quite sure if the number of Yorkshire and Norwich Greens were spread out more, and we could get rid of the present localizing tendencies, they would very much improve their position. One has only to look round to see the bad effect on any variety when its outlook is restricted.

Before going into the question of breeding, it is necessary that we first get clearly into our minds what we want to breed for, and for this purpose a short study of the standards of the three varieties will be of advantage.

### The Question of Colour.

The first thing we meet with is colour. And the particular question we have to ask ourselves is: What colour is it we want? The answer I give to this is:—Don't be too particular about a certain shade of colour; but do be particular that you get depth of colour. The standard says "grass green," and there is no doubt that fresh young grass, especially in a shady place, has a very nice, desirable colour; but it has not the permanency about it which would fix the idea of that colour in the novice's mind, as it changes frequently with the seasons; as it ripens, too, it shows a lot of yellow. This, by-the-bye, gives a fair idea of the yellow greens, but it does not represent the rich depth of colour we see in a well-coloured buff. I, personally, prefer the rich dark olive of the evergreens; there is more permanency here, and this gives one a better idea of depth.

Whilst on this question of colour, it may not be waste of time to spend a few moments in considering which variety carries the most colour, and the reason for it. Premier place from a colour point of view is held by the Border Fancy, and the reason here is not far to seek. The Borders have years of superlative quality behind them; it has never been necessary to cross them with large birds for size. Consequently the quality has always been maintained, and it is this quality, this compactness of feather, which gives the Border such a smooth polished appearance, showing up the colour to such perfection.

The Yorkshire Green comes next. Years ago when this variety was bred practically for colour only, there is no doubt it was a much better coloured bird than it is today. When the old Green club was formed type was rather rushed into, with the consequent loss of colour. It is a pity type was not more slowly introduced, and the old rich colour kept more to the front. It is unfortunate that judges nowadays pay too much attention to type at the expense of colour; and so long as this is the case, colour will be neglected, it being much easier to breed a good typed bird than a good typed *and* a well-coloured bird. So long as breeders are satisfied with this state of things so long will it continue; but once breeders say (and determine) that they will have nothing but the best, the green will improve; and while fanciers are satisfied with merely winning prizes and don't care a rap about colour so long as the birds win, for so long will colour be a negligible quantity.

The Norwich Green comes last in the colour scheme, principally on account of the fact that it has had to be built up very largely from birds having practically no colour history. But there are evidences that the Norwich Green will eventually beat the Yorkshires in colour. This is largely due to the fact that the Norwich lend themselves to double-buffing, and neither of the other varieties does.

I have spent rather a long time in connection with this question of colour, but it is the most important matter on the standard, accounting as it does for 35 out of the 100 points allotted to the birds. Type and quality are the remaining outstanding features, but as they are the same as the other varieties of Yorkshire, Norwich, and Borders, it is not necessary to deal particularly with them at this stage.

### Evidences of Colour.

It is quite possible to have birds with a large amount of colour in them, and yet this colour does not appear on the surface. It is latent, but it is lying dormant. The best guide in selecting birds where colour is principally wanted is to make a point of seeing that the legs and feet are dark. Some shine to such an extent that they look as if they were blackleaded. The quill of the feather which forms the pencilling or markings, should also be as black and shiny as possible. When these evidences of colour exist, the novice may be sure there is plenty of colour about.

A good deal has been said and written from time to time about trying to breed Greens without pencillings. Those who advocate this are very superficial observers. Anyone who wishes to prove for himself has only to examine a bird with jet black pencillings and one showing a brownish colour, to see for himself what a wonderful difference there is in the body or ground colour of the birds. It will be seen at once that the dark pencillings carry richness and depth, whilst the brown carry only a surface colour. The greatest proof, to my mind, that pencillings largely control colour, is the fact that buffs have pencillings very much broader and heavier than do yellows, and they carry the pencillings along the waist to a large extent, a thing which yellows very rarely do; and looked at from the point of view of beauty, a good pencilled bird is a joy for ever to the man who loves a really excellent bird without reference to the one whose cage it is in.

### The Use of Cinnamon Blood.

We will now examine for a moment the question of Cinnamon blood and its use for colour purposes when crossed with the Green. This I know is a very controversial subject. It is also a very important one. I will say straight out that Cinnamon blood is bad for colour in Greens, except in an indirect way. Cinnamon blood supplies a beautifully fine quality of feather, and this fine quality of feather is capable of carrying a soft rich tone of colour, far superior to that seen on coarse feathers. So that, indirectly, the use of Cinnamon blood is good for colour. I will explain later how this good can be utilized.

The bad points are very numerous. One has only to examine the quills of the Cinnamon feather to note at once that they contain a pinkish pigment, and that the feet and beak are pink or flesh-coloured. I have previously pointed out that the quills, feet, and beak, in Greens cannot be too dark, and that it is this rich darkness that controls colour. Hence, the bad effect this Cinnamon blood has on green colour. Incidentally, too, I may mention that green blood has the same bad effect on Cinnamon colour.

The first bad effects noticed are light legs and beak, thus taking away two of the Green's best points. Later, when the stock gets more or less of the Cinnamon blood in it, we notice a general blurring, a smokiness, and an absence of clearness in the markings. When it is used to excess, a very nasty mousey greyness is observed, and when this stage is reached, green colour is practically non-existent.

### Double-yellowing and Double-buffing.

Two other factors in connection with colour are double-yellowing and double-buffing. Double-yellowing is a bad factor in every sense of the word. It thins the feathers and makes them very brittle; consequently, there is not that boxeyness about the appearance of the bird with which alone it is possible to get a really good colour. Double-yellowing also gives the feathers an open, scanty, washed-out appearance. One often hears the remark "Oh, but it's a Yellow," implying by this that yellows are so much better in colour than buffs. This is a great mistake.

Double-buffing has a great deal to do with colour. The buff is in itself the predominant partner in this colour scheme. Hence the breeding from two buffs with their combined softness of texture of feather, deepens colour to a marvellous extent. The objections to double-buffing are, in the case of the Yorkshire Greens, thickening and shortening the feather, especially in the flights and tail; this, of course, is to be avoided in all Yorkshires. With Borders the objection is similar so far as thickening is concerned, and I would only advise its use where extra colour is required in the buff stock birds, i.e., birds required for crossing with scantily feathered yellows.

In the Norwich Green, double-buffing is of great advantage. It shortens the flights and tail, thickens the feather, giving them a much greater covering power; consequently, a cobbier alround specimen is produced. The objection to double-buffing is that no yellows are produced from this cross. But we may take it that the ideal stock cock bird is double-buff bred and paired to a yellow hen. Yellows and buffs will be produced of a colour far superior to those obtained from the ordinary style of pairing. (Yellow and buff or the reverse). (*To be continued.*)

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# Some Breeding Season Troubles Considered.

**By T. W. Wilson.**

**A Lecture before the Halifax O.S.**

(*Concluded from page 543.*)

### The Discussion.

The lecture gave rise to a number of interesting questions. Appended are a few of the more useful ones:—

What is Mr. Wilson's opinion as to the value of the niger seed as a preventative of egg-binding?—Ans.: I have used niger, or inga seed as it is sometimes known, over a long period of years (perhaps twenty) in moderation, and, for experimental purposes, to excess; and I never yet found that I had any less cases of this trouble through its use. I had cases of the sort before using it, and certainly not less of them since I used this seed. On the other hand, I found that if not used discreetly it has a most injurious effect on the whole internal viscera of the birds, but particularly on the liver. I much prefer giving a bit of mutton suet for them to peck at during conditioning time, and for a week after pairing. Then if I note a bird that is rather of a sluggish nature, I give it treacle water the colour of ale, to drink the day before I think it is going to lay.

An old breeder here gave testimony that he lost a lot of birds rather inexplicably many years ago, so he sent one up to a Fancy Press specialist for a post-mortem. The reply came that his birds had septic fever; so, of course, he at once resigned himself to the probable loss of all his stock. He took four dead birds to a local "vet.," who made a careful post-mortem, and reported that the livers of all four birds were practically destroyed. He promptly stopped niger seed, had no more deaths, and his whole stock gradually recovered. Other members said they believed the seed was of great service if used in moderation.

What is the lecturer's attitude towards maw seed?—I think it is a most valuable seed, that has many virtues all the year round. I don't mix it in egg food save in cases where the hen has lost a lot of strength through too close sitting, and requires something to soothe, tempt and tone her up, and help to induce her to take up her feeding duties with greater zest. I like a large proportion of it in in my mixed seed. Also I give plenty of it on milksop to soothe irritated bowels.

Does Mr. Wilson think hemp seed of use during the breeding season?—Emphatically, yes! During all my experience I have given an unlimited supply of this seed, crushed ready for the birds to feed with, and can safely say it has always been one of my best servants. I do not use it after the young are doing for themselves, as I have known youngsters to have inflammation of the bowels, which I have ascribed to their eating husks either accidentally or innocently. Neither do I put a great lot of it in my mixed seed, as it has a tendency to fatten old birds, a thing difficult to do with young, growing nestlings.

What kind of green food does the lecturer think best?—I have found dandelion, if carefully selected, very good, but I never want the large, strong variety, nor yet that which has a deeply serrated leaf. Watercress, too, is excellent, but I swear by lettuce. Many are the indifferent hens that I have coaxed to a better execution of their duty by a plentiful supply of tender young lettuce.

A member here related how last year he sowed some lettuce in a greenhouse and gave it to his birds, with the result that it gave them acute diarrhœa, or colic. This statement drew the prompt suggestion from Mr. W. that the speaker omitted to wash the stuff first, which he as promptly admitted.

How does the lecturer account for a hen laying an egg with a baked appearance?—It was probably a hen overfat, or of sluggish habit, that ought to have laid earlier. This remark elicited the rejoinder that the bird laid a second egg the same day, and a third on the following day.

Does Mr. Wilson think that using cod-liver oil tends to produce long feather?—No; in the very nature of things that is impossible. But it certainly tends to slackness of feather if used too freely, thus making the bird look as though that was the case.

What is the best thing to use in the nest to help to keep red-mite down?—A good insect powder, dredged in the nest when setting the hen, and also freely sprinkled between nest-pan and nest-lining. Here a member stated he had found that putting Stockholm tar in the nest pan was effectual; whilst another promptly rejoined that he had used it to little or no effect. The general concensus of opinion ruled in favour of the powder.

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# The Skylark: How I Keep it in Health and Song.

By THOMAS HANDLEY.

I think the Skylark is the king of British song-birds, and I feel sure there are a good many of the readers of CAGE BIRDS who will hold it so with me. I have read of instances where people have given this title to the Nightingale, but while I have heard both birds singing, I must say the Skylark is, to my mind, more deserving of the title. It is the surroundings that make the melody of the Nightingale sound so sweet; but I will leave it to others to judge for themselves. I hope, however, to see some little comment on this point. I am sorry to say there are above 90 per cent. of bird fanciers who have never heard a Nightingale sing, and I feel sure that at the speed with which Larks are being slaughtered to satisfy the palates of our so-called society, it will be a rare thing in time to hear a Lark sing. But I hope the day is not far distant when they will receive a little more protection from the guns of the so-called sportsmen. They can shoot them down in hundreds in the winter when the birds cannot get food inland, and so have to go in thousands to the coast, there to meet their dooms.

**An Easily-kept Species.**

There is no bird to equal a Lark as a house bird, providing it receives proper attention. Any one who wants to keep these birds and keep them up to perfection, can do so by observing the following instructions.

When purchasing a wild bird always select one that is not frightened—one that seems homely and not wild; in other words, a steady bird. Then you can rely upon your having a singer. If you have Larks that fly about the cage, and jump a great deal, it is a waste of good food to give it them. Turn them out, as they may make good singers when at liberty, but not when in cages. After you have got one or two steady birds you may be sure of plenty of music. During the winter it is mostly gas-light singing one hears. You can sit and hear as much music as you care for, providing they are kept as they ought to be; but when the days grow longer they gradually change to giving you daylight singing.

**How to Feed Larks.**

This is how I feed my birds for singing. I take 2lbs. pea-meal, ½lb. oat meal, ½lb. ground rice. These I mix altogether. Then I get a quarter leaf lard or mutton suet. These I put in an oven till they are melted. I pour it over the meal and rub well in with my hands. Then I break one fresh egg to every pound in a basin with honey or sugar, and beat it like a custard. Then I pour over the meal and rub well in. I then cook in a slow but hot oven. Do not burn it, but keep turning it over till it is a nice rich brown. Then put on top shelf to dry off.

When it is dry grind it out and then take the quantity you require for feeding. Add your seeds to it, and by doing this you will find out the different palates of your birds. Some may like hemp, others rape, others maw, and others dandelion. When you find this out it is a saving for you, and the birds, too, get that which they like best. Always spray the birds once a week, and always in the morning, as birds washed in the evening cannot take the same pains with their toilet as they can when washed early. Clean the cages also. Then run the birds into clean sand, and put them where they can "switter" the sand to their hearts' delight, as they do like to see it fly around. There is the missus who does not like to see this, but you must always have something ready for her, and she will forget until all is over what you have been doing.

**The Song of the Skylark.**

The bird in its wild state is worth attention without his song. You may watch him flicker from field to field in search of a mate. I might mention here that, judging from hand-reared Larks, there are from 60 to 70 per cent. of cocks to 30 or 40 per cent. hens. When the male wishes to claim, he flies about until he finds a mate. Then he begins to sing the best of his singing, the hen running about him, or very often flying at him. Then he will rise and pour out his love song. But that is not the best. Then he descends and flies to where the female is. Then you will hear him sing the sweetest singing it is possible for man to hear. It is vigorous singing. And it is then the female will call if she has taken to the male. On the other hand, they may commence to fight, and the male bird will afterwards appeal with his sweet song. Then, if paired, they commence to claim the bit of ground they intend to build upon, and soon commence to build. It is then you can see these small birds in their true colours.

Let any fancier who has a bird which will sing in a field while in a cage, take it and leave the cage uncovered on the grass, and he will see the gamest song birds living, both male and female. I have taken a bird of my own into a field, and as soon as it has commenced to sing I have seen other Larks, both male and female, at the cage.

**Caging and Catching.**

I always use a fine netted cage—1in. mesh. The cages are 1ft. long, 7½ins. high, and 7ins. broad. I put four wires, 72ins. long, one at each side the cage, and about 2½ins. from the cage; one end I fix in ground, the other about 5ins. from the ground. The wild birds which I wish to catch will face the cage-bird. Then they will strike like game cocks. The wild birds catch the wire, which is smeared with bird lime, and stay there until you take them off. The females are very often caught, but you can always tell a hen, if you have any other birds. A male bird is always longer cast than the female; also it is higher on the leg and longer in the spur. The ear feathers, too, cover almost as much again as in the case of hens. I have seen the ear feathers on the male birds meet on the backs of their heads. I advise amateur fanciers to purchase a hen and take special note of it; then to turn her out into the fields when pairing time comes.

The nest of the Skylark consists of dry grass. They lay from one to five eggs of a whitish grey colour, streaked and spotted with darker grey. The hens sit for from 14 to 15 days before hatching. Then they commence to feed the young. The hen gathers a few small insects close to home; then when the birds are four or five days old you can see both old birds carrying snails, grubs, beetles, etc. The beetles' wings are off. You can see the old birds rambling among hedge bottoms; they are then in search of spiders. A spider is the best medicine you can give a Lark; when all other things have failed, a spider will work wonders.

When the birds are moulting always clean the cage and put in a good supply of sand, with a small thimbleful of flowers of sulphur. Carry the birds from the room to one a little cooler, and then cover them up. Put plenty of shepherd's purse and chickweed around their cages, and do not move them again. But if the birds do not go into moult after a few days, give them two or three drops of sweet nitre, and this will do all that is wanted; but take care to keep them from all draughts. At all times you can give your birds green food, except in frosty weather, as frost has killed hundreds of birds in the house.

**The Rearing of Young Birds.**

To rear young birds, take them before they are full-fledged, as they are more easily got to gape than when about ready to run. Place them in an old hat until they begin to try and jump out. Then place them in close-wired cages with a cover over them. The birds will always come to one corner for food. When they are about four weeks old cage them off and run them in sand. Also use a bird-blower and blow water over them; it will then drop as fine as steam, but this will be found enough. You can but scarcely perceive young birds passing through the moult. They also eat their feathers if not taken out. Always keep a stick close at hand with which to play with them, as it keeps them from getting wild.

The food to feed young Larks on, and the best I ever used, is:—One tablespoonful of pea-meal, one thimbleful of maw seed. Tie these in a cloth and boil for one hour. Then add a slice of hard-boiled egg and a bit of potato (roasted or boiled), and make into a paste that you can roll in your fingers. Then place it on a stick, and as the birds gape for it it will break off into their mouths and will not dirty their feathers, as is the case with sloppy food. The birds will always then look clean and healthy. They will feed themselves at six weeks; but always play with them when they are about to feed themselves, as this is a most critical time. They will sometimes not feed from the tin, and their mouths go a nasty yellow colour, instead of being red. In that case get a drop of new milk and give them a few drops from the stick about every hour and in a couple of days you will find they are in the best of health. Never give a drink of water except what has been boiled—and then only when you are there, as they will over-indulge themselves if you don't watch them. When they have got used to it you can give them glasses regularly. It is this that kills most young birds. I never give my birds water until they are through the moult. You put food into them as soon as they begin to feed themselves, and then all your trouble is over.

# Colour-Feeding and Moulting.

By H. E. Parrott.

**A Lecture Delivered before the Wimbledon C.B.S. on June 7th.**

Your secretary, Mr. Smith, has asked me to give you a few hints on colour-feeding and moulting, and I am very pleased to do so to the best of my ability. I must admit that I do not think it is possible for me to introduce anything new or original, but in the hope of helping or assisting any novice or beginner who may be present, I will endeavour to make my remarks as instructive and interesting as possible.

**Breeding for Colour.**

Before touching the question of colour feeding, I should like first of all to impress upon you the absolute necessity of breeding for colour, that is the introduction of dark or green blood into your stock, without which it is impossible to obtain that depth of colour which is so essential to stamp a specimen as perfection.

Taking my own breeding pairs, either the cock or the hen is ticked, marked, or variegated, or, if clear, bred from marked parents. By this means the youngsters are certain to possess that rich, bright, natural colour which is so useful in finishing them off into "red hot" specimens when the moulting and colour feeding period has expired. How frequently we hear fanciers say that they cannot understand why their birds are lacking in that deep glowing orange colour; but if you could only trace what they were bred from I am certain you would find the parents were clears and very pale in colour.

I should therefore like you to bear in mind how absolutely essential it is to introduce dark or green blood into your breeding rooms. Some may say that by so doing we shall get nearly all marked youngsters, but this is not so, providing they are properly paired. I have a heavily marked yellow hen which is paired to a clear buff cock that has produced clear youngsters from the first nest this season. I am of opinion that a marked hen paired to a clear cock will produce more clear youngsters than vice versa.

**First Steps in Colour Feeding.**

With regard to colour feeding, the first thing is to turn your birds into as large cages as practicable, and to place a piece of muslin over the window of the bird-room just sufficient to keep the sunlight out, but not to darken the room so as to make it impossible for the birds to move about freely, as at this period it is necessary that the birds should get as much exercise as possible, being out of condition, and to enable them to cast off their old coats and get their new ones replaced as quickly as possible.

The red pepper which is used for the purpose of colour feeding is, as you are no doubt aware, the fruit or pod of a vegetable which is grown in Spain. There are different qualities of pepper and colour feeds on the market, but I would advise you to procure the best obtainable. It would be unfair for me to recommend any special vendor, but there are, I think, doubtless more than one whose peppers may be used without any injurious effects upon the birds.

When commencing to feed, I give a small quantity of pure, tasteless pepper, mixed with egg food only sufficient to slightly colour the egg food, gradually increasing the quantity until I get it to the full strength.

In preparing the food, to every pound of pure, tasteless pepper I add one tablespoonful of hot Natal and one tablespoonful of olive oil. These blended well together in a basin completes the feed. The egg food I use when colour feeding consists of two hard-boiled eggs crumbled up with seven or eight large tea biscuits, to which is added a small quantity of sugar, all mixed well together. I frequently put a pinch of maw seed in this food, as I believe that maw seed is very beneficial, either where the old birds have youngsters or are heavy in the moult.

When colour feeding take care and not overdo it. It is far better to miss giving it one day entirely than to cram the birds with a large quantity of colour food day after day. It is much wiser to give each bird a good teaspoonful, and when this is cleared up, to let it partake of its seed, not forgetting linseed, the oil from which helps to produce a nice sheen on the new plumage of the bird.

**During the Moult.**

During the moulting season it is advisable to place a small quantity of sulphate of iron in the drinking water twice a week. This acts as a tonic, and also fixes the colour into the birds. No green food should be given during the moulting season to birds that are being colour fed, as the feed itself will be found to be sufficiently laxative. In the place of green food, I give dark nasturtium flowers during this period, and find that the birds relish this little tit-bit very much, and I do not think they are harmful if used judiciously, say, one flower per bird every day.

I usually start colour-feeding the youngsters at about seven or eight weeks old, so that they are well on to the feed when they commence to moult. It often happens that when youngsters have been running together in a flight that they get the tails damaged or broken. When this is the case, it will be found advantageous to pluck the tail feathers when the birds are half-way through the moult, and you will find that the new one will grow much better than the one that got injured or damaged. I do not think any advantage is gained by colour-feeding from the nest. If care and attention are given to the youngsters, and you commence colour-feeding them at seven weeks old, they will come out a better colour than those fed from the nest.

**Is Colour-Feeding Injurious?**

The next point I should like to deal with is whether colour-feeding is injurious or harmful to our feathered pets. I know there are a number of "anti-colour-feeding fanciers," but I must say that I have never experienced any undesirable effects from the process. In fact, I should think it benefits the bird. Let us look at one or two varieties that are shown as unfed, viz., Crests, Lancashires, Belgians, and Scotch fancies. Can anybody honestly say that either of these varieties are as hardy and strong as the Norwich Plainhead, Yorkshire, or Mule, which are now shown fed to perfection?

There are, I imagine, two reasons which will explain why colour feeding is so frequently alleged to be cruel and injurious—(1) time and trouble (2) expense.

I know there is a great deal of time and expense in bringing out a "red hot" specimen, but what a pleasure it is when perhaps at a certain show your own exhibit has just won a premier place through condition and colour. As an instance of how colour attracts the attention of visitors at a show, I may say that at the last Palace show I had a young Yorkshire cock bird entered in the Limit Class. He stood cardless, but was about the hottest fed bird in the class. A gentleman took such a fancy to the rich, deep colour that he claimed it to keep as a songster only. I merely give you this as an example of how colour-feeding increases the value of your stock, in addition to improving their appearance.

I thank you all for your kind attention, and if I have been of assistance to any of you here this evening I shall be very pleased. I hope you will all have a very successful moulting and colour-feeding season this year, and be able to produce some tip-top specimens like "balls of fire" ere the show season is with us once again.

At the close of the lecture questions were asked, and these were answered by Mr. Parrott. Appended are a few of them.

Mr. Rorke: Is it desirable to discontinue egg food to youngsters before placing them on to colour food?—Yes, the first round. They may be fed on seed only a few weeks, but the colour-feeding should be commenced at eight weeks. Mr. Rorke: Can a substitute be used in the place of egg food while colour-feeding?—I think it is advisable to stick to the old friend, egg and tea biscuit, reducing the quantity of egg, and adding more biscuit.

Mr. Whittome said he agreed as to the introduction of dark or green blood into the stock to obtain a good natural colour, and that the colour food should be used in moderation, not forced into the birds day after day right through the moult.


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*Oct. 27 & 28—**Gloucester C.B.S.** (J. R. Houghton, Dargai, Hatherley Road.) H.W.B. & W.V.
*Oct. 27 and 28—**Grimsby & Dis. O.S.**—(W. H. Moore, 39, Lord Street). J.H.R. & F.M.
*Oct. 27 and 28—**Clapham**—(A. C. Askew, 152, Manor Street.)
Oct. 27 & 28—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Magg, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown). C.A.H. and T.H.
Oct. 28—**Frome C.B.S.**—(W. Minty, 7, Stony Street.)
*Oct. 28—**Hanley**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head)
*Oct. 28 & 29—**Wolverhampton**—(J. Gibbons, 74, Napier Road.) J.C.B. and R.J.H.
*Oct. 29 and 30—**Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road.) W.V. & R.R.
*Oct. 29 & 30—**Manchester (Belle Vue)**—(G. W. F. Lythgoe, 76, Shrewsbury St. Old Trafford.)
Oct. 29 and 30—**York** (A. Waud, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). W.P.B. and W.A.C.
*Oct. 29 and 30—**Shields**—(J. Barrass, 98, Marlborough Street.) C.A.H. & T.D.
Oct. 30—**Derwent Valley C.B.S.**—(J Brown, 12, Humber Street, Chopwell, Durham).
Oct. 30 and Nov. 1—**Norwich Alliance, All England**—(R. Roll, "Dalwood," Cecil Road, Lakenham), C.A.H.
Oct. 30—**Hartlepools**—(H. J. L. Williams, 30, Lister St., W. Hartlepool). W.A.C. and J. Wkn.
Nov. 2 and 3—**Weybridge**—(H. E. Parrott, Grove Place.) C.A.H.
*Nov. 3.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Av.) J.R., and W.V.
Nov. 4.—**Southall.**—(T. G. Jeffery, 10, Western Rd.)
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Blackburn** (J. W. Marsden, 44 Troop Street). A.W.
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver 1, Theresa Street.) J.R., & H.W.B.
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe & Hillmen 35, Whitefield Road, Everton.) W.M. J.C.B., & G.E.W.
*Nov. 5 & 6—**Sheffield**—(Lindsay.) & Bingham. 202, King James Street, Walkley
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Wigan**—(W. Ridge, 55, Poolstock),
*Nov. 6—**Rochdale Good Intent**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford Street). J.H.R. & R.B.
Nov. 6—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). H.W.B. and C.H.
*Nov. 6 and 8—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(C. Draper, 105, Belgrave Street.) J.H.P. & R.J.H.
Nov. 6—**Cleator Moor.**—(J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road). A.By.
Nov. 9 and 10—**Hastings United**—(A. E. Godden, 50, Harold Road, Clive Vale). J.R.
*Nov. 10—**Leek**—(R. Hall, Hallscroft, Rudyard, Staffs). W.V.
*Nov. 11 and 12—**Cambridge**—(T. S. Moore, 126, Newmarket Road). J.F. & J.R.
*Nov. 12 & 13—**Wallsend-on-Tyne**—(Richardson & Greenwell, 35, The Avenue). J.H.R., J.W., and J.W.B.
*Nov. 12 and 13—**Preston O.S.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn.) A.W., P.R. and A.H.
*Nov. 13—**Tideswell C.B.S.**—(Bagshaw and Flint, High Street, Tideswell, nr. Buxton). W.M. and J.T.
Nov. 13—**Warrington** (C. Dukes, 26, Dundonald Avenue, Stockton Heath.)
*Nov. 13 and 15—**Nottingham**—(G.E. Wilkinson, 9 Wellington Square, Parkside). T.H., C.H. & W.V.
*Nov. 16 and 17.—**Wimbledon.**—H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) H.N., J.R.
Nov. 17 & 18—**Hayle**—(H. Ware, 2, Pond Rd.)
*Nov. 17 & 18—**West Bromwich.**—(T. Duffield, 13, Braybrook Street.) J.H.P., W.G.P.
*Nov. 19 and 20—**Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19 Lambton Street). W.V. & E.B.
*Nov. 19 and 20—**Millom.**—(W. J. Thomas, 83, Lonsdale Road.)
*Nov. 19 and 20—**Sunderland**—(W. Reid, 14, Plantation Road, Pallion.) T.H., J.Str.
*Nov. 19 & 20—**Pendleton & Salford**—(H Clayton, 42, Anne St., Higher Broughton, Manchester). A.W. & J.C.B.
*Nov. 20—**Coventry O.S.**—(G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon Road.)
Nov. 20—**Crook Original**—(Bird and Siddle, 15, Church St). A.B., J.H.R.
Nov. 23 & 24—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(M. E. Feltham, 128, Commercial Rd.)
*Nov. 24 & 25—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze Road, Horfield.) J.H.P.
*Nov. 24 and 25—**Ludlow C.B.S.**—(J. Bessell, 5, High St.) J.H.R.
*Nov. 25—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad St.) W.P.B, & S.H.M.
*Nov. 26 & 27—**Sale Open**—(Jas. Irlam, 97, Cross St.) J.C.B.
Nov. 27.—**Darlington C.B.S.**—(E. Brunskill, 2, Dancs ury Terrace). W.P.B. and J.M.
Nov. 27—**Hetton-le-Hole**—(A. J. Notley, 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs, Co. Durham). A.B,
*Nov. 27 and 29.—**Ilkeston.**—T. Smith, 5 King St.) J.C.B.; M.N., C.H.
Nov. 30 and Dec. 1—**Morecambe** (J. H. Ireland. Parliament Street).
Dec. 1 and 2.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—(W. T. Hawes, 125 Commercial Rd.). G.G.
*Dec. 1 and 2—**City of Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.) C.A.H.
*Dec. 2—**Fromo & Dis. F.A.**—(C. I. Young, 8, Palmer Street). J.R.
*Dec. 3 & 4—**Altrincham**—(T. Harrison, 4, Shaws Lane). S.H. and A.W.
Dec. 4—**Ferryhill**—(R. Binks, jun., 27, West Street, Ferryhill, Co. Durham). J.Sr., J.Mn.
Dec. 4.—**Harrogate**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road). A.H.
Dec. 4—**Hasland**—(C. H. Naylor, 59, Kent Street, Hasland, near Chesterfield.) W.V.
*Dec. 4 & 6—**Leicester C.B.S.** (J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road.) J.H.R. & J.F.D.
*Dec. 8—**Luton**—(E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street). J.R. and A.S.
*Dec. 8 and 9.—**Canterbury.**—(J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peters St.).
*Dec. 10 & 11—**Gateshead** (Buck & Johnson, 30 Keswick Street) J.R., T.T., J. Dn., F.H., J.D.
*Dec. 18—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. E. Wigginton, 94, Station Road.) R.R., J.B.
Dec. 18—**Crook & Dis.**—(W. Rutherford, West Roddy moor). J.S.

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Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,) T.Mc.C., J.S., J.M., G.Gn.
Jan. 1—**Guisborough "Priory."** (Atkinson & Wilson, 80, Westgate).
Jan. 8 — **Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees).
Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**—(J. W. Ramsdeo, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton).

### Scotland.

Oct. 2—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane)
Oct. 9—**Broughty Ferry**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). C.Bk., W.H., D.Bn., J.Sn. A.W.W.
Oct. 9—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). H.B.
Oct. 15 and 16.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**—(Macdonald and Young, 80, High St., Rutherglen.)
Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty, N.B.) W.R., G.H., A.G.C., J.W.B., G.M.
Oct. 23—**City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 6, St. Catherine's Road. G.F., J.Su., R.F.A., J.A., T.C.G.H., J.C.
Oct. 30—**Ayr & Dis.**—(C.C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road).
Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan, 23, High Street. J. H., G. H., J. B., D. L.
Nov. 6.—**Bo'ness** (F. M' Gillivray, Ferry View, Gauze Road, Chance). J.S., W.Mn., J.T., W.C.
Nov. 12 & 13 **Glasgow & West of Scotland**—(F. Bowman 5, Parkview Gardens, Tollcross, Glasgow).
Nov. 13—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.) D.L, J.Wn., A.C., P.P.
Nov. 19 and 20—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(J. Br. Murdoch, 9, Burnside St). J D., A.P., J.W., W.S., A.C.
Nov. 20—**Galashiels**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew Street).
Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.).
Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.) C.C., A.M., D.Hn., D.B., G.F., J.L.
Dec. 18—**Broxburn**—(D. Anthony, Main Street). T.S., J.B., G.H., J.W., W.S.
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.—**Scottish National.**—(J. Winter, 11, Parkside Street, Edinburgh.) W.B., A.Wn., T.T., R.W., J.Er., J.P., J.W.B., J.R., J.D., J.G., C.T.M.

### Wales.

*July 21—**Llandudno (Vale of Conway & Dis. F.A.)** (A. T. Johnson, Ro Wen, Tal y cafn).
*Nov. 10 and 11—**Swansea.**—(A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, nr. Swansea.)
Nov. 17—**Maesteg**—(W. Jenkins. 43, John Street, Nantyfyllon, Bridgend). J.H.R. and H.N.
Nov. 18—**Morriston** (W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Rd, H.N. and W.M.
*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Cardiff.**—(W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland Road.) J.H.P. & J.R.
*Dec. 15—**Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun & Dis.**—(Mc Lucas & James, 26, Pantygralgwen Road, Pontypridd.) C.A.H.

### Ireland.

Nov. 11 & 12—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton, Banbridge, Co. Down).
Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—(H. J. Niblock, Seatown Place.)
Nov. 25 & 26—**Y.C.C. of Ireland**—(W.M.)
Dec. 15 and 16—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan). H.N.
Jan. 7 and 8—**Norwich P.H. Club of Ireland**—(J. Stewart, 57, Donegall Avenue, Belfast.) G.H. & J.Sc.

### Foreign.

Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H.S. Tibbs, 184, John) Street, Toronto, Canada.)

**CLUB NOTICES.**
Will this week be found on page 597.

# Birds Perish in a Furious Fire.

## DISASTROUS EXPERIENCE OF A BROMLEY FANCIER.

**A Fire broke out at Bromley (Kent) on June 21, which involved the premises of Mr. Dell, a well-known naturalist and fancier, and resulted in the loss by fire and otherwise of over 200 birds.**

A disastrous fire, involving, among other live stock losses, the deaths of over a hundred birds, occurred on Monday afternoon last in the Old Market Square, Bromley, Kent. The premises of Mr. W. Dell, naturalist and seedsman, but for the efforts of Fireman Hunt, who played upon them incessantly with fire hose, would have been completely gutted. But if Mr. Dell was spared this catastrophe, he was not spared the misfortune of losing some two hundred or more birds, many of them being valued prize winners. The fire broke out in an adjoining granary, where, owing it is said to the dropping of a lighted match, some forty tons of hay and straw were quickly enveloped in flames. The wind soon whipped the fire into a fury, and the total damage done is estimated at £8,000. At the back of Mr. Dell's premises were two large aviaries in which he kept two hundred or more birds—British and Foreign and Canaries—together with others in cages. When the conflagration was noticed Mr. Dell's first thought was for his birds. He took a net out and succeeded in catching a few of them, but it was quite impossible for him to do more than this; in fact, to use his own words to CAGE BIRDS' representative, "it was a case of saving either myself or my birds." When he found it impossible to save them, Mr. Dell just managed to tear the wire netting down from the aviaries, hoping that the birds would take refuge in flight. Some did, and were seen the following morning in and about what was previously the garden; but the majority, it is feared, perished in the flames, which covered an area of considerably more than an acre, the birds being too scared to know how to escape. Next morn the dead birds were gathered together in a heap (over a hundred of them), and these included Greenfinches, Thrushes, Blackbirds, two prize Starlings, Goldfinches, Linnets, Yellowhammers, Reed Buntings, a Tree Sparrow, several Twites, six cock Chaffinches, three or four Bullfinches, a Siskin, a Ribbon Finch, an Orange-cheek Waxbill, and several Canaries. Altogether, out of about 250 birds, only about fifty were secured. Messrs. L. Harris and Co., of Wilson Street, London, E.C., valuers and assessors of fire losses, estimated the loss to Mr. Dell at between £500 and £600, but the whole of this, our representative was assured, is covered by insurance, the birds having been separately insured in the Union Fire Insurance Co.

Amongst the birds that were saved were Blackbirds, Thrushes, Larks, and a remarkably steady Nightingale. Also, Mr. Dell possesses, and was able to save, an excellent specimen of the Australian Cockatoo, known to almost everybody in the neighbourhood as a lovable pet, and a particularly fluent talker. Only about half an hour before the outbreak occurred, we were told, the birds in the No. 1 aviary particularly were perched high up along the front, and were singing "for all they were worth," so that they could be heard a mile and a half away; indeed, they had seldom sung so well before. Over and around the two aviaries grew some lilac trees which kept them cool and sweet, and in front of one of the aviaries was a large fish aquarium. The whole, surrounded by a grass floor, presented a "perfect picture," and yet half an hour sufficed to burn it all up—birds, fish, aviaries and everything.

Mr. Dell has lived in the Market Square for thirty years, and during the whole of that time he has kept birds. For more than 25 years he has been a successful dealer, breeder and exhibitor, and has won from 20 to 30 prizes at the Bromley shows. In all he has over 150 prize cards to his credit, besides having won a cup and gold medal at Bromley and other exhibitions, and which he showed us with characteristic pride. Asked if he had ever lost any birds at any previous time through accident or disease, Mr. Dell said he had never before had any misfortune whatever with his birds; in fact, he considered he was one of the most fortunate men in the cage-bird Fancy in these respects. Mr. Dell, in passing, referred to the eagerness with which all his Britishers looked forward to their daily feed of his "Nutritine."

Nothing daunted by his losses, Mr. Dell intends making a fresh start. "I wouldn't miss my birds on any account," he said, "and I shall not be long before I have my aviaries re-built and re-stocked." Our representative was then shown into the bird-room, where he found most of the birds—Britishers, foreigners and Canaries (Mr. Dell has bred over fifty Canaries this season already)—in excellent spirits and comfortably housed, though some of the birdie homes had had to "take in" strangers saved from the fire.

**THE CAPE TOWN (SOUTH AFRICA) CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.**

This photograph is of the Committee for 1908-9, and the Judge of the show.
Front Row (left to right): Messrs. N. L. Morton (Judge), Geo. E. Barrett (chairman), W. Sloan (hon. sec. and treas.).
Back Row: Messrs. L. C. Carrick, A. White, R. Walker, J. Wilkinson, and J. M. Matthews.

# The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given each week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.
**Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.**

### *"No Place Like Home."

One day, while cleaning out my pet's cage, he flew through the cage door, which I carelessly left open. My pet is a little Redpoll, and my mother caught him in the garden when he was almost dead. I fed him, and he is now a good little bird. Well, when he got out he flew into a tree and started whistling. Here I had to leave him and go to school; but I hung the cage on the wall. When I came home at night to my great delight I found him snugly sitting on the perch.—Sent by O. Houghton, 57, Avenue Road, King's Heath.

### *A Trained Starling.

A Starling, which was brought up in a house and lived chiefly in kitchen, always watched the butcher's daily visit with interest, and went to the door perched upon the shoulder of the cook. If the meat delivered were beef, he would come back screaming with delight; but if it happened to be pork, he would be in a great rage, crying out, "Too fat! Too fat!" This was a favourite phrase of his, and was used on all occasions as a word of dislike.—Taken from "Bird Keeping," by Dyson. Sent by A. Browett (age 13), 52, Lancaster Road, Shrewsbury Road, Forest Gate.

### **The Nests of Birds.

Who taught the bird to build her nest
Of wool, and hay, and moss?
Who taught her how to weave it best,
And lay the twigs across?

The Sparrow has a nest of hay,
With feathers warmly lined;
The ring-dove's careless nest of sticks
On lofty trees we find.

The Cuckoo makes no nest at all,
But through the wood she strays,
Until she finds one, snug and warm,
And there her eggs she lays.

The habits of each little bird,
And all its patient skill,
Are surely taught by God himself,
And ordered by His will.

From "The Nests of Birds," Part I., and sent by R. Readett, 79, Bournemouth Road, Merton Park, S.W.

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# Questions and Answers.

## DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

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(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—**Queries must not include** *or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who require letters of complaints written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence, otherwise their letters will not receive attention. All the fees received from this source will be handed over in full to the "Referee's" Poor Children's Dinner Fund (London).*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed* **the Editor, "Cage Birds,"** *154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

## CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

### Young Plucked by Hen.

**A.B.C.**—I presume they have now been removed from the parents, as you speak of inducing them to bathe, but omit to mention their age, or whether taken away from the parents or not. If not old enough to remove altogether put them in a nursery cage, and give the hen a clean nest-box and material to distract her attention from the plumage of the young as much as possible. If already taken away, keep them in a cage by themselves, and do not turn them into a flight amongst others until the plumage has grown. Continue to encourage bathing frequently in suitable weather, and twice a week slightly smear the bare places with pure olive oil or vaseline. No other treatment will be necessary if the birds are, as you say, apparently healthy, and the plumage should be well grown in a month from the time when they were removed from their parents.

### Breeding and Not Breeding.

**F.E.S.**—There is nothing wrong with your staple diet, and I can only suggest the first failure was due to the presence of the cock, and perhaps to your plan of feeding whilst the young were being fed. You might have given hemp too soon, and not enough green food. Remove him next time as soon as the hen has settled down to sitting, and you will probably find the hen do better by herself. If the Crested hen is in good, plump condition, begin by giving her a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for three days. After this in addition to the above staple diet, give half a teaspoonful of egg food every second day, with a pinch of gold of pleasure mixed in it, and on the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga and linseed. Give two or three fresh dandelion leaves daily, and twice or three times a week for a fortnight give two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel in the drinking water. If the hen is in poor condition treat as above, but give the salts for one day only, and add three drops of cod liver oil emulsion to the egg food each time for a fortnight.

### Gaping Yorkshire.

**"Minarue," Dublin.**—It seems obvious that you have the breeding cage in a draughty or damp position, and where the temperature is of a very variable nature; which accounts for his condition at the beginning of the season, and for his present ailment. The hen's huskiness is also due to the same causes. As a first step, see the cage is quite free from any draughts; neither should it be anywhere near a burning fire, as this practically always means subjecting the birds to frequent extreme changes of temperature. Aim to preserve a fairly equable, normal temperature, with plenty of fresh, pure air. Having attended to these points, feed on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple, and in addition give separately a few grains of hemp twice a week, and every second day for the next fortnight a small teaspoonful of egg food, or crushed sponge cake, with two drops each of sherry and cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and a pinch of inga or gold of pleasure sprinkled over it between them. Give a little green food every day now. You may also allow them to bathe daily now in fine weather. In the drinking water give for two days as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and afterwards twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken in the water, every second day for a week or fortnight, if necessary.

### Hen Not Mating.

**E. A. M.**—If you had given me some idea as to her age, I should have been in a better position to advise you. It is quite clear that only the hen is at fault in not settling down, and it may be either that she was over-taxed last season, if an old bird, or that she was a late hatched one and is still very young. There are many causes for this, which can only be arrived at when one is fairly conversant with the bird's history. You might separate her for a week or ten days and treat as advised to "Berwyn," and at the end of this time mate her again and give her another trial. If she does not then soon settle down you would do well to relegate her to a large flight for the rest of the season. Feed plainly until the moult, get her through moult as quickly as you can, and put on a plain diet again for the winter, so as to have her in good hard condition for next season.

### Young in Nursery.

**Silo.**—As the young are already three weeks old, I do not think you need have any misgivings about the hen going to nest again, even if the other does not begin to help in feeding them, as the probability is that even if the hen were to cease feeding, when she begins to lay they would by that time be fairly safe to look after their own needs. To assist them to get "on their own" more quickly, keep a little crumbly moist egg food with a sprinkling of cracked hemp amongst it in the nursery for them to pick at,

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and in another vessel give them a little Canary and summer rape. You will, however, probably find that the cock begins to look after them all that is necessary when the hen has gone to nest. I note what you say about the usefulness of fanciers writing accounts of their failures. In theory it may be quite correct, but in actual practice—well, as the immortal Sam Weller would have said, it 'aint human natur' to write about one's failures.

### Out of Song, etc.

**Manager.**—You are, as you say, another of the unlucky ones. You are overfeeding the Norwich, which would have a tendency to prevent his filling eggs, a swell as having the weather against him. Continue the staple diet of Canary and rape, and give a liberal supply of chickweed and dandelion. Restrict the bill of fare to these items for a week, and in the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day during same time. At the end of the week add to the diet half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry mixed in it and a pinch of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it every second day, and on the alternate days give half a teaspoonful, not more, of a mixture of equal parts hemp and inga. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and every second day for a week as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, and on the alternate days two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel.

### Hens Not Laying.

**Berwyn.**—You feed incorrectly, which may have much to do with the failure of your hens to settle down properly, and it is getting too late now for you to have much chance of bringing them into a good condition. It would probably be wisest to turn them into a flight at once, and reserve their energies for next season. Still, if you prefer trying for a late brood, remove the nest boxes and separate the hens from the cocks for a week or ten days. For the first three days give the hens plain Canary seed only in boxes, a liberal supply of chickweed, and a little bread and milk. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts each day. After this give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as a staple, and every second day give each half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry in it and a pinch of gold of pleasure strewn over it. On the alternate days give first a pinch of inga and next a pinch of hemp alternately. Give two leaves of dandelion as green food every day, and in the drinking water two drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of steel every second day for a week. If they are apparently desirous to mate at the end of this time, give them another trial, mating them, if possible, with fresh lusty cocks.

### Swellings Near Oil Glands.

**J. R. Cinnamon.**—Your second letter gives me a very much better idea of the condition of the bird. But even now I cannot venture to express a decided opinion as to the nature of the mischief. Only a personal examination would enable one to do this, and I would advise you, if it is a valuable bird, to get your family doctor, or a veterinary surgeon, to examine it and tell you what the swellings are. Without seeing them I am strongly inclined to think they are simply masses of fat, or, perhaps, enlarged or swollen ovaries. If accumulation of fat, you would probably find similar, if somewhat smaller, ones around the vent, or between the vent and the flanks, and also, perhaps, across the fore ridges of the breastbone. If you find this is so, put the bird at once on a diet of plain Canary with an unlimited supply of green food, keep in a large flight where it can get all the exercise it likes, and give regular saline aperients three or four times a week for some time, or until all trace of the swellings has disappeared. You might begin this treatment at once. Try it for a month, and then write again and let us know result.

### To Begin Colour-feeding.

**W. R. Pike.**—The age at which to commence depends to a certain extent upon the time when they were hatched. For example, a brood hatched out in March should now be put on weak colour food without delay, as many will very soon be moulting, and some will have already commenced to cast feathers. On the other hand, broods hatched out at the end of April need not start with colour food until the beginning, or middle, of July, by which time the second broods of the early starters will be ready to start feeding. There will be very little difference in the time at which second and third broods start moulting, the latest hatched generally starting at a younger age than the early ones. Begin at once to give a little weak colour feed about three times a week to early hatched young, and a fortnight or three weeks hence begin same with the remainder, and continue until you see them dropping into moult, when you must begin to give the feed regularly every day. You are feeding the young Canaries incorrectly, and were a little too hasty in taking them from the parents. Give them a heaped teaspoonful of egg food or crushed sponge cake (between four) each day. Mix it just crumbly moist, by keeping it rather on dry side. Also give a teaspoonful of summer rape daily, and a similar quantity of slightly cracked, not crushed, hemp twice a week. Give an unlimited supply of good Canary seed, and four times a week a half-ripe plantain stalk, or spray of tender chickweed. Allow a regular supply of pure fresh water for drinking and bathing.

### Discretion Wanted.

**Kathleon.**—(1) On the face of it I should say a Roller certainly ought not to be hung out in the garden for hours with a cool breeze blowing, even though the sun is shining at the time. At the same time I do not consider it risky to hang Canaries outdoors for an airing at all times. In fact, I have treated well-bred Canarics to such an airing myself with nothing but good results. It is, however, just one of those things where discretion on the part of the individual is most urgently called for. To put a Canary out in a cool breeze from 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. is little short of cruelty. (2) To remove the effect, keep the bird indoors now in a cool but even temperature, quite out of reach of draughts; and in addition to the usual seed diet, frequently given here, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry mixed in it every second day, and on the alternate days add to the drinking water twenty drops of whisky, ten of syrup of squills, and two of encalyptus oil, well shaken together. Continue this treatment for a fortnight if necessary, or until the effects of the chill have quite disappeared.

### Loss of Plumage.

**M. Hind.**—You give no idea how old the bird is, and it is quite probable this may have much to do with its failure to reproduce feathers when they drop out, if indeed it is not the sole cause. You will not be able to make any material improvement until it moults again, which should not be very long. Treat as follows until the moult takes place, when it should be in the best condition for coming out in good plumage. As a staple give plain canary only, and separately twice a week a few grains of hemp; on two other days half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, or an equivalent quantity of bread scalded in milk, squeezed nearly dry, and sprinkled with soft sugar. On each of the days when neither of these items is given, add half a teaspoonful of summer rape. Give a fairly liberal supply of green food daily. Once each week add to whatever soft food you are giving as much as will cover a threepenny piece of a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash, and add a pinch of maw to tempt the bird to eat it. Give twenty drops of chemical food in the water twice each week. Keep cage strewn with clean, gritty sand; see that it is free from red mites, and allow bird to bathe freely in suitable weather. When the moult is about to commence, give a fair supply of maw in place of hemp, and keep bird in a regular and warm temperature to induce a speedy moult.

### Early Moult: Boiled Rape.

**Novice.**—(1) I cannot advise you to attempt any special method of feeding to force your Yorkshires into early moult. It would be better to adhere to a good, plain, wholesome diet, and thereby maintain and build up their health and stamina, which will go far to enable the birds to get through the moult speedily at the proper time. Then when the moult is approaching you might add a fair allowance of maw seed. Add a few shreds of saffron to the water and keep birds in a warm equable temperature. By this method the moult will be quickly completed, and most likely the birds will be fine again quite as early as though you tried to force them into moult before the proper time. (2) It is quite impossible to say how long boiled rape will keep fresh, as the time varies according to the prevailing weather, and also on the moisture left in seed when draining. If well drained and wiped dry, it will keep fresh from one day to the next in moderately cool weather, but in hot sultry weather, especially if the seed is not wiped dry after draining, it will often turn sour in two or three hours. Your best plan is to prepare each morning only sufficient to last until near evening, and if able to do so, inspect what is in the cages soon after mid-day, and throw away any that smells sour. About ten minutes is quite long enough to boil it. Personally, I prefer soaking it overnight in cold water during hot weather.

### A Yorkshire Male Unwell.

**"Bobby."**—The bird is most probably hung in a draughty situation, or otherwise where there are extreme fluctuations of heat, such as near a burning fire, lamp, or gas jet. Whatever the cause, it must first be removed, and the bird kept in a fairly regular temperature night and day, not necessarily overheated, but where it has abundant fresh pure air without any draughts. Such places as those just named or close to a window should be strictly avoided. Feed on a staple diet of plain Canary only, and give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of summer rape seed, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with two drops each of sherry and cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it. Twice a week give a few grains of hemp, and on each of the other days a spray of some green food. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken together two days in every three for a week, and every alternate day afterwards as long as necessary. Continue this diet and treatment until bird is quite well, then give the rape daily, reduce the sponge cake to twice a week, and omit the additions to it. Also stop all other medicines.

### Hatching Troubles.

**Anxious Fancier.**—Am afraid your room, or the nesting receptacles or materials must be at fault in some way for you to have such persistent trouble. What nesting receptacles do you use, what sort of material, and do you put anything, and what, in the nests to prevent insects accumulating? And is there anything in the situation of the room or position of cages which would tend to cause undue dryness in the atmosphere? Such, for instance, as abutting on a wall which is constantly heated by fires on the other side? These are a few points which would help to elucidate the case. When the next nests are being incubated, give the hens a bath daily during the second week, and from the twelfth day, beginning on the morning of the twelfth, dip the eggs for a moment in warm water morning and evening, and return them to the nest without wiping them. Then, if they are not apparently hatching satisfactorily on the evening of the fourteenth day, you may extend the crack from the "chipped" spot around the shell, so that a little effort on the part of the chick would remove the top, and if they are not out next morning, you may, of course, take the risk of killing or releasing them and help them out. Keep ventilator well open, and in hot weather you might prevent the temperature running up so high, and also, perhaps, help the hatching, by every now and again wringing out a large towel in water and hanging it across the room to dry.

### Not Businesslike.

**G.M.D.**—There can be no doubt the wretched weather so far this season is the cause of many highly-bred birds failing to settle down in a workmanlike way. (1) In addition to the staple seed diet, give half a teaspoonful of egg food daily, and two days a week sprinkle over it a pinch of inga, and on two other days a pinch of gold of pleasure. Give a liberal supply of chickweed or groundsel as green food daily. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and afterwards four drops of aromatic sulphuric acid for a few days. (2) Feed and treat this hen same as No. 1, except that you give the salts for two days only and finish the treatment in a week with a dose or two of the sulphuric acid. If she is anxious to nest at once, allow her to do so at the end of the week's treatment, but mate her with a vigorous 1908 cock if possible. If you must use the other, give previously half a teaspoonful of egg food daily for a week, sprinkling over it a few grains of hemp, inga, and gold of pleasure, on alternate days, and give two leaves of dandelion each day. (3) If anxious to begin at once you may try this hen again by mating her with a lusty young male that is not run down. Feed and treat for a week as advised for No. 1. I cannot tell why she has not nested yet, beyond saying that it is no uncommon thing for a highly-bred bird that gets generally upset at the beginning of the season to do nothing for the rest of the season. (4) The diet here seems very faulty. Give an unlimited supply of Canary as a staple, and separately a little rape each day, half a teaspoonful of egg food (varied occasionally with a similar quantity of bread and milk) about twice a week, a small quantity of hemp twice a week, and a little green food three or four times a week. For green food give chickweed, half ripe plantain stalks, or flower heads of groundsel in this order for preference.

### Brevities.

**Beginning to Sing** (A. Sharp).—It is quite a usual thing for young cocks to begin to twitter and try over their song in a soft low way at about six weeks old. They do not, however, open out in full song, as a rule, until after the moult.

**Coming of Age** ("Birdie").—Most young Canaries are able to feed themselves tolerably well at a month old. Many, however, are apt to fall back if put entirely on their own at this age, and the safest plan before doing so is to observe the seed pan for a day or two, when you can tell by the husks left behind whether they are cracking seed freely. Of course, this only refers to the pan in the nursery cage to which only the young have access. When the birds are flying at large in an aviary, you can only observe them when they visit the seed pan, and note when they cease to follow their parents and "call" to them for food. Otherwise, keep them where they are until between five and six weeks old, when they should be well on the safe side.

**Samples of Rape** (L. S. D.).—No. 1 is a very fair sample of summer rape; 2 and 6 are practically the same, save that 2 is probably a trifle newer and therefore not quite so mild as 6. They are the kind of rape said to be favoured by the best German breeders. No. 3 is summer rape of excellent flavour, but very poor in size and substance of grains. No. 4 is probably a mixture, and of second-rate quality. The bulk, however, seems to consist of summer rape. No. 5 is undoubtedly a mixture and the worst of the lot. None of the samples are really very bad, and even No. 5 may be used at a pinch. Cannot profess to say whether they are of German origin or not.

**Clear or Addled?** (Game).—A "clear" egg is one that has never been fertilised by the male and remains quite clear and unchanged in appearance after being incubated for its full term. An "addled" egg is one that has been fertilised by the male, but the germ has died at a more or less advanced stage of development after incubation has commenced. Once the germ has started to develop and becomes inert or dies, decomposition follows. In your case the cock was not in proper breeding condition and failed to fertilise the eggs. It is probable the weather affected his fertility, and now that it is more settled he should fill the next clutch properly. Feed on a staple of three parts Canary to one part hemp. Give a pinch of hemp, inga, and a little egg food on alternate days, and a regular supply of green food.

**Breeding or Singing** (Pawnbroker).—It is not usual for Rollers to sing for only one year. Although a great many birds which are kept for singing and associated with a variety of other birds, especially when they are bred with, deteriorate a good deal in the quality of song, they still sing quite as much before and after the breeding season for several years. When kept for singing alone, and out of earshot of extraneous sounds, they preserve more or less purity of song for some years. But when they are bred with, the song often deteriorates very rapidly, from a "quality" standpoint, and during the summer months when breeding is going on, the cocks do not sing a great deal, except in a few exceptional cases.

**A Great Drinker** ("Jack," Nice, Wigan).—You should have said where the bird is kept, as this might have something to do with its great thirst. Also you should have said whether it appeared quite healthy or otherwise. If apparently healthy, I should be inclined to leave it and its thirst alone, and if kept in a very warm place, or exposed to sunshine, remedy this, and add a little fresh succulent green food to the diet daily. Feed now on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part rape, and give a liberal supply of crisp young lettuce, chickweed, or watercress each day. Allow it to bathe each day, and if this does not correct it, add six drops aromatic sulphuric acid to the water every second day for a week or so.

**Not Breeding Properly** (Querist).—Read remarks in reply to "G.M.D." Take away the cock for a week, and during this time give hen a mixture of three parts Canary to one summer rape as a staple, and for the first three days limit diet to this and a liberal supply of chickweed. Also give a pinch of Epsom salts in water for each of these three days. For the rest of the week add half a teaspoonful of egg food with a few grains only of inga and gold of pleasure sprinkled over it each day, and give a few grains of hemp two or three times a week. Continue to give the same green food daily. If she seems anxious to go to nest at once at the end of the week, you may give her another trial, but otherwise, considering the lateness of the season, I would advise you to relegate her to the flight cage until the next season comes round.

**Choking and Panting** (Hurry Hand).—See they are kept in a place where the temperature is as even as possible night and day, quite out of range of burning fires, lamps, or gas, and also away from windows, and quite free from draughts and damp. Having duly attended to these points, you may then reasonably expect some good results from the following treatment: Give the sponge cake—about half a teaspoonful—every second day for a week, and add to it four drops of sherry and two of cod-liver oil emulsion each time. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills and glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week and every second day for another week afterwards. If not quite cured in that time, omit the medicine for a week, and then begin over again and repeat the two weeks' treatment as above. When the birds are well, reduce the sponge cake to twice a week, and omit the additions to it, otherwise continue your present mode of feeding, which is a very fair and rational one.

# BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

## Over-feeding a Bullfinch.

**Lillie.**—Sorry to hear you have lost a Bullfinch, and that you have been told it died from the effects of over-feeding. In the seed sample sent are several seeds (niger and hemp, for instance) which are stimulating and fattening and much liked by the Bullfinch, hence he would pick them out and neglect the other kinds, which might lead to ill-effects. You should give your Bullies more ripe fruit and seedy green foods. The following would make your bird an excellent stock mixture, and any good seedsman would put it up for you; Canary and teazle three parts of each, summer rape and charlock, half a part of each, safflower and sunflower a quarter part of each. In a tin you could keep a mixture of niger two parts, maw three parts, and give a pinch twice a week, also a little hemp once a week. Then you have thistle and dandelion seed and wild seed mixture, small feeds of which may also be occasionally given. For green foods give any of the following, according to season: Shepherd's purse, dandelion, groundsel tops, chickweed, flowering grasses, watercress, lettuce, rape, or Canary seedlings, etc. The seeding kinds may be freely given. Bullies are very fond of many berries (black, privet, etc.), also fruit, and the buds of fruit trees and bushes; on such things they feed largely when wild. These birds are also fond of an occasional mealworm.

## A Goldfinch Failure.

**Hen Goldie.**—No fault rests with you, so far as I can see. Judging by your account, the variety of foodstuffs supplied was excellent, and the birds ought to have done well. Neither do I think the Ribbon Finches were to blame. In such a big aviary the individuals of one pair would be very unlikely to interfere with the other. Besides, the Goldie is not a bird to tolerate interference. I think it is quite likely that the death of the young birds can rightly be put down to the very unfavourable weather experienced recently. It has been bad for birds trying to rear families in outdoor aviaries. When the young arrive at the age you mention (9 to 12 days) the hen does not brood them so closely as is the case during the first few days after hatching, and thus the cold, wet weather may seriously affect them. On the other hand it is curious you should have fancied that the hen Goldie kept away from the nest after the eighth day. It may be that she actually did do so; this often happens. I have frequently mentioned that hen British birds in captivity have the exasperating habit of feeding young for a few days (more or less) and then giving up the job, leaving their babies to starve. In your case, probably the cock bird would keep up the feeding for a day or two, and then also give up. They may do better at the next attempt, of course, but you would be wise (if you want young Goldies) to put some of their eggs under one of your hen Canaries, or make an exchange of eggs.

## Keeping a Waxwing.

**Garrulus.**—Yes, I read the article you mention, and I agree with the conclusions arrived at by the writer. You need have no fear about keeping a single Waxwing. A great number of species of birds are, in fact, better for being kept in a state of "single blessedness" when in a cage. You should not let out the bird to fly in the room until it has become tame and familiar with your presence. In my opinion, this is a very easy bird to keep in health and condition. It requires feeding on a good insectivorous mixture (such as many people advertise in our columns). A suitable food can be made of game or chicken meal (without grit), or fine dog or puppy meal, six parts; ants' eggs, and dried flies two parts each, meat meal and powdered silkworm pupae one part each, by measure. Damp with a little water or grated raw carrot, or cold mashed boiled potato, or fine chopped watercress, lettuce, chickweed, etc., varying them frequently and according to the season. Add half a hard-boiled egg to the daily food portion occasionally—or a teaspoonful of preserved egg flake. Give a few mealworms daily, and any other suitable insect life as in season. They are enormous feeders, and being indolent and neglectful in the matter of taking exercise, usually manage to get as "fat as pigs." A mild dose of sulphate of soda is useful occasionally. Fruit, such as ripe banana, sweet orange and apple, grocer's currants, raisins, etc., chopped figs and dates, is much relished, and should always be given daily freely; the dried kinds can be mixed with the stock food. Berries, too, the bird is passionately fond of, and black, privet, elder, haw, etc., should be freely given whenever obtainable. Plenty of variety in the diet is essential.

## In an Aviary.

**S. Barker.**—You could not do better than invest a shilling in the Hardbill section (part 1) of Mr. Norman's "British Bird Manual," published at the offices of this journal. The Greenfinch with a cold in the eye (I suppose you mean there is a running from it?) should be caged up by itself, and have the eye gently bathed twice a day in warm water, coloured light red by the addition of a little Condy's fluid. This will soon effect a cure. As regards the feeding, you should supply green food plentifully now—it is readily obtainable. For your seed mixture for a varied collection of Finches, such as you name, you will find it difficult to beat this: Canary and teazle three pints each, hemp two pints, summer rape and charlock one pint each, linseed half-a-pint, with about a half-pint of mixed sunflower and safflower seeds, increasing or decreasing the quantity of these latter according to whether the birds eat it all up or not—it depends on the composition of the collection, as some birds (Greenfinches, for instance) like these seeds more than others. The other seeds—niger, maw, wild seeds, wild seed mixture, etc.—you can give now and again as a change, or as "tit-bits." The exact quantity of hemp should vary according to the season (less in summer than in winter). A little more linseed is also useful during the moult.

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## Hand-rearing Yellowhammers.

**English.**—For hand-rearing purposes, Buntings should be treated on precisely the same lines as Goldfinches, Linnets, etc. I have given details many times this season, and repeat them briefly now. I don't believe in taking these young birds from their parents at too early an age; let them show their feathers nicely before you remove them. Up to the twelfth day (from the 10th to 12th) is safe enough. The food to be used is the usual kind—that is, egg and biscuit. Crush two Osborne biscuits, and well mix with them the yolk and half the white of a hard-boiled egg, using a fork to do this with. When feeding, take the required quantity of this mixture, and make it the consistency of thin paste (or of cream) with new milk (can be varied with warm water now and again). See that it is always sweet and free from the slightest taint of sourness. The egg-food must be made fresh at least once daily. Often I put in a good pinch of Plasmon powder, which I am never without in my bird room. A few small cut-up pieces of mealworm may be dipped in milk and popped into their mouths pretty frequently; likewise any house flies you can capture should also be fed to them. As the youngsters grow, add a little soaked and just sprouting summer rape to the stock food. Steep the rape seed in cold water, which thoroughly change every day. It will soon begin to germinate (burst), and is then ready for use, dabbing it as dry as possible in a cloth before mixing it in the food. Feed a little at a time only, but frequently, from early morning until last thing at night, live ants' eggs are excellent things to use (add to the stock food) when band-feeding. Also see the reply given "A. A. H." last week by me.

## Brevities.

**A Mule and Red Mite** (W. Nevin).—In the reply given you last week, the sentence: "Then distemper it with enamel," should have read: "Then distemper it, or enamel."

**Hand-rearing Thrushes** (An Old Reader).—I gave full instructions for hand-rearing Thrushes, Blackbirds, and the like, in the reply to "A. A. H." last week. Kindly refer to that.

**Finishing Mule Breeding** (Inquirer).—It is not really safe to continue Mule breeding beyond the end of July, for the hen Canaries are then liable to fall into moult, and if they happen to have a nest of young birds, there is the likelihood that they will "turn it up," and let the young die. Still, the Mule (and especially the Hybrid) breeder has often to take the risk.

**Young Blackbirds** (Blackie).—Certainly; the old bird ought to prove an excellent tutor for the hand-reared one. But you don't want to part with the old Blackie too soon. An experienced fancier can make a good guess at the sex of Blackbirds, even when only just about to leave the nest. He compares the flight feathers; in the cocks they look appreciably darker (blacker) than in the hens. When the young cock is moulting, his new feathers come black, whereas in the hen they come brown.

**In an Aviary** (Novice).—I think the "sleeping place" would be better (for the wintry weather) if boarded about one-third of the way down from the top, which would make it more sheltered. I have never kept a collection of these large birds, but should doubt whether more than one pair of Jays and Magpies would agree. Of Starlings and Jackdaws you might try two or three pairs. Am afraid I don't quite understand your idea. Is it the run only which is movable, and the shed a fixture, or what? Could you send a rough sketch or plan?

**Keeping an Owl** (Terrier).—I should think the old brick shed would make a capital place to keep the Owl in (you do not say so, but I presume it is a Barn Owl), providing there is a quiet, shaded corner he can retire into when so disposed. It must have flesh food if it is going to live and thrive in captivity—for instance, mice, Sparrows, and other small birds, beetles, pieces of rabbit, the "innards" of fowls, etc., scraps of raw beef or mutton, etc. If you cannot undertake to provide these things, you should certainly let so useful a creature have its liberty.

**A Muling Couple** (Master H. Webster).—It is not unlikely that the railway journey given the hen when in the midst of breeding duties has put her "out of gear," so to speak, for the time being. You should read the replies given "A Novice" (headed "Simply Marking Time") and "Brum" last week in this column, and follow the advice tendered the latter querist. You must give a little of the egg-food daily, and some green food (seeding chickweed for choice).

**About Goldfinches** (Goldie).—In hand-rearing Goldfinches, follow the advice given to "English" this week by me; also see the reply given "A. A. H." last week. As regards colour-feeding, if a Goldfinch will not eat soft food the only way is to get him on to cracked seed, and gradually begin to rub (mix) colour-food into the latter. If a Goldie (or other Finch) is used for muling, he usually soon acquires a taste for egg-food, and in the same way. If kept in a flight containing a Softbill, he soon begins to pick over the soft food given to the insectivorous bird.

# FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

## A Grey Unwell.

**J.H.**—Continue to use the glyco-thymoline, and treat as directed in our previous reply. Get a box of honey and borax, and put a little over its tongue and interior of mouth two or three times daily, using a camel-hair brush for the purpose. So long as the voidings are not watery, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water every other day. Any make of plain biscuit may be moistened with equal parts of water and Parrish's Chemical Food; also let the bird have a liberal supply of such ripe fruit as it will take. Keep it out of draught, but yet where it will get plenty of fresh air. The brush used for wiping out its mouth with the honey and borax should be kept strictly clean, and a fresh portion used for each occasion. In cases of sickness it is best to remove the voidings as soon as possible.

## Another Grey Unwell.

**"Anxious One."**—You must continue with the treatment as to the use of borax in water, honey and borax and Dinneford's Magnesia, exactly as in previous reply, till the trouble disappears. However, the use of the magnesia must be regulated according to its condition, the voidings should not be hard, neither should they be watery. While the mouth continues sore, you can give chewed or moistened bread, sponge cake, and also some boiled maize daily. As regards the latter, it only keeps fresh one day, and the food hopper should be scalded out for each occasion; prepare as follows: Boil till soft, then drain away all water, shake the grains loose, and when cool supply to the bird. Also continue to give any ripe fruit it will eat. Coax its appetite as much as possible with such things as it fancies most from the dietary given in our previous reply, but do not on any account give slops and messes. The seed mixture already given is the best you can supply.

## Treating a Young Grey.

**R. H. White.**—You give no idea how you have been feeding the bird, which makes a definite reply very difficult. Do not give any tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to each ounce of the drinking water every third day so long as the voidings are not watery. Get from your chemist a box of honey and borax, and with a camel-hair brush wipe a little across its tongue and the interior of its mouth two or three times a day, well cleansing the brush after each application. Diet: Boiled maize, prepared as follows: Boil till soft, drain away all moisture, shake grains apart, and soak into the daily supply half a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food. A seed mixture consisting of Canary, oats, hemp, wheat, dari, and sunflower seeds. Well mix, and keep a supply continually in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit (apple, orange, or grapes are usually favoured), plain biscuit, and a few nuts (shelled walnuts are best). Bathe its legs and feet with hot water (not to scald), dry, and then brush on a little Elliman's Embrocation.

## For Outdoor Aviary.

**M. G. L.** (Somerset).—I am rather in a difficulty, as you do not give me the size of your aviary. However, providing they have space for exercise and a shelter is attached to the aviary, you can keep the following, some or all of which would breed sooner or later:—Zebra, Ribbon, Long-tailed Grass and Ruficauda Finches, Zebra (golden-breasted), Grey and St. Helena Waxbills, Common and Green Avadavats. Providing your aviary has a floor area of not less than 6 x 4 feet, you could keep a pair each of the above, which would make a beautiful and attractive series. Without further particulars, I must decline to express an opinion about the Gouldian Finches, and unless you have had some experience of bird-keeping I should advise you to leave till later. If you keep Budgerigars with small Finches, disaster is sure to occur sooner or later, no matter how large the aviary may be.

## Feeding Young Budgerigars.

**W. Broadbent.**—In the first place, you would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners," from this office, very helpful (see advertisement in this column). Diet: Canary, white and spray millet seeds, green food (such as fresh lettuce, grass flowers, etc.), cuttlefish, grit, and water for drinking and bathing. When they are feeding young keep a tin of oats in the aviary. From now till, say, beginning of October it will not be necessary to put up the shutters at night. I should advise you to keep exclusively to Budgerigars, in so small an aviary introducing Finches would be sure to end in disaster for the Finches. I should advise three breeding pairs, say two pairs green and one pair yellow, and not permit your stock to accumulate above a score, but dispose of them as they are able to feed for themselves. You could keep with a pair of Cockatels; these would agree with the Budgerigars, and thrive on the same diet. They would also make a variation in size and colour.

## Javas with Small Waxbills.

**M.R.**—Probably they are not yet fully adult; again, foreign birds do not settle down to breeding as readily as Canaries, but White Javas are really free breeders in captivity, and yours will undoubtedly settle down and do so sooner or later. There is nothing to do but to wait patiently till they are ready and fit. Usually all that are hatched out are successfully reared. Do not discard young birds because they are pied in their nestling plumage; many such become almost pure, with scarcely a foul feather after the moult. Canary, white and spray millet, green food, grit, and cuttlefish will suffice to keep them fit; a few oats and paddy rice is also wholesome, and a little soft food when they are feeding young. Unless the quarters are very large I cannot advise you to put the White Javas with small Waxbills; both these and Saffrons are at times very vicious with the smaller fry in their enclosure. I have never known Cockatels to interfere with any of their companions, either large or small.

## Quaker or Other Parrakeets.

**H. J.**—Providing they are not overcrowded, the Quaker and Roscila Parrakeets, Budgerigars and Cockatels will agree together in the same aviary. Note, the Quaker is one of the few species of Parrots that construct nests: hang up longtitudinally a roomy barrel, and supply twigy branches for them to build with; branches of similar length and thickness to those used for making birch brooms answer admirably. The outward sexual distinctions are infinitesimal, but if you get adult birds to compare you will find the area of grey is smaller on the female; she is also a little less noisy, and altogether not so demonstrative as her "lord and master"; she is also decidedly effeminate in appearance compared with him. Diet: A seed mixture of Canary, millet, hemp, wheat, oats, and sunflower seeds, with green food, ripe fruit, plain biscuit, and a few nuts suffices to give them a varied and wholesome dietary. I hope you will have luck with them. Their nest building is very interesting, and the birds are absolutely fearless, though not unduly aggressive. At the same time, when nesting they will not suffer anyone or anything to interfere with them, for which they can scarcely be blamed.

## Diet for a Grey Parrot.

**G. L. H.**—Milk sop, tea and coffee slops, table scraps generally, and animal food of any kind mean ill-health for poor Polly sooner or later. Supply the following seed mixture: Two parts each Canary seed, oats, and hemp, and one part each wheat, dari, maize, and sunflower seeds; well mix, and keep up a continuous supply. Renew the supply each morning, and so long as there is seed of any kind in the tin do not give any fresh supply during the day. To vary the diet, etc., give ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, and green food; keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage. I have found no difficulty with Parrots at meal times; it is very easy to have something at hand that is wholesome for Polly, and I have found them soon satisfied therewith. It is my experience that a Parrot can be soon weaned from these unwholesome messes by using a lukewarm mixture of water and Parrish's Chemical Food in equal parts, and soaking the food in this. Considering the way you have been feeding this bird, I should advise your putting one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every third day for a month, but you must stop same at once if the voidings become watery.

## The Treatment of Bichenos.

**F. Freeth.**—These Finches, and very many of the Greenfinches, rear their young almost entirely upon seed and green food, almost, if not entirely, ignoring the soft food dish. I do not think your nestlings died from anything arising from the dietary, but from something else entirely outside of this. However, for all species of Finches that will take them, live ants' eggs (cocoons) are very wholesome, and will certainly help to keep the old birds fit, and tend to the production of very vigorous progeny. You can also use blighty sprays from rose and fruit trees, and any non-poisonous vegetable growths. Canary, white and spray millet, green food, little ripe fruit (apple is universally favoured), and grit should suffice for the successful rearing of the young, but the addition of the live food mentioned above will tend to make full success more certain. None of the items of diet you name are really unwholesome. Even supposing you have an adult abnormally plumaged cock bird, it is not likely to affect the plumage of the young; quite apart from abnormalities, there is more or less variation with every species.

## Birds for an Aviary.

**M. R.**—I do not know your county, and this rather handicaps me in giving a reply. Yes, you can keep White Javas in it, and if the space is not too confined they will not harm the other birds I should say get two pairs of White Javas (from entirely different sources, so as to secure unrelated birds), and put in with them some Common and Green Avadavats, Zebra and Grey Waxbills, and Long-tailed and Rufous-tailed Greenfinches, some or all of which would breed and not in any way interfere with your specialising in the White Javas. It would make your aviary more attractive with a few of these minute gems flitting about among the growing bushes. Also the same dietary would be suitable for all. The diet for White Javas is given in our reply to another correspondent.

## Diet for a Jay in Captivity.

**F. G. Saunders.**—The food you name makes a good staple dietary, but it should be supplemented with ripe fruit, nuts, live insects (mealworms, beetles; give it a mouse to worry occasionally, spiders, and anything you can capture for it in your garden), table scraps, etc. These birds are almost omnivorous, and can be given almost anything with impunity. I am of opinion a more liberal diet (including some live food) on the lines given above will soon bring a great improvement in its condition. I could have given you a more definite reply if you had indicated what kind of Jay you have. You must give it opportunity to have a frequent bath, and such a restless, active species should have a cage large enough to give it reasonable exercise; without this the bird is sure to be ailing, no matter what the dietary is. These birds are fairly confiding, and can usually be let out at intervals for exercise; this will help to keep in check the ill-effects of confined quarters.

## Treating a Grey Parrot.

**Mic.**—No, I do not think dealers doctor birds; it would not pay. The facts are these, the awful conditions under which the birds are brought to the coast and imported, land most of these interesting birds on our shores in a diseased or contaminated condition, and large numbers of them perish soon after arrival. You must keep the bird warm and out of draught, but not out of reach of fresh air. The proper diet you will find given in our reply to another correspondent. I am doubtful if the trouble is purely bronchial, but due to infection during importation, and you ought not to use a cage in which a Grey Parrot has died without thoroughly scalding out every crevice, and well swilling the whole with boiling water, or it will probably contaminate its next occupant. Give this bird a little boiled maize, which must be prepared fresh daily (this is in addition to the dietary referred to above) and soak into same, after you have drained away all moisture, one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia every other day for a fortnight. Put into the drinking water daily for about ten days three drops of aromatic sulphuric acid, and give the bird direct to the mouth a teaspoonful of the mixture given below, diluted with an equal bulk of water: Equal parts of ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine. The above quantity (water and mixture, two teaspoonsful) will suffice for each day; the bird will not take it all at once. You had better report progress in a fortnight's time.

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## Brevities.

**What Parrakeet?** ("Recipitant").—It is evident you have some species of Lovebird or small Parrakeet, and that they are miniature. This makes the placing of them exceedingly difficult, and I am unable to name them for you before going to press. However, I will look them up and hope to name them for you and give approximate value in our next issue.

**What is its Value?** ("Folkestone").—Am of opinion the bird is the Blue-eyed Cockatoo, which certainly is uncommon and only to be obtained at irregular intervals. I cannot tell you anything as to its demeanour, as it is several years since I saw a specimen, and have never possessed it. However, for a specimen that has been over for some little time and has commenced to talk, I should place a minimum value of 60s. to 70s. upon it.

**Blue-breasted Waxbills** (E. B. Oak).—I cannot call to mind any other popular name for these charming and chastely beautiful birds. They are not by any means common on the market, neither are they rare, and if you were to address an inquiry to any of the large dealers advertising in our columns, or send a wanted advertisement yourself, I am of opinion you would get a pair. I am, rightly, not permitted to recommend special dealers, but the species is certainly in stock at the present time, or was a few days ago.

# POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

**Yorkshire Cinnamon** (W. Hughes).—Disease of liver and bowels, apparently of a septic and infectious character, but no helpful items as to duration or symptoms of illness received.

**Bicheno Finch** (Mrs. Brooks).—Chronic softening of liver, consequent feverishness involving lungs. This state of things may, under certain conditions, such as cold and wet unseasonable weather, assume an infectious form, although it is difficult to perceive how your birds that have been in a garden aviary some few years can be so affected.

**Three Canaries** (R. E. G.).—Bird fever.

# GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

**Goldfinch Plate** (no nom-de-plume).—The plate giving cock and hen Goldfinches, with two Greypates, and called "A Happy Family," can be sent you, post free and carefully packed, for fourpence. We have only a limited number of copies left.

**Wild Weeds** (Boston).—Yes; all the "wild weeds" recommended by our experts and various other fanciers will be found described, and in most cases illustrated in the book entitled "Seeds, Foods and Wild Plants for Cage Birds" (post free 1s. 2d.).

**Dead on Arrival** (J. Bridgman).—We have previously commented, and unfavourably, on the fact that it is the trade custom if birds arrive dead for the loss to fall on the buyer—that is, of course, providing they were not sent on approval. If you did not receive the kind of birds ordered, however, then you have a clear case for the return of your money, whether they reached you dead or alive.

# Correspondence.

## More Twins.

SIR,—Having taken your paper for about two years, I have gained a great deal of information. I noticed in your issue of June 19 and the previous one, particulars concerning two birds in one egg, but, unfortunately, dead. At the present time I have two birds which came out of one egg, and both are doing well. I expect them on the perch by about Friday. The hen was sitting on three eggs. I put them into warm water on the Saturday, and I noticed that one egg was larger than the other two. On the Sunday morning there were two young ones out, and still two eggs, and at dinner time three young ones and the other egg was clear.

R. W. M. BIRNEY.

## Should Canaries Have Only White Seed?

SIR,—Anent my letter in your issue of June 19 ("Lines from an old breeder"), I am wishful to give result of my first round. From eight hens I have got 26 young, all on dry seed. Most of the hens I have not allowed to lay and sit more than three eggs, so perhaps I could have had more young if wanted. Yet I never care to over burden any hen with young in one nest. I regret to hear of several breeders here having lost a great many eggs, and not having done so well the first round; but I hope they are not discouraged. Perhaps some slight alteration in system may be thought of to advantage. Leaving the breeding item, I should like to bring one matter to task *re* seed. A few breeders I notice are strictly of opinion that their birds should have nothing (month after month) but white seed. Is this policy or not? I am not myself a believer in that routine of keep. I should like a few opinions on the matter, if possible, though I believe it has often been "on the carpet." I wish every success to CAGE BIRDS.

JOHN H. JOWETT.

## The Proposed New Society for Doncaster and District.

### Greed Said to Have Brought Disaster.

SIR,—In CAGE BIRDS for June 12th, Mr. Bescoby asks for suggestions. The reputation of the old society led it to its disaster. The greed of some of its members has driven from its ranks those who were unselfish and the mainstay of the society. The wretched conduct of the men who want the prizes all to themselves unfit them for being members of a Cage Bird Society, and they should not be allowed to be such. The late secretary uttered some scathing remarks at a recent meeting, and proved thereby his utter abhorrence of such greed. I would suggest—(1) the exclusion of such objectionable members; (2) that meetings be fixed outside licensed premises; (3) that a preliminary meeting be advertised; (4) the fixing of a suitable night, and a secretary pro tem. and treasurer; (5) that the breeders be called upon to attend the preliminary meeting; (6) that a chairman pro tem. be appointed for same meeting. I would further suggest that Mr. F. Duff (Thorne Road) be the chairman. That meeting should appoint the necessary officers to set the society on a firm basis. What is needed is "vim," and the observance of the golden rule "to do to others as you would that they should do to you." Locally, there are plenty of fanciers, and the neighbourhood is receiving fresh breeders daily.

KELMORE.

## Song Thrushes which Breed in a Cage.

SIR,—I built an aviary in the back yard, and when I had almost got it complete we found that we would in a short time have to change our residence, and this made it necessary for us to pull down our workshop at the back of the house, causing a big upset in the thick of the breeding season; and we thought at one time that our chance of getting our pair of Thrushes to go to nest was very remote indeed. But it is with the greatest of pleasure I can now say that we sat the hen Thrush on Wednesday, June 9th, and that she is now sitting close on a clutch of four eggs, two laid in Whit-week, and the other two during the past week. The first year hen Blackbird has also laid three eggs. Two of them she broke and ate. The other egg my wife put under the hen Thrush, but this was fired out of the nest, so that was dicky pink also. The Blackie looks likely to lay again shortly, and if she does I will try the egg under the Thrush again and give the Blackie some pot eggs to sit on for a time; then if she behaves herself we may try her with some of the good eggs, if occasion requires it. Now, sir, on my word of honour, I declare that these eggs from the cock and hen Thrush, and those from the same cock Thrush and a first season hen Blackbird have been laid in a double Canary breeding cage in my back yard, and I now give a hearty invitation to any British bird fanciers who may be interested in this little event (or perhaps there may be doubters of its genuineness) to come along and see for themselves. I have given you the date when the hen was set, and she has laid one egg since she was set. Last year the eggs hatched out on the fourteenth day. So if fanciers would like to see her on the nest, note the date. I do not write this because I want a cheap advertisement, but to vindicate and put beyond all cavil or doubt the fact that my Thrushes have bred in a cage in captivity, and that, with a bit of luck, they are showing every appearance of doing the same again this season. I thank those fanciers who have called this season, and wished us luck with them. Considering the upset, we are having a first-class breeding season with over forty young Yorkies up to now, the greater portion of them being on the sticks. But we will be forced to cut the breeding season short owing to our removal in a very few weeks.

W. DOWNING.

62, Mornington-street, Stockport-road, Chorlton-on-Medlock, Manchester.

## The L. and P.O.S. and the "Weaker" Society.

SIR,—I note with some surprise the announcement in your last week's "Twitterings" made by the Hon. Sec. of the L. and P.O.S., Mr. Tringham, to the effect that their annual members' show would be held in conjunction with the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. Surely the premier society, the L. and P. O.S., is capable of holding a members' show without the assistance of a weaker society? May I ask if it will be of any advantage to the members of the L. and P. O.S. to link themselves to another society? If so, why not amalgamate at once, and so end the troubles of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.? I am told that most of the exhibiting members of the latter are also members of the L. and P. O.S. Who is to benefit?

MEMBER OF THE L. & P. O.S.

## Linnet Singing at Leeds.

### Unvarnished Reports versus Bluff and Bounce.

SIR,—Regarding the following reply to "A Visitor," *re* "Bluff and Bounce," as Secretary of the East Leeds Linnet Club I have been asked to reply to a portion of his letter in defence of our club (the "King's Head") and its members. In the first place we did not sing for the world's championship; on the contrary, our annual contest was advertised as the "Great All-England Contest, open to all comers." A better gathering of aspirants for championship honours from all parts of the North of England it would be impossible to bring together. As to the merits of the various competitors, it is not my intention to deal with them. Secondly, he deals with the £20 advertised to be given in prizes. A committee was formed for the allotment of prizes, and their action was approved at a meeting of the whole of the members; 15s. 6d. and a kettle comprised the first prize, but "A Visitor" ought to be honest and report that every paid-up member had 7s. each returned. Thirdly, he hopes that better language will be used the next time he comes amongst us. Is he tarnishing the whole of the Leeds Fancy with one brush? If that is so, allow me to give a flat denial on behalf of the East Leeds Club. It would be as well in future were he to define where he heard this talk. In conclusion, I would ask "A Visitor" before he begins to throw dirt about, if he would examine himself and his birds; no doubt he would then find plenty of room for improvement. Our club is open for membership, and on payment of 3d. entrance fee "A Visitor" will have an opportunity of introducing such reforms as to his idea are necessary. We do not profess to be perfect, and are believers in true reform. I hope the next time that he writes he will have the courage to sign his name, and not put a nom de plume.

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## A Remedy Wanted.

SIR,—Mr. Bryant should not feel aggrieved at my criticism of his former letter. It was written in no contentious spirit, but simply intended to drive home to his own mind the exaggeration of his assertion about the hen's performances. Nothing is easier than to exaggerate in such things as these, but when one goes to such unreasonable bounds it cannot fail to cast a shadow of uncertainty over all the rest of the missive. I am sorry I have mislaid my copy of CAGE BIRDS containing his first letter, so that I am not able to give a really helpful reply to his query, as I have forgotten the details of it. However, if I can succeed in turning it up I will certainly do my best to help him in an early issue.

INCREDULOUS.

## The Crested Canary Club Patronage.

SIR,—In addition to the societies mentioned in your last issue as applying for the Crested Canary Club's support, may I trespass on your courtesy in asking you to announce that the Long Eaton and District C.B.S. have since applied for same? The judge is Mr. R. Rhodes, and the date Dec. 15th. Also Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S. has applied; judge, Mr. Thomas Heath, date, Oct. 22nd and 23rd. In last week's report Mr. Robson's name was mentioned twice in the list of judges by a printer's error; it should have been Mr. J. Dobson in both cases. I also omitted to star the society with Mr. Roe for judge, he not being on the list of the Crested Canary Club judges. After this announcement I shall take the decision of my Committee as to which shows shall have the Club's support forthwith.

J. S. CLARKE, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

## Some Hints to Would-be Hybrid Breeders.

SIR,—Mule and Hybrid breeding, in my idea, is one of the most interesting and fascinating of hobbies that anyone can have. Not only does it occupy one's time, but when one is having a walk in the country he looks first in one place and then in another for wild seeds for his birds. In trying to breed Hybrids between two Britishers the birds must be kept very quiet, and you must have any amount of patience, or it is of no use your trying. A cage for one pair should be no less than 36ins. in length, 15ins. in height, and from 10 to 12ins. from back to front. You want three doors to it at equal distances apart, as though it were a three-compartment cage; and your perches should be about 3ins. from the bottom. You want no top perches. When you get your birds, which should not be later than Dec. or Jan., pick those which have plenty of colour in them. If you can get size with colour and quality, so much the better; but the latter should come first, for size is not much without colour. They must be put together as soon as you get them, so as to enable them to get used to one another. They should be supplied with mixed wild seeds (which can be got from most dealers), in addition to the usual mixed seed, which should consist of Canary, rape, inga, teazle, hemp, linseed, maw, and sunflower. It is best to buy your seeds separate, and mix them as it suits you. For green food (before any is to be found outside), sow rape seed, mustard and cress in pots or boxes. A piece of sweet apple is also relished by the birds; also fresh, clean drinking water and a bath every day. Speaking of sunflower seed, I don't think there is anything a bird likes better once it has tasted it, and I know nothing that will tame a bird sooner than the offer of a kernel every time you go into the room. The way to do it is this: when you go to feed the birds crack them one and offer it them (talking to them all the while); then put it on the end of the perch. When you have done that a time or two they will not be long before they will take it from between your thumb and finger; in fact, they will look forward to your coming, so tame will they become, which is an important thing in Hybrid breeding. As Spring comes round you must look out for young dandelion leaves, chickweed, groundsel, buds of fruit trees (such as apple, black currants, cherry, damson, gooseberry); also hawthorn and blackthorn twigs are equally liked. Towards the end of March you must put a nest-box in at one end about five or six inches from the bottom, and surround it with heather, to make it look as natural as possible. Then get an old nest such as a Greenfinch's, and put it in the nest-box. Also give plenty of fine hay (cut in small lengths), moss and hair. Cover the cage bottom with good clean sawdust or peat about one or two inches deep, to prevent any eggs from getting broken, should any eggs be dropped from the perch. Put a flower pot saucer in, and keep it well supplied with good old mortar and gritty sand. Also put a piece of cuttlefish bone between the wires. By now there will be dandelion heads and shepherd's purse about, which can be given in abundance; in fact you can't give too much. Also give lettuce, radish, turnip, cabbage, mustard and cress seeds as tit-bits, also blight off rose trees. Fruit, too, should be given. From May onwards you must look every morning for any eggs that might be laid, and be very careful how you approach the cages, for it does not take much to upset the birds at this period. Should there be any eggs, transfer them at once to a hen Canary, which should be kept for the purpose to sit on and hatch them and to rear the young, if you should be fortunate enough to get that far. If the birds are kept in a spare room in the house, so much the better, for they like to be very quiet in the breeding season; but if they are kept in a place outside you should whiten the side windows over, and a notice should be pnt on the door with "Strangers Prohibited" written on, for it is surprising how the sight of a stranger upsets the birds. Don't be disheartened if you should not be successful right away, but with patience and perseverance you will win in the end, and say to yourself, "Ah! well, better luck next time."

WILLIAM LOVATT.

## The Sexing of Young Canaries.

SIR,—A stray note I unearthed in a recent expedition through old issues, which will, I think, bear repetition, deals with the question of sexing young Canaries. In a nest of young Canaries, said the writer (or in words to that effect) it is easy to tell the sex. The cocks seem to have bolder eyes, and are generally distinguished by a greater depth of of colouring on top of head, the saddle, and on the butts of the wings. A sort of eyebrow formed of rich-coloured feathers also distinguishes them from the hens. In hens, he concludes, no such points are noticeable, they being paler than the cocks. Novices should look out for those points, and especially the rich eyebrow, when selecting the cocks—but, a word in your ear, do not dispose of all the remainder for hens until they have been given a chance to sing. Still, if the hint given should enable the beginner to make a more accurate guess sometimes, it will have served a useful purpose, and done no harm, providing one has taken the hint also about using discretion in the disposal of the supposed hens.

SEXOGRAPH.

## Who Won the Specials at Bathgate Show?

SIR,—Will you allow me space in your valuable paper to draw the attention of the Bathgate fanciers and others to the treatment I have received from the Secretary and President of that society regarding specials I won at the show held on January 16th? I won a points special, which I received along with prize money, and a statement that the other specials would follow. I received a note a few days after, asking if I would return the special prize cards, as there had been a mistake made somewhere. I did this, also sending my cage numbers along with them, to show they were rightly marked. A month passed and no word came. I sent a card inquiring about them, but no reply. After another month I wrote again, but still no reply. When another month had passed, I thought I would try the President, so I wrote giving him particulars about the specials; but even he has not had the courtesy to reply. Now, I trust the members or the other officials of the society will take it up, and see what has been the cause of this. The specials I won and have not received are: Special, No. 21, best in Classes 17 and 18; No. 24, best in Classes 19 and 20; No. 30, most points in Classes 24 and 25.

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## Proposed Linnet Singing Association for Manchester & Dist.

SIR,—We are desirous of forming the above-named Association, and a meeting will be held on Tuesday evening next, June 29, at the Boilermakers' Arms, Abbey Hey Lane, Openshaw, to commence at 8.0 p.m. prompt. Will all Linnet fanciers make a special effort to be present? On the following Saturday we propose having a contest, for which we have three good prizes guaranteed. This contest will be confined to those who attend on Tuesday evening.

B. BODEN.

## A Black Goldfinch's Babies.

### What Will They Be Like?

SIR,—I have taken CAGE BIRDS for many years, and have derived much pleasure and information from the reading of it. The following may interest some of my brother fanciers. I bought the black Goldfinch, which was exhibited in the rare-feathered class at the last Crystal Palace Show. I mated him with a sib-bred Yorkshire hen, but she deserted her two first nests, objecting, I think, to being parted from her spouse. So the last round I chanced him along with the eggs, and he has behaved like a perfect gentleman. This is the 14th day since the second egg was laid, and on looking this morning I found that already three out of the four eggs were hatched. Should they turn out anything out of the common I will write again.

W. K. EDDEN.

## Two Crests and a Cup at Far-away Cape Town.

SIR,—I would esteem it a great favour if you would give your opinion on the following; or would some of your English judges be kind enough to do so? At Cape Town an open show was held, and a Young Bird Class provided for, as follows:—Section G, Young Birds, Colonial Bred, season 1908-1909. Now, in this section a silver cup was given for best young Crested Norwich on Show, Classes 99, 100, 101. Class 99, Norwich, ticked, evenly-marked, or unevenly-marked, any colour Crest, three entries. Class 100, Norwich Green Crested, also three entries. Class 101, no entry. Now, in Class 99, the cock bird, a Dirty Grissley without a tail, and looking puffed out, was awarded first and the cup; while the cock bird in Class 100, a Foul Green with a good crest, wings and tail, and shown in a clean and good condition, was given a first prize only, although competing for the same cup. In your opinion which bird should have been awarded the cup? Having no birds in the show myself, I have no other object but that justice should be done, and that the best bird should win. I may also state that I saw the judge, and drew his attention to this Dirty Grissley bird, and asked him how old he thought the bird to be, as it looked about two or three years old, having scaley feet. He told me that the bird having been placed in the young bird class, all he had to do was to judge them in their class.

A NINE YEARS' SUBSCRIBER.

P.S.—I must congratulate you on CAGE BIRDS of May 1st, a splendid twopence worth.

(We are afraid that our opinion, given without seeing the birds, would be worthless. If any readers choose to comment on the matter, our columns are open to them.—EDITOR.)

## A Beginner's Experiences of Foreign Birds.

SIR,—If my recounting of experiences as a foreign bird keeper be at all useful to would-be fanciers, I shall be only too pleased at having done so. I am a working man, but, like a great many, a lover of every sort of bird; and I have had a great many different kinds in my time. But, in company with others, I used to consider that, however much I should like to keep foreign birds, their price would prohibit me from doing so. Many a time have I looked at the beautiful Macaws in their cage in my governor's conservatory. I have admired their beautiful colours, and have thought how proud I should be to possess a pair of birds like them. But I used to say to myself, "If you can't fly at such high game as that, my boy, have a go at a smaller kind for a start." Well, first I bought an Indian Parrot. Poor Polly! Many weary hours I spent trying to teach her to talk, but it was all in vain. Still, she was a bird, and we all loved her. One morning, to my sorrow, I found poor Polly dead; and, leaving home shortly after, stopped all my ideas of bird keeping. But shortly after settling down again, I met a very old friend of mine, and found he was living quite close to me, so I naturally paid him a visit, and found him just beginning to construct an aviary. Of course, as soon as I saw his beautiful birds in their cages, awaiting the completion of his aviary, I was all red hot to become a foreign bird keeper. So I turned to and helped him to complete his aviary; and as a reward he gave me a pair of Zebra Finches, some Budgerigars, and a lot of good advice and instruction as to their keeping and management. He said also that he took in weekly a paper called CAGE BIRDS, so away I went to a newsagent and ordered it to be sent to me every week; and through the reading of this, and more especially through following the answers given to correspondents, I have been able to jog along without once having to ask a question. I do really think, by the bye, that if all fanciers would keep the parts of CAGE BIRDS which most concern their Fancy, they would not require to ask so many questions. My next venture, not having facilities for a large aviary like the one belonging to my friend, was to convert a Pigeon house into one. It was about 6ft. long by 4ft. high by 2ft. wide—very nice to look at with its wire bay window, and everything spick and span; but it was not a success, as I found out to my cost. I should like to say to all young beginners, make up your mind to have an aviary big enough for you to get quite inside; then you won't have the mortification of being wedged in a little doorway, with your birds popping over your shoulder and flying away out of sight for ever before you are able to get your 13 stone out of the doorway. I fancy I hear you say, "Pop young Tom inside." Yes, you might for once; but let a strong Budgerigar get a good grip of his finger, and I'll wager the next time he thinks you want him, the most you'll see of him will be his back in the distance. I don't know if the loss of birds affects many people like it does me, but when I lose any, I can tell you it takes all the edge off an otherwise healthy fancy. After a short time my friend left the neighbourhood, and I became the possessor of his aviary, and with the assistance of several friends it was removed bodily to my back garden. Now I will give you a description of it to help others. My place is 15ft. over all in length, 6ft. wide, and 7ft. high to ridge. Nine feet of it is an open flight at top, and the sleeping and breeding compartment is 6ft. square, with a good window in front. The aviary stands facing the south, back and west end is boarded up to 5ft.; front flight is made into a big wire bay, and the sleeping compartment is boarded, and then covered with corrugated iron. ⅝in. rough boards with the joints morticed are quite heavy enough for the woodwork. For the roof, the rafters are 3½in. by ¾in. on edge, and all the wirework is ½in. mesh. All roughed woodwork is coated outside with Carboline, which gives it a nice brown stain, and all the planed wood is painted green and white. The inside of flight I distemper with sage green, and inside the sleeping place with good strong limewash. I have a glass and wood feeder to hold a quarter peck each of millet and Canary seed. Now, one thing I wish to particularly impress on young beginners is to have no harbour for mice. I got a lot in my place once, and they made an awful mess, besides eating and spoiling the seed. To get rid of them I took out and caged my birds, and everywhere it was double inside I pulled down so that the mice could not get behind, and as they had burrowed through the floor I dug it up, laid down a lot of broken glass, and then concreted it. That stopped their little game, and no longer does my wife refuse to go in and shut the birds up in the evening for fear of mice. I have at the present time four pairs of breeding Budgerigars, and I have had 28 young ones in two rounds, and all nesting again. My opinion is that Budgerigars are capital birds to begin operations with, as they breed so freely. Give them plenty of chickweed, cuttlefish, and good sound seed, plenty of sea sand on the floor, any amount of branches and swings, good, clean water, with now and then a few drops of Parrish's, and double the quantity of husks that you have breeding pairs. Keep your curiosity well in hand so that you don't disturb them too much, and you cannot fail to do well. I like to introduce fresh blood every year if possible to keep them from inbreeding. Always, by the way, wire the windows of the sleeping place inside, and have a good ventilator. As I found I was so successful I launched out a bit farther the next year, and at the present time I have besides my Budgies, a pair of white Javas, and a Cockatiel (I'm going in for breeding these another year), a pair of Zebras, three or four Mannikins, and a Cut-throat. I have also turned in a pair of Canaries, which have bred me 12 young ones in a cage; and don't they enjoy themselves in the aviary! And what better occupation can a man have for his spare time than the care and attention of his pets, and after his work is done watch their interesting ways and habits? Though you may think it expensive at first, you'll find it not half so expensive as many so-called pleasures. The keeping of foreign birds, too, will become such a pleasure that you would not willingly be without it.

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## Peculiar Sites Selected by Birds.

SIR,—The following may be of interest to CAGE BIRD readers. It shows what peculiar sites are selected by some birds for their nests. On a new building in course of erection at Northwood, a Tomtit has built its nest in a puddock hole. The puddock had, of course, been taken out. In another hole a Linnet has nested and laid four eggs. The eggs I removed as the brickwork was being made good, and I have them at present under Canary hens. The nest I am keeping. Does any other reader know of a Linnet building in similar positions? A Robin also had a nest and four eggs in an old tin in the hedge close by. The hedge was cut down, but the tin was left standing on a briar where some one had thrown it, and had held fast about 5ft. from the ground. But I am sorry to say that at about the time the hatching was due some one took the eggs. I might say that men were working from morning till night sometimes within a foot of the nests and the sitting hens, but they seemed quite at home, and took very little notice of us, except to pick up the crumbs that were thrown for them.

J. H. C.

## The Song of the Linnet North and South.

SIR,—Seeing there are a lot of Linnets singing in the North of England, I should just like to give a few notes on the song of the Linnet, which may interest your readers. These notes may enlighten those who keep Linnets, and yet do not understand their song. In all cases of good singing the birds should start with what is known as "Tolic," and should finish with a "Weet." As follows:—"Tolic, tolic, hic, hic, quay, ter, weet"; "Tolic, tolic, lug, lug, cee, weet"; "Tolic, tolic, lug, chow, weet." Those three notes are good ones, and sound very nice if a bird sings them in a good key. The following song is, of course, not so nice as the first three: "Tolic, tolic, joey, ter, wissey"; "Tolic, tolic, gipsy weet, chow." There are dozens of different ways and styles I might mention; and if the North and Midland fanciers have got better Linnet songs than this they have some excellent ones, but I doubt it. From what I have heard of it, I should call it "fuze song." I only wish these birds were a bit nearer London, then fanciers would not be so free in offering £5, which I have seen done at different times, to make a match. They would here soon be accommodated, and would perhaps bite their fingers. I think in London there must be more Linnet fanciers and bird houses than in any other four towns put together; and I think it is little short of madness for people to call themselves Linnet kings, when we have people in London who have forgotten more than they will ever know about Linnets or their song either. I was pleased to see that last week, under the heading "Linnet-Singing at Leeds," "A Visitor" took exception to the bluff and bounce in connection with the £20 singing matches.

A LONDON FANCIER.

## The Clashing of Show Dates in Scotland.

SIR,—In reply to "Club Member's" letter in your issue of June 19, may I be allowed to inform him that I have never left *terra firma*, but that he has certainly done a good lot of floundering about in deep water. He has shown plenty of bounce, seeing I never asked the way to the moon. "C.M." ought to try a balloon, or a flying machine, when perhaps he may discover a way to avoid the clashing of show dates. As to being convicted on my own statements, if "C. M." will read the correspondence over with an unbiased mind, he will see that it is he himself who is pretending not to see the point. I have never asked a free licence for Forfar, but he has shown a desire to get one for Perth or Kelty. And yet he tells us we have a legal right to fix a date to suit. As regards the soundness of his argument being proven by the fact that Forfar have seen their error, have I not already told "C. M." (in my last letter) that I saw the mistake we had made in not noticing that Kelty had altered their date as well as Perth (the week before his letter appeared in your columns), and that I intended bringing same to the notice of the members at the next meeting? I deny the motive "C. M." seems so desirous of imputing to us, that we intended from the first to fight Perth and Kelty for the date. We have never attempted to usurp any other society's date. As to the advertising of our date for 1910, I have already warned the above societies of our intention to hold one next year as near to our former date as we can. As to not hurting your feelings, "C. M.," I think it would have been showing a more fancier-like spirit to have written me, drawing my attention to the matter, than to have rushed into print as you have done on the present occasion.

W. GREWAR,
Hon. Sec., Forfar and Dis. C.B.I.S.

## Some Substitutes for Egg-bread.

### How to Make Egg and Colour Cakes.

SIR,—Judging by the number of questions one hears and reads about time-saving substitutes for the orthodox hard-boiled egg and crushed biscuit food, a few words on home-made substitutes may be welcomed. This is a recipe for a colour-feed cake, which is both a substitute for egg food and colour food, the necessary colouring agents being added to the cake during the initial processes of manufacture, and baked in it, so that all one has to do when the birds are moulting is to cut off a piece of cake and either give it the birds between the wires, or to crush it into crumbs and give it in the egg drawers. Probably this same recipe might be made to supply a tolerably efficient substitute for egg food during the breeding season, by omitting the colour agent, decreasing the sugar about one-half, adding two extra eggs, and using rather less butter. The "colour cake" recipe is as follows: Ingredients—1lb. flour, ¼lb. soft sugar, ½lb. best pure tasteless pepper, a teaspoonful of baking powder, 2ozs. butter, and two fresh eggs (a saltspoonful of salt might doubtless be added with advantage). Process: Mix flour, sugar, pepper and baking powder (and salt, if used) thoroughly together in an earthen or china bowl. Beat the eggs well in a separate vessel, and add the butter, previously melted, and blend together again. Now add this to the flour mixture, and work all well together, adding a sufficient quantity of milk to make a dough of the proper consistency for baking. Then bake in a greased tin in a sharp oven. It will be ready for use as soon as the "newness" has passed off—probably on the following day, or certainly on the second day after baking. If kept in a cold, dry place it will keep in good condition for weeks. In most cases it will doubtless prove the best course to seek the assistance of the feminine powers that be in compounding the cake and baking it, as they will be less likely to make a "terrible concoction" of it than a mere man. Their aid will be still more acceptable in preparing this suggested modified form for general use as a substitute for the usual egg food. Ingredients: 1lb. flour, ¼lb. soft sugar, one tablespoonful finely ground oatmeal, one tablespoonful finely ground maize flour, 1oz. butter or beef dripping, a teaspoonful of baking powder, a pinch of salt, and four new-laid eggs. Process: The method of procedure as before-mentioned must be carried out here, using just a sufficient quantity of milk to bring the dough to the proper consistency. The only difference lies in the modification of the materials used, in order to make the whole more generally useful for the growth and development of the young stock. The young beginner who is most anxious to take advantage of every possible time and labour-saving method must be cautioned, however, against making radical changes as long as his stock is thriving and doing well upon the system in use. When a change of this kind is premeditated, always endeavour to bring it about by degrees. This is the only safe and sound principle to act upon. Never make a complete change all at once in one's methods.

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

**Several Letters unavoidably held over.**

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June 26.—North London C.B.A.
June 26.—Heywood and Dis. C.B.S.
June 26.—London and Counties O.A.
June 26.—Sale Open O.S.
June 26.—Spen Valley C.B.S.
June 26.—Queen's Park (Glasgow) and Dis. C.B.S.
June 26, July 10, and July 24.—Sunderland C.B.A.
June 26 and July 31.—Wibsey and Dis. C.B.S.
June 26.—Beamish and Dis. C.B.S.
June 26.—Pendleton and Salford O.S.
June 26 and July 31.—Bingley and Dis. O.S.
June 26.—Liverpool L.B.A.
June 26.—Derwent Valley C.B.S.
June 26.—Littleborough C.B.S.
June 26 and July 24.—City of Wakefield O.S.
June 26.—Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A.
June 26.—Pudsey, Stanningley and Dis. O.S.
June 26.—Burnley and Dis. C.B.F.S.
June 26.—Bramley O.S.
June 26.—Wath and Dis. C.B.S.
June 26.—Manningham C.B.A.
June 26 and July 31.—Dewsbury and Dis. C.B.S.
June 30.—Y.C.C. of Scotland.
July 1.—Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.
July 1.—Stockton-on-Tees and Dis. C.B.S.
July 1.—Dulwich O.S.
July 3.—Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.
July 3.—Crook Original C.B.F. and F.S.
July 3.—Leicester C.B.S.
July 3.—City and Suburban A.C.B.
July 3.—Oldham and Dis. C.B.S.
July 3.—Forfar and Dis. C.B.I.S.
July 3.—Pendlebury, Swinton and Dis. C. and B.B.S.
July 3.—Dipton and Dis. C.B.S.
July 3.—Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.
July 3, and July 24.—Bradford East O.S.
July 3 and 31.—Hasland, Grassmoor and Dis. C.B.S.
July 3.—London and Provincial O.S.
July 3.—Coventry O.S.
July 3.—Wallasey and Dis. C.B.S.
July 3.—Rotherham C.B.S.
July 3.—Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.
July 5.—Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S.
July 5.—Southall and Dis. C.B.S.
July 7.—Torbay (Paignton) O.S.
July 10.—Hyde and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Hetton-le-Hole and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Altrincham C.B.S.
July 10.—Birkenhead C.F.A.
July 10.—Highgate, Hampstead, and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Middleton O.S.
July 10.—Macclesfield and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Longton, Leek and Hanley (Amalgamated).
July 10.—Wigan and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Preston O.S.
July 10.—Edinburgh N. and M.B.S.
July 10.—Jarrow, Hebburn, and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Partick and Dis. C.B.C.
July 10.—Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.
July 10.—Ormskirk and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A.
July 10.—Glasgow and Western Counties.
July 10.—Leeds C.B.S.
July 11.—Walthamstow F.A.
June 12.—Crewe O.S.
July 15.—Grantham and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—City of Bradford O.S.
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July 17.—Clapham and Dis. C.B.A.
July 17.—Dewsbury O.F.S.
July 17.—Poplar and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—City of Birmingham C.B.S.
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July 17.—Tamworth and Dis. C.B.S.
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July 17.—Swindon and Dis. C.B.A.
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July 24.—South and North Shields and Dis. C.B.S.
July 24.—Coventry Godiva C.B.S.
July 24.—Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.
July 24.—Morriston and Dis. C.B.S.
July 31.—Bannockburn and Dis. New C.B.S.
July 31.—Southport and Dis. C.B.C.
August 7.—Runcorn and Dis. O.S.

## REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

**Hanwick** July 17.—Judge, Mr. T. Foggett. 5 open classes: Can. 2, Brit. 3. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Ent. close July 13th to J. H. TENNICK, West View, Hunwick, Co. Durham.

**Meltham.**—July 31.—Judge, Mr. T. J. Ambrose.—4 open classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Entries close July 24, to J. BRAMLEY, Helme Lane, Meltham.

**Manchester and N.C.O.S.** — Members' Nest Feather Show.—July 3.—Judge, Mr. A. G. Davis.—24 Canary classes (6 for novices): 2 Mule, 4 British, and 2 Foreign bird classes. Entries close June 30, to G. W. F. LYTHGOE, 76, Shrewsbury Street, Old Trafford, Manchester.

**Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.** — Members' Young Bird Show, July 1.—Judges, Messrs. R. L. Crisp and C. T. Maxwell. 16 Can. classes (8 for Novices) and 2 Mule, 9 British, 1 Foreign and 1 Sell. classes. Entries close June 28, to W. HODSON, 209, Crystal Palace Road, E. Dulwich, S.E.

**Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.**—Annual Nest Feather Show, July 10.—Judges, Messrs. T. Robson and J. Maddison.—12 Can., 2 Mule, 8 British, and 2 Foreign bird classes, and 1 A.O.V. Entries close 10 o'clock a.m. July 10 to CURRY AND HUTCHINSON, 60, Grosvenor Gardens.

**City and Suburban A.C.B.**—Young Bird Show, July 3.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson.—27 Can., 2 Hyb., 15 British Bird, and 7 Foreign Bird classes. Entries close June 28, to V. WYNN, 22, Park Lane, W.

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# My Experiences with - - - the Yorkshire Canary.

By H. SWEETMAN.

**A Lecture recently delivered before the North London C.B.A.**

At a recent meeting of the North London C.B.A. there was a large attendance of members and friends to hear a lecture on the Yorkshire Canary, and Mr. Sweetman's remarks were enthusiastically received. The Secretary announced that Mr. Crisp had written to say he was unable to attend. Mr. Sweetman had, however, kindly volunteered to give a paper and to open a discussion. Mr. Sweetman said: I feel I make a very poor substitute for Mr. Crisp. As you are aware, Mr. Crisp possesses a talent which I do not profess to have. However, I will do my best to give you my paper on the Yorkshire Canary.

### A Fascinating Hobby.

Having been asked by our secretary to give you a paper on the Yorkshire Canary, I do so willingly, but I trust you will "let me down lightly" if my views do not quite coincide with your own. I would like to impress upon you that I do not wish to pose as an authority on the Yorkshire. My length of experience may appear to be a long one, but I am convinced I have still a lot to learn It is now eight or nine years ago since I first took up this fascinating variety of the Canary kingdom. I term it fascinating because there are so many points to be carefully watched in the selection and mating up of the Yorkshire; and to breed a real good specimen is no easy task.

To those about to take up the hobby of Canary breeding, I can with confidence recommend the Yorkshire as being hardy and prolific breeders. This last five years my average number reared is about 75 birds from 12 or 14 hens, that is nearly six per hen, which I consider by no means bad.

It is surprising what progress has been made, particularly in the South of England, during the last four or five years, and in my humble opinion it takes a better bird now to gain premier honours than it did this short period back (at least, this has been my experience).

The Yorkshire, as most of you are aware, is a bird of position; therefore, it is essential they should have plenty of head room, and for the purpose of giving the young birds a good impression of standing up, from the time they leave the parents I use a Yorkshire show cage for a nursery cage, and a capital nursery it makes. The young birds keep far cleaner in such than they would in some of the nursery cages on the market at the present time.

### The Length Considered.

I do not propose going into lengthy details of all the points which tend to make up a good show bird, but to deal with some of the principal points. Taking length first, I am of opinion that many fanciers—particularly some of the novices—seek this one good property at the expense of many of the finer points: for some of these big over-length birds which I have seen, have large, flat heads with broad skulls, wide shoulders, coarse and open in feather. These are bad points, and should be avoided as far as possible. I would sooner breed with a bird under standard length, viz., 6¾ inches, providing it had all the good properties which make a show Yorkshire, than I would with a bird as just described. Of course, we must have length, but at the same time other good points with it.

Some four or five years ago I bought a very big yellow, measuring over 7½ inches. The bird was a cock, and had a very big frame; he was a bit flat in head and open in feather. Prior to the introduction of this one, I had a small stud of medum-sized birds, of good quality, and having nice round heads, with which I was then able to do a fair amount of winning. I paired this big yellow to a fair-sized buff hen about 6¼ inches long. From these two birds I reared seven cock birds, most of which I kept for my own breeding purposes the following year, owing to their being possessed of fine length, which at that time I was trying to produce. I may say that most of these birds had the same defect as the father, only rather more pronounced, *i.e.*, flat heads and open feathers.

I paired these cock birds to the best hens I had at my disposal; that season nearly every bird I produced had that same bad point of flat heads, and, unfortunately, I have still the taint of this very big bird in some of my stock at the present time, although I have been trying hard to rectify it this last three years. The introduction of this big bird was the means of spoiling my stud rather than improving it. I obtained length, but it was at the expense of quality, and the sacrifice of that nice, small round head which is another most important point in the Yorkshire. I do not blame the gentleman from whom I purchased this big bird, as he sent me two birds from which to select. The other was a smaller, more typical one, with nice round head, and of good quality feather, barely 6¾ inches in length, and had been in the money at one of the leading shows in Yorkshire; but that extra length smote me. Had I kept the smaller of the two, I should have been 10s. better off in pocket and most probably without those undesirable flat heads. I may say the price I paid for this big yellow cock was 50s.

Speaking of heads, I would like to impress upon the novice in particular when pairing to make sure and not put two flat-headed birds together; for once you get these flat-headed birds into your stud you will find it will take you longer to get rid of them than it did to get them. There are many birds put back on the show bench with this defect. This being the first point to catch the judge's eye, too much attention cannot be paid to it.

### Concerning Position and Breed.

The next most important point is position and breed. A bird without these properties can hardly be termed "Yorkshire," for no matter how long a bird may be, with fine quality of feather and other good points, if he does not stand well up, you will find that he will not catch the judge's eye. A Yorkshire across the perch we do not want. Some people say train them to stand up, but all the training you give them will not give your birds that natural position which all lovers of the Yorkshire like to see. This position must be bred for; therefore, it is necessary both cock and hen should be possessed of this most important property. But if you are unable to have it in both birds, by all means have it in the hens, as the hen, you will find, plays an important part in transmitting this feature to the offspring.

I do not think too much care can be taken in the selection of same; they should be as near perfection as possible; that is, have good quality feather, style, position, and be well up on the leg, showng plenty of thigh, with tails carried right bang up to the tips of the wings (such hens as these are not easily obtained, not even small ones). I do not mind how small they are if I can obtain these good qualities, but the bigger the better.

Now, I am of opinion that a Belgian bird is a valuable asset to a Yorkshire breeder, for the purpose of maintaining such essential properties as breed and position, but I cannot speak with authority, as I have not so far introduced such a bird into my room for this purpose. I saw more than one bird at the last Palace show with very pronounced features of this variety, and one bird in particular was shown by one of the leading Yorkshire judges of the north, which bird I was informed was a first cross of the Belgian. He was a bird of rare length, fine position, and full of breed, a bird I should much liked to have possessed. Doubtless, great care must be exercised in pairing the progeny of this cross, owing to the Belgian being of peculiar formation, possessing a snaky head, thin neck and length of feather—all of which are bad points in a Yorkshire. Therefore, until I have experimented with the use of the Belgian I am unable to say whether the advantages gained outweigh the disadvantages also gained. *(To be continued).*

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# Wild Bird Life.

## Habits of the White-throats.

From the time that the spring showers and sunshine aid the bursting of the buds, until a wealth of June roses ramble across the footpath, the sweet bubbling song of the Greater Whitethroat can be heard everywhere. The song is a passionate, vehement repetition of a few sweet notes, rendered under considerable excitement, with swelling throat and quivering wings. He chooses no particular spot for his performance. He may be clinging to the stalk of the scented meadow sweet, swaying on a bramble at the top of the hedge, or while on the wing flitting from bush to bush. The Greater Whitethroat is the commonest of our summer migrants. He is to be seen everywhere in the garden, along the dusty roadside, in every hedgerow, and across the wide open common. He cannot be passed over, for he is such an excitable little fellow, that he is always forcing himself upon our notice. The Whitethroated Warbler comes to us in April or early in May, and stays until the harvest is gathered in, and even until chill October bids him begone, for insect life has passed, and only the autumn berries remain for the laggards. Flitting from bush to bush he reaches the coast, and passes to his winter home with a host of others. In the early spring, when the Whitethroats arrive, they return to their old haunts. The small green caterpillars so obnoxious to pedestrians, are its principal food, and of these it destroys great quantities. Watch him carefully while he is feeding the young, one can see that his beak is simply crammed with them. No doubt the destructive aphides and insects of various kinds are at times devoured. The Whitethroat is so useful that it should get all the protection we can give it. During the summer months he is to the bird-lover a continual source of pleasure. We love to listen to his sweet bubbling song, to watch his dainty fluttering ways, to search the long grass, nettles, and rank herbage, for his nest, and wonder at its flimsy construction, and admire the delicate colour of the contents.

## Dirty Hawks.

Kestrel Hawks are not patterns of domestic habits; they are too lazy to build their own nests, generally appropriating that of an old Crow or Magpie, or at times a Sparrow Hawk's. And this they keep far from clean, and by the time the young ones are able to fly it is a mass of castings and filth.

## Hunting Hawks.

Some of our Hawks have been known to follow the track of a fast train, and catch any small birds that have been disturbed. It is said that in India this method of obtaining a meal is frequently practised by the larger hunting Hawks, for in the hot, dry season, birds lie close and are not easily disturbed.

## Precocious Nestlings.

Many waders and ground builders have no nesting duties to perform after the young ones are hatched. Such birds as young Sandpipers, Curlews, and Plovers run about directly they are born, many of them with part of the shell still adhering to the soft down. For this reason a Pheasant will sometimes desert unhatched eggs and go off with the early youngsters.

## Reaping the Reward.

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# Insurance Expert finds Amazing Flaws in the Federation Insurance Scheme.

We have submitted the insurance scheme, lately floated by the London Federation of Cage Bird Societies (the objects of which have been fully dealt with in our two last issues) to an insurance expert, and his report, revealing certain grave flaws, is given below.

It is with mingled feelings of regret and surprise that we find the said report to be in more ways than one unfavourable to the Federation's scheme—regret that it should be in any way necessary to adopt an attitude of pessimism towards a scheme which we feel it will be readily admitted is so calculated, in principle, to be of benefit to bird-keepers and exhibitors; surprise, inasmuch that it never occurred to us such a body of able fanciers as is comprised in the Council of the Federation would venture to become sponsor for a scheme of such importance as this without feeling their way carefully and availing themselves of that expert advice which the successful floating of it demands. Yet a perusal of the report printed below would seem to show that the Council has neither taken steps to put themselves and their scheme right with the law, nor with the business aspect of the matter.

Difficulties beset all pioneers, however, and no doubt those at present bestrewing the path of the Federation are not incapable of being cleared away. Any loss of time and money involved, though, is not so much to be feared as loss of confidence by fanciers in the prospects and possibilities of the scheme they have fathered; we trust it may not come to that.

In a future issue we shall hope to have the legal aspect of the Scheme thoroughly examined by a competent legal authority; also to continue the notes upon it, written by Mr. Weston, from the fancier's point of view.

## Some Points from an Insurance Expert.

Appended are the comments which the expert in insurance to whom we submitted the Rules and "Certificate of Insurance" has been good enough to make respecting certain points.

### The Final Decision of the Council.

On the certificate of insurance is printed the proviso that: "In the event of any dispute arising in connection with this insurance, the decision of the Council shall in all cases be final." In my opinion this would not stand good in law. The Federation enters into a contract with a fancier, and accepts a premium from him, and they cannot place themselves outside the common law—*i.e.*, it seems to me it would be held that they cannot say, in effect, to the fancier: "You shall pay us money to cover a certain liability, but we shall reserve to ourselves the right as to whether we discharge that liability or not." In my opinion, as they accept a premium, they cannot reserve the decision of any claim to themselves.

Further, the person taking out the insurance does not agree to permit of this. It will be noticed that he signs to "abide by the rules printed hereon." But nowhere is it embodied in these "rules" that the decision of the Council shall be final! Even if this omission were rectified, however, there still remains the legal aspect of the case to be got over.

### To Prevent Over-insurance.

I do not see any rule to preclude the possibility of over-insurance, or to provide that evidence of value shall be supplied in the event of a claim. What is to prevent a bird of 10s. actual value being insured for £1, or £5, by the owner of it? Insurance, it must be remembered, is never intended to be a source of profit to the insured, and only the actual value of any article or articles should be covered by insurance. To put a case in point: a man may have his stock insured for £100, and his premises be burnt down. But the company need not pay £100; they can require him to put in a list of the articles destroyed, with their values, and if the latter totals £30, that is all they pay out to the insured party.

### Federation's Right to Recover.

Another point of particular importance, it seems to me, lies in the absence of any subrogation clause—that is, a clause providing for the turning over to the Federation of the right to recover any damages they may pay out (if recoverable, of course) from the party or parties responsible for the said damage. For instance, we will suppose a bird value £5 to be killed whilst on a railway journey, and that provable negligence has been responsible for the mishap. The Federation pays out the claim of £5 to the insured party. Clearly they then ought to be in a position to proceed against the railway company for the recovery of the value of the dead bird. There is, however, no provision made for this being done. It is likely that upon the settlement of a claim they could demand that all rights and remedies should be transferred to them but unless made clear in the rules it would be bound to lead to disputes, and all disputes are expensive. What is desirable is a rule subscribed to by the insured party that any right of recovery against a third party shall be vested in the Federation, and that any amount recovered from the said party shall become the property of the Federation.

### What is the "Average?"

In the case of a number of birds being sent out insured, and one or more dying, it is stated that compensation will be paid only on an "averaged amount of the insurance." But it is not stated whether this average is on the number of the birds or on their total value. Presumably it is on the number of birds sent out: that is, if four birds were sent away insured for £8, and one were to be killed, the Federation would pay out £2 as the "average" value. But the bird lost might conceivably be the least valuable of the consignment say, one intended for a 10s. selling class, and for this bird value on the face of it for 10s., £2 would be paid to the party taking out the insurance. If, on the other hand, the bird was the most valuable, then the compensation might be utterly inadequate as the following suppositious case will show.

A fancier sends four birds, value respectively (1) £5 (2) £1 10s. (3) £1 (4) 10s., and insures them for their total value, which is £8. In the event of the first being killed the compensation is inadequate, but with either of the others a profit is made.

It is in cases like this where the risk and the insurance is not clearly defined that disputes are absolutely certain to arise.

### Penalty for Evading Stamp Duty.

A very serious omission of those responsible for the drawing up of this scheme may be the overlooking of the manner in which the Stamp Act bears upon it. Evasion of the provisions of this Act entails serious monetary fines at the option of the officials of Somerset House, and ignorance of the law (as is well known) cannot claim to count as an excuse. Any contract of insurance on which a premium is paid must bear upon it an Inland Revenue stamp, of a value which varies according to circumstances (in this case it would seem that every certificate used under the Federation's scheme ought to be franked with a penny Revenue stamp), or an arrangement must be made with the officials at Somerset House to pay an agreed amount quarterly on the total premiums received (in this connection no doubt five per cent.) Neither of these things, apparently, has been done, and I understand that a number of books of certificates have already been issued in which case the Federation has become liable to pay such fine as may be imposed by Somerset House. My advice is that the responsible officials of the Federation place the facts of the case before the Inland Revenue authorities at once, with an apology for the no doubt unwitting transgression, when in all probability they will be mercifully dealt with.

### An Opinion.

Having been asked for an opinion, I must at once say that I consider the Federation's scheme will prove to be unworkable as a commercial proposition. Whether it can be successfully worked (after being put into proper shape) by fanciers for fanciers is another matter, and I do not pretend to an inside knowledge of the Fancy, except that I am aware that the insurance of dogs has turned out to be more-or-less unworkable. The routine work promises to be very heavy, and probably a burden, if such a scheme is at all widely taken up. Then the means of protection against possible fraudulent and exaggerated claims are necessarily slender; even the means of identification at hand in the case of the dog Fancy are lacking here.

### "Simply Amazing."

To sum up: It is simply amazing that able men should draw up and float a scheme of this nature without apparently deeming it necessary to consult someone versed in the essentials which go to the making of a workable insurance scheme, and someone versed in the law to put them right on the legal aspects of the matter.

Exactly what the latter may be it is not for me to say. I may remark, however, that a Bill now before the House of Commons will, if passed, prevent any company, federation, or what not, from embarking on an insurance scheme without depositing a lump sum of £20,000 with the Treasury as some guarantee that it will carry out its promises. Further, I am not sure how far birds may be considered insurable property; has it not been held by a Judge, for instance, that a man has no title to consider British birds as "property"?—that they are *ferœ naturæ*?; in which case they would not come within the category of insurable "property." It seems to me that the best advice I can give to the Federation of London Cage Bird Societies is that they shall suspend the operations of their scheme until it has been examined from the standpoint of both insurance and law. In any case, let them remember Somerset House.


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## West Bromwich and Dis. C.B.S.

The society held its first cycle run and ramble on June 13th, to Woodgate, near Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove. It turned out "great," as far as weather and enjoyment went, but was very disappointing in regard to the number who turned up, as we only mustered eight members. We were very sorry, too, not to have the company of our secretary, Mr. Duffield, through illness; he has not enjoyed the best of health for the past two or three months. Woodgate is an ideal place for an outing. Here one has the run of all the fields and orchards around belonging to Mr. Biddle, who catered for us. His home at Woodgate is a typical farmhouse and up-to-date, the country around being grand. I have no doubt the good people would do the same for any other society. Our meeting place was New Inns, Handsworth, at 9.30. We arrived at our destination punctually at 12 noon, our scheduled time. The first thing after putting our machines up was a ramble through the fields to observe the bird life there. The first find was by Mr. Viles, a nest of four young Chaffinches about two weeks old. After a good inspection by the members they were placed back quite securely. Then Mr. Jennings found a Long-tailed Tit's nest, but it contained no young. The nest itself was one of the most interesting finds during our ramble. It was made up chiefly of leaves intermixed with hairs and mosses, and made up similar to a cocoanut in shape, with a small hole around the one side about one-third the way down. A Lesser Whitethroat's nest was also found, but this had no eggs or young. Mr. Andrews discovered a Thrush's nest (no eggs), Mr. Carter a Blackbird's, and Mr. Cooper another Blackbird's (no eggs in these). We were very disappointed at this stage of our ramble in finding so many empty nests; it looked very very much as if they had been robbed. The next find of any note was that of Mr. Dunkley's, some well-fledged young Hedge Accentors, but we could not discover the nest. Messrs. Cooper and Andrews both found a Blackbird's nest with four eggs in each; and Mr. Cooper found a Brown Linnet's nest. Mr. Andrews' next find was a Hedge Accentor's nest, with no young, however, and Mr. Beck found a Chiff-Chaff's nest, but the young flew away on our going to examine it. A Corn Bunting's nest was found, but had no eggs. The most interesting part of our outing was our dinner, and that was well got through, as we all appeared to have fairly good appetites, and got through a fine joint of beef with vegetables, etc. We did justice to it, too. "What about the cider and the pie?" you had better ask some of the members of the West Bromwich and Dis. C.B.S. After dinner we went for a lounge in the orchard. A Greenfinch's nest was discovered containing five eggs, and Mr. McDonald found a Whitethroat's nest with 3 eggs in it. By means of a ladder which we came across we were enabled to inspect a hole in the stump of an old tree. The hole was perfectly round, and was undoubtedly the work of a Woodpecker. Next was a find by Mr. Jennings—a nest with 6 Greenfinch's eggs, which would probably hatch in a day or two. We all appreciated our tea very much. The whole of the arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Carter, to whom our enjoyment was due. After tea a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to our host and hostess for the manner in which we were looked after, also a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Carter for his valuable assistance.—DUFFIELD AND JENNINGS, hon secs.


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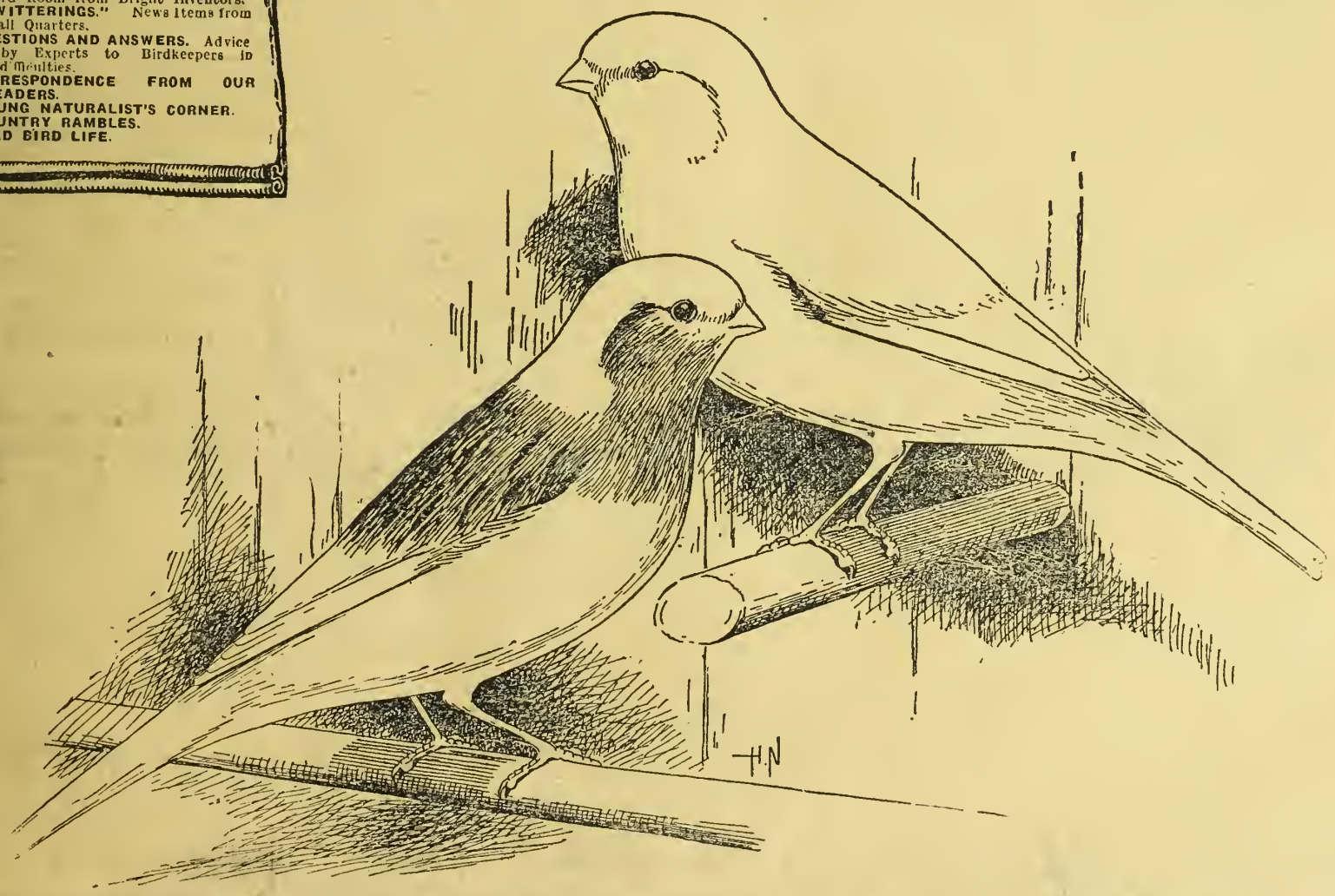

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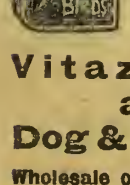


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## HEYWOOD AND DISTRICT O.S.

The third annual first feather show was held on June 26th, when Mr. A. G. Davis (Manchester) judged, to the satisfaction of all.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (4): 1, vhc, Mooney; 2, 3, Howarth. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Marsden; 3, vhc, Howarth; hc, Mooney; c, Meadowcroft. TKD. ETC. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Howarth; 3, Meadowcroft; vhc, Mooney; hc, Marsden. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Mooney; 2, hc, Howarth; vhc, c, Rydings. NOR. CL. ETC. YELL. (2): 1, Lees; 2, Ridings. BUFF (4): 1, Lees; 2, Howarth; 3, vhc, Ridings. TKD. ETC. BUFF (5): 1, Howarth; 2, vhc, Lees; 3, Ridings; hc, Wilson. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (4): 1, 2, vhc, Perry; 3, Meadowcroft. SELL. (4): 1, vhc, Howarth; 2, Marsden; 3, Mooney. LINNET (4): 1, Perry; 2, 3, McMurdo; vhc, Meadowcroft. A.O.S. HARDBILL (5): 1, 2, McMurdo; 3, hc, Perry; vhc, Ridings. Special for most points in Yorks., Howarth; for Nor., Lees.

## MORLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First feather show, held on June 19th, when about 50 birds were staged. There was a good turn-up of friends and members. Mr. Allen (Cleckheaton) judged, and gave every satisfaction. We had four new members. Medals are given at the end of the year, 1 for open, 3 for novices, and 1 for British, four highest birds to count. In the open, Messrs. Spence, and Pyrah tied with 12 points, in the novices, Booth 21, Dean 17, Crossley 8, Furness 5, Sykes and Fisher 6 each, and Toulman 1 point. In the British section Fisher 9, Holliday 5, and Gledhill 7.

CL. ETC. YELL.: 1, Booth; 2, vhc, Crossley; 3, Spence; hc, c, Furness. BUFF: 1, Spence; 2, 3, Booth; vhc, Pyrah; hc, c, Dean. CLASS 3: 1, 2, Pyrah; 3, Dean; vhc, Booth; hc, Fisher. CLASS 4: 1, Dean; 2, vhc, Sykes; 3, Fisher; hc, Toulman. CLASS 5: 1, Furness; 2, Spence. GLASS 6: Nil. BRIT.: 1, Fisher; 2, Holliday; 3, hc, c, Gledhill; vhc, Fisher.—ROBT. H. TURNER. Sec.

## RUTHERGLEN AND DISTRICT C.A.

First feather show, held on June 26th, in the Old Council Chambers. In all 43 exhibits were staged for exhibition. Mr. John Young, who acted as judge, complimented the members on the quality of the exhibits. He had judged open shows, but the quality of those exhibited here compared favourably with that of any show he had judged.

CRESTS (2): 1, Joel; 2, Lappin. CRESTBRED: 1, Joel. NOR. P.H. CL. ETC. YELL. (2): 1, Clark; 2, Liddell. BUFF (5): 1, McAulay; 2, 3, Clark; 4, Liddell. VARIEG. YELL. (2): 1, McAulay; 2, Liddell. BUFF (5): 1, 2, McAulay; 3, Liddell; 4, Noddings. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, Noddings. BORD. FANCY CL ETC. YELL. (5): 1, 4, Bennett; 2, Tod; 3, Lappin. BUFF (5): 1, Tod; 2, Joel; 3, Bennett; 4, Lappin. VARIEG. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Bennett; 3, Lappin. BUFF (4): 1, Joel; 2, 4, Lappin; 3, Bennett. BUFF GREEN OR CINN. (3): 1, Tod; 2, 3, Lappin. YELL. (3): 1, Tod; 2, 3, Lappin. MULES (2): 1, 2, Bennett.

## MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

First feather show, the first of a series of four, was held on June 26th, at headquarters, Mowbray Arms Hotel. Competition was very keen, 76 birds being staged in 8 classes. Messrs. W. Suggitt, Holroyd Bros., A. Huddleston, W. E. Dent, W. Brooke, and G. Bedford, gained most points. Mr. W. E. Dent won special for best bird with a beautiful clear buff. Mr. R. Carr placed the cards giving the members every satisfaction.

CL. ETC. YELL. YORKS. (21): 1, c, Suggitt; 2, Hersey; 3, Huddleston; 4, Dent; vhc, Huddleston; hc, Lunn. BUFF (25): 1, best bird, Dent, 2, 3, Holroyd Bros.; 4, Huddleston; vhc, Suggitt; hc, Smith; c, Ackroyd Bros. CIN. TICK. ETC. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Bedford; 3, vhc, hc, A. Grange; 4, c, F. Grange. UNEVEN MKD. YELL. (7): 1, Ackroyd Bros.; 2, Smith; 3, Nutter; 4, Varley; vhc, Huddleston; hc, Hersey; c, F. Grange. BUFF (8): 1, W. Brooke; 2, Huddleston; 3, Marriott; 4, F. Grange; vhc, Holroyd Bros.; hc, Birkett; c, Lunn. A.O.V. CAN. (8): 1, Proctor; 2, Brooke; 3, Suggitt; 4, Smith; vhc, hc, Holroyd Bros.; c, Bedford.—WM. HOLROYD, Sec.

## YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND

First feather show, held on June 26th, in the Good Templars' Hall, Ingram Street, Glasgow. Mr. Charles Campbell judged, and the members were delighted at the efficient manner in which he placed the awards. The gold medal was won by Mr. J. B. Paterson (Ayr), with a clear buff, the bird being well worth its place. The novice medal was won by Mr. W. Hyndford (Glasgow), also with a clear buff. Mr. J. B. Paterson also won special for best pink-eyed bird, and special most points, Mr. T. Penman winning special for second most points. The specials; numbering 14 in all, were well distributed. A special meeting was held at close of show, to grant patronage for the coming season, and out of ten clubs applying eight were successful, these being: City of Glasgow, Kelty, Ayr C.B.S., Kilmarnock, Glasgow and West, Dundee, Alexandra, and Aberdeen.

CLASS 1 (10): 1, Sinclair; 2, spl, Martin; 3, spl, 6, Penman; 4, 5, spl, Shewan; 7, spl, N. Cardwell. CLASS 2 (10): 1, medal, 3, Paterson; 2, 4, spl, novice medal, Hyndford; 5, Webster; 6, spl, Robertson; 7, spl, Wilson. CLASS 3 (8): 1, 2, spl, J. B. Paterson; 3, Marr; 4, Penman; 5, Robertson; 6, Webster; 7, spl, Beattie. CLASS 4 (6): E, Paterson; 2, Wilson; 3, Martin; 4, Penman; 5, Beattie; 6, spl, Webster.—F. BOWMAN, Hon. Sec.

## WESTERN COUNTIES O.S.

The second nest feather show was held at Plymouth on June 23rd, when a record number of birds were staged. It is very gratifying to the officers and committee that the members evince so much interest in the exhibitions, and this augurs well for the success of the annual open show on Oct. 19th and 20th. This is the jubilee year of the W.C.O.S., and up-to-date has easily outstripped any previous year both in the interest of the members and the number of birds shown. The show received an entry of 129 birds, being 20 more than were staged at the May meeting. Yorkshires had 23 entries in two classes, and are showing a decided advance as compared with past years. Mr. Clarke's team were greatly admired, but he was closely pressed by Messrs. Jewell and Woodley. In Norwich Messrs. Garl and Spillman took premier honours, with birds of considerable promise, and W. C. Dart (chairman of the society) must be congratulated on breeding a really promising specimen in the marked buff, which stood 2nd in his class. Crests and Crestbreds totalled 18, Mr. Ryder again doing well. Messrs. Dart and Ryder exhibited good specimens of Border Fancies, a new variety for the W.C.O.S. In Mules, W. Rowe won with a high coloured yellow of good size, a bird that will be heard of again. The British and Foreign classes, which a year ago seemed to be lost to the society, again showed a welcome revival, and the 11 Goldfinches on view would not have disgraced any show in the country. Mr. Pridham's winner is sure, with care, to make a name for him elf. The third and last show of the season will be held July 21st, when the challenge cups will be presented, the leading exhibitors in these competitions being: Yorks., Mr. Jewell; Norwich, Mr. Garland; Crest, Mr. Ryder; A.O.V. Can., Mr. Ryder and Mr. Dart (equal); Mules, Mr. Rowe; British and Foreign, Mr. Large. The judges were (Yorkshire) Mr. Spillman, (Norwich) Mr. S. Deeble, (Crests) Mr. Dart, (other classes) Mr. Snell.

YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Clark; 3, Woodley; 4, Jewell. BUFF (14): 1, 2, Clark; 3, Jewell; 4, Woodley. NOR. YELL. (12): 1, Spillman; 2, 3, Garland; 4, Hawke. BUFF (12): 1, Garland; 2, Dart; 3, 4, Spillman. CREST (9): 1, Ryder; 2, 3, Haskell; 4, Parsons. CRESTBRED (9): 1, 4, Ryder; 2, 3, Haskell. CINN.: 1, Porse. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, 2, Dart; 3, 4, Ryder. MULE (LIGHT) (2): 1, 2, Rowe. DARK (4): 1, 4, Rowe; 2, 3, Brenton. GOLD. OR BULLFINCH (11): 1, 4, Pridham; 2, 3, Large. LINNET ETC. (8): 1, Woodland; 2, Pridham; 3, Large; 4, Wills. A.O.S. SEEDEATER (7): 1, Hawey; 2, 3, Wills; 4, Large. INSECTIV. (5): 1, Wills; 2, 3, Dyer; 4, Large. FOR. (LARGE): 1, Dyer. SMALL: 1, 3, Dyer; 2, Pridham; 4, Large.—THOS. POPE, Hon. Sec.

## LEICESTER & LEICESTERSHIRE (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

Annual Nest Feather Show, held at White Swan Hotel, Market-place, on June 19th. Mr. E. Fox, of Long Eaton, judged, his awards giving general satisfaction. Entries were more numerous than in previous years, and quality was well up to the standard. Mr. Dickens' two winners were both sold.

CL., ETC., YELL. NOR.: 1, Needham. BUFF: 1, 2, Walton and Noakes; 3, Needham. MKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Dickens; 2, 3, Walton and Noakes; vhc, Needham. BUFF: 1, Dickens; 2, vhc, Walton and Noakes; 3, Needham. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, Mothersole; 2, 3, Lea. BRIT.: 1, Draper; 2, Mothersole; 3, Kilsby. CL., ETC., YELL. NOR. NOVICE: 1, Miles; 2, 3, Kilsby; vhc, Gamble. BUFF: 1, 2, Sheriff; 3, Kilsby; vhc, Mothersole; hc, Holder. MKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Lea; 2, Bell; 3, vhc, Sheriff. BUFF: 1, Sheriff; 2, Boulter; 3, Chambers.—C. DRAPER, Sec.

## BLACKPOOL C.B.F.S.

Annual first feather show, held on June 19, when Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot) judged.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (9): 1, Riley; 2, Crossley; 3, Binns; vhc, hc, Young; c, Ball. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Ball; 2, Crossley; 3, Riley; 4, hc, Binns. TKD. ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Crossley; 2, vhc, Binns; 3, Young; 4, Riley. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Ball; 3, 4, Binns; vhc, Crossley; hc, Young. HVY. MKD. (2): 1, Ball; 2, Young. CL. YELL. NOR. (5): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Bevan; 2, Morrison. BUFF (9): 1, Ball; 2, 3, hc, Bevan; 4, Lightbown. TKD. ETC. YELL. (4): 1, Lightbown; 2, 4, Morrison; 3, Bevan. BUFF (4): 1, Lightbown; 2, Morrison; 3, A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, Binns; 2, Tomlinson. LINNET (4): 1, 2, 3, Kirkham; 4, Bevan. GOLDFINCH ETC. (6): 1, Lightbown; 2, 3, vhc, Kirkham; 4, Lightbown. A.O.S. HARDBILL (2): 1, Bevan; 2, Kirkham. SOFTBILL (6): 1, 2, 4, vhc, hc, Kirkham; 3, Bevan. MULES (3) 1, 2, Kirkham; 3, Lightbown. Mr. Lightbown's mkd. yell. took spl. for best Norwich; Mr. J. R. Crossley's tkd. yell. took second for best Yorks.

## RUGBY AND LUTTERWORTH C.B. SOCIETIES (Combined).

The First Nest Feather Show was held at the Town Hall, Lutterworth, on June 26th, when over 40 birds were staged for competition. Great disappointment was felt at the Rugby entries not turning up better, only 7 birds putting in an appearance; but it is hoped they will get their specials ready for another show and give us keen competition. Special mention must be made of the birds staged by Mr. H. Dickens, who took 4 firsts and 4 seconds. Of five classes, the British bird class was the largest with 12 entries, some nice birds being staged. The winning Hawfinch of Mr. Westley's was shown in first-class condition. Several comments were heard of the latter being shown against small Britishers, as it did not give these a chance. Visitors to the show were not so numerous as was expected, but taken all round the members have every reason to be satisfied. Special mention must also be made of the way in which the judge, Mr. J. A. Tyler (Leicester) made his awards, meeting as he did, with satisfaction from all concerned. Disappointment was felt at the entries of Mr. E. Labraham arriving after judging.

CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, 2, Dickens, 1st cl. wins with A1 condition, 2nd variegated in good bloom; 3, Ward; vhc, Buswell; hc, Miss Sawbridge; c, Granger. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Dickens, 1st large heavily varieg., good head and wing carriage, 2nd varieg., nice typical Nor., good feather; 3, Ward, another nice bird; the first three birds ran one another very close; vhc, Savage; hc, Dyson; c, Matthews. A.O.V. CAN. (8): 1, 2, Dickens, 1st very fine foul cinn., 2nd very good foul green; 3, vhc, hc, Westley, nice typical Cinnamons, very excellent class. With a good moult some of them should be heard of later on. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Dickens, very fine Goldfinch-Can. BRIT. (12): 1, Westley, Hawfinch, shown in the pink of condition; 2, Brooks, really good hen Linnet; 3, Goddard, Goldfinch, excellent blaze and skull; vhc, c, Lane; hc, Ward. FOR. (4): 1, Lane, very nice Budgerigar, shown well; 2, Dickens, Siberian Goldfinch, good blaze and skull; 3, Ward, Budgerigar. No. 2 absent.—C. BROOKS, Sec. Lutterworth C.B.S.


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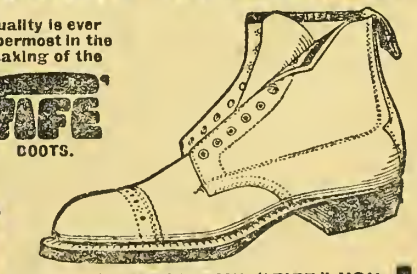

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## BRIGHOUSE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First feather show held in the Round House Inn on June 19, and, considering the unfavourable breeding season there were good entries. Mr. A. Kent officiated as judge.

CL. YELL. YORKS: 1, Sandiford; 2, Wright; 3, Morrison. BUFF: 1, Stake; 2, Briggs; 3, Mitchell. CINN. TKD., ETC., YELL. : 1, Morrison; 2, Stake; 3, Coggan. BUFF: 1, Ellis; 2, Wright; 3, Walker; VARIG. CINN., ETC., 1, Ellis; 2 3, Coggon. BRIT.: 1, Tattersall; 2, Sandiford; 3, stake. The special prize for best bird in show was won by F. Ellis.—F. MITCHELL.

## ECCLESHILL C.B.A.

First Feather Show held at Fountain Inn, June 19th, there heing 58 entries in eight classes. Special for best bird in show was gained by Mr. Chippindale. Mr. R. Haliday judged and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL: 1, 2, Chippindale; 3, 4, Clark; vhc, Price; hc, Ludd; c, Stibbings. BUFF: 1, hc, Chippindale; 2, c, Hargreaves; 3, Lee; 4, Sparks; vhc, Dobson. TKD., ETC., YELL. : 1, Sparks; 2, Markwell; 3, Ludd; 4, Chippindale; vhc, Dohson; c, Price. BUFF: 1, Elsegood; 2, Lee; 3, Ludd; 4, Price; vhc, Gelder; hc, Stehbings. TKD., ETC., CINN. YELL.: 1, Chippindale; 2, Gelder. BUFF: 1, Elsegood; 2, 3, Gelder. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Dobson; 3, Markwell. BUFF: 1, Wilcock; 2, 3, Markwell.—T. ELSEGOOD, Sec.

## BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First Nest Feather show held on June 19th, at Clarence Hotel. Only 40 birds were staged, hut they were a great improvement on last year's; the Yorkshires were a great lot, and will take a lot of beating when we get them through the moult. Mr. Rapson judged.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Hincheliffe; 2, Jackson; 3, c, Barnes; vhc, Simmons; hc, Attherton. BUFF, Y.: 1, Simmons; 2, vhc, Carlisle; 3, Barnes; hc, Crossland Bros.; c, Race. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, vhc, Barnes; 2, Carlisle; 3, Simmons. BUFF: 1, 2, Race; 3, Carlisle; vhc, Simmons; hc, Attherton; c, Crossland Brothers. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, T. Owen. BUFF: 1, T. Owen. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, J. Taylor. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, J. Taylor.—E. CARLISLE, Hon. Sec.

## WEST STANLEY AND DIS. C.B.S.

First Feather Show held in Council Schools, June 12th. We had 117 cntries, well staged. Mr. T. Dixon (Bedlington) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Smith; 2, Gowland and Croshy; 3, Foster; vhc, Piper. BUFF: 1, Atkinson; 2, vhc, Gowland and Crosby; 3, Butler. YORKS YELL.: 1, Stewart; 2, 3, Foster; vhc, Richardson. BUFF: 1, Stewart; 2, Bentick; 3, Shevills; vhc, Potts. CREST: 1, Richardson; 2, 3, Bentick. C.B.: 1, Richardson. CINN. YELL.; 1, Butler. BORD. FCY. YELL.: 1, 2, J. H. Elliott; 3, S. Elliott; vhc, Richardson. BUFF: 1, 2, J. H. Eliott; 3, Snell; vhc, Richardson. BROWN LINNET: 1, 2, Snell; 3, Boyd; vhc, Gowland and Croshy. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Gowland and Croshy; 2, Snell; 3, Bell; vhc, W. Elliott. BRIT. BULLFINCH: 1, Boyd; 2, Atkinson. BRIT. A.O.S.: 1, 3, W. Boyd; 2, vhc, R. Boyd. BRIT. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, W. Boyd. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, c, W. Eliott; vhc, Pryde; hc, Smith. W. Boyd secured the medal for most points in show.—W. ELLIOTT, Sec.

## GLASGOW AND WEST. COUNTIES.

The Glasgow and Western Counties N.M.B. and F.B.C. held their usual monthly meeting in the Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, on June 26th, Mr. Malcolmson presiding over a good attendance. The classes for the first feather show are as follows: Class 1, Nor. Cl. or Ticked Yell. or Buff Cock; Class 2, Ditto, Hen; Class 3, Varieg. Yell. or Buff Ck.; Class 4, ditto Hen; Class 5, A.O.V. Nor. or Bord.; Class 6, Yell. or Buff Ck. or Hen; Class 7, Varieg. Ck. or Hen; Class 8, A.O.V. Can. The birds must be staged at 5 p.m. prompt. Messrs. Knox, Reid, Thomson, and Brown were appointed to judge at our table show.

LARGE BRIT. (10): 1, spl, G. Lawson, splendid Hawfinch, rare good colour, fine hib; 2, Pettigrew, tip top Magpie, in best of condition, shown to perfection; 3, Shearer, another grand Hawfinch; 4, Renfrew, splendid Blackbird, beautiful amher bill, rare sheen; 5, Ringouse, Drysdale; 6, Malcolmson; 7, Thomson. SMALL (11): 1, Pettigrew, one of the best Shorelarks it has been our lot to see staged, simply perfection, rare markings, grand size, in the hest of condition; 2, Drysdale, splendid Redstart, in lovely bloom; 3, Lawson, nice little Crested Tit, well known; 4, Johnstone, graceful Grey Wagtail; 5, McInnis, grand 'Gale; 6, Brown, Wheatear; 7, Young, Blackcap. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, Pettigrew, grand sized Buff Even Mark; 2, spl, Malcolmson, lightly varieg. Yell., well known winner, greatly admired; 3, Conuelly, grand Hyb. in rare condition; 4, Jackson, varieg. Linnet, great size; 5, Davidson, Siskin, nice varieg.; 6, Lamont, Goldie, 5-pointed; 7, Shearer, Jun. DARK: 1, Johnstone, well known winning Greenie Mule, in grand hloom; 2, Malcolm, grand yell. Goldie, rare flush; 3, Lawson, spanking Linnet, tip top size; 4, grand Siskin Mule, good cap, nicely laced; 5, Connelly; 6, Thompson; 7, Drysdale.—T. DRYSDALE, Sec.

## QUEEN'S PARK AND DIS. C.B.A.

Held in Emmauuel Hall, Harrow Road, on June 26th. A well lighted room, convenient staging, the most acceptahle facilities for judging, with the courteous, kindly and careful attention of capable stewards and the prompt, genial, business-like and able supervision of the excellent hon. secretary, Mr. J. C. Birch, all combined to bring ahout one of the most successful young bird shows the association has ever held. The entries numbered 20 more than last year, and this largely in Canaries, and not by the heavy padding of the total by British birds, sometimes done at young bird shows. It was an entry gratifying to the secretary, and to all concerned, especially as we are hearing such doleful experiences of the breeding season in many quarters. The attendance was numerous, and congratulations were many on the merits of the birds, and the gradual but sure growth of the association. The latter result is largely due to the popularity of the hon. secretary, who spares neither trouble nor lahour in the interests of the Association, and is held in high esteem by the general body of the membership. Norwich, both in the champion and novice sections, were a grand lot. The association is a hot-hed of good Yorkshires, hy reason largely of the membership of those well-known and highly successful hreeders, Messrs. Hawes Bros. And there were more than one of their pupils "in the fray," with commendahle success. The quality was AI, and the birds of splendid promise. In all there were no less than 63 young Yorkshires, in six classes. British were a nice collection. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged. There were numerous specials, and there were won hy Messrs. Battison, Baker, Hawes Bros., Holmes, and Easterling.

CHAMP. NOR. CL. ETC. (7): 1, spl, Battison; 2, 3, Eaton; vhc, Roberts; hc, c, Lethbridge. NOR. A.O.V. (7): 1, 3, Lethbridge; 2, vhc, c, Eaton; hc, Roberts. YORKS. CL. ETC. (12): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Hawes Bros.; 2, Lewis; hc, c, Eaton. YORKS. A.O.V. (9): 1, 2, 3, hc, c, Hawes Bros.; vhc, Mabery. AMAT. YORKS. CL. ETC. (11): 1, Menhennet; 2, hc, Rogers; 3, vhc, c, Ayres. YORKS. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, Menhennet; 3, Ayres. NOVICE NOR. CL. ETC. (3): 1, spl, 2, Baker. NOR. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Baker; hc, c, Clark. YORKS. CL. ETC. (18): 1, hc, Lowe; 2, Harris; 3, Holmes; vhc, c, Lawrence. YORKS. A.O.V. (10): 1, spl, 3, Holmes; 2, hc, Lawrence; vhc, Birch; c, Monger. BULLFINCH (2): 1, Easterling; 2, Menhennet. GOLDIE (7): 1, 2, Battison; 3, vhc, Easterling; hc, Clark. GREENFINCH (4): 1, Easterling; 2, Bassett; 3, Battison. LINNET (6): 1, spl, hc, Easterling; 2, vhc, Harris; 3, Battison; c, Brown. SISKIN ETC. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Easterling; c, Birch. INSECTIV. (1): 1, Bassett.

## NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Table show of young birds, held in Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, on June 16th. We joined hands this month with the Northern B.B. and M.C., and the combined show was a splendid success. But, Mr. Bertram, where have those 2/9 winners gone we had the pleasure of seeing last year? Dare I say it? Their ahsence was compensated for hy the extra turn-out in Yorkshires which numhered 29 in the two classes. Mr. Slack, who judged, spoke highly of the winning ticked bird. Mr. Shepherd was to have judged, but was prevented from doing so.

CL. (15): 1, hc, Davison; 2, 4, c, Tomlinson; 3, vhc, Mather. TICKS, ETC. (14): 1, J. Curry; 2, 3, Davison; 4, Atkinson; vhc, Wigglesworth; hc, Tomlinson; c, Crawhall.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Hon. Sec.

## BARTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First feather show held on June 14th, in the Oddfellows Hall, and although it was not an astounding success, owing to the rival attraction of the horse show, the Society has every reason to feel satisfied with the result. Nine birds were entered for competition, from three members only:—1, Oldridge, Cl. Yell.; 2, 3, Sempers, ditto, and Ticked Buff. The awards gave general satisfaction, and Mr. Herbert Gammidge was very warmly thanked by the members for his kindness in acting as judge. A class was also formed for British birds, which Mr. Oldridge judged, and his awards were as follows:—1, Fester, grey Linnet; 2, Weston, ditto; and 3, W. Sempers, Goldfinch. The show bench was tastefully decorated with plants, which were very kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. H. Haxley. Mr. Smith (brother of Mr. T. Smith, of South Ferriby), paid a visit to the show and warmly complimented the Society on the quality of the birds staged.

## LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Night show of British birds, held June 10th, Oldham Hall. Seven classes were provided and forty fine exhihits were staged in the pink of condition, making keen competition. Mr. J. Bretherton placed the cards and gave every satisfaction.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Lloyd; 2, vhc, Hales; 3, Douglass; hc, Christall; c, Eccleston. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Coffey; 2, Hales; 3, Lloyd. LINNET (8): 1, Richardson, noted winner; 2, 3, Coffey, pair of noted winners; vhc, Royden; hc, Douglass. GREENFINCH: 1, Coffey; 2, Royden; 3, Lloyd; vhc, Bullough. SISKIN (5): 1, Coffey; 2, vhc, Hales; 3, Royden; hc. Lloyd. BRAMBLE, ETC. (6): 1, Coffey; 2, vhc, c, Bullough; 3, Royden; hc, Lloyd. A.O.V. BRIT. (3): 1, 2, 3, Bullough. Specials went to the following: First, most points, Coffey; second, Bullough; third, Hales; fourth, Lloyd; fifth, Royden. —F. E. HAWKES, Sec.

## STOCKPORT B.F.A.

Nest Feather Show, held at "The Boar's Head Hotel," on June 17th and 18th. Entries numhered 150, and considering the poor start made by some of the members in hreeding operations, the entry must be considered satisfactory. Still, it is about 80 birds less than at last year's young bird show. The quality of the exhibits reflects great credit on the hreeders, as some very good birds were on view. Mr. S. Booth won the Championship Cup with a team of four fine Yorkshires, gaining 23 points, closely followed by Mr. J. E. Davies, the holder of the cup, with 22 points. The President's prizes were won hy Mr. W. Lee, in champion classes, with a fine team of Lancashires, and in amateur section hy Mr. J. Matthews, with Norwich and Lizard, and the Brit. bird prize was captured by Mr. W. T. Hill. The hest thanks of the society are tendered to the fanciers from Yorkshire who kindly sent a special prize for best Norwich, which was won by Mr. J. Shore, also special for hest Yorkshire won by Mr. W. Snape. Mr. H. W. Battye judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CHAMP. LANCS. YELL. COPPY (4): 1, 2, Lee; 3, 4, Garner. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Lee. YELL. P.H. (4): 1, Lee; 2, 3, Garner. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 4, Lee; 3, Garner; vhc, Massey. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, hc, Booth; 2, 4, vhc, Potts; 3, Nelson. CL. BUFF (5): 1, Booth; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Nelson. TKD., ETC., BUFF (6): 1, Booth; 2, Garner; 3, vhc, Potts; 4, Massey; hc, Nelson. LIZ. C.C. (5): 1, 3, Shore; 2, Harrison; 4, Massey; vhc, Garner. B.C. SILVER (3): 1, 2, Harrison; 3, Massey. NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Shore; 3, 4, Garner; vhc, Nelson. BUFF (7): 1, hc, Shore; 2, Massey; 3, Garner; 4, Harrison; vhc, Davies. TKD., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Lee; 2, 3, Shore; 4, Massey; vhc, c, Harrison; hc, Garner. BUFF (6): 1, Nelson; 2, 3, Shore; 4, Lee; vhc, Massey; hc, Harrison. CREST (3): 1, Davies, 2, 3, Garner. YELL. CINN. (5): 1, Shore; 2, Davies; others absent. BUFF (5): 1, Shaw; 2, Davies; others absent. A.O.V. (6): 1, 2, Massey; 3, hc, Potts; 4, hc, Garner. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, 3, 4, Massey; 2, Potts. AMAT. LIZ. (5): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Lees; 2, Matthews. YORKS. CL. YELL. (4): 1, Snape; 2, Mason; 3, Warburton; 4, Hardy. BUFF (7): 1, Warburton; 2, Snape; 3, 4, Mason; vhc, hc, Hardy; c, Watson. TKD. ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Snape; 2, Warburton; 3, Mason. BUFF (9): 1, Lees; 2, hc, Mason; 3, 4, Hardy; vhc, Snape; c, Warhurton. NOR. YELL. (4): 1, Snape; 2, 3, Matthews; 4, Mason. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Mathews; 3, Snape; 4, Mason. A.O.V. (3): 1, Mathews; 2, 3, hc, MULE OR HYB. (1): Warburton. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, Watson; 2, 4, Hill; 3, Harrison. LINNET (4): 1, Watson; 2, Hardy; 3, Hill. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, 2, 4, Hill; 3, Watson. A.O.S.— (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, Hill.

## OTLEY O.S.

Members' first feather show, held at the Clubroom, Qneen's Hotel, on July 19. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) judged.

CL. YELL.: 1, spl, 2, Bona, 1st very typical, well up on leg, rich colour, took extra special for hest in show, 2nd long and stylish; 3, Langhey; vhc, Iveson; hc, Gilroy. BUFF: 1, Langhey, looks very much like the Harrogate ticked buff, changed hands; 2, 3, Bona, two slim typical birds; vhc, Gilroy; hc, Casling. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Langhey, 1st very slim, full of style, 2nd typical, grand wings and tail, two nice youngsters; 3, Castling; vhc, Iveson. CINN. TKD., ETC.: 1, Thornton; 2, Iveson. HEAVILY MKD.: 1, 2, Thornton, unevenly marked yell., grand wings, position, and tail; 2nd whole green yell., Yorks type; 3, c, Gilroy; vhc, hc, Iveson. A.O.V.: 1, Iveson, buff marked Yorkie; 2, Castling, Norwich. BRIT.: 1, Bona, Linnet, nicely spangled, nut-brown, grand condition; 2, Iveson, Linnet.

## GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Second Nest Feather Show of the season held June 21st, when a record entry was received, for a nest feather show. Mr. Harland, of Hull, made the awards. A vote of thanks to Mr. Harland was replied to by that gentleman, who said he was always pleased to meet his Grimsby friends on these occasions. We were pleased to have the presence of Messrs. Oliver (Leek) and Grimshaw (Macclesfield), who were visiting here.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Stubbs; 3, vhc, Moore; hc, Rohinson; c, Moore, jun. BUFFS: 1, spl. for best bird in show, Moore, jun.; 2, 3, Moore. YELL. NOV.: 1, Angliss; 2, vhc, Harding; 3, Robinson, jun.; hc, Pett. BUFF: 1, Metcalf; 2, Pett; 3, vhc, Harding; hc, Cotterill; c, Oliver. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, hc, Saddler; 2, Moore, jun.; 3, Metcalf; vhc, Cartwright, jun. GOLDFINCH: 1, vhc, Towl; 2, Cartwright, jun.; 3, Booth. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Towl. LINNET: 1, 2, Cartwright, jun.; 3, Saddler.—H. HARDING, Treasurer.

## ROCHDALE (Good Intent) C.B.S.

The 13th annual First Feather Show held on June 19th, at headquarters. We were favoured with fine weather, and the show was well attended by fanciers from different towns, many old and new friends meeting together. The judging by Mr. R. Barrass (Rochdale) gave every satisfaction.

LANCS. YELL. COPPY: 1, Adams. BUFF: 1, spl., Turner; 2, Newall; 3, Collinge; 4, Hardy; vhc, Adams; hc, Dearden; c, Hartley. YELL. PH.: 1, spl., Adams; 2, 4, Turner; 3, Hardy; vhc, Hartley. BUFF: 1 spl., Lord; 2, 4, hc, Collinge; 3, Turner; vhc, Adams. CL. C. GOLD AND SILVER LIZ. cancelled. B. C. GOLD: 1, spl., vhc, hc, Holt; 2, Nuttall; 3, Dewhirst; 4, Haytock. SILVER: 1, spl., 4, Holt; 2, 3, Nuttall. CREST cancelled. C.B.: 1, spl., Hardy; 2, Ratcliffe; 3, Collinge. CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, spl., Faulkner; 2, Howarth; 3, Harrison and Raynor; 4, Leach. BUFF: 1, 2, spl., Howarth; 3, Harrison and Raynor; 4, Faulkner; vhc, Lees; hc, Dewhirst; c, Clayton. TKD. YELL.: 1, spl., Faulkner; 2, Banks; 3, Harrison and Raynor. BUFF: 1, spl., Faulkner; 2, Howarth; 3, 4, Clayton; vhc, Harrison and Raynor; hc, Banks; c, Dewhirst. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1 spl., also best bird in show, Lees; 2, Harrison and Raynor; 3, Lees; 4, Faulkner; vhc, hc, Clayton. BUFF: 1, spl., Harrison and Raynor; 2, 4, hc, Lees; 3, c, Clayton; vhc, Dewhirst. TKD. YELL. NOR.: 1 spl., Dewhirst; 2, Clayton; 3 Harrison and Raynor; 4 Lees. BUFF: 1, spl., Clayton; 2, 3, Lees; 4, hc, Dewhirst. A.O.V. cancelled. AMAT. CLASS: 1, spl., Leach; 2, Butterworth. BRIT. cancelled. Mr. E. Faulkner won cup and gold medal with 3 highest birds. Mr. Lees special for best bird in show, 5s. most points cl. yell. Nor. Mr. E. T. Turner gold centre medal most points Lancs. classes. Mr. Wm. Adams 2s. 6d. special best Yell. Plainhead; Mr. Holt 2s. 6d. special for most points Liz. classes. —WM. ADAMS, Hon. Sec.

## ATTERCLIFFE & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual nest feather show, held June 19th, in the Attercliffe Vestry Hall. Mr. G. Browning (Rotherham) officiated as judge of Canaries, aud Mr. W. Bagnall (Rotherham) Mules and British Birds. Our members generally having had a had season, there were only 100 birds present in 15 classes. There were a good number of specials, one being given for best bird in every class, also one for best bird in each section. In the members' section, Mr. Richardson won the special with a very nice Yorkshire, and Mr. E. Johnson with a good Norwich. In the British bird section, Mr. Williamson won the special with a grand Linnet, which should be heard of again. In the Novice Yorkshire section Mr. Walker won special for best novice Yorkshire, and deserves great credit for the way he put down a grand team of birds. Mr. Smith also put down a fine team of Norwich, and got special for best novice Norwich. The judging was over in good time, and all requirements were kept well in hand hy the secretary, Mr. W. Richinson, Mr. Havenhand, the president, and the committee, Messrs. Bright, Richardson, Williamson, and Johnson.

CL. ETC. YORKS. (8): 1, spl, 3, vhc, hc, c, Richardson; 2, res, Havenhand. CL. ETC. YELL. NOR. (5): 1, 2, Cocking; 3, res, Highly; vhc, Havenhand. BUFF (4): 1, Highly; 2, 3, res, Johnson. MKD. ETC. (4): 1, spl, 3, Johnson; 2, res, Richinson. MULE OR HYB. (11): 1, Granger; 2, res, Cocking; 3, Perry; vhc, c, Haywood; hc, Johnson. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Welbon; 2, Havenhand; 3, Richards; res, Granger; vhc, Smith. GREENFINCH (10): 1, Cocking; 2, vhc, Welhon; 3, res, c, Richards; hc, Watson. REDPOLL ETC.: 1, Watson; 2, Cocking; 3, hc, Welhon; res, Johnson; vhc, Richards. LINNET (7): 1, spl, Williamson; 2, c, Perry; 3, Watson; vhc, Smith; hc, Johnson. A.O.S. HARDBILL (6): 1, Perry; 2, vhc, Richards; 3, res, Watson. NOVICE CL. ETC. YELL. YORKS. (4): 1, Walker; 2, 3, res, Blunt. BUFF: 1, Ward; 2, 3, Blunt; res, Thornhill. MKD. ETC. (10): 1, spl, 2, 3, hc, c, Walker; res, Blunt; vhc, Thornhill. CL. ETC. NOR. (7): 1, spl, 2, Smith; 3, c, J. T. Grainger; res, hc, W. Grainger; vhc, Wadsworth. MKD. ETC. NOR. (5): 1, W. Grainger; 2, 3, res, Smith; vhc, Watson.


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# Singing Contests.

## SEAHAM HARBOUR.

Linnet singing contest held at Marlborough House, when Mr. Wm. Gilchrist gave the following prizes: 1st, £1; 2nd, 7/6; 3rd, 5/-. Only 21 birds competed, hut some real good singing was heard. 1, 2, 3, 4, Cope, Ryhope. Judge, Mr. Smith; timekeeper, Mr. T. Wilkinson.—J. MCLARDY, Sec.

## LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest for quality Linnet singing held June 27th, at the Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe-lane, when 16 birds sang. 1, 2, Sissons; 3, Ward. The wiuner sang as no other bird could. Judges, Messrs. Naylor and Jennings.—WALTER NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual week-end contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, June 26th, when Mr. W. Tillotson gave three good prizes. 1, Wigfield; 2, Stead; 3, Bland. Judges, Messrs. Summers, Naylor, and Jennings. Also on Juue 27th, when 18 birds sang. Judges, Messrs. Ward and Smith. 1, 2, Bland; 3, Stead. The winner after the contest was so tame that the owner opened the cage door and the bird followed its master all over the room—a feat never known of a Linnet before.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Usual week-end quality Linnet singing contest held at Plasterer's Arms, Skinner-lane, on June 26th, when some good singing was heard from 18 birds. 1, 3, Hardcastle; 2, Stead; 4, divided hetween Stead and Solomon. Ably judged hy Messrs. Smith, Lorriman, and Nicholson. Also grand contest on June 27th, when 17 birds sang. 1, Stead; 2, Hardcastle; 3, Solomon; 4, Mrs. Kendall. Judges, Messrs. Nevins and Nicholson. Our Linnet and Canary Club is in full swing.—J. W. HARGREAVES, Sec.

## BOLDON COLLIERY.

Linnet singing contest held at Crown Hotel, Boldon Colliery, June 26th, when 16 birds faced the judge. Result: 1, 2, Wilson; 3, Hall. After the contest a stranger came and sang the winning bird, with the result Wilson won.—S. WILSON.

## WARRINGTON.

Warrington Linnet Cluh contest held June 26th, at Unicorn Inn, Winwick-road. 1, Hughes, 138sec.; 2, Drury, 136sec.; 3, Layton, 124sec.; 4, Molyneux, 121sec.; 5, Clare, 121sec., sang off, when Molyneux won; 6, Peet, 119sec.; 7, Bowers, 114sec. Meeting will be held at above house on July 11th to re-form club. All members and intending members are invited to be present. Club business only at 7 o'clock prompt.—W. PEET, Sec.

## YORK.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Crown Inn, North-street, when 21 hirds competed. Result: 1, Lee; 2, Oxberry; 3, Chaplin; 4, Palmer; 5, Smith. Judge, Mr. W. Perry; timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest, held at Bricklayers' Arms, Palmer Lane, Hungate, on June 26th, when 20 birds entered for competition. Result:—1, 2, Oldroyd; 3, Foster. Mr. J. W. Paver officiated as judge, and Mr. J. Lambert, sen, as timekeeper.—W. EMPSON.

## BLACKBURN.

We had on June 26th our consolation contest for those members whose hirds have not won a prize this season. Results as follows, 12 birds were entered: 1, Hayhurst; 2, Harrison; 3, Slater; 4, Fenden; 5, Blackledge; 6, Bentley; 7, Marsden; 8, Catterall; 9, Roberts; 10, Holden. Judges, Messrs. W. H. Topping and Rostron. Timekeeper, Mr. R. Hayhurst. —G. ROSTRON and T. SLATER, Joint Secs.

# Country Rambles

## Leicester & Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.

The annual ramble took place on June 13th, when about 20 made the journey to Pailton, near Rugby, per Great Central Railway. The day was gloriously fine, and all were in the best of spirits. On arrival at our hosts', Mr. and Mrs. Dickins, we met the members of the Coventry O.S., and after greeting all sat down for dinner, which was served in Mr. Dickins good old style. Plenty to eat and drink is evidently his motto. After dinner we all went under the ordeal of facing the camera, so that we might have some memento of the visit. Afternoon was spent in rambling in the woods and banks, and nests of young and eggs were found in goodly numbers, many species of our British birds being located. We assembled again for tea, to which ample justice was done, and the remainder of our time was spent in birdy discussion. Before settling several knotty points, we had to bid good-bye and make tracts for home, which was reached about 10.30, everyone being well pleased at the success attending the outing.—C. W. WALTON AND C. DRAPER.


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# In the Courts.

### Robbing the Ravens.

For some years Ravens have been protected under the Wild Birds Protection Act by order of the Carnarvonshire County Council, and at Llandudno Petty Sessions, on June 21st, William Jones and Jane Isabella Jones, who reside on the Great Orme's Head, were prosecuted for having had young Ravens in their possession. The male defendant pleaded guilty to having been in possession of three of the creatures, and the female to having had one bird. Three or four are the usual number of a hatch. The defendants stated that they were not aware it was an offence to take the Ravens, which, on the the instructions of the officer of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, they took back to the place whence they had caught them, and there let them go. The justices, accepting their plea that they were ignorant of the law, dismissed the case on payment of costs.

### Taking Young Thrushes.

At the Leicester County Police Court, on June 23rd, before E. R. Norman and S. F. Stone, Esqrs., Edward Hubbard (15), dyer's labourer, Hughenden Drive, Leicester, was summoned for an offence under the W.B.P.A., for having five young Thrushes in his possession on June 12th.

P.C. Stapleton said that on June 12th he was riding along a road in Kirby, when he saw defendant come out of a field carrying a bundle. He called to defendant to stop, and the latter ran at him, knocking him off his bicycle. They fell to the ground together. On getting up witness found that defendant had in the bundle five young Thrushes and a young Blackbird. He asked defendant if he was going to take them home, and he said no, he was going to take them to a dealer in Leicester; he daren't take them home. The boy said that the constable threw him on the ground and kicked him. The constable denied this, saying they both fell to the ground together when defendant ran into him. The Chairman: If I threw a policeman off his bicycle I should expect something. Defendant: I didn't throw him off his bicycle. The Chairman. But we have evidence that you did.

Supt. Bowley said he did not believe a word of the charge against the constable. The magistrates would see the date that the offence took place, and not a word about the assault had been said till that morning. The constable was in the teens of years of service, and there had never been the suspicion of a report against him. The Chairman (to Mr. Stone): You and I have known the constable for many years, and we have every reason to believe he has always told us the truth. Defendant admitted that he knew he was doing wrong, and he was ordered to pay the costs, 9s. 6d.

# Under the White Rose.

BRADFORD City O.S. are having a ramble to-day (Saturday), and are extending a hearty welcome to all fanciers (whether members of their society or not) to join them. They are to meet opposite the Midland Station at 3, and then take car to Nab Wood, where they have invited the Bingley members to meet them, proceeding from thence via Cottingley Bridge through the woods to Harden. Tea will be arranged for, and a most enjoyable time is expected, providing, of course, that the weather, which during the last ten days or so has been very unseasonable, takes it into its head to let us have a little of what it should be at this time of the year.

THE majority of fanciers have suffered to a very great extent by the bad weather of the last week, the losses being very heavy, more particularly amongst the new hatched birds—rain, thunder, lightning, cold, and last, but not least, miserable, dark evenings, with the birds going to roost quite two hours before the regular time for this part of the season, with the result that youngsters have been found dead in nest. Then the thunder, they say, is apt to kill the young birds in the shell, especially if they are within a day or two of hatching. Better luck, however, next time.

MEMBERS' Shows were very numerous last week-end, and in the majority of them the entries were fairly numerous, and some good birds were to be seen. At Gt. Horton Good Intent, the Clear Yellow winner at the week's previous open show put in an appearance, and secured premier honours again in its class, and several other smart birds were to be seen. Also at Wibsey a good show was to be seen. The Cinnamon Marked Yellow winner at Gt. Horton was on view here, and if anything looked better than it did the week previous. And several other birds will no doubt be heard of later. They are not really first feather show birds, but have shape, style, etc., and with a good moult should make up well. By the way, I heard some time ago that several prominent members were in training for playing at bowls, and then, when fit, they intended to throw out a challenge to other societies. But, be careful, ye Wibseyites, another society has members who are playing at bowls.

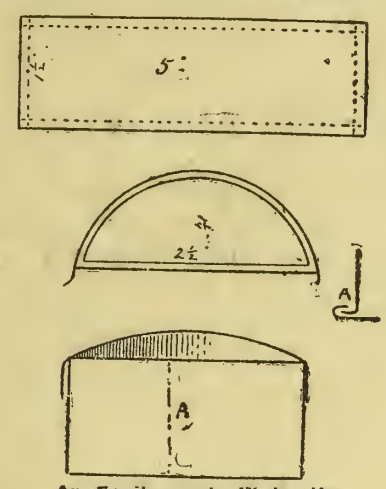
GREAT HORTON O.S. also held a members' show, which, however, did not take place until the evening, a special steward being required to keep the youngsters awake during judging. The possibility of there being an open show on this date is the chief reason for its lateness. "STRAIGHT-'UN."

# Illustrated Ideas

*Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird-room or aviary, with a rough sketch of some where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.*

## No. 322.
## Easily Made Drinking Vessels.
### Sent by A. Perry-Newton, High Street, Ramsey, Hunts.

I send you a sketch of a tin drinker which I have found especially useful for fresh-caught birds, as it can be hung inside the cage for a few days until the birds get used to it; after which I find no trouble in getting them to use it freely when it is hung outside.



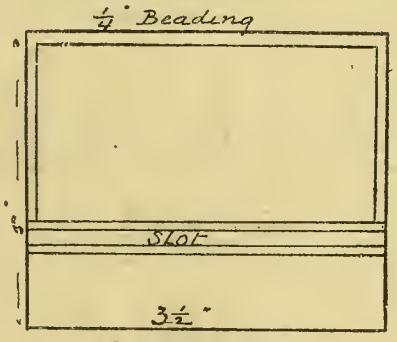

**An Easily-made Water-tin**

*A: Method of Making the Joint.*

It can be easily made from a cigarette tin as per sketch. The oval tin is most useful, as it can be cut in half and will make two. There is no need to use solder when making this tin. To make, get a piece of the cigarette tin 5in. long by 1½in. wide, and bend it round for joining at the back. But, before doing so, get a piece of wire (a hairpin will do admirably), and fit it on the top edge of the tin, overlapping and hammering the edge of the tin for the purpose, as per illustration. The join at the back of the tin is made by fitting the turned up edges together. The bottom is affixed in the same way. I find this to be perfectly water-tight.—A. PERRY-NEWTON.

## No. 323.
## A Feeding Board.
### Sent by J. Wm. Dalzell, 40, Campbell Street, Oldham.

To make this, take a piece of thin match-wood, 5ins. long by 3½ins. broad, and nail a ¼in. beading on the outer edge, as illustrated;




**A Feeding Board.**

also two pieces to provide a slot for the door to drop down in. Allow about 1in. of the board to remain outside the door. You will then have an article that is useful for getting young birds to learn to pick for themselves. If used when the birds are about 14 days old it is most successful.—J. WM. DALZELL.

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**Attercliffe C.B.S.** — July 8, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Lecture on Colour Feeding, by Mr. H. Taylor.—W. Richinson.

**Ardwick C.B.S.**—July 6, Blacksmith Arms, 8. Receive entries for F.F. show; members please note subscriptions are now due.—J. Spencer.

**Brighouse C.B.S.**—July 6, Round House Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

**Battersea Open C.B.A.**—July 7, Duchess of Devonshire, Clapham Junction, 8. Lecture on cage-making, by J. Dewhurst. All fanciers are welcome.—Easterling and Allen.

**Buckhaven C.B.S.**—July 3, Free Gardeners' Hall, 5. Table show of young Canaries.—J. Lawrie.

**Bristol C.B.S.**—July 7, City Hotel, Wine Street, 6.45. Young Stock Show, and general business.—W. H. Manley.

**Border City (Carlisle) O.S.**—Ramble postponed through storm on June 27th, will take place on July 11th; meeting place Eden Bridge, at 1.45 p.m., for Rockcliff and Burgh.—J. Bell.

**Bermondsey and Rotherhithe.**—July 7, Jolly Gardeners, Rotherhithe New Road, S.E., 8.—A. Lupton.

**Bradford East O.S.**—July 3, Park Chapel Schools. Members' F.F. show, in the new school. Judge, Mr. S. Dean (Gt. Horton); birds to be staged 2.30. Also monthly meeting, July 6th, 8. Balance sheet for F.F. Shows, etc.—H. Hill.

**Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.**—July 6, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Nest feather entries.—Elliott and Wood.

**City of Bradford O.S.**—July 3, no meeting, ramble to Harden and Dis., meet at Midland Station, Bradford, at 3 p.m.; fanciers and ladies and friends invited.—F. Rhodes.

**Crook Original C.B.F. and F.S.**—July 7, Club Room, Crown Hotel, 7. Classification for open show, Nov. 20th; fanciers in the district invited.—Bird and Siddle.

**Clapham C.B.A.**—July 5, Avondale Hotel, 8.30. Final arrangements for young bird show; will all members please observe Rule 11?—A. C. Askew.

**Chester C.B.F.A.** July 6, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Consider schedule for old bird show; subscriptions due.—J. Swindley.

**Carmarthenshire P.P. and C.B.S.**—Committee and show committee meetings, July 5, 8.30 p.m. Monthly meeting, July 7, at 8.30. Mr. Phil Davies will read an instructive paper. Both meetings at Plough Hotel; all interested invited.—F. King.

**Denholme and Thornton C.B.S.**—July 6, Bull's Head Inn, Thornton, 8. Next F.F. show.—J. Holroyd.

**Dewsbury C.B.S.**—July 3, Royal Hotel, 7.30. F.F. show business.—N. Rayner.

**East Ham F.S.**—July 5, headquarters, 8. Report of delegates to G.U.M.S. Affiliation to same; monthly show entry forms to be in. Concert tickets. Outing Com. Report.—H. Rutter.

**Eccleshill C.B.A.**—July 5, Fountain Inn, 8. Lecture on "Colour Feeding," by Mr. W. Cowgill; friends and fanciers invited.—T. Elsegood.

**Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S.**—July 10, Beccleugh P.C. Halls, 4. Young bird show, birds must be staged by 2.45; Mr. J. F. Dewar will judge.—W. Holton.

**Great Horton Good Intent O.S.** — Ramble to Menstone on July 10; meet under clock at Midland Station, Bradford, at 1.45 prompt; special invitation given to friends and ladies.—H. Schofield.

**Gt. Harwood C.B.S.**—July 7, headquarters, Towngate, 7.30. Balance sheet for young bird show, and election of new secretary.—G. Waddington.

**Hyde C.B.S.**—July 3, St. George's Schools, 7. F.F. show business; members please note, all entries to be in by this date.—F. Barraclough.

**Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S.**—July 10, Spencer Hall, Spencer Road, Dartmoutb Park Hill, N.W. Young stock show, 69 classes. Judge, Mr. J. Robson; entries close July 5.—G. H. Neal.

**Halifax O.S.**—July 3, Griffin Hotel, 8. Schedule for July young bird show; room for old show.—J. F. Thackray.

**Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.**—July 3, Crown Inn, 7. Entries taken for young bird show, etc.—A. J. Notley.

**Huddersfield O.S.**—July 3, White Hart Hotel. Members' F.F. show. Judge, Mr. A. Chew (Leeds). Fanciers and friends welcome.—R. Greensmith.

**Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.** — July 6, "Cricket Players," 8.—W. Cottingham.

**Hull C.B.S.**—July 5, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Arrangements half-day show, July 10th; and schedule open show.—R. Ridley.

**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks) O.S.**—July 3, Lesser Town Hall, 6. Young bird table show; business afterwards.—A. Cant.

**Inverness O.A.**—July 7, Crown Mission Hall, 8.15. Arrangements for young bird show.—A. Urquhart.

**Liverpool B.B.A.**—July 8, Oldham Hall, 8. Moulting and Colour Feeding, by Mr. S. Hadwin. Fanciers invited.—F. E. Hawkes.

**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—July 6, White Swan Hotel, 8. Lecture on British Birds, by Mr. Chick (Nottingham); fanciers invited.—C. Draper.

**Leeds C.B.S.**—July 3, Lockhart's, 7.30. Questions and answers, prize money for June 5th show; schedules for July 10 show; fanciers cordially invited.—J. Chambers.

**Laisterdyke B.F.A.**—July 7, Railway Hotel, 8.—A. Bottomley.

**Longton C.B.S.**—July 6, Castle Inn, 8. Entries for young stock show; classification for open show.—E. Tams.

**Lowestoft C.B.S.**—July 5, "Fox and Hounds," 8.15. Entries close at this meeting for F.F. show, etc.—W. Lang, Junr.

**Leeds Roller C.C.**—July 3, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 8. Roller fanciers invited.—T. W. Walton.

**Leyton C.B.A.**—July 5, headquarters, 8. Discussion on the Yorkshire Canary; all fanciers and friends invited.—B. F. Forse.

**Lancs. and Liz. F.A.**—July 3, Great Eastern Hotel, Oldham, in connection with F.F. show, 6.30. Patronage and other business.—J. Rukin.

**Lewisham C.B.S.**—July 6, Roebuck Hotel, 8. Birds staged at 7.30. Young stock show; judge, Mr. Robson. Our Bromley friends cordially invited; cage labels and prize money, show night.—G. A. Phillips.

**Manningham C.B.A.** — July 3, Mowhray Arms Hotel, 8. Lecture by Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley), the Yorkshire Canary; fanciers invited.—W. Holroyd.

**Middlesbrough and Tees-Side C.B.S.** — July 10, Crown Hotel, 7.30.—A. Wake.

**Middleton O.S.**—July 5, Old Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Selecting stewards for show, and receiving entries.—J. Oldham.

**Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.**—July 5, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Prize money, half-yearly balance sheet; open show business; draw.—E. H. Jones.

**Morley C.B.S.**—July 3, Sycamore Hotel, 8. Second F.F. show business.—R. H. Turner.

**Nelson C.B.S.**—July 8, Bull Hotel, 8. Entries for F.F. show, etc.—J. England.

**Northern Y.C.C.**—July 6, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 8. Nest feather show (3rd); judge, Mr. W. Thompson.—T. C. Crawhall.

**Nottingham and Notts. O.S.**—July 7, Mechanics' Hall, 8.—G. E. Wilkinson.

**Otley O.S.**—July 5, 8. Arrangement for lectures and members' winter show.—C. Thornton.

**Ormskirk C.B.S.**—July 5, headquarters, 8. Arrangements for F.F. show.—T. H. Tiffen.

**Queen's Park C.B.A.**—July 8, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, 8. Distribution of prizes, and show report.—J. C. Birch.

**Queensbury C.B.S.**—July 6, Baptist School, 8. Members' show, July 3; birds to be staged in the Baptist school at 2.30; judge, Mr. F. Armstrong.—W. Jagger.

**Rochdale O.C.**—July 5, Club, 8. Half-yearly meeting.—J. Butterworth.

**Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.**—July 7, Temperance Club, 8. Half-yearly meeting, election of officer; report of F.F. show.—W. Adams.

**South-West London C.B.S.**—July 8, Plough Hotel, 8.30. Pay out prize money won at young bird show, and to transact any other business.—Lilley.

**Stockport B.F.A.**—July 6, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Receiving prize cards, etc.—W. Stafford.

**Sale Open O.S.**—July 5, Technical School, 8. Open show business, classification, etc.; members please bring in all tickets and money for F.F. show.—J. Irlam.

**Sunderland C.B.A.**—July 10, Fawcett Street Cafe, Table show, 8 classes; judging commences 6; entries taken between 5.30 and 6. Admission free.—W. Reid.

**Spen Valley C.B.S.**—July 5, Commercial Hotel, 8.—J. Lewis.

**South London Col. and F.A.**—Royal George, Tanners' Hill, Lewisbam High Road, S.E. Judging competition and show, 8.—G. A. Jefferys. (No date given.—Ed.)

**Shipley O.S.**—July 3, Prince of Wales Hotel. F.F. show. Judge, Mr. E. B. Denton; birds to be staged at 2.—D. Marsden.

**Stocksbridge C.B.S.**—July 3, National Schools. F.F. show, 2.30. Monthly meeting, 8.—H. E. Wilkinson.

**Wibsey C.B.S.**—July 10, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Arrangements for ramble, July 10th, via Sandy Lane.—E. W. Johnson.

**Windhill, Shipley O.S.**—July 3, Blue Bell Hotel, 8.—E. Broadley.

**West of Scotland.**—July 3, Nelson's Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow. F.F. show; new members still being enrolled.—G. Smart.

**Yarm Eaglescliffe C.B.S.**—July 8, Town Hall, 7.30. F.F. show, 10 classes; entrance fee 3d. Judge, Mr. J. Wilkinson.—Wilkinson and Danby.

**Walthamstow F.A.**—July 8, Workmen's Hall, High Street, 8. Half yearly general meeting; financial statement. On July 10th, Members' Show, at Workmen's Hall. Young Stock Cage Birds, etc.; fanciers invited. Entries close July 8.—V. Lane.

# FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

**The dates fixed for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as decided upon.**

July 3.—Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.
July 3.—Crook Original C.B.F. and F.S.
July 3.—Leicester C.B.S.
July 3.—City and Suburban A.C.B.
July 3.—Oldham and Dis. C.B.S.
July 3.—Forfar and Dis. C.B.I.S.
July 3.—Pendlebury, Swinton and Dis. C. and B.B.S.
July 3.—Dipton and Dis. C.B.S.
July 3.—Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.
July 3, and July 24.—Bradford East O.S.
July 3 and 31.—Hasland, Grassmoor and Dis. C.B.S.
July 3.—London and Provincial O.S.
July 3.—Coventry O.S.
July 3.—Wallasey and Dis. C.B.S.
July 3.—Rotherham C.B.S.
July 3.—Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.
July 5.—Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S.
July 5.—Southall and Dis. C.B.S.
July 6.—Northern Y.C.C.
July 7.—Bristol C.B.S.
July 7.—Torbay (Paignton) O.S.
July 7.—Cardiff and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Hyde and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Hetton-le-Hole and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Altrincham C.B.S.
July 10.—Birkenhead C.F.A.
July 10.—Highgate, Hampstead, and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Middleton O.S.
July 10.—Macclesfield and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Longton, Leek and Hanley (Amalgamated).
July 10.—Wigan and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Preston O.S.
July 10.—Edinburgh N. and M.B.S.
July 10.—Jarrow, Hebburn, and Dis. C B.S.
July 10.—Partick and Dis. C.B.C.
July 10.—Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.
July 10.—Ormskirk and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A.
July 10.—Glasgow and Western Counties.
July 10.—Leeds C.B.S.
July 10, and July 24.—Sunderland C.B.A.
July 10.—Lowestoft and Dis. C.B.S.
July 11.—Walthamstow F.A.
June 12.—Crewe O.S.
July 15.—Grantham and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—City of Bradford O.S.
July 17, and Aug. 21.—Tong and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.
July 17.—Clapham and Dis. C.B.A.
July 17.—Dewsbury O.F.S.
July 17.—Poplar and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—City of Birmingham C.B.S.
July 17 and 18.—Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—Houghton-le-Spring and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—Garston B.B.A.
July 17.—Tamworth and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—Rochdale O.C.
July 17.—Swansea and Dis. C.B.A.
July 17.—Ashton-under-Lyne and Dis. O.S.
July 17.—Brighouse and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—Swindon and Dis. C.B.A.
July 17.—Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.
July 22.—Wolverhampton C.B.S.
July 24.—South and North Shields and Dis. C.B.S.
July 24.—Coventry Godiva C.B.S.
July 24.—Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.
July 24.—Morriston and Dis. C.B.S.
July 24.—City of Wakefield O.S.
July 24.—Staveley and Dis. C.B.S.
July 24.—Bramley and Dis. O.S.
July 31.—Bannockburn and Dis. New C.B.S.
July 31.—Southport and Dis. C.B.C.
July 31.—Wibsey and Dis. C.B.S.
July 31.—Bingley and Dis. O.S.
July 31.—Dewsbury and Dis. C.B.S.
August 7.—Runcorn and Dis. O.S.

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**J. W. BRUCE,** Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

**W. A. COWGILL,** 115, Washington Street, Girlington Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Over 25 years' practical experience. Terms moderate.

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# *Twitterings.*

I have removed from Great Crosshall Street, to 15, Bispham Street, Liverpool, writes Mr. F. E. Hawkes, secretary of the Liverpool B.B.A.

Kindly note that I have moved from Hargwyne Street, Stockwell, to 46, Lakehall Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, writes Mr. E. J. Clark.

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. P. Higgins (Manchester). I had letters from all parts of the compass.

Through unemployment, writes Mr. A. E. Smith (Wednesbury), I am compelled to give up my stock of Norwich Canaries, which I much regret having to do.

All previous records for a young bird show have been broken by our magnificent entry of 230, writes Mr. V. Wynn, hon. secretary of the City and Suburban A.C.B.

The Young Bird Show in conection with the Cardiff and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. W. S. Negus, the secretary, is to be held on July 7th. I request there will be a good entry.

We are holding our first annual Nest Feather Show on July 24th, writes Mr. C. Brammall, secretary of the Stavcley and Dis. C.B.S. The judge is Mr. W. H. Champion (Sheffield).

We are having 14 classes for our Young Bird Show, to be held July 17th, write Messrs. Elliott and Wood, hon. secretaries of the Burton-on-Trent C.B.S. Mr. J. H. Drakeley (Derby), will judge.

Do not miss the L.P.O.S. Show of Canaries, Mules, and British Birds this Saturday afternoon, at the "Raglan," Aldersgate Street. Judge, T. Heath, Esq. Open 4 p.m. Admission free.—(ADVT.)

Mr. Norman's drawing of my bird, I think as a drawing is perfect. I was delighted with its reproduction in CAGE BIRDS, but I was doubly so when I received the original of it.—T. C. CRAWHALL (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

The Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S. are holding their fifth annual Young Bird Show on July 5th, under C.B.U. and London Federation rules, at the headquarters of the society, 6, The Broadway, Wimbledon. The show opens at 6 o'clock.

Kindly intimate that my address is 136. Manchester Road, Werneth, Oldham, where I shall be pleased to see old and new fancier friends, especially the single ones, as I have commenced in the house-furnishing business, writes Mr. Wm. Beard.

The attention of the committee of the Norwich Plainhead Club, writes Mr. Jno. Hopkins, the hon. secretary, from Scarborough, is drawn to the fact that the Manchester First Feather Show is to be held this year at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, on July 3rd.

I am overrun with orders from my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS. CAGE BIRDS is a splendid paper to advertise in. One never knows where it may get. I have received orders from all over England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales—over 670 in six months.—J. JONES (Brighton).

The Nelson and Dis. C.B.S. will hold their annual Members' First Feather Show at the Bull Hotel, Nelson, on July 10th, writes Mr. John England, the hon. secretary. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) will judge the eight classes of Canaries and Mules and the British and Foreign bird classes (one each).

The Gt. Horton (Good Intent) O.S. have issued a neat pocket-syllabus of meetings, lectures, etc., for 1909-10, to be held in the club rooms, Gt. Horton Church Schools, Southfield Lane, at 7.30 p.m. A copy of the syllabus may be obtained from the secretary, Mr. H. Schofield, 137, Beldon Road, Gt. Horton.

At our last meeting, writes Mr. C. Dukes, hon. secretary of the Warrington C.B.S., we decided to cancel our open show fixed for November 13th. In this district there are five cage-bird societies within a radius of nine miles, and to me it seems a pity that this show should have to be cancelled for want of support.

Sandiford's colour feeds never had such a sale before. Sold this last seven days 26 cwts., including customers such as Mr. W. H. Shackleton, Yorkshire winner, 28lbs., Messrs. Baker, Midgley, Irons, Towers, Vardy, Booth, Beardall, Barnes, Hodder, Grey, Rennie, Spillman, Collings, all of whom have had from 28lbs. to 112lbs. each.—(ADVT.)

All fanciers are welcomed to the Duchess of Devonshire, Clapham Junction, on Wednesday next, July 7th, at 8 p.m., to see that expert, J. Dewhurst, on the art of cage-making; also the following month on the art of making wire fronts. All those that are interested in cage-making cannot do better than spend a couple of hours by attending at those interesting lectures.—(ADVT.)

Our Young Bird Show, writes Mr. J. C. Birch, hon. secretary, Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A., held on June 26th, promises to be a great success financially, there being a good attendance during the evening, and among the visitors a number of prominent London fanciers. The general opinion expressed was that the exhibits were a grand lot, and that some would be heard of again.

I attended the first members' show of the Barton Canary and British Bird Society, held on June 19th, writes Mr. E. R. Ridley (Hull), and I found that, although there were only two classes provided, considering the society is a new one, the quality of the exhibits left nothing to be complained of. I hope it will not be long before I again visit Barton with my friends, when I hope to see an extended classification, as evidence of the growth and success of the society.

Our next First Feather Show, writes Mr. A. H. Craven, hon. secretary of the Bramley and Dis. O.S., will be held on July 24th. We are looking forward to having a good turn-up. Mr. H. E. Wilkinson (Stocksbridge) will judge.

We have secured the services of the following gentlemen to judge at our show to be held on October 2nd, 1909, writes Mr. John Ewing, secretary, Dalkeith and Dis. C.C.: for Scotch Fancies, Mr. Adam Melrose (Galashiels); for Border Fancies, Mr. John Watson (Selkirk); and for Norwich and British, Mr. James Winter (Edinburgh).

Mr. Hopkins, of Bolton, has been elected to judge at the Pendlebury, Swinton, and District First Feather Show on July 3rd, writes Mr. Alex. Donnelly, the secretary. The members have only had a poor breeding season. We have provided classes for old birds as well as young. This being the first Canary and British Bird Show in the district, we are expecting a good number of visitors. Admission free to the show, which will be open at 2.30.

If you want to see the cream of London's Canaries and Hybrids make their debut for 1909, visit the City and Suburban's Young Bird Show. There you will see from the massive Crests to the wee Border Fancy, from the Greenfinch Canary cross to the Redpoll-Siskin, besides a wealth of British and foreign birds. Do not miss it. Open to-day (Saturday) from 2 till 9 p.m., at the Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone.—(ADVT.)

## OBITUARY.

### Mr. H. KERSHAW (Llanrwst).

I regret to have to record the death, writes Mr. J. Kershaw (Llanrwst), of my brother, Henry Kershaw, which took place on Sunday, June 20th, at 4 a.m. He died peacefully in the chair at the front door, from cardiac failure finally. He had been ailing for about 9 months. Eighteen floral tributes were sent, amongst them being one from the curate and members of the Bible Class. His loss is much felt by the family. The funeral took place on June 23rd.

### Mr. J. R. NEWMAN (Old Basford, Nottingham).

It is my painful duty to report to you the death of Mr. J. R. Newman, Old Basford, writes Mr. Wm. Cottingham, secretary of the Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S. He was one of the founders of our society, and one of the oldest breeders and exhibitors in Nottingham. Much sympathy is felt by the committee and members for the widow and family.

I am only a novice, and have never had a bird till this year, writes Mr. W. Watson (Walthamstow, N.E.). And all I know I owe to CAGE BIRDS.

I have had more replies to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Francis Duff (Doncaster), than I can deal with. Your paper clearly is an excellent medium for advertisements. Allow me to thank all who answered the advertisement, and whom it has been impossible for me to reply to.

The following gentlemen have been appointed judges for the show on September 25th, writes Mr. R. D. Mair, secretary of the Newmilns O.A.: for Scotch Fancies, Messrs. J. Hannay (Dumfries) and J. Kennedy, jun. (Paisley); for Border Fancies, British birds, etc., Mr. J. B. Y. Murdock (Kilmarnock). It was agreed that we pay prize-money on the strength of the entry money in each class. Exhibitors thereby have all the entry money returned to them.

We are holding our First Feather Show on July 10th, in the club room of the "Fox and Hounds," London Road, writes Mr. W. Lang, jun., hon. secretary, of the Lowestoft and Dis. C.B.S. Admission free. Our annual Members' Show will be held on November 25th. Mr. W. Greeves has been appointed judge for both shows. Mr. A. A. Kirk (one of our members) has kindly consented to let us have the free use of his shop for the latter show. It is situated in Mill Road, South Lowestoft, and is an ideal place for a show, just off the main road.

It is with deep regret that I have to announce my resignation of the post of joint hon. secretary to the Liverpool O.S., owing to the rather sudden death of my respected father, which necessitates my giving closer attention to business. I was reluctant to have to resign, but was compelled to take this course. So that in future all communications for the society must be addressed to Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, hon. secretary, 35, Whitefield Road, Liverpool, and not as before to Messrs. Metcalfe and Hillmen. I wish your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, all the success its deserves.—CLEMENT HILLMEN (Liverpool).

Five samples of wonderfully good colour-foods reach us from Mr. W. Rudd, the fanciers' specialist, of Norwich. These he is offering to fanciers for the 1909 season, and they should command a great sale. He has two "sweet" peppers, one a very deep red, the other very bright, with an excellent yellow-feed, and an exceptionally fine hot-feed. Mr. Rudd also offers a blend of the sweet and hot peppers, in correct proportions, ready for use: this should be an especial favourite. The high quality and wonderful colour properties of these feeds are seen at a glance. Mr. Rudd claims that they are the best of their kind on the market. Bird breeders will be well advised to see them before making their selections. Samples may be had on application to Mr. Rudd. Any of the above feeds can be had mixed with Mr. Rudd's celebrated "Eggertine" food, when it is ready to be given the birds at once.

We regret to hear that Mr. W. Rudd, of Norwich (the widely-known fanciers' provider) has been seriously ill, and only recently risen from his bed of sickness. Bird-keepers will join us in wishing him a speedy restoration to health.

The following are the judges of the City of Glasgow Show and Competition, to be held October 15th and 16th, writes Mr. Alex. Macfarlane, the hon. secretary: Scotch Fancies, Messrs. James Watson (Glasgow), James Macfarlane (Partick), H. R. Caldwell (Baillieston), Robert Findlay (Darvel), William Thornton (Edinburgh), Andrew Allerdice (Overton); Belgians: John Kean ((Edinburgh). Will fanciers please note that my address now is 279, Crow Road, Partick, Glasgow?

Once again samples of Ramsden's celebrated colour-foods reach us, and they seem even deeper and brighter in colour than before, if that be possible. The tasteless pepper has remarkable depth of colour, and is very fragrant to the smell and palatable to the taste; that there will be a big "run" upon it by breeders is certain. Mr. Ramsden's hot pepper is this season a blend of choice Natal and Spanish growths, which results in a combination possessed of colouring properties of the highest excellence. And Mr. Ramsden's peppers (both tasteless and hot) are sold under a guarantee of absolute purity. Their colour is genuinely their own, there being no admixture of sugar, oil, or other foreign matter. Mr. Ramsden claims that many peppers on the market could not be sold under such a guarantee. However this may be, we certainly think, judging by the sample before us, that "R.P." will well hold its own on its merits this season. Buyers should make a point of seeing both the tasteless and the hot. Mr. Ramsden's address is 11, Josephine-avenue, Brixton, London, S.W.

### The Deadly Fever.

We hear that a prominent Crest-breeder has recently suffered the loss by septic fever of nearly sixty of his birds. He attributes the outbreak to the introduction, without previous isolation, of an expensive pair of birds purchased from another well-known Crest breeder in the West of England. This is a sad blow to our London friend, but he takes it very cheerfully. It will be a lesson to him in the future, and should be to all others, always to put new purchases into quarantine for some little period before mixing them with his stock.

### Polly's "Nightcap."

The depraved tastes of an elderly Parrot have just been brought under my notice by an Aston gentleman, says a writer in the "Birmingham Daily Mail." He tells me he possesses one of these birds, which has been in the family for the past forty years, and which nightly shares in a glass of hot whisky and water before it retires to roose. Polly has been taught to demand her "nightcap" as soon as supper is over, when she is liberated from her cage and solemnly perches herself on the back of her master's seat. Having mixed a glass of toddy, Polly is invited to partake of the first sip, and so she shares drink by drink with her owner until the glass is empty, when the bird hops off her perch, re-enters her cage, and settles down for her nocturnal slumbers.

### The National Green-marked Y.C.C

All clubs desirous of having the patronage of the National Green Marked Y.C.C., would oblige by making application for patronage on or before Saturday, July 24th. Full particulars of classifications (not less than four Green Marked classes), together with name of judge, etc. I should be pleased to hear from any fancier desirous of joining at an early date, so that the same may appear in club's Year Book. The following judges and fanciers have already joined since our last meeting:—Messrs. A. Hirst, T. Milburn, T. Bentley, F. Allen, A. Ross, M. Peel, F. Self, H. Lumb, N. Kirk, H. Hudson, and A. Thomas. We are desirous that the same should be over 100 before the show season commences, which I am pleased to say we have every prospect of attaining. Many other fanciers have promised to join before the shows begin. Fanciers may rest assured that this will shortly be one of the strongest specialist clubs in the Yorkshire Fancy.—F. ARMSTRONG, hon. secretary, 78, Pear Street, Parkinson Lane, Halifax.


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# Some Favourite British Hardbills & How to Keep them.

By JAMES H. BOOTH.

So much has from time to time been written on this subject, that it is difficult for one to say anything really fresh. But, perchance, there may be some readers of CAGE BIRDS who have not "gone in" for British Hardbills, and it is to those I would address myself most particularly.

### The Popular and Beautiful Goldie.

Without a doubt, both in popularity and beauty of plumage, the Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*) easily heads the list. Measuring just over five inches in length, it is a sprightly and elegant little bird, and possessed of a very pleasing song. The difference between the sexes, outwardly, is small, and only a practised eye can readily distinguish it.

The Goldie soon adapts itself to a cage or aviary, and will thrive on a stock food of Canary, hemp, teazle and summer rape seeds in equal parts, with a little inga and linseed added occasionally. It is extremely fond of thistle heads and flowering groundsel, which it is as well to let it have frequently. During the Greypate stage, that is, before the first moult, Goldfinches are rather delicate, and a good mixture of wild seeds should be supplied to them during this period.

### A Bold and Handsome Bird.

Our next favourite, the Bullfinch (*Pyrrhula vulgaris*), is a bird of bold and handsome presence, and his colouring is not less bold or handsome. Unlike the Goldfinches, the sexes are readily distinguished. The female lacks the beautiful grey back and red breast of the male.

Bullie soon becomes very tame. Although it has nothing in the way of a song, but a rather plaintive pipe, it is, nevertheless, a very interesting bird. It feeds on a staple diet of Canary and summer rape seeds, about three parts of the latter being given to one of the former. It is very fond of hemp seed, but this should only be given sparingly just as a tit-bit. Ripe apple pips are also much appreciated, and privet berries may also be given when these are in season.

### Greedy But Sweet-voiced Birds

The Siskin (*Chrysomitris spinus*) otherwise known as the Aberdevine, is a most docile and engaging little bird, and deserves a place in every bird-room.

I have one of these birds in my possession which, though only caught in the late autumn, is quite contented and happy. I open his cage door each morning and allow him a fly round the room. The return to his domicile is quite voluntary. No doubt this is for the purpose of satisfying the claims of his appetite, for the Siskin is a greedy little chap, and spends a good moiety of his existence at the seed pan.

The female Siskin differs from her mate in not possessing the black on the head and throat which he has. Her plumage generally is of a paler hue. Siskins should be fed in the same manner as recommended for the Goldfinch.

The Grey or Brown Linnet (*Acanthis cannabina*) of all the British Finches is, perhaps, the most frequently met with in confinement. It is possessed of a song sweet and clear, delivered in a somewhat jerky style. Though of more sober plumage than either of the foregoing, it is a handsome bird. The adult male has a red breast, a feature which his mate lacks. Though shy and timid, the Linnet does not appear to fret for long over its loss of liberty, and is in every way a desirable addition to any collection.

It does well on a diet consisting of one part each summer rape, charlock, teazle, and linseed, to three parts Canary seed. Hemp, inga and maw seeds are relished, and should be given (a little of each) by way of a change, in addition to green-food.

### Docile and Vivacious.

Another interesting British Hardbill is the Lesser Redpoll (*Acanthis rufescens*). In plumage it somewhat resembles its larger relative, the Linnet, but in size, docility and vivacity of manner, partakes more of the nature of the Siskin. As in the case of the Linnet, Nature has granted the wearing of a red breast only to the male.

The vocal ability of the Redpoll is limited; it possesses nothing more than a call of two notes, which, however, is frequently uttered, but its extreme docility and confiding disposition, together with the readiness with which it learns any little trick its owner may take the pains to teach it, are sufficient to recommend it to any bird-lover. This bird should be fed as advised for the Linnet.

### The Common Greenbird.

The Greenfinch (*Chloris chloris*) sometimes called the Green-bird, is one of our commonest native Hardbills. It is larger than any of the foregoing, with the exception of the Bullfinch, and measures just ever six and a half inches in length. It is, too, stontly built.

The prevailing colour of the male is bright green, with a greyish tinge; the feathers of the wings and tail are greenish brown, with here and there a dash of yellow. The female is more soberly clad, and is of a dull greenish grey. It is minus the characteristic yellow of the mate.

The song is nothing to boast of, consisting only of a few notes. The Greenie is a hardy bird, and does well on a diet of mixed seeds—Canary, hemp, teazle, and summer rape. It is also partial to the seeds of the sunflower, likewise of groundsel, chickweed and sowthistle.

The price of the birds in my list, prize-winners of course excepted, is such as to bring them within the reach of all. Buy only clean healthy birds, and patronise a reliable dealer, is advice which cannot well be over-estimated.

### Cage and General Management.

Having said something about the birds, I will say something concerning cages and general management. Give your bird a good-sized cage. It is a pity to keep such lively creatures in a cage only a few inches square. A nice one for any of the Finches is 18ins. long, 12ins. from back to front, and 15ins. high, wired on three sides, and boarded on top and at the back. It should contain three perches. I prefer to have the feeding and drinking utensils outside, as this prevents a waste of seed and the drinking water is not then liable to get fouled.

Green-food is an essential if you would keep your birds in health. Groundsel, chickweed, dandelion, watercress and lettuce may be given in season. They should be supplied daily. An excellent means of obtaining green-food in the winter appeared in CAGE BIRDS of January 18th, 1907, entitled "Lettuce growing while you wait."

Some of the Finches are partial to ripe fruit. The Bullfinch especially relishes a slice of ripe apple or pear, or a blackberry, strawberry, or raspberry. When birds can be induced to take fruit (some of them will not touch it), it forms an excellent substitute for green-food.

Let your birds have plenty of fresh air. There is nothing like it. But keep them out of draughts, which are just as fatal to our feathered pets as to human beings. Allow them facilities for frequent bathing, and do not forget a generous layer of coarse, gritty sand on the floor of their domicile. Hardbills can be kept at a minimum of cost and trouble, and, if treated as directed, ought to be a never-ending source of delight to their owner.


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# The Breeding & Management of the Norwich Canary.

By E. COWLING.

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I would like to make a few remarks on the breeding and management of the Norwich Canary, although perhaps most of what I have to say will apply to other varieties as well; I deal with Norwich because that is my favourite, and, as I heard a man once say of a suet pudding, it is bad to beat. The Norwich are hardy, and will compare favourably with other varieties as feeders in the rearing of young; when you have any to sell they are so popular they always command a ready sale and a good price.

### Don't Buy Rubbish.

Whatever variety you decide to take up, always bear in mind it must be the very best you can afford. Good birds eat no more than do wasters, and it is far better to have one pair of good Canaries than twenty pairs of inferior ones. Don't buy rubbish; or you will only breed bad birds, which will very soon "eat their heads off." It will pay better in the end to give £2 or £3 for a good pair of birds, than to give ten shillings for a fourth or fifth-rate pair, to do which is worse than throwing your money over the hedge, seeing that what you breed from them will only run you into debt.

We will now suppose that we have our birds in hand, awaiting the breeding time. The cocks are caged off singly, and the hens are all flying together in the flight. It may be we are very anxious to get them paired up, and we want to see the winners we are going to breed.

Now I would like the novice to remember, that one of the greatest mistakes he can make is to put his birds together before they are ready; it is useless, and worse than useless, for by so doing he will only court disaster. The beginning of April is plenty soon enough, and only then providing the birds are ready. You can tell when the birds are in breeding form by the hens continually working their wings. When you see your hens stretching themselves upon the perch, wings going all the time, it is a sure sign they are ready for nesting. The cock birds as they come into condition draw themselves together to about half their usual size, singing all the time and for all they are worth. Some cock birds also commence to "feed the wires," that is, after they have eaten their seed they bring it up again and deposit it on the wires. I don't know that they all do this, but a great many do, and when we see it we may rest assured our birds are ready.

### On Pairing Birds Off.

This being so, the pairing off may be proceeded with. The first thing I always do is to catch the birds and with a small sharp pair of scissors, trim the feathers about the vent, both of the cocks and the hens, but the hens especially. By so doing the chance of having fertilized eggs is greatly increased. Also look to the birds' feet, cut the claws back if required, which will be the case for certain with all birds over a year old. By attending to this you may save the puncturing of eggs, or the pulling out of a valuable young one from the nest. But in cutting them be careful not to go back into the quick, or you will cause unnecessary pain and suffering. There is no fear of doing this if you hold the bird on a level with your eye against the light, when you can easily discern the red streak and cut accordingly.

Now if we would breed exhibition birds, it is very important that the pairing up should be properly done. We may have good stuff, but unless they are properly balanced, they will not throw what is required. Judgment in mating is necessary, for, depend upon it, good birds well paired is half the battle.

On no account pair two birds together with the same fault, as by so doing you will only breed youngsters having more or less the same faults, fixed firmer than ever. For instance, supposing you have a hen that is thin in neck, but good in every other way; it stands to reason she must be mated to a cock bird excelling in neck properties, and so on. Then, we must always remember to mate our two best birds together, and then the second best two, and so forth. We must not, because we have an extra good cock bird, give him an inferior hen, thinking he will make up for her deficiencies, for he will not and we shall get from such pairs, not what is required, but birds deficient in exhibition properties.

### Feeding Stock Through the Winter.

Now a word or two as to feeding your old birds through the winter, so as to get them into condition, not too soon, but just at the right time. I feed mine as follows:—Canary seed as a staple food, with egg-food twice a week, or Spratt's cod liver oil cage-bird food (which, by the way, I can honestly recommend), with now and again some German rape; also a piece of apple as often as possible, which is not only appreciated by the birds, but is very beneficial to them, as it helps to keep their bowels in good working order, which is a very important matter. I also give twice a week a quarter of a teaspoonful of inga or niger seed, which, being a very oily seed, is supposed to be a preventative against egg-binding. Hemp seed I use very little of—only when hens are feeding the young. But by way of a change, I sometimes give a few crushed sunflower seeds, sometimes a few oats, or some mutton suet stuck between the wires for the birds to peck at, or a bit of cuttlefish bone. Plenty of good grit should also be supplied in the cage.

### When Hens are Egg-bound.

All these things help to counteract any tendency to egg-binding. Should we have the misfortune to find a hen suffering from this deadly thing (for it is deadly), the poor little mite will not live long under its awful strain, and it is wise to have a look round at night to see that all is well, for it is possible for a hen to be prostrate the night before the egg is due to be laid. Should we find one so afflicted, sitting, very likely, all of a heap in the bottom of the cage, bring her immediately into the heat.

I have proved from experience that the best thing to help the hen to pass the egg without in any way meddling with the vent, or anything else, is the heat which comes, not from the open fire, but from the oven. Open the oven door and place her as near as possible. Of course, I see that it is not too hot, but I "give it to her" as hot as possible, keeping her the time in a little cage. Since I have done this I have never failed to secure the eggs, and at the same time have saved the hen's life. I think the hot air which comes from the oven has something to do with it.

There are also other ways of dealing with egg-bound hens, such as steaming, etc. A warm moist atmosphere is a great help to hens about to lay, although I give no heat at any time, except in the early part of the breeding season. Then one can scarcely call it heat, although it makes a wonderful difference in the room.

Every night I put in a five-gallon drum or tin (whichever you like to call it) of boiling water at six o'clock, and another one at ten, and it is surprising how moist and warm the atmosphere feels even in the morning. There is no reason to empty the water out every time, but place the drum on the fire and let it boil in this way. Always be sure and remove the cork before so doing, for fear of an explosion.

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# Through a Birdroom Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

(Continued from Page 563.)

**Chap. XXXI.—My Blue Robins.**

When I see a lot of birds I want but can't afford, I always feel like dear Miss Matty in Cranford did about the celebrated silk gowns. "I wish," she said, "I could have a new gown every season," (dropping her voice, "as we all did at Cranford whenever we talked of anything we wished for but could not afford.") "However," she continued, "it would give me a great deal of trouble to take care of them if I had them, so I think I'll only take one."

As this passage flashed through my mind I was standing with my nose glued against the window of a bird-shop in Leeds that has long since ceased to exist. Indeed, the story of that shop was short and merry. Two young fellows thought that it would be a nice easy life to keep a bird-shop. They had, I suppose, some money, by the reckless way they purchased, but a very small modicum of knowledge. On the particular morning I am writing about, I happened to espy a pair of American Blue Robins in a small box-cage, and from their woe-begone look I felt sure they were not long for this world unless something happened.

I looked at their food-pot, and to my amazement saw it filled with Canary seed. I hastily entered the shop and asked one of the owners whether he knew that Blue Robins were soft-billed birds, and required as food, not Canary seed, but some soft mixture. Instead of abusing me, he seemed very grateful for the information, and told me quite ingenuously that he knew very little about birds, as they were only just beginning. As I thought the Blue Robins were in a very parlous condition, I determined to buy them, especially as they were a particularly fine pair.

**A Rare Find.**

For some years now Blue Robins have been almost as scarce as Turquoisines, owing to the American law, which forbids the exportation of native birds; but at the time I am writing of, Blue Robins were in annual importation, and arrived every spring about February, and could be purchased for the modest sum of 15s. the pair. Now I should be afraid to say what they would cost. When only half-a-dozen come over at a time, and then privately brought over, dealers can command any price they like to demand. Look at Virginian Cardinals, which now fetch £2 each, while the hens are almost unobtainable.

I carried my new purchases home, and before letting them go I gave them a good wash with the aid of a shaving brush, which they seemed thoroughly to appreciate, and it was wonderful to see what a lot of dirt came out of their wings and tail. When dry they looked quite different birds.

For a few days I kept them in a big box cage, just to make sure they were all right, and then one fine morning in May I enlarged them into an outdoor aviary with plenty of growing bushes and any amount of snug nest-boxes. They accepted their new-found liberty with the joy of an Arctic explorer welcoming a relief party. They seemed at this time just a little bit nervous at first, but then it is said that the best-drilled soldiers will drop when they first face the firing line, and it is a big jump from a pokey little box-cage to a big garden aviary. In a few hours all their nervousness wore off, and they soon became the tamest of the tame. The cock Blue Robin is a lovely bird, with his wonderful azure back and wings, his ruddy breast and white underparts, and he might well be pardoned if he said, like the beautiful Lady Foley: "There might be better-looking women, but she had never seen them." His wife is of more sober colouring, but is for all that a very winsome little thing. One great advantage in Blue Robins is that there is no possibility of mistaking a cock for a hen so that you may always rely on getting a true pair.

My mind now at once began to run on nesting and youngsters. It made no matter that the county was Yorkshire and the month the treacherous one of May. I seldom see things as they are, but as they are going to be.

**Curious Antics.**

About a fortnight after I had loosed the Robins into the aviary, I one morning observed the cock, lifting up first one wing and then the other, in the most curious way, and singing for all he was worth. I had never seen any bird act so before, and hoped that he had not had a stroke. Of course if I had not been very ignorant I ought to have known that this is the way which the Blue-bird pays court to his lady love. Presently I saw Mrs. Blue Robin flying anxiously about and examining nest-box after nest-box. I was surprised to see that she seemed to prefer the most absurdly small ones; cigar-boxes for preference. I wondered how ever she could get into them, but she did.

In a few hours she seemed to decide on a box to her mind, and then began with feverish haste to gather pine needles off the floor and to carry them into the box. Meanwhile the cock sat on a neighbouring branch and warbled approval. I felt as the French say, that I owed him a deep debt of gratitude for making a start.—Je lui devais une fameuse chandelle.

After about a week the hen remained in the nest a bit each morning, so that I concluded that eggs were being laid, but she seemed at the end of the week to be taking far too much relaxation for a sitting hen Blue Robin. She seemed to my excited imagination to be about at all sorts of hours when sober hens should have been brooding the eggs. Then the weather turned cold, and all at the beginning of June, and I was frightened to death lest the eggs should get wet and chilled. To the statement "that a dripping June puts all in tune," should be excepted the plain person's temper. Whenever I went to the aviary there was Mrs. Blue Robin emerging from the nest, and looking as innocent as a lamb in spring.

**A Liking for Black-beetles.**

I knew what she wanted; my presence denotes mealworms, and the moment she hears me about she comes to see if I have remembered her wants. I generally have, for the rascal has got the soft side of my heart, and I've never been able to thrust her out, and she knows it. However, even the devil, so they say, is not quite as black as he is painted, and in spite of my anxieties, my little friend knew her business better than I did. I can only suppose that Blue Robin's eggs can do with the minimum of heat and attention, for the hen was quite as much off the nest as on it. At the end of fourteen days I found a blue egg shell lying near the wires and this told me that success had crowned the efforts of my friends.

The feeding of Softbills when they have young is always an expensive matter, not to say an anxious one, for one never knows when the supply of live things may not fail, for in the country you can't run into a bird-shop and buy, and you can't always get ants' eggs early in June. Fortunately, Blue Robins love black clocks better than owt else in this world; and if only you have a good stock of these creatures, and every aviculturalist's kitchen ought to fairly lift with them, then you need have no fear on the score of food for the little Blue Robins.

The only thing you have to do is to buy half-a-dozen demon beetle traps, distribute them over night, and send a child to collect them each morning. Then place a trap on the aviary floor with the top removed, and the Robins will do all the rest As soon as one trap is empty supply another, and so on ad infinitum,

It is surprising after a few days to see the hen fly up to the nest with three or four great black clocks sticking out of her mouth, then in she goes, and a moment later flies out again for a fresh supply. One wonders how ever the little ones can gulp them down. I ought to mention as a partial explanation that the old birds nip off the legs "before delivery." In about seventeen days, so far as I remember, the first youngster Robin came out, and by his robust appearance, I knew he was a cock; four others followed at short intervals. They were led by their parents to a big elder, and there they sat all day, crying and waiting to be fed. How the old birds managed to supply those awful appetites was a surprise. Literally they worked from morn to eve.

**Comical Content.**

It was most comical to see the contented expression on each young face after a full and hearty meal. It reminded me of a pleasing story told by Lady Grenville in her letter of a young Duc de Rohan, who, when complimented on his bashful expression, admitted the soft impeachment, saying: "Oui, mais il faudrait me voir quand je prie. I am sure his expression even then could have been no more seraphic than that of my young Blue Robins after dinner.

The eggs of the Blue Robin are small and resemble those of our common Starling both in shape and colour; the colour, as in the case of Starlings, soon fades if exposed to the light. I had the curiosity to look at the cigar box after the birds had flown, and I was surprised as to how ever all the youngsters had managed to squeeze into such a narrow space. The box was up lengthwise, and we all know, who are smokers, that there is not much turning room in such a box.

Strange to say, I always found my Blue Robins preferred a cigar-box to any other form of nesting receptacle. When lifting up the nest I found several large and hideous black clocks that must have escaped literally from the jaws of death, snugly hiding under the nesting material. What a time of terror they must have had for three weeks with that hen constantly going in and out of the nest. By accounts I have read, I find that it is exceedingly rarely that Blue Robins are reared to maturity. I read again of nests of youngsters being thrown out of the nest when a few days old, and of even being eaten by the unnatural parents. Personally, I think in such cases there is something wrong with the feeding. Of course if the food supply runs out, birds will do such things, but I think that if the cupboard is kept well supplied, Blue Robins will rear the young in the most exemplary manner. At least, I don't see why my birds should be exceptional.

The young are something like young Thrushes, with beautifully spotted breasts, but after a time the spots disappear and they become like their parents. I found that in the earlier broods cocks predominated, but that the later broods were nearly all hens.

I had no difficulty in selling the youngsters at good prices, but I was very sorry to do so, as they were so tame and familiar. The old birds subsequently nested again, and reared four young ones; and then I thought I had done enough with Blue Robins, and parted with the lot. I have often since regretted that step, and I believe that if ever I got the chance, I should add a pair to my collection.

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# Difficulties of the Breeding Season.

**By T. C. Crawhall.**

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**When the Young Look Lumpy.**

Any young ones that look lumpy should be removed from others at once, as many of their ailments are, like the measles, most infectious. I usually have one or two cages set aside as hospital cages. Give them no seed, but only milk sop and some water with a little tincture of rhubarb in it. As the inflammation subsides, you can give the rhubarb on alternate days and tincture of gentian in the drinking water the other days. Gentian and chemical food are splendid tonics, and useful to birds even if in good health.

If the young show signs of swelling and inflammation a little arnica water rubbed on the belly is a good thing. It is made by mixing a teaspoonful of tincture of arnica with two tablespoonfuls of water. For internal medicine give two drops of castor oil and put 10, 15, or 20 drops of tincture of aconite into the drinking water, according to the severity of the case. Aconite is one of the best medicines we have for use in cases of inflammation of all kinds. Do not forget the milk sop.

**The Discussion.**

Mr. Lowery: Does not Mr. Crawhall think that the giving of egg food to hens while they are sitting tends to make them lazy when the young appear?—I do not advise egg food to be given daily, but think it necessary to give it about twice while the hens are sitting. This keeps them in good health, and strong enough to go on feeding. I also give the mixed seeds twice while they are sitting.

When do you commence to give green food?—Usually at about the third day, though I do not advise giving very much of it until they are a week old; in fact, I am not so liberal with green meat as many fanciers are. Some start to give it as soon as the young hatch out.

Mr. Taylor stated that he thought green food should not be given for at least three or four days, as he had seen hens trying to feed day-old youngsters with green food, but it was so stringy that the young could not get any of it.

Is not aconite a deadly poison?—Yes, if given in too large a quantity. But five or ten drops of tincture, or in severe cases of inflammation up to twenty drops, in the drinking water, will save many a bird's life. It being mixed with so much water the bird does not take a very large quantity in a day; probably not more than half to one drop.

Does aconite not affect the heart?—It may to a certain extent.

Mr. Swan: Has Mr. Crawhall ever tried cold tea as a remedy for nesting diarrhœa?—No; but I should think from the tannin it contains it would be very useful.

It is the best remedy I have tried in my experience of over 20 years, said Mr. Swan, and I have never found it to fail yet; but you must continue with it; if you leave it off the diarrhœa returns.

What is the cause of the hens leaving their nests before the young hatch?—Possibly the weather has something to do with it; also the hen's health. The hen's temperature rises during sitting, and if the hen is not well, or a spell of cold weather sets in her temperature comes down to normal, and the broodiness disappears.

Mr. Taylor suggested that leaving the cock in with the hen, and his feeding her, brings her too far forward, and she leaves the nest through being in too high a condition.—An open discussion took place on the merits of the various green foods. The majority seemed to be in favour of seeding chickweed. Mr. Mather told of a fancier who gave his birds nothing but chickweed as green food, and he gave it at all times; and from a cock nine years old, and a young hen he reared 24 youngsters. Many spoke highly of lettuce, but advised its being freshly gathered, and not replaced by that which comes in crates and is sold in the shops.

When do you give hemp to the parents?—About the 3rd or 4th day. Begin with a little, and increase it to about a teaspoonful per day. Too much hemp affects the liver. Do not crack it, as it is sweeter if the birds crack it themselves.

Does inga prevent egg-binding?—It is often recommended, but I use very little of it myself.

A member suggested suet as a good thing to give the hens to prevent egg binding.—Mr. Lowery said he thought linseed one of the best seeds for that purpose.

Should rape be given scalded or dry?—I soak it sometimes if I have a poor feeder, but usually I give it dry.

Is turpentine a good thing to rub on for inflammation?—I prefer arnica water, as it is not so cruel as turps, which makes the bird suffer very much pain; it has the same effect.


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Oct. 30 and Nov. 1—**Norwich Alliance, All England**—(R. Rol'l, "Dalwood," Cecil Road, Lakenham), C.A.H.
Oct. 30—**Hartlepools**—(J. W. Papple, 89, Durham Street, W. Hartlepool). W.A.C. and J. Wkn.
Nov. 2 and 3—**Weybridge**—(H. E. Parrott, Grove Place.) C.A.H.
*Nov. 3.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idalioe, Oakland Av.) J.R., and W.V.
Nov. 4.—**Southall.**—(T. G. Jeffery, 10, Western Rd.)
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*Nov. 5 and 6—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver 1, Theresa Street.) J.R., & H.W.B.
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Liverpool O.S.**—(J. W. Metcalfe, 35, Whitefield Road, Everton.) W.M., J.C.B., and G.E.W.
*Nov. 5 & 6—**Sheffield**—(Lindsay.) & Bingham. 202, King James Street, Walkley
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Wigan**—(W. Ridge, 55, Poolstock),
*Nov. 6—**Rochdale Good Intent**—(W. Adams, 35, Bedford Street). J.H.R. & R.B.
Nov. 6—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). H.W.B. and C.H.
*Nov. 6 and 8—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(C. Draper, 105, Belgrave Street.) J.H.P. & R.J.H.
Nov. 6—**Cleator Moor.**—(J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road). A.By.
Nov. 9 and 10—**Hastings United**—(A. E. Godden, 50, Harold Road, Clive Vale). J.R.
*Nov. 10—**Leek**—(R. Hall, Hallscroft, Rudyard, Staffs). W.V.
*Nov. 11 and 12—**Cambridge**—(T. S. Moore, 126, Newmarket Road). J.F. & J.R.
*Nov. 12 & 13—**Wallsend-on-Tyne**—(Richardson & Greenwell, 35, The Avenue). J.H.R., J.W., and J.W.B.
*Nov. 12 and 13—**Preston O.S.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn.) A.W., P.R. and A.H.
*Nov. 13—**Tideswell C.B.I.S.**—(Bagshaw and Flint, High Street, Tideswell, nr. Buxton). W.M. and J.T.
*Nov. 13 and 15—**Nottingham**—(G.E. Wilkinson, 9 Wellington Square, Parkside). T.H., C.H. & W.V.
*Nov. 16 and 17.—**Wimbledon.**—H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) H.N., J.R.
Nov. 17 & 18—**Hayle**—(H. Ware, 2, Pond Rd.)
*Nov. 17 & 18—**West Bromwich.**—(T. Dufficld, 18, Braybrook Street.) J.H.P., W.G.P.
*Nov. 19 and 20—**Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19 Lambton Street). W.V. & E.B.
*Nov. 19 and 20—**Millom.**—(W. J. Thomas, 83, Lonsdale Road.)
*Nov. 19 and 20—**Sunderland**—(W. Reid, 14, Plantation Road, Pallion.) T.H., J.Str
*Nov. 19 & 20—**Pendleton & Salford**—(H Clayton, 42, Anne St., Higher Broughton, Manchester). A.W. & J.C B.
*Nov. 20—**Coventry O.S.**—(G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon Road.)
Nov. 20—**Crook Original**—(Bird and Siddle, 15, Church St). A.B., J.H.R.
Nov. 23 & 24—**Bournemouth C B.A.**—(M. E. Feltham, 128, Commercial Rd.)
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*Nov. 25—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad St.) W.P.B, & S.H.M.
*Nov. 26 & 27—**Sale Open**—(Jas. Irlam, 97, Cross St.) J.C.B.
Nov. 27.—**Darlington C.B.S.**—(E. Bunskill, 2, Dancsbury Terrace). W.P.B. and J.M.
Nov. 27—**Hetton-le-Hole**—(A. J. Notley, 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs, Co. Durham) A.B.
*Nov. 27 and 29.—**Ilkeston.**—T. Smith, 5 King St.) J.C.B.; M.N., C.H.
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Dec. 1 and 2.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—(W. T. Hawes, 125 Commercial Rd.). G.G.
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Dec. 4—**Harrogate**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road). A.H.
Dec. 4—**Hasland**—(C. H. Naylor, 59, Kent Street, Hasland, near Chesterfield.) W.V.
*Dec. 4 & 6—**Leicester C.B.S.** (J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road.) J.H.R. & J.F.D.
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*Dec. 8 and 9.—**Canterbury.**—(J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peters St.).
*Dec. 10 & 11—**Gateshead** (Buck & Johnson, 30 Keswick Street) J.R., T.T., J. Dn., F.H., J.D.
*Dec. 18—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. E. Wigginton, 94, Station Road.) R.R., J.B.
Dec. 18—**Crook & Dis.**—(W. Rutherford, West Roddy moor). J.S.

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Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,) T.Mc.C., J.S., J.M., G.Gn.
Jan. 1—**Guisborough "Priory"** (Atkinson & Wilson, 80, Westgate).
Jan. 8 — **Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees).
Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton).

### Scotland.

Oct. 2—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane)
Oct. 9—**Broughty Ferry**—(R Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). C.Bk., W.H., D.Bn., J.Sn. A.W.W.
Oct. 9—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). H.B.
Oct. 15 and 16.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**—(Macdonald and Young, 80, High St., Rutherglen.)
Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty, N.B.) W R., G.H., A.G.C., J.W.B., G.M.
Oct. 23—**City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 6, St. Catherine's Road. G.F., J.Sn., R.F.A., J.A., T.C.G.H., J.C.
Oct. 30—**Ayr & Dis.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road).
Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan, 23, High Street. J. H., G. H., J. B., D. L.
Nov. 6.—**Bo'ness** (F. M' Gillivray, Ferry View, Gauze Road, Chance). J.S., W.Mn., J.T., W.C.
Nov. 12 & 13 **Glasgow & West of Scotland**—(F. Bowman 5, Parkview Gardens, Tollcross, Glasgow).
Nov. 13—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.) D.L, J.Wn., A.C., P.P.
Nov. 19 and 20—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(J. Bx. Murdoch, 9, Burnside St). J D., A.P., J.W., W.S., A.C.
Nov. 20—**Galashiels**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew Street).
Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.).
Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Avenue.) C.C., A.M., D.Hn., D.B., G.F., J.L.
Dec. 18—**Broxburn**—(D. Anthony, Main Street). T.S., J.B., G.H., J.W., W.S.
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.—**Scottish National.**—(J. Winter, 11, Parkside Street, Edinburgh.) W.B., A.Wn., T.T., R.W., J.Er., J.P., J.W.B., J.R., J.D., J.G., C.T.M.

### Wales.

*July 21—**Llandudno (Vale of Conway & Dis. F.A.)** (A. T. Johnson, Ro Wen, Taly cafn).
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Nov. 18—**Morriston** (W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Rd. H.N. and W.M.
*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Cardiff.**—(W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland Road.) J.H.P. & J.R.
*Dec. 15 — **Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun & Dis.**—(Mc Lucas & James, 26, Pantygraigwen Road, Pontypridd.) C.A.H.

### Ireland.

Nov. 11 & 12—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton, Banbridge, Co. Down).
Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—(H. J. Niblock, Seatown Place.)
Nov. 25 & 26—**Y.C.C. of Ireland**—(W.M.)
Dec. 15 and 16—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan). H.N.
Jan. 7 and 8—**Norwich P.H. Club of Ireland**—(J. Stewart, 57, Donegall Avenue, Belfast.) G.H. & J.S.

### Foreign.

Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H.S. Tibbs, 184, John Street, Toronto, Canada.)

## REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

**Stratton, Bude.**—Aug. 2.—Judge, Mr. J. Rushmere. 5 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks 2, Mule 1, Sell. 1, and 3 local classes. Prizes, 7/6, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/-. Entries close July 22, to BOHN & WELCH, The Crescent, Bude.

**Cardiff and Dis. C.B.S.** annual members' young stock, etc., show, at Naish's Royal Stores, The Hayes, July 7.—11 Can., 2 Mule, 7 Brit. (1 novice), 1 For., and 3 Sell. classes. Entries close July 5, to W. S. NEGUS, 164, Moorland Road.

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**Llangennech.**—Aug. 14, National Schools. Judge, Mr. J. N. Harrison. 2 open classes: Can. and Brit., and 1 radius class. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Entries close July 24, to J. THOMAS, Bryn, Llanelly.

**Llanharan.**—Aug. 3, Cricket Field.—Judge, Mr. G. Doble. 5 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks 1, Brit. 1, Mule 1, radius 1. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Entries close July 24, to E. M. GRONOW, Coed-Bychan, Llanharan.

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## CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

### No Second Brood.

**Amateur.**—Am afraid you will have to rest content with the one brood, as it seems clear the hen is rapidly dropping into moult, and in that case will not be fit to mate again this season. If you really wish to try you should keep her in the usual temperature to which she has been accustomed, i.e., now you have taken her away from the cock do not move her to another room which is warmer or colder. Feed on a mixture of two parts Canary to one summer rape as a staple. Every second day give a small quantity of egg food with a pinch of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over, and on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp and inga. Give two or three crisp young dandelion leaves daily, and if she appears in fresh condition at the end of ten days or a fortnight, try mating her again. Of course, you must keep the cock fresh ready to mate with her at any time. If she does not come in fresher condition, and begins to appear dull and mopy, you may just as well put her up for moulting at once, as it would be quite useless trying her again this season.

### Helpless Yorkshire.

**P.B.**—It would be impossible to say with certainty what was wrong with the bird without a personal examination. It is not unlikely that in catching it to transfer it to the larger cage you unconsciously pressed upon the spinal column, which has caused paralysis to develop. Failing this, I can only imagine that being unaccustomed to the large cage, it injured its legs or feet in some way, either in jumping from perch to perch, or, perhaps, getting a foot fast in a perch-end, or in the wires. It is quite possible it might have got its legs broken or badly strained high up near the body—first one and then the other—in this way. In any case, return it to its small cage, place the perches rather low, and as convenient as possible for the bird; keep it quiet and comfortable, and leave the rest to Nature. Feed plainly, and keep it supplied with green food to prevent constipation arising during its inactive condition. This is about all you can do. I believe there is a live-stock hospital in the Metropolis where such cases might be taken in charge, but I cannot lay hands on the address. I have no idea what fee would be charged.

### Young Birds Dying.

**Novice.**—It is not easy to tell what is the cause when kept under apparently ideal conditions, without some details as to their feeding from the time of being separated from the parents. As the four all appear to have sickened and died in a week, I would strongly advise you, in the event of another dying soon, to send it for a post-mortem in order to discover whether you have a kind of septic fever amongst them. On one or two points, so far as I can gather from your letter, you seem to have gone wrong in the treatment. In the first place, you should not be giving soft food to young birds eight weeks old every day; then you should be giving a little green food; and, again, there should be no necessity to give occasional doses of magnesia. Indeed, you should avoid any kind of drug treatment for all birds, and the young ones in particular, as much as possible. Put them on following dietary at once. Give an unlimited supply of Canary as a staple, and allow about half a teaspoonful of good summer rape per bird daily. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of hemp per bird, and on two other days a similar quantity of egg food, or crumbs of sponge or Madeira cake, or an equivalent amount of bread and milk. As there may be a suspicion of septic fever, I would rather advise you to use the two last only, and bar egg food from young. Whatever you give, sprinkle with a little maw seed. Three times a week give a little green food, either chickweed, flower heads of groundsel, watercress, or plantain stalks. If there appears any need for an aperient, increase the supply of green food, and give a little daily if necessary, rather than use any drugs.

### Colour Feeding Crests.

**A.Q.**—(1) It is not really necessary to colour feed Crests and Crest-breds. (2) If you wish to improve the colour of your birds there is nothing to prevent your giving them a little egg and colour food every second day whilst moulting, in which case I would advise you to use only pure tasteless pepper. Although colour-feeding is not necessary in these varieties, still it is not a disqualification, as it is with the Borders. The colour is left open and does not count much against the more typical points of crest, feather, size, etc. Whether you give colour or not, feed generously during the moult, giving a little egg-food about every second day, to which you may add the least dusting of flowers of sulphur once or twice a week, or, say, three times a fortnight, and on the intervening days give a little extra rape, or hemp, maw, linseed, crushed oats, or split groats. Do not give these altogether, but first one and then another for variety. Give maw the most frequently at the beginning of the moult, and linseed oftener towards the end, but do not give large quantities of linseed at any time; a small pinch per bird is quite sufficient.

### Young Canaries Ailing.

**Mrs. A. Johnson.**—I think your method of feeding is the sole cause. Put them at once on a staple diet of plain Canary only, and in addition give separately about half a teaspoonful of dry summer rape per bird each day. Every second day give a similar quantity of egg-food, or crushed sponge cake, or an equivalent quantity of bread scalded with milk, and pressed nearly dry, and in either case sprinkle a pinch of maw seed over it. Do not give these three items all on one day. Use either one or another, or you may, if you like, use them all in rotation, giving them alternately for variety. On the alternate days between giving the soft food give a spray of chickweed, or flower head of groundsel, or a few half ripe plantain stalks. Three times a week give half a teaspoonful per bird of hemp. Give no other seeds or foods, and in a fortnight hence reduce the frequency of hemp and egg-food to twice a week each. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and twenty drops of whiskey for two or three days. No other drug treatment should be needed, but if the young still seem puffed out, add four drops of cod liver oil emulsion to the soft food each time you give it for a week.

### Aviary Greenhouse.

**Nunquam.**—Am afraid your idea of utilising a portion of the greenhouse for the purposes of an aviary will not succeed so well in actual practice as it does in theory. The moisture-laden atmosphere, especially if combined with heat, would be practically certain to affect the birds injuriously sooner or later, and I cannot advise you to try to run both bobbies under such circumstances on equal terms. A few plants would have but little harmful effect, if any; but to have an aviary of caged birds and a well-stocked greenhouse of thriving plants, with only a path to separate the two, and all under one roof, is to court disaster. To stand the very best chance of succeeding I advise you to have two small ventilators opposite each other over each end of the middle pathway, and two more in the apices of the roof over the cages, which could be kept open, and regulated to suit the weather, at all times after the ordinary "lights" are closed for the night. It would not be advisable to use heat for some time yet. Wait until the winter is coming nigh, and then use only just sufficient to preserve the plants from frost, and dry the atmosphere.

### The Mouse Nuisance.

**Henry R. Stone.**—There are so many good, bad, and indifferent methods of keeping mice out of bird cages that I fear if I gave them all in this issue there would not be much space for anything else. Have you tried the Virus remedies advertised in our columns? If not, try one at once. They are most useful. But I am still of opinion that a well-trained cat will take some beating. But if you put down Virus properly, and repeat the operation once or twice a year as may appear necessary, you should remain free from any serious trouble on this score. As regards removing the birds to the greenhouse, if, as I assume, you mean to dispense with the plants and utilise the structure altogether for the birds, I should say your best plan to avoid the great fluctuations of temperature would be to have a solid boarded roof with no glass in it, and have sliding, or hinged and dropping solid shutters, made to fit over the glass sides, which could be utilised at any time when necessary to prevent extremes of heat taking place suddenly. The place is, I suppose, already fitted up with hot-water pipes for heating, and this apparatus could be used at discretion to maintain a fairly equable temperature. Good ventilation must be provided near the floor and well up near the highest point of the roof. If you carry out this idea of removal you should get it through without delay before the birds begin dropping into moult.

### Ailing Young Border.

**T.G.**—Your feeding is very faulty for so young a bird, which is evidently suffering from dysentery. I should be inclined to suspect some part of the diet, perhaps the rape seed, is setting up the condition. Put the bird on a diet of plain Canary only as a staple, and give each day a small piece of bread scalded with boiling milk, pressed nearly dry, and slightly sprinkled over with soft sugar. A quantity about equal to half a teaspoonful will suffice. Give no other items of food of any kind, and no green food at all, until the bowels have assumed a more normal condition. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and the same quantity of chlorate of potash, for two days, and afterwards every second day for the remainder of the first week. On the alternate days at the end of the first week give two drops of aromatic sulphuric acid in the water. After the first week add to the diet half a teaspoonful of dry summer rape each day. Stop the bread and milk, and give instead half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake three times a week, a similar quantity of hemp twice a week, and a small spray of green food three times a week—preferably chickweed, flower heads of groundsel, or half ripe plantain stalks. Keep bird in cage by itself until quite well. If the diarrhœa is not removed by the end of the first week, give twenty drops whisky and four drops tincture of opium in the water for two days. It would be advisable to boil all its water before use.

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### More Young Dying.

**H.S.**—It is your method of feeding which is the cause of the young dying with full crops, I fear, rather than any likelihood of the thunder having anything to do with it. After the first week you should add two parts of biscuit, or whatever else you use, to one part of minced egg. Better still, as it forms a less constipating food, you might use equal parts egg, biscuit, and crushed sponge cake. Hemp you should not begin to give as long as a hen feeds fairly well until the young are about twelve days old, and instead of giving dandelion you should begin on the fourth day to give a little chickweed, flower heads of groundsel, or, if the hen is looking like flagging, crisp young lettuce, and gradually increase the quantity until when they are a week old you are giving as much as the old birds seem to care about. Give it fresh twice a day rather than a larger quantity all together. If you carry out these suggestions with any forthcoming broods, and give a mixture of three parts canary to one summer rape as a staple diet, you should get over this difficulty in future.

### On the Verge of Success.

**"Tight Feathers."**—It is certainly most disappointing to have so many young die, just when you think they are safe, and about to moult. Although I feel strongly convinced that your feeding is the sole cause, I would advise you, in the event of losing several more in quick succession, to send one for a *post-mortem*, in order to be quite sure whether fever is the cause. By the time the birds reach six weeks old you should get them on to a diet of plain Canary only as a staple dict, and give separately about half a teaspoonful of summer rape per bird each day, a similar quantity of egg-food twice a week, and on two other days the same amount of hemp. Every second day give a small spray of green food. When the birds are between seven and eight weeks old you may with advantage substitute maw seed for the hemp. Keep the cages strewn with clean, gritty sand. Add about one-half the bulk of the egg-food of additional biscuit or crushed sponge cake to make up the egg-food for young birds at this age, and then if you drop all other items of food you have been giving I think you will find your losses cease. See that the water, food, and all vessels are kept scrupulously clean and fresh, and that the birds are not exposed to cold draughts.

### Played Out.

**No Name.**—Although you do not say how old the bird is, I fear he has already seen the best of his days. You have probably been keeping him in a place where there are sudden and extreme variations of heat, or in a vitiated atmosphere, such as near a fire, over a gas or burning lamp, or, perhaps, where he is exposed to constant draughts. In either case the cause must be first removed. Keep the bird in an equable, not over warm, place where the air is pure and fresh, but not exposed to cold draughts. Put him for one week on the plain reducing diet advised to "A.M.W." After this feed him on a mixture of three parts Canary to one summer rape as a staple, twice a week give a few grains of hemp, and on two other days a pinch of maw. Every second day for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with three drops of sherry and one of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and a few grains of gold of pleasure seed sprinkled over it. Give a little green food each day, and only allow it to bathe in fine settled weather until it is better. In the drinking water, after the first week, give twenty drops of whiskey, six each of glycerine, and oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil every second day for a fortnight. Shake this well together before putting it in cage.

### Breathes Heavily at Night.

**A.M.W.**—If you are satisfied the Yorkshire hen has not at any time been exposed to draughts, or great fluctuations of temperature, the heavy breathing is probably due to an overfat condition, though, in this case there would also probably be a more or less dull and lethargic condition at intervals throughout the day. Try what a diet of plain Canary only, with a liberal supply of green food, and a pinch of Epsom salts in the water every second day will do for her. Allow plenty of space for exercise, and keep well supplied with clean, gritty sand. Continue the plain diet for a fortnight, but give the salts only twice during the second week. If there is not an improvement at the end of this time, add a little summer rape to the diet daily, and give about half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of sherry and one of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with a little maw seed every second day, and on the alternate days add twenty drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and five of oxymel of squills to the water. Continue this for another fortnight, and if not well then write again and refer to this reply.

### Brevities.

**Ejects His Food** (W.G.).—Your bird is simply in high breeding condition, and brings his food up in the way you describe with the object of feeding a mate. You may add a pinch of Epsom salts to his drinking water for a few days, and also add a fairly liberal supply of chickweed or crisp young lettuce to his bill of fare each day, which will doubtless cool his ardour a little and stop the habit.

**Emphysema** ("One Anxious to Know").—This is what troubled your young bird, and the huge blister was merely an accumulation of air beneath the skin. The complaint is certainly not of common occurrence, yet it cannot be said to be very rare. By pricking the blister and liberating the confined air you did the only thing possible towards a cure in so young a bird. Glad to know the treatment was a success. The repetition of the operation a few times is quite a usual necessity.

**Gaping Young** (C.H.B.).—If the young make no noise whilst breathing, and apart from this opening of beaks to breathe appear otherwise healthy, I should say the cause was merely a little nervousness, and, perhaps, an unusually well fed and plump condition. Add a little crisp lettuce to the diet daily. I do not think any other treatment is necessary. The gaping will doubtless disappear during the next fortnight or so. If it does not, write again, and repeat particulars.

**Having Another Try** ("Hard Luck.")—Sorry to hear of your hard luck, so far, especially with the second pair, which have had so many dead in shell. I cannot advise you to let this pair, which have already had three nests, try again, as, with the moulting season getting so near, the chances of any good results are very small, and you run the risk of over-taxing the birds. The other pair, which have only had one nest, may be allowed to go on and make another attempt.

**To Save Young** (A.J.A.).—Your feeding is most likely the cause. Next time get them on to a diet of plain Canary only as a staple when they are six weeks old, and reduce the egg-food to a small teaspoonful per bird every second day, and when from seven to eight weeks old make a little further reduction and give it only twice a week. Give a little summer rape separately each day from a month old, and half a teaspoonful of hemp twice or three times a week. Give a little green food every second day from the time they are about five weeks old—preferably chickweed, flowery heads of groundsel, or seed heads of shepherd's-purse. Let them have opportunities for frequent bathing, and keep cages strewn with clean, gritty sand.

**Dirty Nests** (S.S.S.S.).—Instead of its being the hen that soils round the edge of the nest since the young are hatched, I have no doubt it is the young birds that are responsible for it. Had it been the hen, the probability is you would have noticed the same thing before hatching. Even if it were the hen, I know of nothing practical that would cure the habit. Moral persuasion is lost on such subjects.

**No Results** (Rekab).—I should imagine the cock is rather young, and this, added to the bad weather all through this season, is responsible for his not filling the eggs properly. I would certainly allow them to try again, as the cock ought to be quite fit, and probably is so by this time. If the hen is a large feathery buff, clip off just the loose tips of the flowing feathers about the flanks and abdomen before mating them again, and see they have a well-made cosy nest when the hen begins to sit.

**Sample of Colour Food** (J. Q.).—The sample of colour food sent is quite good and fit for use this season. But if you have not enough of this last season's surplus to supply your needs all through this season, I would advise you to get what extra quantity you deem necessary and thoroughly blend it together with what you have, in order to avoid the possibility of having to resort to a wholly different lot of "feed" towards the end of the moult, which might have a bad effect upon the evenness of tone at the finish.

**Eggs Drying Up** (A Novice).—It is impossible to say with certainty what is the cause. Personally, I believe it is due to the structure of the shell being imperfect and too porous, which permits undue evaporation of moisture. I think also that these eggs are almost, if not quite, invariably sterile. To try to prevent them I would advise giving the hen an abundance of shell-forming material, and also twenty drop doses of chemical food in the water two days in every three when the hen is coming forward for laying.

**Returning the Cock** (A. J. Ward).—As the season is so far advanced I would only advise you to return the cock to the hen again on condition that she seemed quite ready and anxious to begin nesting in less than a fortnight from this time. If this condition is fulfilled so that you are able to let them begin not later than the middle of July, you may return the cock when the young one is from twelve to fourteen days old. Also put in another nest box at the same time to prevent the hen turning out the young one in case she wants to build again before the youngster has left the nest.

**Not Laying** (A.G.H.).—You can only exercise the great virtue of patience a little longer, and there is yet a chance that your hopes may be fulfilled. I certainly should not say the hen was barren until I had tried her next spring with similar results. Your feeding seems to be correct. Give about a teaspoonful of egg-food, with a pinch of gold of pleasure added, to the pair every second day, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp and inga. Give two or three leaves of dandelion daily. For two days add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence to the drinking water.

**A Partial Success.** (Mrs. Sinkins).—If the hen appears anxious to go to nest again at once there is no reason why you should not allow her to do so, as in such a case the probability is the next clutch would be more fertile than the last. The cause of the young dying was undoubtedly the hen refusing to feed it. Simply looking at the young one without any further interference would not, save with exceptionally whimsical hens, be a sufficient cause. Most likely you gave too much egg food. Next time give this only in very small quantities, and fresh as often as possible, and try what removing the cock when she commences to sit will do in the way of preventing non-feeding.

**Self-opinionated** (J. H. Bennett).—You cannot reason with a hen of this type, which persists in laying eggs on the floor of cage and wants to sit there. There are but two courses open to you to save the situation—either to take away the eggs and give them to a more rational minded hen to hatch, or to humour her whims by placing the nest box on the floor of the cage. By this latter means such a hen will frequently perform her duties quite satisfactorily, though it generally means that the case cannot be cleaned out whilst breeding operations are going on. You should also consider whether this whim is the probable result of the cage and nest box not having sufficient privacy accorded them.

**Young Dying** (H.R.L.).—Your feeding is undoubtedly the cause of the trouble. See reply to "A.J.A.," and feed on these lines. From the time the young are taken from their parents until between four and five weeks old, give a small quantity of egg-food—not richer than one part egg to two parts crushed biscuit—daily, and only a very little green food. If any looseness appears to exist, withhold green food until they are six weeks old. By the time they are five weeks old get them on the dietary advised to "A.J.A." See that all food and water vessels, and also the food and water itself, are always quite fresh and pure. Keep cages nicely covered with clean, gritty sand. You might also profitably read reply to "Mr. S. A. Johnson."

**Caught Red-handed** (J.L.S.).—It is doubtful whether the hen which you caught in the act of making a meal of an unhatched chick will ever be worth while breeding with, especially as she has also proved so erratic in laying. If you wish to try her again next season, I advise you to give her an opportunity to nest again now, and try the effect of putting two nest eggs in the nest, and two shells of real eggs which have been blown and filled with a creamy compound of good, sharp mustard. Of course, you must plug the holes after to prevent contents escaping until the hen investigates matters. This may cure her. Keep cage and perches clean, and the cage floor strewn well with clean gritty sand or sawdust, and dirty feet should cease to be a trouble.

## BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

### About a Starling.

**A.B.C.**—In the breeding season the beak of the cock Starling turns yellow in colour, while his plumage carries a finer metallic sheen than does that of the hen. The hen, too, is heavily covered with large "spangling" (spots), whereas the marking of the cock is more in the nature of small "ticking." It is, as I have often explained, a cruel and unnecessary proceeding to cut the tongue of any bird. It does not "help it to talk." A bird does not use its tongue to talk with; its vocal organs are situated down in the wind-pipe. I have a friend who has

both a Magpie and a Jay which are talking splendidly—object lessons of the truth of the statement that "tongue slitting" is unnecessary. The bird should be talked to as much as possible; some simple sentence such as "Pretty boy." Once they commence to articulate, they speedily pick up other words. Young children make the best of tutors, if they "make friends" with a bird.

### Muling Matters.

**Staggie.**—(1) I have often bred Mules in the early days of August, and probably shall do so this year. But it is always dangerous, for if the hen Canary drops badly into moult, then one is likely to lose her young. I have to keep my hens going late, on account of the Hybrid pairs; I never start, however, until the season gets well advanced. (2) A full clutch of clear eggs counts as a round. A hen does not put in much time over them as a rule though, for most breeders take them away from her. If the first two clutches proved unfertile, most breeders would risk taking four lots of eggs from a hen; some might do so even for one. (3) I should say that there is something radically wrong with this ben's constitution (or with her internal economy). Give her to someone to put into an aviary. Get a hen which puts your cage-room to better use.

### A Muling Quartette.

**A. B. Gordon.**—(1) Note the reply given to "Staggie' 'this week. (2) A cock Goldfinch is usually at his best, as regards Mule breeding, at the end of June and the beginning of July. Of course, there are scores and scores of Goldies doing all that is required of them long before that period. Some of my own Finches will, I hope, go on breeding until August has come in. (3) The Redpoll-Canary Mule is neither difficult to get nor difficult to rear. It is not so much sought after as some of the other crosses. (4) You might be able to breed a Mule from a Yellowhammer and a hen Canary. I should hesitate to say that it is an impossibility, though the two species are not of the closest as regards relationship. I have never seen a bird which appeared to me as being a genuine Yellowhammer-Canary Hybrid, and I have looked over a few. I understand fertile eggs have been obtained by certain fanciers.

### A Difficult Matter.

**F.A.A.**—It is difficult to advise in a matter such as yours, for everything depends on whether the birds are really in breeding condition; and that cannot be told without they are seen. If the Linnet's beak is blue in colour, and he sings stoutly, then he would seem to be fit enough. And if he is feeling amorous, and the hens are not, then that is usually productive of fighting. I may say that a hen which is in breeding trim will build a nest (if given the opportunity) and lay eggs, even though a male bird has not been running with her. So your hens may be at fault. Hen Canaries in high breeding condition simply insist upon going to nest. Have you got hold of some old hens, maybe worn out? As I have said, not being able to see and examine the birds, I don't find it easy to advise you, but feel justified in recommending you to shelve the Linnet for the remainder of the season. If you could obtain a young loud-singing cock Canary and put with the hens for a week or so, this might result in their getting to business. I hope you are not making the mistake of interfering with the birds over-much, or of continually chopping and changing the cock bird about with different partners.

### Sensation!

**C. H. T.**—You ask me "what food to give young Crossbills when hatched under a hen Canary." And you ask the question in a matter-of-fact style, as though it were quite an everyday proceeding for Canaries to bring up Crossbills. I have, however, never heard of its being done. I fancy there are very, very few birdy men in Great Britain in a position to obtain the eggs of the Crossbill. Further, I always understood that the Crossbill (Loxia curvirostra) was a particularly early breeder—as early as March—therefore, according to this eggs would hardly be obtainable now. I should be very interested if you would be kind enough to send fuller details. The hen Canary will only feed on the things com-

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mon to her kind, viz., egg food, with greenfoods (try the seedy kinds, such as chickweed and shepherd's purse) and various seeds, hemp, Canary, rape, etc., while you might try cracked sunflower as well. I don't know whether a hen Canary would manage to rear the young of such large birds as Crossbills; she may feel flattered and think she has some young Cuckoos in her nest; and most birds seem to like that. An adult Crossbill requires the usual seeds, with sunflower in plenty, and a few mealworms daily. See the reply given "Miss Gray" in issue dated June 12th. The cock bird acquires red in its plumage when in a state of nature, whereas the hen is a greenish yellow; in captivity the cock bird loses the red and does not acquire it again.

### Three Birds.

**C. M.**—What bird do you mean by Blackcap? The name properly belongs to the Blackcap Warbler; but many people apply it to the Great (or Oxeye) Tit. The Blackcap Warbler requires to be fed on a good mixture for insectivorous birds (many are advertised in our columns; or for a recipe see reply given "Garrulus" last week) with plenty of ripe fruit daily in addition (such as banana, sweet orange, apples, pears, grapes, raspberries, blackberries, etc), and some live food, as mealworms, scoured gentles, wasp grub, etc. The "Tom-Tit" (proper name Blue Tit) is not a very easy bird to keep in health in captivity for any length of time. This also requires to be given a good insectivorous food, with a fair supply of live-food (especially during the moulting period, when live ants' eggs are very valuable things to offer freely) and a few Canary, hemp, and sunflower seeds, lightly cracking the latter, if necessary. The Reed Bunting lives mainly on plain Canary seed, not being very partial to other kinds, though sometimes taking a little groats, crushed hemp, and other sorts. It should be offered some live-foods frequently, and given a chance to nibble at some of the usual kinds of green foods. You will get full information on all birds in the "British Bird Manual," published at the offices of CAGE BIRDS.

### Identity and Treatment.

**S. S. S.**—Both from the description of the eggs and the plumage of the young birds, I feel sure the youngsters your ben Canary has reared are Greenfinches. It is not at all uncommon for fanciers to put the eggs of the Greenfinch under their Canaries. As regards "beginning them on hard food," you must deal with them in this matter exactly the same as you would were they young Mules. You will notice them begin to peck about the cage floor and the food vessels soon after they have left the nest, and that is the time to see there is some crushed seed handy in the cage for them to commence upon. You will be able to tell when they are cracking whole seed. For the food of an adult Greenfinch the most important item is a daily feed of good, sound (full kernelled) sunflower (or half sunflower, half safflower) seed. This can be offered in a separate dish, or placed among the stock mixture. The latter should be made up as follows: Canary and teazle, two pints each, hemp, summer rape, charlock, and linseed half a pint each. Wild seed mixture, and some good maker's special packet Finch mixture, can be occasionally offered for a change, while sunflower heads (gathered from the garden), full of seed, thistle, and hard-heads, seeding chickweed, groundsel, and shepherd's purse, should be freely given as in season. On such a menu, nicely varied, your Greenfinch should flourish. Don't forget the bath.

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*Mr. Weston regrets that he has unavoidably had to leave several queries unanswered until next week.*

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## FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

### Stopping an Amazon Screaming.

**J. Cooper.**—I fear I cannot give you an unfailing remedy; it is natural for Parrots to scream, and with some it becomes a perfect vice, and there is no breaking them of it. You have already made use of one remedy; continue to use this—cover up when screaming, remove cover as soon as it is quiet again. Parrots are rather quick to recognise punishment. I have also found slight (light) chastisement with a stick to lessen the nuisance, but this must be administered with caution, or you may make matters worse. It is not safe to use the stick at all unless the bird is tame and accustomed to you. As it probably has not yet got used to its present quarters, it is probable that fear is responsible for the screaming, and that as it settles down the screaming will be only occasional. It is cruel to withhold water, but as it has been without this for a time, you must only give it gradually at first, let it have a few sips three or four times a day—a little later the water can be left in its cage, but if you were to do so now, it would take too much. Your diet, apart from this, is satisfactory.

### Green Fly, Market Values, etc.

**"Thank You."**—I use blight (green fly and other lice) from any plant I can get it from, barring only nightshades, laburnum, lilac, and the like — the plants you name and hedge-row herbage generally I should not hesitate about. It is quite true that consignments of foreign birds arrive here at fairly regular periods, and any species that comes over in good numbers are then cheap, but this will not apply to Grassfinches, which are, have been, and appear likely to remain very scarce. The price you name for Diamond Finches is quite reasonable, and it is some time since they have been below that. As a rule, very cheap birds, or anything else, turn out very dear in the end. Your Violet Tanager may be a male, but from the description you give me of its plumage it is immature; if it is adult, then it is a female, even though it utters a few notes.

### Taking Charge of Parrot.

**G.C.M.**—I fear I cannot help you in this respect, and am quite sure you would get no one to take charge of it on the condition of being responsible for its value if it died while in their charge. You might by an advertisement in our columns get someone to take charge of it, on the condition of doing as well as they could by it at your risk. Again, the majority of owners of outdoor aviaries would not care (save to oblige a friend) to interfere with the comfort of their own birds by turning in a strange Parrot. Probably the Zoo might take it in on deposit for a time for you, if you wrote the Superintendent, but they would not accept any liability as to its life; though it would get the full attention given to the birds there. If you gave me full particulars as to how you feed, and length of time the bird has had this habit, I could tell you if there is any hope of effecting a cure without sending it away.

### Bichenos Dying in Nest.

**F. Freeth.**—In such nights as we have been having, if the hen failed to brood, the young would be almost certain to die of cold. As well as putting the zinc upwards, I should also extend it twelve inches below ground level, bending it outwards in in the form of the letter L, and the portion which you have above ground should also be curved outwards a little at the top; mice, if they once get access to nests, will upset all breeding with small Finches. I have never found any harm from the use of the virus, though it is quite easy to put it in boxes covered with half-inch netting; the mice will get through, but the birds cannot. You will, of course, pick up all bodies of mice as soon as seen. You need have no fear of infected mice contaminating the birds. Cage the Grass Finch up separately and put two drops of tincture of opium into the drinking water (one ounce), say, for a week, if the trouble does not cease before. The soft food and greenstuff are very satisfactory, but you must also supply millet seed as well for the Bicheno. Keep a tin of this continually in the cage.

### Aviary for Budgerigars.

**T. W.**—I should advise you to have this aviary six inches at least above glasshouse floor, and also top-boarded, so as to leave it secure against drip. Yes, a door at each end would be a great advantage for cleaning and feeding, and in the position named you should have good success. As regards numbers, I should only advise three pairs, as you have to provide accommodation not merely for the breeding pairs, but also for the young, till they are able to fend for themselves. You could have four pairs, but directly breeding commenced your accommodation would be much overstocked. You must hang up, as high as possible, at least from 6 to 8 husks, each one as far apart from the other as space will permit. Re your sick bird, make the drinking water for one day just saline with Epsom salts, and repeat this after a day's interval. Give as much grass in flower (seeding grass) as they will eat. Your diet is satisfactory and you should have good results once the birds have settled down.

### Will it Talk?

**E. Warren.**—The Australian Roseate Cockatoo enjoys but a poor reputation in this country, though in its native country its reputation is just the opposite. However, most individuals usually utter a word or two, and nearly all are companionable birds, droll and accomplished acrobats, and fair mimics. I should certainly think it would sooner or later repeat, at any rate, a word or two. Keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, and also teach it by constant repetition, not a mixture, but one word or short phrase, and along with this fondle and pet it as much as possible. Though, as a whole, Roseate Cockatoos are not talented talkers in this country, there have been accounts of several talented birds in our pages, and yours should certainly talk to some extent if you persevere with it.

### Budgerigars, etc., in a C.P. Aviary

**J. S. Novice.**—The Cockatiels are really enough to comfortably fill the cage, but with this class of bird, overcrowding can be indulged in with less fear of ill effects than would be the case with most species. I cannot advise any other variety or further mixture, but if you pay strict attention to cleanliness, you may have a fair amount of luck with one pair each green and yellow Budgerigars and Cockatiels. In such confined quarters, canary, white and spray millet, with green food, grit, cuttle-fish and water will form an ample dietary; when they have young to feed a few oats and pieces of plain biscuit (dry), may be given to advantage. Being an all-wire cage, you must be careful to keep it where the wind cannot blow directly through it, and its inmates must be secure against draught. The hardiest species will soon "shuffle off" if subjected to draught. As they are very hardy, I do not anticipate any harm from keeping them in your greenhouse, providing it is not damp; if they appear to suffer at all, remove them to the attic where they should do well.

### Waxbills and Finches.

**J. Rhind.**—(1) The outward sexual distinctions are infinitesimal. If you have adult birds to choose from, choose a large bold bird with very bright cheek patches, and another with smaller and less brilliant cheek patches and generally a little less lustrous in plumage, and you will have an almost certain pair. (2) Waxbills are shy breeders in captivity, and should not be overcrowded; in fact, those with large aviaries do not meet with any great luck in breeding them. Do not put in more than five pairs, four only would be better. It would accommodate 30 Waxbills kept merely as pets. (3) Very few Gouldians are at present in this country, and none are expected at present. I should certainly fix the present value of an acclimatised pair at a minimum of 40s. Very probably more would be got by advertising them and inviting offers. (4) They are merely sufferiug from the effects of the voyage, and the Zebras have been a little pulled about by their companions during the voyage to this country. Make their drinking water just saline with Epsom salts for one day, and supply liberally grass in flower (seeding grass), which is easily obtainable at present. Also blighty sprays from rose or fruit trees will decidedly help to bring them into condition. I should cage the Zebras separately till they are a little more fit.

### What Birds with Budgerigars?

**M.G.L.**—I do not advise even Weavers and Javas with Budgerigars, though these usually keep out of harm's way. With the Budgerigars you could keep Madagascar and blue-winged Lovebirds, Cockatiels, and Rosella or Stanley Parrakeets—not a pair of each, your aviary is too small. It ought not to contain more than the following: Two pairs Budgerigars and one pair each Madagascar Lovebirds, Cockatiels, and Rosella Parrakeets. You could, of course, have Stanleys instead of the Rosellas, according to your taste. Of the Ornamental Finches you could keep the following together: Waxbills: Grey, St. Helena, Zebra and Orange-cheeks, common and green Avadavats; Fiuches: Zebra, Diamond, Ribbon, Spice, Parrot, Chestnut-breasted and yellow-rumped; Mannikins: Bronze, Magpie, white-headed, black-headed, and tricolour; long and Rufous-tailed Grassfinches; grey and green Singing Finches; Silverbills, white Java Sparrows, white a pair of the minute Diamond Doves and Chinese Quails would add variety. Practically one course of dictary would suffice for all, viz., seeds, green food, little ripe fruit, and soft food when there were young to be fed. Your aviary would accommodate about 30 birds in addition to the Doves and Quails, and the above list will give you ample scope to exercise your individual choice.

### Budgerigars Not Breeding.

**G.V.M.**—You are making the common mistake of expecting foreign birds to settle down to breeding, the same as Canaries. It is quite true Budgerigars are easy to breed; in fact, give no trouble at all once they make a start; but they take a little time to settle down, some longer than others. But it is merely a case of exercising a little patience, and before the season is over your birds will be breeding freely, and your results satisfactory. Your diet is satisfactory, but I should keep in one corner of the aviary a heap of old mortar rubbish, and also scatter about crushed egg shells (table leavings), and at this season give them as much grass in flower (seeding grass) as they will eat. I should also put up another half dozen husks, keeping each husk as far as possible from the next nearest; you have plenty of space to do so. I do not advise much

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(if any) examination of nests. Hang the husks mostly from the roof, with only one or two round the sides, fairly high up. It is quite possible you may have some young in the nests already, they don't usually leave the nest till they are fully fledged, and then not all on the same day. It is simply a case of settling down. From six pairs you will soon have a crowd. If you have any odd bird you had better either get a mate for it or cage it up, as odd birds upset the domestic arrangements of pairs. Hope you'll soon have luck. You could keep one pair each of Cockatiels, Red Rosella Parrakeets, with your Budgerigars, but the latter may take two years to settle down, but afterwards are fairly free breeders.

### Parrot for Room Pet.

**Mrs. B.**—You set me a difficult task, as no two individuals, even of the same species, are alike in amiability, intelligence, etc.—1, African Greys carry off the palm for talking capacity, and some individuals are also very tame and companionable; but they are very difficult to acclimatise, and I should advise a purchase, if you have a grey, of one which has been some time in this country. Some few individuals even of this species never utter a word. As regards Cockatoos and Ringnecks, in variety, they are much on a par; they take more teaching than a grey. 2, The large Cockatoos are pretty equal as to intelligence, the Salmon-crested is a very fine bird, and I have seen specimens which were most companionable and intelligent. The same also applies to the Lemon-crested, but they are more common—some individuals of both species are difficult to break of the habit of screaming. 3, Most of those named would answer the purpose, but there are few of the larger Parrots or Cockatoos I should care to leave about the room, they would be sure to exercise their beaks on your furniture; they are woodcutters by nature. Even the smaller species need to be kept under observation—apart from this, any of them and also a blue-fronted Amazon would meet the case. The genus Brotogenys, including the All Green, Tui, white-winged and yellow-winged Parrakeets, are small, intelligent, become very tame, but are not talkers, these might be left to roam about almost at will. An old Parrot keeper, who has had most species, swears by a Senegal; these are very handsome, become tame, and some individuals talk fairly well. Any of the species I have named, the keeper of the Parrot house at the Zoo would show you, and also point out to you their good and bad points. 4, I advise either young birds, or those which are already tame and settled down. 5, Unless you have a pair of same species in a large cage, I cannot advise keeping two together; any of those named would live side by side in separate cages, but they are jealous creatures, and this promotes screamed protests from one bird while you are fondling or feeding another. 6, Cockatoos and ring-necks are the worst in this respect, but quiet and noisy specimens occur with every species. I should advise you to choose from the following:—Grey, Senegal, blue-fronted Amazon, or a pair of the small Brotogenys.

### Brevities.

**Keeping Live Ants' Eggs Fresh.**—They can either be spread out on a wooden tray standing on moist cocoanut fibre and covered over with a cloth, or the fibre can be covered with a piece of linen sheeting, the cocoons laid on this, and again covered; but you must secure the "happy medium"—not moist enough to occasion mildew, yet sufficiently so to keep them drying up.

**Keeping Species Together** (M. R.).—I have never known Cockatiels to harm even the smallest Waxbill when confined in the same enclosure with them. You can safely add the Green Singing and Ribbon Finches to your series, and unless your aviary is very small, their introduction will not materially upset the present occupants of your aviary. The diet supplied for the Cockatiels, etc., will suffice for the species you propose to add to your series. You would find "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (advertised in this column) very helpful to you in treating these species.

**What Parrot** (Recipitant).—Your birds are without doubt immature and not yet in possession of full adult colouration, and I find myself quite at fault in naming them. Will you kindly inform me what country they have come from and how they have been fed? This will probably give me the clue I require, and enable me to name them for you; at any rate, I will have another search between now and next issue, when I shall hope to give you the information you require.

**Diet, etc., for Red Cardinal** (Chips).—These are the better for two or three mealworms per day in addition to ordinary seed diet. Seed mixture three parts each Canary and millet, and one part each hemp, oats, and sunflower seeds; well mix and let this form staple diet. Any insects may be given, such as spiders, beetles, cockroaches, smooth caterpillars, etc., as procurable; also ripe fruit, apple and banana, are usually favoured. They are hardy, but must be protected from draught and should have a fairly roomy cage, as it is rather restless and active. On the diet given your birds should thrive and keep in perfect condition.

**Parrot with Cramped Feet** (A.B.C.).—Your Australian Grey, or, rather, Rose-breasted Cockatoo, is, I should say, not suffering from cramp, but the trouble is congenital or, in other words, a natural deformity. Try fomenting them with hot water (not scalding), drying, and then paint with turpentine, but do not anticipate much (if any) improvement. Also for a month, providing the voidings do not become watery, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water, and in between well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

**Foreign Finches for Cages** (Bird Lover).—Get one pair each Zebra Finches, Long-tailed Grass Finches, and White Java Sparrows. All have bred in cages, and should make an interesting trio to commence with. They will fare well enough in your unheated room, and should thrive on a simple diet of Canary, white and spray millet, green food, grit, etc., and a little paddy rice (rice in the husk), with soft food when they have young. They are not so free to breed as Canaries, and you cannot force them any way; and Grass Finches breed much later in the year than Canaries. I advise fixing a Hartz-travelling cage at one end of cage and an ordinary nest box at the other, with twiggy branches for perches. Supply hay and long grass, with a little moss as nesting material ,and do not pry into their domestic arrangements.

**Zebra Finches Not Feeding Young** (W. S., jun.).—Are they brother and sister? If so, this would be quite sufficient to account for the occurrence. Again, the mice being able to get access to nest box would also be sufficient to explain it. It is fairly easy to get over this difficulty. Choose a place for your nest box, which is clear of branches, tack on a good sized square of sheet zinc and fix your box in the middle of this, and unless your arrangements are such that they are able to leap on to the box from something in the near vicinity, the pests will be baffled. If you have another pair of these Finches in another aviary, I advise mixing the pairs; that is, change them about, either cocks or hens, whichever you can catch. Your diet is ample and the birds ought to do well.

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## POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

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**Yellow Canary** (Nurse).—Hen bird, much too fat. Disease of liver and kidneys, anæmia. Give more green food.

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## GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

**Dulwich O.S. Young Bird Show** (W. and R.).—Your notice came to hand too late, as we go to press on Wednesday afternoon.

**Aviary Photo** (Dr A. H.).—Much obliged for the photo. Will see what can be done with it.

**Two Photos** (A. Brown).—Many thanks; will try to reproduce the photographs in the near future.

**Soaking Rape Seed** (Lawrence Taylor).—Certainly a very good idea, but we have illustrated it before.

**A Perch** (F. J. Young).—We have illustrated this before.

**An Amateur with Lizards** (J. G. Westgate).—We will try to print your article in the near future. We much regret the delay.

**Who Won the Specials?** (Stiffy).—We have not published your letter, as we bear the matter has now been adjusted. As regards the officials personally, this is a matter for the members of the Bathgate Society to put right for themselves.

# Correspondence.

## Crested Canary Club Patronage.

SIR,—Once again, like Oliver Twist, I ask for more—space in CAGE BIRDS. The following clubs, in addition to those already mentioned, have made application for C.C.C. patronage. Cheltenham, Nov. 3rd, Judge Mr. T. Heath; Bournemouth, Nov. 23rd and 24th, no judge given; *Gateshead, Dec. 10th and 11th, Judge Mr. T. Taylor. (*Not a C.C.C. judge). Will members who have not already done so, forward their subscriptions?

J. S. CLARKE.

## Is it the First Bullfinch-Chaffinch Hybrid Hatched?

SIR,—I thought it might interest some of your readers to know that I had a Hybrid hatched from a cock Bullfinch and hen Chaffinch on the 19th of June. This was the second nest this season. The first nest contained five eggs, all clear; the second nest three, all fertile, but only one hatched; the hen has commenced her third nest to-day, June 28. Should be pleased to hear through your valuable paper if any of your readers have heard of such a rare Hybrid before.

W. J. BOBBETT.

## When Does an Even-mark become an Uneven-mark?

SIR,—If any of the leading judges of the day would answer the following question, I am sure it would be good information for a great lot of Canary fanciers. I think at least half the fanciers do not quite understand the rule for Even-marked birds. I dare say a good lot know where the technical points are, but (for instance) take a bird marked on four of those points and which has a tick on its thigh, or top of its head, or which has the marking on one eye slightly separated, how many know whether this tick would cause the bird to be uneven-marked or not? I have heard some say it would cause it to be uneven-marked; while other fanciers say the bird would still be even-marked if the tick was not on a technical part of the bird. I hope to see someone reply.

INTERESTED.

## The Hand-rearing of Wood Pigeons.

SIR,—Wood Pigeons are fairly easy birds to rear. They should be taken when they have begun to get quills, and should be put in a small box with some hay in it. The best food is made as follows: Get some clover and parsley, and, if possible, some turnip shoots, and chop them up nice and fine; then mix some barleymeal, chopped peas, and beans, and a handful of creed wheat or barley; then mix these all together, until they form a fairly stiff paste; finally make them into small pellets. To feed the Pigeons, open the beak with the left hand, and put the food in with the other. It must be pushed a good way down at first before the bird will swallow it. When the birds begin to get feathered they should be allowed to walk about a little, or they will become weak in the legs, and very soon die. As soon as the birds begin to flap and try to fly, they should be put in a wire cage about 6 feet square, with a small box for them to go into at night. Two or three perches should also be supplied for them; these should be put fairly close together, and low down, being gradually put higher and wider as the birds get stronger and better able to fly. The wire flight cage should have no bottom to it. It should be put on some short grass. A good-sized bath, rather shallow, should also be put in, and a small box with some salt and sand in. Their food should be placed upon a flat piece of board. As soon as they can eat, give them rice, split peas and beans, grain and tares.

FRASER.

## The L. and P.O.S. and the "Weaker" Society.

SIR,—I read with great surprise the letter purporting to have been sent by a member of the L. and P.O.S. to CAGE BIRDS. He evidently looks on all other societies with a supercilious eye. He also believes in the doctrine of "throwing mud from behind a fence," or, in other words, trying to do a deal of mischief without disclosing his identity. He shows an ignorance that it is heard to conceive. Here are two societies that have agreed between themselves to hold a joint show, after having held several preliminary discussions at their respective monthly meetings, sub-committees having also been appointed to further the scheme; and yet this member expresses surprise at having seen the announcement to the Fancy in CAGE BIRDS. A very helpful member he is, I should say, and, for the interest he takes in his society, one they could very well do without. I note that he has his "weather eye" on the "Who's to benefit?" side of the question. The advantage of the scheme is a mutual one, and rightly should be so, when gentlemen of both societies are working hard to attain that end. The questions he asks are those that can always be answered at any monthly meeting, without having recourse to "throwing mud" through the medium of the Fancy Press. The "weaker society," as he terms it, has amongst its membership some of the most respected and prominent members of the Fancy, and is only second in esteem, respect and power to the L. and P.O.S. itself. This statement I am sure the L. and P.O.S. will not mind my saying. I am certain if the member reflects upon his letter he will feel deeply ashamed of himself, as such hitting below the belt brings more disgrace upon the man than discredit upon the D. and P.C.B.S. It is such paltry actions as these that cause a nausea amongst the honest members of the Fancy, and all who have the slightest regard for the feelings of their fellow club members. I assume, of course, that he is a member of the L. and P.O.S., but he shows such a small knowledge of the doings of the society that it is difficult to believe he can be so. The letter has been written with the sole intention of doing as much injury as possible; there can be no question of that. The fact he cites that many members of the one society are also members of the other, only strengthens the proof that the combination is for the interests of both. Those gentlemen of the L. and P.O.S. with whom I am acquainted will not thank him for his interference, and the best thing he can do for all concerned is to keep his name to himself, as it is quite certain that the finger of scorn will point in no other way than in his own direction. There is an old dictum, and one that I respectfully hope the member will long retain in his memory, "If you cannot do any good never do any harm." I am sorry that correspondence is necessary in the Press, but such a scurrilous attack could not be allowed to pass unchallenged. One thing the member may not like is the fact that the great show of 1909—the amalgamated show of the L. and P.O.S. and the D. and P. C.B.S.—bids fair to be one of the largest and best organised shows that it will be the pleasure of the Fancy to witness.

H. W. TOMSETT, D. and P.C.B.S.

SIR,—I notice in your issue of June 26 a letter from "A Member of the L. and P.O.S." under the above heading, but I see that he has not signed it. When this occurs I take it that either the writer has forgotten his name or he is ashamed of it. He wishes to know why these societies have decided to join hands in a member's show. If he will tell us who he is, and why he has not referred to his own committee perhaps some of our members will explain to him, but if we are to have a discussion on the matter, let us do it like men, and not under a *nom de plume*.

S. STEPHENS,
Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.

SIR,—With reference to the letter published in CAGE BIRDS of June 26, signed "Member of the L. and P.O.S.," stating he noted with surprise the announcement to the effect that the L. and P.O.S. and Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., contemplated holding a joint Members' Show in the autumn, I fail to divine the cause of any surprise at all in the matter. Your correspondent (who, I venture to think, should have appended his name to his communication) asks whether any advantage is likely to accrue to the members of the L. and P.O.S. by the proposed amalgamated show; but I would respectfully submit to him that the gentlemen belonging to this powerful and popular society are, as a body, much too good fanciers to look at the matter in such an obviously narrow spirit as this. They were, as befits true sportsmen and Englishmen, actuated by much loftier motives, and in extending the hand of good-fellowship to the members of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., they have set a noble example which might, I would submit, be followed with advantage in other directions. It is, in my opinion, such petty quibbles as your correspondent would stir up that work such incalculable mischief amongst birdy men, and I think the sooner this sort of thing is dropped the better it will be for the Fancy at large.

JOHN B. WATERMAN,
(Member of the L. and P.O.S.)

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## Proposed New Society for Mansfield?

SIR,—Where are the fanciers at Mansfield? Cannot we start another society in a town like Mansfield, where there are so many supposed fanciers? I think they are "backward at coming forward," or else the Fancy is declining in our town. I ask fanciers again, try and get to the next meeting at the Charter Arms, at 7 o'clock, on Saturday, July 10th, 1909. This is my final asking. So now, fellow fanciers, come and work hand in hand, and let us try and show the Fancy what kind of stuff there is to deal with on the show bench in Mansfield. Turn up in good numbers at 7 o'clock.

J. SMITH, Sec. Pro. Tem.

## A Rush for Shepherds Purse.

SIR,—In reference to my letter published in your issue of June 19th, and in which I promised to send a sample of Shepherd's purse to a correspondent, I may say that I have had an enormous number of enquiries for same. I was surprised to find that your valuable paper had such a wide circulation, as the inquiries came from all parts of England and Scotland. I can assure you it has taken up all my spare time to reply to them all, and still they keep coming. I am also pleased to say that I have had several replies thanking me for sending samples. In case any more of your readers should like samples of same, I still offer to send a sample to anyone sending stamped addressed envelope, and hope you will be good enough to print this in your next issue. I may add that I have forty-two young up to present.

GEORGE MORRIS.

56, Brechfield Road, N., Liverpool.

## Song Thrushes which Breed in a Cage.

SIR,—Allow me a small space in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, *re* Mr. Downing's Song Thrushes. I called upon Mr. Downing one Saturday afternoon and saw the first egg laid by his hen Blackbird and cock Thrush; I also saw his noted hen Thrush, which has done a lot of winning for him at Manchester, and which he calls "Lady Jane." This hen Thrush bred last year, as I saw her then sitting on eggs; I also saw a young Thrush which lived for two days. I called on Mr. Downing on June 23rd, but as he was away Mrs. Downing showed me the hen Thrush sitting very closely on either the young or the eggs (they were expecting the latter to hatch that day). I may state that the size of the cage is about 6ft. long with a sliding partition in the middle. The hen Thrush is placed in one side; and the cock Thrush, which he runs with both hens, was then along with the hen Blackbird. The cages were about 4ft. away from the back door, and they were looking in the pink of condition. I also saw the noted Goldfinch and a hand-reared hen Bullfinch; but while these had not made a start at nesting, they looked as if they would not be long before doing so. My next inspection was upstairs. In Mr. Downing's breeding room I saw some grand Yorkshires, both old and young. I counted 43 young ones, and some eggs were due to hatch. Among the young I saw some promising ones, that will help to keep Mr. Downing's name up as in the past with his Yorkshires. I wish him success.

W. LLOYD.

## What is Sufficient Payment for a Borrowed Bird?

SIR,—Perhaps one of your readers may be kind enough to answer the following. I borrowed a cock Canary from a friend of mine to put up with a reliable hen which I bred with last year. She is two years old, and the cock about seven years old. So far, I have had good luck. In her first nest she had five eggs and hatched five young ones. All of them are doing well. They were hatched on May 4th. Second nest, another five eggs, and the hen hatched out five more on June 13th. They too are doing well, and she will be starting to build again before the end of the present week. My friend called round to see how the birds were getting on, and I asked him what he expected in return for lending me the cock bird, and he said "Half the young ones." Well, I thought that out of all reason, and I told him I would ask some breeders their opinions. I asked several who have bred Canaries, and they thought it was the rule to let the owner of the cock bird have the first pick, one out of the first nest; and if I liked I could give him another hen unrelated. I should then be paying him well, as he had had no trouble, and I had had all the work to look after them and feed them when they asked for food. I have got that chance, as I work at home, and have them in my work room. I may mention that I have another pair I put up in March. The hen had five eggs in her first nest, and hatched out five young ones on April 23rd. When her young ones were 26 days old she started to nest again, and had six eggs in her second, all of which she hatched out; the six young ones are all doing well, and are away from the old ones. Now she has started her third nest, in which she has, at the time of writing, five eggs. So I am getting good luck this year. The hen is 11 months old, and the cock must be about nine years old, for I have bred with him for seven years. So he is, no doubt, a champion. I must now close, but I hope some breeder will see this and give me some idea what is a just recompense to give my friend.

A. BOND.

## A New Society for Nantyglo and District.

SIR,—A meeting was held at Bush Hotel, Nantyglo, Mon., on 23rd June, for the purpose of forming a Fur and Feather Society for Nantyglo and district. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. W. Evans (Wann Ebbw). The following gentlemen were elected: Chairman, Mr. J. W. Evans; vice-chair, Mr. J. Cave; Mr. H. Pritchard, treasurer; Mr. R. L. Masters, Bush Hotel, Nantyglo, Mon., hon. secretary. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 7th, at the Bush Hotel, when members may be enrolled.

R. L. MASTERS, Hon. Sec.

## My Experiences as a Hybrid Breeder.

SIR,—Having devoted my spare time these last three years to Mule and Hybrid breeding, I may say I have been very successful with same, having bred no less than twelve Hybrids and a few good Mules, all of which have found new homes with the leading exhibitors in Scotland, England and Wales. In my experience Hybrid breeding requires a good amount of patience, also regular attention in the matter of the feeding of the various pairs one is experimenting with, not forgetting the study of the habits of the birds, which alone accounts for a certain amount of success in this most interesting branch of aviculture. The fact is Hybrid breeding is not the easy task some breeders try to make us believe it is. However, a few hints are always appreciated by young fanciers, and what I have to relate is what I have practised myself in Hybrid breeding. In the first place a few Britishers are easily acquired by asking of any local farmer or gamekeeper the privilege of catching the birds on their grounds. It is the cheapest and best way for any working man fancier getting a good stock of Britishers together to catch his own birds. After same have been secured and steadied down, pick the biggest and the best-coloured birds (not forgetting the tamest ones) for Hybrid breeding, for in my experience I have found the steady Finch always the best fertiliser; but there are always different opinions on this point. Hybrid pairs should be put together as early as possible so as to get them settled down and used to each other before the breeding season has actually commenced. I consider a box cage 24in. by 18 by 10 quite suitable for Hybrid breeding, with a nest box in the corner. This should be put in along with nesting material about the beginning of April, when most likely, if in condition, the Finches will not be slow in starting operations. When they have started in earnest to "keep house" have your perches as near the bottom of the cage as possible, and do not forget to cover the bottom with plenty of dried wild seeds or any soft material, such as sawdust, dried moss, or such like; it is most essential to the breeder to secure as many whole eggs as possible, as he will find that hen Finches, as a rule, are not very particular where they drop their eggs when in confinement. I have had two Finches, however, that laid almost every egg in the usual Canary nest box without any nesting material whatever. But to be on the safe side I would advise the young fancier to try and be near at hand when the eggs are being laid, as many a good egg gets "tapped" by the neglect of this very special duty. I have found that hen Finches lay their eggs at almost the same time every morning providing they are in good health and condition. As a matter of course, too, the Hybrid breeder must always have a number of hen Canaries in his bird room to act as foster parents. I consider this is the safest course to pursue in testing the eggs, and securing any young that chance to come forth. And by all means when any young are hatched give the foster parents as much wild green food as possible, with plenty of green fly on same, or any insect life that can be got. I have found out (to my loss) that egg food given alone has not the rearing qualities of these things. If you notice the hen Canaries neglecting their foreign offspring, do not be afraid to give the young ones a sop yourself, as many a good bird has been saved by hand feeding. At four weeks old they are beginning to do well for themselves, providing you crush their seeds. Hemp and sunflower and soaked rape I have found them very fond of, with the usual supply of wild green food which they always seem to enjoy. The breeding season over, and if successful, select your best specimens to be colour-fed, for Hybrids non-fed are of no use for the show bench, that is if you are after first honours.

W. SHARP.

## Linnet Singing at Leeds.

### Unvarnished Reports versus Bluff and Bounce.

SIR,—Kindly allow me space in your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS, in regard to the Linnet Club held at the King's Head, Leeds, and its members. I have no fault to find with them whatever, but I was disappointed when I could not enter my bird one day as it was a club sing; but I had the pleasure of hearing all the birds sing, and I must admit I heard some splendid singing. I was well satisfied with the judge, too, as he called the prizes out. I am glad to see I was right—15s. 6d. and a copper kettle, 1st prize, and also that Mr. Soloman's bird did not win at Buslingthorpe Lane, only getting second prize, 6s. I see the Secretary has also contradicted it. But from the way the report read in CAGE BIRDS it might have won £25 in two contests instead of 15s. 6d. and 6s. I am pleased to see I am perfectly right as regards the bluff and bounce.

A VISITOR.

## A Plea for the Prohibition of Smoking at Shows.

SIR,—It is appalling to find so little interest taken in birds by some exhibitors other than in the exhibition points. The comfort and care of the birds in many cases are almost lost sight of. How many die as the result no one can fully judge. I feel sure you will agree with me that there is certainly one feature of the show room which ought to be severely dealt with; it is the destruction of birds by the poisonous gases given off in tobacco smoke—carbon dioxide and carbon-monoxide. Air saturated with these gases is detrimental to the human animal, but much more so to birds with their more sensitive and delicately constructed breathing apparatus. The exhibitor may stay only a short time in it, but the poor exhibit must stay till the show is over. I consider night shows are an abomination, as far as the birds are concerned. The exhibition room is frequently more like a pot-house tap-room (I mean as regards tobacco smoke): it is neither fit for the birds to stay in, nor can one bring a lady friend to see them. If museums, art and other exhibitions consider it wise to prohibit smoking, surely it is much more so for cage bird exhibitions, where the risk to the exhibits is so considerable. I trust to see this reform brought about.

J. W. CUTMORE.

## The Song of the Linnet North and South.

SIR,—I see in CAGE BIRDS of June 26, that a London fancier gives a few notes on the song of the Linnet. He says a good Linnet should start with what is known as "Tolic," and should finish with a "weet," as follows: "Tolic, tolic, hic, hic, quay, ter, weet; tolic, tolic, lug, lug, cee, weet; tolic, tolic, lug, chow, weet." As far as Yorkshire and Lancashire quality Linnet singing is concerned, the London fancier is, as the sauey boy would put it, "up the pole." That class of Linnet singing we do not want here. Then he says: "Tolic, tolic, gipsy, weet, chow." If he had to back this class of Linnet against the Yorkshire Linnet or Lancashire Linnet he would get well beaten and well laughed at, as it is the worst singing I have seen put down on paper.

A VISITOR.

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SIR,—Permit me to reply to "A London Fancier" on Linnet singing. He wants to enlighten those who keep Linnets. Let me tell that gentleman that he must first learn what good Linnet singing is himself before trying to teach others. "Tolic, tolic, hic, hic, quay, tar, weet." These are bad notes. We call this "pitching." Our club in Blackburn is well known for quality Linnet singing. I am sorry our friend is so far from us, but if he could come over any time when our singing contests are on, I could both enlighten and convince him that he has never heard a good Linnet. Just compare this song to the above: "Scraping" in three voices, "peeing" in three, turning into "light reeing," and gradually turning deeper and deeper until it gets into the heavy "water blubber," and going as long as a German Roller. I am sure if he, a London fancier, heard this song, he would go home, and open the cage door and let all the "Tolic, tolic, hic, hic, quay" birds fly.

GEORGE ROSTRON.

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SIR,—Will you allow me space in your paper, CAGE BIRDS, *re* the above subject? A London fancier I see gives a few notes on the song of the Linnet. He says the Linnet wants to start with "Tolic," and finish with a "weet." I should call that Parrot singing. Then he says, "Tolic, tolic, Joey, ter, winey." I call that foreign language, not Linnet singing. Then he says, "Tolic gipsy, weet, chow." If this is the London Linnet singing, they are to be pitied, as I never heard such singing in my life. Further, he says it is little short of madness for people to call themselves "Linnet kings." Well, anyone can call himself a Linnet king, but I think the gentleman who titles himself as the "Original Linnet King" is worthy of the honour, and is acknowledged by all bird lovers to be one of the finest bird judges known; and the prizes that his birds have won speak for themselves. I do not like to see anyone run down when there is no cause. I believe in giving credit where credit is due. I should very much like to know how they sing in London. Is it for quality singing or for time singing? Or how long do they sing? and how many birds do they put up at a time? Someone of us may come over and hear them if we are given the correct names of the houses.

A LOVER OF THE FANCY.

## A Black Goldfinch's Babies.

### What Will They Be Like?

SIR,—I saw in CAGE BIRDS' issue of June 26th the letter headed as above. I read it with interest, inasmuch as I was the former owner of the bird. I may inform Mr. Edden, who claimed the bird at the last Palace Jubilee Show, that the Goldie, now bluish black, bred in the years 1907 and 1908, but was then in normal colour. It is the most successful bird that I ever owned. When it was a Greypate I had the good fortune to rear 26 Goldie-Canary mules from him out of 28 fertile eggs, getting one round each with six different Canary hens. As for its colour, I should say it has won in Goldie classes—3rd in local class of 19, 1st in local class of 27, and 4th in open competition of 18. The strange part about it is that last August I put him in a flight cage for the moult, and fed him as in previous years with plenty of wild seeds, but instead of moulting out a normal coloured bird, it turned out all over bluish black, except on the under part, an experience I have seen before in the case of a hen Goldie I had; but she was not so deep in colour. I hope Mr. Edden will write CAGE BIRDS readers again, should he be lucky to rear the Mules, and give us an idea as to what colour the Mules have come out.

SAM. JONES.

## How a Novice Caught the Bird Fever.

SIR,—It has struck me what a similarity there is between "bird fever" in the birds and "bird fever" in the fancier. I might say that I know from experience it is possible for a novice to get both "bird" and CAGE BIRDS' fever. When the fever first caught me I was only the possessor of just one splendid Roller Canary, which sings much to my delight still, although there are other Roller companions with him, and just a few young Rollers. Anyway, I am a great believer in books and the Press. So, in the heated condition of bird fever, I might have been seen outside the paper shop, looking for a paper on the Canary Fancy. My eyes soon caught sight of CAGE BIRDS, and I went for it, and my fever heightened to wandering (after birds), and, needless to say, when the next week came (it was the "Spring Number") I was wondering about the Norwich Plainhead, and kept my eyes open, as far as the advert-pages were concerned, till I saw an advert., of Mr. ——, and, possessing a cycle, my feverish spirit took me for the pleasurable run of eight miles by the sea, to see Mr. ——, who was reported to possess some good Norwich Plainheads. Arriving at his residence, I was introduced to the "birdy man," who, by the way, I was fully impressed knew a thing or two, and would doubtless be very good company for a novice desiring to make progress in the Fancy. Many good hints were passed on to me, and I had a general inspection of cages, nest pans, colour foods, and, above all, the splendid Plainheads he had in his breeding room. Well, after a good opportunity of inspecting some of the birds he advertised in CAGE BIRDS, we came to terms concerning two pairs of splendid birds, which accompanied me home on the carrier of my cycle. I was also greatly impressed with our conversation, and the willingness of men in the Fancy to do all they can, and, to use their own words, "encourage the Fancy," among the novices who have been smitten with a love for it. There I must close, or else the Editor will doubtless think I am still somewhat delirious on "birdy matters." Well, the parcel was only just being opened at the railway bookstall when I arrived there one morning for a copy of the only paper of the Fancy that I take—CAGE BIRDS. Congratulations on its wonderful "tips," and the splendid manner in which your paper is arranged.

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## A Satisfactory Start in the Canary Fancy.

SIR,—Having read the letter in CAGE BIRDS of June 19th, headed "Lines From An Old Breeder," I wish to say that this is my second season of bird breeding, my stock consisting of Yorkshires and Germans. I bred twelve birds last season, and all gave every satisfaction. This season I have fifty now on sticks, and eighteen young ones in nests, and all are in the pink of condition. I have only lost three birds during this season. I have taken great interest in CAGE BIRDS, especially in relation to the species I have mentioned, having gained a great lot of experience through its columns. I have been a purchaser of CAGE BIRDS for upwards of two years. I may say that my feeding is not unlike "Old Breeder's," though I give mine arrowroot biscuits more than bread, and with boiled eggs. I think this helps to make both strong and healthy birds.

LAWRENCE FISH.

## Some Hints to Would-be Hybrid Breeders.

SIR,—With reference to a most interesting letter in last week's CAGE BIRDS, entitled "Some Hints to Would-be Hybrid Breeders," may I, as a novice in this branch of the Fancy, ask Mr. Lovatt, the writer of it, if he will be good enough to give a few particulars about the Canaries used for hatching out the eggs? What breed of Canaries are best suited for this purpose? Also, must the Canaries be paired up at the same time as the Britishers? If so, the Canaries might go to nest at once, whereas it might be a week or two before there were any eggs from the Finches. I have been very successful with the foreign birds which I have kept from time to time (I was fortunate enough to take second prize and a medal at the Crystal Palace a year or two ago with the only bird I have ever exhibited), due entirely to the information gleaned from CAGE BIRDS, which I have taken ever since it was first published. I am sure we are all much indebted to those old and experienced fanciers who are good enough to give us the benefit of their experience.

COLONIST.

## Two Crests and a Cup at Far-away Cape Town.

SIR,—I notice a subscriber to CAGE BIRDS in far away South Africa is asking a question as to which bird should win the cup given at Cape Town Cage Bird Show. Now, it appears the cup was given for the best 1908-9 Colonial bred Crested Norwich. The competition was in two classes only—classes 99 and 100, described as follows: "Class 99, Norwich Ticked Evenly Marked or Unevenly Marked, any colour Crest" (three entries); and "Class 100, Norwich Green Crest" (also three entries). Now, it appears the cup was given to winner in class 99. The bird is described as "a dirty grissley without a tail, and a bird two or three years old," which the judge is stated to have said. Winner in Class 100 is described as "a foul green with good crest wings and tail, and shown in good condition." Now, I should assume the winner in Class 99 and winner of cup, described as a dirty grissley without a tail, would have a far better crest than the winner in Class 100, and be a much more valuable bird. Else what could be the judge's idea in giving it the cup? But, as a matter of fact, the same bird being tailless, and an old bird, shown in a young class, should certainly be sufficient to disqualify it altogether, and the cup given to winner in Class 100, providing, of course, he was a 1908-9 bred bird, and a better bird than second or third in Class 99. This, I think, would be the decision of any of our judges this side "the herring pond," and I don't see why the judge should give the cup to this bird, as it plainly states: "Section G, young birds, Colonial bred season 1908-9."

J. BERTIE.

## The Breeding of Softbills in Cages.

SIR,—I was much interested in reading Mr. Downing's letter in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS, and I wish him every success. Before I left Australia I used to keep Thrushes, Blackbirds and Skylarks, and being a new hand I was not quite sure whether it was a common thing to breed these birds in captivity in this country, but after reading Mr. Downing's letter I find it is not, so I will give you my experience. I kept a pair of Skylarks in a cage 24ins. by 15ins., 20ins. high on the back verandah of my house. The hen made a nest in a thick turf I had put in, and laid four eggs. She sat on them the full time, but they were all clear. Next time she laid three eggs, and to my surprise and pleasure one young one was hatched out. But when it was two days old I found it out of the nest. The cock had evidently pulled it out, and had almost killed it. I put it back in the nest and took the cock bird out. The hen would stand over the nest with food in her mouth calling to the young one, but it was too far gone to open its mouth, and the next morning it was dead. A pair of Blackbirds also at the back door brought out four strong young ones, but whether it was because I did not give them the right food or not, or whatever the reason, I do not know, but they only lived about four days. Had I then been a reader of CAGE BIRDS I should have had a try at hand-feeding. I also had a hen Thrush which built a nest and laid, but she had no mate. I intend to have another try at Softbill breeding on my return in October next. I trust Mr. Downing will let us know what luck he has had.

T. E. PEARSON.

## The Y.C.C. of Ireland.

SIR,—We the undersigned beg to draw the attention of the members of the Y.C.C. of Ireland to the report in your last issue, the said report being misleading, in stating that eight members were present. This practically constitutes the Dublin Committee. To be correct, there were nine members of the club present at the meeting, and from the report it would lead one to believe that we had supported the propositions contained therein; but, owing to the method then adopted of checking the accounts of 1908 (it being contrary to the resolution proposed and carried at the previous meeting, held June 3rd, of which meeting, by the way, no report found its way to the Fancy Press), the undersigned left the meeting as a protest against this procedure, and had nothing whatever to do with the subsequent business of the meeting, which we consider was altogether illegal, as Mr. Rooney's resignation was fully dealt with at meeting of June 3rd, when it was proposed and seconded by two of the undersigned, and carried: "That Messrs. Rooney, Mulligan, Devins, and McQuaide be written to to ask them to reconsider their resignation," which course was not carried out in at least one case for certain. Hence our action in this matter.

DANL. CARROLL.
JOSEPH DOWLING.
P. MCDONNELL.

# The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given each week for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be children under sixteen years of age, and must state from where stories are taken.
**Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.**

## *The Grateful Yellowhammer.

One day two children went for a walk in a wood. As they were sauntering along they heard a cry which came from a bird in distress. When they came to the spot whence the cry proceeded, they saw a nasty, silver grass-snake destroying the four eggs that were in the nest. The children then destroyed the horrid grass-snake, and left the mother Yellowhammer singing merrily. A few days after these children were in a boat, when they lost control of it, and it was quickly floating down the river towards a weir, when all of a sudden they saw the same little bird fly over towards the bank. To their great surprise they saw it go up to a man, and whistle in his ear, which made the man look up and see the children. The man then got them safe to land, and be told them he would never have heard their cries or seen their danger, if it had not been for the little Yellowhammer.—Sent by Percy Gilbert, Shoebury Villa, Shelley Road, Ongar, Essex.

## **An Owl Saved from Death.

Last Whit Monday, I had the pleasure of going with my father for the first time to study nature. He took me to a large forest, where there were plenty of birds. And after going to the centre of the woods we heard a great noise like flapping of wings. We made our way in the direction of the sound until we came to an old quarry, and there under the roof was an Owl, tangled in a bunch of honeysuckle. And with great difficulty father climbed up and reached her. And oh! what a pretty creature she was with her round face. She looked to me like a flying cat. Father gave the Owl her liberty, and told me to be always kind to dumb creatures. This is a fact and not a story.—Sent by Owen Glyndur James (age 7), Kilgurran School, Pembrokeshire.

## * Ode to a Canary.

Thrice welcome, little golden sprite;
My call thou hearest in thy flight,
And poising on my hand to light,
Without dismay.
Thou seem'st to read my heart aright,
Thou winged fay!
Thou feelest that I could not harm
A dear, wee bird. Besides, thy charm
Is ever potent to disarm
So fell intent;
And thy least signal of alarm
Would harm prevent.

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# Club Reports.

## DARVEL O.S.

General meeting, 25th June; Councillor J. M. Cleland, president, in the chair. The following cage-bird judges were appointed for open show on November 6th:—Scotch Fancy Canaries, Mr. D. Holden (Muirkirk); Norwich and Borders (not yet fixed); British and Foreign birds, J. Adam (Glasgow). It was left in the Secretary's hands to fix on judge for Norwich and Border sections.—J. ROBERTSON, junr., sec.

## LANCASHIRE C.A.

For our meeting at Littleborough on June 26th a good attendance was present, Mr. J. Naden (president) in the chair. Seeing we have got a large number of applicants for patronage, it was decided to hold our next meeting at Rochdale O.C. Rooms on the date of the R.O.C. first feather show, July 17th, when it is hoped we shall have a large attendance again, as the increased number of applications is a matter of much importance.—WM. ADAMS, Sec.

## HIGHGATE & HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters, the Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, N.W., on June 24th. The chair was taken hy Mr. B. Johnson. Five new members from Henley-on-Thames, Ealing, Hornsey, and Highgate having been nominated for membership, the Chairman called upon Mr. W. Morris for his lecture on colour-feeding, which he gave in right good style. One and all profited much. Many questions were asked and were readily answered by Mr. Morris. A hearty vote of thanks was given to him for his capital lecture, it heing the desire of all present that Mr. Morris give us another visit at an early date. Mr. Morris returned thanks and the meeting closed. Should any member not have received schedule, etc., for young stock show, a post-card will oblige me.—GEO. H. NEAL, Hon. Sec.

## WANDSWORTH AND DIS. F.A.

The society held a table show and judging competition for cage birds, on June 17th, at headquarters, the Red Lion Rooms, York-road, Wandsworth, when a good collection of birds put in an appearance, Mr. Easterling kindly placing the awards.

CAN. (bred prior to 1909): 1, 2, c, Lupton and Jordan; 3, vhc, Denham; hc, Lightfoot. BRED 1909: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Lupton and Jordan. BRIT. OR MULE: 1, Earl (Goldfinch); 2, vhc, hc, c, Warwick (Mule) (Goldfinch Mule) (Linnet and Goldfinch); 3, Lupton and Jordan (Greenfinch). All members present took part in the judging competition, Mr. Jordan winning with the greatest number of points. Amongst those present we noticed Messrs. Earl, Sage, Murrell, Bushby, Poltifer, Lupton, Jordan, Lightfoot, Herring, Warwick, Mr. and Mrs. Denham, etc., and Summers, Hon. Sec. The cage bird section of the annual show was discussed, and it was proposed that we apply to C.B.U. for licence to hold the show under their rules. Mr. Easterling was unanimously elected to judge our annual show at the Baths, November 30th and December 1st. Altogether a very pleasant evening being spent.—W. SUMMERS, Hon. Sec.

## NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

During the judging at the Young Bird Show, held at 65, Granger-street, Newcastle, on June 16th, a meeting was held, Mr. Davison in the chair. The following new members were proposed and accepted: Mr. W. Curry (Newcastle), Mr. J. Moss (Stanhope), Mr. Bairstowe (Langley Park). A vote of sympathy was passed with the widow of our late member, Mr. Johnstone, of Blaydon, who is the second member we have lost this year; both joined at our last annual meeting. A discussion took place as to the form the special should take for the nest feather shows. It was, however, decided to leave it over for the present, so that further subscriptions might he invited. We have about 16s. promised. Subscriptions are due and should be paid at once to ensure members' names being included in the list of members in the year hook, and to enable them to compete for the autumn specials. Will those societies who desire our patronage and have not yet applied, please do so, as we allot it in July? The following have applied: Darlington, Nov. 27th; Wallsend, November 12th and 13th; Sunderland, Nov. 19th and 20th; Gateshead, Dec. 10th and 11th; and Harrington, October 28th and 29th. The Secretary put in quotations for show cages with Yorkshire Union perches. Will those members who require cages for the coming season communicate with me? The price will not exceed 1s. 6d. each, including carriage, hut we must take at least three dozen. Over two dozen were booked at the meeting. The Sec. was also instructed to become an agent for Sandiford's Royal Red Feed, Mr. Sandiford having given a cup for competition amongst users of his food. The profits are promised to the club's funds. The next tahle show will he on July 6th, Judge Mr. W. Thompson.—T. C. CRAWHALL, Hon. Sec.

## CINNAMON MARKED Y.C.C.

A committee meeting was held at Gt. Horton on June 19th. The open first feather show heing held on the same date gave the secretaries and committee an opportunity to collect a large number of subscriptions and to make new members, aud full advantage was taken of same, the secretaries not having a moment to spare from the opening to the closing of the show. About eighty new members have now been obtained, and it is hoped the hundred mark will he reached before the year hook goes to print. The President, Mr. W. Richmond, occupied the chair, and almost all the committee were present. Business done:—Decided "that an advertisement he inserted in the Yorkshire Union Book;" "that we again exchange medals with the Toronto C.B.S.;" "that we have a year book with rules and list of members' names and addresses as usual;" "that the date for accepting applications for patronage he July 17th (applications received after this date to he considered too late for allotment);" "that no exhibitor be allowed to win more than three first prizes in novice classes where our patronage is given, unless such exhibitor is competing for the club special as a member of the club."

Competitions and Specials.—In open competitions, trophy value £4 4s., for most points. Prize value £2 10s. 6d. for second most points (10/6 towards this special being given by Mr. W. H. Shackleton). Third prize left open. Fourth prize 10/6 (given hy Messrs. Garnett and Towers. In amateur competition (for members who have not won more than three first prizes previous to current season), first prize value 25/-, second value 20/-, third value 15/- (given by Mr. F. Carl, proprietor of CAGE BIRDS). In novice competition (for members who have not won a first prize in open competition), first (most points) trophy value 40/-, second value 30/-, third value 21/- (given by Mr. A. Cooper), fourth silver club medal with enamelled centre (given hy Mr. W. Crabtree). Mr. J. W. Ramsden will give a silver-plated cruet for most points in open competition, and one for most points in novice competition for birds moulted on his peppers. The Toronto medals also to he given for most points in open and novice competitions respectively. A gold medal, value 15/-, has since heen promised by Messrs. R. Sutcliffe and Sons for the novice competition. Societies intending applying for patronage will please note particularly the date when same must be in the Secretaries' hands, and intending new members should send in their names at once to ensure their appearing in year book. Advertisements in the hooks will be inserted at the usual rates, and all matter must be in by July 17th. The next meeting will be held on July 24th at the Market Tavern, Bradford.—H. H. TOWERS (of Garnett and Towers), hon. secs., 8, Colne Road, Glushurn, Crosshills, near Keighley.

## MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Usual monthly meeting held at headquarters, the Swan and Peacock, Wolverbampton, when a very good muster, considering the weather, turned up to hear Mr. Max Jacquemin give his paper on "The Early History of the Roller Canary." But those of us who faced the stormy elements were amply repaid. Mr. Jacquemin had written a very instructive and interesting paper, chiefly drawn from many old German books dealing with the history of the Roller, which he had translated into English for our benefit. After Mr. Jacquemin had read his paper, a keen discussion ensued, in which everyone present took part. We decided that at our next monthly meeting several of us would take hirds and have a general discussion on the tours which Rollers sing. This should prove hoth instructive and interesting to all.—J. H. WILLOWS, Hon. Sec.

## SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

First of a series of Young Bird Shows held on June 26th. The had weather told against a large entry, many members not caring to hring their young birds out in a heavy downpour of rain. Norwich, Cinnamons, and Crests had all to be cancelled, but the remaining classes came up fairly well, and made a very nice little show. What was lacking in numbers was fully compensated for in the quality of the exhibits staged, especially the Borders, which were a very fine lot indeed. Mr. J. T. Clark (Sunderland) judged, and gave every satisfaction. A judging competition was subsequently held amongst the novices, and proved a source of great interest to them. Will members please remember that the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd birds in each class at this show are debarred from competing at the two remaining shows? Considering the weather, the show was fairly well attended, and one new member joined us, viz., Mr. R. Newcombe (Monkwearmouth). Others are cordially invited. The next show will be held at the same place (Fawcett-street Cafe) on July 10th, when we hope to have an even more successful show.

YORKS (5): 1, 2, 3, Taylor. BORDERS (11): 1, 2, 3, Walker. LIZARD (2): 1, 2, Jeffreys. MULES (2): 1, 2, Waters (both Linnet-Canaries). BRIT. (7): 1, 2, 3, Waters, Goldfinch, Linnet, and Hawfinch respectively.—W. REID, Hon. Sec.

## SOUTH WEST LONDON C.B.S.

Annual Young Canaries, Mules, and British Birds (any age) show was held on June 19th, at Plough Hotel, nr. Clapham Junction. Many members were unable to show owing to failure in first round. Had the show heen a fortnight later no doubt the numbers would have been greatly in excess of that which faced the judge. The quality throughout was excellent, and all hirds were shown in perfect health and condition. The attendance in the evening was good, and as is usual with this society, everything went off satisfactory.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Harris; 2, Thomas, former smart, short, good type, latter larger and a fine bird. BUFF: 1, Harris, good quality and type; 2, 3, Thomas, two good exhibits, may turn the table in the autumn. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, spl., 4, Harris; 3, Thomas; vhc c, Lilley. YORKS CL. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, McLaughlin, very smart and will no doubt improve when moulted. BUFF: 1, McLaughlin; 2, Mahey, nice style, good quality. MKD.: 1, Mahey, good tkd. yell. AMATEUR AND NOVICE SECTION—YELL. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Burgess, the former two clears, the latter unev. mkd., will he heard of again. BUFF: 1, 2, Burgess, former bouncing hird, looks like making autumn winner. YORKS YELL. (some fine hirds in this class): 1, 4, vhc, Ralph, winner stylish, with a good moult will probahly do well; 2, Miller, another good one; 3, Slade, will improve and should stand higher if well staged; hc, c, Gibson. BUFF CL., ETC. (very good class): 1, 2, vhc, Ralph, birds of merit; 3, hc, Miller; 4, Gibson; c, Slade. CRESTBRED: 1, Slade; 2, Burgess. DK. GOLDFINCH MULES: 1, 2, Slade. GOLDFINCH: 1, Lilley; 2, McLaughlin, both good breeding Finches and plenty of colour in blaze and wing hars, good buttons and tanning. LINNET: 1, spl., McLaughlin, in rare condition, good shape and well laced; 2, 3, Lilley, 2nd bird best laced, most white in wings and tail. A.O.S.: 1, Harris, good Chaffinch; 2, Lilley, fine hen Greenfinch, almost as good as some cocks, tail feathers frayed at ends.—LILLEY, Sec.

## LONDON AND COUNTIES O.S.

Fifth annual young hird show, held on June 26th, at headquarters, The Sessions House Hotel, Clerkenwell Road, E.C. Mr. J. W. Ramsden was to have judged, but was unable to officiate, so Mr. J. Dobson ably acted in his stead. The show was excellent, taking into consideration the ill luck the members have experienced with their young hirds. They were, however, to be complimented on the hirds sent in. The show was well patronised hy visitors and friends from all parts. Mr. F. W. Thorpe's Yorkshires were exceedingly good on every point, and he was well satisfied with the results, gaining 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes for them. Mr. R. J. Pretty was also successful with the show of Crested Norwich. Among the specials contributed, Mr. J. W. Ramsden kindly gave two tins of pepper, one for champion, and one for novice, these heing carried off hy Mr. H. Bell, and the secretary, Mr. W. Gilbert. The last-named gentleman was very highly complimented on the able way in which he carried out his duties. His goodwill in this society has earned him respect from all sides. The members wish him, and also society, every success

NORWICH CHAMP. (3): 1, 2, 3, Bell, and two specials. CREST (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Pretty, and special. AMAT. (2): 1, 2, specials, Pretty. NOVICE (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Thorpe; 4, hc, c, spl, Gilhert. CINN. (Nor. type): 1, Pretty. A.O.V. AMAT.: 1, HYB. (6): 1, spl, Quantrell, Greenfinch and Can.; 2, 2, spl, Pretty. LINNET AND CAN.: 1, spl, Bell. 3, vhc, spl, Mrs. Morrison, Siskin and Can.; hc, c, Gilhert, Greenfinch and Can. GOLDFINCH (1): Quantrell. BULLFINCH (2): 1, spl, Mrs. Morrison; 2, Quantrell. LINNET (2): 1, Morrison; 2, Quantrell. CHAFFINCH (1): Quantrell. SISKIN, ETC. (3): 1, Quantrell, Twite; 2, Morrison, Siskin; 3, Mrs. Morrison, Siskin. GREENFINCH (7): 1, spl, Quantrell; 2, Mrs. Morrison; 3, Morrison; vhc, c, Gilbert; hc, Bell. A.O.S.: 1, Pretty, Yellowhammer; 2, Quantrell, Bramblefinch. SOFTBILL: 1, spl, Quantrell. FOR. (2): 1, spl, Quantrell, pair of Pekin Robins; 2, Mrs. Morrison, pair of Zebra Finches.

# ORNITHOLOGICAL ODDMENTS.

### By Frank Finn, B.A., F.Z.S.

Author of "The World's Birds."

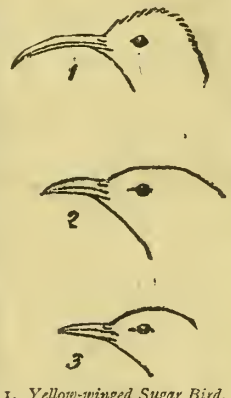
### A Beautiful Flycatcher.

Flycatchers of any sort are so rarely imported that any instance of such an arrival is an event of note, so that I am glad to be able to report seeing a healthy pair of the beautiful Verditer Flycatcher of India (*Stoparola melanops*) recently. In size and form this bird is very like our spotted or common Flycatcher, but it has a shorter bill, and instead of being one of the plainest-tinted of birds, and having the sexes alike, like that species, it is strikingly coloured, and shows a marked sex-difference. The cock is a lovely light silvery-blue, with a black patch from bill to eye, while the hen is of a subdued greenish-blue, and has not the black on the face.

This bird inhabits a large part of Eastern Asia, resorting mostly to the mountains to breed. I have seen it at Darjeeling, where the climate is like that of England, so that anyone getting this pair ought to stand a good chance of breeding from them in an outdoor aviary. The birds breed about this time of year, making a nest of moss in a hole. When observing this species in its native haunts, I found that the male had a nice song, so that his beauty is not his only recommendation. A few of these birds used in my time to be brought down to Calcutta in the winter along with other small softbills from the mountains; hut, like the Niltavas, they were never numerous in the trade.

### The Species of Sugar-birds.

As these beautiful creatures have been rather to the fore of late, I will briefly run through the imported species, and mention their sex differences, as I fancy there is some confusion in many peoples' minds about these points the birds not being well known to the avicultural public at large.



1. *Yellow-winged Sugar Bird.*
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3. *Blue Sugar Bird.*

The exquisite yellow-winged Sugar-bird (*Coereba cyanea*) is known by its long, slender, curved bill—like that of our Tree-creeper — and its red legs. The legs of the hen are not so brilliant as those of the cock, and her wings are not yellow and black, as his always are, for he retains his wing-colouring when the purple plumage gives way to the green "undress" which he wears during half the year. At this time he is much like his mate.

The Purple Sugar-bird (*C. coerulea*), which so far has only reached the Zoo, is in appearance very similar to the yellow-winged, but has the legs green in the hen and yellow in the cock. It never has any yellow on the wings, and the hen is distinctly streaked below.

The Black-faced Sugar-bird (*Chlorophanes spiza*) has the beak much shorter, and only slightly curved. The cock is sea-green, with a black cap, and the hen of a less bluish and less bright shade of green throughout, with no difference in the colour of the head. This species is very rare.

The Blue Sugar-bird (*Dacnis cayana*), which is about the commonest in the trade, has a straight bill, hardly longer than a hedge-sparrow's; the male is turquoise-blue and black, the hen green, with a decided blue tinge on the crown. All of the species are, for small soft-bills, easy birds to keep, and delight the eye by their graceful form of movements. The yellow-winged, at any rate, is known to be long-lived, and it can be confidently recommended to anyone who can afford to pay a good price for a bird which really is good value for money. It is important, however, to give it plenty of room and a good supply of soft, ripe fruit, and to make allowance for the spiteful temper it is unfortunately apt to exhibit to its own species.

### Doves Get their Due.

When I was a boy I sometimes edified myself on Sundays by reading the footnotes in the big family Bible; I am glad to say I did not remember them so well as the text, but there was an observation which struck me so much by its unconscious humour that I have not forgotten it to this day. The worthy commentator was enlarging on that earliest and most celebrated of homers, Noah's dove, as follows:—"We should observe that the olive-branch, the symbol of peace, was not brought to the ark by the Raven, a bird of prey, nor by a gay and proud Peacock, but by a mild, humble, patient, peaceful Dove!" To anyone who has ever seen a Dove outside a Pigeon pie this is rich; but at the same time it must be admitted that the Dove, like his opposite, the lion, has suffered undue depreciation, owing to having been praised up too much, and so is rather unfairly looked down upon nowadays. Thus, I was very glad to hear the other day that classes are provided at some Scottish shows for our common tame, collared dove, which is, to my mind, the prettiest and sweetest-voiced of all Doves, and well deserves to be made a show bird.

### An Easy Subject.

For one thing, it is very cheap to buy, and easy to keep and breed, while there is sufficient diversity in different individuals to make it worth while to select good ones. Some are much better in quality of feather than others, and the even delicate creamy-fawn colour of a good bird is one of the most quietly beautiful tints to be found in the bird world. These Doves are really best treated as aviary birds, and are perfectly hardy out of doors, though their wild ancestor lives in North-East Africa; but they will also do well in a large cage, which should not be less than a couple of feet every way. Two perches, of different thicknesses, are quite enough to put in, and for nesting accommodation a shallow cigar-box or strawberry basket is all that is required—they do not nest under cover like Pigeons. A few fine twigs or bits of straw should be given them as nesting material.

When rearing young they should receive some crushed biscuit and hard seed as well as their usual rations of small corn, and it is always well to give them a turf, a bit of old mortar, and a lump of rock salt to pick at. A bath should also be frequently offered, but not left constantly with them if they are kept in a cage, for fear of the water being fouled.

### Breeds and Hybrids.

There is only one established variety of this Dove besides the typical cream-coloured, collared kind—the white specimens known as Java Doves. If these are crossed with the coloured ones the young follow the colour of the cock, as a rule, but I have seen pale specimens with white flights and flesh-coloured bills, which I have been told could be bred between the two varieties. These collared Doves can be crossed with our native wild Turtle-Dove, and produce a Hybrid which resembles the collared kind more than the other parent, but is much darker, and has more black on the neck. These hybrids are fertile, in some cases at all events, unlike the hybrid between the collared Dove and the tame Pigeon, which has only been known to breed again in one instance, though it is not an uncommon cross. It is always worth while to keep tame doves if one goes in for foreign species of about the same size, in order to use them as rearers, and I should be inclined to think that they might come in handy for this purpose when one is keeping the smallest and most delicate breeds of fancy Pigeons, as they are good parents.

### Checking the Population.

Indeed, Doves breed so well that in most cases the difficulty is to prevent their overdoing the thing, especially as the young are not, at present at any rate, of much value; the white ones, however, fetch a higher price than the coloured breed. To check their increase it is best to destroy one of the two eggs laid, as soon as the old ones have settled down to sit; but this requires to be done with system, so as to secure an equal number of both sexes of those you do rear. The first young one hatched is usually a cock, and as this presumably issues from the egg laid first, the simplest plan would be to mark this first egg, and, if you want a cock, to let it hatch; while if a hen is wanted, the marked egg should be done away with, while the other is left for hatching. In this way one can keep the population down to a working average; but the young must always be removed soon after they feed themselves.

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# Is it the Death-blow of the New Insurance Scheme?

**The insurance scheme recently floated by the London Federation of C.B.S. is here reviewed by a barrister-at-law, who raises considerations which may crush it out of existence.**

In last week's issue the insurance scheme for birds, put into operation on June 1 last by the London Federation of C.B.S., was reviewed by an expert in insurance matters, who pointed out what, in his opinion, were serious flaws in the rules and regulations and in the scheme from a business point of view. We have since had the legal aspect of the scheme considered by a competent legal authority—a barrister-at-law—whose conclusions will be found printed below, together with comments which he has been good enough to make on the various points previously raised by the insurance expert.

The grave view taken last week of certain matters connected with the insurance scheme is as nothing when weighed against one point raised by the barrister—a point which, if it cannot be controverted, effectually removes the scheme (as at present constituted) out of the realm of practicable things. It concerns the Stamp Duty. It will be remembered that the insurance expert expressed his surprise that the bearing of the Stamp Act upon the scheme had been overlooked by the Council of the Federation. While pointing out that every "certificate of insurance" issued must certainly bear upon it an Inland Revenue stamp, he expressed the opinion that a stamp value one penny might be likely to meet the case. Even this, of course, seriously affected the scheme, entailing the premium of one penny per coupon being doubled to meet this disbursement. But our legal expert takes a different view. He reads into the clause which makes the decision of the Council final, a reference to arbitration, and under the Arbitration Act, a submission to arbitration (in this case the "certificate of insurance") must bear a sixpenny stamp; therefore, in this matter the Council have another great difficulty to face and overcome taking our barrister's view to be a correct one.

In any case, there remains this further difficulty: the stamp duty payable varies according to the amount of the insurance effected. On £5 it is sixpence. Assuming each coupon for £1 issued by the Federation to be franked by a penny stamp, on an insurance being effected for £5, this would represent only fivepence stamp duty, instead of the sum legally due, viz., sixpence.

The remainder of our legal authority's views will, we think, be readily understood.

## The Legal Aspect.

**By a BARRISTER-AT-LAW.**

### Final Decision of Council.

An "Insurance Expert's" references to the legal aspect of the arbitration clause of the scheme are a little sweeping. It is true, as he says, that an agreement to exclude the jurisdiction of the ordinary court is inoperative at common law. But the Arbitration Act of 1889 makes binding on both parties to a contract any submission to arbitration which it may contain. The clause printed on the certificate of insurance to which he takes exception makes the Council an arbitrator, and it is, in my opinion, quite legal. It does not mean, "You shall pay us money to cover a certain liability, but we shall reserve to ourselves the right as to whether we discharge that liability." If it meant that, it would be illegal. It simply makes the decision of the Council a condition precedent to an action at law. If in settling the dispute the Council acted fraudulently, or contrary to evidence, the aggricved party could still sue upon the contract in the courts.

But he must sue *after* the decision of the Council has been given. The other point made by "An Insurance Expert" is good. The rules of insurance certainly ought to embody the reference to the decision of the Council.

### New Light on the Stamp Duty.

As regards the Stamp Act, every insurance policy must bear an Inland Revenue stamp of at least 1d.; and if the matter of agreement is of the value of £5 and upwards, it must bear a sixpenny stamp, the amount of the stamp duty going up proportionately to the value of the policy. If the Federation has issued its certificates of insurance without a 1d. stamp it could not plead the provision, which makes the decision of the Council final (in an action brought by an assured), without incurring the penalties imposed by the Stamp Acts. The best course open to the Federation is that its officials should communicate immediately with the authorities at Somerset House and put the matter right by agreement with them.

A much graver question, however, remains, apart from the point raised by "An Insurance Expert." It is this. Under the Arbitration Act a submission to arbitration must bear a sixpenny stamp. No doubt the Federation intended the clause which makes the decision of the Council final to operate as a reference to arbitration. But the omission to stamp it would present a serious difficulty to the Federation in a case where it might be sued by the assured. It could not be tendered in evidence without the penalties of the Stamp Act being incurred. Moreover, the omission to stamp it would enable the other side to argue that the claim was never intended by either party to operate as a submission within the meaning of the Arbitration Act. In my opinion, therefore, every certificate of insurance issued by the Federation must bear a sixpenny stamp.

### Over-Insurance.

I agree with the opinion expressed by "An Insurance Expert" in reference to over-insurance. All contracts of insurance other than life are contracts of indemnity. Indemnity is making good the loss of anything. Thus there ought to be a rule that the contract covers only the actual value of the bird lost, so as to guard against over-insurance.

### The Right of Recovery.

There ought also to be a subrogation clause. The doctrine of subrogation flows logically from the legal conception of indemnity. In the language of the "man in the street," a subrogation clause puts the insurers in the shoes of the assured so far as his rights against third parties in reference to the insurance are concerned. If a bird in transit is killed through the negligence of the railway company, the insurers are enabled, by reason of the doctrine of subrogation, to sue the railway company for negligence, and in turn recover the insurance from them.

As regards average, I agree with "An Insurance Expert" in the view that the rules ought to make it clear whether the average is based on the total value of the birds.

### A Cloud in the Distance.

At present there is no obligation on the part of an association carrying on the business of indemnity insurance to make any deposit as a guarantee of its ability to meet liabilities. In the case of life insurance, the statute requires a deposit of £20,000. For a long time an agitation has been on foot to extend this statutory requirement to indemnity insurance, and the new Insurance Bill, just introduced by Mr. Churchill, may provide for this. Should the Bill be passed in a form containing a retrospective clause, it would mean that the Federation must deposit a considerable sum as a guarantee of its financial stability.

### Can Birds be Insured?

Finally, I think that birds are a form of property which may be covered by a policy of insurance. Once you have made an animal or bird captive it is the property of the person who has dominion over it. If it gets free, it again becomes a *res nullius* or *feræ naturæ*.

[This means that if a captive British bird regains its freedom, its former owner loses his title of property in it—the bird can be legally claimed by whoever captures it, if it be retaken. We presume this legal doctrine has no application in the case of birds bred in captivity—Canaries, for instance, would not be covered by it.—EDITOR.]


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# *Wild Bird Life.*

### Spotted Flycatchers at Home.

The heavy rain of the last few days has made the vegetation of the countryside most luxuriant; the hedgerows are almost impenetrable, and tall rank herbage by the roadside affords excellent cover for any birds just leaving the nest. These are now plentiful everywhere. Single birds struggle across the footpath. The remainder of the brood scramble among the hawthorns. Possibly the next bush will reveal a row of sleepy youngsters, who perch contentedly upon the same branch, and sleep peacefully until the parent returns with food, which awakens them into fresh life and activity. The Spotted Flycatchers are hardly so plentiful as in former years; but still there are many in the district. They spend the long summer's day fluttering into the air from some fence rail or post, seldom flying far—just a dart outwards and a twist or two upward, and then a quick return to the starting point; or when the air is heavy, and insect life flies low, they swoop to the ground and snap their prey within a few inches of the hard roadway. The Spotted Flycatcher possibly pairs for life, for isolated spots are haunted by a pair year after year. One cannot say definitely that these birds build in any particular situation, for they are most cosmopolitan in their choice of sites, but the nest is generally in a snug nook well sheltered from the weather. Two that have come under notice this year were built, one against the rough bark of an old elm tree, where a few twigs and leaves formed a firm platform as a foundation, and the other at the top of a brick pillar, where a brick was displaced, making a cosy nook for the sitting bird and young. When last seen both these broods were doing well, and had a fair chance of escaping the attentions of meddlesome youths. One clutch of eggs were beautifully marked with reddish-brown. The tuneful Linnets are busy with their second nest, the vicinity of which is frequently disclosed by the anxiety of the crimson-breasted male bird. His plaintive calling tells the observer plainly that a nest is close by, and few bird homes can compare with the Linnet's for daintiness of construction and delicacy of colouring. The neat inner lining is of hair, generally of the lighter shades, wherein the eggs securely rest.

### The Fisherman's Nightingale.

The Sedge Warbler is sometimes called the "Fisherman's Nightingale," for he sings through the night, a chattering, quivering song.

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### A Night Singer.

All the Buntings are interesting birds, and none more so than the Reed. Just now he is in the best of colour, his rich brown back harmonising beautifully with the black and white of the remainder of his plumage. As he sways on a spray of vegetation his somewhat long tail appears to aid him to keep his balance. His nest, with the peculiarly marked eggs, characteristic of the family, is well worth finding. He is an incessant songster, and sings the whole of a hot summer's day and far into the night; even when others are asleep he will from time to time pipe out a passage or two. Is he awake, or is he only semi-conscious of the effort?


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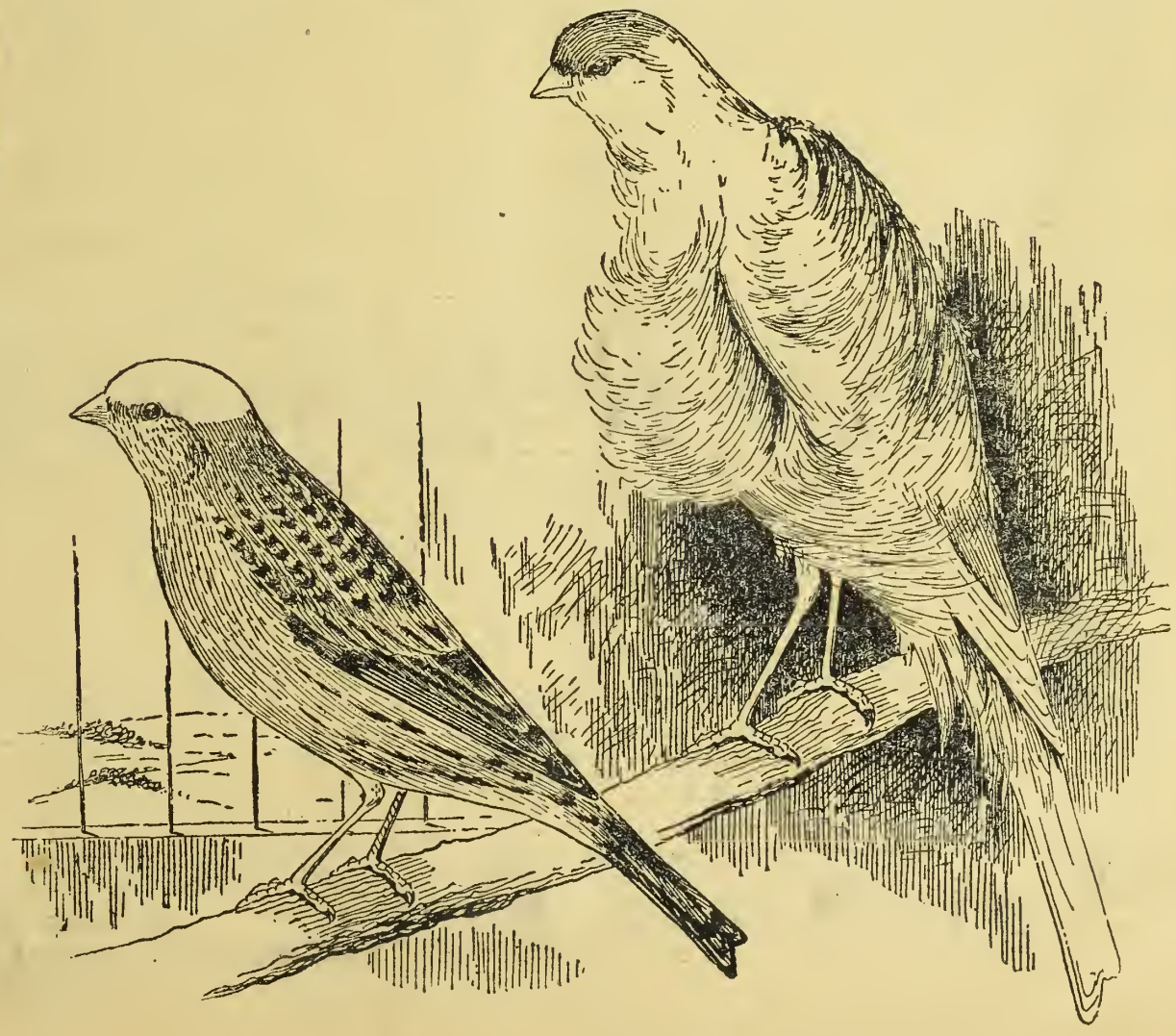

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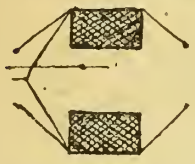

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# *Singing Contests.*

### DURHAM.

Linnet singing held at Half Way House, Witton, Gilbert, on June 26th. Thirty birds sang for the three prizes. 1st, 2nd, Foster; 3rd, McQuirck Judge, Mr. Geo. Reed (Brandon). Timekeeper, Mr J. Stout. Bookkeeper, Mr. W. Fairless.—W. FAIRLESS.

### LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, July 3rd. 1st and 2nd shared between Stead and Sissons; 3rd, Stead. Some very good singing was heard. Usual monthly selling contest was won easily by Stead. Judges, Messrs. Summers, Naylor, and Jennings. Also on July 4th, when 20 birds sang. 1st, Stead; 2nd, Bland; 3rd shared between Sissons and Wigfield. Judges, Messrs. Summers and Jennings.—WILSON NAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

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Usual weekly Linnet singing contest, held at Bricklayer's Arms, Palmer Lane, Hungate, on July 3rd, when 20 birds competed. Result: 1, 3, Oldroyd; 2, Laverick. Mr. Paver officiated as judge, and Mr. J. Limbert as timekeeper.—W. EMPSON.

Usual weekly Linnet singing contest held at Crown Inn, North-street, when 16 birds competed. Result: —1st, Palmer; 2nd, Chaplin; 3rd, Perry; 4th, Smith. Judge, Mr. W. Perry. Timekeeper, Mr. Cooper.—J. W. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

### CROOK (Durham).

Linnet singing contest held at Royal Oak, Crook, on July 8th, when 50 birds faced the judge, Mr. G. Reed, of Brandon, this being the 80th contest he has judged. Book-keeper, Mr. J. Rutherford. Timekeeper, Mr. W. Rutherford. Result:—1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, McQuirck; 2, Hutchinson.—WM. RUTHERFORD, Sec.

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## BRAMLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

On June 26th we held our First Feather Show at the Carnival Rooms, Bramley. We had 52 entries. Mr. J. Megson officiated as judge, and every member seemed satisfied with his decisions.—A. H. CRAVEN, Hon. Sec.

## BINGLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Members' show held in the Assembly Rooms, June 26th. There were 65 birds in four classes. Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bolton Woods) judged and gave general satisfaction. Most points for members' cup were secured by Smith and Son with 20; 2nd, Jno. Holmes, 12; 3, S. Denley and R. Oddy, 11 each. Members' three highest birds to count for cup.

CL. YELL. (13): 1, Smith and Son; 2, Walton; 3, Holmes; 4, Wilkinson; vhc, c, Denley; hc, Oddy. BUFF (21): 1, Webb; 2, Barker; 3, Whittingham; 4, Oddy; vhc, Holmes; hc, Denley; c, Smith. TKD., ETC., YELL. GREEN, ETC. (15): 1, Smith and Son; 2, Denley; 3, Oddy; 4, vhc, Wilkinson; vhc, Townley; c, Walton. BUFF (16): 1, Longbottom; 2, Smith and Son; 3, Holmes; 4, Oddy; vhc, Townley; hc, Whittingham; c, Hartley.—A. LIVESEY, Hon. Sec.

## EAST BOWLING AND DIST. B.F.A.

The first of our Young Bird Shows for the season was held on June 26th, at Barley Mow Hotel. The entries numbered 52, and some nice quality birds were staged, competition being very keen. W. Bleazard and A. Gledhill were the most successful exhibitors. Mr. J. Wilkinson (Manningham) placed the cards, and his awards gave entire satisfaction.

OPEN—CL. YELL. YORKS: 1, Bleazard; 2, Gledhill; 3, Thompson; 4, Bywater. BUFF: 1, Gledhill; 2, 3, Bleazard; 4, Bywater. TKD. YELL.: 1, Firth; 2, Gledhill; 3, Thompson; 4, Casey. BUFF: 1, 4, Bleazard; 2, Helliwell; 3, Casey. UNEV. MKD. YELL.: 1, Bleazard; 2, Bywater; 3, Casey. BUFF: 1, 2, Gledhill; 3, Bywater; 4, Thompson. NOVICE—CL. YELL. YORKS: 1 4, Dawson; 2, Dinsdale; 3, Robinson and Sharpe. BUFF: 1, Mitchell; 2, Dinsdale; 3, Batcersby; 4, Robinson and Sharpe. TKD. YELL.: 1, Mitchell; 2, Batersby; 3, Dinsdale; 4, Robinsont and Sharpe. BUFF 1, 2, Dinsdale. UNEV. MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Dawson. BUFF: 1, Mitchell; 2, Dinsdale.—L. BOOTH, Scc.

## DARLINGTON C.B.S.

The first of the year's nest feather shows was held at the Half Moon Hotel, Northgate, on June 26th, when a good number of birds were staged, 43 entries being made. The quality of the exhibits was well up to that of previous years. Mr. T. Cleminson judged, his awards giving every satisfaction.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, Paterson; 3, hc, Underwood; c, Lumley. BUFF: 1, hc, Stephenson; 2, 3, Brown; vhc, Lumley; c, Paterson. NOR. YELL.: 1, Carrol; 2, Kearlon. BUFF: 1, 2, Holland; 3, Lumley; vhc, Kearlon. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Todd and Son. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Lumley; 3, Todd and Son; vhc, Carrol; hc, Paterson. LINNET: 1, Lumley; 2, Paterson; 3, Todd and Son; vhc, Forster. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, Gregory; 2, vhc, hc, Forster; 3, Stephenson; c, Todd and Son. SISKIN: 1, 3, Todd and Son; 2, Lumley. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, Forster.—W. UNDERWOOD, Asst. Sec.

## CAPE TOWN (S.A.) C.B.S.

### Notes by the Judge, Mr. Norman Morton.

The society must be congratulated on the success of their show, held May 22nd and 24th, in the Oddfellows' Hall, Plein Street, Cape Town. The arrangements throughout were excellent. In fact, I have never judged a show that was so conveniently laid out. The exhibitiou was far ahead of those of previous years. There was a record entry, and the quality throughout, with the exception of young Crests, was far superior to last year's. I was more than gratified with the assistance I received from my stewards, Messrs. Walker and White, each working very hard, which enabled me to go through my classes in much less time than I anticipated. The Belgians were only two in number and were a nice pair. The Scotch Fancies (also only two) were a grand pair, the cock being of excellent type and having the best of shoulders; the hen was also good. They were a credit to their owner, Mr. Sloan, the Hon. Sec., who, by the way, carried out his secretarial duties admirably. The Yorkshire adult classes brought out a fine lot, Mr. Walker's ticked yellow winning the special for best adult Yorkshire. This bird is teeming with quality, of grand length, straight as a rush, A1 colour, and well up on leg. Mr. Carrick's winning yellow was an exceptionally fine specimen, beautifully drawn, of excellent colour and fine length, very straight and slim. The buffs and fouls were all good, and it was hard to find a poor one in the lot. Mr. McIntyre showed a grand team of eight greens; colour was all there, but I should like very much to see more slimness in this variety. The adult Norwich Plainheads were the pick of the show, the quality throughout being better than I have seen for some years. Colour also was a striking feature. The type is getting more each year to my liking, viz., stoutness, tightness of feather, shortness of tail, and "position." Mr. Carrick's special winning buff was a grand bird (the medal winner last year). The hird has plenty of size, is short in tail, has the best of flights, and a nice skull, and stands well over perch. Mr. Du Toit's 1st yellow was not wanting in these respects; it was chubby, had the best of chests, charming colour, and excelled in skull. The other classes, ticked and fouls, were of excellent type. Altogether, the Norwich classes made a grand and interesting display. The Crestbreds were also a good lot, some very choice specimens putting in an appearance, the principal attraction being Mr. Steven's buff variegated cock bird. He is the old champion, and excels in width of skull, has a grand entrance, with nice feather of capital length. The winning hen, Mr. Stevens's, a buff variegated, was also of grand type, with nicely rounded skull, good entrance, and was densely clothed. The Crests, with the exception of Mr. Stevens's last year's cup winner in the young bird class, were only moderate. The winner is a champion all over and will take some stopping in Cape Town. He has an immense crest, nice veiny feather of excellent length, radiating from an even centre. The winning grizzle Crest of Mr. Carrick's is rather long in body but possesscs a very good crest, just a trifle weak on the right side. Mr. Dykman also put on some very good exhibits, but they were rather weak in frontals. The Goldfinches, Bullfinches and Greenfinches were a good lot, excelling in plumage and type, Messrs. J. Sloan and A. White scoring in these classes. The Mules bred from South African birds were very strong in number. The Blackhead and Canary Mules brought out some beauties, Mrs. White winning the special with her last year's winner. South African cage birds were very noticeable for their plumage and condition, Mr. White winning nearly all before him. The old fancier, Brother McIntyre, had his usual display of South African small seed-eating birds, and a grand lot they were, sweeping the decks. The pair classes were far above last year's average, Mr. Carrick gaining the special for best pair on show—a grand green body Crest cock, with nice leafy feather, hardly dense enough, perhaps, and rather weak in centre, paired to a buff Crestbred hen with nice entrance, good lash, but wanting a little more size. The Yorkshire pairs were of extra quality, the winner being a new exhibitor, Mr. Mills. His pair consisted of a yellow cock bird and a buff cinnamon-marked hen of immense length, a trifle coarse in waist; a grand stock pair this. Mr. Dykman's pair of Dutch Frills were nicely matched and were a credit to the exhibitor. The young bird classes were all well filled, the strongest being the Yorkshires. The cup for best young bird on show went to Mr. Walker's yellow Yorkshire, a beauty of nice length, dead straight, lovely colour, but a little loose in feather. The young yellow and buff Yorks were a rare lot. The variegated class was the strongest, Mr. Carrick winning with a smart ticked hird, nicely drawn, of very fair length, shape, style, and having the best of flights. The young Plainbead Norwich were up to the standard. Many grand birds came forward, Mr. Du Toit being reserve for the cup with a buff hen, of lovely type, short behind, having a stout body, lovely neck, but showing a little lash. The young Crestbreds were only moderate this year, Mr. Stevens scoring well in these classes, closely followed by Mr. Dykman. The young Crests were very disappointing. The cup-winning cock bird, Mr. Carrick's, a clear, was sbown in rather poor condition. It has a nice dense crest with best of centres, but is a trifle weak on the right side, and fails a little at back. The Green Crests were also somewhat poor, failing chiefly in evenness of crest. A nice young Scotch Fancy was sbown by Mrs. Sloan, who won first. The ladies' classes were well filled, Mrs. Matthews winning with a grand wing-marked green-crested bird of the right quality and type; could bave won in the open class. The show on the whole was a great success, and I am pleased to see most of the winning birds are Colonial hred, which reflects great credit on the breeders.—NORMAN L. MORTON, Judge.

### The Awards.

BELG. (2): 1, 2, Carrick. SCOT FCY. (2): 1, 2, Sloan. YORKS CL. YELL. CK. (5): 1, vhc, Carrick; 2, Mills; 3, Congdon; hc, Colville. HEN (5): 1, Walker; 2, vhc, Carrick; 3, Wilkinson; hc, Colville. BUFF CK. (2): 1, Carrick; 2, J. Sloan. HEN (2): 1, Carrick; 2, Walker. TKD. CK. (3): 1, Walker; 2, 3, Carrick. HEN (2): 1, 2, Carrick. VARIEG. CK. (2): 1, Congdon; 2, Carrick. HEN (1): Carrick. YORKS GREEN CK. (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc (2), hc (2), c, McIntyre. NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Du Toit; 2, Carrick; 3, Carrigan. HEN (2): 1, Carrick; 2, Matthews. BUFF CK. (3): 1, Carrick; 2, 3, Dykman. HEN (4): 1, Carrick; 2, 3, Dykman. TKD. CK. (5): 1, 3, hc, Dykman; 2, Carrick; vhc, Wright. HEN (2): 1, Dykman; 2, Carrick. VARIEG. CK. (3): 1, 2, Dykman; 3, Wright. HEN (2): 1, Carrick; 2, Dykman. NOR. GREEN CK. (3): 1, Matthews; 2, Dykman. HEN (1): Dykman. CL. CREST HEN (1): Matthews. TKD., ETC., CK. (2): 1, Carrick. GREEN CREST CK. (1): Sergt. Stevens. HEN (1) Sergt. Stevens. A.O.C. CREST CK. (4): 1, vhc, Sergt. Stevens; 2, Dykman; 3, Carrick. HEN (3): Sergt. Stevens. COMMON CK. (7): 1, White; 2, W. Sloan; 3, hc, Congdon; vhc, Wilkinson. HEN (3): 1, Matthews; 2, 3, Congdon. ROLLERS CK. (4): 1, W. Sloan; 2, Congdon. SELL 30/- (4): 1, Carrick; 2, Matthews; 3, Mills. BULLFINCH HEN (1): J. Sloan. GOLDFINCH CK. (3): 1, 2, J. Sloan; 3, Wilkinson. GREENFINCH CK. (1): White. LINNET CK. (1): J. Sloan. FOR. SEEDEATING (1): White. DARK, ETC., GOLDIE-CAN. MULE (1): Miss Struter. GREENIE-CAN. (2): 1, Mrs. E. White; 2, A. White. LINNET-CAN. (2): 1, J. Sloan; 2, W. Sloan. CAPE CAN., ETC. (3): 1, 3, White; 2, Sloan. BLACKHEAD AND CAN. (7): 1, Mrs. E. White; 2, Carrick; 3, vhc (2), White; vhc, hc, J. Sloan. SOUTH AFRICAN BIRDS: CAPE CAN. (1): White. SAYSIE (2): 1, W. Sloan; 2, White. PIETZE CAN. (1): Wbite. BLACKHEAD (2). 1, Mrs. E. White; 2, A. White. A.O.S. SEEDEATING SMALL (9): 1, spl., 2, 3, vhc (3), McIntyre; vhc, White. PAIRS DUTCH FRILLS (1): Dykman. YORKS (3): 1, spl., Mills; 2, Carrick; 3, Walker. NOR. (1): Dykman. CRESTS (4): 1, Carrck; 2, Dykman; 3, Matthews. A.O.V. (1): Carrck. COLLECTION S.A. SEEDEATING SMALL (1): McIntyre. YOUNG BIRDS COLONIAL 1908-1909 BRED: YORKS CL. YELL (6): 1, Walker; 2, 3, vhc, Congdon; vhc, c, Carrick. BUFF (3): 1, Carrick; 2, J. Sloan; 3, Walker. A.O.C. YORKS: (7): 1, 2, hc (2) Carrick; 3, White; c, Congdon. NOR. CL. YELL. (3): 1, Du Toit; 2, Carrick; 3, Dykman. BUFF (5): 1, Du Toit; 2, 3, c, Dykman; vhc, Wright. A.O.C. NOR. (6): 1, Wilkinson; 2, Matthews; 3, Du Toit; vhc, c, Dykman; hc, Wright. CL. CREST (3): 1, Carrick; 2, Dykman; 3, Matthews. TKD., ETC. (3): 1, Carrick; 2, Dykman; 3, Wright. GREEN (4): 1, Sergt. Stevens; 2, Dykman. C.B. (4): 1, 2, vhc, Sergt. Stevens; 3, Dykman. SCOT. FCY. (1): Mrs. W. Sloan. A.O.V. (1): W. Sloan. LADIES' CLASS (9): 1, Mrs. A. B. S. Matthews; 2, Mrs. W. Sloan; 3, Mrs. E. Carrick; vhc, Mrs. E. A. Mills. CHILDREN'S (5): 1, Miss L Wright; 2, Miss L. Actkinson; 3, vhc, Miss K. Carrick. CAGES, SINGING (2): 1, W. J. Stevens; 2, Carrick. BREEDING (1): Carrick. SHOW (made by exhibitor) (4): 1, Roxburgh; 2, Carrick. EXHIBITION OF SINGING CAN. (1): Carrick.

## DEWSBURY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Very successful nest feather show held at headquarters, Royal Hotel, on June 26th; when 52 birds were staged in 6 classes. Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) judged, giving entire satisfaction.

CL. ETC. YELL. (14): 1, Rayner; 2, 3, Pickering; vhc, Pollard; hc, Taylor; c, Hall. BUFF (13): 1, vhc, hc, c, Taylor; 2, Hall; 3, Rayner. UNEVEN ETC. (13): 1, 2, Mitchell; 3, Clennett; vhc, Blackburn; hc, Pollard; c, Taylor. BUFF ETC.: 1, Taylor VARIEG. (4): 1, 3, Blackburn; 2, Blaimires; vhc, Taylor. SELL. (10/6): 1, 2, Clennett; 3, Taylor; vhc, Pollard; hc, Blaimires; c, Blackburn.—N. RAYNER, Hon. Sec.


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## SOUTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

First Feather Show held June 26th. Classes 1 to 22 were cancelled.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Washbourne. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Lester; 3, Washbourne. BUFF: 1, Lester; 2, Washbourne. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, spl, 2, Myers; 3, Chamberlain; 4, vhc, Lester. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Myers; 2, Walsh. CL. BUFF: 1, 2, Chamberlain. TKD., ETC. BUFF: 1 Chamberlain; 2 3, Myers; 4, Day; vhc, Lester. NOR. GREEN: 1, Myers. BRIT.—LINNET: 1, Lester; 2, Fairhurst; 3, Garhutt. BULLFINCH OR GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, 4, Lester; 2, Spilsbury. A.O.S. HARDBILL, SMALL: 1, Lester; 2, Spilsbury; 3, Garhutt. MULE OR HYB. (Young): 1, Day.—J. C. SPILSBURY,

## SANDY LANE & DISTRICT C.B.A.

First Feather Show held on June 26th. There was a good muster of birds, and some very promising youngsters were shown. Mr. A. Bottomley judged and gave every satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Smith; 2, Shaw Bros.; 3, Wilson. BUFF: 1, Shaw Bros.; 2, Smith; 3, Wilson. UNEV. MKD., ETC., GREEN: 1, Drake and Son. CINN. TKD., ETC.; 1, 3, Smith; 2, Drake and Son. NOVICE: CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Simms; 2, Whitwham; 3, Smith. BUFF: 1, 2, Whitwham; 3, Buckle. UNEV. MKD. GREEN: 1, Whitwham; 2, Smith. CINN. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Simms.—B. BUCKLE, Sec.

## GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members' show, held on June 26th, at the Butchers' Arms. Mr. S. Dean awarded the prizes, and gave every satisfaction.

OPEN SECTION.—CLASS 1: 1, Messrs. Hartley; 2, Self; 3, 4, Bentley. CLASS 2: 1, 2, Messrs. Hartley; 3, vhc, Lister; 4, Mann. CLASS 3: 1, Messrs. Hartley; 2, Self. CLASS 4: 1, 4, Messrs. Hartley; 2, Mann; 3, Lister. CLASS 5: 1, Self; 2, 4, vhc, Bentley; 3, Messrs. Hartley. CLASS 6: 1, Self; 2, Lister; 3, 4, Messrs. Hartley.

NOVICE SECTION.—CLASS 7: 1, Rawnsley; 2, Birbeck. CLASS 8: 1, Snead; 2, Howlett; 3, Kellett; 4, Oliver. CLASS 9: 1, Stansfield; 2, Kitchen; 3, Gibson; 4, Oliver. CLASS 10: 1, hc, Oliver; 2, vhc, Stansfield; 3, Snead; 4, hc, Gibson. CLASS 11: 1, C. H. Self; 2, Gibson; 3, 4, Reynolds and Waite. CLASS 12: 1, C. H. Self.—J. HOLROYD, Sec.

## PUDSEY, STANNINGLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

First Feather Show held on June 26th. In every way it was a great success, entries coming in beyond all expectations, 54 birds being staged. Mr. W. Ormondroyd judged and got through his work in a very creditable manner.

YELL. (14): 1, Raistrick; 2, Hargreaves; 3, Allott; 4, hc, Bracewell; vhc, Pawson; c, Marsh. BUFF (15): 1, hc, J. Butler; 2, Jeffrey; 3 vhc, Pawson; 4, Maltby; c, Hargreaves. MKD. YELL. (5): 1, Richmond; 2, Marsh; 3, Maltby; 4, Ackroyd; vhc, Hargreaves. BUFF (10): 1, C. Butler; 2, Hargreaves; 3, c, Marsh; vhc, Jeffrey; hc, Bracewell. YELL. NOR. (4): 1, Richmond; 2, Maltby; 3, 4, Bracewell. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, Pawson; vhc, c, Maltby; hc, Richmond. G. Pawson gained most points throughout show.—J. BUTLER, Sec.

## CITY OF WAKEFIELD O.S.

The first of our F.F. shows was held June 26th at headquarters, Crown and Anchor Hotel, and some nice quality birds were staged to count for points for specials, the three highest birds to count. Mr. J. Atkinson gained 17 points, Mr. H. Taylor 16, Mr. A. Rollings 16, Messrs. Parkes 11. Mr. H. J. Mennard (Leeds) judged, and gave every satisfaction. Mr. C. Whiting (Bradford) will judge our next show, July 24th.

YORKS. CL. ETC. (15): 1, hc, Taylor; 2, 3, Rollings; 4, Oldroyd; vhc, Jones; c, Rothwell. MKD. (13): 1, 4, Parkes; 2, Taylor; 3, Rollings; vhc, Jones; hc, Oldroyd; c, Walker. NOR. CL. ETC. (7): 1, 2, 4, vhc, hc, Atkinson; 3, c, Walker. MKD.: 1, Oldroyd; 2, Atkinson. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Isherwood, Hawfinch; 2, Isherwood, Bramblefinch; 3, Rothwell, Linnet; 4, Parkes, Bullfinch.—PARKES AND PARKES, Sccs.

## GREAT HORTON (Good Intent) O.S.

Members' First Feather Show held on June 26th, at the club-rooms. There were some good specimens on view. Messrs. Hardy won the extra special for starred birds, and the following were winners of points for yearly specials: Messrs. Hartley, A. Holden, H. Hooson, D. Bartle, G. R. Rushworth, C. Walker, F. Oldfield. Mr. Self (Clayton) placed the cards and gave entire satisfaction.

CL. YELL.: 1, Messrs. Hartley; 2, Hooson; 3, Holden; 4, Oldfield; vhc, Rushworth; hc, c, Schofield. BUFF: 1, 4, Messrs. Hartley; 2, Bartle; 3, Rushworth; vhc, Holden; hc, Walker; c, Schofield. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 4, Hooson; 2, Messrs. Hartley; 3, vhc, Bartle. BUFF: 1, Holden; 2, 4, Messrs. Hartley; 3, Walker; vhc, Rushworth; hc, Bartle; c, Hoyes. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Oldfield. BUFF: 1, Brook; 2, Messrs. Hartley. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Messrs. Hartley. —H. SCHOFIELD, Sec.

## SALE OPEN O.S.

Annual First Feather Show held June 26th, but owing to the bad season experienced around here, the entries did not come up very well, 93 birds only being staged. A few good specimens of Yorkshires were put down. The Norwich were rather better than the Yorkshires in number. The Borders were badly supported, but one or two nice birds were shown. The British birds, as is usual in Sale, came to the rescue, and made up a very nice show. Not a few would do justice to an open show. Mr. E. Morgan's fine Greenfinch took special for best Greenfinch. Some very good birds were in the selling classes, but there were no buyers. Mr. J. W. Bancroft (Sale) judged, giving general satisfaction.

YORKS CL. YELL.: 1, Hickson; 2, McCormack. BUFF: 1, Hickson; 2, 3, McCormack. MKD. YELL.: 1, 4, McCormack; 2, 3, hc, Hickson; vhc, Morgan. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, W. Fildes; 2, F. Fields; 3, 4, C. R. Fields; vhc, Whitney and Son. No. 3 absent. BUFF: 1, W. Fildes; 2, Whitney and Son; 3, C. R. Fields; 4, T. Critchley. MKD. YELL.: 1, F. Fields; 2, Unwin; 3, W. Fildes; 4, Critchley; hc, C. R. Fields; c, Holt. BUFF: 1, Unwin; 2, W. Fildes; 3, F. Fields; 4, Douglas; vhc, Critchley. BORDERS (amalgamated): 1, 2, 3, 4, Mrs. W. Fildes; vhc, Whitney and Sons. GOLDFINCH: 1, Morgan; 2, Fielding; 3, Whitney and Son. BRAMBLE: 1, Allcock. CHAFFINCH: 1, Allcock; 2, Gray; 3, 4, Hurst. BROWN LINNET: 1, Allcock; 2, Hurst; 3, A. Holt; vhc, c, Whitney and Son; hc, J. Holt. GREENFINCH: 1, spl., Morgan; 2, Allcock; 3, A. Holt; 4, vhc, Hurst; hc, Whitney and Son. REDPOLL: 1, Gray (quickly claimed); 2, Morgan; 3, Hurst; 4, vhc, c, Whitney and Son; hc, Allcock. SISKIN AND TWITE: 1, 2, Morgan; 3, Hurst. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Hurst. HEN: 1, Hurst. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Gray. LIGHT MULE: 1, Hurst. DARK: 1, Critchley; 2, Hurst. SELL. CAN.: 1, F. Field; 2, Morgan; 3, 4, vhc, Irlam. BRIT.: 1, Morgan. FOR.: 1, Gray; 3, 4, vhc, c, Irlam.—J. IRLAM. Hon. Sec.

## DENHOLME AND DIS. C.B.S.

Members' First Feather Show held June 26th, at Bull's Head Inn, Thornton. Mr. L. Bolton judged and gave every satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, Kirk; 2, Ingham. BUFF: 1, 2, Clayton; 3, Kirk. UNEV. MKD. YELL.: 1, Kirk; 2, Burdin; 3, Ingham. BUFF: 1, Kirk; 2, Clayton. FOUL MKD.: 1, Kirk; 2, Clayton.—J. HOLROYD, Sec.

## SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

On June 26th, we held our First Feather Show, some very promising young birds being shown. About 50 birds faced the judge, Mr. H. W. Walsh (Halifax), who gave every satisfaction. Mr. S. Grayshon won special for best bird.

CL. YELL.: 1, Grayshon; 2, 3, Lewis. BUFF: 1, Allen; 2, 3, Fielding. TICK. YELL.: 1, Wood; 2, Barker; 3, Walker. BUFF: 1, Wood; 2, Hirst and Cawtha; 3, Lewis. UNEVEN MKD. YELL.: 1, Hadwin; 2, Fielding; 3, Hirst and Cawtha. BUFF: 1, Grayshon; 2, Rothery; 3, Philipson. CINN. MARK YELL.: 1, Wood; 2, Rothery; 3, Barker. BUFF: 1, Hadwin; 2, Smith; 3, Lewis. GREENS: 1, Smith; 2, 3, Wharton.—J. LEWIS, Hon. Scc.

## ADMIRAL DUNCAN (Nottingham) ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The 30th annual (members') first annual show was held on June 26th, at the "Admiral Duncan." Mr. T. Barker judged, and gave general satisfaction.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Sharp. BUFF: 1, Hill; 2, hc, Sharp; 3, Birch; vhc, Egginton. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Egginton; 2, Hill. BUFF: 1, Sharp; 2, vhc, Hill; 3, Birch. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Sharp; 2, 3, Birch; vhc, Hill. YELL. DK. CREST: 1, Holmes. BUFF: 1, Goode; 2, Mais; 3, vhc, Holmes. LIGHT: 1, Holmes; 2, Birch. YELL. C.B.: 1, Holmes; 2, Goode. BUFF: 1, Mais; 2, Goode. SELL. 20/-: 1, Holmes. 15/-: 1, Holmes; 2, Goode. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, hc, Harrison; 2, Goode; 3, Stopper; vhc, Bowers; c, Holmes. LINNET: 1, Goode; 2, Harrison; 3, Goode; vhc, Stopper. A.O.S. HARD.: 1, 2, Harrison; 3, Stopper. SOFTBILL, SMALL: 1, 3, vhc, Harrison; 2, Stopper.—W. HEALEY, Hon. Sec.

## BURNLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Members' first feather show, and also British and Foreign birds, held June 26th. Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye, who gave general satisfaction. There were 65 birds staged. The Norwich classes filled well, and there were some very good youngsters shown, which, given a good moult, will no doubt be heard of again. The Yorkshire classes, unfortunately, were a failure, the whole having to be concelled. The splendid silver cup of this society was won by Mr. Thos. Lingard; runner up, Mr. R. Hartley.

NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, 3, spl, Lingard; 2, Greenwood; vhc, Hayhurst; hc, Braybrook; c Greenwood. BUFF. (12): 1, hc, Hartley; 2, vhc, Lingard; 3, c, Braybrook. TKD., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, spl, Mercer; 2, Clarkson; 3, Pearson; vhc, Lingard; hc, Braybrook; c, Aspden. BUFF (14): 1, Mercer; 2, Braybrook; 3, Pearson; vhc, Lingard; hc, Aspden; c, Clarkson. CAN. MULE OR HYB. (10): 1, hc, Heyworth; 2, vhc, Hartley; 3, c, Greenwood. BRIT. (5): 1, 2, spl, vhc, hc, Holden; 3, Clarkson. FOR. (5): 1, 3, Holden, 2, vhc, hc, England. Special for most points, Norwich, Thos. Lingard; special for most points (novice) throughout show, J. Holden.—W. CLARKSON, sec.

## HALIFAX O.S.

Successful members' First Feather Show held at Talbot Hotel Assembly Rooms, June 26th. It was the commencement of a series of shows to be run by the society, who are giving several prizes for most points gained throughout the series. Mr. Rigg won Mr. Cundall's special for best 2nd bird in show. Entries totalled 87. Mr. Allen (Cleckheaton) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS (12): 1, Ross; 2, Townsend; 3, Ellis Bros.; vhc, Saville; hc, Garside; c, Ross. BUFF (14): 1, Smith; 2, Rigg; 3, Garside; vhc, Townsend; hc, Dunn; c, Dewhirst. TKD., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, Walsh; 2, Burdikin; 3, Ross; vhc, Staff; hc, Cundall; c, Lord. BUFF (17): 1, hc, Wilson; 2, Saville; 3, Garside; vhc, Walsh; c, Dewhirst. TKD., ETC., YELL: 1, Burdikin. BUFF (5): 1, Burdikin; 2, Sykes; 3, Walsh; vhc, Sykes; hc, Simpson. CL. YELL. NOR. 1, Heap. BUFF: 1, 3, Lloyd; 2, Hudson; vhc, hc, Mrs. Steele. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Heap. BUFF: 1, Heap. YORKS. GREEN YELL.: 1, Tinkler; 2, 3, Pilling. BUFF: 1, Pilling; 2, Tinkler; 3, hc, Simpson; vhc, c, Sykes. HEAV. VARIEG. 1, Townsend; 2, Lloyd; 3, Dunn; vhc, Greenwood; hc, Staff; c, Clegg. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, Clegg; 2, Simpson.—H. WHITAKER, Assist. Sec.

## WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First Nest Feather Show of season held June 26th. There were 53 birds in 7 classes, some of the exhibits being birds that will be heard of in the shows later. Mr. J. Bailey (Sandy-lane) officiated as judge, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Mr. W. Hillas exhibited his cinnamon-marked bird, which was first in its class at the Great Horton open show last week. The judge remarked that it was undoubtedly one of the most typical Yorkshires he had seen this year. Mr. Hillas is only a novice of two years' standing, and he ought to be proud of having bred such a grand youngster. The selling class competition for the electro-teapot gets keener at every show, and some really good birds are being put down in these classes. Mr. L. Briggs won special for most points, Mr. W. Hillas being second, and Mr. J. Nicholls third.

CL. YELL. YORKS: 1, Swailes; 2, Wilman and Beaumont; 3, Hillas; 4, Shaw; vhc, hc, Briggs; c, Hardaker. BUFF: 1, Taylor Bros.; 2, Nicholls; 3, Briggs; 4, Jowett; vhc, Bairstow and Chapman; hc, Hiley, c Swailes. TKD. YELL.: 1, Briggs; 2, vhc, Shaw; 3, Nicholls; 4, Hillas; vhc, Wilman and Beaumont; c Swailes. BUFF: 1, Lawson; 2, J. Crowther; 3, Town. UNEV. MKD.: 1, Hillas; 2, hc, Hudson; 3, Lawson; 4, Jowett; vhc, Swailes; c, Taylor Bros. FOUL: 1, Lawson; 2, Nicholls; 3, 4, Thornton. SELL. (12s. 6d. bird and cage): 1, 2, Geo. Ackroyd; 3, vhc, Geo. Musson; 4, hc, Thornton; c, Town.—E. W. JOHNSON.


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## HARROGATE C.B.S.

First Feather Show held on June 19th, in the Lowther Arcade. Some good young birds were staged. Mr. C. Thornton won special for best in show with a lovely ticked buff, put down in the pink of condition. Mr. Barnwell, the hon. sec., had the birds well staged. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) judged.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, spl., Head, nice type and colour; 2, Barnwell, typical, not quite so long as winner; 3, Thornton; 4, hc, Walker; vhc, Ireland; c, Gill. BUFF: 1, spl., spl. for best in show, Thornton, wing ticked, lovely colour and position; 2, Ireland, nice type; 3, Barnwell, pale colour. position; 4, Head; vhc, Ireland; hc, Fergusson; c, Gill. UNEV.: 1, spl., 3, Head, eye and wing marked, grand position, good wing; 2, Fergusson, neat head, well up on leg, good wings; 4, Thornton; vhc, Ireland; hc, Fergusson; c, Walker. NOVICE: 1, spl., 2, 3, Ingleson; 4, e, Bentley; vhc, Lealman; hc, Belby. NOR.: 1, spl., 2, Barnwell; 3, hc, Mason; 4, vhc, Leng. SOFTBILL BRIT.: 1, spl., Duncan, Nightingale; 2, 4, Bousfield, 2nd Bearded Tit; 3, Barnwell, Thrush. HARDBILL: 1, spl., 2, 3, 4, Duncan, 1st his noted Goldfinch, wonderful blaze, fine buttons, in lovely condition, very steady, 2nd Chaffinch, steady, in grand condition, 3rd Linnet, nicely pencilled, steady condition, 4th Greenie, shown well, a lovely team.

## NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

First Feather Show held at Christ Church Schools, Harpurhey, on June 19th, judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford), whose awards gave every satisfaction. Winners of spls.: Open and amateur, Yorks, Messrs. Deakin, Odell and Jones; Nor., Messrs. Deakin, Connor, and Craighill; Novices, Yorks, Messrs. Stirrup, Pike, and Hall. Nor., Messrs. Woods, Annison, and Robinson. The following are leading in the cup competition: Messrs. J. Stirrup 25 and G. Pike 20. Mr. John Davey, the secretary, had the arrangements well carried out.

YORKS CL. YELL. (5): 1, 3, 4, Jones; 2, Deakin; vhc, Odell. BUFF (2): 1, Stirrup; 2, Deakin. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, 3, 4, Odell; 2, Deakin; vhc, Wilson. BUFF (5): 1, Deakin; 2, Stirrup; 3, Wilson; 4, vhc, Odell. NOR. CL. YELL. (1): Deakin. BUFF (1): Deakin. TKD. YELL. (3): 1, Deakin; 2, 3, Connor. BUFF (2): 1, Deakin; 2, Craighill. BORD. CL. YELL. (1): Colley. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Colley. TKD. YELL. (2): 1, 2, Colley. BUFF: 1, Colley. CREST BUFF (2): 1, 2, Beswick and Gaskell. C.-B. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Beswick and Gaskell. BRIT. HARDBILL (4): 1, 2, Fish; 3, 4, Craighill. SOFTBILL (1): Hudson. PARROT (1): Francis. NOVICE SECTION —YORKS CL. YELL. (10): 1, 2, 3, Pike; 4, vhc, Crowther; hc, Todhunter; c, Fish. BUFF (13): 1, 2, 3, Stirrup; 4, Fish; vhc, hc, c, Hall. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Pike; 3, Hulbert; 4, Todhunter. BUFF (8): 1, Stirrup; 2, Hulbert; 3, Todhunter; 4, vhc, Crowther; hc, Hall; c, Kenyon. GREEN OR CINN. SELF, ETC. (4): 1, 2, Hall; 3, Annison; 4, Todhunter. NOR. CL. YELL. (1): Woods. BUFF (4): 1, Robinson; 2, Woods; 3, 4, Annison. TKD. YELL. (2): 1, Robinson; 2, Woods. BUFF (5): 1, Woods; 2, 3, 4, Annison. NOR. YELL. (1): Craighill. BUFF (1): Craighill. BUFF A.V. NOR. (1): Fish.

## EXETER AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First Feather Show, held at the Oddfellows' Hall on June 26th. There was a large gathering of fanciers, and much interest was taken in the youngsters who made their first appearance on the show bench. The quality on the whole was good, and favourably commented upon by the judge (Mr. J. Rushmer), whose awards gave the liveliest satisfaction. The committee had, as usual, the arrangements well in hand, and the affair went off without a hitch. The hon. secretary (Mr. R. H. Folley) and his co-workers are to he congratulated on the success of the venture.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Moles, hird of capital type; 2, Tripe; 3, Parker. BUFF: 1, Denham, nice all-round hird; 2, Parker, good size, soft feather; 3, Moles, wing and eye marked, good type; 4, Faull, nice type. CREST: 1, 2, 4, Evins Bros. again won the majority of the prizes; 3, Burrough, saddle-wing marked, neat crest. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Evins Bros., winner evenly marked dark; 2nd, nice soft feather; 3rd, heavy feather, no tail; 4, Denham, eye and wing marked. YORKS. YELL: 1, Stiling, nice bird, clean cut, shows well for a youngster; 2, 3, 4, Miller, 2nd nice type, shows well; 3rd, very similar; 4th, not quite so long. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Miller, winner, nice cut, good wing and tail, stands like a soldier; 2nd, again a good hird; 3rd, similar type; 4, Stiling; this was a very even class. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Brown, Linnet-Canary; 2, Commins, same variety; 3, Snell, Goldfinch-Can. GOLDFINCH: 1, Scribbins, one of the best; 2, Denham; 3, Commins, nice Finch; 4, Burrough. The A.S. BRIT. class was a very interesting one, about the strongest in show; winner, Pickard, good Nuthatch; 2, Commins, Wheatear; 3, Pickard, Hawfinch; 4, Rees, Bullfinch. As usual, foreigners came up well, the winners all belonging to Mr. F. Sloman. The premier hird was a Cardinal; 3rd, Green Crested Cardinal; 4th, Tanager.

## GATESHEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annnal nest feather show held July 3rd, in the Black Bull Hotel. Entries did not come quite up to expectation, owing, no doubt, to the wretched season our members have experienced; 77 hirds, however, faccd the judge, Mr. Swan, who kindly officiated in the place of Mr. Riseborough, who could not act owing to illness. What was lacking in numbers was made up for in quality. The team of Messrs. Holden and Todd came in for special attention—three slashing huffs that will no douht, with a good moult, make a name for themselves. The Borders were of high quality. A most successful smoking concert was held after the show, Mr. Almond in the chair. The Chairman proposed the health of the Society, which was loyally responded to. He stated he was pleased to see so many from a distance, as, no doubt, it showed the good feeling and harmony that prevailed between this Society and fanciers in the surrounding districts. It was also gratifying to see that we were still forging ahead, many new members having joined us this season. He then called upon Mr. Forster, who gave us a performance on the mouth-organ with great ability. Messrs. Smith, Brown, and Robinson all obliged with good songs. Mr. Mather played a selection on the piano, and sang "The Friar of Orders Grey." Mr. Weddel obliged with "The picture that was turned towards the wall." Mr. Ramshaw then gave a real old Tynesider, "A'a wish A'a was married." Mr. Gillispie sang a comic song, which was loudly applauded. Mr. Hughes sang a laughing song, and it was hard to tell who laughed the most, the artiste or the audience. Mr. Lowery proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the manager for granting us the use of the room. The Secretary then proposed a vote of thanks to the artistes for their services, which brought one of the pleasantest evenings in the annals of the club to a close.

NOR. YELL. (9): 1, Forster; 2, Watson; 3, Smith; vhc, Fenwick; hc, Buck; c, Lowery. BUFF (16): 1, 2, 3, Holden and Todd; vhc, Fenwick; hc, Smith; c, Lowery. CREST: Cancelled. C.B.: Cancelled. CIN. YELL. (2): 1, Kirkpatrick; 2, Coutts. BUFF (3): 1, Kirkpatrick; 2, Coutts; 3, Fenwick. YORK YELL. (4): 1, Bairstruc; 2, 3, Mather; vhc, Fenwick. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, Mather; vhc, J. T. Robinson; hc, T. Robinson; c, Fenwick. BOR. YELL. (4): 1, Stanger and Herdman; 2, Hawkins; 3, vhc, Walker. BUFF (4): 1, Hawkins; 2, 3, Walker; vhc, Forster. A.O.V. (2): 1, Fenwick; 2, Lowery. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Johnson. NOVICE CAN .OR MULE (9): 1, vhc, Watson; 2, Mather; 3, hc, Smith; c, Forster. LINNET (5): 1, Forster; 2, Bertram and Story; 3, Walker; vhc, Askew; hc, Johnson. GOLDIE OR BULLIE (2): 1, Stanger and Herdman; 2, J. T. Robinson. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (4): 1, 3, vhc, Bertram and Story; 2, Adams. FOR. (4): 1, Douse; 2, 3, vhc, Pettersou.—G. Buck and H. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

## PENDLETON AND SALFORD O.S.

Annual Nest Feather Show held at Chapel-street Hall, Salford, on June 26th. The quantity and quality of the birds were far in advance of those of previous years, although breeders have not, generally speaking, had a good season. Yorkshires and Norwich numbered 68 all told. No British birds were exhibited, although classes and specials were provided; this seems rather surprising, as at last year's show the British birds numbered 19. Mr. E. Jones, the Assistant Secretary of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S., judged the Yorkshires, and Mr. Geo. W. F. Lythgoe the Norwich and A.O.V. The 2s. 6d. special for best Yorks in show was won by Gowenlock, the 5s. special for most points Yorks, J. Holland; for 2nd most points, T. Brennan; for most points Norwich, W. E. Espley; for 2nd most points, W. N. Turner; half-dozen baths, most points A.O.V., J. Massey; quarter-dozen, 2nd most points, Gowenlock; silver medal most points in show, J. Holland; calahash pipe, 2nd most points, T. Brennan. Everything worked smoothly, and Mr. Clayton, Sec., received every assistance from the members. The judging appeared to give general satisfaction. On the whole, the society is to be congratulated on its good show and the turn-up altogether.

YORKS CL. YELL. (11): 1, Holland; 2, 4, Brennan; 3, Clayton; vhc, Durnford; hc, Laverty; c, Barton. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Holland; 3, Whittle; 4, vhc, Durnford; hc, Atkinson; c, Clayton. TKD. YELL. (12): 1, Laverty; 2, Gowenlock; 3. Holland; 4, Brennan; vhc, Durnford; hc, Atkinson; c, Barton. BUFF (12): 1, Gowenlock; 2, 4, vhc, Whittle; 3, Brennan; hc, Parkinson; c, Holland. NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1, Turner; 2, 4, hc, Massey; 3, vhc, Espley; c, Critchley. BUFF (5): 1, Espley; 2, Turner; 3, Kirk; 4, vhc, Jesson. TKD. YELL. (3): 1, Turner; 2, Jesson; 3, Espley. BUFF (4): 1, Turner; 2, 3, Espley; 4, Kirk. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Massey; 3, Gowenlock.

## MANCHESTER & N. COUNTIES O.S.

Nest Feather Show held July 3rd. The entries were rather below the average, the novice members especially having had bad luck. The quality of the birds was, however, remarkably good, some very promising Yorkshires being staged, while the Norwich were a very fine lot. Mr. Cook's team of four, which won the gold medal for best team, was particularly taking. A very nice lot of Lizards were put down, Mr. Senior's being runners-up for the medal. Mr. A. J. Smith showed a very fine team of British, and it was hard lines he did not win the medal for lack of competition. The few Foreign birds were in perfect condition and well staged, and proved very attractive. We had a particularly good gate, the new room being very light and lofty, and altogether very suitable for members' shows. The novices that ventured to compete put down a nice lot, the Yorkshires staged hy Messrs. Snape and Jones being excellent specimens, the former really open class birds. Mr. Davis's judging met with general approval.

LANCS. (2) 1, 2, Adams. LIZ. GOLD (7): 1, 2, hc, Senior; 3, c, Thompson; vhc, Lees. SILVER (6): 1, 3, 4, Senior; 2, Dewsnap; vhc, hc, Thompson. YORKS CL. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Brennan; 3, Stirrup. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Dewsnap; 2, 4, vhc, Stirrup; hc, Humphries. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Dewsnap; 2, W.C., Stirrup; 3, 4, Brennan. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, Stirrup; 4, Humphries; vhc, Brennan; hc, Dewsnap. NOR. CL. YELL. (2): 1, Thompson; 2, A. Boothman. BUFF (8): 1, H. Boothman; 2, Cook; 3, 4, Senior; vhc, A. Boothman; hc, A. G. Smith; c, Thompson. TKD. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Cook; 3, Senior; 4, Thompson. BUFF (5): 1, Cook; 2, Senior; 3, 4, A. G. Smith; vhc, Thompson. YELL. CINN. (3): 1, 2, 3, Bladon. BUFF (1): Bladon. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, 2, Raynes; 3, Hill. SELL (12s. 6d) (1): Senior. YOUNG MULE (1): Dewsnap. ANY AGE (1): Hill. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (8): 1, 2, A. G. Smith; 3, 4, Parker; vhc, Senior; hc, Hill; absent, Adams; W.C., Parker. BROWN LINNET, ETC.: (5): 1, 2, 3, Hill; 4, vhc, Parker. A.O.S. HARDBILL (5): 1, 2, A. G. Smith; 3, Parker; 4, vhc, Hill. SOFTBILL (1): Hill. SMALL FOR. (3): 1, 2, Riley; 3, Creasey. LARGE: 2, Creasey. NOV. SECTION—YORKS CL. YELL. (6): 1, Snape; 2, Reavey; 3, 4, Joncs; absent, Mason; W.C., Jones. BUFF (6): 1, Snape; 2, Midgley; 3, 4, vhc, Jones; ahsent, Mason. TKD. (13): 1, 3, Snape; 2, hc, Lees; 4, Reary; vhc, Drew; c, Dingwell. NOR. CL. YELL. (2): 1, 2, Kenny. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Robinson; 3, Long; 4, Kenny. TKD. (4): 1, Long; 2, 3, Robinson; 4, Kenny.

## HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Members' F.F. Show held July 3rd. Mr. Chew (Leeds) judged. We had a very good show, and there were some fine birds staged. Mr. Chew gave entire satisfaction. There were 66 entries in ten classes. The principal winners were Messrs. G. Cartwright, B. Quarmby, W. H. Waring, J. Fountain, K. S. Hodgson, W. Miller, H. W. Battye, T. Moss, and W. L. Brier.—R. Greensmith, Sec.


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## DONCASTER.

There was a very nice array of high quality birds at the Doncaster Agricultural Society Show on July 1st. The entry, too, was considerably in excess of that of last year. The special for best bird was won by Mr. Axe's lovely ticked yellow Norwich, but as Mr. Axe was the donor and did not wish to compete, the award went to Mr. Lees' well-known light Linnet Mule. All the arrangements were excellently carried out by Messrs. Axe and Barrett, who had the birds nicely staged and well fed and watered, whilst Mr. Chafer, the popular secretary, was most courteous in the discharge of his duties. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. YELL (4): 1, 3, Axe, very handsome ticked-headed bird, rare shape, colour and feather, shown to perfection, 3rd, high quality, clear of rare colour, not so stout; 2, Elliott and Best, very nice shaped clear, grand head, chest and back, neat wings and tail, hardly so tight in feather; absent, Lees. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Axe, grand shaped, tight feathered variegated of good colour, and a very cobby, nice coloured ticked checked bird; 2, hc, Townsend, very smart wing ticked, grand head and body, lovely colour aud feather, not quite so clever with his wings; res., Lees; c, Elliott and Best. YORKS YELL. (6): 1, Shaw Bros., long, slim, racy, clear, neat head, capital colour and feather, very stylish; 2, Mullins, another very nice shaped bird, stands up well, hardly so tight in feather; 3, Battye, long shapely bird of good style, but needed a wash; res., Helliwell; vhc, Bescoby and Hart; absent, 373, Battye. BUFF (7): 1, Shaw Bros., grand little bird, marked eyes, neck and wings, full of quality and colour, grand shape, style, and feather; 2, Milton; 3, Helliwell, two very showy, stylish, well-feathered clears, a shade stout; res., Taylor; vhc, Baxby; hc, c, Battye. BRED 1909 A.V. (16): 1, res., Raynes, very promising clear yellow Yorkie, neat head, nice neck and shoulders, capital quality, and stands well up; 2, Axe, ticked necked yellow Norwich, grand shape, colour and feather; 3, Helliwell, very neat and stylish buff Yorkie, rare style and feather; vhc, Taylor, Duckitt; hc, Stocks; hc, c, Mullins; absent, Jowett (2). A.O.V. (8): 1, spl., Lees, well-known light Linnet Mule, in nice form; 2, res., Axe, shapely, well-feathered C.B., of good substauce, and a fine yellow Cinnamon; 3, Caunt, large, shapely, well-marked Goldie-Bullie; vhc, hc, Taylor; c, Robinson. BRIT. BULLIE, ETC. (15): 1, Axc, magnificent Goldie, rare colour and markings, as steady as a rock; 2, hc, Wildsmith and Hawkins, rare shaped, well marked, good coloured, tight feathered Linnet, ran the winner close; 3, Milne, grand shaped, close-feathered Bullie, capital colour, grand cap and back; res., Pogmore; vhc, Walsh; c, Miller. A.O.S. HARDBILL (14): 1, 3, Axe, very rich-coloured, well marked yellow Bunting, lovely feather, and an equally good Chaffinch; 2, Bell, large, nice coloured Hawfinch, good bih and wings; res., vhc, c, Walsh; vhc, Forster; hc, Beseoby and Hart, Wildsmith and Hawkins. SOFTBILL (8): 1, Forster, very steady, well-marked, grand feathered Wheatear; 2, Wildsmith and Hawkins, very large Starling, grandly spangled and nice colour; 3, Axe, rich deep-coloured Blackbird, capital bill and cere; res., vhc, hc, Walsh. FOR. (9): 1, vhc, hc, Robinson, very nice coloured, well marked Pekin Nightingale, very steady and in good form; 2, res., c, Duff, pair of Masked Weavers, niee shape and feather, and very steady; 3, Bell, pretty Blue-winged Lovebird, rare colour and feather. LOCAL A.V. (9): 1, Tomkinson, long slim stylish yellow Yorkie; 2, Goodair very nice Goldie, grand blaze, capital body colour and feather; 3, Robinson, rich-coloured Orange Bishop, in good form; res., hc, Spittlehouse; vhc, Lewis.

## REDRUTH.

One of the very best collection of Canaries, British birds, and Hybrids ever got together at this time of year gave Mr. North, of Reading, a good morning's work at Redruth, on June 30th. The cage hird tent afforded its share of attraction to the many visitors at the show. The weather was perfect, and the hard-working committee must be congratulated on complete success. The chairman is Mr. F. Collins, ably supported by Messrs. Rickard, Ferrell, Laurie, Lanyon, and Sherman, with Messrs. Opie and Kemp as hon. secretaries. A good list of specials, showing one for each class, and others for groups, bears ample witness to the enthusiasm of the committee.

NOR. CL. YELL. (9): 1, spl, c, Ferrell, good deep typical chest, plenty of colour and quality; 2, Tippett, also good in quality and colour; 3, Strout, full of Norwich properties; res, Collins; vhc, Kemp; hc, Rickard. TKD., ETC. (8): 1, 2 spls, r, Dunstan, winner large stout hird, teeming with quality; 2, Lawry, very smart typical variegd. bird; 3, Collins, nice smooth plumage; vhc, Ferrell; hc, White; c, Kemp. CL. BUFF (16): 1, spl, extra spl, Coad, grand exhibit, good size, colour and quality; 2, Rodda, very typical; 3, Trevena, well up in shape, size and colour; res, Lawry; vhc, Tippett; hc, Collins; c, Kemp. TKD., ETC. (9): 1 spl, White, very smart bird, splendid undercolour, nicely mealed; 2, Dunstan, nice type; 3, Collins, good shape; r, Rickard; vhc, Sherman; hc, Ferrell; c, Kemp. CREST OR C.B. (6): 1, spl, extra spl for best hird in show, 2, vhc, Rabey Bros., foremost well-known champion, cl. body, dark crest hen, looking hetter than ever; 2nd, massive full-fronted dark crest; 3, r, Allen and Bellman, former nicely-formed dark crest; c, Ferrell. YORKS. YELL. (10): 1, spl, Ellis, smart bird of good position, length and quality; 2, Chirgwin, splendid type and quality; 3, Wills, good style and quality; r, Boundy; vhc, Ellis; hc, Oatey; c, Thomas. BUFF (11): 1, spl, extra spl, 2, Ellis, former most typical Yorks. of the boxwood pattern; 2nd, also full of Yorks. properties; 3, Fox, grand position; r, vhc, Veal; hc, Oatey; c, Gemdall. CINN. YELL. (5): 1, spl, extra spl, Burton, former exquisite bird for Nor. type, quality and colour, latter larger but more feather; 3, Kemp; r, Chirgwin. BUFF (7): 1, Lenderyon, fine, large, bold hird, good head and level colour, winner of many up-country open shows; 2, hc, Burton, also nice size and quality; 3, Ferrell, well up in colour and condition; r, Clemo; vhc, Sherman; c, Collins. The winners in these classes are good enough for the severest competition. A.O.V. (8): 1, spl, extra spl for best Canary in show exhibited by a lady, Miss F. Davies, massive-shouldered Belgian, gone in moult, but grand high-class bird when roused; 2, Rowe and Richards, nice position and reach; 3, West, Silver Lizard; r, Baker, good stylish Belgian; vhc, Bennett, plenty of long, curly feather; hc, c, Roberts. PAIRS, 1909 BRED (11): 1, spl, extra spl, Boundy, pair slashing Yorks.; 2, Tippett, promising Norwich; 3, Kemp, cinn.; r, Wills, Nor.; vhc, Rickard; hc, Rutter; interesting class. GROUP OF FOUR, 1909 BRED (8): 1, spl, extra spl., D. Williams, promising Norwich; 2, Pascoe, same remarks apply; 3, Thomas, Yorks.; r, Tippett; vhc, Kemp; hc, Webb. LIGHT CAN. MULE (8): 1, spl, 3, r, Collins, well-known six-pointed buff Goldfinch-Canary leading, 3rd to light mottled Linnet-Canary, followed by another nicely-marked Goldfinch-Canary for third prize; 2, Rowe and Richards, rare six-pointed yellow; vhc, hc, c, Edwards, all nice-looking Mules. DARK (13): 1, spl, c, Rowe and Richards, Jonque Goldfinch-Canary, well up in size, colour and quality; 2, Wills, very nice Linnet-Canary, nicely pencilled and sound in colour; 3, r, Collins, Greenfinch-Canary and Redpoll-Canary, in spleadid feather; vhc, Edwards; hc, Pace. HYB. (5): 1, spl, extra spl for second best hird in show, 2, r, Collins, former well-known Linnet-Bullfinch, splendid colour and high condition; 2, noted Greenfinch-Bullfinch, not looking in such good trim; 3, Rowe and Richardson, very good Goldfinch-Greenfinch; r, a very promising young Siskin-Greenfinch. GOLDFINCH, BRITISH (cage-moulted) (10): 1, spl, extra spl for best British, vhc, Harris, well-known winner, very expansive, square cut, deep-coloured blaze, splendid huttons and tan, and nice size; 2, Jupe, very similar hird, not quite same polish; 3, White, nicc colour and size of hlaze; r, Davies; hc, Rowe and Richards; c, Large. LARGE BRIT. (5): 1, spl, Jupe, Hawfinch, of grand size and colour, perfect plumage to end of tail; 2, Dale, Song Thrush, rich in colonr and beantifully spotted; 3, Collins, another Thrush, not quite so good yet in colour; vhc, Strout, Starling, in excellent feather; r, Collins, Hawfinch, nice colour. SMALL HARDBILL (21): 1, spl, r, Collins, splendid Bramblefinch leading; 2, two 3, Rowe and Richards, Bullie, Siskin, and Yellow Bunting, all in prime condition; extra 3, Jupe, another nice Bullie; vhc, Harris; hc, Ball; c, Wills. FOR., PAIR OR GROUP (9): 1, spl, extra spl, 2, Miss F. Davies, Violet-throated Green Bulbul and Many-coloured Lorrikeet, in prime show condition; 3, hc, Woolcock, former very nice pair Cockatiels; vhc, r, Harris, latter grand pair Long-tail Grassfinches; c, Strout. SELL. (20/-) (10): 1, spl, Allen and Bellman; 2, Ferrell; 3, Thomas; r, Kemp; vhc, Coad; hc, Bennett; c, White. (10/-): (18): 1, spl, Rowe and Richardson; 2, Allen and Bellman; 3, Kemp; r, Coad; vhc, Ferrell; hc, Webh; c, Sherman.


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# *Twitterings.*

The Suffolk C.B.S., writes Mr. Wm. Barrett, the hon. secretary, are holding their Young Bird Show on July 17th.

Jarrow, Hebburn, and Dis. C.B.S. have altered the date of their Nest Feather Show from July 10th to August 2nd, we are informed.

Kindly note that I have removed from Ashfield Place, to 13, High Street, Loanhead, Midlothian, writes Mr. W.. B. Smart, hon. secretary of the Loanhead and Dis. C.B.S.

Mr. C. Whiting, of Bradford, will judge at the Young Bird Show of the City of Wakefield O.S., to be held on July 24th, write Messrs. Parker and Parkes, the secretaries.

Mr. J. Walsh, of Pheasant Aviaries, Blackburn, is making a speciality of the new standard N.B.B. and M.C. pattern of show cage for Hardbills, and has issued a special price-list.

Mr. John D. Hamlyn, the well-known importer, of 221, St. George's Street, London, E., sends us his July price-list, which contains many rare species of foreign birds, waterfowl, animals, etc., at very reasonable prices.

We have received an advertisement offering a rocking-horse for sale, or exchange, for Canaries, but without name or address attached. If sender will let us have the necessary particulars, we will insert the advertisement next week.

We have received an order from Shawbury, Salop, for a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," by Claude St. John. If the sender of same will forward us his full name and address we shall have pleasure in sending the book.

I had 30 applications for the Borders I advertised in CAGE BIRDS, and a considerable number for the Linnet-Mule—all on the Saturday following the day of the publication, which simply shows that CAGE BIRDS is the paper for the fancier.—ALEC. CORMACK (Duns.)

Kindly announce my change of address, writes Mr. J. A. Simpson, which is now 30, Wellesley Road, Harrow View, Harrow-on-the-Hill. Also, will you state that I have not given up the Fancy as rumoured; I was only obliged some time ago to reduce my stock owing to business arrangements.

The little advertisement (cost 6d.), which I sent to your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, brought me about 20 applications after my three pairs Goldfinch cocks and Bullie hens. They are all sold, or exchanged, and I have not time to reply to all who wrote, but I thank them.—J. T. STILL (Swindon)

Mr. E. Limb, of 8, Mayo Street, Cockermouth, has been appointed secretary of the Cockermouth F.S., writes Mr. G. W. Oglethorpe, the chairman of the society. The fourth nest feather show will be held on July 17th. A movement is on foot, I may mention, to provide a club-room for the society.

Those intending to join the Fife and Kinross Norwich Plainhead Club, writes Mr. A. Dickson, the sec., should do so now, to give the committee a chance to know how many members they will have It will also enable them to know how to grant specials for shows at their next meeting at the beginning of August. All societies wishing their patronage should write before that time to me at 37, Adam's Terrace, Kelty, N.B.

The Ayr and Dis. C.B.C. are holding a First Feather Show on July 24th, in the Good Templar Hall, New Bridge Street, writes Mr. C. C. Irvine, the secretary. Mr. Thos. Dolton will judge. Entries close on the morning of show. Fanciers joining now will be eligible to compete.

Our Young Stock Show, writes Mr. W. Pawley, hon. secretary of the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S., is to be held on July 24th. A good concert has also been arranged to take place on the same evening. The breeding results have been very fair on the average here this year, some of the novices doing the best.

A booklet dealing with the art of colour-feeding has just been written and published by Mr. J. W. Ramsden (the well-known manager of the Crystal Palace Bird Shows). It contains detailed instructions for the moulting of birds to bring them out the correct rich colour essential to success on the show-bench. The price is threepence, and readers can have copies direct from the offices of CAGE BIRDS (154, Fleet Street, London), for 3½d.

The great Open Show of the Vale of Conway and Dis. F.A., held at Llandudno, on July 21st, should not be overlooked by bird-keepers, as it has an excellent reputation for good management. The full classification will be found advertised in our columns this week, and exhibitors can enter therefrom, if too late for them to get a schedule. Entries close first post, July 13th, to Mr. A. T. Johnson, secretary, Ro Wen, Talycafn, North Wales.

The Southern Yorkshire Canary Club has had a very successful season. After laying out a large sum on trophies and cash specials for competition amongst members at the shows, there remains a cash balance in hand of £2 17s. 8d., and other assets value £2 13s. The list of members is an ever-extending one, and a fine programme has been arranged for their benefit during the coming show season. Any fancier of the Yorkshire desirous of joining should communicate at once with the secretary, Mr. J. W. Renuie, Junction Hotel, Andover, Hants.

We hear that an important deal in rare Foreign and British birds has just been completed between Mr. W. Cook, the well-known exhibitor and Mr. Buntley (of Sheffield), who bought the whole of Mr. Cook's birds, many of which were well-known prize-winners of recent years. Included were 52 large stock and show cages. Birds and cages were quickly packed and forwarded to their destination by Mr. C. Roch (of 400, Edgware Road, W.), who acted as broker to the vendor. Although Mr. Cook has disposed of his fine collection, he does not intend to give up altogether his interest in, and love of, the Fancy.

"British Birds" (one shilling monthly) for July is prefaced by a lovely coloured plate of the "Chicks of the Sanderling," Mr. W. Eagle Clarke supplying the notes anent same. As was promised in the previous issue, Commander H. Lynes, R.N., M.B.O.U., commences his "Observations on the Migration of Birds in the Mediterranean." The introductory article is illustrated by five figures, and is written in a capital style which promises to make the series both highly readable and valuable. "The Peregrine Falcon on the Yorkshire cliffs," is the subject on which Mr. A. D. Sapsworth, M.B.O.U., writes, and "Notes" and "Reviews" go to complete the issue.

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We hear from Mr. L. Harris, the valuer, that Mr. W. Dell's claim in respect of the recent fire at Bromley, Kent, involving the loss of a large number of his birds (reported in our issue of June 26th), has been promptly settled to Mr. Dell's satisfaction.

### Southern Yorks. C.C.

Will societies who intend soliciting the above club's support make application for same at once, with dates and judges?—J. W. RENNIE, hon. secretary, The Junction Hotel, Andover.

### Not Like Mother.

A Selkirk gentleman tells of a rather interesting case. There nests in his garden a Blackbird which is more white than black. At first it was speckled, but it has grown whiter with the years. This year the gentleman had, as usual, this bird as a visitant, and has watched it keenly. A brood of young birds has been hatched, but they are quite ordinary birds, with the exception of a few white feathers in their wings.

### Losses of a Canary Breeder.

Mr. A. A. Pool, St. Jude's, Bristol. grease refiner, stated in the Bristol Bankruptcy Court on July 2, that he began business 33 years ago, and had been a breeder of Canaries for about 30 years. He had never failed before. The failure now was partly due to depression in the tallow trade and to illness. He estimated his losses through the deaths of 195 prize-bred Canaries (poisoned) at about £180. He sometimes got as much as £15 for a pair of Canaries, and he once sold four pairs for £48.

### A Wash to a Finish.

A bird-washing match will be held at the headquarters of the South Manchester C.B.S., writes Mr. J. C. Spilsbury, the secretary, on July 12th, to commence at 9 p.m. prompt, between Mr. F. Washbourne (president of the South Manchester C.B.S.), and Mr. F. Parker (of the M. and N. C.O.S.). Will all members please attend. The ordinary meeting will commence at 8 o'clock, and the business is very important. All subscriptions are now due. A very handsome flower vase will be presented to the winner of the match.

### London and Provincial O.S.

Kindly allow me to make public through the columns of CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. H. E. Tringham, hon. secretary of the L. and P.O.S., the announcement that the details of the Great Combined Show of the L. and P.O.S. and the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. are nearly all arranged, and that we have secured the splendid Princes Hall of the Lambeth Public Baths, for the dates fixed, viz., November 4th and 5th. This is one of the very finest halls in London, and is most centrally situated, and our contract covers the day prior to and the day following the show.

### Welsh C.B.C.

Will all societies desirous of having the patronage of the above club communicate with me prior to July 24th, as I shall be placing all applications before my committee at an early date for their consideration? I here give a cordial welcome to the numerous fanciers in Wales to join the club which has done a great deal in the past towards improving the Fancy in the "Land of Song," but could do infinitely better in the future if all the fanciers in Wales helped to wave its banner, thus making it a strong and growing society. Nothing will give me greater pleasure than to receive applications for membership, and all information required would be gladly furnished. "Gymry cofiwch am y Gymdeithas Hon."—G. T. JONES, hon. secretary, Hrfon House, 18, Castle Street, Brecon.


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**A Lecture recently delivered before the North London C.B.A.**

### On Building Up a Strain.

Now, to build up a strain of Yorkshires—or, for that matter, any variety—it is not the work of a season or two. When I speak of a strain I mean birds that one is able to send out, knowing he will meet with a fair amount of success in keen competition on the show bench. You may perchance purchase a few good pairs of birds, and probably breed winners from them and from their progeny the first two or three seasons; but if you do not pay most careful attention to the various points of your stock you will not be able to continue getting that coveted first and special. If you are possessed of a long purse, and do not mind paying big figures for your stock, you may be able to reach the top of the ladder much quicker—but the difficulty is to remain there. Many novices breed a good bird and receive a tempting offer and part with same, but this is a mistake, for you will find it is only by keeping and selecting the best of your stock that you can expect to reach that high pyramid of fame which most of us are trying to attain; therefore, if you are fortunate enough to breed a good bird, stick to it.

### The Discussion.

What is a gutted back? someone asked.—Ans.: Neither of the birds here has this defect, so I cannot show it. A bird with a gutted back generally has a drop from the shoulder right down the centre of the back.

Mr. Forse: I think you said that we have to look to hens for type. Take, for instance, the big yellow cock bird you spoke of in your paper. That instance proved the opposite to be the case?—That was exceptional.—The reason I asked, said Mr. Forse, was because I consider it best to look to the hen for type; but it is not always reliable. The head of the cock bird shows more in the young.—In my paper I pointed out that the cock bird had a bad head. We all like to see nice heads in Yorkshires, and hens with good heads are most difficult to obtain. Once bad points do get in it is a very difficult matter to get rid of them.

A Member: We don't hear so much about "frills" now?—No, said someone in reply; they know how to wash them out. Perhaps Mr. Sweetman could tell us how it is done?—Mr. Sweetman, however, said that he could not.

Mr. Penton: If you paired a bird having a good forehead with a bird having a flat head, would they produce good round-headed birds?—I don't think so. By pairing the progeny having round heads it might be done, say, in a couple of seasons.

Mr. Forse: Do you believe in pairing birds at sight or by pedigree?—I would pair birds from what I could see by my own eyes.—Would you pair a bird with a good-looking head without considering what the parents were like?—No, I should certainly like to know that the parents had good heads.

### Good and Bad Wing Carriage.

Somebody here called attention to the fact that one of the birds present had crossed wings.—Mr. Sweetman explained that the bird in question had bad wing carriage naturally. In some cases bad wing carriage was caused by nervousness.—Mr. Tringham: How do you suggest improving bad wing carriage?—By discarding those having bad wing carriage and breeding only with those having good wing carriage.—Mr. Penton: Wouldn't a loose-winged bird serve the purpose—paired to a bird with crossed wings?—Quite likely, said Mr. Tringham.—Mr. Sweetman: Sometimes in your stock you get an open-winged bird. Such would be good for crossing with a bird having a tendency to cross. I would prefer it on the hen's side.

Mr. Morris: Is drop wing carriage natural? Isn't it sometimes caused through the bird not having enough flight?—Mr. Harper: I have a hen which has been in flight cage for five months, and its wings still droop.—Mr. Penton said he did not think the flight improved it at all.

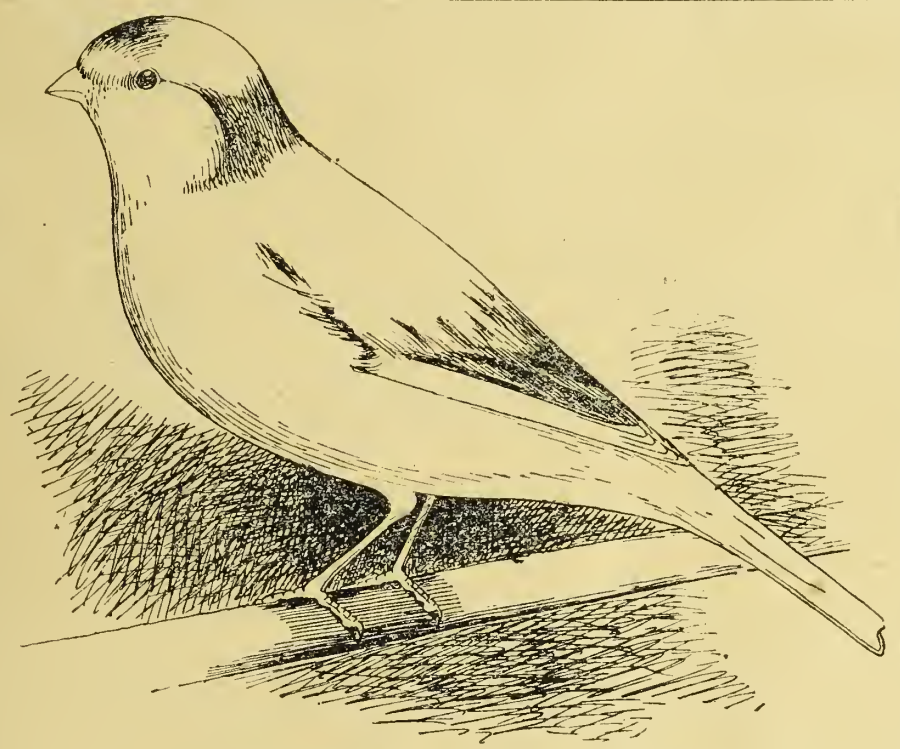
Mr. Tringham: I have been given to understand that Belgian blood was introduced in order to do away with bad wing carriage.—No doubt the Belgian is a valuable asset. Most Belgians' tails are close right to wing tips. Not having used Belgian blood direct, I am unable to say whether or not it would do away with bad wing carriage, but I should think it would rectify it to a large extent.

Mr. Tringham: A large percentage of Yorkshires from the north are Belgian blooded.—The Belgian is no doubt very useful to a man having from 10 to 12 pairs of birds, as it is very easy for him to sell the young, especially the hens.

Someone here asked: What is breed?—In my opinion, said Mr. Sweetman, "breed" is that which, when you handle a bird, makes it continuously on the move. "Swagger" is another name. The more of it in the Yorkshire bird the better.—Mr. Tringham: But a bird may stand still and yet show "breed."—Mr. Penton: That depends a good deal on training.—Not necessarily.—Mr. Penton: But you can train the bird to show itself.

Mr. Cook: Do you recommend a novice to use a Belgian?—I should say yes, but with great care. I should not recommend a raw novice to do so without knowing the essential points of a Yorkshire first.—Mr. Cook: Mr. Mundell says that a flat head can be remedied by using the bath very frequently and giving plenty of water when the hen is sitting.—Mr. Tringham: I think Mr. Mundell was rather over-reaching the mark.

Mr. Hale: Do you put young birds in flight when they are moulting?—Space does not permit me to allow the majority of my stock to be put into flight cages. I usually put the young birds in small flights from 3 to 4 ft. long. If fortunate enough to breed a good bird I do not put it into a flight cage, as I find great difficulty then in steadying the birds for show.



**Un-Evenly Marked Yellow Norwich.**

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Mr. Tringham: I should say it was rather difficult to pick out the good youngsters before they have moulted.—I find that when a bird is from 8 to 10 weeks old I am usually able to tell whether it is a good bird.

Mr. Cook (discussing birds on table): Are not square shoulders recommended?—The judges like nice round shoulders; the square shoulders are from Belgians.—Questioner: What is an ideal stock pair—in regard to size?—Get them as big as possible, the cock, say, 7ins., and the hen, say, 6½ins. But you will be fortunate if you get the hen of this size with good properties.

Mr. Morris: Would you use a bird with drop tail?—Mr. Forse: Certainly, if I had a bird to pair it to that did not drop its tail.

Mr. Tringham: How would Mr. Sweetman advise a beginner to commence getting Cinnamon Marked. What kind of birds would he recommend?—I am unable to answer, as I have not studied Cinnamon markings, so I cannot give any advice on the subject.—Mr. Penton: Cinnamon has a tendency to loose feather. Is it possible to breed Cinnamons from two dark-eyed birds?—Mr. Tringham: I don't think so. One of the birds must be pink-eyed. Some 75 per cent. of the Yorkshires to-day have Cinnamon blood in them.—Mr. Sweetman: That accounts for my breeding so many pink-eyed hens.—Mr. Penton: Is it a freak?—Mr. Tringham: I am unable to say. Many of us get surprises.

Someone asked: Are Cinnamons derived from Greens?—Mr. Penton said that Cinnamons have a tendency to go over the perch a great deal.—Mr. Tringham: That would not be so if you studied type when pairing.

Mr. Tringham: Returning to the subject of young stock, how do you feed the young birds?

In the following manner: One hard-boiled egg and an equal quantity of H and P tea biscuits. I press the egg through a piece of perforated zinc with a knife, crush the biscuits very fine, and add a teaspoonful of maw seed. Feed the birds at 8 a.m., at midday, and at from 5 to 6 o'clock—perhaps later. I find the birds do very well on the above-named mixture. I use watercress, very little groundsel, and occasionally boiled rape. When taking the young birds from their parents I continue the egg food and give plenty of crushed hemp seed up to about the time when they are six weeks old. When the birds are about 18 days old I put them in a nursery cage until they are able to do for themselves—that is when they are able to take the egg food without the help of their parents.

Mr. Forse: Is it advisable to be very careful and sparing with hemp seed when young birds are able to do for themselves?—I allow about a teaspoonful for each nest. I don't crush the seed for the old birds.—I don't give so much hemp, said Mr. Forse.

Mr. Morris: I do not think it is possible to get size without the use of boiled rape-seed. I boil the rape for about three minutes and then rub it in a cloth and mix it with biscuit powder. I do not give the young birds water, as the food is moist enough. Boiled rape seed helps to make bone, and you cannot do better.

Mr. Harper: Southend breeders give the youngsters lime water; it seems very successful, and prevents their going light.—Mr. Morris: The great thing is to keep the bird eating.—Do you use milksop? someone asked.—No, replied the lecturer, except when the bird goes light, when I give a little with a thick layer of maw seed. My experience is that they only pick it over, and make a nasty mess of themselves.

Mr. Penton: Sop is alright; it is a fine scourer.—Sop plus mawseed.—Mr. Tringham: I can endorse that; it is an excellent medicine.—Mr. Forse: I never use anything else as a medicine. As to feeding young birds on it, I think it is too scouring, and makes the birds look so thin.

Mr. Tringham: They have in some places in Yorkshire what is known as a "Green Pot," which is nothing more than sour milksop, which has a layer of green mildew on the top. If a bird has indications of being ill it is given a dose from the "Green Pot" as the first medicine.

Mr. Morris: The bread in Yorkshire is quite different from London bread. The taste is altogether different.—Mr. Harper: A Yorkshireman sells his whole stock, and buys a bird here and there, and then breeds winners. How is it done?—Mr. Tringham: That is what is called breeding by sight, and not by pedigree.—Mr. Morris: I don't agree. They are using another man's experience.

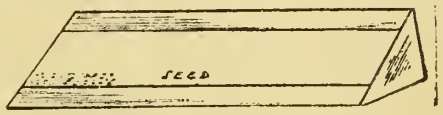
As the time was getting late the discussion was adjourned till a later date, when Mr. Morris was to give a lecture on the Norwich Canary. Mr. Tringham proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Sweetman for his excellent lecture. He (Mr. Tringham) had come to the meeting, he said, with the expectation of hearing Mr. Crisp, but was not disappointed, as Mr. Sweetman had given a most interesting lecture. Mr. Sweetman duly responded. With this the meeting closed.

# The Bullfinch: Its Habits and Management.

By L. J. Bettison.

The Bullfinch is about 5ins. in length, with a black cap on its head. The back of the cock bird is of a bluish grey, and its rump is white (which easily marks the bird when in flight). Its throat and breast are of a deep orange red, its tail is black and its legs are rather short and of a light brown. The wings are also short, being bluish grey on the top with the other big wing feathers black, and a small bar almost white across the middle of the wing.

In the hen bird the head is black, the breast a purplish brown, and the back a bluish grey. The wings, tail and legs are the same as in the cock bird; the bill is short and curved and rather broad.




**Mr. Bettison's Seed-Hopper.**

### Bullie's Habitations and Food.

These birds inhabit the woods chiefly in the summer, and in the winter they visit our orchards and hedge-rows. Their food in summer consists chiefly of fruit such as raspberries, strawberries and blackberries (it is not the fleshy part of the fruit they care for so much as the small seeds). In the winter they live chiefly upon dock seeds, privet berries, shepherd's purse, groundsel, and the seeds of the sowthistle and dandelion, etc.

The Bullfinch makes its nest in a thick bush, and rather low down. The nest consists chiefly of moss and hair, and the bird lays four or five eggs of a bluish colour, spotted with dark brown. The brood always remain all the winter through together, and separate in the following spring, when they mate with other birds. The call note of the Bullfinch is a very mournful sort of piping noise, and can be heard at a great distance.

### Easily Kept Birds.

Bullfinches are very easy to keep in confinement. They should be caught when over their first moult—in the autumn and winter. If they are caught in the summer they nearly always pine away and die, because they have in all probability got young somewhere.

To catch these birds it is best to get a good couple of decoy traps, of a dark-green colour, and have a cock bird in one and a hen in the other (the call birds need not be tame birds, because the wild ones will call as soon as you are out of their sight). In feeding wild Bullfinches you should start by giving them their natural food, if possible, such as I have mentioned above, with a little seed, such as hemp, Canary, and rape; but do not give too much hemp, as it makes their feathers liable to drop off, or turn a very bad colour. You should gradually get them on to seed, and always give them a bath once a day, as these birds will sometimes bathe the day after they are caught, and it greatly helps one to keep them strong and healthy.

The cages for keeping the wild ones in should be the common box-cage, and you should cover the wires of the bottom part of the cage with a piece of muslin or with some sort of cloth, so that it comes half way up the cage, for if you expose the birds too much to view at first, they will only bang about and do more harm than good to themselves. Put plenty of sand in the bottom of the cage, and bird grit should be given if possible, as they require a great deal. Always, if possible, put two or more birds together at first, and separate them when they get tamer and more used to the cage.

The best seed trough for the wild birds is a small wooden one, made in the shape of a long pig-trough, as per illustration. The two pieces of wood at the top and the bottom are for stopping the birds from knocking the seed out. I have tried this trough and it answers very well. It is very easily made out of thin wood.

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# The Breeding & Management of the Green Canary.

By S. HADWIN.

**A lecture given before the Sale O.S. on April 26th.**

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### Influence of the Male.

Before commencing to pair up it is advisable to take into consideration the influence each side of the compact has on the possible progeny. It is now generally recognised that the chief influences of the cock bird are size and colour, so that in selecting the stock cocks these two characteristics should be borne clearly in mind, especially in regard to the Yorkshire and Norwich varieties. With Borders, size is not a consideration to the same extent. Whilst it is possible to have Borders too small and skimpy, the main difficulty is to keep them small enough to come into line with the standard.

Size in a Yorkshire is length, but it must be length well filled in and proportionate. Size in a Norwich is bulk, but it must be cobby bulk; the back should be broad and round, and the chest broad and round and well carried up to the chin. There is nothing so objectionable in the Norwich as the chest carried betwixt the legs. The head should be full and well rounded, and proportionate to the body; you don't want a big head on a small body, or a small head on a big body, the whole must be in unison.

These two points, size and colour, must, therefore, be the first consideration in Yorkshires and in Norwich. If you can get quality as well, good, very good, in fact. But get size and colour first.

### Influence of the Hen.

The chief characteristics to be looked for in the hen are type and quality. Hens compared with cocks have practically no colour; hence it is of no use to look to them for colour. But the majority of them have quality, and on this a good colour can be placed by the cock.

Hens also, being smaller, carry a much better type than the cock birds do. Scientists tell us that the whole of the germ of life is contained in the seed of the male, the hen supplying the food and the incubation. Looking at the question from this point of view, it is difficult to understand the very great influence hens have on these two points, type and quality.

The influence seems to me to be a food influence. I take it the yolk of the egg which is the food of the chick in its embryonic state, is the essence of the blood of the hen. If this is so, then the matter becomes clear, because the hen by transmitting her very blood to the life germ supplied by the cock bird, transmits her characteristics at the same time. This theory is borne out by pedigree breeders, who rely almost entirely on the hens for carrying on a strain. They don't mind introducing strange cock birds, but they like to know everything there is to know about the hens.

### Selecting Stock.

If it is intended to go in for all the three varieties of the Green a large stock would have to be kept, as it is always advisable to keep at least one pair of each variety for stock bird breeding. In the case of the Yorkshire and Norwich, both birds should be as large as possible. The cock, in addition to size, should have colour very deeply ingrained in him. He should be so full of colour as to be almost black. And the best mate for him would be a large, stylish variegated hen, one bred from an even-marked strain, if possible, these even marks usually carrying markings of a very distinct character.

From this cross the majority of the young will be fouls and variegateds, and they will be found excellent for crossing with the selfs from the other pairs, either for lightening the colour or for keeping up size. Leaving size out of the question, a similar pair of stock Borders could be put up.

The best pair for show breeding would be a Self Buff cock and a Self Yellow hen, the cock to be of good size and colour, and the hen of good type, quality and style. If the cock bird is well filled in all round, a little raciness in the hen, that is a bird showing a bit of shoulder like a Belgian, would be desirable; if the cock is slim, with plenty of style and swagger, the proper mate for him would be a hen rather heavily moulded.

The second best pair would be a self yellow cock and a self buff hen, mated as in the case of the previous pair as regards type, style, and colour. This pairing, of course, applies to Yorkshire Greens, and I am assuming that the cock birds are not too deep in colour as to be too dark. If they are too dark it is better to use a foul or heavily-variegated hen, such a hen as would be bred from the stock pairs.

The above remarks will apply equally to the Norwich Greens, except that the difference in type must be taken into consideration. One of the principal things to avoid in connection with the Norwich is a sluggish, crouchy style of carriage. Whilst the Norwich should have short legs, they must, at the same time, be free from too much thick feather, commonly called "breeches." They should be clean cut away towards the vent, and have a free easy carriage in passing from perch to perch.

The pairing of Borders is slightly different to that adopted in the cases of the other two varieties of the Green. Size not being an outstanding consideration, birds of a more level kind can be paired together. In this variety two good show birds would be likely to make the best match. Of course, if the hen is a little thin in neck, a cock bird in this point must be used; but it is better to breed with birds nicely moulded on both sides. The colour points are the same as in the other varieties.

### The Use of Cinnamon Blood.

I promised earlier to point out how the good in Cinnamon blood could be used, and these remarks will apply to all three varieties.

Should you have cock birds good in all respects except that they have a superabundance of feather, and should you not be able to get Green hens fine enough in feather to correct this, then a Cinnamon hen should be used, but used for feather production only. The cock birds from this cross must be left severely out of the Greens, and only the hens should be used for future crossing with the Greens. You will then take what is good in the Cinnamon without any of its bad points.

There are one or two fallacies in connection with Cinnamon blood that I should like to point out. It is frequently remarked that the Cinnamon creates bronziness. This is entirely wrong. Cinnamon creates fine quality, and I have yet to see bronze on a fine quality specimen. Bronze is only seen on harsh, metallic feather, and always suggests coarseness.

Another remark one often hears is: "Oh! look at the bronze on that bird's wings; there must be a lot of Cinnamon in it." As a matter of fact, there has more than likely not been a particle of Cinnamon near the bird. The colour referred to is the brown of the nest feather, which shows on the two rows of wing coverts and the outer edge of the flight feathers, and is not seen after the adult moult. This brown colour in the young birds I like to see, and plenty of it; it is the surest sign that the bird will eventually be of a grand colour, far superior in this respect to those specimens that do not show this browning.

The Green Canary is a variety very easily managed. It is very hardy, and must not be colour fed. If kept in proper condition it does not require washing for show, so that it is essentially a novice's bird, and suitable for the fancier with very little time on his hands.

### How to Moult the Green.

After the breeding season is over the purely stock birds should be put into the flights. They will moult and keep in good condition there, and be out of the way. This will leave the breeding cages free for the show birds.

These I like to moult in couples. They bathe more freely, and take anything it is thought advisable to give them in the food line better than if they are kept in single cages. During moult the colour can be very much improved by the use of the following mixtures: 6d. saffron, 1oz. tincture of gentian, 1oz. dandelion juice, 1oz. glycerine, made up to one pint, with either rum or good port wine given in soft food on alternate days during the first half of moult—that is till the birds have only the head and neck to finish. When this stage is reached the saffron must be stopped, and 1oz. ammoniated citrate of iron substituted, the other ingredients being the same, as also is the method of administering.

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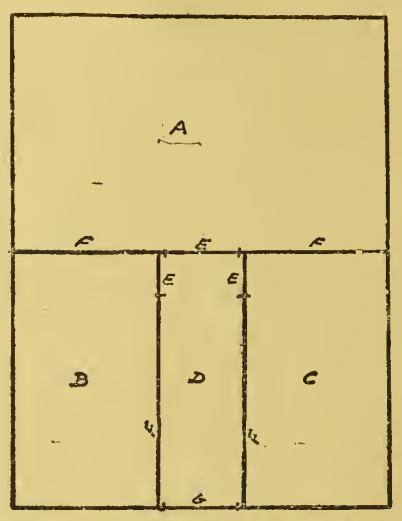
# The Construction & Furnishing of an Outdoor Aviary.

By MISS F. M. McLEOD.

In the following article it is my aim and object to make three things clear, namely, (1) how to arrange a suitable aviary; (2) what birds to get; and (3) where to put them. My first piece of advice to anyone who intends keeping either British or foreign birds, is that they should take in CAGE BIRDS, which comes out weekly, costs one penny, and contains a lot of valuable information. A greater advantage still is the correspondence column. Before building your aviary it is as well to have some idea of the birds you are going to keep in it. Nothing is so disappointing to a beginner as a series of birdy deaths. Therefore, I shall chiefly describe those birds which may be kept in an outdoor aviary all the year round.

### A Suitable Aviary.

For the birds I shall presently describe, a wooden shed, with an open wire run attached, is all that is absolutely necessary. The shed, however, should have a door at the side and should be large enough for anyone to enter. A small span roof or lean-to greenhouse, with a wooden roof covered with waterproof felt, makes an excellent and more elaborate aviary. A window might be let into the roof to give more




**Ground Plan of Miss McLeod's Avairy.**

*A: Large division. B: Smoller division. C: Another division; or for tobles, coges, utensils, etc. D: Passage woy. E: Wire doors. F: Wire netting. G: Outer door of aviory*

light; but do not have too much glass, or if it stands in a sunny spot, your aviary will be too hot in the summer. As a protection from mice and damp, raise your aviary about ½ft. from the ground. This will be found a great advantage.

The wire run should be of ½in. mesh, with a frame-work of wood or iron; and the floor should be of grass if possible. Have a good, thick, wooden floor to the house, and as a further protection against mice, a band of zinc, a foot wide, should be put round the outside of the house where the sides join the floor. A small door or window should connect the aviary and the run, so that the birds may be shut in at night, or shut out in the run while anything is being done to the house.

As regards fittings, dead branches, of varied thicknesses, make the best and cheapest perches. Cocoanut shells, sawn in halves, small holes bored in the sides and hung up with wire, are capital receptacles for seed and water, being inexpensive and ornamental. For Budgerigars, hang up plenty of cocoanut husks for nesting purposes. Husks may be bought, wired by the dozen for about half-a-crown.

### Some Suitable Birds.

I know of no bird more lively, hardy, and profitable than the Budgerigar. The green variety is so well known as the little bird who "tells your fortune for a penny," that I need not describe him. The yellow variety, however, is not so common, and is more expensive, though just as hardy. It is a bright yellow all over, shading to green on the back over the tail. On the cheeks is a pale blue patch, and the bird has the faint markings of the original green-bird all over him.

Both varieties breed very freely, even in the coldest weather, and do not give their owner any trouble. The price of the green varies from 4s. 6d. to 6s. 6d., and the yellow from 8s. 6d. to 12s. 6d. Young birds, of course, may be bought for less, but then these are no use for breeding purposes.

It is not easy to distinguish the sexes of these birds until after the first moult. The cere or skin close the beak then becomes bright blue in the cock and pale buff or brown in the hen.

The hen lays from 4 to 9 eggs, which are hatched in about three weeks. The young stay about six weeks in the nest, and peep out of it some days before they leave it for good. They come out every other day as a rule. Then hens are rather quarrelsome, and sometimes kill one another or throw out one another's eggs. If the offender be detected, it is best to get rid of her. The food is Canary, millet, spray millet, oats (when there are young to feed), and plenty of grass (in flower is best) and water. These birds are best kept only with other members of the Parrot tribe capable of defending themselves.

The Madagascar Lovebird or Grey-headed Lovebird is one of the cheapest birds imported. I have paid as little as 2s. a pair for them. The cock bird has a grey head, and a green body, and is a handsome little fellow. The hen is all green, paler on the breast, and darker on the back. They have bred in captivity, but as a rule are rather wild. These birds are very hardy.

The Passerine or Blue-winged Lovebird is about the same size as the Madagascar. The cock is bright yellowish green, with bright royal blue wings, and a patch of the same colour on the back above the tail. The hen is all green. They are not as hardy as the Greyheaded, and unless they are thoroughly acclimatized it would not be safe to keep them in an outdoor aviary during a severe winter. Six shillings a pair is about the usual price of these birds.

The Red-faced Lovebird is a more expensive bird than either of the two preceding species, and is seldom advertised for sale. It is a larger bird and handsomer. The cock is green, with a red face and beak. On the back above the tail is a patch of bright blue. The tail is red with a bar of black, and the bird spreads it out, fan-shaped, when angry. The hen is similar, but the red on her face is paler. These birds do not breed in captivity, but are perfectly hardy. I paid 12s. 6d. for the pair I have.

The Peach-faced Lovebird is a still more expensive species, and very difficult to get. However, they breed freely in confinement, and though noisy, are well worth getting. As yet I have not been able to obtain a pair, so cannot say anything about them from personal experience. All these Lovebirds that I have described may be fed the same as the Budgerigars.

Almost any kind of Parrakeet could be kept with Budgerigars and Lovebirds, but the hardiest and one of the best breeders is the Cockatiel. These birds are pretty, quiet, and very frugal caters. The price varies from 9s. to 14s. 6d. a pair.

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*Oct. 13 and 14—**Caterham.**—(Jas Kilby, Caterham Valley.) J.R.
*Oct. 13—**Alnwick.**—(W. A. Broadley, 45. King St.) J.M. & T.D.
*Oct. 15 and 16—**Bolton** (H. Parkinson, 69, Oxford Grove). J.C.B. and J.W.
*Oct. 16—**Coventry (Godiva)**—(W. H. Bray, 12 Derry Street). J.R.
Oct. 16.—**Darlington C. & C.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black. 42, Brook Terrace.) J.W. & F.M.
*Oct. 16—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Fulbeck Cottage.) W.P.B. & A B.
*Oct. 19 & 20—**Western Counties (Plymouth)**—(Thos. Pope, 98. Embankment Road.)
*Oct 20 and 21—**Battersea, Open.**—(Easterling and Allin, 340, Battersea Park Road.) J.R. and A.J.P.
Oct. 20 & 21—**Eastbourne**—(R. M. Daly, 120, Whitley Rd). C.A.H.
*Oct. 21—**Hanley**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street, Birches Head)
*Oct. 22 and 23—**Newcastle-on-Tyne**—(Curry and Hutchinson, 60. Grosvenor Gardens.) J.R., W.V., W.M., W.C.D. and T.H.
Oct. 22 and 23—**Hinckley**—(W. Warner, Upper Bond Street).
Oct. 23—**Middlesbrough**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Road). W.M. and J.M.
*Oct. 23—**Burton-on-Trent**—(Elliott & Wood, 69, Queen Street). J.R.
*Oct. 22 and 23—**Rochdale O.C.**—(J. Butterworth, 28, Smith Street.)
*Oct. 27—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(E.C. Parnell, Palace House.) J.H.P.
*Oct. 27 & 28—**Gloucester C.B.S.** (J. R. Houghton, Dargai, Hatherley Road.) H.W.B. & W.V.
*Oct. 27 and 28—**Grimsby & Dis. O.S.**—(W. H. Moore, 39, Lord Street). J.H.R. & F.M.
*Oct. 27 and 28—**Clapham**—(A. C. Askew, 152, Manor Street.)
Oct. 27 & 28—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Magg, 9, Trinity Street, Newtown). C.A.H. and T.H.
Oct. 28—**Frome C.B.S.**—(W. Minty, 7, Stony Street.)
*Oct. 28 & 29—**Wolverhampton**—(J. Gibbons, 74, Napier Road.) J.C.B. and R.J.H.
*Oct. 29 and 30—**Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.**—(E. Mellors, 59, Annesley Road.) W.V. & R.R.
*Oct. 29 & 30—**Manchester (Belle Vue)**—(C. W. F. Lythgoe, 76, Shrewsbury St. Old Trafford.)
Oct. 29 and 30—**York** (A. Waud, 3, Wilton Crescent, Fulford Road). W.P.B. and W.A.C.
*Oct. 29 and 30—**Shields**—(J. Tarrass, 98, Marlborough Street.) C.A.H. & T.D.
Oct. 30—**Derwent Valley C.B.S.**—(J Brown, 12, Humber Street, Chopwell, Durham).
Oct. 30 and Nov 1—**Norwich Alliance, All England**—(R. Rod, "Dalwood," Cecil Road, Lakenham), C.A.H.
Oct. 30—**Hartlepools**—(J. W. Papple 89, Durham Street, W. Hartlepool). W.A.C. and J. Wkn.
Nov. 2 and 3—**Weybridge**—(H. E. Parrott, Grove Place.) C.A.H.
*Nov. 3.—**Cheltenham C.B.S.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oaklaud Av.) J.R., and W.V.
Nov. 4.—**Southall.**—(T. G. Jeffery, 10, Western Rd.)
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Blackburn** (J. W. Marsden, 44 Troop Street). A.W.
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(G. Havver 1, Theresa Street.) J.R., & H.W.B.
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Liverpool O.S.**—(J. W. Metcalfe, 35, Whitefield Road, Everton.) W.M., J.C.B., and G.E.W.
*Nov. 5 & 6—**Sheffield**—(Liudsay.) & Bingham. 202, King James Street, Walkley
*Nov. 5 and 6—**Wigan**—(W. Ridge, 55, Poolstock),
*Nov. 6—**Rochdale Good Intent**—(W. Adams, 35, Belford Street). J.H.R. & R.B.
Nov. 6—**Stockton-on-Tees** (J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning Street). H.W.B. and C.H.
*Nov. 6 and 8—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(C. Draper, 105, Belgrave Street.) J.H.P. & R.J.H.
Nov. 6—**Cleator Moor.**—(J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road). A.By.
Nov. 9 and 10—**Hastings United**—(A. E. Godden, 50, Harold Road, Clive Vale). J.R.
*Nov. 10—**Leek**—(R. Hall, Hallscroft, Rudyard, Staffs). W.V.
*Nov. 11 and 12—**Cambridge**—(T. S. Moore, 126, Newmarket Road). J.F. & J.R.
*Nov. 12 & 13—**Wallsend-on-Tyne**—(Richardson & Greenwell, 35, The Avenue). J.H.R., J.W., and J.W.B.
*Nov. 12 and 13—**Preston O.S.**—(R. Taylor, Lime Kiln Inn.) A.W., P.R. and A.H.
*Nov. 13—**Tideswell C.B.S.**—(Bagshaw and Flint, High Street, Tideswell, nr. Buxton). W.M. and J.T.
*Nov. 13 and 15—**Nottingham**—(G.E. Wilkinson, 9 Wellington Square, Parkside). T.H., C.H. & W.V.
*Nov. 16 and 17.—**Wimbledon.**—H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) H.N., J.H.
Nov. 17 & 18—**Hayle**—(H. Ware, 2, Pond Rd.)
*Nov. 17 & 18—**West Bromwich.**—(T. Duffield, 18, Braybrook Street.) J.H.P., W.G.P.
*Nov. 19 and 20—**Hull C.B.S.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19 Lambton Street). W.V. & E.B.
*Nov. 19 and 20—**Millom.**—(W. J. Thomas, 83, Lonsdale Road.) J.H.R.
*Nov. 19 and 20—**Sunderland**—(W. Reid, 14, Plantation Road, Pallion.) T.H., J.Str.
*Nov. 19 & 20—**Pendleton & Salford**—(H Clayton. 42, Anne St., Higher Broughton, Manchester). A.W. & J.C B.
*Nov. 20—**Coventry O.S.**—(G. Peters, "Sandgate," Coundon Road.)
Nov. 20—**Crook Original**—(Bird and Siddle, 15, Church St). A.B., J.H.R.
Nov. 23 & 24—**Bournemouth C.B.A.**—(M. E. Feltham, 128, Commercial Rd.)
*Nov. 24 & 25—**Bristol C.B.S.**—(W. H. Manley, 2, Lockleaze Road, Horfield.) J.H.P.
*Nov. 24 and 25—**Ludlow C.B.S.**—(J. Bessell, 5, High St.) J.H.R.
*Nov. 25—**Stamford.**—(A. W. Ludlow, 39, Broad St.) W.P.B. & S.H.M.
*Nov. 26 & 27—**Sale Open**—(Jas. Irlam, 97, Cross St.) J.C.B., and A.W.
Nov. 27.—**Darlington C.B.S.**—(E. Brunskill, 2, Danebury Terrace). W.P.B. and J.M.
Nov. 27—**Hetton-le-Hole**—(A. J. Notley, 1, Minor Street, Hetton Downs, Co. Durham) A.B.
*Nov. 27 and 29.—**Ilkeston.**—T. Smith, 5 King St.) J.C.B.; M.N., C.H.
Nov. 30 and Dec. 1—**Morecambe** (J. H. Ireland. Parliament Street).
Dec. 1 and 2.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—(W. T. Hawes, 125 Commercial Rd.). G.G.
*Dec. 1 and 2—**City of Birmingham.**—(J. H. de Maillet, 121, Somerville Road, Small Heath.) C.A.H., and R.J.H.
*Dec. 2—**Frome & Dis. F.A.**—(C. I.Young, 8, Palmer Street). J.R.
*Dec. 3 & 4—**Altrincham**—(T. Harrison, 4, Shaws Lane). S.H. and A.W.
Dec. 4—**Ferryhill**—(R. Binks, jun., 27, West Street, Ferryhill, Co. Durham). J.Sr., J.Mn.
Dec. 4.—**Harrogate**—(G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road). A.H.
Dec. 4—**Hasland**—(C. H. Naylor, 59, Kent Street, Hasland, near Chesterfield.) W.V.
*Dec. 4 & 6—**Leicester C.B.S.** (J. A. Tyler, 229, Narborough Road.) J.H.R. & J.F.D.
*Dec. 8—**Luton**—(E. Cherry, 4, Peel Street). J.R. and A.S.
*Dec. 8 and 9.—**Canterbury.**—(J. W. Sargeant, 25, St. Peters St.).
*Dec. 10 & 11—**Gateshead** (Buck & Johnson, 30 Keswick Street) J.R., T.T., J. Dn., F.H., J.D.
*Dec. 18—**Long Eaton and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. E. Wigginton, 94, Station Road.) R.R., J.B.
Dec. 18—**Crook & Dis.**—(W. Rutherford, West Roddy moor). J.S.

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Jan. 1—**Carlisle.**—(W. H. Wright, 35, London Road,) T.Mc.C., J.S., J.M., G.Gn.
Jan. 1—**Guisborough "Priory"** (Atkinson & Wilson, 80, Westgate).
Jan. 8—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe** (Wilkinson and Danby, High Street, Yarm-on-Tees).
Feb. 4, 5, 7 & 8—**Great National (Crystal Palace) Show.**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton).

### Scotland.

Oct. 2—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane)
Oct. 9—**Broughty Ferry**—(R Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). C.Bk., W.H., D.Bn., J.Sn. A.W.W.
Oct. 9—**Selkirkshire O.F.A.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk). H.B.
Oct. 15 and 16.—**City of Glasgow O.A.**—(Macdonald and Young, 80, High St., Rutherglen.)
Oct. 23—**Kelty and Blairadam** (J. Ford, Eldon Place, Kelty, N.B.) W.R., G.H., A.G.C., J.W.B., G.M.
Oct. 23—**City and County of Perth**—J. Kerr, 6, St. Catherine's Road. G.F., J.Sn., R.F.A., J.A., T.C.G.H., J.C.
Oct. 30—**Ayr & Dis.**—(C. C. Irvine, 144, Prestwick Road). J.P., and J.C.
Oct. 30—**Dysart C.B.S.**—J. Logan, 23, High Street. J. H., G. H., J. B., D. L.
Nov. 6.—**Bo'ness** (F. M' Gillivray, Ferry View, Gauze Road, Chance). J.S., W.Mn., J.T., W.C.
Nov. 12 & 13 **Glasgow & West of Scotland**—(F. Bowman 5, Parkview Gardens, Tolleross, Glasgow).
Nov. 13—**Kirkcaldy.**—(T. Arnott, 14, St. Clare Street.) D.L., J.Wn., A.C., P.P.
Nov. 19 and 20—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(J. By. Murdoch, 9, Burnside St). J.D., A.P., J.W., W.S., A.C.
Nov. 20—**Galashiels**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrew Street).
Nov. 24—**Inverness**—(A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Rd.).
Nov. 26 and 27—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller. 3, Park Avenue.) C.C., A.M., D.Hn., D.B., G.F., J.L.
Dec. 18—**Broxburn**—(D. Anthony, Main Street). T.S., J.B., G.H., J.W., W.S.
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.—**Scottish National.**—(J. Winter, 11. Parkside Street, Edinburgh.) W.B., A.Wn., T.T., R.W., J.Er., J.P., J.W.B., J.R., J.D., J.G., C.T.M.

### Wales.

*July 21—**Llandudno (Vale of Conway & Dis. F.A.)** (A. T. Johnson, Ro Wen, Talycafn).
*Nov. 10 and 11—**Swansea.**—(A. Hitchings, 69, Mysydd Road, Landore, nr. Swansea.)
Nov. 17—**Maesteg**—(W. Jenkins, 43, John Street, Nantyglo [ow, Bridgend). J.H.R. and H.N.
Nov. 18—**Morriston** (W. H. Lewis, 24, Sway Rd. H.N. and W.M.
*Dec. 1 and 2.—**Cardiff.**—(W. S. Negus, 164, Moorland Road.) J.H.P. & J.R.
Dec. 8.—**Six Bells (Abertillery.)**—(W. J. Edwards, 5, Upper Griffin Street.)
*Dec. 15—**Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun & Dis.**—(Mc Lucas & James, 26, Pantygraigwen Road, Pontypridd.) C.A.H.

### Ireland.

Nov. 11 & 12—**Banbridge**—(R. J. Hamilton, Banbridge, Co. Down).
Nov. 17 & 18—**Dundalk**—(H. J. Niblock, Seatown Place.)
Nov. 25 & 26—**Y.C.C. of Ireland**—(W.M.)
Dec. 15 and 16—**Sligo.**—(C. J. Mulligan, Ballydoogan). H.N.
Jan. 7 and 8—**Norwich P.H. Club of Ireland**—(J. Stewart, 57, Donegall Avenue, Belfast.) G.H. & J.Sc.

### Foreign.

Jan. 1—**Toronto—C.B.S.**—(H.S. Tibbs, 184, John) Street, Toronto, Canada.)

## REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

**Cambridge (Mammoth Show)** (C.B.U.).—Aug. 2nd. Midsummer Common.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 20 open classes: Nor. 4, Bord. 1, Yorks 3, A.O.V. 1, Sell. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 7, For. 2, and 2 members' classes. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6, cups and specials. Fee, 1/6. Entries close July 24th to A. E. BROOKS, 41, Abbey-road. Cambridge.


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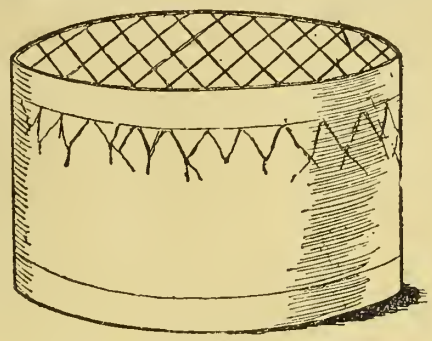
# *Illustrated Ideas*

*Under this heading we shall illustrate weekly some ideas useful to the bird-keeper. Readers are invited to send us particulars of any novel and practical appliance of use in our hobby, either in cage, bird room or aviary, with a rough sketch of same where possible. Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.*

## No. 324.
## A Help when Hand-rearing Thrushes, etc.

**Sent by A. M. Rees, 36, Silvester Road, East Dulwich, S.E.**

I am sending a sketch of a device I use very successfully when hand-rearing Thrushes and Blackbirds. It consists of an ordinary cheese box, and half a yard of string netting



**For Use when Hand-feeding.**

(inch mesh). Spread the netting over the box. The band removed from the lid is to be placed over the netting (as shown in sketch). This keeps the netting tightly stretched; at the same time it is easy to remove for cleaning purposes. The young are fed through the netting, always being within easy reach of the feeder. They can be kept in the box until well able to feed themselves. The box should be not quite half full of soft hay.—A. M. REES.

## No. 325.
## A Method of Preventing Sweating, etc.

**Sent by W. Dowling, 11, Springfield Cresent, Catford, S.E.**

There are many devices intended to prevent the sweating of young in the nest, but I do not think the plan I use myself has been sent

**To Prevent Sweating.**

up to you before; I have not seen it, anyway. When changing the nest about the 10th day I cut out a round piece of perforated zinc (about three inches across) and put same under the felt lining, which raises the nest, gives more room, and prevents the hen lying too close on the young; also it provides ventilation underneath.—W. DOWLING.

### LLANELLY AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held in Centre Hotel, June 26th. I am sorry to say that our last show resulted in a loss of £6 9s. to the Society, but I am in hopes of getting some of it back again at our next show. The election of officers for this year was proceeded with. Our worthy Chairman (Mr. D. R. Jones) once again agreed to preside, with Mr. E. H. Williams as Vice-Chairman. Our next show will be open to all comers. It is to be held on January 11th, 1910.—DANIEL JOHN, Sec.

### LEEDS C.B.S.

Monthly meeting at Lockhart's on July 3rd, Mr. Farrer in the chair. There was a nice attendance, and during the meeting four new members were elected. The main business was to arrange for young bird show, to be held on July 10th, at St. Luke's Schools, Skinner-lane. Judge, Mr. Matt Broadley. This being one of our cup shows, we are expecting some keen competition. After the business, "Questions and Answers" claimed our attention, and a very interesting and instructive discussion took place on moulting and other seasonable topics.—J. CHAMBERS, Hon. Sec.

### GATESHEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held June 30th, at headquarters, Mr. Almond in the chair. Owing to the holidays, the meeting was held a week later. Correspondence was read from several specialist societies, but it was agreed to let the letters stand over. The ramble to be held on August Bank Holiday was next considered. Several places of interest were mentioned, and it was finally agreed to go to Corbridge. So, members, don't forget to bring your wives and children with you. All are welcome. Mr. Mackenzie informed us that it is an ideal place to go to. At our next meeting we expect to see the members in full strength to hear Mr. A. Brown give his lecture on Colour Feeding.—G. BUCK AND H. JOHNSON.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**Altrincham C.B.S.**—July 13, Victoria Restaurant, Oxford Road, at 8 prompt. All England show, and other important business.—T. Harrison.

**Ashton-u-Lyne O.S.**—July 13, P.S.A. rooms, 8. Entries for F.F. show.—H. Foden.

**Bury C.B.S.**—July 13, Textile Hall, 7.30. Last date for receiving entries for first feather show.—H. Jameson.

**Barrow C.B.A.**—July 14, all members interested in young bird show requested to attend.—J. Higman.

**Bolton and Dis. O.S.** — July 12, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8. Open show business.—H. Parkinson.

**Bolton Roller C.S.**—July 13, Joiners' Arms Hotel, 7.30. —W. Massey.

**Bolton Woods C.B.S.**—July 10, Victoria Hotel, 8. —M. Skirrow.

**British Roller C.C.**—July 13, Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martins-le-Grand, 8. Members please note new meeting place.—J. W. Norris.

**Crook C.B.S.**—July 10, Royal Oak, 2.30. Adults and nest feather show, 12 classes; judges, Messrs. Siddle and Dawson.—W. Rutherford.

**Cinnamon Mkd. Y.C.C.**—July 24, Market Tavern, Bradford.—H. H. Towers.

**City of Wakefield O.S.** — July 10, Crown and Anchor Hotel 8. Business: Next first feather show. Parker and Parkes.

**City of Birmingham C.B.S.** — July 13, Crown Hotel, Station Street, 8.30. Special meeting to receive entries for nest feather show.—J. H. de Maillet.

**City and Suburban A.C.B.**—July 12, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.30. Lecture by Mr. G. Gardner, entitled: "Impromptu thoughts on the Canary Family"; payment of prize money, and presentation of special prizes.—V. Wynn.

**Dalton C.B.A.**—July 10, McQuintain's Auction Rooms. New members may be enrolled.—E. Shelly.

**Dudley C.B.S.**—July 14, Crown Hotel, Wolverhampton Street, 8.30. Election of secretary, and other important business; re-open show, etc.—J. G. Leech.

**East Ham F.S.**—July 19, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, 8. Report of delegates to C.U.M.; report of monthly show, outing and concert, young stock show.—H. Rutter.

**East Bowling B.F.A.**—July 10, Barley Mow Hotel, 7.30. To arrange ramble. Friends invited.—L. Booth.

**Great Horton O.S.**—July 10, Butchers' Arms, 8. Balance sheet of open F.F. show.—J. Holroyd.

**Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.**—July 15, Nutclough Tavern, 8.—W. Parratt.

**Huddersfield O.S.**—July 12, White Hart Hotel, 7.30. Lecture on Colour Feeding, by Mr. Walsh (Halifax).—R. Greensmith.

**Hartlepools C.B.S.**—July 14, Y.M.C.A., 7.15. Nest feather show, judge, Mr. B. Evans; fanciers invited.—J. W. Papple.

**Jarrow, Hebburn C.B.S.** — July 13, Lockhart's Cafe, 8.—R. Blore.

**Kent County C.B.A.**—July 14, Barton Road Boys' School, Dover, 7.30.—G. Sanderson.

**Larkhall C.B.A.**—July 17, Miners' Hall, 7. To receive names for drive to Falls of Clyde, on July 21. Large attendance requested.—J. Pollock.

**Laisterdyke B.F.A.**—July 10, The Railway Hotel, Laisterdyke; birds staged at 2 p.m. Members' show; judge, W. Richmond (Rodley).—A. Bottomley.

**Leeds C.B.S.**—July 10, St. Luke's Schools, Skinner Lane, North Street. Young bird show; judge, Mr. M. Broadley; birds to be staged by 2.30; show opens at 5 p.m.—J. Chambers.

**Maesteg C.B.S.**—July 12, Oddfellows' Hotel, 7.30. Show business.—W. Jenkins.

**Nantyglo and Dis. F. and F.S.**—July 17, Bush Hotel. New members to be enrolled, etc.—R. L.

**North Manchester C.B.S.**—July 13, headquarters, 8. Resignation of president and advisability of removing to a better clubroom. All members requested to attend.—John Davey.

**National Green Marked Y.C.C.**—July 10, Market Tavern, Bradford, 6.30. Important committee meeting. Allocation of specials; new members; year book.—F. Armstrong.

**Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun F. and F.S.** — July 12, Cook's Restaurant, Arcade, 8. Lecture by Mr. W. J. Attwell. All fanciers invited. — Lucas and James.

**Pendleton and Salford O.S.** — July 12, Chapel Street Hall, Salford, 8. Half-yearly and F.F. show balance sheets, table show, Yorks. and Nor., on July 26, colour food; members please note.—H. Clayton.

**Seaham Harbour C.B.B.A.**—July 10, Station Hotel, 7. To arrange members' shows, and other business.—H. Dobson.

**Swansea C.B.A.**—July 13, Oxford Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Classification for open show. Please attend. —A. Hitchings.

**South Manchester C.B.S.**—July 12, headquarters, 8. Important; also washing match.—J. C. Spilsbury.

**Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.** — July 10, Bull's Head Hotel, 3. F.F. show; birds to be staged by 3. Mr. W. Speak, judge.—A. E. Martin.

**Six Bells F.S.**—July 12, Cwm Hotel, 6.30. Adoption of cage bird classification from W.C.B.C.—W. J. Edwards.

**Tong C.B.S.**—July 13, Holme Lane Hotel, 7.30. F.F. show (2), and colour feed distribution.—J. Smith.

**Uddingston C.S.**—July 10, Recreation and reading rooms, 6. Young bird show business; cage bird fanciers invited.—J. Kilpatrick.

**Wibsey C.B.S.**—July 10, Newby's, corner of Tunbridge Road, 2.30. Ramble to Harden and Bingley, via Sandy Lane; friends cordially invited.—E. W. Johnson.

**West Auckland F.S.**—July 14, Talbot Hotel, 7. Show.—J. Gill.

**Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.**—July 14, Station Hotel, 7.30. To consider request of N.B.B.M. and F.B.C. to add Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite class to annual show classes; subscriptions now due.—Richardson and Greenwell.

**Wood Green F.F.A.**—July 13, Parish Hall, Station Road. Show of young stock Canaries; also British birds; members are asked to kindly send more entries, as I have very few yet.—T. Callegari.

**York C.B.S.**—July 12, All Saints' School Room, 7. After the usual meeting a F.F. show will be held: judges, Messrs. Hunter and Shorney; admission 1d.—A. Waud.

### ENTRIES EXTENDED.

July 13 (1st post).—**Llandudno.**—A. T. Johnson, Ro Wen, Talycafn, N. Wales.

# Questions and Answers.

## DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

**For Rules see last week's "Cage Birds."**

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

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NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

## CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

### Young Seiferts Ailing.

**M.N.**—Your feeding is undoubtedly the cause. Put the young birds at once on a diet of plain Canary only as a staple, and give separately a little summer rape daily—about half a teaspoonful per bird. Every second day give a small piece of bread scalded with milk, pressed nearly dry, and sprinkled with a little maw seed, and on the alternate days a few half ripe plantain stalks, or a little chickweed, or flower heads of groundsel. Two or three times a week give half a teaspoonful of hemp per bird. Discontinue all other seeds and foods. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in each two tablespoonfuls daily for three days, and every alternate day for the rest of the week, and on the alternate days at this stage twelve drops of chemical food and four of tincture of gentian in the same quantity of water. After a week of this treatment, or as soon as the birds have recovered some appetite, you may vary the bread and milk occasionally with a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake or egg-food. Keep cages strewn with nice clean gritty sand.

### Cold and Hoarseness.

**T. Butler.**—The first thing to do is to remove the cause. See the bird is not exposed to any draughts or extreme fluctuations of temperature, such as it would be subject to by hanging near a fire, or burning lamp or gas jet. At the same time do not overheat it. Aim rather at maintaining a fresh, pure, and equable temperature than a warm one. Feed on a staple mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, and three times a week give a small piece of bread scalded with milk, pressed nearly dry, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it, and sprinkled with a little soft sugar. On each of the days when bread and milk are not given for the first week, give the following decoction in place of pure water for drinking. Put a small teaspoonful of linseed, a piece of Spanish liquorice the size of a large pea, and half a chlorate of potash lozenge in a teacup, fill three-fourths with boiling water, stir until all is dissolved, allow to stand until cold, strain, and give in place of pure water for drinking, on the days named, adding to the drinker also five drops of oxymel of squills.

### Not Mating.

**Very Anxious.**—It is probable the hen was a late hatched one, and perhaps did not moult very well last time, in consequence of which she has not really been in good breeding condition all this season, which has, so far, been anything but an ideal one for such hens. I do not think she will do anything at all this year now, as the chances are all in favour of her dropping into moult very quickly, especially if we get a spell of hot weather. Therefore, I think you would be best advised to relegate her to the flight cage at once and feed her on a staple diet of plain Canary only, with a liberal supply of green food, a little egg or biscuit food, with about half full strength of colour food added, two or three times a week, and a pinch of maw on each of the other days. This should help her to break into moult early, and thus go a long way towards making her fit for doing good work next season. For two or three days give her a pinch of Epsom salts in the drinking water. Of course, as soon as she breaks into moult you must begin to give the colour food regularly in full strength daily if you wish to colour feed her. Stop all other foods but those mentioned here.

### Fore-toes Deformed.

**D. Brooks.**—You have neglected the toes rather too long, I am afraid. All such deformities should be attended to as soon as possible after the birds leave the nest. Leave the rubber bands on the hind toes three or four weeks, and when you remove them put in rather thin and almost round perches, about the size of an ordinary lead pencil. As regards the front toes, I read your letter to mean that only the outer toe or toes are deformed, and that the central toes on each foot are unaffected. If this is correct the best remedy is to tie the deformed toes alongside the central ones with fine mending wool. Tie each one separately, and near the end of the shorter toe: make the knot rather firm, but not too tight, underneath the foot, and touch each knot at once with a drop of warmed beeswax to prevent it slipping out. The central toe will then prevent the deformed one curling under. I have found this method quite successful, and of so little hindrance to the bird that if the deformity should prove incurable there can be no objection to the bird wearing the ligature permanently. Get someone to hold the bird whilst you put them on. If I have misunderstood your letter and the central toes are also deformed, look up an "Illustrated Idea" (it appeared some time ago) which consisted of an arrangement of wire to hold out the toe; and the illustration is needful to make it understandable.

### Sweating Hens.

**"Try Again."**—Your hens are affected with the trouble usually termed sweating, and as I see little wrong with your feeding, except the green stuff you use, which I do not care for at this time of year for hens that are breeding. See that the ventilation is efficient, and that the air is pure and fresh, free from damp or moisture, and the place not subject to any great drop in temperature at night. Give instead of the greenfood you are using either young and tender flower heads of groundsel or chickweed, and begin to give it on the third or fourth day after hatching. See that your egg food is perfectly fresh every day, and only give sufficient at a time to last about a third part or half the day, and in mixing it add two arrowroot biscuits and four Osborne, instead of six of the latter. Also see your eggs are new laid, and from healthy fowls, preferably roaming at liberty. If you get your eggs now from stock that is not quite above suspicion in health and hygienic surroundings, you would be well advised to change your source of supply. Do not begin to give hemp until the young are a week or up to ten days old, and if you notice any signs of flagging in a hen, about the fourth or sixth day especially, at once give her a bath in which a teaspoonful of common salt has been dissolved, and repeat it each day for two or three days. I presume you add about a fourth part of summer rape to the staple diet when young are being fed; if not, begin to do so at once.

### Further Particulars.

**Nengebanor.**—The reply to your first letter was duly sent away, and should have been in your hands before your second letter reached us. If you follow directions as to diet and treatment given in last reply carefully, you should soon find a great improvement in the condition of your birds. One thing, however, of which your second letter strongly convinces me is that your cages must be terribly infested with red mites, and this to a great extent is the cause of the young birds doing so badly. Thoroughly overhaul the cages inside and outside, and also the place where they stand or hang. Put the birds in clean temporary cages, scrape and clean as well as possible the dirty cages, saturate them with paraffin, working it well into all joints with a small brush, place outdoors to dry, and repeat the operation once or twice with intervals of a day or two between each, and then repaint or distemper the insides, and stain or paint and revarnish the outsides. Whilst this is being done, encourage the birds to bathe freely, and add a crystal or two of permanganate of potash to the bathing water. See the place occupied by the cages is freed from all traces of mites before replacing them. Of the seeds sent, No. 2 is the best, and a very fair sample. No. 1 is poor, and probably a mixture.

### A Mopy Lizard.

**"Planet."**—I would advise you, first of all, to thoroughly examine the cage and see if it is infested with insects, and, if this is the case, take steps to eradicate them. As a staple mixture give three parts Canary to one part summer rape, not as you have been giving. Give only a few grains of hemp twice a week, and every second day for a week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with a little maw seed. Give no egg-food, nor any other seeds during this time, but give a free supply of chickweed, groundsel, plantain stalks, or watercress, daily. Allow free access to a bath, and keep cage quite clean and well strewn with gritty sand. A piece of cuttlefish would also be beneficial, or a cube of common table salt might be stuck in the wires for it to peck at. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and six drops of syrup of rhubarb every second day for a week, and after this give six drops of dandelion juice, and four each of tincture of gentian and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for another week. After the first week reduce the soft food to twice a week, and you may, if you wish, again give egg food instead of sponge cake. Very glad to hear previous advice was so successful.

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### Forecasting a Menu.

**Paradox.**—There should be little difficulty in providing for the proper feeding during your two weeks' absence, even though your substitute is totally ignorant of the subject. In place of the staple of plain Canary, mix together a sufficient quantity to last during your absence, of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Put this in one stock vessel and label it staple mixture for every-day use. Leave a supply of hemp, not cracked, in another vessel marked so many teaspoonfuls to be given, say two spoonfuls to each group of three birds, every third day. Then mix two parts, in bulk, of the soft food you use with one part of maw in a dry state; shake well together and put into another vessel and mark the quantity that should be given every third day, first made crumbly moist by adding a very few drops of water. On each of the other days you should instruct your friend to give a few green plantain stalks, or a spray of chickweed or groundsel, taking care to see that he or she knew the identity of these plants. By taking the precaution to mark on the extra item of food the days on which they should be given, no mistake should be made. If time allows, give a pinch of Epsom salts in the water every other day for a week before leaving, and drop the medicine you have been giving altogether.

### Brevities.

**Another Deformed Claw** (Roller).—See reply to D. Brooks, and tie the claw to its neighbour as therein described, and it will fully meet your case. Be careful not to tie too tightly, and use the very thin kind of mending wool. The ligature need to be just tight enough not to slip, but must not cause any strangulation of the claws.

**Lump on Leg** (Amateur).—Am sorry you do not give sufficient particulars to enable me to form a definite opinion of the nature of it. If it is as large as a grape it must be a considerable hindrance to the bird in its movements. On what part of the leg is it—high up near the body or anywhere near the foot or shank? Is it hard or soft, and what colour is it, and what came from it when you pricked it? The answers to these questions would help me. Try painting with a camel-hair pencil dipped in tincture of iodine. Apply sparingly, only just moistening the skin over the substance, and apply it every fourth day for a fortnight. If the substance is not then absorbed, or materially reduced, write again, and give the information asked for.

**Black for Cages** (A.S.T.P.).—It is very much a matter of taste what you use to black the cages with. Two thin coats of ebony stain, which can be bought at almost any oil or paint shop at 4½d. per bottle, followed by a coat of copal or carriage varnish, would give them a very smart and high-class appearance. Brunswick Black or Black Lacquer obtainable in the same way and applied in two or three thin coats would come next in appearance, and be of good wearing. Black paint, also applied in several thin coats, rather than one thick coat, followed by a coat of copal varnish, would do very well, but not give so good a finish as either of the others. Brunswick Black or Black Lacquer would also do to paint over the wires, but see they are clean and free from grease before applying it.

**Making a Birdroom** (Grit.).—You should be able to make a very serviceable birdroom of the building, but I do not quite understand your object in putting a wooden roof inside, when you have a tiled roof over it. If the tiled roof is in good condition and waterproof, it is as good as any roof you could have. The partition also on which you say this roof could rest I should like to know more about. If you will send me a rough sketch, showing the various measurements, and the position of the door, and windows, if there are any, and the partition you speak of, I will then give you a definite plan as to what is the best method of converting it into a good birdroom.

## BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

### Two Goldfinches.

**E.E.M., Wimbledon.**—It is hard to say, without seeing the bird, but is is quite likely that the Goldfinch is moulting. The natural moulting season is close at hand, anyway. A teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food (from chemist) in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water is a very good tonic for birds finishing their moult. Give it on alternate days. He would, of course, look very much improved in plumage as a result of the new feathers growing. Dirty water and poor food would, of course, tend to bring down a bird into low condition, but under your treatment he should soon recover. No doubt a month after the moult is over will find him as sprightly as you can wish, and on song. Let him have all the ripe thistle heads you can gather. The extent of the blaze is a good guide as to the sex. If the red under the beak extends back right to the edge of the eye (the outer edge, as it were), then you can safely reckon you have a male. If it goes back past the eye, the bird is a certain cock.

### A Bramble: and Others.

**Thanks.**—The breast of a show Bramblefinch should not be pale orange, but a deep orange-red, the richer the better. Most exhibition specimens get a little colour-food given them. It is sprinkled amongst their seed (the "neat" pepper), and sometimes the latter is lightly cracked. As your own bird apparently eats soft food with relish, then you should give the sweet pepper in this. It is possible to judge by a bird's excreta if it is taking a sufficient quantity of colour-food; it should be stained a decided red. The seed mixture you mention is a good one, and will no doubt answer quite well. The bird should be offered a feed of green-food (such as seeding chickweed or shepherd's-purse) every day, and a couple of mealworms, while it should be allowed to bathe freely, or be lightly sprayed. Keep it out of strong light. As regards the other matter, most people who keep singing Linnets won't have any other song bird near them. But an old bird does not very readily pick up the notes of other species—at least, not sufficient to "spoil" its own song (except, perhaps, to the ears of a keeper of contest birds). You could safely venture to keep a singing Mule with your Linnets, or a Goldfinch, or Siskin, or Canary; they would give you plenty of song.

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### Collecting Ants' Eggs.

**Initials.**—I don't know how "large collectors" gather their live ants' eggs, but the plan I always followed is to stretch a sheet of newspaper on the ground by the ant hill, weighting down the ends, if necessary, with stones, etc. Then drive a spade into the hill, turning the nest completely over, exposing the eggs, etc. Retire very quickly, and go to another nest (if desired) and repeat the operation. On going back to the first nest, after a fair period of time has elapsed, it will be found that the ants have carried their eggs under the paper for shelter—quite clean and free from earth, etc. Scoop them up with something suitable into stout linen bags (or tins; the former are more easily carried) tying them up tightly, for some ants are bound to go in with them. When a nest is disturbed, the commotion amongst the inmates is something wonderful. Care must be taken to keep the ants from running up one's arms and understandings, or trouble may ensue. Pull your socks outside your trousers, and put on stout old boots which can be well greased round the uppers. I have used a mixture of soft soap and garden insecticide. It was very effectual. Cleaning is unnecessary if gathered as above, though bits of stick, etc., should be picked out after drying is over. To dry mine, I put tin and contents into a just moderately hot oven for some fifteen to twenty minutes, sufficient to destroy all life. The eggs do not want to be browned or shrivelled up. But the heat is easily tested by the hand, and the oven door should not be closed quite to. When suitably dried just store away the eggs in tins in a cool place for future use. Everything depends on how the eggs are gathered—if clean and free (practically) from ants, they could simply be turned out on to an oven shelf covered with grease-proof paper or, better still, hot bird-sand; or to be dried on hot sand in a frying-pan.

### Thistle Heads and Seed.

**Beginner.**—I don't know of any implement which is used to get the seeds out of thistle heads—one's fingers usually, and a nice job it is if you are tender skinned! If the heads are ripe, and open, the seeds can be shaken out in a good strong paper bag; or in a bucket. My own method of storing thistle-heads, hardheads (or knap weed), and the like is very simple. I take care to gather all I want to store for winter use during a spell of fine weather; gathered when wet, or damp, the heads are almost sure to turn musty. I choose those which are thoroughly ripe, i.e., are on the point of opening (or "blowing"). I lay the heads on the floor of a dry room, until they themselves become dry; then cut away the "fluff" close down to the seeds; then throw the heads into a coarse (not closely woven) sack. The latter I keep in a dry place (hang it up in a suitable spot, if you like), and take out the heads as wanted. Some seed is sure to fall to the bottom of the sack, and this loose seed should not be overlooked. The "fluff" I burn; it is not necessary to cut it off, but the heads make less litter when in use if this be done. Don't burn it in the fire-grate unless the chimney has been well swept, and the house is well insured. By the way, don't overlook "rotten" heads when out after thistles, etc., for these on being broken open will be found full of maggots, white and red—splendid things for moulting Finches. All Greypates are the better for a little wild seed when being got on to the ordinary seeds. Most will eat the various thistle seeds, ripe grasses (such as knot-grass, rye grass, etc.), cornflower seed, seedling groundsel, sometimes chickweed, and shepherd's purse.

### Moulting a Bullfinch.

**J. H.**—Some fanciers say that it is not necessary to colour-feed a Bullfinch to have him a good enough colour to exhibit, providing one gets bold of the right coloured bird to start with. But I fancy many of the owners of show Bullies give them a little sweet pepper. It can be given amongst their seed (note reply to "Thanks" this week) if the bird won't eat soft food. If natural colouring agents be used, Bullies should have a free daily supply of all the fruits and berries with colour in them, especially blackberries and privet berries; in addition to these you have straw, rasp, elder, mountain ash, dew and other berries, black currants, and cherries, etc., to say nothing of the wild seeding plants, I am so frequently recommending, such as ripe plantain, dock, thistles, heather tops (where possible), shepherd's-purse, chickweed, etc. That Bullie is a great bud and fruit-eating bird one look at his bill should convince anyone; try him with any fruit you think suitable. Let your bird bathe freely. A most important point in the production of gloss on the plumage is a free use of the bath. A bird which is not a free bather never comes out so polished as one that revels in cold water. If your Bullie is lax in this respect, he must be lightly sprayed every day with a fine sprayer (such as barbers use for bay rhum, etc.), which may be bought from most fanciers' specialists advertising in our columns. Never drench the bird. The stock seed mixture should be canary three parts, teazle two parts, linseed, summer rape and charlock one part each, by measure. Sunflower and safflower seeds should be offered fairly liberally, cracked, if necessary. Don't give hemp.

### A Small Aviary.

**Yellowhammer.**—I suppose your aviary, 54 inches long by 34 wide by 24 high, is an all-wire one. If so, then I do not consider this type very suitable for British birds, unless steady specimens are put into it. Newly-caught birds, or birds which are not thoroughly domesticated, dash about wildly in such a place when anyone goes near, and this generally minimises whatever pleasure the owner feels in keeping them. I think a small all-wire aviary is much better stocked with a collection of the small, common Foreign seed-eaters, which are practically fearless, so far as onlookers are concerned. However, that is a matter for you to decide for yourself. If you stick to Britishers, then any of the small Finches and Buntings could go to make up its inmates. It would hold 12 or 14 birds fairly comfortably, and I should advise you to stick to cocks only. You could select from Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Chaffinch, Linnet, Redpoll (Mealy and Lesser), Twite, Bramblefinch, Greenfinch, Siskin, with the Yellow, Reed, Cirl, and Snow Buntings. Some of these may turn out quarrelsome in the spring, when they come into breeding condition. Some Greenfinches are brutes at that time of the year; others, however, are just the opposite. I advise you to have one only; likewise only one Chaffinch and one Bramblefinch, and these two may fight during summer. Offenders have to be removed (if really vicious) until they begin to moult.

### Brevities.

**Hen Mule Laying Eggs** (Wheeler).—It is not at all a rare thing for a hen Mule to lay eggs—quite common, in fact. They never seem to lay fertile eggs, however, though they will hatch out fertile eggs (if given them to sit on) and rear the young.

**Buying a Young Mule** (Anxious).—In choosing from young dark Mules, go for the biggest, best-coloured bird, one with a wide skull, and you should make sure there are no white feathers on the bird. There are no other points to guide one with birds which are in nest feather.

**Sexing Young Skylarks** (Skylarks.)—There are no certain guides to the sex of Skylarks in nestling plumage. You will be fairly safe, however, if you select the two biggest, boldest birds, which do not keep erecting their "crests," and which seem to stand highest on their legs (more erect).

**Snow Bunting "Gaping"** (W. B.).—The Snow Bunting "gapes" (or opens its mouth) when you go near the cage, because it is nervous. He will get over that as he becomes used to you. Snow Buntings should not be colour-fed—unless you can colour-feed them on a snow-white pepper, or whitewash. The whiter they are, the better they be for exhibition purposes.

**Soft-shelled Eggs** (G.H.).—It is very annoying, and I should think there must be something constitutionally wrong with the hen to lay soft-shelled eggs so persistently. You seem to have done everything in your power to help. I can only suggest that you stir a teaspoonful of lime water (from chemist) into her drinking water. I should continue with the green food, by all means.

**Feathers Falling Out** (G. J. M.).—You say your Thrush's feathers are falling out "something terrible." Well, you can shake hands with yourself over it, for it is now the moulting season for Softbills, and your own bird is evidently setting about it very successfully. You need not worry. You are feeding him very well. Keep him out of draughts, and he will look fine in a few weeks' time.

**Colour-feeding Softbills** (A. Jackson).—It is not really necessary to colour-feed a Sedge or a Willow, or a Garden or a Blackcap Warbler; but I have never found that just a little pure sweet pepper given in their food does any harm. The Yellow Wagtail, however, should be fed as rich as possible. I commence my own with a tiny pinch, and gradually increase the quantity of pepper to about one in five of food. You should commence at once.

**Wild Seeds** (Weeders).—For the information you require on wild seeds, you should consult the book published by CAGE BIRDS (price 1s., post free 1s. 2d.) which describes them, and gives illustrations. Of the three you send, the long one is plantain, the one with the seeds crowded together is dock, and the other is shepherd's purse. Ripe plantain will keep if stored in a dry place; you should knock out the seed from the shepherd's purse when ripe. You can't store it for winter use in the green state.

**Two Softbills** (Bunyip).—It is quite possible for a Blackbird to be troubled with worms in the intestines; but I don't think it was these that you saw in the cage. It is also common for birds to go a little "bald" during the summer, and I don't think it is worth your while to endeavour to treat the Starling. It is very near moulting time now, when the missing plumage of the head will be reproduced. If otherwise, then try anointing the place twice daily with a little sulphur ointment.

**House Moulting** (In Haste).—You will have to explain what you mean by "how to house-moult." Birds, of course, commence to moult (normally) about the end of July, and all that is needed to ensure their getting successfully through it, is correct feeding. If you want detailed information about the feeding of Bramblefinches and Greenfinches, you should consult a book such as Mr. Norman's "British Bird Manual" (published by CAGE BIRDS). In these columns, of course, we can only briefly answer questions. If in doubt about any particular point, I shall be pleased to help you.

**Feeding a Jackdaw** (Feathered Lover).—Any good brand of dog meal (such as Spratt's or Clarke's "Melox") makes an excellent stock food for such birds as Jackdaws, Magpies, etc. It should be scalded with hot water, and then reduced to a crumbly consistency by the addition of a little packet Thrush or Lark food. Also give table scraps, including meat and greens, dead mice, sparrows etc.; a raw egg now and again is a great treat. They are easy to feed; very accommodating.

**Two Weeks and a Goldfinch** (Paradox).—I don't see any reason why you should change the present stock food while away on your fortnight's holiday. If it has kept the Goldfinch in good health before, it will continue to do so, whereas a change might upset him. It should be quite easy for the party looking after him to give a little of the special mixture twice weekly, the same as you have been doing yourself. It is sometimes possible to buy chickweed at bird shops.

**A Hatching Trouble** (A Novice).—Absence of moisture may have been the cause. Did the hen have a bath when sitting? I always let my hens have a few baths after they have been sitting a week; or I spray them. Some fanciers lightly spray the eggs about the ninth and twelfth days with warm water; but I have never found this necessary. Still, any thick-shelled, "chalky" looking Hybrid eggs I always immerse in warm water the day before they are due to hatch. It is not always easy, remember, to detect a "pin-holed" egg; the tiniest puncture would spoil it.

**Linnet Mules** (F.S.J.).—A coloured plate of an exhibition dark Linnet Mule is sure to have been published by CAGE BIRDS. You should send for a copy of it. A dark Mule must have no light feathers on it. The Canary hen may have finished breeding for this season. Odd birds will stop of their own accord, especially aged hens. I gave a long reply upon the feeding of young Mules only a week or so ago; did you not see it? You have certainly been fortunate in your Linnet.

**Treating a Thrush** (J. S., of Leeds).—I should be glad if you would explain the points you want hints upon. In this column we can only give brief information; you should consult a book, such as the "British Bird Manual," for full details as to the management of any bird. A healthy Thrush requires no special treatment during the moult. He should be allowed to bathe whenever the day is hot and sunny; should be given as much live food (snails, mealworms, small garden worms, beetles, gentles, etc.), as possible; and should be kept out of draughts.

## FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. M.B.N.H.S., etc.

### Concerning Grey Parrots.

**G.L.H.**—You will find the advice you refer to is not contradicted by facts. I certainly do maintain that tea, coffee, and milk slops, table scraps, and animal food are little better than poison to all greys, and many others, and for every one that continues apparently well, over a period of years, there are a score or more that are killed, made miserable dyspeptics, and become confirmed feather pullers, by such a diet. Even of those, such as yours, which survive such mal-treatment for a time, the large majority become dyspeptic and miserable objects in the end. This is confirmed not merely by the expert's few specimens, but by the evidence of a bulky correspondence, describing the woes of Parrots which had been so fed. When the taste is pleased, Parrots have no more sense than human beings, and will take an unnatural, harmful, but pleasant-tasting diet to the neglect of wholesome food. Many a Parrot will take a piece of bread and dip it in its drinking water; several of my own birds do this, and some of them (one at a time) come to table on the shoulder of some member of the family; but they get no tea or milk slops; something wholesome is to hand, and they get this from time to time, and nothing else. The Parrot owner who puts a cup containing tea in Polly's cage for it to sop its bread therein, is most certainly not entitled to any sympathy when a valuable bird goes suddenly wrong, but the poor victim deserves our pity.

### About a Parrot.

**C. Berry.**—Your bird is the Roseate or Rose-breasted Cockatoo; some few make decent talkers, many do not; but as yours already utters a word or two indistinctly, I should say it would at any rate talk a little. As a rule, they are comic and companionable birds. Keep it where it will bear plenty of conversation, and also teach it, by talking to it (constant repetition, etc.); when it is quiet and restful, pet it, and give it from your fingers such items as you learn by observation, which it considers "titbits." Spray the bird weekly with quassia solution and rub into its plumage when dry, under the wings, round nape of neck, etc., pyrethrum powder, as there are possibly parrasites causing some irritation. So long as its voidings are not watery, add to each ounce of the drinking water, one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia, every third day. Diet: Its staple diet should be the seed mixture, canary, millet, wheat, oats, maize, hemp, and sunflower seeds, in about equal parts. Also supply liberally such ripe fruit as it fancies, plain biscuits, nuts, and green food. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish hanging in the cage. Do not on any account give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps or any kind of animal food. If the feather picking continues after an interval of two or three weeks, repeat query with full particulars.

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### Birds Dying.

**Shotwick.**—There is a possibility the birds were infected when you obtained them; on the other hand, glass-house temperature, from one extreme to the other, during such weather as we had through June, would be very trying to birds coming straight from the, too often, hot and close bird shop. There are two things, which even the hardiest of species cannot stand, viz., draught and damp. I always insist when replying to correspondents desirous of keeping birds in conservatories, etc., that such is possible if they can keep down the damp—ventilation must be thorough, and without creating a draught. Again, newly-purchased birds unless coming from an outdoor aviary, must be hardened off, like plants, as it were. You have an outrageous mixture. It is quite possible some have died by violence; some certainly from damp and extremes of temperature; and others were contaminated when they came into your possession. You certainly ought not to keep either Budgerigars or Moustache Parrakeets with Finches, and I advise you to rig up some place outside for these, and add to your indoor stock, pairs of Zebra Finches, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, Zebra Waxbills, common and green Avadavats. Re an outside place, any erection similar to a fowl-house and run, covered with half-inch mesh netting, providing the house is draught and rain proof, will answer admirably, and the birds will do well therein, once they have settled down. The Pope Cardinal also should be kept with the Budgerigars, etc., you could also keep a pair of Rosella Parrakeets with them. Supply also green food, lettuce, grass in flower (seeding grass), chickweed, etc., also cuttlefish and a little fruit, apple, orange, etc.; note which they prefer. Every third day for a fortnight, add Dinneford's magnesia to the drinking water—one tablespoonful of the magnesia to each ounce of water. I cannot recommend any special firm in these columns, consult Aviary Appliance advertisement column, and write for lists.

## Brevities.

**Grey Parrot with Film Over Eyes** ("Polly's Eyes").—I fear your bird has a cataract over the one eye, and that one is rapidly forming over the other; if so, it will ultimately become quite blind. But as you have had it some time, and keep the food vessels, I presume, continually in the same position, it will find its way about, and not starve. However, to make sure, either show it to a vet., or foment its eyes with a zinc and rose-water eye solution (from your chemist). If such gives no relief, I fear nothing can be done save an operation; a vet. should be able to tell you if there was any prospect of this proving successful.

**A Grey or an Amazon** (Mrs. B.).—I, The grey is the better talker, but very difficult to acclimatise and often there are several losses before this is accomplished. Many Blue-fronts are very intelligent; some are inclined to scream a little more than a grey, many are very capable talkers and mimics. They are much easier to acclimatise than greys. Yes, if you can get a true pair, but sexes are very difficult to determine, while the birds are young (that is immature). 2, Yes. 3, I cannot give dealers' names here. 4, A square cage is the more commodious, and one 22 to 24 inches square by 30 to 36 inches high, should meet your requirements. 5, See reply to No. 1. 6, No, but hope to do so in the near future. Hope you will have luck with the birds.

**What Bird?** (Recipitant).—I have come to the conclusion that your birds are Tovi Parrakeets. Their colouration will alter slightly when fully mature, but not materially. Their approximate value is from 40/- to 60/-, according to condition. Diet: Canary, and white millet in equal parts, ripe fruit, such as they fancy, plain biscuits (these can be just dipped in water, but not saturated), as they are evidently young birds, and not yet fully accustomed to an entirely dry seed diet. Cuttlefish, grit and water should be continually in cage. If they are still in your possession, when they have passed through the moult, I should be interested if you would send in a description again, so that I may either confirm or correct the above name.

## PARK AND LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

### Mongoose as Pet.

**K. Blair.**—Yes, a Mongoose is a teachable and amusing pet; at any rate, if you get a tame, hand-reared one; but you must remember that it has much of the nature of a ferret, and that one thing you are not likely to be able to teach it is to control its desire to massacre anything that its sharp teeth and great activity enable it to master—so look out for your birds or poultry if you keep any.

### Identification of Bird.

**In a Fix.**—From your description the bird evidently is a Turtle Dove—our wild British species; the "Turtle Dove" which you say it resembles in head and size, is presumably the tame collared kind. You can mate it with one of these if you like, and breed Mules. You should give it other small corn and seed besides hemp seed (not too much of the latter) and a turf,, and some rock salt and old mortar to pick at.

## POST MORTEMS.

Mr. J. North, 435, Oxford Road, Reading, will examine cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post-mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to J. North, with fee. Any sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

**Two Canaries** (Anxious).—Your birds undoubtedly died of bird fever. It is an unfortunate occurrence, but you have the satisfaction of knowing it is not the result of foul play, as you suspected.

**Canary** (E. Higginson).—Inflammation of liver, lungs and spleen, ending with apoplexy, all the symptoms of bird fever.

**Canary** (W. H. Shoobert).—Chronic softening of liver and acute inflammation, owing to egg-laying.

**Canary** (J. W. B.).—Unmistakable bird fever.

**Canary** (D. McCrone).—Bird fever, for which there is no cure, but disinfection with burning sulphur, and washing all cages with boric acid solution (one teaspoonful to pint of hot water) may exterminate it.

## GENERAL.

Answered by the Editor.

**Strange Nesting Sites** (C. Burrows).—Many thanks. We will deal with this next week.

**Suggested Article** (Member B.R.C.C.).—Thanks for the suggestion, which we will endeavour to put into practice.

**An Offer of Help** (B. Wharton).—We very much appreciate your kind offer to help in forwarding the circulation of our paper, and shall be glad to have some attractive show-cards sent to you to be displayed in your bird-room, and in any other likely places in which they will be seen by callers or passers-by.

**Two Matters** (W. C. McIntosh).—We thank you for bringing these matters to our notice, and trust you will have better fortune in future.

**Two Ideas** (W. H. Smith).—The idea you send for trapping redmite is the subject of a patent, and consequently cannot be dealt with in our columns. The device for preventing hens sweating their young we have already utilised in the illustrated ideas column.

**Bird Lime** (Dozey).—There is no law which prevents bird-lime being used for the catching of birds.

**Two Perches** (A. Hook).—We could not print the letter you send as the idea for the red mite trap is already patented, and anyone making imitations can be proceeded against.

BEGINNERS READ THE ANNUAL

## HEBDEN BRIDGE, ETC. O.S.

First annual young bird show, held at the Nutclough Tavern, June 26th. The show received a liberal patronage from the general public. Entries, owing to the bad season, were hardly up to expectation, but the quality was good. Mr. Cundall (Halifax) officiated as judge, and he complimented the members on the fine class of young birds.

YELL. YORKS., CL., ETC.: 1, spl for best Yorks., c, Wm. Spencer; 2, second spl, Jeffreys; 3, vhc, Astin; hc, Wilbert Spencer. BUFF: 1, Astin; 2, Barnes; 3, vhc, c, Greenwood and Crossley; hc, Wilbert Spencer. VARIEG., CINN., ETC.: 1, Astin; 2, Greenwood and Crossley; 3, Wilbert Spencer; vhc, W. Spencer. YELL. NOR., CL., ETC.: 1, second spl, 2, 3, vhc, Greenwood and Pickles. BUFF: 1, spl for best Nor., 2, 3, Greenwood and Pickles. A.O.V. NOR., 1, Greenwood and Pickles. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, Greenwood and Crossley. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1 spl, Parratt; 2, Wm. Spencer; 3, Barnes; vhc, W. Sencer; hc, G. Bamford; c, A. Barnes. GIFT: 1, Bamford; 2, Pickles; 3, Wm. Spencer; vhc, W. Spencer.—W. PARRATT, Sec.

## BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Members' show of Canaries in their first feather held on July 3rd, at Park Chapel Schools, when Mr. S. Dean (Gt. Horton) officiated as judge. The entries came up very well, and 71 exhibits were staged in 15 classes. All points gained at these shows count towards the Society's special prizes, the four highest birds of each competitor to count for points. Some very nice exhibits were on view, and no doubt many of them will be heard of again when they have moulted. The following were the winners of most points at this show: Champion section, L. Briggs, J. Farrar, and W. Laycock. Novice section, E. Dinsdale, F. Gelder, C. Walker, and Baldwin Bros. Extra novice section, W. Walker. The judge gave every satisfaction.

CHAMP. CL. YELL. YORK. (8): 1, vhc, Briggs; 2, Farrar; 3, White; 4, Stables; hc, c, Laycock. BUFF (8): 1, hc, Laycock; 2, Farrar; 3, 4, Briggs; vhc Stables; c, Northrop. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, vhc, Briggs; 2, Stables; 3, Farrar; 4, Laycock. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Northrop; 2, Stables; 4, Briggs; vhc, White. UNEV. MKD., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, Northrop; 2, Stables; 3, Briggs. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Laycock; 3, Farrar; 4, vhc, Stables. CINN. MKD. (2): 1, 2, White. NOVICE CL. YELL. YORKS. (4): 1, 4, Baldwin Bros.; 2, Walker; 3, Dinsdale. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Dinsdale; 3, Brooke; 4, Metcalfe; vhc, c, Warner; hc, Walker. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Greenwood; 2, Gelder; 3, vhc, Baldwin Bros.; 4, Dinsdale; hc, Warner; c, Metcalfe. BUFF (3): 1, Walker; 2, Metcalfe; 3, Baldwin Bros. UNEV. MKD., ETC., YELL. (2): 1, Walker; 2, Greenwood. BUFF (3): 1, Brooke; 2, Greenwood; 3, Warner. CINN. MKD. (6): 1, 3, 4, hc, Gelder; 2, vhc, Walker. EXTRA NOVICE YORKS (2): 1, 2, W. Walker.—H. HILL,

## LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Annual Nest Feather Show held on June 26th, in the Oldham Hall. The entries came up well, there being 209, and both type and quality were represented. In the Yorkshire classes (Clears and Greens) the competition was very keen; the Clear and Green Norwich were a success, and the competition in these classes was keen. The Borders came out well and looked "in the pink." British birds came up nicely. A good number of fanciers and visitors attended. Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS (11): 1, vhc, Kay, fine pair, grand colour and type; 2, Eccleston, close up, grand colour and type; 3, Fox, splendid quality; hc, Algie; c, Plunkett. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Hawkes, pair of fine upstanding birds, good quality; 2, 3, Fox, following winner close, good length and colour; vhc, Algie; hc, Bullough; c, Duncan. TKD., ETC., GREEN OR CINN. YELL. (14): 1, Plunkett, fine lengthy bird, good colour and type; 2, Fox, running close, fine exhibit; 3, Duncan, well deserves its place; vhc, Kay; hc, Bullough; c, Algie. Hot class. BUFF (14): Another fine lot to pick from: 1, Algie, grand length, good colour and type; 2, Kay, similar; 3, Bell, very neat; vhc, Bullough; hc, Duncan; c, Eccleston. YORKS GREEN SELF YELL.: (13): Abbott, good length, fine colour and type; 2, Algie, close on winner, lovely colour; 3, Plunkett, nice colour and type; vhc, Hadwin; hc, Hawkes; c, Dickinson. BUFF (11): 1, Fox, grand bird, good length, colour and type; 2, Douglass, not much between them, fine exhibit; 3, Hales, lovely colour, type, and quality; vhc, Quirk; hc, Algie; c, Hadwin. GREEN FOUL YELL. (6): 1, Dickinson, grand bird, good colour and type; 2, Royden, close on heels of winner, lovely quality; 3, Hunt, stylish, excellent quality and colour; vhc, Western; hc, Fox; c, Lloyd. BUFF (7): 1, Hunt, long racy bird, lovely colour and type; 2, Fox, running winner close; 3, Hadwin, good type and colour; vhc, Douglass. NOR. CL. YELL (2): 1, 2, Sutton, fine lot. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, Williams, fine team, good colour and type; vhc, hc, c, Sutton, another fine lot of clears. TKD., ETC., YELL.: (3): 1, Williams; Nos. 1 and 2 W.C. BUFF (9): 1, Sutton, good short Cobby bird, right stamp; 2, Cutmore, taking exhibit; 3, vhc, hc, c, Williams, good team of Norwich. GREEN SELF YELL. (6): 1, 2, Walker, fine sound colour, nice type; 3, Hales, well typed bird; vbc, Hawkes, typical exhibit; hc, Halcs; c, Lawson. BUFF (6): 1, Walker, well coloured bird, good type and quality; 2, vbc, Hales, pair of typical birds; No. 2 W.C.; No. 6 absent. FOUL YELL. GREEN (7): 1 Cutmore, good type, colour, and quality; 2, Isaac, close to winner, fine exhibit, excellent type and quality; 3, Hawkes, foul tail, good type, colour, and quality; vhc, hc, Hales; c, Lawson. BUFF (11): 1, Hawkes, good typical Norwich, foul wing and tail, nice pencillings; 2, Bretherton, another good, typical exbibit, lovely colour and quality; 3, Cutmore, very neat, nice colour and type; vhc, hc, Walker; c, Hales. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL (4): 1, 3, vbc, Bunner, nice team; hc, Bullough. BUFF (4): 1, Bullough, natty Border all over; 2, 3, vhc, Bunner, fine team. A.O.V. BORD. YELL. (8): 1, 3, c, Bunner, fine team of Greens, good colour and type; vhc, Bullough; hc, Hadwin. BUFF (4): 1, Bullough; 2, 3, vhc, Bunner. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, 2, Metcalfe, nice pair Cinn. Norwich; 3, Hawkes, Cinn. Yorks; vhc, Lloyd; hc, Hadwin. MULE OR HYBRID (5): 1, Bullough, Goldfinch Mule, nice one; 2, Hawkes, Linnet Mule, fine bird; 3, Dickinson; vhc, Lloyd. SELL (12s. 6d.) (8): 1, Bullough; 2, Hadwin; 3, C. H. Hawkes; vhc, Metcalfe; hc, Dickinson; c, H. Hawkes. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, hc, Hales, fine blaze and colour; 2, Douglass, lovely blaze; vhc, Coffey; c, Lloyd. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Coffey; 2, Lloyd; 3, Hales, all nice birds. LINNET (7): 1, 3, Coffey, noted winner; 2, Richardson, another well-known winner, looking in the pink; 3, Coffey; vhc, Kay; hc, Hales; c, Royden. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Coffey, good colour; 2, Kay, rare colour; 3, Royden; vhc, c, Hales; hc, Lloyd. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, hc, Hales; 2, 3, Coffey; vhc, Royden. BRAMBLE, ETC. (7): 1, 3, vhc, c, Coffey, fine team; 2, Kay, close to winner; hc, Bullough. A.O.S. BRIT: 1, 2, Bullough. Specials for most points throughout show were as follows:—Champion section: 1, Hales; 2, Coffey; 3, Bunner; 4, Fox; 5, H. T. Hawkes; 6, Hadwin; 7, Walker. Novice section, most points: 1, Bullough; 2, Kay; 3, Williams; 4, Algie; 5, Douglass; 6, Cutmore; 7, Lloyd; 8, Dickinson.—F. E. HAWKES, Sec.

## MEDWAY C.B.S.

Held at Chatham on June 23rd. There was a high class collection of Norwich which seem to be in great favour in this district. The society has not long been started, but seems to be making rapid headway, and the greatest enthusiasm, and good will are evinced by all. With such fanciers in its ranks as Messrs. G. A. Acland, H. Casemore, Wickham, Wade, Hunt, and others, it is not to be wondered at that the society is going prosperously forward. As we have noted, the Norwich made a fine show, breeders hereabouts having made a distinctive features of shape and quality. The Novice Section came up well, Mr. Hunt putting down a fine team. There was a very nice collection of Britishers. The true spirit of fancierlike rivalry was shown all round, and everybody worked for success. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards appeared to give satisfaction.

CHAMP. NOR. CL. (6): 1, 3, Casemore; 2, Wade; res, vhc, hc, Wade. NOR. A.O.V. (5): 1, 3, Acland; 2, Casemore; res, vhc, Wade. NOVICE NOR. CL. (10): 1, res, c, Hunt; 2, vhc, hc, Smith; 3, Woodcock. NOR. A.O.V. (8): 1, 2, 3, Hunt; res, c, Woodcock; vhc, Dewar; bc, Smith. MULE (6): 1, Acland; 2, Casemore; 3, vhc, Webb; res, Young; hc, Smith. HYB. (2): 1, Casemore; 2, Acland. GOLDIE (4): 1, Wickham; 2, Casemore; 3, Young; res, Wade. GREENIE (3): 1, Wickham; 2, Webb; 3, Wade. LINNET: 1, 3, Wickham; 2, Webb; res, Smith. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Casemore; 2, res, Wade; 3, Acland; vhc, Young. A.O.S. FINCH ETC. (4): 1, Acland; 2, Wickham; 3, Young; res, Webb. BRIT SELL. (4): 1, 2, Hunt; 3, res, Wade. INSECTIV. (4): 1, Webb; 2, Acland; 3, Robinson; res, Acland.

## BATTERSEA OPEN C.B.A.

Annual show of young birds, held at the Duchess of Devonshire, on June 30th. Although the number of exhibitors was not quite so large as in previous years (through the bad results of breeding this year) their quality was very good. The British birds were a very good lot, all in fine condition; also the Foreigners were a very attractive feature. Messrs. Easterling and Allen carried out their duties as joint secretaries with every attention. Mr. J. Robson judged.

YORKS. CHAMP. (12): 1, vhc, Mabey, beautiful cinn. tkd. buff, splendid feather and condition; 2, Whiteman, cl. yell., very smart exhibit; 3, bc, Easterling, buff, just past its best; c, Allen. MKD., ETC. (3): 1, 2, 3, Mabey, Cinn. mkd. green mkd. and cinn. mkd., three nice birds. NOVICE, CL., ETC. (20): 1, vhc, Honeysett, cl. yell., lovely quality and position; 2, 4, hc, Taw, buff, good one, 4th yell.; 3, Ralph, yell.; c Whiteman. MKD. (5): 1, 3, Honeysett, yell. mkd. head and rump, rare length, 3rd feather tigbt as wax; 2, Ralph, heavy varieg., a very useful bird. NOR. CHAMP. CL., ETC. (2): 1, 2, Luff, very nice, just past their best. MKD., ETC. (2): 1, 2, Easterling, winner yell. varieg. and buff mkd., good quality, nice finish. NOVICE NOR., CL., ETC.: 1, 2, Palmer, fine, chubby buff, 2nd larger, but not quite the shape of winner. MKD., ETC.: 1, spl, best Nor., 2, 3, Palmer, lightly marked buff, nice size and shape. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Goymer, cinn. mkd. Border; 2nd London Faney, both nice birds. MULE '09: 1, 2, Dewhurst, large Goldfinch Canary, should make a champion. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Honeysett, lovely Finch, nice size and colour; 2, Dewhurst, fine bird; 3, hc, Easterling, not quite so large as winner, but smart exhibit; vhc, Goymer. LINNET: 1, 2, vhc, Easterling, very nice trio; 3, Goymer, apparently not very fond of perch, fine exhibit. REDPOLL, ETC. (6): 1, vhc, hc, c, Easterling, winner noted Redpoll, in splendid condition; 2, Allen, lovely Siskin; 3, Mabey, sweet Redpoll. A.O.S. (8): 1, 3, hc, c, Dewhurst, real good team, beautiful Hawfinch, 3rd Cirl Bunting, nicely mkd.; 2, vhc, Easterling, Greenfinch. SOFTBILL, LARGE: 1, Goymer, Thrush. SMALL: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, (very interesting team, all in the pink of condition, lovely Nightingale, Wheatear, Redstart). FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Dewhurst, Bluish Tanager, Superb Tanager, and a beautiful coloured Weaver, all in fine condition.—F. EASTERLING, Joint Sec.

## LEICESTER C.B.S.

One of the most successful Nest Feather Shows since the society first started was held at headquarters, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market-place, July 3rd. Some wonderful youngsters were staged, competition being very keen. All the classes were well filled, with the exception of the Cinnamons, Borders, and A.O.V. classes in the open section, the breeders of these varieties finding that their birds had gone too far in moult to be staged. The awards were fairly well split up, no member taking an undue share of the prizes, which speaks well for the competitions later on. Mr. McCarty, in the Canary section, and Mr. Heighton, in the British bird section, were very painstaking in the placing of the awards.

CL., ETC., YELL. NOR. (8): 1, Heighton, tkd. yell., good bead and neck, splendid feather; 2, Stevens; 3, F. Harrison; vhc, Hunt; hc, Gilbert; c, Harrison. MKD., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Heighton, varieg., splendid feather and a good stamp Nor. hen; 2, Tyler, capped yell., good quality; 3, Claypool, very nice varieg. hen, had had a dip in the water just before judging so did not show off to the best. CL., ETC., BUFF (11): 1, 2, Gilbert, 1st cl., good one, 2nd not quite the size of winner, but spleudid quality; 3, vhc, Harrison, two more good birds; hc, Tyler; c, Claypole. MKD., ETC. (11): 1, Claypole, good type and quality, mkd. neck and wings; 2, 3, Heighton, 2nd good one, 3rd nearly cl., nice type and quality; vhc, Tyler; bc, c, Hunt. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Tyler, 1st Border, good type and quality, little gem, very nearly even marked, 2nd Border, wing mkd., 3rd buff Yorks. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Seale, Linnet-Greenfinch; 2, 3, Turner, both Linnet-Canaries. BRIT. FINCH (11): 1, 2, c, Seale, 1 Hawfinch, splendid condition, 2nd well-known winning Goldfinch; 3, Hunt, Bullfinch, shown in A1 condition; these three could win in the best of company; vhc, Tyler; hc, Claypole. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, Moore; 2, vhc, Christian; 3, Baylis; hc, Tyler; c, Seale. A.O.S. BRIT. (3): 1, Ride; 2, Tyler; 3, Claypole; three good Yellow Buntings, 1st winning on head markings. NOV. CL., ETC., YELL. NOR. (6): 1, Adams, big cl. 2, Dyson, very nice and cobby, of Nor. type; 3, Moore, nice cl. MKD., ETC. (5): 1, Warmington, varieg. nice feather and quality; 2, Dyson, lightly mkd.; 3, Harrison, P.H., grizzle breast, nice feather. CL., ETC., BUFF (12): 1, vhc, Adams, cl., A1 for type and quality; 2, 3, Warmington, two nice very nice birds for quality; hc, c, Wood. MKD., ETC (12): 1, Adams, varieg., real good one, wins well; 2, Warmington; 3, Smith; vhc, Wood; hc, Yat ; c, Dyson. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 3, Freer, two very nice buff Yorks; 2, vhc, Adams, 2nd very nice Cinn.; hc, Harrison, P.H. Nor. Green A. TYLER, Sec.

**Owing to unprecedented pressure on our space, and the extraordinary number of First Feather Show reports which have reached us, we have been regretfully compelled to hold over the publication of several reports until our next issue.—Editor.**

# Correspondence.

## The New Cage Bird Society for Doncaster and Dist.

SIR,—There will be a meeting of cage bird fanciers held on Tuesday, July 13th, at 8 p.m., at the Albany Temperance Hotel, Baxter Gate, when we hope to advance the preliminary stages of the society for Doncaster and District. Will all interested bird fanciers please attend, so that we can get to business straight away?

G. BESCOBY.

26, Duke Street, Doncaster.

## A Competition to Aid a Fancier.

### The Barwell Benefit Fund.

SIR,—Allow me to acknowledge through your columns a 5s. donation from Mrs. Douglas Bennett (Bombay, India). Also will those fanciers who intend to send entries for the Gift Class (for the benefit of Mr. Barwell) kindly do so per return, as the show is to be held on Saturday next, July 10th. Up to now I have received only four entries. Will fanciers kindly look up something for such a deserving case?

J. NASON, Treasurer.

Forester's Arms, Northampton.

## More Twins.

SIR,—I have been a reader of your paper CAGE BIRDS for over two years, and have noticed from time to time reports of cases of two birds coming from one egg; but unfortunately all have been dead, until the case referred to in your issue of June 26. I beg to inform you that at the present time I have two birds which came out of one egg. The hen was sitting on four eggs. Like your correspondent, I tested the eggs on the Saturday. On the Sunday there were three young ones out, and one egg which did not hatch until Monday morning. Result: five young birds from four eggs. All are alive and doing well.

WILLIAM CLOUGH.

## Linnet Singing in the West of England,

SIR,—While reading the correspondence on Linnet singing North and South, I noticed that no one had written about Linnet singing in the West. I should like, therefore, to give your readers in the North an idea of the way in which our birds sing in Bristol. Two birds are hung together back to back for fifteen minutes. We score our birds by the changes in their song. Each bird must do three changes, which count one song. The following are the principal songs:—"Tolic, hic, hic, wey,"; "tolic, luc, luc, see"; "tolic, cluck, heart, ser, wet"; "tolic, ger, ger Joey"; "tolic, Joey"; and "tolic, tuck wisy." It will give you some idea of the class of birds we keep when I say we have had Linnets do nine score twelve songs, a score being twenty songs. Therefore, this bird sang 192 songs in 15 minutes. We sing three kinds of birds—the Goldfinch, the Linnet, and the Goldfinch mule.

WILL JEFFERIES.

## A Very Rare Foreigner Arrives in England.

SIR,—I am always interested in CAGE BIRDS. "Ornithological Oddments," by that great authority, Mr. Frank Finn, F.Z.S., finds great favour with me. Reading last week his notes on "A Beautiful Flycatcher," I thought it might interest Mr. Finn to know that I have at present in my bird-room a fine specimen of that extremely rare bird, the Orange Pericrocotus, or Flycatcher (*Pericrocotus flammeus*), the only one of its kind known in Europe. It is an exceedingly charming little fellow, its head and back being of a brilliant glossy black, whilst the underparts and wings are of a bright orange scarlet, if I may so term it. Delightfully pretty, and with a sweet call note, it is a fine acquisiton to any bird-room or collection of birds.

O. MILLSUM.

## Linnet Singing at Leeds.

### Unvarnished Reports versus Bluff and Bounce.

SIR,—Allow me again a short space in your valuable paper *re* "Bluff and Bounce." I am glad to notice that "A Visitor" has climbed down a great deal since his first letter. Here let me give a flat denial that he came to the "King's Head" with his bird, and was not allowed to hang it, being a club contest. This statement is not true but grossly misleading to intending visitors to our contests, which are run every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year. To meet the wishes of fanciers coming from a distance, contests have been commenced much later than the advertised time. In proof of this I would refer "A Visitor" to Mr. Topping (Blackburn), Mr. Davis (Pontefract), Mr. Clegg (Dewsbury), Mr. Bisley (Sheffield), and many others, who will all testify to the courteous welcome they receive when visiting Leeds. In the second part of his letter he alludes again to the 15s. 6d. and the 6s. given by some other club, which we have nothing to do with. Let him say what he means, instead of trying to make little of our annual Whit-Monday contest, and the manner in which the prizes and prize money were allotted. It was advertised as the All-England open contest, and £20 was given (less the cost of Secretary's salary, payment of judges and advertising), the remainder going to the 28 competitors. If "A Visitor" has an idea that more should be given to first, second and third winners, let him join our club and give expression to his opinion. If he can get a majority, then the minority will have to give way to him. In conclusion, I would ask him not to be so personal in attacking certain members of the fancy and their birds; if he has anything better, let him bring it out, as everyone would be glad to hear it, and then give honour where honour is due.

WILSON NAYLOR, Sec.

## Insect Trouble in an Aviary.

SIR,—I am writing to ask if any fancier can suggest a remedy for the following. I am an old fancier of considerably more than a quarter of a century, but have never experienced it before. It is a little brown bug about the size of the red mite, but a little larger, and, unlike the former, it remains on the birds all day. If you catch a bird and hold it in your hand for a few seconds, you will find a quarter of a hundred running all over your palm. I have thoroughly washed the birds in a bucket of water containing a strong solution of quassia, and also dusted them with Keating's powder, but all to no effect, as they are just as bad a day or two after. The birds are in a large aviary, and are kept perfectly clean.

LIVELY.

[We are at a loss to understand what the "little brown bug" can be, but our correspondent's best plan is obviously to cleanse his birds by washing them, and transfer them to fresh quarters while the aviary (its immediate surroundings, too, if necessary) is very thoroughly disinfected with something effectual, such as a solution of carbolic acid, and by fumigating, if possible.—EDITOR.]

## When Does an Even-mark become an Uneven-mark?

SIR,—I noticed the letter in your last issue by "Interested," under the above heading, and although the heading is a little mixed, I, like "Interested," would like to have those points freely discussed through "C.B." both by breeders and judges. If there is a thing I dislike it is to disqualify a bird by wrong classing it; and I find it mostly occurs in the staging by amateurs, and it must be a great trial for them to see their champion's cage label marked "W.C." Knowing such, I gladly give my views. The technical points spoken of by "Interested" I take to mean only both eyes and both wings equally balanced; but if we look at the largest number of evenly-marked birds, we find them marked more or less at the thighs, and if we were to debar all birds so marked from being entered in Even Classes, there would be few left, although the ideal is to get them as clear there as possible. But another point which is very similar, and, to my knowledge, causes more misunderstanding, is the bird marked at rump or vent. This bird I think ought to be considered five-pointed. If the mark is on the top of head, the bird decidedly is uneven-marked and five pointed; and when the eye-marking on one side, or both, is split by a few light feathers, it is also uneven. The great difficulty is to really find where the eye markings are separated. If the eye of the bird alone separates the marks, then it can only be termed even-marked, but where divided by a few light feathers, either down the cheek or otherwise, then it is uneven marked. In the case of the former, I find that the markings are not extended either above or below the eye. I trust to see a friendly discussion on those points.

J. PATTERSON.


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## The L. and P.O.S. and the "Weaker" Society.

SIR,—Allow me to thank your three correspondents for their respective replies *re* the amalgamated show of the L.P.O.S. and D. and P.C.B.S. Not one, however, gave the reason, but instead wrote epistles full of mere sentiment. Coming as they do from three members of the "Weaker" Society, I draw my own conclusions. I should have preferred a business-like statement from an official of the L. and P.O.S., who is not a member of the D. and P.C.B.S. (or the views of the members, likewise). Perhaps they would be good enough to answer the following questions:—1. Why was the proposal considered necessary? 2. Has the scheme the approval of the majority of the L. and P.O.S. members? 3. When was the meeting called to discuss and settle this important matter? 4. Have the members been circularised, as was the case when obtaining a decision *re* a members' or open show? If not, why not? Should the above questions be answered satisfactorily, then I will bow to what appears at present to be the inevitable. As I do not seek notoriety, I again beg to sign myself,

MEMBER OF THE L. AND P.O.S.

## Are Fanciers Thoughtless?

### A Plea for the Prohibition of Smoking at Shows.

SIR,—I was much struck and interested with the letter from J. W. Cutmore in issue of July 3rd. I have often thought the same as he, but being a non-smoker, thought it perhaps hardly fair, as I might be taken up as prejudiced against the practice on principle. Now, sir, it is a well-known fact that in a room, or, say, a railway carriage, where there is a liberal supply of tobacco smoke, to one who is not smoking the sensation is at least unpleasant, and has a great tendency to give one a bad headache. Our feathered friends can't smoke: what must their feelings be in such a poisonous atmosphere? It is, as Mr. Cutmore says, bad enough for ladies who might only remain at a show for an hour or two. How much more for the little songster who has to remain for perhaps 48 hours or more? I am a lover of birds for their own sake more than for "points," and I know that many little victims suffer much at the hand of man to reach those "points." I would not believe this is done intentionally, as it is often for want of a little thought. What we want are more lovers of birds. Let fanciers study the comfort, health and happiness of their birds first, and then try for "points." I have a large aviary erected in my back yard (I have no garden). I have Canaries and foreigners flying together. Many an hour I spend sitting among them. What more delightful sight than to see them building their nests, making love, etc. Let anyone who doubts the pleasure, try it. I guarantee there will be less cages and more outside aviaries. Then again, as regards shows, a little more time will be needed in training the birds to the show cage after the semi-liberty of the aviary. But what matters a few days longer when compared to the pleasure the aviary life gives to the aviarist and the birds?

EBENEZER G. CORNWELL.

## Song Thrushes which Breed in a Cage.

SIR,—I cannot describe the amount of pleasure and surprise we experienced on opening our weekly CAGE BIRDS to read Messrs. Lloyd and Pearson's chatty letters respecting our pair of Thrushes. I may say candidly that we have had several very disagreeable incidents in connection with the nesting of the Thrushes in captivity, and those from a quarter from which one would have least expected them, and I may give you chapter and verse later on. But I must say that 99 out of every 100 Fanciers (a capital letter for Fanciers here, Mr. Printer, for they deserve it), have wished us luck with our venture; but I am sorry to say it has proved another case of success in sight but not in hand, with failure at the end. The eggs were due to hatch out on Wednesday, June 23rd, and you will no doubt remember that was the day of dreadful thunderstorms in this part of the country. One young Thrush made a hole in the side of the shell preparatory, I suppose, to stepping out into the world at large, but it must have been frightened by the wet and shocked to death at the noise of the storm, for it never got any further into the world than its peep-hole. Mr. Steel came along on the Friday, and my wife explained the circumstances to him, so he took the egg out of the nest and broke away a further portion of the shell, but the poor little thing was dead. The other three eggs, though they appeared full, did not hatch out. Unfortunately I was away from home on business from the Monday until late on the Saturday night, so you may guess I was greatly disappointed when I did get home. The Blackbird laid three more eggs, so I tried her with two in the nest; but instead of sitting on them she had a tea party instead, and now she is sitting very closely on a pot egg. It would suit our plans better if she would go ahead and lay another clutch of eggs, for which she would have our thanks. Then we would take them to a gentleman's estate a few miles out of Manchester and put them under either a Blackbird or a Thrush in the open, to hatch and rear. Each time we have had eggs it has been my lot to be away from home on business; in fact, if it was not for the lady I formerly went a-courting, and now court at home when my duties allow me to do so, I could not keep birds for a week; she is as fond of them as I am, and we intend to persevere with our Softbills until success crowns our efforts. Then when we have done that we intend mating a young Thrush with the young Hybrid Blackbird-Thrush. These birds will be kin to each other to begin with. Then we will try and get them to breed with each other, and so test Professor Darwin's theory of "the origin or extension of species." The Blackbird and Thrush are comparatively speaking of the same family, and so it ought to be an easy matter to breed Hybrids from them. Then, if there is any truth in Darwin's theory, it ought to be possible to get the Hybrid to breed with the blood related Thrush as already suggested. Then there are a number of other birds very closely related to Blackbird and Thrush that the second cross might be mated to in due course, and so we may test the theory further. But, eh, mister! this is a big handful to try for in a back yard. I am biting off more than I am likely to be able to chew in one mouthful. Personally, it would delight me to hear that one of our British bird lovers, with a good outside aviary, and time at home and to spare to experiment somewhat on the lines I have mentioned, had succeeded. I fancy they would find it a most fascinating and interesting study, and for the first cross, viz., Blackbird-Thrush, I do not for one moment doubt that success could easily be brought about under favourable conditions. We would then soon have a new species of Hybrid sweeping the decks at our shows, for I have every confidence that such a Hybrid would prove a handsome fellow, with crocus beak and eyeceres, light, bronzy brown in colour, with darker spots, and the proud sweep of the tail like the Blackbird; he would be bad to beat on the bench, a delightful home pet, and quite a Caruso on the perch. I thank all fanciers who have called in response to my invitation. Mr. Lloyd was rather out of it in his dimensions of the cage. The length really is 4ft. 3½ inches, but owing to the cock also being an egg shifter, I am forced to run him out of cage entirely if both hens are going to lay on the same day. This I do by opening a glass slide at the end of the breeder and running him into a small compartment of the aviary I was making when the decision was come to about our change of residence. My invitation to fanciers to come and judge for themselves still holds good; they can get my address from my last letter.

W. DOWNING.

## The Golden Oriole in Scotland.

SIR,—A fine specimen of a (to us) rare bird—the Golden Oriole (*Oriolus galbula*)—was very recently obtained in Renfrewshire (Scotland) in beautiful plumage. The last known record of such an extremely rare visitor was in 1803. The Orioles are chiefly to be found in the warmer parts of Asia and Africa, and this one species migrates every year into Europe, and occasionally visits Britain. It is of about the size of the Blackbird, but is of a more tapered make, and of more elegant appearance; the colour of the plumage is a rich lemon yellow, nicely relieved by black on the wing coverts and tail. Our last visitor is a male, or cock bird, and of lovely sheen. It had been seen flying about for several days in Port Glasgow, where it was obtained, and is now to be seen for a few days in the window of Mr. Horton, Tackle Maker, Buchanan Street, Glasgow.

R. G. JOLLIFFE.


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## The Insurance Scheme of the London Federation of C.B.S.

SIR,—As one of those who were responsible for the Federation Insurance scheme, I am indebted to you for your friendly criticism. Your views appear to convey the impression that the Federation is taking too many risks. Time alone can determine this. In any case, it is gratifying to know that the books are being freely ordered; over thirty orders, in fact, were taken at quite a small meeting the other night. The Committee is fully aware of the existence of vulnerable spots, but seeing that the scheme is more or less of a friendly nature (for all those taking out books will be known to members of the Federation), it is of opinion that its interests are sufficiently safeguarded by the Declaration form, which must be signed by the owner, and by the pathologist's report showing the cause of death; the Federation also reserves for itself the right to refuse any member a subsequent insurance. For the present I am sanguine enough to believe that fanciers are not going to stoop to mean, contemptible frauds to rob the Federation of its funds, but will view the scheme in a loftier frame of mind, and try to promote its best interests by building up a fund to help their unfortunate brother fanciers. Any fancier who has fratricidal intentions must, after a little reflection, come to the conclusion that they are really suicidal, since all funds that accrue to the Federation are the property of its members, and in the event of the insurance scheme being dropped, they will lose what is intended to safeguard their interests. Under the Federation Insurance they are enabled to save 33 per cent. on railway insurance rates, and, in addition, they do not have to prove negligence if the bird dies, as is required by railway companies, even when insured. They are, too, enabled to insure their birds on their return journeys from shows (hitherto almost impossible), as well as during the show itself. Protection against fire on the fancier's own premises is also provided. When these advantages are offered even the naturally fraudulent fancier (and I trust there are none in London), is not going to stoop to mean and petty trickery. If I may be allowed to say so, I feel sure that you are quite in accord with the spirit of the scheme, and from your reference to the Bill which is now before Parliament dealing with insurance companies, and the funds they ought to have, I deduce that you consider it necessary that the Federation should start with a fund. Personally, I am quite in agreement with this opinion. It has been suggested that a levy of 1s. on all the members would meet the case, but at this early stage this seems to me to be hardly a wise procedure. To accomplish this object, therefore, I will subscribe £5, and undertake to get guarantors for another £5, if you will subscribe a like amount. This would start the scheme with a fund. Now, if I may, I should like to review briefly some of the points raised in your criticism, from a fancier's standpoint only. Firstly, you refer to the proposal that the decision of the Committee should be final. In my humble opinion a person who has once signed the certificate would be bound by the rules; and who, may I ask, could better interpret the rules than those who framed them? This, I have no hesitation in saying, would be done firmly, fearlessly and impartially, the benefit of the doubt always being given. Secondly, you say that there is no provision to prevent over-insurance. As a matter of fact, there is the £5 limit. But, even if a man did insure a bird beyond its real value, it would not matter to the Federation (provided no dishonesty is practised), because he would have to pay a proportionately higher premium, which would entitle him to receive his money in full. Surely you do not seriously mean to tell the Fancy that Lloyds' would not pay the full amount of the insurance on the death of a horse! The man is not born who can estimate the live value of a horse after death, and Lloyds certainly do not value them at the time the policy is taken out! And do not railway companies pay the full insurance (when they do pay) irrespective of the real value of the bird at the time of insurance? Your third point deals with the average clause. My opinion is that the object of the clause is to prevent a single, perhaps a delicate, specimen being insured while its fellows are at owner's risk. If this plan is not followed, when more than one bird is being sent, complications as to the bird's identity might follow if it were possible to ensure a single bird. Consequently, whatever amount of cover is paid for will be averaged over the number of birds dispatched by rail, or belonging to the same owner at a show, as the case may be. Lastly, I am not, at present, in a position to combat your remarks about the stamp duty; but one thing I should like to point out, and that is, that I have never yet received a stamped insurance receipt from any railway company. May I ask if they are liable? I can quite understand that before an insurance certificate would be admitted as evidence it would have to be stamped; but surely this could be done at any time? To my mind the consummation of this scheme will be reached when the Committee is in a position to afford temporary relief to distressed widows of fanciers. As a part of my letter might be taken for an advertisement of myself were I to sign my name, I enclose my card, and subscribe myself,

OPTIMIST.

(Our correspondent is quite correct in assuming that we are "in accord with the spirit" of the London Federation's insurance scheme. But in using such phrases as "you say," and "you refer," he is not correct, as we ourselves have passed no opinions upon the scheme—we make no pretence to either expert insurance or legal knowledge. As regards the formation of a "Fund," we shall be most happy to subscribe to this, providing that an insurance scheme can be formulated which, in the eyes of our insurance and legal experts, shall be workable and sound, and that it be universal in its application, and not restricted to any locality.—EDITOR.)

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SIR,—May I be permitted to supplement my previous remarks in regard to your criticism on the above. In connection with your "over-insurance" point, I omitted to ask how would it be practicable to pay on the actual value of a bird? It would be extremely difficult to find two persons of the same opinion as to the value of a live bird, and to estimate the live value of a dead one would be absolutely impossible. Would you suggest that every member should take each consignment to the secretary of the Federation for valuation, or would you suggest that the secretary should visit all those dispatching birds? To leave it to members to make their own valuation cannot be any improvement on the present system. You have also referred to subrogation. This simply means transferring from the consignor to the Council of the Federation the power to recover the 5s. from the railway companies, the amount they state they are liable for, and then only when negligence has been admitted. The correspondence, time and cost involved would not make the game worth the candle, besides increasing the already onerous duties of the secretary. If, on the other hand, a consignor insured his bird with a railway company, he alone is entitled to the amount of his cover. Why should be subrogate his claim to the Federation, seeing they would have no moral or legal right to it? Lastly, am I to understand you to say that the stamp duty on a £5 insurance is sixpence? If so, I respectfully submit you are wrong. At the present moment I have a dozen policies before me, none of which are stamped for a larger amount than 1d., and are these not contracts as well? Do members of slate clubs have a stamped policy or certificate? I think not. The Federation's insurance is much on the same lines. Some of your critic's suggestions would not only encumber the working of the insurance, but are calculated to bring about bickerings and complications. In suggesting something about a "death blow," you really cannot be serious. If you are, I am inclined to think you are too much carried away by your own criticisms. There is nothing in them, as far as I can see, to give the insurance its benediction. One might conclude from such a suggestion that the delegates are a weak-kneed invertebrate body of the jelly-fish order; but if I know them, you are reckoning without your host. Seeing that they have once put their hands to the plough, I have every confidence in them not to turn back or even aside; they are not "ploughing the sands of the sea shore" either. What has been said should simply stimulate them to surmount all difficulties that become manifest. The idea that they are going to be frightened by hypothetical ones is grotesque. At a future date I feel quite sure the Federation would be prepared to consider a better scheme of insurance if you are prepared to draw one up (if necessary under legal and expert guidance), as at the present juncture the Federation is not in a position to expend sums of money in legal opinions on a friendly insurance. In conclusion, I should like to ask if there has ever been a perfect Act of Parliament, even when all the legal luminaries have a hand in it? OPTIMIST.

(Our footnote above, pointing out that the opinions published have been those of experts, and not our own, applies equally to this letter. We regret our correspondent should feel annoyed at anything they may have said. It is, of course, open to the Council of the L.F. of C.B.S. to satisfy themselves that our own expert's views are wrong by consulting experts of equal standing. Why our correspondent should imagine that we think the fanciers comprising the Council "weak-kneed invertebrates of the jelly-fish order," we are at a loss to understand. If we can help the Council (it is not, we hope, improbable), we most certainly shall.—EDITOR.)


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## Trouble in the Yorkshire C.C. of Ireland.

### Extraordinary General Meeting Called For.

SIR,—Kindly allow space for publication of enclosed copy of requisition (original posted by me to-day, July 5th, to Mr. Hyland, hon. sec. pro tem. Y.C.C. of I.), and circular letter sent subscribers thereto. I may mention that Sligo are solid for reform in the affairs of the Y.C.C. of Ireland (and of course Cork will follow Sligo's lead), and that any decision come to by the aggrieved Dublin members who form the majority of the members residing in Dublin, at the extraordinary general meeting (or subsequently) in the interests of the Irish Fancy, will be acquiesced in by the fanciers of the south and west, by several of the most influential of the Dundalk members, and by Mr. Fleming, of Belfast, all of whom have written to that effect.

J. P. ROONEY,
Ex-Hon. Sec. Y.C.C. of I.

[COPY OF CIRCULAR LETTER.]

DEAR SIR,—As may be inferred from enclosed Requisition, an acute crisis exists in the Y.C.C. of Ireland. There seems to a number of the most influential members in Dublin and the Provinces no possible hope of getting things to run smoothly, owing to the prevailing discord, wire-pulling, and absolute lack of efficient management which characterise the inner working of the club, and it may come to pass that, unless the extraordinary general meeting faces the situation that has arisen fearlessly, and unless the committee remove the cause of all the trouble and turmoil of the last few years, the Dublin members, with the co-operation of the leading members and clubs of the country, may be forced, in the interests of the Irish Fancy, to form a Cage-Bird Union of Ireland in the near future. The Y.C.C. of I. is, we regret to have to state (and we speak with a knowledge of the facts that the members generally do not possess), is in an absolutely rotten condition just now; it is greatly in debt, though through no fault of last year's committee, all of whom were kept in the dark by the officers of the club, and, in addition, is thoroughly discredited among the country members. It is our intention to send a copy of the Requisition to the Fancy Press.

J. P. ROONEY, ex-hon. sec.
(For Subscribers).

[COPY OF REQUISITION.]

To Mr. J. Hyland, hon. secretary pro tem, Yorkshire Canary Club of Ireland.

DEAR SIR,—We, the undersigned members of the Y.C.C. of Ireland, request you to convene within fourteen days from this date an extraordinary general meeting of the members of the club.

I.—For the purpose of deciding whether the election of officers, etc., at the annual general meeting held on March 17th, 1909, was legal.

II. To consider the present financial condition of the club.

III.—To consider, and if approved of, adopt a resolution: That this extraordinary general meeting directs the chairman, officers, and committee of the club to give effect within seven days to the resolutions passed at the meeting of committee, held June 3rd, 1909, and which were as follows:—

(a) That the funds of the club be lodged in the Munster and Leinster Bank, in the names of the chairman, hon. secretary, and hon. treasurer.

(b) That as it has been alleged that certain sums amounting in the aggregate to about £6 were set out in the balance-sheet of the club for 1908-9 as paid, when said sums were at the time due to the club's creditors, it is hereby resolved that Messrs. C. A. O'Reilly and J. Dowling be appointed to audit last year's accounts; and, further, that they be instructed to report to committee.

(c) That the hon. secretary be instructed to write to all exhibitors who won money prizes or specials at the last show for an acknowledgment of receipt of same.

Signed, *J. P. Rooney, *Joseph Dowling, Daniel Carroll *Patrick McDonnell, *Peter Gillen, M. Fleming, jun., Jas. Devins, Edward J. Tighe, Chas. J. Mulligan, Michael J. Mulligan, Joseph McQuade.

*Members (Dublin) of committee, 1908.

(We have had, owing to pressure of space, to considerably condense the above communication.—EDITOR.)

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SIR,—I have never had any desire to write to the Fancy Press on matters pertaining to club differences—or rather petty jealousies—which are, I consider, best left to the committee elected by the members to deal with. But you hold a letter from Mr. J. P. Rooney in reference to which I should like to say a word. It does not say much—rather it speaks volumes—for his intelligence to acknowledge attendance at committee meetings, and yet not know the business of the club. The statements of accounts sent out were, and are, correct; they were prepared by our then secretary, and signed by our chairman. In order to avoid holding our annual meeting later in the year, as in previous years, it was arranged to send out a statement of our income and expenditure, and to hold the annual meeting in March. At that time over £6 was in the bank to the credit of the club; and the advertising money had not then been collected, and remained so until last month, when the statement was checked with vouchers and receipts by our chairman, and Mr. C. O'Reilly (anyone knowing the latter gentleman will accept any statement of accounts bearing his signature). When the versatile provider of "Tit-Bits" can point to something done in the interest of the Fancy other than his puerile ebullitions ("A little learning is a dangerous thing") perhaps he may then succeed in having me expelled from the Y.C.C. of Ireland. This explanation is given in deference to the members, and not to answer the "whys" of "J. P. R."

RICHARD F. DUIGENAN.
Hon. Treas. Y.C.C. of Ireland.

## A Lament from Llanelly.

SIR,—At our last meeting at the Centre Hotel, on June 26th, there was only a fair attendance of members. I may say that I am situated as regards attendance at meetings the same as my brother secretary at Morriston. Things should now be put in order for the carrying on of the society, and we should now be preparing for our next show, and yet I cannot get a good muster of members at all until it is time to put the schedule in the printer's hands, and then things that have been done they will want to have altered. And so the poor secretary comes in for more work than he should have. The secretary of a society has as much as he can do to get his house in order.

DANIEL JOHN,
Secretary of the Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.

## What is Sufficient Payment for a Borrowed Bird?

SIR,—Permit me a small space in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, to give Mr. A. Bond my opinion on the above subject. I borrowed a muling cock Siskin from a neighbour of mine about two months ago, to try and breed some mules. I had the luck to get four full eggs, but only two young hatched, and they both died at three weeks old; likewise their father, the cock Siskin, a fortnight later. I went and told my neighbour what had happened, and showed him his dead cock Siskin. I asked him what was due to him by reason of his Siskin dying, when with me. He told me nothing was due, as I could not help the bird dying. Mr. Bond will see the difference between his friend and mine. But if he gives his friend the pick of the first nest, his friend can't look for any more. But seeing that A. Bond is having such good luck, he could spare his friend another, and then the latter would have no room to grumble. But to ask for half of the youngsters is out of the question altogether. For my part, if I were to get two youngsters I would be thinking that I was well paid for the loan of a bird.

BRITISH BULLFINCH.

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### *A Jackdaw and a Shilling.

Harry —— had a Jackdaw, which was in the habit of hiding thimbles and buttons in its nest. One day a bright shilling was left on the table, and the Jackdaw seeing it, took and hid it in his nest, unbeknown to anybody. Some days after, while Harry's father was cleaning out the toolhouse he found many curious things hidden, and also the bright shilling in the Jackdaw's nest.—Taken from a story-book, and sent by E. Tippell (age 13), 14, Monument Street, Devonport.

### *Nest Near a Dog Kennel.

A pair of birds built their nest in a pump next to a dog kennel. The dog did not like the birds in his domain, and the birds left their quarters, and prepared another nest in a chestnut tree near by. One of the birds entered the pump despite the violent protestations of the dog, and brought out one of its eggs in its beak. On a second attempt it got worried by the dog, and two eggs still remain in the pump.—Copied from a daily paper, and sent by L. Smithurst (age 14), School Lane, Underwood, near Jackdale.

### **Bird Thoughts.

I lived first in a little house,
And lived there very well;
I thought the world was small and round,
And made of pale, blue shell.

I lived next in a little nest,
Nor needed any other;
I thought the world was made of straw,
And nestled by my mother.

One day I fluttered from the nest
To see what I could find;
I said, "The world is made of leaves,
I have been very blind."

At length I flew beyond the tree,
Quite fit for grown-up labours.
I don't know how the world is made,
And neither do my neighbours.

Taken from "Prince Edward Story Reader," and sent by T. G. Tait (age 14), 2, Durham Street, West Hartlepool.

# Under the White Rose.

BRADFORD City O.S. members and friends had a most enjoyable ramble on Saturday last, no less than 60 congregating at Nab Wood tram terminus, the Bradford contingent meeting in Forster Square, and proceeding by car to that place, where they were met by a good number of their Bingley friends. Leaving the road just before reaching Cottingley Bridge, the party proceeded joyously on their way to Harden, then round the country to Bingley, tea being provided for them at the Co-op. Cafe, and as they did not reach the tea rooms until 7 o'clock, doubtless they did justice to the spread, and the 53 of them no doubt carried a little "grub" out of Bingley. I guess, too, they wouldn't have much bonus out the birdy men at 8d. each.

THE Manningham Society had Mr. R. Halliday booked for a lecture on the "Yorkshire Canary" last Saturday evening, and a good muster assembled in anticipation of a pleasant and instructive time, and they were not disappointed. The discussion afterwards was very interesting, Mr. H. being plied with questions very numerous and on every conceivable subject. He answered them all in a very masterly manner. Amongst those present was a fancier from Melbourne, Australia, who was very enthusiastic, and who greatly enjoyed the many subjects brought forward in the discussion. He will probably take back with him very pleasant memories of the time spent amongst fanciers in the old country.

MEMBERS' Shows were the chief events of many societies on Saturday last, Bradford East as usual having a good turn up, some very nice birds being staged. The novice classes compared very favourably with the open. Shipley also had a nice show. Here the Cinnamon Marks, I hear, were exceptionally good, and would delight the heart of the judge, Mr. E. B. Denton, who is great on Cinnamon Marks. Several other societies also held good shows, and it is the opinion of many that a lot of nice, alround birds are out this year.

THE C.M.Y.C.C. is still progressing, several new members having been enrolled in the ranks, principally novices. It would doubtless be of interest if the rule passed at the last meeting in regard to the novice classes were explained, viz., "that no exhibitor be allowed to win more than three first prizes in novice classes where our patronage is given, unless such exhibitor is competing for the club specials as a member of the club." What struck the committee was this, that a novice not a member of the club could go on for an indefinite period showing as a novice in these classes, if some rule concerning him was not brought forward, and it was deemed advisable in the interests of the members to draw the line at three firsts.

"STRAIGHT-'UN."

## FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

**The dates fixed for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as decided upon.**

July 10.—Hyde and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Hetton-le-Hole and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Altrincham C.B.S.
July 10.—Birkenhead C.F.A.
July 10.—Highgate, Hampstead, and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Middleton O.S.
July 10.—Macclesfield and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Longton, Leek and Hanley (Amalgamated).
July 10.—Wigan and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Preston O.S.
July 10.—Edinburgh N. and M.B.S.
July 10.—Partick and Dis. C.B.C.
July 10.—Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.
July 10.—Ormskirk and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A.
July 10.—Glasgow and Western Counties.
July 10.—Leeds C.B.S.
July 10, and July 24.—Sunderland C.B.A.
July 10.—Lowestoft and Dis. C.B.S.
July 11.—Walthamstow F.A.
June 12.—Crewe O.S.
July 14.—Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.
July 15.—Grantham and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—Cockermouth and Dis. F.S.
July 17.—Suffolk C.B.S.
July 17.—City of Bradford O.S.
July 17, and Aug. 21.—Tong and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.
July 17.—Clapham and Dis. C.B.A.
July 17.—Dewsbury O.F.S.
July 17.—Poplar and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—City of Birmingham C.B.S.
July 17 and 18.—Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—Houghton-le-Spring and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—Garston B.B.A.
July 17.—Tamworth and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—Rochdale O.C.
July 17.—Swansea and Dis. C.B.A.
July 17.—Ashton-under-Lyne and Dis. O.S.
July 17.—Brighouse and Dis. C.B.S.
July 17.—Swindon and Dis. C.B.A.
July 17.—Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.
July 22.—Wolverhampton C.B.S.
July 24.—Bradford East O.S.
July 24.—South and North Shields and Dis. C.B.S.
July 24.—Coventry Godiva C.B.S.
July 24.—Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.
July 24.—Morriston and Dis. C.B.S.
July 24.—City of Wakefield O.S.
July 24.—Staveley and Dis. C.B.S.
July 24.—Bramley and Dis. O.S.
July 31.—Hasland, Grassmoor, and Dis. C.B.S.
July 31.—Morley and Dis. C.B.S.
July 31.—South Manchester C.B.S.
July 31.—Bannockburn and Dis. New C.B.S.
July 31.—Southport and Dis. C.B.C.
July 31.—Wibsey and Dis. C.B.S.
July 31.—Bingley and Dis. O.S.
July 31.—Dewsbury and Dis. C.B.S.
July 10.—Jarrow, Hebburn, and Dis. C.B.S.
August 2.—Jarrow, Hebburn and Dis. C.B.S.
August 7.—Runcorn and Dis. O.S.
August 7.—Stockbridge and Dis C.B.S.

# A SENSATION FROM SCOTLAND.

## EXTRAORDINARY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE McQUISTON AFFAIR.

### The Dreyfus Case Outrivalled. Astounding Allegations of Conspiracy Against Prominent Fanciers. English Club Exonerates McQuiston From All Blame!

### BUT WHERE IS THE ELUSIVE GEMMELL? AND WHY NO AFFIDAVIT?

In January last, Mr. Peter McQuiston, of Ayr, a very well-known Scottish exhibitor and judge, had a British Bullfinch which he was exhibiting at Bathgate Show disqualified for being stained on the breast. Mr. McQuiston, while not denying the presence of colouring matter, denied that he put it there, or knew that it was there. The case was duly considered by the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club, and Mr. McQuiston received a severe sentence. Now he states that he is in a position to prove his innocence; that the person who sold him the Bullfinch admits being responsible for the staining; further, that the jealousy of certain other Scottish fanciers prevented him getting an impartial trial.

On the other hand, the fanciers implicated by Mr. McQuiston ridicule his story as a "cook and bull (finch) affair." They say that in their opinion the bird disqualified at Bathgate was the same bird that Mr. McQuiston had been winning with throughout the season (notably, 1st at Glasgow City and Glasgow W. of S. shows, and 2nd at the Scottish National show), and that the statement about the purchase of a Bullfinch is a collusive arrangement between Mr. D. Smith's friend Mr. Gemmell, and Mr. McQuiston.

Appended are details of what promises to develop into a highly sensational affair.

Some fourteen days ago—on June 26, to be precise—a communication reached us which seemed to show that more or less extraordinary developments were impending in the case of a well-known Scottish fancier who had been sentenced for exhibiting a stained bird at one of the last season fixtures in Scotland. So curious were the statements made—implicating, in one way or another, many of the leading fanciers of the day in the "land o' cakes"—that we at once despatched a representative to the spot to see what confirmation or otherwise of the said-to-be facts could be obtained. The same day, therefore, and three succeeding days, saw him in Scotland, gleaning first-hand information on what seems likely to prove one of the most sensational cases in the history of the Cage Bird Fancy.

### Some Plain Facts.

Let us first of all, however, outline the circumstances—the undisputed circumstances. At Bathgate Show, held on January 16th last, a British Bullfinch was disqualified by the judge, Mr. John Brown (of Edinburgh), for being artificially coloured on the breast. The colouring matter was removed in plenty in the presence of the other judges and the officials of the show. The bird was found to be the property of Mr. P. McQuiston (of Ayr), a fancier very well known as both an exhibitor and judge of Hybrids and British birds. Mr. McQuiston (who was at the show), did not deny that the Bullfinch was stained, but stated that he himself knew nothing of the colouring matter being on the bird. The disqualification entailed one serious loss (among others, of course) to Mr. McQuiston, this being the loss of the new £7 7s. trophy shield, which was being offered that season for competition for the first time by the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club, and for which, up to the holding of Bathgate Show, he was leading in number of points scored.

The case was considered by the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club at a committee meeting held in Edinburgh on March 6th. Here Mr. McQuiston repeated that he was not personally guilty of "faking" the Bullfinch, and alleged that it must have been stained by the man from whom he bought it two days before the date of Bathgate Show. A letter, however, which came from this man, and which was read to the meeting, contained a denial of the allegation that he was the one who "got up" the bird, and said, further, that the bird was not stained when it was sold by him to Mr. McQuiston.

The committee sentenced Mr. McQuiston to expulsion from the club, and embodied in the resolution also that they would not grant their patronage to any society which should either engage him as a judge at its shows, or permit him to exhibit thereat. Here is the account of the committee's finding as sent by Mr. A. W. Watson, the S.B.B. and M.C. secretary, to the Press:—

"The case of Mr. P. McQuiston (Ayr), was concerning a Bullfinch cock, which had been disqualified for alleged painting at Bathgate Show. Mr. Jno. Brown, the judge, who disqualified the Bullfinch, was present, and he ably stated his case, and informed the meeting that he took four pads of wool running thick with stain off the bird in the presence of some of the officials of Bathgate Show. He also produced the signatures of the following, who saw the stain taken off the bird, namely, Messrs. T. R. Barkhouse, Wm. Sharp, R. Bald. Wm. Flood, and S. Ward, the other judge officiating. Mr. McQuiston admitted the bird was stained, but said that he only bought it a few days before the show. He handed in a letter to that effect from the seller, in which the latter confirmed selling the bird, and denied having stained the bird. Messrs. Brown and McQuiston then retired, and the matter having been fully discussed, it was unanimously agreed that Mr. McQuiston be expelled the club. It was also agreed after a vote that they (i.e., a Mr. Craig, who had also been expelled the club) be presented with what medals, etc., they won previous to the time of the shows concerned. It was also agreed after a vote, and almost unanimously, that all societies asking for patronage be not granted if entries be accepted from Messrs. McQuiston and Craig, or if either of the two be officiating as judges."

### Under-currents.

Above, readers have been given the facts of the matter as they appear on the surface, and which are common property. It is subsequent events which have lent the case its sensational character, and which promise to make it something more than the proverbial "nine days wonder."

Being a member of the National British Bird and Mule Club, Mr. McQuiston had his case brought to the notice of the committee of that body, and at their next meeting in London they called upon him to supply an answer to the charge. He replied in similar terms to those used before the committee of the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club, adding words to the effect that he had not done with the person who sold the bird to him, but that he purposed carrying matters further against that said person. He explained that his own winning Bullfinch had knocked out some of its flight feathers, so he tried to buy Mr. Gemmell's bird, which he had previously placed 2nd at a local show. As he had then failed to detect any stain, he had no suspicion of the bird when it reached him.

The N.B.B. and M.C. Committee on this passed the following resolution (vide report published in the Press):—

"That this committee has heard no evidence that justifies it in giving a decision contrary to that arrived at by the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club respecting Mr. P. McQuiston and the exhibiting of a stained Bullfinch at Bathgate Show, but suspends its judgment for four months to enable Mr. McQuiston to take further action in the case elsewhere, if he so chooses."

The next move is made by Mr. D. Smith, a fancier residing in Edinburgh, and well known as the late secretary of the Scottish National Cage Bird Society. Mr. Smith writes concerning the McQuiston case to the chairman of the National B.B. and M.C., Mr. John Robson, with whom he is on terms of intimate personal friendship. Eventually, Mr. Smith forwards to Mr. Robson a letter which has been received by him from the person of whom Mr. McQuiston stated he bought the Bullfinch—a Mr. William Gemmell, of Dalmellington, a village some 16 or 18 miles from Ayr.

### A Sensation!

This letter, sent by Mr. Gemmell to Mr. Smith, commenced, "Dear Mr. Smith," and was signed 'Your old pal, William Gemmell." It went on to say that the writer acknowledged that the Bullfinch he sold to Mr. McQuiston just before Bathgate Show was stained by him, unknown to the buyer, and that therefore Mr. McQuiston was not in any way guilty in the matter. Further, the writer stated that Mr. McQuiston had wanted to buy the bird after Ayr show (held November 21), at which he (Mr. McQuiston) had judged and awarded it second prize, but that the writer declined to sell it to him for the reason that he had "faked" it for the purpose of being exhibited at that (Ayr) show and did not want to get found out. Afterwards, when Mr. McQuiston again approached him to sell the Bullfinch, he consented, stained it again, and sent it along to the unwitting purchaser. Mr. Gemmell also expressed regret that he did not "own up" in the first place instead of writing the letter denying that he had done the staining. He said that the latter letter was actually drawn up by some fancier, not named, who was an enemy of Mr. McQuiston. This same "close friend" had also advised him to sell the bird. This letter is dated May 16.

Here was something like a sensation. The effect the reading of this letter had upon the committee can, perhaps, be imagined. Eventually it was decided that the secretary should address a request to Mr. Gemmell, in a registered envelope, asking him to confirm, or otherwise, the authenticity of the letter sent by Mr. Smith, in which he (Mr. Gemmell) admitted full responsibility for the "faking" of the Bullfinch—a crime against the laws of the Fancy for which Mr. McQuiston had been an innocent sufferer.

### Exonerated by the N.B.B. and M.C.

Mr. Gemmell has replied to this letter sent by the secretary of the N.B.B. and M.C., taking the guilt wholly upon his own shoulders, and acknowledging that he wrote the letter to Mr. D. Smith which had been read to the committee of the club. He states: "The Bullfinch was stained by me and sold to Mr McQuiston." He expresses regret for the injury he has done Mr. McQuiston, and for allowing himself to be "had upon a bit of string" by others. This letter is dated June 28.

At the committee meeting of the N.B.B. and M.C., held on Wednesday last, July 7, a resolution exonerating Mr. McQuiston was unanimously carried by the members present on the evidence before them. The terms of the resolution are:—

"On the receipt of the signed acknowledgment of Mr. Gemmell, stating that he had stained the Bullfinch sold to Mr. McQuiston, and shown at Bathgate Show, this committee decide to exonerate Mr. McQuiston from all blame."

### What Mr. McQuiston Has to Say.

Our representative, who spent three days in the "Land of the Thistle," gathered some remarkable information concerning the case. He saw Mr. McQuiston at his home in Ayr. He was nothing loath to give his views of the matter, and if his statements can be substantiated then they become indeed highly sensational facts.

It is alleged that he, Mr. McQuiston, a fancier of long standing, was pitched out of the Fancy—given a savage sentence—for a first offence, and an offence which was all along strongly denied. That other well-known fanciers in Scotland allowed feelings of jealousy to overcome their judgment; that they strove to remove him—a too successful man—from their path by every means which lay in their power; that having got this offence against him, they were not anxious to give credence to anything which told in his favour—in short, he could not get a fair trial.

Mr. McQuiston's story of the transaction was very simple. He said that after the Scottish National Show three of his most successful prize-winners turned "queer." They were his Twite (1st prize), Bullfinch (2nd prize), and dark yellow Goldfinch Mule (1st prize). Eventually all of them died, and the trouble he ascribed to the change from his own unheated room to that of the heated show-room, the weather being very severe at the time. Having entered a team of birds for Bathgate Show, he bethought himself of a Bullfinch he had judged at Ayr Show back in November, and given second prize—a bird which favourably impressed him, and which he had then tried to buy, but the owner declined to sell. At this time of asking, however, the owner, Mr. Gemmell, consented to part with the bird. He, Mr. McQuiston, received it on the Thursday evening before Bathgate Show, took it to Bathgate with the rest of his birds first thing on the Saturday morning, when Mr. Brown, the judge, disqualified it. He at once wrote to Mr. Gemmell asking for an explanation, and also to see him. The reply he got was a denial that the bird was "faked" when it left Dalmellington.

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Mr. McQuiston spoke very bitterly as to the treatment meted out to him in this case, and said that he had been persecuted through the whole of the show season. In his opinion it was due to the jealousy of fanciers from Edinburgh and the east side of Scotland at the success he was achieving on the show-bench, and the good progress he was making in the competition for the challenge trophy of the S.B.B. and M.C., which, he said, they had made up their minds was going their way, one prominent fancier in particular having expressed his intention of winning it, and laid out a lot of money in birds for that purpose. Mr. McQuiston said it had come to his ears that certain Edinburgh fanciers were freely stating that he was winning with "faked" birds—*i.e.*, artificially coloured—and that several judges, friends of theirs, had been urged to test them. Mr. John Brown he knew had said at the City of Glasgow show that he should "have a go at" his Bullfinch (which won 1st there) if it were shown under him. Being aware of this, asked Mr. McQuiston, should I be fool enough to knowingly put a stained Bullfinch under him at Bathgate (assuming that I had a "faked" bird), especially seeing that I had nothing to gain and everything to lose by so doing, for I only wanted to secure even one or two commendation cards to make my victory in the shield competition certain? Further, he said that some of his birds had actually been tested previously, once by a Glasgow judge, and once by Mr. Cochrane (of Edinburgh) at Dundee show, but in neither case could anything wrong be found with them.

### Why Bathgate?

Again, his winning Bullfinch had been fearlessly shown all over Scotland, and stood second at the Scottish National show, held in Edinburgh only a fortnight before the date of Bathgate show. Why, he asked, was not the bird tested then, when the Edinburgh fanciers had it practically in their possession? How did it come to pass that they waited for him until Bathgate show? It seemed to him that the circumstances bore out Gemmell's story, that someone interested in his downfall had knowledge of the fact that he had had the misfortune to buy a stained bird, and that good care was then taken to see that the chance of getting him disqualified was not lost. Certain fanciers, he said, openly expressed at Bathgate their satisfaction that he had been "caught," and indulged in sundry rejoicings; he was also threatened with being "thrown out of the hall"—in fact, members of the committee had to intervene. Then, too, the committee of the Scottish B.B. and M.C. gave him no time in which to clear himself, although he put the facts, as now given, before them—they at once brought him in guilty. The affair had been a very serious blow to him, for it had put him under a highly unpleasant cloud, and lost him, among other things, all his judging engagements, for while last season he officiated at a good number of shows, he had naturally had no applications for his services for next season. He was so downhearted at one time that he was on the verge of selling out all his birds—Mr. McQuiston has a large and very fine collection—but friends who believed in him, and that all would come right in the end, persuaded him otherwise.

Mr. McQuiston acknowledged that he knew of the existence of the letter which Mr. Gemmell had written to Mr. Smith, and which the latter gentleman had forwarded to Mr. Robson. Asked why he had not at once taken steps to clear himself in the eyes of the whole Fancy by publishing the correspondence in the Fancy press, he said that he had not known what steps to take for the best—he had no one to advise him—and that he knew the matter was safe in the hands of the two gentlemen named above. He further said that he was now convinced that it would be to his best interests to have the facts brought to the light of day, and a rough draft of the case was written out by our representative and left with Mr. McQuiston, who expressed his intention of embodying in a letter, which he would send to the Press for publication, the statements of his therein set down. This letter, we may say, has not up to the present reached this office.

Our representative also ventured to point out to Mr. McQuiston that the word of Mr. Gemmell might be questioned in some quarters, seeing how unsatisfactorily he confessed to behaving — acknowledging to having "faked" a bird, and penned a gross lie. To put Mr. McQuiston in a thoroughly sound position, it was suggested that Mr. Gemmell ought to depose on oath, by means of an affidavit, that his latest version of the affair was the correct one—swear that he was guilty, and that Mr. McQuiston was innocent. To give Mr. McQuiston unanswerable proof was the least he could do, seeing the grievous injury he had wrought him. Mr. McQuiston agreed that this was so, and expressed his intention of at once compelling Mr. Gemmell to make a declaration on oath. A letter by itself, it must be remembered, would not be accepted as evidence in any court of law.

### Where is the Elusive Gemmel?

Our representative left Ayr on the Monday morning, and on the afternoon of that day Mr. McQuiston went in search of the man who had done him so serious a wrong. At least, he wrote under date June 28th:

"Have just arrived back from Dalmellington, where I have spent the day in endeavouring to see Gemmell, but have had to come by last train without seeing him. This is his busiest day of the week. I cannot get away to-morrow, as that is our market day here. I left word with his wife that I had something important to say to him, and that he was to come down and see me on Wednesday. This is a day I understand that he has a bit of spare time, and I fully expect he will come. Of course, that is too late to get an affidavit for this week's paper, so we had better let the matter escape this week. I don't think there is anything to lose by letting the matter run for another week, and I will let you have the missive in good time."

P. McQUISTON.

Seven days having passed without any further word from Mr. McQuiston, our representative telegraphed to him on July 6th:

"Have letter and affidavit been sent?"

In reply to this came the following wire, dated July 6th:

"Gemmell not at home since I saw you; will write.—McQUISTON."

At time of going to press, however, no letter has come to hand. What has become of Mr. Gemmell? That he was able to receive the letter sent by the secretary of the N.B.B. and M.C., and to send a reply, seems certain. If he has vanished since then, whither has he flown? And why? If the contrition he has expressed is genuine, then surely the least he can do to wipe out the past is to place it in the power of Mr. McQuiston to uphold, beyond cavil, his innocence of the offence for which he was condemned. Further, we think it is Mr. McQuiston's duty to place such an affidavit before the Fancy—assuming the facts as given to be true he has a sure legal hold upon Mr. Gemmell, and should compel him to make this restitution. It seems to us the least Mr. McQuiston can do, seeing that this man stands self-convicted as a liar, and that on the truth of his after statements seem to depend the reputations of other fanciers. We have no hesitation in calling upon Mr. McQuiston to produce this affidavit.

### Who is the Snake in the Grass?

Another important point remains: Who is the Mephistophelian plotter—the snake in the grass who got Gemmell in his toils and incited him to the ruin of McQuiston? Just as the receiver is looked upon as worse than the thief, so, we think, will the majority of fanciers consider the man or men who (according to the story) connived at the downfall of Mr. McQuiston as more deserving of being held up to public opprobrium—failing other punishment—than the man of whom they made a tool. The identity of this person or persons has not been revealed. We understand from Mr. McQuiston that he himself is (or was) "in the dark" as to who Mr. Gemmell referred to as the one who had urged him to sell the Bullfinch, and then drawn up the letter sent subsequently which denied the staining. This is surely a matter which ought to be bottomed. A person who could be guilty of such despicable scheming should not be screened. Let us have the full facts, and the whole truth, stated fearlessly, now that the case has come to its present pass. We understand that Mr. D. Smith expresses the determination to bring the alleged guilty parties to book, stating also that they are "a slippery lot." It would seem, anyway, that evidence against them ought not to be difficult to obtain. Therefore, let us have names, and not merely veiled allusions.

In the space at our command this week we have not been able to go fully into all the strange details of this interesting case. But in our next issue we shall give what we may perhaps be allowed to term the "other side." We have hinted above that certain of the fanciers concerned do not accept as correct some of the statements put forward by Mr. McQuiston. For one thing they state that, according to the published reports, no British Bullfinch was exhibited by any "Mr. Gemmell" at the Ayr show held on November 21st last, at which Mr. McQuiston judged. We have turned up the report published in CAGE BIRDS, and find the account of this particular class reads as follows:—

BULLFINCH BRIT. (8): 1, Dunsmuir, grand dense colour throughout, lovely crimson breast, nice cap, good wings, very steady; 2, Wilson, grand breast colour, good cap, fine positon, field moulted; 3, Gow, grand shaped Finch, lovely cap, back and bars; 4, Murphy; 5, Lindsay; 6, Sanderson; 7, McKay.

But space is now at an end, and we must postpone consideration of these matters.

*(To be continued).*


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### Destruction of Young Birds.

It is pleasant to see the sunshine again after the cold dripping days of June. A wet summer month plays havoc among wild bird life, and the last one has been no exception to the general rule. Broods of delicate Warblers are just leaving the nest, venturing into a world of doubt and trouble; they are only partly fledged, and have little idea of danger. They need all the warmth and sunshine one expects at the time if they are to keep up their health and strength, and develop feather, bone, and sinews. So bad were the climatic conditions that many parent birds deserted the half-grown young, no doubt needing all the energy and warmth of their own bodies to sustain life. Many broods of Swallows and Martins perished, and now old birds have commenced another venture, and are again using the old nest. The young have been thrown out during the general clear up and re-lining. These young have been found in all stages of development from the tiny chick, a few days old, to the bird with pen feathers, requiring only a few days more of parental care before being able to launch out into the world. The state of affairs that causes old birds to desert their young must be quite exceptional. We know from experience that a brood of birds may be frequently visited, inspected, and even handled without the parent birds failing to attend to their wants, and how they will continue to do so even under the most trying circumstances. With a clutch of eggs it is somewhat different in many cases to frighten the bird off, and peep into the nest is sufficient to cause desertion, and to displace the contents or disarrange the rim of the structure will often spoil the hatch. It is possible an early disturbance of the nest is sufficient sign to the sitting bird that privacy is at an end, that if the brooding was continued the eggs and newly-hatched young would be always in danger. Of course we have exceptions to this rule, but these cases generally occur where the birds have been in daily contact with human beings, and to them a large garden is quite as private as the wood or plantation. As proof of this, note how quickly a bird detects the presence of a stranger, although the usual frequenters of the premises may pass and re-pass the brooding bird without more than a stare of wonder. When near hatching time birds sit closer than usual, and I once lifted a Lesser Whitethroat off the nest, replacing her upon the emerging young.

### A Bird Problem.

Many sea birds build on high cliffs and rocks facing the sea, and the young ones may be seen swimming and diving before they are able to fly. In many cases the nests are so high up and situated in such peculiar places, that the young would be killed if they fell from the nest. It seems impossible for them to reach the water without assistance from the old birds. But in what way is this managed?

### Clever Fliers.

However closely we may watch a flock of birds, either Gulls, Pigeons, Starlings, or others of fair size, we never see any collision between them. This is little short of the marvellous, when one considers the speed at which they fly. For although they are not at times so crowded as human beings, their speed is considerably greater. But it is possible their brains act equally quick. An instance of this is noticeable in the way in which a bird will instantly alter its flight when detecting danger.

### Treatment of Young Birds.

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WANTED for cash, Yorkshire, Norwich, and other Canaries, 1908 birds; price and particulars.—Wressell, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

WANTED surplus stock Mules, Canaries, Goldfinches, Linnets, Talking Parrot.—Baker, bird specialist, Bedminster.

WANTED cock Linnets or Goldfinches for rough-haired fox terrier dog pup, 7/6.—30, Station-rd., Summer-lane, Barnsley.

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**To be Sold or Exchanged.**

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A FEW good pairs of Ring Doves, 2/- pair, or exchange anything useful.—Penrice, Washington-st., Workington.

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THREE cock Thrushes, two cock Blackbirds, hand-reared, 2/6 each; exchange lot, cycle tyres, anything useful.—Herbert, Jesmond Dene, Dogsthorpe, Peterborough.

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FOR sale. Five cock Greenfinches, four hens ditto, six hen Canaries, two cock Redpolls, one cock and hen Chaffinches, one hen Bramblefinch, all aviary-moulted, anxious to nest, 23/6, or exchange South African Grey.—W. Walker, 62, Ricardo-st., Dresden, Longton, Staffs.

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**To be Sold or Exchanged**

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TWO good buff Norwich cocks, 13/-; exchange hamper and six Norwich show cages.—Cardwell, 145, Poppleton-rd., York.

EXCHANGE large pair prize-bred Norwich for clap nets or Foreigners; offers.—Wheelwright, Whipstead, Bury, Suffolk.

GIVE typical buff Yorkshire cock for two large house-moulted hen Bullies; Bullies first.—Brown, 22, Alma-rd., Weymouth.

EXCHANGE two pair Yorkshires, Bailey strain, two double breeders, loose fronts; offers.—New Road Stores, Bedfont, nr. Feltham.

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WANTED hen Goldfinch; exchange cock Greenfinch, hen Canary, hen Mule, or same and cock Bullfinch for cock Goldfinch Mule.—Barrett, Thame, Oxon.

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**To be Sold or Exchanged**

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